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Eunice Lodge Hosts Tri-District Road to the East Course



Grand Lodge Officers, facilitators and participants in the 2009 Road to the East Course held in February at Eunice Lodge were: (1st row, left to right) Melvin Hussey [Phoenix], David Spear, David Helmer, Daniel Walczak [all Warsaw], Brad Lewis [Webster] and Alvin Metcalf [Clio]. (2nd row, l-r) Michael Nohle [Monroe Grand Steward], Bruce Church [Constellation], John Burger [Hesperus], John Jamele [Unity], Travis Cody [Eunice], John Lemke [Unity] and Joseph Shanks [Livingston Grand Steward]. (3rd row, l-r) Donald Jenks [Seneca], Michael Rhodes, Robert Miles [both Constellation], Scott Cronk [Webster], Dale Waterhouse [Clio], Harry Tyson and Derek VanHouten [Monroe DDGM]. (4th row, l-r) John Cook [Genesee-Wyoming DDGM], Wayne Patridge [Genesee-Wyoming Grand Steward], John Gallant [Livingston DDGM] and Richard Trescott [Livingston Past DDGM].

Widows Luncheon April 18th

Sponsored by Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester

By Herbert Spencer

Here we are with less than a month away from this important event. Have you sent out letters to the Widows? This is the event when we pay tribute to our Widows. The date is Saturday, April 25th, at the Burgundy Basin; gather at 11 a.m., lunch at Noon.

Widows, Have You Heard from the Lodge?

If you are a Widow and haven't been contacted yet, please call a Lodge Brother, the Service Bureau or one of the Co-Chairs of this event. We will put you in contact with the right person! Many times a widow may move and the Lodge doesn't know a current address and phone number. Please call!

A New Process No Tickets Will Be Mailed!!

Letters of details and instructions have been mailed to the Masters and Secretaries of the Monroe District Lodges.

My Brothers, PLEASE use the forms submitted and return as requested. Have you read the in-

structions? Do you understand the new procedure? Any questions? Call us. The form requires:
• Names of the Widows and Brothers attending
• Choice of entrée for each reservation. (Roasted Chicken or Chopped Sirloin of Beef)
• A check for the full payment. **No reservation will be made without payment! The price will be \$17 per person.**

When you arrive at the Luncheon, a nametag and ticket noting the entrée will be waiting at the registration desk. To simplify registration, we will locate the desk in the lobby; corsages will be inside our dining room.

In addition to the lovely luncheon prepared by the Burgundy Basin and flowers for the ladies, there will be beautiful music to dine by, offered by Rick Howe.

Should you have any questions, contact the Co-Chairs for the event ... Herbert Spencer, 334-7493, or Angelo DiCataldo, 738-9709. You can also contact the Masonic Service Bureau Office at 671-9730.

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By Derek VanHouten

At the recently completed Road to the East, we asked the attendees to write a sample article for the *Masonic Times*. What follows is the essay that Brother John Lemke, of Unity Lodge, wrote and turned in as his homework assignment.

By John Lemke


The seasons change and a hard, long Winter turns into Spring. So, we can see the comfort in thinking that the wheel will continue to turn. Seven lean years will turn into seven fat years. In many areas this happens but is hardly a certainty even if it has continued for centuries. Great countries such as Spain and the Netherlands have ceased to be great. Great companies such as Studebaker cars and Woolworth's ceased to be great and indeed ceased altogether. The future is not already written because the turning of the cycle would seem to foreshadow it. Every generation makes its own way and nothing is pre-ordained.

As Masonry has declined in membership over the last few

decades, one wonders, is it a cycle that will soon hit an upturn and, just like that, men will realize they should be Masons? Will the good works that we do, such as Child ID, make it obvious to men-at-large that they also want to do well and will therefore become Masons? Certainly Light in Masonry today is no less important to men or society-at-large than it has ever been. Maybe events in society will change and the importance of Masonry will become more evident to men who are not yet Masons. This all may be so and yet come to pass. It may be, though, that there is some complacency because Masons just think that somehow things will work out and Masonry will expand again. It may be thought that complacency doesn't allow us to see that things may not just get better in Masonry, but that maybe there is more that we can do as Masons.

As we individually seek more Light in Masonry, it must be that society, in general, is helped when more men are Ma-

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TO HELP CHILDREN WITH DYSLLEXIA

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Dated Material



Spaghetti Dinner

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5-7 p.m.

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Editor's Corner

Forgive me while I vary from my normal editorializing to plug a couple of Masonic Service Bureau programs.

Widows Luncheon

First is our Widows Luncheon on April 25th. We have changed the arrival registration procedure a bit, as the result of suggestions, in an attempt to ease some congestion. Most important is the request for NAMES (Widows AND Brothers/Guests) who will be attending. We also need their meal selection. This information, along with a check for the full amount at \$17 per person, must be in our hands by April 16th. We need to give the count to Burgundy Basin on Friday the 17th. Jan Porter will be making the nametags, which will be the admission ticket for those attending, and

a place tag indicating your meal choice - Beef or Chicken.

