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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, ARK LODGE, No. 33 200 YEARS OF MASONRY IN GENEVA

**Salute to R.:W.: & Dr. John Stelter,
recently deceased, included in
September 8th Gala Event**

200 years ago, the Grand Lodge of the State of New York issued a Charter to Ark Lodge in Geneva, NY. In commemoration of the August event, the Lodge will celebrate with a Rededication Service on Saturday, September 8th. Most Worshipful Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, will lead the Grand Line in this ceremony, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Lodge Hall, 3394 Sutton Road in Geneva.

The celebration of the 200th Anniversary will continue at 6:00 p.m. with a Dinner at Club 86, 86 Avenue E. One of the highlights of the evening will be a tribute to John H. Stelter; M.D. Dr. Stelter passed away July 27th at the age of 96.

Freemasonry was one of John's greatest loves in life and is where he left a lasting impression. Raised in Hillside Lodge No. 894, Woodhaven, NY, on March 16, 1944, he received the Scottish Rite Degrees from Long Island Consistory, became a Shriner of the Zurah Shrine

Temple of Minneapolis, MN in 1945, joined the National Sojourners, Carlisle Chapter No. 130, and founded the Iliuliuk Square Club of Dutch Harbor, Alaska in 1946. Noble John was President of the Cortland County Shrine Club from 1949 to 1951.

Moving to Geneva in 1951, he joined the Geneva Shrine Club, Damascus Shrine Temple of Rochester and Geneva Chapter No. 36 of the Royal Arch Masons. He affiliated with Ark Lodge No. 33, located in Geneva, on January 2, 1952, where he became the Historian in 1955, a position he held at the time of his death. From 1955 to 1998, Brother Stelter edited and published the Ark Lodge News Letter.

During his Masonic career in Geneva, Brother John was the co-founder of the Geneva Masonic Study Club in 1951; a member of the American Lodge of Research, 1952, Sko-Yase Council No. 75, 1955; the Philaethes Society, 1956; A.Q.C. Lodge of London, England, 1956; founder of the



Finger Lakes Council No. 40, Allied Masonic Degrees, 1956; Ye Ancient Order of Corks, 1957; Masonic Order of Bath, 1957; Geneva Commandery No. 29, Knights Templar, 1960; New York College, Rosicrucian Society, 1962, where he was Chief Adept from 1978 to 1984.

He served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of El Salvador near New York from 1966-1969; on the Grand Lodge Committee on Library and Museum, 1966-1971; and Director Emeritus of the Masonic Medical Research Labora-

tory, to which he was appointed in 1971.

In 1976, R.:W.: and Dr. John Stelter received the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Medal, the highest award granted by Grand Lodge, for his Masonic articles published in the American Lodge of Research. Other honors included the Meritorious Companion Award from Grand Chapter in 1965 and the General Grand Chapter Medal for Distinguished Service from the Royal Arch Masons in 1973.

Born June 17th, 1911, Brother Stelter was educated in the New York City School System and graduated from New York University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1934 and Doctor of Medicine in 1939. Following internships at Queens General, Bellevue and Jamaica Hospitals, he joined the United States Army, graduated from the Medical Officers Field Training School in Carlisle, PA, obtained the rank of Captain and served on the medical staff of O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, MO; Fort Snelling, Minneapolis, MN; Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO; and as a general surgeon in Dutch Harbor, Aleutian Islands, Alaska.

He joined the staff of Geneva General Hospital where he became President of the Medical Staff in 1961, Emeritus in 1989. He was President of the Geneva Academy of Medicine in 1967, Life Member of the Ontario County Medical Society, New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

He was a member of the American College of Sports Medicine and served as the Athletic Teams' Physician for Hobart College from 1967 to 1989. He also served as a Physician for the Geneva Department of Education. John was a member of the North Presbyterian Church, Geneva Historical Society, Geneva Rotary Club, Hydrant Hose Fire Company, American Legion Winnek Post and the Finger Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

John was preceded in death by his wife Mary K. Stelter, his Brother Howard Stelter, and is survived by his Sons John H. Stelter, III (Sharon), Richard K. Stelter (Diane) and Daughter Deborah Shultz (James) and many grandchildren.

Service Bureau Selects Huther as Distinguished Citizen

By Don Darrohn

Brother George Huther is this year's recipient of the Masonic Service Bureau's Distinguished Community Service Award.

George grew up in Webster, attending the Presbyterian Church while receiving his primary education at Nazareth Hall. When it came time for high school, George and his brother, Bill, attended Allendale School for grades 9-12. He was very active in sports at Allendale. "I played them all," George states, "football, baseball, track, and our favorite thing was to put a good whipping on Harley!"

After his graduation from Allendale School in 1950, George attended Colby College in Maine, and RIT; he then spent two years in the Army during the Korean conflict. Upon his return to Rochester, he was invited to join the ranks of Huther Brothers. George states "It wasn't too exciting for me really...perhaps God was preparing me for my second career during those years."

In 1955, George met his wife, Rosemary Larson; they decided to marry in April of 1957 and this past April they celebrated 50 years of marriage. The Huther's have three sons, George III, Bret and Tom, a daughter, Karianne, and two grandchildren.

George was a Junior at Allendale when he took his first drink of alcohol. Continued on Page 20



Join the 10th Anniversary Celebration ...

Frank and Bette Paul

**32° Masonic Learning Center
for Children Fundraiser**

The Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, which is located in Pittsford, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Over its ten years of operation, the Frank and Bette Paul Learning Center has tutored over 200 children and trained over 45 tutors from our area.

The 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children provide clinically-proven dys-

lexia tutoring services across the country. They are the only nationwide organization offering two years of intensive one-on-one tutoring in the proven Orton-Gillingham method, completely free of charge. The Learning Centers are open to all children. While dyslexia can't be cured, it can be overcome.

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Robert Pettit, Past President of Masonic Service Bureau, Passes

An active church member, devoted family man and dedicated Mason, Robert C. Pettit, 33°, passed away May 25, 2007.

Doc was born in Hallstead, Pennsylvania, on January 14, 1921, and grew up on Staten Island, New York. He received his BA from Wagner College and then served three and one-half years in the United States Army, where he met Belva. They were married in 1944. Doc attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree, and opened his practice in Rochester in 1950.

Doc and Belva were both active members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Doc served the church in many capacities and enjoyed singing in the choir.

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Editor's Corner

In the Editor's Corner a few months ago, I printed an article by a concerned Brother regarding the lack of compassion shown for deceased Brothers, who were not members of a local Lodge, indicated by poor attendance at a Masonic Memorial Service. Well, I'm here to tell you there may have been a change of heart.

Whether publishing that message had anything to do with a recent occurrence I will never be able to prove. I thought it only fair to give the present situation equal time.

I received a call from a local funeral home requesting a Memorial Service for a 94-year-old Brother, who had been in this area for some period of time, but never affiliated with a local Lodge. I had to put in a call to the Registry Department at Grand Lodge to obtain the name of the Secretary of his Lodge (I did have the Lodge name and number). David Franzen was in the office and promptly gave me all the information I needed, including the Raising date. I left a voice message on the answering machine of the Secretary and received a return call a couple of hours later.

Meanwhile, I established the time with the funeral home and sent out a blanket email to Lodge Masters and Secretaries and a few other Masons whose email addresses are in my file. In it, I asked it be forwarded to Brothers in their Lodge who were not in my address book. How many people it reached, I will never know.

What I do know is I had representatives of eight Lodges (of the thirteen in our District) in the turnout; we had more Masons at the Service than there were mourners. The family and friends were sincerely appreciative of the Service and the response of the Masons, as was I.

It made me Proud to be a Mason! Thanks for reading.

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By James Ghent, President

I trust you all enjoyed the Summer Season. Although it is not over yet, the Volunteers at the Masonic Service Bureau return to our respective stations on Wednesday, September 12th. As usual, we will have a Luncheon Meeting at the Damascus Shrine Center starting at noon.

Items for Followup

A couple of items that are left over for action this Fall are: Review of the activities of the Masonic Service Bureau, Committee chaired by John Dudley. Completion of a Policy and Procedures Manual Committee, chaired by Terry Wihlen, Sr.

We hope to discuss these issues at our September meeting. All interested parties are invited to participate in the work of the Service Bureau.

Interfaith Service & Brunch New Location!

The next special function, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau, is the Interfaith Service and Brunch. Due to the sale of Logan's Party House, the event will be held Sunday, October 28th at The Country Party House, 321 East Linden Avenue, East Rochester.

The Interfaith Service will commence at 10 a.m., followed by a Deluxe Buffet Brunch at approximately 11 a.m.

Tickets are now available through the Secretary of your Organization at a cost of \$13 per person.

The public is invited to enjoy this camaraderie and witness the presentation of our Dedicated Service Award to an outstanding citizen in our area.

2008 Enjoy the City Coupon Books have arrived

The Masonic Times staff have received a shipment of the 2008 edition of the coupon books, which have been sold over the past few years to gain extra income for the paper to help offset increases in costs of postage and materials and fuel surcharges.

As an example, we no longer will be sending this publication to addresses outside the United States (excluding Military APO addresses). The Postal Service increases in May changed the rates we are charged. The price for a Canadian address went to \$1.31 per issue; to other foreign addresses, \$1.85. We can't send \$8.00 subscriptions out at those rates and survive.

Interested parties may call the Masonic Service Bureau to obtain more information or to purchase one of these books.

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Masonic Career R.: W.: Pettit was Raised in Wakan Lodge No. 1054 (now Wakan-Hubbard No. 154) in 1960, serving as Master in 1969. He was Lodge Secretary for five years before becoming Assistant Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Master of the 2nd Monroe District in 1982-83. Doc was the first President of the Monroe Districts Purple Club and served as President of the Masonic Secretaries Association and the Masonic Bureau of Education. He received the Honorary Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

Doc held many Offices in the various Bodies, including: Scribe of Rochester Forest No. 133, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Thrice Potent Master of the former Germania Lodge of Perfection; Sovereign Prince of the Royal Council, Princes of Jeru-salem; King of the former Ionic Chapter, RAM; and Commander-in-Chief of the Rochester Consistory. He was also a member of Doric Council, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery, Damascus Shrine and Genesee York Rite College.

Coroneted a 33° in 1979, he has also served as Treasurer of the New York Council of Deliberation.

After serving as a Director and Treasurer of the Masonic Service Bureau, R.: W.: Pettit was elected Executive Director in 1988. It was during this time that he and Paul Rogers, Editor of the then Monroe Masonic News, introduced computers into the office. This modernization of methods of operation continues today to help provide the high quality of service that we have learned to expect from the Masonic Service Bureau.

After retiring as Executive Director, he continued serving the Service Bureau as Treasurer, until failing health interfered.

His wife, Belva, and son, Neal, predeceased Dr. Pettit. He is survived by his son, Robert (Nancy), daughter Carol Ann, daughter-in-law, Lee and two grandchildren, Meredith and Ben.

A Masonic Service, White Rose Service and Memorial Service were held in June at Redeemer Lutheran Church.



Shirley Gray explains what they do, as she accepts a grant on behalf of A Meal and More. Ramona Dimino, Committee Chairperson, listens.

Also presented, on behalf of Masons here, were gifts to organizations involved in helping people in need - soup kitchens, hospice care, youth programs, etc. They were: A Meal and More, Advent House, Calvary St. Andrew's, Cameron Community Ministries, DayStar, Dimitri House, Grace Community Village, Grace Urban Ministries, Isaiah House, Mercier Literacy Program, Safe Journey, Salem Nutritional Center, School of the Holy Childhood, St. Peter's Kitchen, Trinity Emanuel Presbyterian Church and area Masonic Youth Organizations.

Read more

Symbolic Lodge Awards Presentation October 18th

Nominations Due in the Consistory Office September 30th

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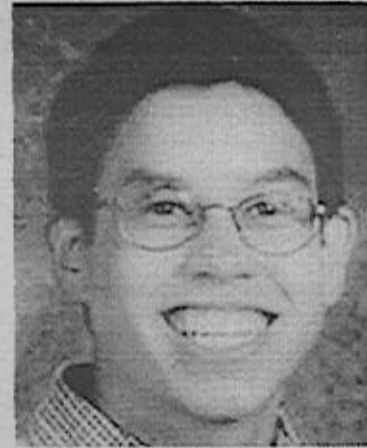
Pictured above are the Scholarship recipients attending the Awards Night, (front row, l-r): Ashley Persaile, Megan L. Cook, Jamie Alvito, Mary Bock, Holly Lowden and Monica Cook. (back row, l-r): Nathan Stanton, Ashley Stanton, Klara Manning, Emily Lindsay, David Hansen, Dan Brugger. (Not pictured, but represented by a family member or designated friend: Nicholas Eng, Joseph Goodrich and Kara Kerschner.)



Monica Cook
Webster Schroeder High School
Rochester Institute of Technology



Ashley R. Persaile
SUNY at Fredonia



Nicholas Eng
University of Massachusetts
at Amherst



Megan Lyn Clark
Rush-Henrietta High School
Elmira College



Representatives from the Organizations selected to receive Grants from the Masonic Service Bureau are pictured above. (front row, l-r): Barbara Mitchell, Mary Erturk, Sue Forsyth, Verne Moore, Mary McFee, Susan Prener and Rosanne Kulikowski. (back row, l-r): Dick Smith, Bell Evans, Arlene Helget, Kathie Quinlan, Fran Morse, Shirley Gray, Rev. Arthur Dilbert, Debra Salmon, Dawn Nicholas, Patty Lorenzen and Gary Burke.



Mary K. Bock
Livonia Central School
SUNY at Geneseo



Daniel C. Brugger
Aquinas Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology



Beverly VanHuben, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, introduces Klara Manning, a student at St. John Fisher College. Each recipient gave a summary of her or his activities, achievements and goals for the future.



Nathan Stanton
Canandaigua Academy
Finger Lakes Community College



Ashley M. Stanton
Nazareth College



Jamie Alvito
Brockport High School
SUNY at Cortland



David J. Hansen
SUNY at Stony Brook



Klara L. Manning
St. John Fisher College



Holly Lowden
Niagara University



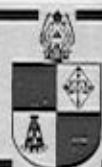
Emily E. Lindsay
Webster Thomas High School
Monroe Community College



Joseph A. Goodrich
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Council of Deliberation

The New York Council of Deliberation was held July 27th-29th in Liverpool, just outside of Syracuse. At the Council, the Valley of Buffalo presented the new 26^o of the Scottish Rite. The Degree is now called *Friend and Brother* and focuses on an incident in the Civil War in which Brother Masons were involved. The Valley of Buffalo did an excellent job and we learned a few tricks for presenting Degrees in a setting similar to our use of the Shrine Center.

Sovereign Grand Commander, John William McNaughton, 33^o, was present, as well as the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lecturer and other appointed Grand Line Officers. The Grand Master, Sovereign Grand Commander and the Deputy Grand Master all made very appropriate comments during the sessions.

The Meritorious Service Award Banquet saw our own Distinguished Brother Gary Burke, 32^o MSA, receive his patent and jewel as an MSA. He was honored by Distinguished Brothers Mat Gindgold, 32^o MSA, Jack VanElzakker, 32^o MSA and Ill. Stephen Whittaker, 33^o, recipients of the MSA, as well as other Brothers of the Valley.

During the COD Sessions, the announcement was made that Brother William Lindsay, 32^o DSA, has been elected to receive the Meritorious Service

Award at next year's Council of Deliberation. Brother Lindsay was in attendance when the announcement was made and was surprised and pleased. We congratulate Brother Lindsay on his many accomplishments and his election to receive the MSA; it is well-deserved.

Summer Events

The Valley hosted a day at Seabreeze Amusement Park on July 29th. The event was attended by over 75 people, including members, spouses, children and grandchildren. A great time was had by all. Brother Derek VanHouten, 32^o DSA, noted that he rode the Merry-Go-Round more times than he should have, but enjoyed every trip.

By the time you read this, the Valley trip to Batavia to see the Muckdogs baseball team will have taken place. I planned to be on the trip and am sure the day was a success. (I am writing this prior to the event, as you may well be aware.)

The Summer outing was held at Wildwood Country Club. We assume that a good time was had by all. At the dinner, Brothers Bill Jones and Joe Bourcy were awarded their Blue Caps as recipients of the John B. Mullen, 33^o Distinguished Service Award. This is a Valley honor awarded to Brothers for generally significant service to the Valley and the Rite.

Supreme Council

An historic session of the Supreme Council of the 33rd and Last Degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America was held, in conjunction with the Southern Jurisdiction, in Washington, DC. This was the first time the two Supreme Councils have held a joint meeting. The meeting also included the conferral of both Jurisdiction's 33^o. Our own Ill. Rev. Charles Roberts, 33^o, received his Degree at this session. I will write more about this event next month.

Beginnings

We begin the new Masonic year with Feast of Tishri, combined with our Annual Awards Meeting on September 20th at the Damascus Shrine Center. The evening will start with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Feast at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Please call the office to make dinner reservations. The full agenda for this evening is still in the works; however, the Consistory Officers will be running the Feast.

Keep the following date open, if you can. First, Thursday, October 18th, is our annual Symbolic Lodge Awards evening. Your Lodge is encouraged to submit the name of a hard-working Brother to receive this Award. The Grand Master will be in attendance to present the awards and give the keynote address. The evening will conclude with pizza.

The second date is Sunday, October 21st. This will be the 10th Anniversary Celebration of our Frank and Betty Paul 32^o Learning Center for Children. The event will be held at Casa Larga Winery in Fairport. This is a fundraising event for the Learning Center and should be a great time. See other articles and mailings for details.

As we start this new Masonic year, let us all work to encourage men who we see as possible good Masons to petition our Lodge for membership. If you are not a member of the Scottish Rite, consider becoming a member. You may call me at 223-3228 to discuss the Rite and how to join.

Lastly, all members of the Rite are encouraged to approach Brother Masons who do not belong to the Rite and invite them to join. There is more to this Rite than can be easily conveyed in an article; however, in future issues I will try to expound on the Rite's teachings and benefits.

I hope everyone had a great Summer and are anxious to start the new Masonic year. See you in the quarries.

Rite Events Calendar

See article for details.

(All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted)

September 20th - Annual Meeting, Awards Night and Tishri

October

4th Public Degree; Membership Dinner

18th Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

21st Learning Center Tenth Anniversary Celebration

November 16th - Veterans Recognition Night

December 6th - 4th and 9th Degrees

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

Learning Center

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The program offered at the 32^o Masonic Learning Centers for Children provides the most effective treatment of its kind in battling this reading disorder. No other organization in the nation has a program remotely like it, with one-on-one, professional tutoring offered to children at **no charge to them or their families**. This type of program is not available through any other school (public or private). Currently, there are 58 Learning Centers in 15 states of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Additional information about the 32^o Masonic Learning Centers for Children program, is available on the Valley of Rochester's website: www.valleyofrochester.com/charities.cfm.

The Anniversary Celebration will be held at Casa Larga Vineyards (see accompanying full-page ad). There will be a number of "food stations" featuring freshly made pasta dishes, carved meats, salads, desserts, and an open bar. The program will highlight the accomplishments of the Learning Center and recognizing those who have

helped to make it a success. There will also be an Auction and a Silent Auction featuring interesting Masonic and non-Masonic items as well.

As part of the program, there will also be an opportunity to make a donation to the Learning Center. It costs approximately \$5,000 per year to tutor one child, and we currently have a waitlist of over 40 children!

All monies raised will go directly to the support of tutoring services at the Frank and Bette Paul 32^o Masonic Learning Center for Children.

Please join us in the celebration of the accomplishments of the Learning Center on October 21st, and help us to expand the wonderful services the Learning Center provides to the children right here in our own community!

As Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

On behalf of the children in our community, thank you for your generous support of the Frank and Bette Paul 32^o Masonic Learning Center for Children!

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June Highlight 2007 Valley Clambake and Steak Roast

Members of the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, held their annual Summer Clambake/Steak Roast in June at Camp Morris. It was hosted by 2nd Lt. Commander, G. Michael Morris, 33^o, at his Summer home near Wayland, and included wives, children and friends.

Dignitaries present included Ill. Edward R. Trosin, 33^o, Active and Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, and Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33^o, Area 1 Active and Deputy for the State of New York and their wives.

Everyone there enjoyed a wonderful day of friendship, fellowship, good food and great weather. Over ninety people were in attendance.

(Photos courtesy of Donald Tubman)



10th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser

Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

Sunday, October 21, 2007

Casa Larga Vineyards
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Sunday, October 21, 2007

2:00 - 5:00 PM

Admission Price: \$50 per person
Advance reservations required by September 28, 2007

Please join us in the celebration of the accomplishments of the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, and help us to expand the wonderful services the Learning Center provides to the children right here in our own community!

Casa Larga Vineyards provides a wonderful and picturesque venue for the Anniversary Celebration. There will be a number of "stations" featuring freshly made pasta dishes, carved meats, salads, desserts, and an open bar. The program will highlight the accomplishments of the Learning Center and recognizing those who have helped to make it a success. There will also be an Auction and a Silent Auction featuring interesting Masonic and non-Masonic items as well.

As part of the program, there will also be an opportunity to make a donation to the Learning Center.

All monies raised will go directly to the support of tutoring services at the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children.

Reservation Form - Must be received by Friday, September 28, 2007

Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children
10th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser

Date: Sunday, October 21, 2007
Time: 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Location: Casa Larga Vineyards
Admission Price: \$50 per person

Name(s): _____
Number attending: _____
Amount Enclosed: _____

Were are unable to attend, but enclosed is our tax-deductible donation of:
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Rochester, NY 14618



Ontario/Seneca/Yates District Celebrates Ark Lodge's 200th Anniversary September 8, 2007, Club 86, Geneva

District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



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Welcome to the 2007-2008 Masonic Season, Brothers! Summer is at its end and it is time to return to the labors of the Craft. Yvonne's family from Sweden visited for three weeks over the Summer and that kept us busy entertaining.

Most of your Grand Lodge District Team has been re-appointed as follows: David Locke, District Deputy Grand Master; Ed Carris, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and Tom Good, Assistant Grand Lecturer. Bill Valois has stepped down as AGL of the Eastern part of the District to relax a bit, having served us well for several years. I extend a warm welcome to our new AGL for the remainder of this Masonic Term - R.: W.: Clayton (Bob) Ruggles! We are fortunate to have Brother Ruggles as AGL as he brings a wealth of Masonic experience to the position.

Of course, you remember CCER = M as it has been all over the jurisdiction the past year. The Grand Master has added Fellowship to the "equation" and revised the acronym. The new acronym is:

CCER=M
F

We will once again direct our Masonic Labors to the areas covered by the new acronym and introduce some new members to the District Team.

Communications

Your District Communications Chairman, and Webmaster is Brother Ken Hall. For starters, you can visit www.OSYDistrict.org to see the entire District Team in table form. We had a goal of capturing email addresses this past year with limited success. We need to get back to basics, which would include telephone numbers. When I pull the Roster of O/S/Y District Members from the Masonic On-line Registry Interface (MORI), I find very few phone numbers.

An active phone tree is indispensable to a Lodge - we need to make that an action item this year.

We still need to make better use of email. Please send your email address to me at dwlocke@rochester.rr.com. I assure you, it will not be used to fill your inbox with "noise," but rather to keep you informed of newsworthy Masonic notifications.

Grand Lodge has made available many new booklets and brochures on Freemasonry that I will bring along on visits to your Lodge.

Community Involvement

District Public Relations and Involvement contact is Brother Clayton Ruggles. There are two

Grand Lodge programs designed to get you and your Lodge visible and working in your communities: Child ID and the Blood Donor program. Your District Child ID chairman is R.: W.: Don Dill with Child ID coordinators in each county. R.: W.: Bob Ruggles for Ontario County, R.: W.: Don Dill for Seneca County and R.: W.: Herb Goodman for Yates County. Your Blood Donor program Chairman is W.: Fred Newton.

Education

The District Education and Leadership Development contact is R.: W.: Jim Rice. In addition, Education is a special area of focus for your Grand Line Staff Officer and Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Ed Carris. Brother Carris has already scheduled a *Masonic Development Course (MDC)*; three classes will be conducted by instructors R.: W.: Bruce Huie and R.: W.: Terry Leonard on Saturday, September 29th, Saturday, October 6th, and Saturday, October 13th. The classes will start at 8 a.m. and end at noon and will be held at the Pocahontas Lodge Hall on Route 414 in Seneca Falls. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. The cost of the Course is \$20 and is open to all Master Masons. To register or for further information, contact R.: W.: Edwin D. Carris, 5236 Route 89, Romulus 14541 or email: ecarris@rochester.rr.com

Ritual

R.: W.: Bob Ruggles and V.: W.: Tom Good are your contacts for all matters pertaining to Ritual. They want to be informed of your Degree planning and preparation and to be invited to rehearsals. Ritual is another area that evokes strong feelings among Masons as, obviously, our Ritual contains the core of who we are.

Remember to make good use of the Masonic Compact, especially at Brother Bring-a-Friend Programs.

Membership

Membership contact for the District is R.: W.: Eldon White. Educating the public about Masonry and the people you meet can go a long way in attracting members. Brother-Bring-a-Friend (BBF) programs are known to work.

Fellowship

Your District Fellowship and Family Involvement Chairman is R.: W.: Bill Colin. In the area of Fellowship, holding a Table Lodge can be a great way to involve members of your own Lodge, as well as others. Please make an effort to get a Table Lodge on your Trestleboard this year.

Veterans Service

Brother Warren Jordans is the District Veterans Service Chairman. Our first task in this area is to get the names of all active duty Brothers in the Armed Forces to our Webmaster, R.: W.: Ken Hall, for posting on www.OSYDistrict.org. The Grand Master is also asking the Secretaries of all Lodges to send in a listing of all the Brethren and their family members who are serving in branches of our military.

Youth

District Youth Chairman is W.: David Mason. We need to re-forge ties this year between our O/S/Y District Lodges and the youth and youth organizations in our respective communities.

Brotherhood Fund

Your District Brotherhood Fund Chairman is Brother Tom David. Dig Deep! This past year Masons in NYS gave over \$1,250,000 in the Annual Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive.

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

September

8th - Morning Meeting of the O/S/Y Association; Geneva Lodge, Breakfast at L&R Restaurant on Exchange Street at 8 a.m.

8th - Ark Lodge will be celebrating their 200-Year Anniversary on Saturday, September

8th at Club 86 in Geneva. The Grand Line, including the Grand Master, will be in attendance. Please come and support the Brothers of Ark Lodge on this important occasion. Tickets are available now for a \$30 donation; please contact W.: Bob Mattick or me for more info. Two hundred years of Freemasonry in our District is a huge milestone and deserves the attention of all Masons. Please help generate a capacity crowd at Club 86 on September 8th.

15th - Geneva Lodge & Ark Lodge Walk for Cystic Fibrosis

Masonic Vision Fair

(Location to be determined)

The "vision" statement for this event - To highlight everything Masonry has to offer and to inform all who work and live in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District of the good things we do. This event will run "convention" style and feature (hopefully) our Grand Master as Guest Speaker.

There will be something for Masons and non-Masons alike. The event will also resemble a large "Brother Bring-a-Friend" Program with all O/S/Y Lodges represented. There will be a running Child ID Session and Blood Drive Session. All major Grand Lodge committees and programs will be presented, either convention-booth style or through video projection. If possible, individual Lodges can serve food as fundraisers.

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

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

www.OSYDistrict.org

Once again, please email dwlocke@rochester.rr.com to be added to the O/S/Y District email list.

Milnor Lodge No. 139



2nd & 4th
Thursdays

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The elected and appointed Officers for 2007-2008 are:

Master	Lawrence Mahoney
Sr. Warden	Eldon White
Jr. Warden	Rob Roys
Secretary	Ken Hall
Treasurer	Bob Meuler
Sr. Deacon	Dustin Gress
Jr. Deacon	Bill Webb
Sr. MC	Ray Sheley
Jr. MC	Andy Hall
Chaplain	Randall Henry
Tiler	John Purdy
Marshal	Bud Pegelow

In addition, Ken Wilson, Ken Hall, Bob Meuler, Andy Hall and Jim Hartz were elected to Temple Corporation positions.

Milnor Lodge's Trestleboard is full for the new season! Many activities are planned for our

Lodge communications for the coming year. Kicking off the year will be our Annual Steak Dinner. Brothers who plan to attend should get their reservations to me as soon as possible so preparations can be made and enough food procured. David Locke, our DDGM, will make his Official Visit at this meeting.

Other highlights: special presentations, including Worshipful Len Lisenbee, a Music in Masonry program, a Staff Officer visit by Ed Carris, and a Hobby Night. Our Table Lodge Night, an overwhelming success last year, will be repeated this year at the October communication. Check out the Milnor Trestleboard through the O/S/Y website.

Volunteers are needed for the Annual Hang Around Victor Day Pancake Breakfast. Please call Larry Mahoney at 394-7322 or Eldon White at 924-1603. Let's pitch in to help make this first community and fundraising event a success.

Milnor Lodge is in a time of transition, as are many Lodges in our District. Appraisals of the building and its condition have been arranged and the Temple Corporation members are pre-

paring a report which will be mailed to our members sometime in August.

I see this time in the life of Milnor Lodge as historic and exciting, and I hope the Brothers find the work enjoyable and fulfilling!

Upcoming Events

Please note that the following September dates are correct (not as recorded in the Trestleboard, mailed to our members).

September

13th-Steak Dinner/Official Visit
27th-Special Presentation

October

11th-Table Lodge/Dinner
25th-Len Lisenbee

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



1st & 3rd
Tuesdays

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Welcome back, Brothers, to another year at Garoga-Sincerity! It's been a beautiful Summer with a lot of activities going on.

The Steak Roast was a success. It was wonderful to see such a good turnout.

Masonic Service

We congratulate the following Brothers for their years of service: John Record (60), Fred Gifford (55), Robert Hines (50) and Bill Goodman, Elvin Grube, Bob Kloepfel and Jim Newman (45). It was also announced that Brother Don Tiffany has been selected as a recipient of a Dedicated Service Award.

We had a lot of good conversation with old friends and our new Brothers as well. Thanks to Brother Bob Bird for making it happen.

Again, the Chicken Bar-B-Que at the Sauerkraut Festival had good attendance. Thanks to all who participated and a big thanks to Steve Durso for organizing the day.

In conjunction with
Hang Around Victor Day
Milnor Lodge # 139 is having a
Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, September 8th
7AM - 10 AM
Adults - \$5; Children 5 and up - \$2
Children Under 5 - FREE
Place: 21 Maple Ave
See you there!

Our driveway and parking lot has been repaired, following the Spring flooding we experienced and the water problem has been taking care of.

This year's Trestleboard has been filled except for three meetings. If anyone has a suggestion for a program, please let me know. I'm asking for fundraising ideas for the Lodge. I have a couple in mind and will bring them to the next meeting, something that is more fun and less work.

We've had practices for our new Officers and all seems to be going well. They seem to be adapting to their new positions.

Our new Officers for 2007-2008 are:

- Master **Ronald Galens**
- Sr. Warden **Lowell Falkey**
- Jr. Warden **Steven Durso**
- Secretary **Clayton Ruggles**
- Treasurer **Paul Adams**
- Trustees
 - George Landstrom (3 yrs.)**
 - Ramon Howard (2 yrs.)**
 - Jack Carney (1 yr.)**
- Sr. Deacon **Kenneth Gibbs**
- Jr. Deacon **David Bruzee**
- Sr. MC **Douglas Galens**
- Stewards **Stephen Phillips**
- Carl Carlson**
- Marshal **Donald Tiffany**
- Organist **Robert Lash**
- Chaplain **Robert Bird**
- Tyler **William Smith**

We will have at least one new Petitioner for this year. We will be holding an Open House for Brother Bring-a-Friend Night; the date will be announced shortly. It would be great if we had several more Candidates.


September Birthdays

Carl Carlson (2nd), Dave Bruzee (3rd), Terrance Mays and George Durkee (5th), Peter Cheney (16th), Donald Romeiser (20th), Bernard Dell (23rd), Charles Bird (25th) and Michael Klimeczko (30th).

Brother Jay Ford was Raised on September 12, 1967.

This is my second and last year as Master, I thank all who helped me, advised me and were patient with me. I feel I grew a lot, and hopefully will do a decent job this year. I know with the help of the Officers, we will have an eventful season.

Ark Lodge
No. 33, F. & A.M.
 3rd Wednesday



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Elected and appointed Officers for the 200th Anniversary Year are:

- Master **Anthony Khoury**
- Sr. Warden **Thomas Smart**
- Jr. Warden **Thomas Abraham**
- Secretary **Lance Ward**
- Treasurer **Jed Brandow**
- Trustee **Robert Mattick**
- Sr. Deacon **Charles Rouse**
- Jr. Deacon **Terry Trenchard**
- Sr. MC **Steve Goebert**
- Jr. MC **John Keeton**
- Stewards **Victor Nelson**
- Michael Fuhs**

- Chaplain **Roger Haich**
- Marshal **Howard Colegrove**
- Historian **Thomas Abraham**

It is truly an honor to serve as Master for this Anniversary Year. I look forward to a great celebration on September 8th at Club 86. Tickets are still available by contacting the Secretary or me.

M. W. Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, and his Grand Line, will begin the festivities with a Re-Dedication of the Lodge at 4:30 p.m. Following this service, the celebration will continue at 6 p.m. at Club 86. Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship of these events.

Masons Meet, Act and Part

Thank you, W. Robert Mattick, for a most magnificent year for the Brothers and Ark Lodge. A job well done in the East.

Please pray for Brothers William Kashouty, Horace Riddle, Lloyd Hilimire, Ramon Baroody and Max Kaufman.

Memorial Services were conducted for Brother John Warder and R. W. Harry George. God bless them!

We mourn the loss of Brother and Dr. John Stelter, a devoted Master Mason of sixty years and Lodge Historian.

I received cards from Elaine Morgan, DeSales High School Guidance Counselor, and Laura Lynn Corona, recipient, thanking the Lodge for the monetary History Award. Danielle De-Rosa, Geneva High School History Award winner, also sent a thank you card.

Please send your Brotherhood Fund donations to V. W. Lance Ward, 3395 Sutton Road, Geneva

14456. if you have questions, call him at (315) 789-4411.

Trestleboard
September


5th - Officers' Meeting - Discuss 200th Anniversary Celebration; Rehearse Lodge Opening and Closing

8th - Re-Dedication of Lodge, 4:30 p.m.

19th - Lodge Communication, 1st Degree

We will ballot on Petitions and Confer the 1st Degree at our meeting this month. W. Thomas Abraham will sit in the East. My Brothers, let's have a large turnout to support your Officers and welcome our Candidates into our Fraternity.

Eagle
Lodge No. 619



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

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Thanks to all the Brothers for electing me as Master for the upcoming year.

We had a very successful Chicken Bar-B-Que during Memorial Day Weekend.

By the time you read this our Steak Roast will be completed.

September Events

8th - Ark Lodge 200-Year Anniversary

11th - Officer's meeting, 6:15 p.m.; followed by regular meeting; Program - Masonic Quiz

20th - Spaghetti Dinner 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

25th - DDGM Official Visit

29th - Naples Grape Festival

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It's that time of year when we all get back to our Masonic endeavors. Some of us have been busy planning for the coming year, making out those Trestleboards. We need to keep them filled with events that provide learning for our newer Members, as well as revitalizing those who have been in the Craft. Most important, keeping them full of fellowship items. Step forward to help and assist our newly installed Lodge leaders to ensure that we all have a fruitful and rewarding year. This is what helps to separate us from other Fraternal organizations.

On July 7th, our Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Neal I. Bidnick, made about fifty Grand Lodge Scholarship presentations to the young men and women from Monroe and the surrounding Districts. Thanks to Joy Woodley for providing the refreshments for this activity.

We held the Annual District Kick-Off Event on August 15th with the Masters, Wardens and

Grand Director
of Ceremonies
Monroe



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The Masonic Year from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, was a busy time for me. I traveled 5,258 miles to attend 149 Masonic events. It was generally a fun-filled year organizing and teaching Masonic classes. I also assisted the District Deputy in meeting the Grand Lodge objectives (set forth as part of our duties) and functioning as part of the Monroe District Leadership Team with DDGM Gary Sanford and Grand Sword Bearer Derek Van Houten.

I have posted a 2007-2008 schedule in my Franklin Planner (Yes, I have one and YES, I use it!). So far, I've scheduled 127 events, 11 of which have conflicts. This means I can only be in 116 places at the same time!

We reviewed our joint educational plans with the Genesee-Wyoming and Livingston Districts at the District Kick-off Meeting last month.

Masonic Development Course

The Staff Officers (Tom Grape and Derek Van Houten for Monroe, Rick Howe for Livingston, and Marty Krause for Genesee-Wyoming) met in July and established our Joint Class dates, times and locations. Eunice Lodge is centrally located for the three Districts and will again be asked to be our

Secretaries from your Lodges, as well as our District Committees. This was a great opportunity for all the leadership of our District to interact with each other and be able to put a face with a name. Many thanks to the Valley of Rochester for providing the evening dinner and printing the brochures, and to Damascus Shrine for the use of their facilities.

All the Official Visits have been scheduled for the year as well as the educational events for our District. The iDC will be held in Rochester this year on the 3rd Saturday of each month, starting in September and running for the next 5 months. If you missed signing up and would like to attend this great course, please contact me. I'm sure we can make arrangements.

The membership of our Fraternity grew at a faster pace this last year, not just here in the Monroe District but also across our State. Some of this may have been due to the different public events; however, I believe that it was you, our members who have been spreading the word about us. Be able to answer those questions when asked, who we are and what we do. In the latest copy of *The Empire State Mason* was the red-colored Question and Answer booklet. Please take the time to read through it and see if there is something you may learn.

We 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.

host. Eunice Lodge is located at 3141 State Street, Caledonia.

Joint Masonic Development Courses will be held on three Wednesdays: November 28th, December 12th and January 9th. Because Session 3 material can be easily covered in the allotted timeframe, we have decided to add the Lodge Walk-About Lecture so every new Mason taking MDC gets to see and hear this material. The time is planned to be 7 p.m.-9 p.m. It is anticipated that the course cost will be \$20 (\$10 for your Pin and Certificate and \$10 for pizza and sodas for the three evenings). You must successfully complete the Course to receive the Pin and Certificate, which are ordered from Grand Lodge.

Road to the East

Road to the East class will be offered three Saturdays in February, 2008, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The dates are February 2nd, 9th and 23rd.

You must have available for your use the August 2006 Edition of *The 24-Inch Gauge: Masonic Resource Guide*. It takes at least one month to acquire a new copy from Grand Lodge. If you send me a check for \$55, payable to me, so that I have your money by December 25th, I will order a book for you. The required class syllabus and class readings reference the pages in this Edition of the book; older books do not give you the material you need to complete this Course. Everyone who wants to be a Master should have his own copy of this reference material. It is a deluxe cookbook of how to do the job! There will also be a registration fee of \$20 (\$10 for your Pin and Certificate and \$10 for coffee, donuts and bagels for the three classes).

I look forward to seeing you in the quarries!

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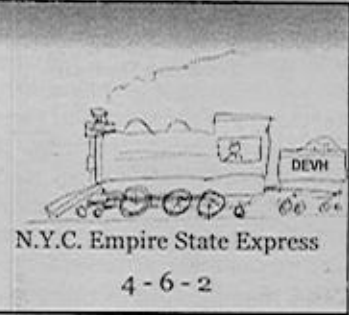
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It's just barely August and a few ideas have been floating through the cobwebs of my mind. The best thing to do is to write them down and get on with it.

We parked our "train" on a siding for a well-deserved rest after completing many miles as we traversed this country, if only in the minds of you, the reader. With a new season about to begin with some old and some new plans for many area Lodges, I sensed we needed something better defined for our transportation. For many of our Senior members, who can remember back to the age of steam, I felt they would be more comfortable with an engine I found recently.

She presently sits at Scranton, Pennsylvania, in *Steamtown* where there are many reminders of a more glorious time when steam trains covered this great country. She pulled for the Nickel Plate Road - the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad. In 1929, she even pulled for the Dansville and Mt. Morris Railroad. Her number is 759 and a sight to behold. A picture in the March 1969 issue of the magazine, *Trains* shows her alongside the Hudson, billowing a head of whitish steam as she thundered towards Albany, pulling 15 coaches.

With this groundwork laid and clear tracks ahead, let's get aboard and immerse ourselves with the programs and functions of the season.

To all the new Masters, I congratulate you for the preparation that you have and will be doing for your Lodge and the Craft. Leadership is so important these days. It's not easy and for those who master it the rewards can be unending. We, of the District Leadership Team, stand ready to assist any of the Brothers as they move towards the East or plan activities in your Lodge. As your Staff Officers, we provide educational opportunities for the Lodges and its members.

Our Grand Lodge wants to make available several types of programs designed to improve your overall understanding of the Craft. Whether this is through the *Masonic Development Course*, *Road to the East* program, *Individual Development Course* or the Lodge System of Masonic Education program, they are all designed for you. All you have to do is have a thirst for greater knowledge in the Craft, sign up and provide the required fees for the course materials.

The Summer is not over yet, but already dates are starting to squeeze out the remaining free time we have. Pack your bags, make arrangements to take a great ride this year and we will see you on the "Train." ALL ABOARD!!!

Member Development

R. W. :
Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Communication

It's that time of year again. Lodges begin a new year and I opine about the importance of our Lodge leadership communicating with members and how important it is for the Brothers to communicate with the chosen leaders of their Lodge. It is vital that the lines of communication between the Brothers of the Lodge and the Master be free flowing and active.