Those arriving can look for Roger Lynch in his orange fedora again this year. You will be ushered into the lobby where you will see a table set up to expedite distribution of nametags. Floral corsages, which again this year are courtesy of Damascus Shriners, will be pinned on as you enter the dining room. By separating these two activities, we hope to eliminate the bottleneck previously encountered. Rick Howe will provide pre-dinner music.

Remember, doors open at 11 a.m.; Lunch served at noon.

I've been told many widows read this column. So, Ladies, if you have not been contacted yet, please call us, 671-9730. Jan and I will help you make arrangements. Many Brothers and Ladies will provide transportation, if that is an issue.

Camp DeMolay

Second is the Camp DeMolay opening/clean up day on Saturday, May 2nd. We have all kinds of brush to clean up, courtesy of Mother Nature; the restrooms/showers need

cleaning; the kitchen in Anderson Lodge, as well as the rest of the hall, and the sleeping cabins will be spruced up as time and volunteers permit.

I expect to have the grounds open about 9:00 a.m. About noon I will personally grill your hot dog or hamburger. We'll have some other snacks, salads and beverages to complete the picnic lunch. If we have inclement weather, we will try for Sunday afternoon around 1:00 p.m. and the lunch will become supper about 5:00 p.m. Please call the Service Bureau - 671-9730 - and tell us how many people will be in your party. Children are welcome. That will give me an idea of how much food I will need.

This is an opportunity for you to visit the Camp and see the facilities. Maybe you can arrange for your organization to plan an event there. It's about a 45-minute drive from the Shrine Center. Consider car pooling, too. You can park at the Shrine Center and drive one vehicle.

I hope to see you at one or both of these events.
Thanks for reading.

A Legacy of Masonic Service

By Ira Cooperman

Brothers Ed Cohen and Ed McIlwain share a great deal in common. Each is a resident of the new Skilled Nursing Care Health Pavilion at the Masonic Care Community in Utica. Each man has faithfully been an active Mason in the 2nd Oneida District for more than 70 years! Brother Cohen is a member of Moriah Lodge No. 985, and Brother McIlwain has been a member of Oriental-Faxton Lodge No. 224 for over 75 years.

Last month, each man celebrated a special birthday in one of the attractive atriums that have become the hallmark of the Masonic Care Community.

Surrounded by his wife, daughter, two sons, grand-

children, great-grandchildren, and additional relatives and friends, Ed Cohen celebrated his 95th birthday on March 7th. The same day, Ed McIlwain celebrated his 100th birthday! Congratulated by more than two dozen relatives, some of whom came from as far away as Florida, Brother McIlwain enjoyed the attention - and the very large birthday cake.

These Masons are just two of the hundreds of adults who are enjoying life at the Masonic "Home" that is the first choice of Brethren throughout New York State. If you or a friend or relative is interested in learning more about the Masonic Care Community, a special place that honors the legacy of Masonic service, please contact Marilu Pacific, Admissions Coordinator, at (315) 798-4850, or call toll-free: (800) 322-8826. *

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By R. W. Don Darrohn

The Masonic Service Bureau as we know it was Chartered in 1927, the forerunner to it was initially formed in the early 1800s; the primary purpose has been aiding and assisting members of our Masonic Community, especially those individuals in distress. The many facets of what the Bureau accomplishes today revolves around that same philosophy, while providing communication links and services throughout our local Fraternal Bodies.

In an effort to keep up-to-date with the needs of our current membership, the Bureau has formed a Committee to assess the services that are provided today, at the same time identifying opportunities that may continue to enhance existing programs and/or add new ones.

We have prepared a survey that will be sent to all Chapters and Lodges to provide feedback to the Bureau. This is an attempt to allow the entire Masonic Community served by the Bureau to have input as to what is relevant and essential for the future. Use the form on the next page to provide your answers and suggestions. Feel free to make copies and provide them to others who may want to make suggestions as well.

We appreciate the time you will take to complete our survey, and look forward to providing feedback to you as to the results. Please send your completed survey to the Bureau by May 15th.

Thank you.

Note - List of what MSB currently does is on this page; survey is on adjacent page. *

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What Our Service Bureau Does:

Education Assistance: Provides approximately \$15,000 in Education Assistance Awards (on a one-time-only basis) every year to local high school seniors and college students, who will be enrolled in the Fall term.

Special Grants: Provides approximately \$15,000 each year to support community programs for the needy, such as meals, aid to senior programs, hospice, clothing, aid to youth programs, etc.

Loan Closet: Loan, free-of-charge, home-care equipment, such as wheelchairs (a \$25 refundable deposit is required for all wheelchair loans), crutches, canes, commodes, tub benches and walkers to any person in need. No residency requirements for use. We have over a thousand items in inventory and handle several hundred requests each year.