The primary source of information for Brothers of the Monroe District is the publication you are reading right now, the *Masonic Times*. When a Master writes his article, he is not only communicating with local Brethren, but with Brothers living in Florida, South Carolina, and many other places. The first page they open up to is their Lodge article to read about what is going on in their Lodge. I know of many Masonic widows who also read the Lodge articles.

When an article is not there, they are disappointed and when it is missing several times during the Lodge year, they begin to get annoyed and ask why. They pay their dues and want to be kept informed. If a Master of a Lodge can't write the article for his Lodge then he should appoint someone to do the job.

Trestleboards should be mailed at least twice a year to all the Brothers. Why more than once? Because they are not written in stone and are subject to change. There is nothing more annoying than coming to an event and finding the date has been changed or the event cancelled. There are other ways to communicate to the members such as using the phone and email. The tools are there. All we have to do is use them.

As I mentioned, communication is a two-way street. We, as members of our Lodge, have a responsibility to make suggestions to the leadership - what kind of programs we would like to see. We must also express our opinions, in a constructive manner, on Lodge matters.

I hope you all have a successful year and maybe I will see you at Lodge.

Schools of Ritual, Grand Lecturer's Convention and Joint Investiture

To assist in your planning for the upcoming Masonic year, the following dates have been scheduled for the Monroe District:

- September 25th - Location and Topic TBD
- October 23rd - Fairport-Flower City; Grand Lecturer's Convention
- January 29th - Location and Topic TBD
- March 31st - Location and Topic TBD
- May 30th - Fairport-Flower City; Joint Investiture

Seneca Lodge



No. 797
2nd Tuesday
7:30 p.m.

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Brothers! Greetings from the East! It's been a couple of months since I have seen several of you and I hope you're all doing well. I trust that you have had a busy Summer with lots of backyard Bar-B-Ques and family functions. No matter what your schedule has been, I'm sure you spent some time outside soaking up some Vitamin D from the sun. We certainly don't see too much of it during the winter months so get all you can while the getting is good.

Like I promised, I have some great stories to report from my family's cross country trip. The trip west was relatively uneventful and filled with anticipation. Other than a near tornado in the middle of the desert of New Mexico, after we crossed the Panhandle of Texas, nothing seemed to stand in our way. Well, except for that 120 mile wide brush fire in Utah that we had to go around.

The western part of our great country is so spectacular. Some of the sites that we saw included Carlsbad Caverns, The Rio Grande, The Colorado Rockies, Sequoia national Forest, The Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and Mount Rushmore, just to name a few. Places like LA and San Francisco made the list as well. One of my personal favorites was the ride up Highway 1 on the Western Seaboard. What a spectacular drive, even while towing a 30-foot-long camper. It was truly breath taking!

These sites were great distances apart and we saw fantastic things along the way, but we were surprised at the great spans of open desert. So much of our country is desolate and barren. It's hard to believe that anything can live out there, but there definitely is life in the desert; they are just things that you probably don't want to pick up and take home.

While in Santa Fe, NM we saw the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, but it was Sunday and I was not able to visit.

I had hoped that we would make it north all the way to Seattle and stop and see Brother Don Scrivens in Portland, OR, but we ran out of time and had to turn east to make our way

home. Don, if you're reading this, thanks for the information on Mount St. Helen and the Air Museum in Washington. We will definitely be making another trip in the future and they are "on the list."

We closed our trip with a stop at Mt. Rushmore. There couldn't have been a better way to end a spectacular journey across America. It was truly amazing to learn why Gutzon Borglum, the artist, chose the four presidents for such a large everlasting sculpture, to represent the key men that made America what it is today. It made me proud to think that my two favorites, George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt, were both Masons. The flag ceremony performed by the Boy Scouts and introduction of the Veterans and current active service men and women was very moving. Mt. Rushmore left a lasting impression on our entire family.

Enough about my Summer; now let's talk about this coming Fall in our Lodge. We have a lot of work to do! September and October will be very busy. Now is the time to invite a guest to visit our Lodge for our Brother Bring-a-Friend night September 11th. Please sign up to volunteer for the Child ID Program on September 15th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Don't forget to make your reservation for our trip to Canada to visit St. Andrews Lodge, October 19th - 21st. Call me today with any questions. Get active today and participate as much as possible.

I'll close by saying thank you to those Brothers that were able to attend and participate in the Masonic Service for our late Brother Rae Clark, who passed July 29th. Brother Clark was a Past Potentate of Damascus Shrine Temple and a 53-year member of Seneca Lodge.

Visit St. Andrews
Oct. 19th - 21st

This is going to be a great weekend! Come join our Brothers in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and enjoy the hospitality of St. Andrews Lodge. There will be a reception, dinner, entertainment and more, with fabulous accommodations at the Delta Chelsea Hotel. No passport needed. Make a reservation for you and yours today!

Contact W. M. : Dana Cline at 359-0632 for reservations.

ERAC Lodge No. 163

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



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Welcome back from the Summer! ERAC Lodge extends warm and hearty greetings to all Brethren. We hope you have had a wonderful Summer, and are looking forward returning Lodge.

In Remembrance of ...
Since the last *Masonic Times*, a few of our fellow Brothers were called to the Supreme Lodge above:

Wesley Lent, Cyrus Potter, Carl Uttrup, William Buchanan, Frank Warner, Vincent Nolan and James Lammon. In addition,

Brother Robert Taft's wife passed away.

Lastly, we lost two Widows - Helen Alter and Mary Cropo. Both husbands were named Joseph. We offer our prayers to their families.

Sickness & Distress

Over the Summer Brother William Jones' wife, Mary Lou, suffered a heart attack and Brother Richard Ponticello had back surgery. We are glad to report that all are doing well.

ERAC Officers

In June, a new Officer Line was installed:

Master Sean McKenna
Sr. Warden James Jenerson
Jr. Warden Patrick Nicholson
Secretary Terry Wihlen, Sr.
Treasurer Terry Wihlen, Jr.
Chaplain George Nasra
Sr. Deacon

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Marshal Donald Wilson
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Steward Gregory Joseph
Steward Frank Valenti, Sr.
Steward Pedro Jimenez
Steward Richard Deneker

Upcoming Events

September

10th - Lodge Meeting, Feature Presentation: How to Make a Good Man Better, presented by Brother Dave Upham.

17th - ERAC Officers' Meeting at Sean's House.

24th - Awards Night with Brother Lew Perna as the guest MC.

October

8th - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, hosted by Brother Michael Knolla.

Cheers to All!

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Our new Lodge Officers presided over their first meeting on June 11th and all went well. We held our Annual Fundraiser at the Festival on the Green, and had one of our best years yet. Next we enjoyed our Annual Fellowship Steak Roast at the Lodge.

By now, all have received the 2007-2008 Trestleboard and Master's letter sent to all members. Our first meeting on September 10th will be our Welcome Back and Open House. This will be the chance for those Brothers who, for one reason or another, have been unable to attend past meetings, to re-acquaint themselves with our newly remodeled building and converse with young and old members on the Lodge's direction for 2007-2008.

My thanks to our Past Master, Scott May, and his Line of Officers for a job well done in 2006-2007. Scott has been a great help to me and I will continue seeking his advice during the coming year.

This year should be an exciting and busy year for Union Star. I thank all my Brothers for their confidence and backing. I will endeavor to live up to it and remember to "Share the Light."

Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969

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



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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

We had our own picnic this year, as Damascus Shriners did not hold the event in which we have participated for the past couple of years. We met again, in Channing Philbrick Park (formerly Linear Park) on the West end of Penfield. W.: Ralph and W.: Joe handled the majority of the details, with me assisting in a few areas. Steaks were cooked to perfection by Brother Nick Eull; likewise the Chicken; the accoutrements added to the delightful meal. It was a perfect day for fun and fellowship!

By-Laws

Welcome back to another Masonic year in the quarries. It will be necessary for us to make changes to our By-Laws again this year. Hopefully, the new text will be available at the September 4th Communication. After some discussion and input from the Brothers, copies will be sent to the full membership for ratification. Please let us know your thoughts on the issues being addressed.

W.: Ralph Jurgens will be starting off the year with a bang, as we will have a 3rd Degree on September 18th. At 6:30 p.m. we will have a Swiss Steak Dinner, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau and prepared by our friend, Joy Woodley. Reservations are a MUST, and the Telephone Committee will be working to secure an accurate count. Please remember, a caterer only prepares to the number of dinners we order ... and Swiss Steak is prepared in individual servings. No order? You may not eat! On the other hand, we have to pay for the dinners ordered; if you place an order and can't make it, you are still obligated to pay.

The Degree will be conferred by the Damascus Shriners Degree Team, which has purchased a complete wardrobe for the portrayal of the Hiram Legend. Formerly, this Team appeared in Tuxedos and Fezzes, which was an inspiring sight by itself. This new approach should be an awesome experience, my Brothers, especially for the newer members of the Craft who may not have had the opportunity to experience this dramatization. Regrettably, I am scheduled to be out of town for this meeting, so I will miss the performance.

Old-timers (like me) will recall when each Lodge had its own Degree Team and the required regalia for conferring the 3rd Degree. It would be nice if we could get back to that situation, but it will require enlisting the aid of our new Brothers and the continued recruitment of Candidates to replace our aging membership.

We expect to include Brothers, who have already been passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft, from two other Lodges. They will be accompanied by Brothers from their respective

Lodges. Let's have a big turnout to welcome these new Master Masons.

Trestleboard

W.: Ralph will have available his Trestleboard for the ensuing year, which (of course) is subject to change. Tentative plans include the "Walk About" as the program for the October 2nd meeting. This should be informative to our new Brothers and a "refresher" for the rest of us.

Our annual awards night is scheduled for October 16th. Mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend to honor our long-time member Brothers.

Sickness and Distress

The Great Architect has taken several of our members to the Celestial Lodge since I last wrote a column. Masonic Funeral Services were performed for Dirk Oukes, a 58-year Mason (97 years old) and Robert Traub, a 68-year Mason (94 years old). We also sadly report the deaths of J. Gordon Meier, a 60-year Mason (90 years old) and George Wyatt, a 58-year Mason (91 years old). Brothers Dirk and George were raised in the same class in 1949.

The sympathy of the Lodge was also extended to Worshipful Brother Volney Frankel on the death of his sister and brother this Summer.

W.: Volney Frankel, and wife, Dottie, are also recuperating from their afflictions of the past several months and are getting out a bit more now.

Condolences were expressed to Brother Arnold Raymond, whose lady friend, Gloria Lewis, passed away over the Summer. Arnie has some respiratory difficulties and carries an oxygen supply with him.

Jayne Ogden, wife of Brother Bob, continues to rehab at St. John's Home. I've not been very good at keeping in touch with them, but they are in my thoughts and prayers. Brother Earl Pearce is still having a tough time following his surgery last Spring. We hope he is soon up and running around again. Brother Rene VanDeVeire is recovering nicely from his recent knee surgery. W.: Glen Ide is slowly getting back into the swing of things after a brief hospital stay. He's not quite strong enough to be able to get around much.

There may be others who should be acknowledged, but these are all the Brothers whose conditions have been brought to my attention. If you know of someone who should be mentioned, please contact me.

Dues

We still have several Brothers who have not paid their dues. Our Secretary, W.: Dave King, would be delighted to receive your check and send out your card. Mail can be sent to him at home, 81 Leander Road, Rochester 14612, or to the Lodge at 979 Bay Road, Webster, 14580. Please clear up this matter at your earliest convenience.

Celebrations

Happy birthday greetings for September go out to Brothers: William Kaufman (2nd); Robert Waldeck (3rd); Robert Shartran and Frank Newman (10th); Gilbert Blew and Joseph Steffen (14th); William Stark (16th); John Shannon (18th); and Donald Conner (25th). Why not send them a card or give them a call on their special day?

I hope you are looking forward to the start of the new Masonic year and will attend

regularly and often. Remember, through December we will have two meetings each month ... on the first and third Tuesdays. This was approved by a vote taken in Lodge last Spring. We hope it will encourage more regular attendance and allow the Officers more frequent recitations of the Ritual. See you in Lodge.

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154

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Once again a new year is upon us. Our thanks to W.: Mike DiCataldo for his service to the Lodge as last year's Master. Also, a special thank you to the many Brothers who have been aiding me through the Summer in developing our program for next year.

I'm looking forward to this year and hope that you all are also.

Upcoming Events

September

8th - CHIP (Penfield Fall Fest)
10th - Regular Communication; Lodge History
16th - Clambake (Ellison Park)

NORTHFIELD

Lodge No. 426

Instituted March 1857

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



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Another Summer has gone by and it's time to start our labors. I hope everyone had a nice Summer.

I'll start off by saying that I'm your Master for another year and, because of the great Line of Officers behind me, I look forward to a good year. Northfield Lodge can foresee strength for the next few years.

Summer Events

On June 30th, the Lodge held the 2nd Degree. All went well and thanks to all who attended. Special thanks go to our Senior Deacon, Erik Loepker, who did the Middle Chamber Lecture with such grace and excellence he was accorded Grand Honors.

In August, we held our Lodge Picnic at Mendon Ponds Park. All who came had a great time! Thanks to Jim Deasey and wife for their hard work.

A new website has been developed for the Lodge by our Senior Warden, Dave Adams. It is www.northfieldlodge.org and has a lot of information. Thank you, Dave, for your time on this project. To all you Service Veterans out there, you need to contact our Brother, W.: Dean Smith (586-9298). He needs to know your Branch of Service, time served and other information for the Lodge.

Coming Events

Our first meeting will be September 6th. Please come as I will install a Lodge Historian.

I'm hoping to work with Craftsman Robertson Lodge to Raise our three Brothers to the 3rd Degree. This will be (I hope) on Tuesday, September 18th.

September 20th is Move-Up Night, with the Senior Warden in the East.

September 22nd is the Northfield Cruise - a family event to ride the Canal on the Colonial Belle. This should be a great happening.

See you in Lodge where I'm looking forward to serving you.

Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109

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By Herb Spencer

Here it is the middle of August and we are going full steam with Masonic activities. I trust everyone had a great Summer and are now ready to do Masonic work. I just came from a Monroe District Kick-Off Meeting with the DDGM and other leaders of the District for all Masters; Senior and Junior Wardens; and Secretaries.

As of this writing, I have no deaths, sickness or anyone in need of our assistance to report. On the other hand, no one has told me of any good news.

September Birthdays

Congratulations to our Brothers who have September birthdays. If you see any of them or happen to speak with them, don't forget to wish them well. Better yet, try and bring them to Lodge on September 11th and the Master will recognize them. We may even have a cake in their honor.

Solomon Shinder (1st), Allen Luccitti (2nd), Patrick McBride (6th), Irving Black (7th), Richard Guilfoil (8th), Grant Romer (10th), Frank Sackett (16th), Rob Steinorth (19th), Michael Metzler (28th).

Special Recognition

More kudos to Irving Black, who celebrates 52 years of Masonry in September. Congratulations to W.: Gary Burke on receiving the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite a Meritorious Service Award (MSA) from the Valley of Rochester at the Council of Deliberation in July.

Interfaith Service

I now have tickets for the Annual Interfaith Service and Brunch, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau, to be held on October 28th. Please let me be the one to offer you the tickets. I have 10 tickets to sell at \$13 each.

Lodge Dues

We have three Brothers who will be dismissed for Non-Payment of Dues (NPD) this December 31st if they do not pay their dues. These Brothers will not have paid their dues for two years. Any Brother who becomes NPD in a Blue Lodge, means he is no longer a member of that Lodge. But, also it means he will no longer belong to any other Lodge or any of the Concordant Bodies. By the way, we still have about 25 Brothers who have not paid their 2007 dues. So please, my Brothers, you know who you are. Just

check your Dues Card and send in your checks.

I believe the Worshipful Master has a full Trestleboard for his year. There will be a dinner prior to each meeting, so make your reservations with the Junior Warden, W.: Michael McBride.

I am looking forward to meeting each of you at the September 11th meeting.

FAME

Lodge No. 722

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Greetings to all Brothers and Ladies; welcome back from our Summer break. I hope that your Summer was as wonderful as the weather has been.

Our first Lodge meeting in September is going to be on September 13th. I realize this is the beginning of Rosh Hashanah, but if you miss this meeting there will be another one on the 27th. Generally, they occur on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month except for November and December, when we meet only on the 1st Thursday.

I need to apologize to you. I realize that this Summer we did not have a Corn and Sausage Roast as I stated to our Lodge before we took our Summer leave. I will try to include a Fall get-together in our Trestleboard sometime before the end of October.

This year I will be including in our Trestleboard some Ritual rehearsals. These will be taking place at a location other than the Shrine Center. They may be in the basement or living room of someone's house or somewhere else. You will all be receiving a Trestleboard as well as an Officer list in the mail as soon as they are completed.

I will report to you as soon as I have concrete information on the finalization of the sale of our old Lodge building.

This Summer has been a whirlwind for my family and me. It was not too bad keeping track of what my wife and daughter had planned. We use a calendar on the refrigerator for that. Nearly every week had something. What was crazy was the way something kept popping up for me every weekend. Anyhow, it was a great Summer for us.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge. Remember that many hands make light work for us all. Peace and God bless.

Visit a Masonic War Veteran



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Hope this article finds you and your family well. It's a little tough to write this as it's early August and my wife and I are packing our "stuff" for a well-earned motorcycle trip to Tennessee to visit our son.

As can be expected, I am looking forward to our time together while I have the honor of serving as the Worshipful Master of one of the most vibrant Lodges in the area. We are fortunate to have the Brothers we do and the numbers are growing.

I know of two Brothers this Summer who have dimitted from their local Lodge to join ours. The reason is that they visited our Lodge and felt welcomed and at home. There is no greater measure of success than to have a Brother join your Lodge because they felt at home. I thank and congratulate you all for this accomplishment.

Earlier in the Summer, Webster Lodge was again part of the local parade and we helped the Firemen by staffing the food booth while they were in the parade. Mike Nohle pulled, with his four-wheeler, a hay wagon borrowed from the Damascus Wheelers. It was a great feeling to sit on the front of that wagon with my Master's Apron on and wave to the crowds. We received exposure in that event; not only in the parade, but by helping the Firemen. I know it is greatly appreciated by them.

We also held a Fishing Trip and, although it was sparsely attended, it was a great time and good fellowship was in full swing. W.: Mike Nohle was the winner of the Big Fish Contest and V.: W.: Brad Lewis received the Booby Prize. The next time you see Brad, ask him how he qualified.

The Automatic Defibrillator is now in place and we currently

have eleven people in training. This will allow us to handle an emergency if one were to occur.

Our Spaghetti Dinners will begin in October and the benefactor this time will be the Friends of Webster's Trails. Please come out and help your Lodge as it performs one of the best and well-known community service events in the area. We get a lot of good public relations from these dinners. As Masons, you know it is just the right thing to do.

I am looking forward to the Fall as we start to meet again. I have a full Trestleboard and hope you can find the time to participate. If there is anything I, or the Officers of Webster Lodge, can do to make your Lodge experience a better one, please tell me and we will try to accommodate you. If you need a ride, just call me and I'll make the arrangements.

My goal is to emphasize the love and camaraderie that we, as Masons, share. The programs will be informative and educational as well, but my emphasis will be on Friendship. It is one of the main reasons that I belong and I think it is paramount to a Lodge's success.

Our first meeting is September 6th. I promise you it will start on time and be as short as possible, but still informative. Hope to see you there!

Webster Lodge Presents 75-Year Service Award

On April 5th, Webster Lodge held a very special Service Awards Night. At this program, it was the extraordinary honor of W.: Ron Bryant to make a



At 102 years of age, R.: W.: G. Robert Witmer, Sr., receives his 75-year Service Award Certificate from W.: Ron Bryant, Master, on April 5th.

Webster Lodge Presents Masonic Eagle Scout Awards

On April 5th, at the Annual Service Awards Program, it was the privilege of W.: Ron Bryant to present Masonic Eagle Scout Awards to two new Eagle Scouts and their families. James VanWuyckhuysse, the grandson of DSA Brother, Niketas Haldoupis, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in May, 2006. John Dakin, son of Brother David Dakin, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in April, 2006.

Many family members were present for the Masonic Awards. The Brothers of Webster Lodge feel an important tie exists between Boy Scouting and Freemasonry and attempts to form a bond with local Scout Troops at every opportunity.

We are especially proud of these offspring of Lodge members who have achieved this great accomplishment.



From l to r: Lynn Bohm; Fran Haldoupis; Niketas Haldoupis, DSA; Laura Bohm; James VanWuyckhuysse; Mark VanWuyckhuysse; John Dakin; Janet Dakin; and Brother David Dakin.

rare presentation of a seventy-five year Service Award to R.: W.: G. Robert Witmer, Sr. Brother Witmer reached the age of 102 years on December 26, 2006 and, escorted by his son, W.: G. Robert Witmer, Jr., was present in Lodge on April 5th to receive his Award.

Bob was Raised in Webster Lodge in 1932 and served as Master in 1940, following which he served as District Deputy Grand Master for 1st Monroe District in 1941-1942. Bob is also a member of the Rochester Consistory (32nd Degree) and a member of Damascus Shrine.

Bob is a retired attorney who served as Town Supervisor for Webster from 1935 to 1945. He was then elected to the Office of State Supreme Court Justice and has since served as Chairman for the Monroe County Jury Board and an Administrative Judge of the Seventh Judicial District. He was a member of the Appellate Division of the First Department and later assigned by Governor Rockefeller to the Fourth Department. Bob has received numerous awards over his many years of civic service.

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This will be my first article as Worshipful Master and I look to the ensuing year to be a fun and educational one. In compliance with the Grand Master's edict, there will be a short educational program at each Lodge meeting. Check your Trestleboard for topics.

By the time you read this article, Summer good times will be over. I hope you had a great Summer and the good times continue. I will try to remember everything that occurred during Lodge's darkness.

On June 13th, there was a Memorial Service held at Burger's Funeral Home for departed Brother, Denny Wright. Denny was Raised on June 4, 1956, Passed on June 11th. His smile and quick wit will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

June 16th was our Annual Sport Shirt Meeting. This year the challenge was who could wear the wildest sport shirt. Bob Selbert and John Dianni tied for that honor. Yours truly came in a distant third. Thanks to Bill Hunn and Steve Mitchell for putting on a delicious Roast Beef Dinner. And they did this while mopping up a flooded kitchen. If you remember, there was a sudden downpour that evening and the drains could not handle all the rain.

June 30th, the Triangle Girls held their 80th Anniversary Celebration at our Lodge Hall. Thanks to the following Clio Brothers who helped make this a joyous evening for the young ladies: Stu Brickman, Sean Noonan, Jerry Jones, Dick Caupp, Gordie Smith, Dave Goodrich, Frank Celona, Frank Sassone, Steve Mitchell and yours truly. Hopefully, I remembered everyone.

July 29th several of us had a great day of fun, food and friendship by attending the Eastern Star's Annual Picnic held at Gary and Beverly Thompson's.

August 8th, Harry DeHollander and I attended the Masonic Motorcycle Convention in Rutland, Vermont. It's always fun to hang out with Harry.

August 23rd, Clio and Unity enjoyed an evening of friendship and Masonic bonding on the Harbor Belle Mark Twain Dinner Cruise.

For those who knew him, Past Master, Warren Hall, has been admitted to Lakeside Beikirch Care Center in Brockport. He is on the 4th floor and his wife, Irene, is on the 3rd floor.



W.: Steve Mitchell (right) escorted W.: George L. Todd, newly elected Master of Clio Lodge, at the Joint Investiture Service in May.

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while but have no transportation, call me. I am sure something can be worked out. See the rest of you Brothers in the Fall!



Jared Wright, NYS Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, dons a fireman's hat and performs an official duty as Junior Parade Marshal at Barnard Firemen's Parade in July. Driving is his dad, Dale; he's accompanied in the back seat by his mom, Tricia, and brother, Zachary.

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Since our last Regular Communication in June, the Brothers have been busy cleaning and painting the Lodge dining room and kitchen. Also, work has been done on other repairs to the Lodge building. The residents of Scottsville are very proud of their Historic District and our building is a prominent focal point in the community. Thus we, the Brethren of Oatka Lodge, feel we are fulfilling one of the points in the acronym CCER=M - Community Involvement.

Furthering yet another point, Communication, is the issuance of a monthly Lodge newsletter, which our Junior Warden began in June. The newsletter has been well received by all - especially

those who are unable to attend the Regular Communications.

Education and Ritual

Our three new Brothers, who were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason this past June, have been joining other Brethren from the Lodge in practicing the Ritual work. Our newly Raised Brothers, Chris Cianflone, Harold Roxburgh, and Joe Zajoncowski have been learning the Ritual and some of the meanings of our esteemed Fraternity.

Lastly, the acronym CCER=M has worked for Oatka Lodge



Shucking corn for Summerfest Bar-B-Que. (Front) Mark Ellwanger and Harold Roxburgh. (Back-l-r) R.: W.: Don Tubman and Erik Crandall.



Oatka Brothers barbecuing chickens for Scottsville Summerfest. (front, l-r) W.: Larry Blazey, Master and Brother Pete Crandall. (back, l-r) Brothers Harold Roxburgh and Erik Crandall.



Marge and Brother Don Tubman, Brother Bill Flesher and W. Larry "Mad sauce" Blazey

since we have several membership applications pending for September. It looks like there will be plenty of Degree work happening over the coming months.

On a different note, our Chicken Bar-B-Que for the Scottsville Summerfest was a success. We started the day off with 250 halves that were all sold out by 5 p.m. The Brothers who helped out had a great time. Thanks to you all. With this success and the refurbishing of our dining area we hope to continue this Fall with monthly public breakfasts at the Lodge. Watch for these upcoming events - both in the Masonic Times and in our newsletter.

Trestleboard for September
12th - First Regular Communication

26th - Guest speaker - Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn

A sprig of acacia has been placed for Brother Justin Blumenthal who was in a fatal ATV crash on August 4th. He is survived by his wife, Nicole, who is due to deliver their third child in November, and his two other children. His loss is a great sadness for all. Brother Justin was the supervisor of our three newly Raised Brothers who are also Army Recruiters. While he was a member of the Prince Hall Electric City Lodge in Niagara Falls, Justin was a true Brother and frequent guest at Oatka Lodge. He was instrumental in the Degree work for our newest Master Masons, Brothers Roxburgh, Zajonczkoski and Cianflone.

50 Years

Harold Chait
William Burgess
Stuart Bobry

40 Years

John Leonard
Lawrence Schulman

After the presentation of the Service Awards, Brother Greg Ludwig was surprised to receive a Grand Lodge Dedicated Service Award Certificate and Apron.

Most of us have encountered Greg at one time or another. He is a member of the Fairport-Flower City Lodge; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester and Blue Cap Award winner; Damascus Shrine; Damascus Shrine Color Guard; Lalla Rookh Grotto; Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor and Color Guard; and the Masonic War Veterans Honor and Color Guard.

Brother Greg gives of his time willingly and abundantly. If there is a job to do or anyone needs help, you can always count on Greg to be there to assist. He has helped many of the Fairport-Flower City Members in their time of need. If a Brother is in the hospital, Greg will be there to lend any aid or assistance he can. Greg epitomizes the meaning of Brother and always strives to be just that - Your Brother. He is extremely deserving of this distinguished award. Congratulations again, Brother Greg!

September Birthdays

I'll take this opportunity to wish "Happy Birthday" to our Brothers who have birthdays in September:

Burton Gordon (1st), Eric Prince (6th), Jim Comstock and Lawrence Schulman (7th), Leon Sporn and Douglas Higgins (9th), Kel Kelsey and Bill Hockenberger (13th), Robert Koehler and Cosmo Pusateri (16th), Brennan Coon (19th), Jerome Pulver (20th), Paul Isreal (21st), Arthur Bennet and Henry Shulman (27th) and David Denz (30th).

Masonic Anniversaries

Best wishes to the following Brothers who were Raised during the Month of September:

1951 - Stanley Steinberg
1985 - William Lozon
1986 - Cosmo Pusateri
2004 - Jasen Scheerens

Brethren, we have a full Trestleboard this year! At the first meeting of the year on September 10th, we will be recognizing and honoring the Past Masters of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. Past Masters, we need your help and support to re-energize the Lodge! I will be giving you a call. Hope to see you



W. G. Michael Morris, Master (right), presented Greg Ludwig with his Grand Lodge Dedicated Service Award.

Also, please note that the September 10th meeting will be a "Summoned Communication" in which we will be voting on a proposed change to the Fairport-Flower City By-Laws. It is proposed - "One Stated Meeting of this Lodge shall be held on either the second or the fourth Monday of each month, except during the months of July and August in which there are no Stated Meetings," instead of the two Stated Meetings per month as currently required. Having only one Stated Meeting per month would allow greater flexibility in programming. For example, we could go visit another Lodge, or have a public program, without having the need to open and close the Lodge.

Lastly, I am pleased to inform you that the "Fairport Masons Little League Team" that we sponsor, won the Fairport Little League Championship this year. Led by solid pitching, it is the second Fairport Little League Bronco Title for the Fairport Masons in three years! Way to go Masons!

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, or know of a Brother in need of our assistance or sympathy, please let me know (Phone 223-2828 or via email morris@apollooptical.com).

See you in Lodge!



The team in the Fairport Little League program sponsored by Fairport-Flower City Lodge, Masons, won the League Championship for the second time in three years.

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87 South Main Street

This is going to be a busy year for Fairport-Flower City Lodge. We will focus on four major initiatives - Communications, Membership, Activities and Programs, and Masonic Education.

In the area of Communications, there will be monthly reports of upcoming activities and programs in each issue of the Masonic Times. In addition, Brothers Shawn Miller, Brian Bills and I are currently in the process of designing a new website for Fairport-Flower City Lodge. We hope to have it operational by October. Stay tuned, the website will be an important up-to-date source for information about Lodge news, events and activities.

We are also making a significant effort this year to update our membership database and use email as much as possible to notify our members of upcoming events and happenings. If you have an email address, please email our Secretary, Brother George Bracht at geobracht@juno.com so he can include your address in the email distribution list. You will also be receiving a letter this month requesting updated information for the Lodge database.

With regard to Membership, our goal this year is to raise ten (10) new Brothers. We have scheduled two Brother Bring-a-Friend nights this year - the first one is scheduled for Sep-

tember 24th. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a Steak Dinner and all the trimmings, followed by an informational meeting for our prospective new members. Do you know of men who would make worthy Brothers? I know the answer is "yes," so please take the initiative and invite them to attend the Brother Bring-a-Friend event. The cost for the dinner is \$10 per person. However, there will be no charge for the prospective members or for the Brother who invites them. For dinner reservations, contact Brother Sy Koppen (377-4435) or email: sgkopen@frontiernet.net by Wednesday, September 19th.

The June 11th meeting hosted a Public Installation of Officers. We have a full slate of Officers this year with a number of new Brothers joining the line. Worshipful Mike Morris recognized several Brothers and presented Certificates for their service to the Craft:

60 Years

George Bluhm

55 Years

Phil Averbach
Earnest Politz
Warren Reigelsperger



R. W. Phil Averbach (left) receives his 55-year Service Award Certificate from W. G. Michael Morris, Master.



W. G. Michael Morris, Master (left), presents a 40-year Service Award Certificate to W. Lawrence Schulman.

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It's hard to believe that the Summer is rapidly coming to an end. Hopefully, it has been fun and relaxing for everyone. Fall will soon be upon us and it will be time to get back to all our Chapter activities.

The month of May and June were non-stop, but everything went very smoothly.

The Grand Matron's Visit in May was outstanding. A huge thank you to all those who helped. For the first time, instead of a luncheon, the District entertained the Grand Line Officers with a Tea Party. Certainly the response from the Grand Line indicated they loved it. The Grand Line doesn't often get to meet with their respective clubs for one-on-one time and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

The District Official Visits have been completed and they were all so lovely. It took a long time to begin the Visits and now it seems as if they have all gone too quickly.

The Lilac Luncheon was held in June. We entertained 50 residents of the Eastern Star Home. Twenty-two District Members went on the bus and four more met us at the restaurant. Each resident was given a Summer hat, and some purple "lilac" favors seemed to be a big hit. There wasn't one favor left behind. The Sisters look so pretty in all the lilac colors and, I must say, the Brothers all looked very handsome as well. All seemed to have a great time.

The District Homecoming was June 10th. Lilac Star Chap-



Monroe District OES Announces New Grand Officers: (l-r) M. Wthy. Neil Laundry, Past Grand Patron (2003); Diane Dobbertin, appointed DDGM; Tom Richenderfer, appointed DGL; M. Wthy. Wanda Williams, Past Grand Matron (1994); Faythe Mattern, appointed Grand Chaplain.

ter and Starlight Chapter certainly worked together to make a most enjoyable afternoon. If you get a chance sometime, ask Rt. Wthy. Joy Woodley about her new golf clubs. She'll be happy to tell you all about them!

Even though the Homecoming is over, we still have much to do. The Fun Night on June 23rd was a most enjoyable evening. The proceeds will be presented as a monetary gift to Cameron Ministries, our District project this year.

Pilgrimage Weekend

Pilgrimage Weekend started on July 27th when many joined with a couple of other Districts for a dinner. As always, the new incoming District Officers were announced at a Friday night dinner in Oriskany. M. Wthy. Wanda Williams and M. Wthy. Neil Laundry made the announcements with the usual fanfare. The new District Deputy Grand Matron will be Diane Dobbertin and District Grand Lecturer will be Tom Richenderfer — both from Fairport Chapter. Rt. Wthy. Faythe Mattern, from Lilac Star Chapter, will be a Grand Chaplain.

I know they will all do a great job for OES. Be sure and congratulate them when you see them. They will be installed at Grand Sessions in October.

The next day, many enjoyed Pilgrimage Day. If you've never been, it's a trip well worth making. We had lots of sunshine and NO rain like last year.

The Memorial Service was so nice as always. The M. Wthy. Grand Matron, Joanne Dyer, and M. Wthy. Grand Patron, Quentin Bensink, made presentations to the Oriskany Library, Fire Department and Police Department. Representatives from each group were there to receive the monetary donations.

The Reverend Peerless gave the opening prayer and benediction.

One person that was missing from the festivities was M. Wthy. Elizabeth Pounder. It seems that many months ago her family told her that she was going to spend the day with them to celebrate her 90th birthday. I have it on very good authority that she doesn't mind at all that people know how old she is. Monroe District certainly joins in wishing her many more healthy, happy years to come.

Cameron Ministries

Over the Summer we have continued our Cameron Ministries project. School supplies are being collected and will be delivered very soon. If you have any donations, they will always be accepted so just let either Rt. Wthy. Bill Mattern or me know and we will make arrangements to get the items delivered.

Upcoming Events

September 8th - 9:30 a.m., Line Officers Meeting at Lilac Star Chapter in Webster

*October 22nd-24th - Grand Sessions at Saratoga Springs

*November 8th - District Banquet at Rick's Prime Rib House

* You will receive more information on these events in Chapter. May God bless each one of you and may His light shine through you to others. ✕

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star

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

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Wthy. Felica Clark

454-0395

Patron

Wthy. Leroy Lester

548-9918

Secretary

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings

594-4692

Community Christian Church

2647 Chili Avenue, 14624

By Kimi Robinson

Hello my friends! Here's hoping everyone has had a most enjoyable Summer hiatus, as I did! With the beginning of Fall starts another very busy Eastern Star year.

New Location

Our first meeting back will be at our new location — Community Christian Church; 2647 Chili Avenue in Gates.

Upcoming Events

Below is a list of our scheduled meetings for the Fall and Winter Seasons:

September

4th - Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Voting on two Candidates

18th - Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Initiation of two Candidates (tentative). Attire: Long white formal/tuxedo.

October

6th - Nolatka's Seneca Winery Tour by Limo

16th - Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

It is important for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-ros!

Maya Angelou

Sickness and Distress

We were deeply saddened by the loss of the following Members this Summer:

Sister Ethel Hall and Sister Joan Jacobs. May their families be comforted during their loss and grief.

A speedy recovery to the following Members and family members as they recover from surgeries and illnesses:

Tracy Dalykas, Susan Huff, Felicia Clark and family, Kenneth and Kim Stewart (family of Kim and Billie Robinson), Sister Kathleen Skelton and all those whose names I did not receive in time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this special time of need in your lives.

Seneca Lake Winery Tour

Saturday, October 6th - Time to be announced! Please contact Pat Dalykas or Carol Wynings for ticket information or reservations. Thank you!

The Optimist's Creed

Promise yourself ...

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make optimism come true.
- To think the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you greet a smile.
- To give so much time to the development of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for defeat and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Author Unknown

Birthday Dinner

Let's have a fun time at our Birthday Dinner! Please bring a school supply gift to our next meeting, (wrapping paper optional). The school supplies are for elementary school age children for Sylvia Wolfe's District Project - Cameron Ministries. If gift-wrapped, please attach a note indicating what's inside the package. Thank you! ✕

Attention, Masters! Looking for a Program?

As you prepare events for your year as Worshipful Master, there may be nights where there is nothing especially exciting planned to augment a meeting. If so, we would love to help out by visiting your Lodge and giving a short presentation about **The Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America**.

We are a Grand Lodge-recognized Masonic Body in this State that is a wonderful augmentation for all Symbolic Lodge members.

The Symbolic Lodge is all about stone and the lessons of those who worked with stone during the construction of King Solomon's Temple.

The Tall Cedars is about the wood used to line the inside of the Temple of Solomon and the relationship of Hiram, King of Tyre, in his assistance to King Solomon in this endeavor.

If you would like to schedule a visit and presentation, please contact one of the following people to set up a date:

Don Bell - 259-0647
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We wish you much success in your upcoming year and hope to join you and your Lodge some night. ✕



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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

September 2007

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



DONALD ROSE, POTENTATE

The September meeting of Damascus Shrine will be very important in two areas. The first major concern is the Election of new Officers to replace members on the Elected Divan who have resigned. We currently have two positions open that need to be filled. If we do not have Candidates for these positions, we will have appointees fill those chairs for the remainder of the year. The second important event of the evening will be the presentation of the Hot Sands for our new members.

The general parade events ended with the Phelps Parade, which was followed by a Chicken Bar-B-Que put on by the Phelps Masonic Lodge. The only remaining parade event will be the Shrine Parade held in Corning during the Fall NYOSA Meeting to be held September 27th-30th.

The Imperial Session in Anaheim, California, held few surprises. The one major vote, that being the moving of the Canadian Hospital from Montreal to London, Ontario, was soundly defeated. Any Noble having questions regarding the other items on the call may ask any of the Representatives who attended.

The only Damascus Shrine fundraising event remaining for this year is the Sportsman Raffle being held October 16th. If you have not purchased a ticket you may do so through the Office or, better yet, sell a number of tickets and support the Shrine.

Please continue to examine the News for upcoming events, as it is our one active and strongest contact with our members.

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The members and friends of the Perry Shrine Club are getting ready for the Fall meetings, starting in September. They will be as follows:

September 27th - Lumberyard Restaurant. Steve Meyer of the DEC will talk about the "Green Fuel of the Future."

October 25th - Hole in the Wall Restaurant; Don Butler will tell us about "What's New in Agriculture."

November 14th - Lumberyard Restaurant; Program to be announced.



JAMES SLOCUM, RECORDER

The Summer has gone by rather fast. Just think, we will soon be back following the yellow school buses. It has been a rather interesting Summer to say the least. There have been many things going on during the Summer among Blue Lodge, Shrine and Grotto. I got to play golf - my once a year ritual at the Geneva Golf and Fishing Outing. I believe it was one of the hottest days of the Summer. The Erie Hospital trip went well with 20 Nobles and their Ladies attending. They had one of the largest Antique Car Shows they ever had. The newest members that attended were impressed with the cleanliness of the hospital and the work the hospitals accomplish. Next year the Hospital Day will be June 1st.

The Canandaigua Shrine Club hosted a Steak and Corn Roast in Bloomfield.

LEGION OF HONOR

By Vance Collom, Jr.

It has been an interesting Summer with many picnic opportunities for Legion of Honor members. Six of us spent a very enjoyable July afternoon in Buffalo at Guy Ferrelli's estate. There were more than 70 in attendance and much more food than could be consumed. I especially enjoyed checking out the antique cars and trucks that Guy was restoring.

We also had a good Stag Corn and Steak Roast at the Damascus Shrine Center on July 24th. The food was great! We owe a big vote of thanks to the cooks, Past Commander Jim Pray and 2nd Lieutenant Commander Norris Shapiro, for a job well done. The Legion of Honor members and their Ladies were

December 19th - National Hotel; The Traditional Christmas Party 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 at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Any questions, please call Howard Wood at 237-2453 or Ed Hollwedel at 584-3066.

See you soon.

The Ugly Run was well attended and everybody had a good time.

Nobles, the Black Camel did not skip us this Summer; we lost some good Nobles. It's a reminder that we need to go out and get some new Petitions turned in to be part of the Hot Sands on September 5th. Remember, we have to have your reservation for the meal in plenty of time to order enough food so we do not run short, PLEASE CALL by 4 PM on AUGUST 31st.

REMINDER ...
A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE SEPTEMBER 5TH MEETING!

Fundraiser
 As we return to our labors, we have a Sportsman Raffle coming up on October 13th. As this is one of our main fundraisers for the year, we need all the tickets sold in order for this to be successful.