Special Functions: We sponsor the following annual District-wide programs:

- A Widows Luncheon
- An Interfaith Service and Brunch
- An award to an individual for Distinguished Community Service
- An Apron Presentation Dinner for Grand Lodge Officers [every 2 years]

Camp DeMolay: We have available for use a 16+-acre facility with waterfront and several buildings. The main building, Anderson Lodge, has a 1500-square-foot meeting hall and a good-size, fully equipped kitchen. The other buildings include a recreation building, men's and ladies' restrooms with showers, three sleeping cabins (each sleeps 12), and a utility building. The primary focus is on the youth, but other groups and individuals are welcome to use the facility on a first-come, first-served basis.

Community Service:

- We provide for visitations and gifts to VA Hospitals
- Support drives for Ronald McDonald Charities Home Away from Home Program
- Assist in providing support personnel for other charitable organizations
- Support for Hospice care facilities
- Support youth camp and other youth programs.

Library: We maintain an extensive library of books and articles relating to or written by Masons. We also have Masonic artifacts and provide brochures and audio-visual presentations on what Masonry is and what it does.

Masonic Times: We publish a monthly [10 months-per-year] tabloid-size newspaper of 24-28 pages, doing our own typesetting, photographs and layout, informing members of activities of the Districts and local Lodges and Concordant Bodies.

Monroe Masonic Directory: We publish a District-wide Directory of all Masonic men's and ladies' organizations and their top officers.

Miscellaneous: We provide additional support for organizations upon request by composing and duplicating event programs, mailing labels, letters, reports and other items.

Website: We underwrite the costs and co-ordinate the updating of a District website, www.monroemasonic.com.

The Directors: The Board of Directors and Representatives from Masonic Organizations meet monthly, except July and August, to review Service Bureau operations.

United Way: United Way's Donor choice number is 1060. [As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; contributions are tax deductible.] (Donations made through the United Way Campaign are subject to administrative fees.)

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Road to the East - VanHouten
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Words to Live By

sons. As good men are made better, so societies, good or otherwise, are made better when there are more men who are better. To rely on the turning of an invisible wheel to bring growth in Masonry would seem insufficient.

If the good to all men and, therefore, society as well is gained through more Light in Masonry then we, as Masons, should not just rely on fate. It is our time now and the future of Masonry and the impact that we, as men, have on society and this great country of ours depends on our not keeping our light under a bushel. The very founding of our country and the individual freedoms we hold can, in large respect, be traced back to Masonry and the founding of this country largely by Masons and those of similar thinking.

Our great country and Masonry may be at a time of stress. The outlook and insight of men, particularly those brought to light in Masonry, are needed for a bright future. The work may not be easy, nor the path to success clear, but we, as Masons, will not shirk our duty to God and country and Masonry. We will move in the direction of light with faith in God and our strength as men united as Masons.

1. Be at peace with one another
2. Love one another
3. Be devoted to one another
4. Do not judge one another
5. Build up one another
6. Accept one another
7. Admonish one another
8. Care for one another
9. Serve one another
10. Do not envy one another
11. Forbear one another
12. Be kind to one another
13. Be subject to one another
14. Regard one another as more important than yourself
15. Do not lie to one another
16. Forgive one another
17. Abound in love for one another
18. Be of the same mind toward one another
19. Comfort one another
20. Encourage one another
21. Live in peace with one another
22. Seek after that which is good for one another
23. Stimulate one another to love and do good deeds
24. Do not speak evil against one another
25. Do not complain against one another
26. Confess your sins to one another
27. Pray for one another
28. Fervently love one another
29. Be hospitable to one another
30. Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another

Need Transportation to Grand Lodge?



Niagara-Orleans District has arranged for a bus to New York City for Grand Lodge in May. In an effort to fill the bus and keep the transportation cost at \$90 per person, they have offered it to surrounding Districts.

If you might be interested and need details, call:

Kevin King (716) 998-6589 or
Kevin Luckman (716) 550-2795

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\$7 per person

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Your Name: _____ Organization: _____

1. What services and/or support does the MSB provide that benefit your organization?

(Check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Masonic Times |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Closet | <input type="checkbox"/> Monroe Masonic Directory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp DeMolay | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | |

2. Has anyone in your organization utilized any of these services?

Yes No Not sure/Do not know If yes, which ones? (Check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Masonic Times |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Closet | <input type="checkbox"/> Monroe Masonic Directory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp DeMolay | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | |

3. Referring to the attached MSB listing of Services, how would you prioritize them in regards to importance to your organization?

(Rate each item on a scale of 1 to 9 with 1 being the most important and 9 being the least important.)

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| _____ Education Assistance | _____ Masonic Times |
| _____ Special Grants | _____ Community Service |
| _____ Loan Closet | _____ Monroe Masonic Directory |
| _____ Camp DeMolay | _____ Library |
| _____ Other (specify): _____ | |

4. Does the MSB provide effective communications for your organization?

For example, the Monroe Masonic Directory, Masonic Times, and/or Website www.monroemasonic.com

Yes No Not sure/Do not know

5. Did you know that Camp DeMolay is available for your use?

Yes No

6. What services do you see us providing in the future, that are not presently provided?

Thank you for completing this survey.