Calendars
 The 2008 Calendars will be ready for distribution at the September meeting. Some of the numbers have already been requested. If you have a favorite number, get your request in as soon as possible, so we can pull them before they go out for distribution to the Clubs and Units.

Garden Wall Caps
 I am getting ready to send in some additional names for the stone caps on the planter wall. This will be the last order before Winter sets in. The next order will be in the Spring. Anyone wishing to purchase a cap, please come in or call the Shrine Office.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

also invited to the Canandaigua Shrine Club for a Summer Picnic on August 16th at the Legion Hall in West Bloomfield.

Earlier this year, Gil Gellasch, Past Commander of the Masonic War Veterans, requested paperback books to send to Iraq. Many Legion members donated books to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Check out the Certificate of Appreciation (below) sent to the Masonic War Veterans from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Task Force Mustang.

We have combined forces with the James A Hard/Wayne Charter Post to put on monthly Birthday Parties for the Veterans at the Canandaigua VA Hospital. Anyone who would like to come out to see what the parties are like should call Commander Cy White or me for the place and time of the next party.

My thanks to Past Commander Dean Smith for his help in setting up the September meeting and program. Our next

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meeting, on September 19th, will be a Combined Dinner Meeting with the Ismailia Legion of Honor. There will be no Legion of Honor meeting on September 12th, but reservations are due by September 12th to Jim Slocum at 671-7701 for the combined meeting.

The September 19th meeting will be at the Red Osier Landmark Restaurant, 6492 Main Street (Route 5), Stafford. Ladies and guests are invited. The cost will be \$30 each and the dinner choices are: Prime Rib of Beef, Chicken Almandine or Baked Atlantic Salmon with Lobster Brandy Sauce. Cash bar at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The speakers for the evening will be Craig Howard and Michael Finegan, Directors of the Canandaigua and Buffalo VA Medical Centers, respectively. Reservations and dinner choices are required.

Until next time, Semper Fi.

2008 Calendar Sales Begin

By Oscar Wilson

Yes, my friends, it is time to sell the 2008 calendars. We will have the calendars ready to be picked up by the Club or Unit Officers at the September Shrine Meeting. Please, let's sell all 1000 calendars this year! If you have

special numbers, and you would like us to reserve those calendars for you, please send an email to the Damascus Shrine Office:

njackson@damascusshriners.org before September 5th.

Reminder - Special Election
September 5th, Shrine Center, 7:00 p.m.

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Springfield Hospital Changes Reported to Shrine Centers

By Ken Pollard, Board of Governors, Springfield Shrine Hospital for Children

It is my honor and privilege to represent the Officers and members of Damascus Temple on the Board of the Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield, MA. The Board meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month and conducts the business of the Hospital.

Springfield is a 40-bed hospital with a budget this year of \$22,519,299.00. In 2006, this hospital conducted 19,487 Outpatient visits, 598 surgeries, and admitted 3,154 new patients.

Our 22 Shrine Hospitals are operating this year on a total budget of \$721,000,000. Of this, \$655 million is for the operating budget, which includes \$37 million for medical research, a very important part of our mission. Since the beginning of our research program about 40 years ago, Shrine Hospitals have spent over \$515,000,000 on medical research that has resulted in improved lives for countless children worldwide.

There are many changes taking place in our Hospitals as there are in all medical facilities in our nation. One change is the way Hospital Board members are chosen. The nominating committee of each Board of Governors will select the Board members from all nominated Nobles based on the skills and experience of those nominated that will provide the most effective management for the Hospital. Each Board of Governors shall prepare a membership skills list noting the skills required by that Hospital. This will be sent to the Temples (Shrine Centers) supporting the Hospital and then the Shrine Centers will make their recommendation to the Nominating Committee of the Hospital who will make the final designation.

Another exciting change is that, beginning this year, the Shrine Hospitals will conduct an aggressive marketing program to publicize Shriners Hospitals. This is a brand new program. I understand that it will be carried out in New York and New England with the Boston and Springfield Hospitals coordinating the project. This proposal came out of the Springfield Shriners Hospital Public Relations Committee and was approved at the 2007 Imperial session in California.

Shrine Hospitals are truly special. One has only to go to one of our Hospitals and see the great care that the children receive. Many feel we have promoted the 'free' aspect of our Hospitals too much. It gives the feeling that if it is free, then it is not as good as the medical ser-

vice you pay for. This is simply NOT true. Our hospitals are world-class medical centers that are on the cutting edge of the most modern medical technology. Our medical staff is outstanding. We specialize in children - all children - regardless of financial status or health insurance coverage. We specialize in research and the treatment of burns and the orthopaedic needs of children.

The Board of Trustees of the Shrine Hospitals for Children is very active in looking out for the best interests of our Hospitals. Our Hospitals have excellent leadership. The Trustees are concerned that with a \$721,000,000 in 2007 and with costs increasing daily, it won't be long until our annual Hospital Budget is over one billion dollars. Just look at what our annual budget was in the year 2000. We have to ask ourselves how much longer the 22 Shrine Hospitals can continue to be on the cutting edge without some changes. I know our Hospital Trustees are looking at this and other key questions. They are not only looking but they are making plans to ensure that Shrine Hospitals will continue to be the World's Greatest Philanthropy.



Candice Sill and Deanna McKelvey of Fulton, NY, kneeling behind Seth and Stephanie McKelvey in this photo taken at the Auburn Shrine Club meeting this Summer. Deanna and Adam McKelvey adopted little Seth from China earlier this year. After both of Seth's legs were amputated, our Springfield Shriners Hospital provided him with artificial legs. He uses them to run around like he was born with them. Noble Steve and Candice Sill are friends with the McKelvey's and were instrumental in getting Seth to the Springfield Hospital. This is an example of the great work our hospitals provide to children. We are proud to know the McKelvey's and to have a part in helping Seth lead a normal life.

Happy Birthday September Celebrants

William S. Amber	John B. Henderson	Terry Lee Pickett
Dennis R. Andrews	William C. Hockenberger	Richard J. Ponticello
Dwight H. Andrews	Charles H. Holliday, Jr.	James J. Powell
William D. Badger	James Jarvie	William H. Rindfleisch
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Daryl L. Bentley	C. Lee Johnson	George N. Romanyshyn
Kenneth Buckley	Norman J. Johnstone	Frank T. Sackett
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Our Speakers for this Evening are

Mr. Craig S. Howard, Director of VAMC, Canandaigua
Mr. Michael Finegan, Director of VAMC, Buffalo

Please call as reservations are required
deadline is 12 September 2007 by Calling

Damascus Shrine Center (585) 671-7701 or
Ismailia Shrine Center (716) 674-8666

Dean Smith PC @ (585) 586-9298 or James VanSlyke PC @ (716) 835-2521

SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By James Toogood

September 17th will be Ladies Day at the Shrine Lunch Club. We will have it at the Damascus Shrine Center. Our old cook, Rene, said he would grill on that day. We will have a picnic lunch: hots, hamburgers, salad, etc. Call in your res-

ervations by September 14th, so we know how much to buy. The reservation phone number is 671-3565. The cost will be \$7 per person.

We also need to talk about where to hold future Lunch Club meetings. Should we meet at different restaurants? Or, sometimes bring a sandwich to the Shrine Center? Or order sandwiches from outside? We need opinions on this.

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Calendar Winners for April

DAY	NO.	WINNER
4/1	565	Roland St. Louis
4/2	874	Carl Wisniewski
4/3	017	Bonnie Brown
4/4	921	Denise Sobus
4/5	166	Rich Dickinson
4/6	344	Cindy Horn
4/7	278	Charles Colegrove
4/8	480	Doug Jones
4/9	551	R Bayley
4/10	945	James VanSickle
4/11	007	Jeff Read
4/12	643	Damascus Shrine
4/13	848	Maureen Widick
4/14	765	Kim Dudrak
4/15	910	Gerald Dunst
4/16	740	Damascus Shrine
4/17	053	Joseph Gagliano
4/18	131	BJ Radford
4/19	102	Herb Williams
4/20	639	Barb Rueby
4/21	566	Damascus Shrine
4/22	346	Mary Louise Hollwedel
4/23	968	William Wright
4/24	590	Damascus Shrine
4/25	831	Damascus Shrine
4/26	087	Lucinda Anderson
4/27	136	Stephan Olson
4/28	757	Bill Fredenburg
4/29	049	Deb Stanton
4/30	853	Bob Haff

Calendar Winners for May

DAY	NO.	WINNER
5/1	97	Lynn Herrington
5/2	251	Mac Gath
5/3	845	Lance Ward
5/4	286	Damascus Shrine
5/5	42	Midge Griffith
5/6	374	Nancy Partridge
5/7	317	Damascus Shrine
5/8	52	Debbie Young
5/9	158	Damascus Shrine
5/10	948	Frank Sweeney
5/11	50	Damascus Shrine
5/12	532	Mat Fischer
5/13	474	Clyde Cooper
5/14	434	Daonna Welton
5/15	242	Beverly Fordon
5/16	69	Karen Wightman
5/17	234	Damascus Shrine
5/18	131	BJ Radford
5/19	160	Lorrie McDonald
5/20	875	Todd Statt
5/21	821	Damascus Shrine
5/22	497	Harold Jefferck
5/23	929	Damascus Shrine
5/24	86	Bryce Solomon
5/25	706	Stanley Myga
5/26	875	Todd Statt
5/27	783	Marilei Stallery
5/28	467	Sue Moses
5/29	727	Jonathon Collom
5/30	486	Donald Heath
5/31	28	Damascus Shrine

Calendar Winners for June

DAY	NO.	WINNER
6/1	637	Damascus Shrine
6/2	941	Faye Pritchard
6/3	342	Damascus Shrine
6/4	292	Damascus Shrine
6/5	251	Mac Gath
6/6	229	Rita Jacobs
6/7	805	Lance Ward
6/8	105	Dan Lynch
6/9	244	Damascus Shrine
6/10	794	Brian Collom
6/11	802	Dave Bowman
6/12	440	Walt Daggett
6/13	675	Mildred Brewerton
6/14	681	Beverly Sheldon
6/15	531	Patricia Kelley
6/16	935	Arthur Golding
6/17	586	Damascus Shrine
6/18	881	Damascus Shrine
6/19	211	Damascus Shrine
6/20	51	Bonnie Tennant
6/21	584	Damascus Shrine
6/22	717	Tom Barody
6/23	174	Damascus Shrine
6/24	436	Sue & Paul Jones
6/25	262	Pete Mitchell
6/26	95	Bruce Christopher
6/27	277	Harold Mevec
6/28	514	Rosemary Smith
6/29	593	James Toogood
6/30	178	Stuart Brickman

Calendar Winners for July

DAY	NO.	WINNER
7/1	997	Damascus Shrine
7/2	652	Ron Fredericks
7/3	889	Cindi Giovo
7/4	702	Damascus Shrine
7/5	730	Damascus Shrine
7/6	484	Bob & Lisa Peeres
7/7	674	Ashley Brown
7/8	273	Lucille Cooley
7/9	187	Jim Nicholson
7/10	753	Whitey Richardson
7/11	196	Don Dickinson
7/12	910	Gerald Dunst
7/13	578	Mary Ann Bonner
7/14	734	Jim Stenzel
7/15	907	Damascus Shrine
7/16	702	Damascus Shrine
7/17	193	Damascus Shrine
7/18	377	Damascus Shrine
7/19	127	Damascus Shrine
7/20	798	Susan Lash
7/21	679	Dan Rueby
7/22	996	Damascus Shrine
7/23	932	Damascus Shrine
7/24	324	Kathleen Pelcher
7/25	733	Damascus Shrine
7/26	764	Bill Nonkes
7/27	467	Sue Moses
7/28	183	Damascus Shrine
7/29	522	Cynthia Fitzgerald
7/30	141	Beth Castiglione
7/31	442	John Ehrlich

DAMASCUS SHRINE CLOWN UNIT

By Oscar Wilson

Well, the Summer is now behind us and it is time to get busy again. We have two new Nobles joining the Clown Unit in September, Tom Collier and Glenn Cone. They have just completed the last Clown Class.

Tim Slater has scheduled the Clowns to be at the Irish Festival, September 8th and 9th. We will have more details at our September 4th meeting. Please come out to this event and support the efforts of the Clowns.

We are working with the Clowning for Fun Alley to visit a few nursing and adult assisted living homes this Fall. We are planning our skits for the Circus this Spring. We will be doing at least two skits at the Spring Circus.

The Clown Unit will be co-hosting the Fall Clown School. If you want to join the Clown Unit, come to the meetings on the 1st Tuesdays of each month.

The Officers of your Clown Unit are: Bruce Chilton, Scott Smith, Gary Burke and Richard Ponticello.

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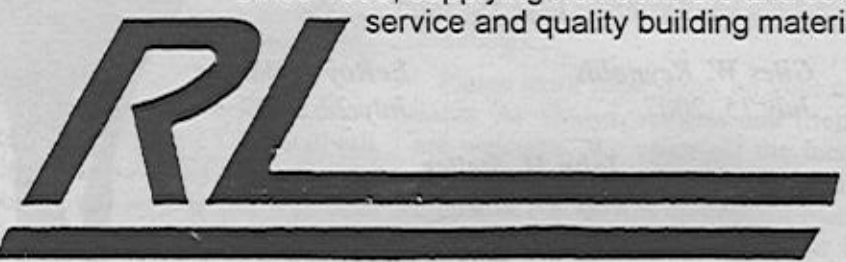
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	4 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge Clown Unit</i>	5 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting Hot Sands	6 <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	7	8
9 <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	10 <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	11 <i>Valley-Simes Lodge Primary Election 12 Noon - 9:00 p.m.</i>	12 Legion of Honor	13 <i>Fame Lodge</i>	14 <i>Private Party</i>	15 <i>Grand Lodge Individual Development Course</i>
16	17 <i>Clown School 101 Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day Auburn Shrine Club'</i>	18 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i>	19 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	20 <i>Valley of Rochester Awards Night</i>	21	22
23 ----- 30	24 <i>ERAC Lodge Geneva Shrine Club'</i>	25 <i>Wheeler's'</i>	26 <i>Directors Staff'</i>	27 <i>Fame Lodge Perry Shrine Club'</i>	28	29 <i>Daughters of the Nile</i>

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

Data current as of August 24, 2007

DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom, Jr.

The Directors Staff had a busy Summer and continued to hold our monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month. We thank our Director, Lee Coller, for the many activities he, and his Lady Sue, do, to support the Directors Staff Club and Damascus Shrine. Our many thanks to Lee for providing us with an Invocation and Benediction at our meetings.

Also, Lee has kept the fire truck running and looking great at many parades this Summer. Speaking of parades, a tip of the fez to our Vice-President, Carl Mason, for a lot of hard work (as Colonel of the Units) in scheduling and getting the parades organized and running smoothly. We supported many parades this year and the Chicken Bar-B-Que at the Phelps Parade was a great way to end the day.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Corn and Steak Roast Summer Picnic with the Canandaigua Shrine Club in West Bloomfield on August 16th.

There will be a Hot Sands Degree at the September 5th Shrine meeting. The Directors Staff members are urged to come early and greet the Nobles and help with the skits after the Hot Sands Degree.

The next meeting will be September 26th at DiPacific's Restaurant, corner of Route 96 and Route 332, in Farmington. Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Guests and Ladies are always welcome at all meetings.

We plan to have a speaker for our October 24th meeting. This is our usual all-you-can-eat Seafood Buffet meeting.

Until next time, God Bless.

DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

By Vance Collom, Jr.

It has been an interesting Summer with many picnic opportunities for Legion of Honor members. Six of us spent a very enjoyable July afternoon in Buffalo at Guy Ferrelli's estate. There were more than 70 in attendance and much more food than could be consumed. I especially enjoyed checking out the antique cars and trucks that Guy was restoring.

We also had a good Stag Corn and Steak Roast at the Damascus Shrine Center on July 24th. The food was great! We owe a big vote of thanks to the cooks, Past Commander Jim Pray and 2nd Lieutenant Commander Norris Shapiro, for a job well done. The Legion of Honor members and their Ladies were also invited to the Canandaigua Shrine Club for a Summer Picnic on August 16th at the Legion Hall in West Bloomfield.

Earlier this year, Gil Gellash, Past Commander of the Masonic War Veterans, requested paperback books to send to Iraq. Many Legion members donated books to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Check out the Certificate of Appreciation (below) sent to the Masonic War Veterans from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Task Force Mustang.



We have combined forces with the James A Hard/Wayne Charter Post to

put on monthly Birthday Parties for the Veterans at the Canandaigua VA Hospital. Anyone who would like to come out to see what the parties are like should call Commander Cy White or me for the place and time of the next party.

My thanks to Past Commander Dean Smith for his help in setting up the September meeting and program. Our next meeting, on September 19th, will be a Combined Dinner Meeting with the Ismailia Legion of Honor. There will be no Legion of Honor meeting on September 12th, but reservations are due by September 12th to Jim Slocum at 671-7701 for the combined meeting.

The September 19th meeting will be at the Red Osier Landmark Restaurant, 6492 Main Street (Route 5), Stafford. Ladies and guests are invited. The cost will be \$30 each and the dinner choices are: Prime Rib of Beef, Chicken Almandine or Baked Atlantic Salmon with Lobster Brandy Sauce. Cash bar at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The speakers for the evening will be Craig Howard and Michael Finegan, Directors of the Canandaigua and Buffalo VA Medical Centers, respectively. Reservations and dinner choices are required.

Until next time, Semper Fi.

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SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten, PP

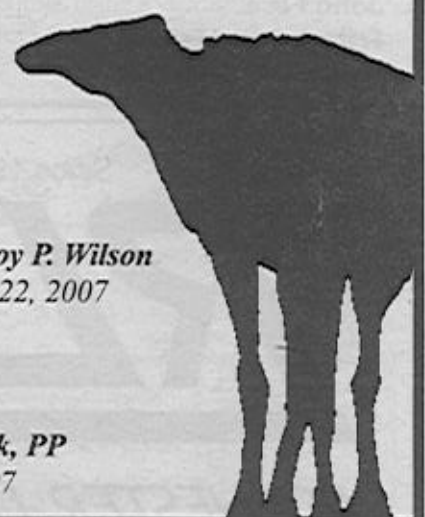
Very slowly items of historical nature, unique to Damascus Temple, are beginning to show up. Over the Summer I received the following:

- A Zippo Lighter from Ill. Robert L. Anderson. On the face is a Shrine Clown with the inscription *Damascus Temple Shrine Circus* and on the back is his signature.
- Speaking of Clowns, Lyle Maldoon gave me two Shrine Clown Pictures, framed. Also, I need some help from the TRIVIA-minded Nobles. Ill. Bruce Chilton gave me a signed picture from Clint Walker. Can anyone tell me the "Western" that he was in, first one that gives me the right answer will get a free dinner at the next Shrine meeting.
- It's always interesting to see the material that comes in. As an example, Robert L. Anderson also provided some pictures that include Ill. Guy Parry's car at his Imperial Session and some of the Divan marching - I believe it was 1984. These items will be in our display case for you to see.



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Clowning for Fun Alley

By Oscar Wilson

As of June there is a new clown alley in town. The name of the clown alley is **Clowning for Fun**. The mission of this Clown Alley is to provide a place where friends and family members of the Damascus Shrine Clowns and Nobles would have a group to which they could belong. The Alley will be independent of the Damascus Shrine Clowns, but will assist the Damascus

Shrine Clowns when it is appropriate. The Clowning for Fun Alley will also do their own events, such as visiting nursing homes, and many other events. The Clowning for Fun Alley will be putting on a program at the October Shrine Meeting.

The Officers of the new alley are: Oscar "Rosco" Wilson, President, and Joyce "JJ" Collier, Secretary. ☞

Fall 101 Clown Class Begins Soon

By Oscar Wilson

The Damascus Shrine Clown Unit and the Clowning for Fun Alley will be starting Clown School 101 on September 17th. School will be meeting every third Monday until January 21st, when we will

have our graduation. The classes will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center and will start at 6:45 p.m. In Clowning 101, you will learn the basics of clowning: makeup, costume, balloon, magic and much more. If you would like to be a clown, contact: Oscar "Rosco" Wilson at 748-0511; or by email at:

Roscosc@earthlink.net

The clown school is open to Shriners and their family members; outside guests are also welcome. This program is open to children eight years old and older. ☞

Wayne Lodge No. 416 Celebrates 150 years

The 150th Anniversary Celebration of Wayne Lodge No. 416 began with a Re-Dedication Ceremony at the Lodge Hall in Ontario, with Grand Master Neal I. Bidnick presiding, assisted by members of the Grand Line. The ceremony was followed by some remarks and presentations. The cortege adjourned to the Brookwoods Country Club for Dinner.

A dispensation was granted by Grand Master, M.: W.: John L. Lewis, on August 25th, 1856. The first meeting was held on September 2nd, with Thomas Mitchell as the Worshipful Master. The Charter was granted in June, 1857. First meeting in Ontario Center, Grand Lodge authorized the Lodge to move to Ontario in 1888. A new Masonic Temple was erected in 1896, with financial assistance from the Community. This debt was cleared in 1914.

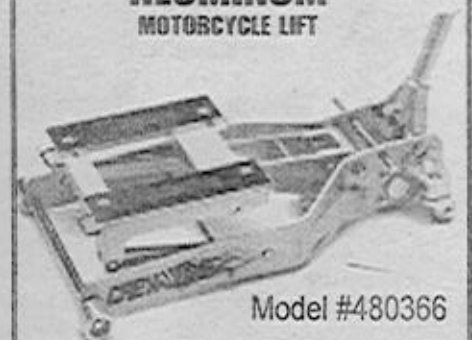
The Lodge continues an active role in Ontario today. ☞



R.: W.: Kurt Ott, Grand Marshal, escorts M.: W.: Neal Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, at the Re-Dedication Ceremony at the Wayne Lodge Hall. (far left). Grand Master Neal (adjacent photo) presented W.: Kevin "Skins" Faro, Master of Wayne Lodge, with a Dorag from "Hell," which he wore the rest of the Program, including speaking with R.: W.: James Sullivan, Grand Lecturer (photo bottom far left). Photos at left show some of the Town and Village Dignitaries who spoke at the Dinner at Brookwoods Country Club: Joseph Molino, Town Supervisor; Ginnie Loomis, Historian; Ann Tobin, Ontario Civic Club and Bi-Centennial Committee; and Steve Tobin, Town Councillman.

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It's hard to believe that the Summer is almost over and the Masonic Fall Season is about to begin. I hope each of you had as enjoyable Summer as Donna and I have had at Silver Lake.

Most Lodges were dark during the Summer; however, the Staff Officers from Livingston, Monroe and Genesee-Wyoming Districts were making plans for the coming year's training programs. Last year's training courses were evaluated and some minor changes will be made for this coming year.

Masonic Education

The three-District *Masonic Development Course* will be from 7-9 p.m. on three Wednesdays: November 28th, December 12th and January 9th. The third Wednesday will also cover the *Walk-About Lecture*. This Course will be held at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia and cost for this course will be \$20 per person.

The *Road to the East Course* will also be offered at Eunice Lodge from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on three Saturdays: February 2nd, February 9th and February 23rd. The textbook for the course will be the new edition of *The 24-Inch Gauge: Masonic Resource Guide*.

Official Visits

District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. : Harry Tyson, and I will be making our Official Visits to the Genesee-Wyoming Lodges as follows:

September

- 17th - Varysburg
- 24th - Java Village
- 25th - Arcade
- 26th - Pike

October

- 9th - Batavia
- 16th - Warsaw
- 17th - Attica

November

- 1st - Perry
- 6th - Castile
- 7th - LeRoy

January

- 3rd - Bergen

Thought for the Day

Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first. ✽

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



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Welcome back from a well-deserved Summer break. I hope this note finds all are well. Rest is over so now is the time to return to labor.

I am sure many of you are wondering about the status of our building. Right now we are in a holding pattern. We did vote to accept the developer's offer. They now have an option as they apply for zoning approval. We will keep you posted as events unfold.

At the Annual Election we only had one major change. Robert Bachorski was elected as our new Trustee. Bob is a retired contractor very familiar with construction. Just the man you need to oversee building of a new Lodge Hall. He replaces R. W. : Robert G. S. Nicoll. Bob has given many years of dedicated service to Olive Branch Lodge and the Genesee-Wyoming District. Thanks for all you have done and continue to do for us.

Once again, this promises to be a very busy year at the Lodge. We will be busy taking inventory of our properties and planning for the move and researching the history of Olive Branch and the previous LeRoy Lodge. In going through the original Minutes Book from 1811 we are finding many interesting little facts. I will try to include one in our monthly *Masonic Times* article.


Historical Tidbit

Olive Branch was issued a dispensation to meet in the Village of Batavia on March 9, 1811 (5811 A.L.). The original number was No. 215. We were renumbered and became Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 during the Summer of 1839.

See you at our first Communication on Wednesday, September 5th at the Lodge. ✽

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What a busy Summer; it seems as if our Lodge meeting this past June was years ago. Let me introduce the Hesperus Team.

- Master Donald Kunego
- Sr. Warden Frank Kielbasa
- Jr. Warden Chris Kremer

I have been a member of the Craft since 1983. I moved to Bergen in 1975 with my wife, Bobbie, and two children, Todd and Jennifer. Since then we have been blessed with four grandchildren.

Senior Warden, Frank Kielbasa, is a long-time resident of Elba where he lives with his wife, Joy. He is the father-in-law of last year's Master, W. : Cortney Gale.

Junior Warden, Chris Kremer, is a business owner in Rochester and has been a very welcome asset to the Craft.

At Hesperus Lodge, we have a great group of Officers and Brothers who always assist in the many planned activities. Next month additional Officers will be introduced.

Please review this year's Trestleboard. It is posted on our outstanding website at www.hesperuslodge.com.

Each Communication will be highlighted in the *NEWS & EVENTS* Section including an agenda and pictures of the ac-

tivities. During the June meeting, we surprised Brother Ken Barons with a Strawberry Shortcake Party (check out the picture posted on the web).

One of our own, a very special Brother, has been selected to receive the Dedicated Service Award (DSA). The presentation will be during an Open Meeting at Hesperus Lodge on September 16th at 3 p.m. with a Celebration Dinner to follow. (Additional information is on the website).

If you wish to join us, or participate in any of the activities, don't hesitate to contact us. Already we have five Candidates in preparation to receive the Degrees this Fall and could always use a helping hand.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer and stay safe. ✽

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

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W. : Steven M. Sharman

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By W. : William R. Geitner

Needless to say, Summer is nearly gone. Soon we will be back to Lodge for our Fall Session. Not long after that, we will have to contend with snow. Western New York has the prettiest Fall colors and we all enjoy that time of the year.

Happy 150th Anniversary
West Star Lodge No. 413
Re-Dedication Ceremony September 15th

Chicken Bar-B-Que

Our Chicken Bar-B-Que on June 9th was very successful. This year the Bar-B-Que was cooked and served at the Varysburg Fire Hall in conjunction with the Varysburg Neighborhood Days.

We made enough at our Bar-B-Que to give three scholarships and make a donation to the Fire Department. A scholarship was given to a graduating student from Attica High School, Alexander High School and Warsaw High School. These scholarships will help the recipients with their quest for higher education.

Child ID Program

During the Bar-B-Que, West Star also ran a very successful Child ID Program at the Fire Hall where 31 children were seen, and pictures were taken and saved by the parents. This was our first effort and was a big success!

The Child ID Program is free-of-charge and many compliments were given to the Lodge. Thank you to all who helped in many ways! Dennis and Neil Parmerter were Co-Chairmen and their planning made the Bar-B-Que the success that it was. We owe the Varysburg Fire Department a big thank you, also. Thank you, Chuck Lapp! Your Chicken Bar-B-Ques are the best!

On July 2nd, a few members met at the Lodge to make plans

for our next big event - our 150th Anniversary of the Charter of West Star Lodge.


Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday afternoon, September 15th, at 2:30 p.m., Grand Master M. W. : Neal I. Bidnick and the Grand Line will be present in Varysburg for a Public Re-Dedication Ceremony in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Chartering of West Star Lodge. Our Lodge Charter was granted on June 5th, 1857, and since then 82 men have served the Lodge as Worshipful Master, with 485 members signing the By-Laws. This ceremony is open to the public, so bring your wife and family for a chance to meet the Grand Master. We don't get this opportunity often.

The following Monday, September 17th, will be our first regular communication for the year. This meeting should be our Official Visit. There will be an email sent to keep you informed. We had Installation of Officers on June 4th, so come and meet your new Lodge Officers. If you have ideas for this year's Trestleboard, this will be the time to bring them to Lodge.

Hope you enjoy the remainder of the Summer and have safe vacations. We will look for you at the Anniversary Celebration on September 15th and at our meeting on the 17th at 7:30 p.m. ✽

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George Huther

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"Someone poured a bottle of rum or brandy into the fountain punch," he says, "and we all got a little tipsy at that party." George liked that first experience with booze so much that he continued to try alcohol whenever he could. "Eventually I got sick...I was an alcoholic before I reached the age of 20."

Recognizing that he was an alcoholic, George with the assistance of, his words, "the daughter of a dear friend" got into treatment. They sought help from one of many treatment centers in Minnesota, a state he describes as "the world leader in chemical dependency treatment." George has been in recovery since August 7, 1975 — over 32 years.

In 1977 he left the family business to follow a career in alcohol and drug treatment counseling. That is when Huther-Doyle Memorial Institute was founded. The agency name is actually a memorial tribute to his father for his origin of birth and the dear friend whose daughter helped him into treatment.

Since the agency opened, it has grown from a one room office with George and a secretary, to two locations employing a staff of sixty. George was the first person in the area, perhaps even New York State, to begin treating teenagers affected with alcohol and/or drug abuse and addiction.

George has received many awards including:

- 1979 Health Association award for dedicated services and exceptional contributions to the agency and the area;
- 1986 National Council on Alcoholism - "Helen Guthrie" Award for his work with teens;
- 1993 Nazareth Schools — Lumina Lux Award for outstanding contributions;
- 1993 Letter of commendation from chair of New York Bar Association for helping attorneys shed the bonds of dependency;
- 2001 Association of Addiction Professionals of New York State's Lifetime Achievement for chemical dependency treatment for adolescents and youth.

In February 1999, George retired and was honored with several plaques by the board of his agency for distinguished service in pioneering the Minnesota Model of treatment in Western New York and his dedicated service to his community. After staying retired for 3 or 4 months, George decided to return to his passion — helping others. He continued to do evaluations for the Monroe County Bar, local schools and probation until recently when he needed to take time for himself.

This year the Interfaith Service and Brunch will be held at the Country Party House, 321 East Linden Avenue, East Rochester. The service will begin at 10 a.m. with the brunch and awards ceremony to follow immediately thereafter.

Tickets are available from the Service Bureau, or your Lodge or OES Chapter Secretary. ✕

District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



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The Summer has gone very fast! We have set up our Trestleboards for this year and had our meetings with the new Masters and Secretaries to get a heads up on the year! I was proud to attend a work detail with R. W. : Gene Hill, R. W. : Roy Moses and W. : Rick LaFave at Camp Good Days and Special Times on August 1st. I was impressed with the organization of such a project and how well it is run! The people that we met there were outstanding and extremely caring!

We held our Annual Summer Picnic at Ricky Green Park in Conesus. We all had a great time but we did miss W. : David Howlett and his family!

I hope that all of you are ready for a full year of activities and please let me have your Trestleboards, if you haven't already!

We are about to start our Official Visits and are looking forward to seeing a refreshed Lodge with great Ritual this year! Our first visit will be at Nunda Station on September 18th.

I know that all the Masters and Brothers are busy finishing up their Summers with the little projects they have left. ✕

Grand Steward Livingston



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Is it that time already? The first year flew by. The Summer picnics and parades are all behind us and it's time to get down to business again. We have another busy year planned. Let me

say thanks to all for your thoughts and concerns for my wife. Cathy is still recuperating and her leg is mending. She will be hobbling for another several months. However, she is, never the less, getting out some. I also thank Jan Porter of the Masonic Service Bureau and Jim Slocum for helping me get a wheelchair and walker.

We Staff Officers from Monroe, Genesee-Wyoming and Livingston Districts have agreed to combine to present the *Masonic Development Course and Road to the East*. The sessions will be held at Eunice Lodge, in Caledonia.

The MDC is scheduled Wednesdays, November 28th, December 12th and January 9th. The classes will begin at 7 p.m. The RTTE is scheduled for Saturdays, February 2nd, 9th and 23rd at 8:30 a.m. These are excellent courses and I encourage all to attend. The three Districts, working together, also provides a great networking opportunity by getting acquainted with Brothers from the other Districts.

Masters will be submitting the names of the Symbolic Lodge Award recipient and I encourage each Lodge in the District to be well represented at the Dam-

ascus Shrine Center on October 18th, for the presentations. This will be open to all Masons, their families and friends. Let us have a nice turnout to support our worthy Brothers.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is scheduled for October 10th. It will be held at Mount Morris Lodge, with a dinner at 6 p.m. at the Unitarian Church. Let's strive to get all Officers out so that all Lodges may earn the Howard Potts Award. Wouldn't it be great? ✕

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Companions, welcome back to the quarries after a beautiful Summer. If you had as much fun as I, then you will remember this year for a long time. However, it's time to get back to work.

For the few who do not enjoy work, you might want to look at our Masonic Ritual and our Degrees as enjoyable participation. There are dinners to be served, dishes to wash, floors to mop, windows to wash, Child ID Programs to be administered, the many Masonic Education Courses to administer and to be a part of, visitations to other Lodges and a myriad of other choices. All of these require you to participate with your companions. Any time you work with others, there is a good opportunity to enjoy yourself.

Throughout the Fall and Winter months, you can expect to hear me talking about enjoying yourself. If you can throw yourself into Masonry, you will discover the secret that many already know. I know one Mason who has been doing the dishes for over 30 years. No one asks him to do this. He simply gets into it. He would do it if he didn't feel good about it.

When you read this, Grand Council will have concluded. I want to get with all of the new Masters and set dates for my Official Visits, and compare important dates of all kinds. Please see me and give me your two best choices for these visits. V. W. Norm Austin will be setting the date for the Grand Lecturer's Convention, and he will publish the date and place.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery, Doric Council and Hiram Chapter held their annual York Rite Picnic this Summer. I was not in the area and could not attend, but I've heard that it was well received again. I hope other areas will look at this format and try it. We often talk about York Rite Cooperation. Well, this is where it starts.

We attended several golf tournaments during the Summer. These were used for fundraisers. What a great way to raise money and at the same time, enjoy it. The NYSMGA state tournament raised money for Masonic Educational Programs.

For some who expressed concern, my legs are somewhat hobbled, but I am still able to travel and get around. Don't be afraid to invite V. W. Norm and I to your Council. We want to take part. And if you need help, please let us know. We're here to be of service.

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Things to Look Forward to

Well the Templar year is upon us, and I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer. September is a very busy month for us as Knights Templar. The Grand Commandery will be held on the weekend of September 14th - 16th in Buffalo. The following Monday, September 17th, will be our first official Conclave. I will be reporting on the actions of the Grand Commandery, as well as hosting a visual educational program called "Lost Worlds of the Knights Templar." I plan to make a road trip to Canton, Ohio, on the weekend of September 21st - 23rd in order to participate in the reenactment of President and Sir Knight William McKinley's funeral. Anyone else who would like to attend, please let me know. We can make it both a historical and fellowship event.

Something to Think About

As Masons, the tenets of Faith, Hope and Charity are very important to us. I want to focus on Faith in this issue. I came across a short article that I want to share with you. It was written by James Schaap, who is a professor of English and was teaching at Dordt College in Sioux City, Iowa, at the time of the writing of this short story.

Faith Can Move Mountains!

A Doctor, who is not a believer in God, once told me that he had seen miracles with his own eyes. "The bones of an old woman he treated were rotting with cancer," he said. Yet, she walked to his office for appointments. "She shouldn't have been able to move," he said. Her pain should have been that bad. But what should have been wasn't. Why? "Her faith," he told me. As she came closer to her death, she looked forward to life eternal. Her faith gave her the ability to take pain that no one should have been able to take.

Of course, that doesn't mean that those who feel pain have no faith. What the doctor remembered, he remembered as a miracle. But faith can do things that we think are impossible...

JFO note: In the book of sacred law under the Book of Numbers, Chapters 13:26 to 14:9 there is the re-telling of the Jewish "reconnaissance" of the Canaan.

You really can't blame the ten spies for chickening out of going to Canaan...they've seen the forts of the Canaanites. Sure, there's milk and honey, and everything's really rosy in this new land. But there are also giants running around. The place is crawling with fighters. No way, they say. No way can we take all those Hittites and Jebusites and Amorites.

Caleb and Joshua poo-poo the other ten... "God loves us," they claim. "He'll bring us in safely."

But ten-to-two odds don't win elections. The Israelites believe the ten and run scared. And it's easy to understand why. Because it is easier not to have faith.

God doesn't like it - not at all. "If you're so scared," he says, "then why don't you just back up and start over?" Then he tells Moses the bad news. Not one of those who complained, not one of those who are over twenty-one years old, will ever make it to the Promised Land.

That's their punishment for faithlessness. A whole new generation of Israelites will have to be born into the kind of strong faith that their parents lack. Then, God's chosen people will make it. What the Israelites forgot - and what we so easily forget - is that faith can move mountains.

In His Name!

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Sir Knights, attention! I hope you have enjoyed the Summer recess. Our first Conclave of the Fall will be at 9 a.m., September 8th, at the Phelps Masonic Hall. This is a week earlier per our By-Laws as the 194th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of New York will be held the 3rd Weekend of September. This year's Annual Conclave will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo. The 8th will be a surprise to many as September starts on a Saturday and no one will believe we can be meeting again so soon!

I hope to see our usual good turnout for SK Louis J. Wunsh, Jr., Grand Commander Knights Templar, State of New York Grand Conclave, as he has had an unusual year with severe weather and health problems in the early part of his year. He has recovered and has a full head of steam again.

One of our goals for the coming year is to improve our Sword Work. SK Larry Hood, Captain General, will help us here. SK Cy White, Generalissimo, will help us with our Floor Work. All Sir Knights can help by looking at their *Tactics* book before each meeting.

Our charity remains the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, helping others retain and regain their precious sense of sight. Please remember to bring your aluminum collections to our Conclave for SK L. Ronald Edwards. Scrap metal prices are at their highest in years and will aid our charity more than ever.

I look forward to seeing you at our September 8th Conclave. Breakfast will be at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:30 a.m.

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

Well Summer is about over, the children are thinking of school days and renewing friendships and it is time to again resume our labors. Our representatives of Congress and the various State Assemblies have again changed the tax laws - some for the better and some for the worse.

A Landlord's monthly charges to tenants for their allocated share of common area maintenance costs (including electricity consumed in the common areas) and their similarly allocated share of trash removal services are not subject to sales tax.

Tax-Exempt Organizations

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file returns may be required to file an Annual Electronic Notice, Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006.

Exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less are not required to file a Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. However, for tax periods beginning after 2006, these organizations will be required to file a Form 990-N. The form will be due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of the organization's tax period (May 15th for calendar-year taxpayers).

Instructions Coming

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will mail educational letters starting in July 2007 notifying small tax-exempt organizations that they may be required to file the e-Postcard. The IRS is developing an electronic filing system (there will be no paper form) for the e-Postcard and will publicize filing procedures when the system is completed and ready for use.

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers to follow appropriate guidelines when determining whether an activity is a business or a hobby, an activity not engaged in for profit.

Qualifications of Activity

In order to educate taxpayers regarding their filing obligations, this fact sheet explains the rules for determining if an activity qualifies as a business and what limitations apply if the activity is not a business.

In general, taxpayers may deduct ordinary and necessary expenses for conducting a trade or business. An ordinary expense is an expense that is common and accepted in the taxpayer's trade or business. A necessary expense is one that is appropriate for the business. Generally, an activity qualifies as a business if it is carried on with the reasonable expectation of earning a profit.

In order to make this determination, taxpayers should consider the following factors:

- Does the time and effort put into the activity indicate an intention to make a profit?
- Does the taxpayer depend on income from the activity?
- If there are losses, are they due to circumstances beyond the taxpayer's control or did they occur in the start-up phase of the business?
- Has the taxpayer changed methods of operation to improve profitability?
- Does the taxpayer or his/her advisors have the knowledge needed to carry on the activity as a successful business?
- Has the taxpayer made a profit in similar activities in the past?
- Does the activity make a profit in some years?
- Can the taxpayer expect to make a profit in the future from the appreciation of assets used in the activity?

The IRS presumes that an activity is carried on for profit if it makes a profit during at least three of the last five tax years, including the current year - at least two of the last seven years for activities that consist primarily of breeding, showing, training or racing horses.

If an activity is not-for-profit, losses from that activity may not be used to offset other income. An activity produces a loss when related expenses exceed income. The limit on not-for-profit losses applies to individuals, partnerships, estates, trusts, and S corporations. It does not apply to corporations other than S corporations.

Deductions for hobby activities are claimed as itemized deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040). These deductions must be taken in the following order and only to the extent stated in each of three categories:

- Deductions that a taxpayer may take for personal as well as business activities, such as home mortgage interest and taxes, may be taken in full.
- Deductions that don't result in an adjustment to basis, such as advertising, insurance premiums and wages, may be taken next, to the extent gross income for the activity is more than the deductions from the first category.
- Business deductions that reduce the basis of property, such as depreciation and amortization, are taken last, but only to the extent gross income for the activity is more than the deductions taken in the first two categories.