Return completed survey to: Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester NY, Inc.
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I must confess, I missed the *Masonic Times* deadline last month because the weather had turned better and I was enjoying the outdoors - so much that I forgot to submit an article. The truth is that my home was under some minor repairs that lead our computer to be disconnected for about a week. I'm not quite sure how my family survived without access to the Internet for

a week. Funny how we take some things for granted because we seem to always have them at our disposal. I do apologize and hope not to miss another month for the rest of the year.

I congratulate W.: David Beardsley and W.: Richard Smith as the only Brothers currently in Oakland Lodge who were Raised during the months of February and March. Brothers Beardsley and Smith were Initiated, Passed, and Raised at the same time and have given 27 years of faithful service to Oakland Lodge and our blessed Fraternity. It seems like just yesterday I was a young boy remembering my father studying to become a Mason and now is only a few years away from 30 years of service.

The Winter months have been very slow at Oakland Lodge as many of our members have not been able to attend our Regular Communica-

tions due to personal reasons or having gone South for the Winter. Hopefully it won't be long before the weather breaks and we will once again have enough Brothers present to open Lodge and perform our time honored Ritual.

The Brotherhood Fund is in full swing and the donations from members of Oakland Lodge have been rolling in. I thank all the members of who have already made a donation to this program this year. The best place to make your donation is at our Monthly Communications. For those Brothers who are unable to make our Regular Communications, please forward your donations to our Chairman, Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. If you are making your donations via mail, please include the area of designation in the memo portion of your check.

Oakland Lodge has two regularly scheduled Communications for the month of April. The first will be held on April 7th at 7:30 p.m. The agenda for this evening will be to take care of any unfinished business and discussion on the future of Oakland Lodge. I would encourage all Brothers to attend this Com-

munication, as I do all of our Communications.

Our second Communication of April will be held on April 21st at 7:30 p.m. The agenda for this Communication will be preparation for the nominating of Officers and any further discussion on the current and future status of Oakland Lodge.

Hopefully this article finds my fellow Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy start to the

Spring season. May we all find some time to say a small prayer for those who have and are continuing to keep this great nation of ours free and safe. May we also say a small prayer for those who have been chosen to lead our country through some tough and troubling times.

May the blessing of Heaven fall upon all my fellow Brothers and their families where ever they may be throughout the world. "

Olive Branch

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

1st Wednesdays
7:30 p.m.
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768-6473

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W.: Douglas S. Poole
584-3601
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LeRoy 14482

By Doug Poole

The snow banks at the end of my driveway are finally melting. Spring bulbs are popping through. I'm not getting my hopes up, but maybe no more snow storms. Time will tell.

Right now our moving plans are slowly progressing. When we started this process we had no idea how drastically our nation's economy would change. The Lodge is lucky as a couple of our early building plans could have left us some major budget gaps.

It is a pleasure to have sideliners in Lodge again. Our attendance is through the roof! Opening and Closings are improving. Hope is to start Degree Teams this Spring. We are working on a new group of Candidates.

There are no birthdays in April. Be prepared for a call from the Nominating Committee! The biggest question ... will we still have Molly? "

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Joseph Shanks
582-1028

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Roy Moses
346-5117

District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



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John
Gallant

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holding their talent shows in April. I also extend my thanks to R.: W.: Jim Slocum and the Hemlock Fair Committee for inviting all talent show winners to their Youth Talent Show scheduled in July.

Along with Spring and warmer weather, April also heralds in Masonic Degrees. There are Degrees scheduled in Mt. Morris, Nunda Station and Union Lodges. There is a combined total of ten Candidates at these three Lodges. At Union Lodge there are two special relationships within their Candidate Class this year. One of the Candidates is a son of one of their members and the other two Candidates are a father and son. It is my opinion that this is very special and unique for everyone involved!

I am also looking forward to a special evening at Eunice Lodge. They are holding their Annual Awards Night to honor their long-standing members. This evening should be truly outstanding and I bet there will be over 200 years of Masonic History that will be honored that night.

Don't forget that the Livingston District Association meeting for April is on Monday the 27th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is being hosted by Genesee Lodge and being held at Mt. Morris Lodge. The Association Vice-President, W.: Rick LaFave, will need your attendance numbers for the dinner that will be starting at 6:30 p.m. It is important that you plan to attend to learn what other Lodges in our District are doing, plus we always have an excellent dinner. "

Grand Steward Livingston District



R.: W.:
Joseph
Shanks

582-1028

jshanksglso@gmail.com

R.: W.: John and I have completed our second tour of the Livingston District. We have found three Lodges who are doing Degree work - Mt. Morris, Nunda Station and Union Lodges.

Ladies Night

We have the Livingston District Ladies Night on April 4th. This is a night for the surviving spouses and loved ones. R.: W.: Richard Trescott is the Chairman and has a fun night planned at the Conesus Country Club.

Awards Night

There will be an Awards Night at Eunice Lodge on April 16th. I hear Rick LaFave might have Pulled Pork?

Attention

Masters & Wardens

Grand Lodge will be May 4th and 5th. If you are going, make plans soon.

I hope everyone has a Happy Easter. Thanks for your support. "

Union Lodge No. 45

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

Master

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Lima Masonic Hall
1591 Rochester Street
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Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was a great success! A total of 24 attended, including a few visitors from Livonia Lodge.

Thanks to my kitchen help - Joe Shanks, James Kirkwood, Jerry Kleehamer and John Robert Smith. Thanks to our Greeters, Mike Grady and John Gallant, and to our speakers James D. Kirkwood, Mike Grady and Greg Radford.

March 1st was the Annual Livingston Masonic District's Bowla-Thon at the Mount Morris Lanes to benefit Teresa House in Genesee. Union Lodge had a terrific turnout this year. Twelve Brothers and guests had great fun bowling, playing cards, eating pizza and wings and perhaps (most importantly) raising money for this worthy cause.

Looking Ahead

We begin a Degree Series on March 26th with three Candidates. We welcome visitors to all our meetings, but especially to fill sidelines for Degrees. The other two Degrees will be on April 23rd and May 28th. Please stop by and visit us, either again or for the first time!

Annual Talent Show

Our Annual Talent Show will be at the Honeoye Falls-Lima

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser for Livingston District Masonic Association

To Benefit Continued Relations with the Communities in the District

Saturday, June 13th

at Conesus Golf Club

One Pine Alley, Route 15, Conesus

Registration - 10:30 a.m. Shotgun Start - 11:30 a.m.

Tournament Packages \$45 per Golfer ~

18-Hole Greens Fee & Cart

Steak Dinner

Prizes, Raffles & Awards

Guests Welcome for Dinner Only - \$20

Tournament limited to first 120 paid golfers.

Registration and payment due by June 1st.

Questions, please contact Richard J. Trescott at (585) 226-9042 or email: rtrescot@frontiernet.net

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High School Auditorium on Friday April 17th at 7 p.m. The students love this event and it's always thrilling to experience the wonderful talents of the HFL Student Body. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served after the show.

Our year together, Brothers, is rushing to conclusion. With the Degrees, Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Election and Installation of Officers, we'll be sharing fellowship at our June Steak Roast and wondering where the year went! Thank you for your continued support!

With the Easter Season upon us, it is a great time to reflect on our lives and look forward to upcoming events and spend time with our families and friends.

The Brotherhood Fund Drive is still going on and it is for a great cause. If you can, please donate to this worthwhile cause.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brother Donald Thompson and his family over their recent loss.

Our congratulations to Gerry Hussong on receiving the Joe Shriner Award from Damascus Shrine for his service to the Mini-Cars.

As always stop in and see what's happening at your Masonic Lodge.

Nunda Station Lodge No. 682
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R.: W.: Gerald J. Hussong
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Eunice Lodge No. 830
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Master
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At Nunda Station Lodge we still have the Traveling Gavel, but we will be delivering it soon to another Lodge. It is difficult to get enough Brothers together to deliver the gavel but, we are coming.

By the time you read this we will have already had our local Masonic Youth Talent Show and at this writing we have had a rehearsal for the Show. It looks like it will be another great Show this year. Thanks to the Brothers for supporting this event and to the Judges Nancy Patridge, Sharon Buckley and Mina Sinsabaugh for their continued support.

On April 7th, we will confer the 1st Degree on four new Brothers. William Wright, Jr. will be in the East for this Degree. It would be great if we could have a lot of Brothers there so, if you can attend, it would be a better Degree.

By R.: W.: Gordon Bell

Greetings Brothers; GREAT NEWS - There is now no need to say, "I can't climb the stairs to the second floor." As of March 9th, R.: W.: Al Roggen and W.: Floyd Manley have installed a chair lift to the second floor. Al says if you push one button, the chair goes up and if you push the other button, the chair comes down. Why don't you "come on down" and try it.

On the serious side, at our last regular communication, we discussed the Health and Welfare of Eunice Lodge and also of the Livingston District. R.: W.: John Gallant and R.: W.: Joe Shanks both spoke and gave us some insight on the future and what we could possibly do. If you have any ideas, please let us know. We are now 33 members and holding.

LIVINGSTON DISTRICT MASONIC ASSOCIATION
FIFTH ANNUAL
LADIES NIGHT
SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH 2009
AT THE CONESUS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

1 PINE ALLEY
CONESUS, NEW YORK 14435
(585) 346-2100

Guest Speaker
Major General Norbert Rappl
98th Division Commander

Cash Bar 5:30pm
Buffet Dinner 6:30pm
Program 7:30pm

COST: \$25 PER PERSON

RESERVATION REQUEST: Reservation deadline is Friday March 27

Attending _____ Name: _____ Name: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Livingston District Masonic Association Ladies Night

Send this request and checks to:

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Avon, New York 14414
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Hope all are surviving the Winter. It seems to be lasting forever this year. (But we do live in New York.)

The Grand Lodge trip is just around the corner and all money should be in by now. If not, please do so ASAP.

I apologize for missing last month's deadline for the **Masonic Times** article. A lot has been going on and I was late.

Thanks to the O/S/Y District for a successful Table Lodge. We had over 50 Brothers attend. A hearty thank you to

R.: W.: James Sullivan for being our guest speaker for the evening; it's always a pleasure having you visit us.