Taxpayer Due Dates

- September 15 - August Payroll Taxes Due
- September 15 - Third Quarter Estimated Taxes Due
- September 20 - Sales Tax Due

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born in Hyde Park, New York, on January 30, 1882. The only child of James Roosevelt, a Harvard Law graduate, though not a practicing lawyer, and Sara Delano, from a family equally distinguished as the Roosevelts.

Sara was his second wife and twenty years younger, the difficult birth of Franklin, prevented them from having any other children. He was so sickly, he almost didn't survive, and his worried parents held off naming him for two months.

FDR enjoyed a privileged, but solitary boyhood. Passions included horseback riding, fishing, boating and wandering the woods and fields of his father's estate. The family had a townhouse in New York City and a Summer cottage on Campobello Island in Canada.

His mother forced him to wear dresses until he was five years old. Franklin was educated at home by governesses until he was fourteen. His time was spent riding on the estate and playing alone; this prevented association with children his own age.

At fourteen, he was sent to Groton, a boarding school in Massachusetts. Next came Harvard, where he earned a BA in 1903. At that time he began to see more and more of his distant cousin, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962). They were married on March 17, 1905.

Her uncle, President Theodore Roosevelt, gave Eleanor away in the absence of her deceased father. FDR then attended Columbia University, but left without earning a degree, but did pass the New York State Bar Examination in 1907. For three years, he worked as a Junior Clerk in New York City. They had six children, five growing to adulthood.

In 1910, he entered politics, being elected to the New York Senate as a Democrat.

Masonic Record

Initiated in Holland Lodge No. 8, New York City, on October 10, 1911; Passed November 14, 1911; Raised November 28, 1911.

Stansbury Lodge No. 24, Washington, DC made him an Honorary Member, November 21, 1919, when he officiated at the Masonic laying of the cornerstone of its Temple.

He contracted Polio in 1921 at age 39. Through rigorous exercise, he learned to stand with braces.

He received the Scottish Rite Degree in Albany, New York, February 2, 1929.

He was made a Prophet at sight in Tri Po Bed Grotto, Poughkeepsie, New York, and Tall Cedars of Lebanon in Warwick, New York. He was "Right Worshipful" having been accredited the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia near the Grand Lodge of New York, September 22, 1930. Also, in 1930, he became a Shriner in Cyprus Temple, Albany, New York. He was always somewhat active and very supportive of Freemasonry.

Brother Roosevelt participated in the Raising of his son, Elliott (1910-1990) on February 17, 1933, in Architect's Lodge No. 519, also in New York City. He made an address in which he stressed the importance of Masonic principles to this Nation, and his faith in the Americanism of the Ancient Craft.

He was present, but did not participate, in the Degrees when two other sons, James (1907-1991) and Franklin D., Jr. (1914-1988) became members of their brother Elliott's Lodge on November 7, 1935. Brother and President Roosevelt was made the first Honorary Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay on April 13, 1934 at the White House.

Footnote: President Theodore Roosevelt, a distant relative said in 1902, "One of the things that attracted me so greatly to Masonry ... was that it really did live up to what we as a government, are pledged to - of treating each man on his merits as a man." *

George A. Wyatt

December 5, 1915 - July 4, 2007

There was a Memorial Service on July 6th for George Wyatt at the Church of the Epiphany. His friends and relatives filled the church, and witnessed a full Military Service with a 21-Gun Salute by the American Legion.

The Rev. Nancy Dunbar Stevens spoke about George not wanting to leave anything to the end. When he was 17, he left Edison Tech in December of his Senior year to go to work, and never received a diploma.

All these years it bothered him. A short time before his death, he contacted the school and asked how he might get that diploma from 1932. In the meantime, he went to a nursing home. The principal listed George on the program of the Class of 2007 and went to the Home to present him his diploma.

Prophet George was a 58-year Grotto Member, faithful to the end. He was an Army Veteran of World War II and a long-time Member of the American Legion. *

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Legion of Honor

By Brian Bills, Commander

The Summer draws to a close and yet another year begins. We had a fairly active Summer beginning with the Summer Picnic on June 26th. By combining with the Masonic War Veterans, there were 52 guests in attendance and many door prizes were won. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Dick Topel once again for the wonderful strawberries and ice cream dessert he made for our Strawberry Social at the Summer Picnic.

On August 7th, we saw the Yankees and Blue Jays game in Toronto. We will be taking another trip next Summer and I will announce it once the schedule is set. Remember, you must order your tickets at least four weeks in advance. We had eight members and their ladies miss out as they waited too long and the bus was filled. That situation was out of my control. Fun was had by all who did attend and we had a nice buffet dinner before the game. We also enjoyed a great Day at the Races on July 15th.

PLEASE NOTE...
Recently you may have received a letter from the Commander, Brian Bills, about having the Toronto Trip on Saturday, September 29th. That is an oversight. The actual date will be scheduled for Saturday, October 20th.

I am trying to arrange a trip to Toronto at The Old Scott House for members, relatives and friends. At this point, we look to go on October 20th.

If we have 50 or more people we can choose our day and time, as they would open specifically for us. The day would be spent shopping in Toronto at the Eaton Center (2-5:30 p.m.), followed by dinner (6:30 p.m.) at the Old Scott House. Dinner will last a couple of hours and then we would take in the show, Viva Las Vegas. This show would last around 2 hours with a short intermission in the middle.

I will be looking into a bus for the trip. The average cost for a bus is around \$650 plus the driver tip of around \$2 per person. If you do the math ... if we have 50 people going, the cost per person for the bus would be only \$15. The cost of the show plus dinner would be \$50 (Canadian) per person and that includes tax and tip. Therefore, for \$65, you could have a great day with a group of really nice people. Call me at 388-0913.

It is very important that you let me know by September 10th if you would like to go. I will also need your payment at that time to secure your reservation. If we don't get at least 35 people to go, we will not take the bus trip as the cost would be prohibitive. Any money for reservations made would be returned to you.

Our next meeting date is Monday, September 17th at the Nutcracker Restaurant on Empire Boulevard in Webster. We will have a short social half-hour beginning around 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be ordered off the menu at 6 p.m. The meeting will follow. *

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



Kenneth R. Milner
Monarch
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With this message, three-fourths of the year has passed and it is time to get back to work. We had a few opportunities to enjoy each other's company this past Summer. If you missed the Supreme Council Convention held in Niagara Falls in June, you sure lost out on a good time. Some of you passed up our outdoor meeting and picnic in June. I remember when this was one meeting no one missed, but time changes all.

A Great Summer

All who attended the Grotto Golf Tournament on June 23rd had a good time. A big thanks to PM Richard Topel and his committee.

By combining with the Masonic War Veterans, we had a good turnout for the Legion of Honor Picnic and all had a good time. We owe the Commander and his Lady, along with his helpers, a big hand.

On July 15th, 35 prophets and ladies enjoyed a "Day at the Races" at Finger Lakes Race Track. This was the 17th year we have enjoyed this event. My thanks to Brian Bills for making all the plans and taking reservations for this event.

On August 22nd, all who attended enjoyed a sunset cruise on the Canandaigua Lady along Canandaigua Lake.

Convention

I hope you have made your reservations to attend the Empire State Grotto Association Convention, September 27th thru 29th. If not, you still might have time if you act right away. The Convention will be held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center at 30 Lakeshore Drive, Dunkirk. Zuleika Grotto of Buffalo will be the host. I know they have a great weekend planned for your enjoyment. Remember, Lalla Rookh Grotto will pick up part of your room cost if you attend the meetings at the Convention.

Honors Night

I hope you will plan to attend our meeting on September 19th. It will be a dinner meeting and your ladies are invited. The cost of the dinner is \$10 per person and requires a reservation. The Grotto will be picking up part of the cost.

This is Past Monarchs' Night and we will be honoring all our Past Monarchs and their Ladies. It will also be Service Awards Night when we honor 5, 10, 15, 20, 25-year (and more) members. We hope you will be able to attend and honor all. After the meeting we will have entertainment, so don't forget to call our Master of Ceremonies, PM Richard Topel, and make your reservation. Your check is your reservation. You can reach him at 663-2547. His address is 949 Bennington Drive, Rochester, NY 14616.

During the Summer, the Supreme Architect called Prophet George Wyatt home. He was a long-time member and a WWII Veteran. Our thoughts are with his family.

Change of Plans

Many of you have not yet heard that, due to health reasons, Past Monarch Alfred Pulcino III has dropped out of the Empire State Grotto Association Line as Marshal. Our thoughts and support are with Al; his involvement will surely be missed by all. Al was looking forward to being President.

I am happy to announce that Past Monarch Kenneth V. Hutchinson has been appointed by President Robert Chapman to finish Al's year as Marshal and at our June outdoor meeting, Lalla Rookh Grotto voted to support and back Ken to run for State Line this Fall at the Convention. It was my pleasure to sign his letter of intent.

Ken and I have been working on finding a place to have his Fall Convention in 2009, if he is elected to Office this year. I hope everyone will support Ken and help with his Convention. Lalla Rookh Grotto has always tried to put on a first class convention but this takes the help of many Prophets and their ladies.

It is time to start thinking about next year's Officers for Lalla Rookh Grotto. Supreme Council's Code requires that all Prophets be informed as to who has been nominated as Officers of the Grotto and, due to the deadline for *Masonic Times* articles, Lalla Rookh Grotto must hold nominations in October. Therefore, it is time to come forward and express your desire to help your Grotto by becoming an Officer. This year, we have six Past Monarchs as Officers. They don't mind filling a position, but don't really want to go on and become Monarch for the second, third or fourth time. It would be nice to see new faces in the Officers' line, so please give it some consideration and say you would like to help your Grotto by becoming an Officer.

Hope to see you at the next meeting. *

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Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO

Congratulations to Betty Madison, Who has been asked to serve as Supreme Arrah For the year 2008. As soon as we can set up a Date for a Reception - we will let you know. Enjoy your Supreme office - Betty !!!

Once again the time has come, Starting back to meetings for everyone. The so-called "lazy days of Summer" are done, And meetings will be called to order, one-by-one.

We were very happy to help celebrate, Helen Francis' and Marcia Morrison's 90th Birthdays. Wishing both of you and everyone else, Many, many, happy and healthy more.

So we are sending out a very Happy Birthday to all. No matter what your age, No matter what month it is or was, May your very special day bring you happiness to recall.

A very special "Thank You" to each and every one of you, Who helped with "Spencerport Canal Days." It gets to be a long two days, But, it's worth the work we have to do.

I am happy to say that we made over \$500 profit, So, yes, it is worth all the work and time.

To Betty and Joe Madison, Sue Wilson and Cecil Losinger, Thank you so very much for being there from start to finish. From setting up to tearing down, And all the time in between, Thank you, THANK YOU! Is all I can say.

Ten of us, plus one, are getting ready to hit the road. It's off to Peoria, Illinois, with our luggage in tow, Where fun and laughter will be had we know. Wish more of you could come to Supreme Session, too.

Just in case you are wondering who they are, It's Sula, Cecil, Donna, Marcia, Merline, Annie, Betty, Sue, Doris, Michael and me, too. Wishing everyone a very safe and happy journey! We still have high hopes to put on a "Flag Degree," But we have to wait and see. We want to present our Flag with reverence and honor, too! For we want to do justice for both our Flag and Caldron two.

There is a Summoned meeting before we go, It's time to set up a Budget - September 13th is the date - I hope you all know. At 6 p.m., a Dinner will be served The cost is \$5.00. At 7:30 p.m. is a meeting; hope you can join us! ✕

MSAT - A Program Sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity in New York

By Tim McMullin, Chairman, Masonic Student Assistance Training Program

MSAT is a three-day workshop in which educators learn about the components of a comprehensive program to reach "at risk" students.

The workshops are designed to prepare existing or new school-based teams to help young people who are involved with, or in danger of becoming involved with, some of the 21st Century's biggest dangers to young people - alcohol and drugs, violence, gangs or bullying.

There are students who suffer from depression - young people who are missing school...in short, there are young people at risk of becoming a burden to society, and every school sees these problems. This program is an effective approach to dealing with these.

Who Attends?

Members of a school based student assistance team consisting of administrators, teachers and counselors, and others. The program is appropriate for all levels - elementary, middle and high school. A school district may send more than one team.

Benefits

Recent reports from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and California continue to show the effectiveness of the program. MSAT-trained schools report higher test scores, improved attendance, decreased violence and bullying, fewer disruptions, better behavior, fewer referrals to the Committee on Special Education (CSE), decreased substance abuse, increased promotions, more graduations, and more confident teachers.

2007-2008 Workshops

Three Workshops are scheduled on the Campus of the Masonic Care Community, 2150 Bleeker Street, Utica:

- October 23rd - 25th
- January 29th - 31st, 2008
- April 1st - 3rd, 2008

There are four Regional Workshops scheduled:

- November 26th - 28th
For educators in the Cattaraugus/Allegany County area, to be held in Doyle Hall on the Campus of St. Bonaventure University in Olean.

- November 28th - 30th
For educators in the Chautauque/Erie County area, to be held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Dunkirk.

- December 3rd - 5th
For educators in the Westchester County area, to be held on the campus of Hawthorne/Cedar Knolls School in Hawthorne.

- December 5th - 7th
For educators in the Suffolk County area, to be held at Smithtown Masonic Lodge No. 1127, 34 River Road, Smithtown.

Visit our website: www.nymasons.org/cms/msat for the latest information, including a registration form.

Watch the six-minute MSAT video at: www.johnsonrauhoff.com/msap/mmsap_video.html

For more information, email MSAT@nymasons.org or call toll free (888) 694-0511. ✕

Attend Grotto Meetings

September
No Board Meeting
(Meeting was held in August because of the Labor Day Holiday)

September 17th
Legion of Honor
6:30 p.m.
Dinner at Nutcracker

September 19th
Grotto Awards Night
Shrine Center
Eat 6:30 p.m.,
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621-5764

Donald C. Bell, Scribe
334-7768

By Don Brugger

Our Annual Sausage Roast was a great success with twenty-eight Brothers, Ladies and guests in attendance. We thank Woodsmen George Springett for ramrodding the event; Angelo DiCataldo for grilling the delicious Italian Sausage; Don Bell for tending to the numerical matters; our newest Woodsmen, Jeff Ross, for taking over the refreshment duties for the day; and for all those who pitched in and assisted with setup and cleanup to make this a memorable event. After expenses, the Forest had an overage of \$17.23, which will be added to our annual contribution to the Tall Cedar's Muscular Dystrophy Fund.

Coming Events

Remember that Rochester Forest is going to participate in the Labor Day Jerry Lewis Telethon. At this writing all arrangements have not been firmed up. You should have received a flyer in the mail concerning general information. If you desire to give of your time, please contact Joe Oelgoetz at 425-9969 for assignments. Officers are especially urged to participate. Let's make this a united effort to support the search for a cure for Muscular Dystrophy. Any questions, please call me at 458-6125.

Our Annual Steak Roast, at the Kiwanis Camp in Webster (Camp Smile, end of Shangri-La Lane) on the 26th, will be the highlight for September. You will be contacted for your reservation if you have not made one by the week prior to the event. We will be looking for a few Brothers to pitch in and assist. If you are willing and available, please let the GTCW or me

know. Any help would be appreciated. As usual, Angelo will be holding forth grilling the steaks to perfection. Bring a dish to pass and your table setting. Bring any friends or prospective Woodsmen to this event. It is an excellent opportunity to acquaint people with Tall Cedarism.

A heads up for our October 24th meeting - we will be portraying the Royal Court Degree, preceded by the communication of the Prologue. All those who were assigned parts for the Degree, which was postponed in June, will be expected to fill those parts. If you are not able to find a replacement or have any questions about the Degree, please call me as soon as possible.

Sickness and Distress

We are saddened to report the passing of three Woodsmen since our last Official meeting. Robert Pettit, passed on May 25th and Vern Bishop, on July 8th. Both were long-time members of Rochester Forest.

Gordon Ball PGTC, also a long-time member, passed on June 25th after a prolonged period of ill health. A number of Tall Cedars, along with members of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, attended Memorial Services for these Brothers. All will be missed. Our prayers go out to the families of these Woodsmen.

Don Freeman's condition has not changed since the last report. If you know of a Woodsmen or Cedarette in need or with health related problems, please call 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 three to five calls, a month. We now have three Brothers on our Calling Committee, but we could use more help. Why don't you join us?

Remember to "reMEMBER" your Forest. Petitions are available from me and I will see that you get as many as you need. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need Candidates! ✕

St. John's Day – A Huge Success!

The biggest Masonic event, St. John's Day, took place on the "Great Lawn" of the Masonic Care Community on Saturday, June 23rd. All who attended enjoyed great weather, great food and great entertainment!

Were you one of the attendees? If not, plan to attend St. John's Day next year on June 21, 2008. Save the date!

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.

New Associate Medical Director Appointed at Masonic Care Community

William J. Luley, Executive Director of the Masonic Care Community recently announced the addition and appointment of Dr. Florin G. Olteanu to the position of Associate Medical Director. Dr. Olteanu received his Medical Degree from Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Cabrini Program, in New York City and completed a Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He is board certified in Internal Medicine. He also worked in Meade Hospital, Meade, Kansas in internal medicine/primary care practice. Dr. Olteanu formerly served the Guthrie Medical Clinic at Fort Drum, New York.

"We are pleased to have a person of Dr. Olteanu's caliber join our medical staff and look forward to a long relationship," Dr. Guy Wilcox, Medical Director of the Masonic Care Community



said. Dr. Olteanu is married and has one child. He resides in Camillus, NY.

The Masonic Care Community, a place for everyone, offers four levels of care on a 400-acre campus nestled in the rolling hills of the Mohawk Valley. For over 100 years, the Masonic Care Community has demonstrated a tradition of service and compassion to humanity. It employs approximately 750 full and part-time employees.

MMRL Encourages Student Interest in Science, Medicine with Summer Fellowship Program

Since 1960, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has recognized the importance to encourage talented young men and women to pursue a career in science or medicine. This year Joel Amidon (Skidmore College), Seth Anderson (Syracuse University), Jonathan Blazek (SUNY Albany), Caitlin Cavanagh (University of Rochester), Kristen Critelli (Boston College), Laura Flisnik (Colgate University), Kristen Medves (University at Buffalo), Lisa Murphy (Albany College of Pharmacy), Laura Pritchard (SUNY Binghamton), and Megan Shaughnessy (University of Notre Dame) joined a distinguished group of over 450 students who participated in the MMRL Summer Fellowship Program.

The 10-week program permitted the direct involvement of the students in research projects under staff guidance in the fields of experimental cardiology, molecular biology and molecular genetics. During their tenure, students gained an appreciation for how scientific problems pertaining to medical disease are approached and examined, and experienced the day-to-day running of a cutting-edge research facility. Upon completion of the program, they had gained knowledge and practical experience in physiological, biochemical, molecular and pharmacological methodologies and became better prepared to make important career decisions.

The Summer session closed with a scientific symposium presented by the students on August 2nd, followed by an awards luncheon honoring the Summer Fellows and local sponsors at the Laboratory. Funding for this year's program was provided by The Max, DeTraglia, Max and Sullivan Donor Advised Fund of The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc., Slocum-Dickson Foundation, Dr. Atul Butala, Dr. Ashok and Shilpa Patel, Utica



Students who participated in the 2007 Program

Lodge No. 47, F. & A.M. and Bredablick Lodge No. 880, F. & A.M.

Letter of Appreciation

Presented to The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc. by Joel Amidon, a 2007 Summer Fellow

"I would like to thank The Max, DeTraglia, Max and Sullivan Donor Advised Fund for providing me with the opportunity to attend the MMRL Summer Fellowship Program. Since my freshman year of high school I have been very interested in the sciences, primarily Biology. Being able to work directly with scientists in a research lab has furthered my passion for Biology and has helped me to appreciate the amount of work that goes into research.

"Over the course of the Summer, I worked with Dr. Zygmunt in his studies of sodium channels and their differences in the atria and ventricle. I observed, first hand, the trials and tribulations of scientific experiments and the amount of work and time needed to obtain results. I gained valuable knowledge and acquired many laboratory skills such as being able to patch clamp and mix solutions. Throughout the course of the Summer there were many hard tasks that I was expected to complete. These tasks challenged me to go beyond the book knowledge and learn through practical application. I also found that I



Joel Amidon, The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc. 2007 Summer Fellow.

looked forward to coming into MMRL every day. Everyone was friendly and there were always laughs to be had making my time enjoyable as well.

"This experience has helped me to confirm my passion for science and has moved me in the direction of research biology as a career. As a sophomore at Skidmore College, I look forward to furthering my knowledge of Biology so that one day I will be able to make a difference in the scientific community. I believe that the knowledge gained from MMRL will stay with me for the rest of my life and prove to be very valuable. Once again, I would like to state how appreciative I am for being able to have such a great experience."