R.: W.: Eldon White and R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles put together a Winter Picnic at Powder Mill Park last month and it was a lot of fun. They put a lot of effort into this event and had a good turnout. I'm sorry I couldn't stay longer. Hopefully we have another one when the weather gets warmer.

Both the Grand Director of Ceremonies and my visits are over except for Milo Lodge, which is April 15th at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to travel to Penn Yan with us, please contact me and maybe we can car pool.

Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: William Valois' visits went well. If you have any request or questions about education, feel free to contact him.

Degrees
Degree work in the District has been very busy. All have teamed up to make it more en-

joyable and fun. Remember, Brothers, Masonry is supposed to be educational and FUN.

Garoga-Sincerity is having a 3rd Degree on April 7th starting at 5:30 p.m. for the first part. Then dinner (reservations needed) and the second part begins at 7:30 p.m. I'm asking for as many Brothers as possible to attend. The more Brothers on the sidelines, the more impressive it is for the newly raised Brothers. At this time there are three being Raised.

Spaghetti Dinner
Honeoye
Masonic Civic Center
4994 County Road 36
Honeoye, NY

3rd Thursday of each month
Serving from 5-7 p.m.

Adults - \$5
Children (12 & under) - \$2.50
Takeouts available

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Eagle Lodge in Honeoye is having a 1st Degree on April 28th. Hope to see you there.

Again, hopefully Spring is near. Remember the men and women in the Armed Forces.

On April 8th, Seneca Lodge in Seneca Falls is having a "Yellow Dog Degree," put on by the Most Worshipful Bruce Widger and Company. This is a fun

Degree and not too long. Let's all try to support one of our Past Grand Masters.

Eagle Lodge No. 619
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
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Spring is officially here. I usually know Spring is here when I start seeing skunks along the roads, but I've been seeing geese flying North for some time now. For those who like to ride motorcycles - we finally can! I hope everyone has a very nice Easter.

We had a very nice Staff Officer's visit on March 10th. Our own men made a Spaghetti Dinner. My thanks to Ken Milner,

Caledonia to live with her daughter in Virginia. We wish her the best of health.

Upcoming Events
April 4th - District Ladies Night at the Conesus Country Club
May 17th - District Communion Breakfast in Mount Morris
Don't forget ... we meet in that big stone building at the traffic circle in Caledonia.

Move-Up Night
Move-Up Night is next month, so all Lodge Officers should be practicing their new chair. The better you know your Ritual, the more fun it is.

Be safe and God Bless.


Bob Helling and Terry Leonard for a very tasty meal. Dessert was provided by Barb Helling and it was great. Thanks Barb. Thanks to my wife, Diane, for helping to serve and clean up.

April brings our Lodge into 1st Degree work. We will have a rehearsal on Sunday the 26th at 1 p.m. The 1st Degree is Tuesday, April 28th, at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Help is always welcome from our Brothers. We welcome visits from our Brothers, near and far.

Our monthly Spaghetti Dinner is on Thursday, April 16th from 5-7 p.m. at our Lodge on West Lake Road (County Road 36) in Honeoye. Come and enjoy a great dinner for a very reasonable price.

We welcome back our Snowbirds from the warmer areas. Be sure to come and visit your Brothers at the Lodge.


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1965 - Kenneth Colegrove and James Khouri
 1968 - Joseph Hessney, Sr.
 1977 - Joseph Gillotte
 1982 - Henry Funk
 1996 - Robert Mattick and Robert Stivers
 I hope all you Snowbirds have a safe trip North. Remember, our meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We'd love to see you at a meeting to show off your tans. ✕

Milnor Lodge No. 139
 2nd & 4th Thursdays
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On April 7th we will take our Fellowcraft (providing suitable proficiency has been demonstrated) to Garoga-Sincerity Lodge for the conferral of the Master Mason Degree. Lodge will open at 5:30 p.m. for the first section with a break for dinner at about 6:30 p.m. The remainder of the Degree will follow. Reservations are required by April 3rd. They are asking the Brothers from Milnor to assist with filling the cast as required.

The "Walk-About" Program will be given by W.: Philip Trautman. This is an excellent introduction to Masonry for any new Brother. It is much more effective if all Officers are in attendance and the sidelines are filled. New Master Masons from other Lodges are cordially invited.

Luncheon
 Saturday, April 18th, the Widows of Milnor Lodge will be escorted to O/S/Y Surviving Spouses Luncheon at the Ramada Inn in Geneva. These ladies have enjoyed this event for many years. This is the 7th Annual Luncheon for the O/S/Y District. The entertainment this year will be provided by Nicole Hoey. She has a wonderful voice and her version of Patsy Cline songs is great.


Sickness and Distress
 W.: Jim Hartz had hip surgery on March 9th. Here's to a speedy recovery; golf season is on the way.

Brotherhood Fund
 Please remember the Brotherhood Fund and make your donation today. We only have contributions for a little over \$500. We CAN do better than this.

Dues
 There remain 20 Brothers who have NOT paid their 2009 Dues. Please do so as your Lodge needs the income and we have already paid the Grand Lodge per capita tax.

Plans are being made for a dinner in May to replace the annual February Turkey dinner. Your help will be needed. ✕

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Lodge Reports
 There are still two Lodges that have not complied with sending the 2008 Lodge Secretary's Report to the DDGM. This will be reflected in my report to the Grand Senior Warden and the Deputy Grand Master later this month. Both of these Lodges have received a letter from me requesting that this report be sent. As of this writing, neither has responded to the letter.

Quoted from the Secretary's Manual, "The Secretary must make a full and correct report annually to the District Deputy Grand Master of the condition of the Lodge on the thirty-first day of December. In the form prescribed by Grand Lodge, to be transmitted on or before the First Day of February. The District Deputy Grand Master is required to transmit the same to the Grand Secretary on or before the First Day of April. (Const. 121.4 & 313.8 Revised 1993) (Masonic Law 1024)."

Although constitutionally not required to be mailed by the District Deputy to the Grand Secretary until April 1st, this report should be transmitted to him as early in the new year as possible in order to be of value to him. Actually, the figures reported on this form have already been compiled by the Secretary for the Lodge's Annual Return, and little new information is required to be furnished. It really should be sent at the same time as the Annual Return, between December 31st and February 1st.


For all Lodges who did comply in the timely manner, thank you.

District Offices
 In the month of April there will be a meeting of the Wayne District Grand Lodge Officers Association, for the purpose of setting up a Selection Committee for the nominations of a DDGM and Grand Lodge Staff Officer for the 2010-2012 Term. About June/July timeframe, all Lodges will receive applications for these Offices. It isn't too early to start talking with Past Masters in your Lodge to serve in one capacity or another. In all likelihood, the Selection Committee will have to submit their findings to Grand Lodge in November, as to who will serve Wayne District in the future. The District is also in need of nominations for the office of Grand Representative, to be sent to the Grand Secretary and kept on file. At the present time, Wayne District has no active Grand Representatives.

Masonic Education
 With the *Road to the East* Course being offered by the Grand Steward, it is my hope many have decided to participate. This program was started during the month of March, and will continue through April and May. It is required for those hoping to advance to a Grand Lodge Office, as is the *Masonic Development Course*. There was much enthusiasm shown by those who took the *MDC* and I would hope those who take the *RTTE* Course would likewise have the same experience.

Wayne Lodge will have Raised ten new Master Masons by the time this article appears. Having attended the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees, I can assure you these new Brothers received their Degrees in their entirety and in a fine manner. Wayne Lodge is to be congratulated on its efforts. Let this example be to all Masons in Wayne District of what can be accomplished.

I would remind you that the *Wayne District Monthly Newsletter* is now available to any Mason wishing to receive it. All you have to do is send me your email address and I will include you on the list. ✕

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The *Road to the East* Course is underway in Wayne District! The Leadership and Education Committee of Grand Lodge has asked me to correct a statement in last month's article. Each participant of the *RTTE* Course is required to have his own personal copy of the "24-Inch Gauge," 2006 or more current edition. These can be purchased from Grand Lodge Services. An order form is on the Grand Lodge website.

In order to meet the Course's seat-time, we will be holding sessions the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The site of the 2nd Thursday is at the Masters & Wardens meeting so we can participate in their dinner. Sodus Lodge will be the site of the 4th Thursday meeting, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The *RTTE* Course is designed to prepare Brothers to become Master of their Lodge and to help them have a successful year. It is required for Candidates for District Deputy and Staff Officer.

Remaining RTTE Classes
 April 9th - at Masters & Wardens Meetings; Humanity Lodge; 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.


April 23rd - at Sodus Lodge; 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

May 14th - at Masters & Wardens Meetings; (Place TBD); 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

May 28th - at Sodus Lodge; 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Now that the weather is improving, I hope to see you around the District. I'm happy to report that Sodus Lodge has been seeing more Brothers from Wayne and Pultneyville Lodges at their meetings. Maybe it's the reputation of our chefs! Anyway, it's nice to have company and Sodus Lodge has a dinner before all our meetings. Call another Brother and visit a neighboring Lodge this Spring. I'm sure you will be welcomed and enjoy yourself. ✕

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Temple Association
 After some confusion as to which Brothers were legally our Trustees on the Palmyra Temple Association, the following Brothers are identified as our Representatives. Jim Airy has a three-year term, expiring in 2011; Dave Bassett will represent us until 2010; and Ev Vandermolen's term ends this year. The apologies of the Lodge are extended to Brother Pete Weimer for the confusion we have caused him by a premature election to a non-existent slot. It is hoped that he will consider serving in the near future.

Late News Flash!
 There has been a decision made by the Temple Association not to sell the Building! While there are those who would like to see a new facility, I don't believe this is the right time. All the Masonic Bodies must now decide wisely how to proceed.

There has been no response from the owner of the Macedon property as to our willingness to accept that piece of property for a reasonable consideration. Hopefully he has not changed his mind. There has also not been a final decision on the design of the 8 x 8 Commemorative Brick at the Community Center. Both of these items need to be finalized as soon as possible, as the Summer is rapidly approaching.