Camp DeMolay Summer Update

Once again the Cub Scouts of Finger Lakes Council held their day camp at Camp DeMolay. One of the highlights of their week was the appearance of a tanker truck (photo at lower right provided courtesy of Denise Washburn). Arrangements were made by the Council with a Volunteer Fire Department to provide a rain shower of relief. It was a hot day, and the kids had a ball romping in the spray falling from the stream lifted high in

the air by the truck's high-pressure nozzle.

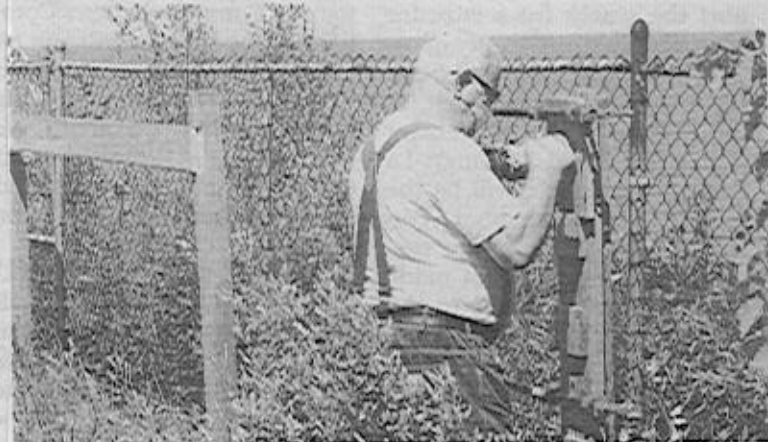
Several organizations have used the facilities this Summer. All reports indicate the Camp gets high marks.

In the photo below, Richard Snyder, Vice Chairman of the Camp Committee and Project Manager, routs a fence post where the cross board is going to be inserted. (You can see one completed to his left.) Eventually the Empire fence behind will be removed, and

the bluff line between the "Power City" fire pit and the East bunk house will have a completed wooden fence.

Replacement of the recreation building is in the works. The Board of Directors approved spending money; an architect

has drawn up plans, and bids are being solicited as this article is written. Stay tuned for more information.



Fidelity Triangle
No. 4

Oldest Chapter in New York State



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By Wendy Burrows

On June 30th, Fidelity Triangle undertook the challenge of entertaining 125 guests for their 80th Birthday Celebration! The evening was a huge success and all who attended had fun!

The Members of Fidelity Triangle thank everyone who donated for the Chinese Auction: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Dan D'Angiolillo, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Waterhouse, Mrs. Ramona Dimino, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rhodes, Ms. Wendy Burrows, Francisco Rinaldi, Washington Mutual, Rochester Amersks, The Cookhouse Restaurant and Buffalo Bills.

Many sincere thanks to the fine gentlemen from Clio Lodge for all their support and for barbecuing the chicken.

angle with a new Bible, which will replace the torn and tattered 50-year-old one.

PBQ Alta Doty, the eldest Triangle member present, and PBQ Barbara Lounsberry, the eldest Fidelity Triangle member present, helped close the meeting with BQ Theresa Waterhouse. It was lovely to see all the support from our Masonic and Eastern Star Families. It means so much to the girls for everyone to show their support!

A special thank you to Mr. Brian Bills who let the girls decorate his trailer and then towed it in the Hilton Firemen's Parade.

The girls have also been busy getting ready for their Convention, which will be held in Ellenville in October. They have had sleepovers, carwashes and sold candy bars.

With the Fall come changes. After ten wonderful years as Junior Deputy, I have resigned and taken a position with the Senior Advisory Council for Membership and Development. On September 22, PBQ Eileen Waterhouse will be installed as Junior Deputy.

Installation of Officers will be November 11th. Please continue to show your support. As always, if you know of any girl between the ages of 10-21, who you think could be a Triangle



Among the more than 100 people in attendance at the 80th Birthday Party of Fidelity Triangle were these past and present Members, who assembled for this photograph for the record.

Girl, please contact Junior Deputy Eileen Waterhouse (621-6841), Senior Advisor Debi Burke (865-4940) or Senior Advisor Wendy Burrows (773-6018).

Triangle Alumni

If you are over 21, a former Triangle Girl, and haven't joined the Triangle Alumni Association, please call Ms. Wendy Burrows (773-6018) for an application or log onto www.nytriangle.org to register. Pass the word to other Triangle Alumni you know.



W. Gary Burke, presented a check from the Masonic Service Bureau, to Beloved Queen, Theresa Waterhouse. The funds will be used by Members of Fidelity Triangle to help offset the expenses to attend their Bi-Annual Convention.



Theresa Waterhouse, Beloved Queen, welcomes and thanks a slightly embarrassed and under dressed (for the occasion) Sean Noonan, one of the Clio Lodge volunteers who prepared the Chici en BBQ Dinner for Fidelity Triangle's 80th Birthday Party.



Theresa Waterhouse, Beloved Queen, and Elizabeth I, Queen of England (Renaissance Faire) met during an outing by Fidelity Triangle.



Fidelity Triangle girls decorated a trailer provided by Brian Bills, who also towed it for them in the Hilton Parade.



Michelle D'Angiolillo, PBQ, presented Fidelity Triangle a new Bible on behalf of her family. Theresa Waterhouse accepted and thanked her and her family for their generous gift to the Chapter.



W. Richard Greenaway (left), President of the Masters and Wardens Association, along with R. W. Derek VanHouten, Treasurer, presented a check to Beloved Queen, Theresa Waterhouse, for use by Fidelity Triangle.



Current Members of the Chapter are (from left) Michelle D'Angiolillo, Kerri Greenaway, Danielle Greenaway, Beloved Queen Theresa Waterhouse, Ashley Burke, Crystal Bailey and Maryanne Greenaway.



A Ring of Friendship with all the past and present Members of Fidelity Triangle and guests from around the State joining in concluded the meeting portion of the program.

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Tom Paglia, Chairman of Masonic Veterans Service Committee, collected and distributed paperback books to our deployed troops. A collection of thank you notes have been received by Dennis Gellash and the overwhelming response was of gratitude for our thoughtfulness.

Cameron Waites of Mt. Morris, Michigan, writes, "...thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. ...you do a great service to those of us who are deployed."

To New York State Masons: "Thank you for the care packages and for your outstanding support of our troops. May God



Jon Ponschok (left) and Emil Schirano box up the paperback books gathered for Operation Paperback.

keep you and continue to bless each and every one of you." 1SG, Kelsey Goodson, First Sergeant.

"Your support is deeply appreciated," writes 1SG Timothy S. Johnson, First Sergeant.

2LT Darryl Hopkins "appreciates the time and dedication you put into this effort for the troops."

CWO Joshua Nebelsiek says, "I forwarded most of them to Marines in outlying units that have little infrastructure. The Marines appreciated the books, as do I."



Emil Schirano and Dennis Gellash standing beside filled boxes ready for shipment.

"My soldiers so read the books you send us; it takes a while because our mission temp is so high. Thank you for your help." Shawn Anderson, Medical NCOIC.

"Thanks for the box of books you sent to my Infantry Company serving in Iraq. It's nice to know that folks back home support us. Operation Paperback is a neat program and I appreciate you supporting it. God bless." CPT Kwenton Kuhlman.

Many gifts, including toiletries, socks, stationery, waist bags and cards, were distributed to more than 150 patients, along with good wishes and friendly visitations. A few Masonic Veterans had specific needs, which were addressed and rectified.

The Veterans comments were that the visit was greatly appreciated and the gifts a welcome surprise.

Veteran's Hospital Program Arranged by R. W. Paul Regan



R. W. Paul Regan speaks to the gathering of Masons and volunteers during the Veterans Hospital Program he arranged at the Buffalo VA Medical Center.

A Veteran's Hospital Program was arranged by R. W. Paul Regan, Masonic Veterans Service Committee Grand Representative to the Buffalo VA Medical Center. Fifty-eight members of the Masonic Family were in attendance plus many volunteers.

Happy 86th Birthday, Tom...



Part of a group attending a birthday party for Tom (left of center), coordinated by R. W. Tom Paglia (far left), Chairman Masonic Veterans Service Committee, were: (from left) Ray, Norman, Tom, Jim, George and Elias. Standing are Fred Cornell, Father Jaeger, Vance Collom, Jr., and Cy White.

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I offer my congratulations to Past Commander, Brian Bills, for his successful year as Commander of our Post.

I thank you, the members of our Post, for the confidence you have placed in me and honoring me as your Commander. Knowing that I have your full support has already lightened my burden. It will be my privilege to serve you and this Post.

Congratulations to Past Commander, Brian Bills, and his Installing Team for a job well done. The dignity in which the Ceremony of Installation was performed, brings forth pride to our Post.

To all the Commanders who have preceded me, I thank you for your advice, encouragement and for setting a proper example for me to follow. May I live up to your expectations.

I also congratulate the newly elected and appointed Officers. Together with our various committees, committee members and our Grand Representatives, we'll make a great team. We are looking forward, with increased

enthusiasm, faithfulness and loyalty to our obligations, our duties and to each other - being mindful of the strength that working together brings. With the help of the Supreme Commander of the Universe, I believe we shall accomplish much for the benefit of the Masonic War Veterans, in general, and this Post in particular.

Through the efforts of Brian Bills, PC, and the professionalism of our Color Guard, we have been asked to lead the Columbus Day Parade in Downtown Rochester. Brian will give us more information at our September meeting.

Kudos to Gill Gellash, PC, for his efforts in getting many shipments of books to our Troops. If you have any soft cover books you can donate, please bring them to the Post. Another program in which our Post participates is "Birthday Celebration" for our Veterans at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital. This once-a-month program is well received and much appreciated. My thanks to Vance Collom, Jr., Tom Paglia and Fred Cornell; your efforts and participation in this worthwhile program mean so much to our Veterans.

Our next meeting will be September 27th at Fairport-Flower City Lodge. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner (menu unknown at this time) at 6 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling me at (315) 597-9546 or emailing me at ukcy@juno.com I am looking forward to seeing you, and I do mean you, around the Holy Bible of our Masonic Order.

...Let's have Cake and Ice Cream



Cy White, Vance Collom, Jr., Carol Courtney (VA Staff) and Fred Cornell prepare the cake and ice cream for the party.

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Shrine Center Hosts 2007 Education Assistance Program Public Announcement of Recipients

M. W. Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, and members of the Grand Line, were greeted by a room full of students, parents and friends for the presentation of the 2007 Awards. They were joined by members of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home, who have funded the program for the children, grandchildren and widows of our Fraternity for the past twelve years.

The formal presentations were followed by light refreshments. Then the entourage was off to Buffalo where the same program was presented for students in that area in a ceremony beginning at 5:00 p.m. In all, six separate presentation ceremonies were held across the state during the months of July and August.

The program is expected to be offered again in 2008. Interested individuals should contact the Secretary of their Lodge for the appropriate information and form for their children or grandchildren.

(Note: Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship applications will be available in January, 2008)



In Memoriam

APRIL

Lent, Wesley M.

Wesley M. Lent, 93, passed away April 29th. Wes was a member of ERAC Lodge and is survived by three children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

MAY

Potter, Cyrus N.

Cyrus N. Potter, 91, left his Earthly Home on May 17th. A 45-year member of ERAC Lodge, he leaves his Fraternal Brothers to remember him.

Miller, Alfred Kelso

On May 17th, Alfred Miller, 92, laid down his Working Tools, leaving his son and family to remember his life. Alfred was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, an honored member of the Scottish Rite and dedicated 58 years to Media Temple of the Shrine. He was an honored and highly decorated Veteran of World War II; a Life Member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Fairport.

Barton, Charles D.

Charles Barton, 87, passed away May 23rd and will be missed by his Fraternal brothers of the Shriners and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite organizations. Two children, two step-children and seven grandchildren survive him.

Leonard, George Willard

George Leonard, 90, passed away May 31st, leaving his wife, Esther Mary, and a son to remember him. George was a member of Unity Lodge. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

JUNE

MacPherson, George D.

When Eagle Lodge resumes their labors, George D. MacPherson will be missing from the Roll Call. George passed away June 10th and is survived by his wife, Irene, three children, six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. You left us with a garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Wright, Denny W.

On June 11th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced Denny Wright, 72, leaving his wife, Carolyn, three children and three grandchildren to remember him. Denny was a member of Clio Lodge where his Brothers will truly miss him.

Cottrell, Roger Henry

Roger Cottrell, 65, a member of Unity Lodge, went to the Celestial Lodge on June 15th. His wife, Donna, two children and five grandchildren will keep his memory in their hearts.

Swarts, Nelson

The Heavenly choir was joined by Nelson Swarts, 80, on June 15th. Nelson was a 32° Mason, member and Past Master of Hesperus Lodge, Past Grand Patron of the Eastern Star, State of New York. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lorraine, and three children and their families. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Meier, J. Gordon

Gordon Meier, 90, met his Maker on June 19th. He was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge. He will be missed by four children, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Oukes, Dirk Jacob

On June 19th, Dirk Oukes, 97, entered Eternal Rest. Three children, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren carry on his legacy. Dirk was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, VFW and American Legion. He served in the South Pacific with the US Navy during World War II.

Sykes, Robert J.

Eagle Lodge mourns the passing of Robert Sykes, 83, on June 22nd. Two sons and five grandchildren survive him. There is a link death cannot sever, Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

Thistle, Morgan P.

Morgan Thistle, 91, went Home on June 23rd. He leaves a son and family to miss him. Morgan was a member of Unity Lodge.

Uttrup, Carl

At the age of 96, Carl Uttrup passed away on June 25th. His wife of 63 years, Eleen, two daughters, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren will share the memories of his life. Carl was a 42-year member of ERAC Lodge and received the Dedicated Service Award in 1983. Carl received much recognition and honors for his lifetime of community services.

Ball, Gordon

Gordon Ball, 72, passed to the Supreme Lodge above on June 25th. His wife, Vicki, survives him. An active Mason, Gordon was a member and Past Master of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge; a member of the Rochester Scottish Rite and a DSA Recipient; Damascus Shrine and Legion of Honor, the Royal Order of Scotland, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the First United Methodist Church of Canandaigua.

Brindley, Robert W.

On June 25th, Robert Brindley, 82, passed away, leaving his wife, Barbara, two children and a grandchild to remember his life. He was a 51-year member of Unity Lodge, a dedicated member of Lakeshore Fire Department, American Legion and past Chief of Lakeview Fire Department.

Buchanan, William E.

Bill Buchanan, 89, passed away June 26th. He served in the US Army in Africa during World War II. Bill was a 55-year member of ERAC Lodge and the American Legion. Three children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive him.

Zimmer, Wayne E.

Wayne Zimmer, 87, went Home to his Lord on June 27th. Wayne was a member of Fame Lodge. He was a World War II Army Veteran. Four children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Warner, Frank J.

ERAC Lodge mourns the loss of a 51-year member, Frank Warner, who passed away June 28th. His wife, Jean, a son and family will miss him. Frank was a Veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Lions Club. Thoughts today, memories forever.

JULY

Wyatt, George A.

George Wyatt was 91 years old when he was called home by the Great Architect of the Universe. He was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge and Lalla Rookh Grotto. George was also an Army Veteran of World War II. Two children and family survive him. Though absent you are very near, still loved, missed and very dear to our hearts.

Bishop, Vernon E.

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Vernon Bishop, 88, on July 8th. His wife, Jane, four children, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are left to share memories. Vern was a member and Past Master of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, Past Grand Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and a decorated World War II Veteran and holder of the Bronze Star. Tenderly we treasure the past, with memories that will always last.

Nolan, Vincent F., Esq.

Vincent Nolan, 83, departed his Earthly Home on July 11th, leaving his wife, Audrey, and two sons to survive him. He was a 31-year member of ERAC Lodge and a World War II US Army Veteran. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Losinger, Llewellyn "Wally"

Wally Losinger, 81, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on July 19th. He was a 54-year member, Past Master of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge and Past Grand Steward, Past Patron of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, OES, and served in the Merchant Marine during World War II. A garden of memories will be tended by his wife, Linda, a daughter, two grandsons and four great-grandchildren who survive him. Beautiful memories are treasured ever, of happy days when we were together.

Buzzell, Jack M.

On July 19th, Jack Buzzell, 68, departed his Earthly Home and his wife, Karen, three children and family is left to remember him. Jack was a Member of the Shriners and Scottish Rite. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Wilson, LeRoy P.

LeRoy Wilson, 91, went to the Celestial Lodge above on July 22nd. LeRoy was a decorated World War II Army Veteran, awarded the Bronze Star and various other commendations. He was a member of Northfield Lodge, Damascus Shrine and Legion of Honor, Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester and Royal Order of Jesters. Left to honor his memory are two daughters, two stepsons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Clark, Rae A.

Seneca Lodge mourns the passing of a 53-year member, Rae Clark, 83, on July 29th. Rae was a Past Potentate of Damascus Shrine and Past President of Monroe Golf Club and Trustee Council of the University of Rochester. Two sons and grandchildren survive him. A page in many memory books is gently turned today.

Kingston, Kenneth J.

On July 30th, Kenneth Kingston, 86, passed on to his Heavenly Home leaving his wife, Madeleine, a daughter and grandchildren to remember his life. Ken was a member and Past Master of Unity Lodge, a Grand Lodge Officer and a member of the Shrine. He was a Veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Signal Corps.

AUGUST

Traub, Robert A.

Craftsman Robertson Lodge mourns the loss of a 68-year member, Robert Traub, 94, who passed away August 4th. He labored hard for those he loved, and then left us to remember.

Watson, Gerald R.

His Lord embraced Gerald Watson, 60, on August 8th. His wife, Linda, and two children will miss him and remember his life. Gerald was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. The Brothers of Oakland Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts.

Edwards, H. Ivor

On August 18th, Ivor Edwards, 102, finished his labors on Earth and joined his Heavenly family. He is survived by wife, Margaret, a son, stepson and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ivor was a member of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Widows to be Remembered

Tucker, Margaret Ruth, (82), widow of Charles A. Tucker, Sr. (Clio Lodge), passed away June 5th.

Alter, Helen M., (94), widow of Joseph Alter (ERAC Lodge), passed away June 13th.

Marble, Barbara H., (75), widow of Larry Marble (Eunice Lodge), passed away June 15th.

Lazerson, Rev. Ann, (74), widow of Robert Lazerson (Fairport-Flower City Lodge), passed away June 27th.

Closs, Katherine Fairley, (89), widow of Harvey Closs (Union Star Lodge), passed away July 5th.

Lakis, Polyzeni "Ann", (86), widow of Peter Lakis (Union Lodge), passed away July 9th.

Weyneth, Thelma J., (89), widow of Gerald Weyneth (Garoga-Sincerity Lodge), passed away July 11th.

Yorks, Eleanor K., (98), widow of Donald Yorks (Northfield Lodge), passed away July 21st.

Rothschild, Sylvia, (83), widow of Jerome Rothschild (Fairport-Flower City Lodge), passed away July 21st.

Harrop, Fay M., (89), widow of Stirland Harrop (Livonia Lodge), passed away August 21st.

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

October	
18	Scottish Rite - Symbolic Lodge Award
20	iDC at Shrine Center
23	MON - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport Lodge Hall
28	LIV - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Mount Morris Lodge
28	Masonic Service Bureau's Interfaith Service and Brunch, Country Party House, East Rochester
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
February	
2, 9, 23	Joint Road to the East at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia (3 sessions)
March	
31	School of Ritual at Clio Lodge in Hilton

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

Gem - Sapphire
Flower - Aster

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labor Day	4 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight	5 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star	6 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council	7	8 Sagoyewatha - Phelps, 9 a.m. Ark Lodge Re-Dedication 200th Anniversary Grand Master Present
9 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds 12th & 26th 287 East Avenue, Hilton Grandparents Day	10 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn Citizenship Day	11 Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport Patriot Day	12 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville Corinthian Fellowship	13 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor (OV) Union - Lima Webster Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron Rosh Hashanah	14 Grand Commandery in Buffalo	15 iDC - Shrine Center West Star Lodge Re- Dedication, 150th Anniversary, Grand Master Present
16 Hesperus Lodge, Open Meeting - DSA Presentation Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, 20th 4994 Co. Rd 36, Honeoye Grand Commandery >>	17 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg (OV) KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day, Shrine Center Citizenship Day	18 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center, 3rd Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station (OV) Oakland - Castile OES - Nolatka, Starlight	19 Ark - Geneva, 1st Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto OES - Lilac Star	20 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RAM - Western Star Scottish Rite - Feast of Tishri, Annual Awards Night, Shrine Center	21	22 Yom Kippur
23 First Day of Autumn New York Ontario Shrine Association	24 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City (BBF) Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard (OV) - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn	25 Eagle - Honeoye (OV) RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton MON - School of Ritual - Spencerport	26 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	27 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post Empire State Grotto Association Convention in Dunkirk	28 New York Ontario Shrine Association	29 New York Ontario Shrine Association