It has been a busy month here in Florida and we have finally had a few days that have not involved buckets and brooms and trips to Home Depot, Sears or Wal-Mart. The place is shaping up and now we are looking forward to my youngest daughter's marriage. I can't thank my Brothers enough for all their support.

Speaking of support, I remind each of you of the support that is needed to the Brotherhood Fund. If you have been swamped with work or up to your armpits with "honey-do" tasks and just "too busy," take a few minutes NOW and MAIL IN THAT CONTRIBUTION.

See you in Lodge! ✕

There are days when I feel as though I need to take back what I wrote last month about Spring being ready to burst forth around us. The cycles in nature proceed according to their own timetable as they have since long before we entered the picture and will continue to do so long after we have left. I guess we just need to be really patient this year, since there's nothing we can do to change the conditions.

Fortunately, the condition of our fellow man is something we have the ability to influence. We, as Free and Accepted Masons, have opportunities come our way both through our Lodge and in our personal lives that can alter the lives of those around us for the better. We need to take advantage of them both through our Lodge and individually.

Social
 February 14th saw Brothers from the Finger Lakes Area, along with guests, get together at the Dresden Hotel for the Valentine's Dinner Dance, sponsored by Ark Lodge and Geneva Shrine Club. Social hour was followed by a nice buffet, which, in turn, gave way to dancing provided by local DJ, Todd Whitford. Todd provided a great selection of music geared to the generations present. I have to admit, there were several Shriners who stole the show on the dance floor. Make sure to mark next year's calendar for a repeat of an enjoyable evening on Valentine's Weekend. FYI - The Dresden is now owned and operated by Ark Lodge Brother, Renee Reynolds.

Look in the next several months for information on a Summer get-together for the presentation of Service Awards. Last year's was well attended, and I think that this year's can be bigger and better.

Degree Work
 Hopefully, by the time you read this in April, Ark Lodge will have two new Brothers Raised to the Degree of Master Mason. All is in place for the Shrine Degree Team to put on the 3rd Degree on March 18th with two candidates from Ark Lodge and two from Farmerville-Union. We have also balloted favorably on a Petition for another Candidate, and will look to have that Candidate at least as Entered Apprentice prior to the end of this Masonic year.

Masonic Anniversaries
 Brothers Raised in April include:

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Remember the Brotherhood Fund

Monroe District

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Well here it is April and since I am writing this in early March I will assume the snows have gone, the grass is turning green and we all are getting into the Spring Season. We survived another Winter, even though I might say it seemed, at times, we never were going to see the warmer weather arrive. I think we are better for it – to witness the change in seasons instead of having one or two seasons all year long. That is just my perspective and I'm sure not everyone agrees with me.

Masonic Education

For the new Brothers who want to continue their Masonic Education outside of the Lodge Room, the Livingston Library offers its Reading Course Program that really began back in the 1930s as a means to expand the education of Brothers across the State. Currently there are 17 Courses divided into six sub-groups. For those of you who have a computer, go to www.nymasoniclibrary.org where they will explain how to register for the courses. It's very simple. You pick a course of reading material and they send you the books. You can keep them for two weeks; if you need more time, let them know and when you are done just mail it back. There is a small booklet entitled "Pathways to More Masonic Light," which explains far more about the Library than what we have said here.

Degree Work

As we travel across the District we are encouraged by the number of new Brothers who have come into the Craft and are seeking further light in our great Fraternity. I know that our AGs are working hard to encourage the proper delivery of the Ritual at your Degrees.

We know from experience that it takes commitment and dedication to learn the Ritual, especially when you hear Brothers such as W. : Bill Edwards of Webster deliver the Middle Chamber Lecture or R. : W. : Mike Nohle deliver the Historical Lecture of the 1st Degree or W. : John Faro doing the Masters work for the Shrine Degree Team. I can't forget W. : Mike Grady and W. : Jim Smith from Livingston District who do fantastic Degree work and Monroe District's R. : W. : Thomas Grape who can always be counted on to fill in and do great work. None of this happened overnight. Many hours of studying and standing in front of a mirror doing their parts were required to attain perfection. But there is no

better feeling when everything comes out perfect and you have this great feeling of accomplishment for what you imparted to your Brothers. I should also mention others, such as Brother Patrick Mulrooney and W. : Nelson Berth.

In each message to you I try to cover aspects of what we see or hear in the District.

A subject has come up of which many of you are probably not aware. It deals with traveling either outside your District or traveling to another country and going to different Lodges. If it's to another country, the Protocol is to inform the Grand Secretary who will contact the Grand Secretary of that country and write you a letter of introduction and provide you with a Masonic Passport so when you get to that Lodge, they will have knowledge of your presence. The same thing when traveling to another State. Inform our Grand Secretary and he will notify the State you will be visiting for the proper papers to be generated. In Sec. 506 of the Constitution (the Blue Book) it states, "Any visitor from another jurisdiction, unless personally known, applying for examination for admission to a Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall be required to present a Certificate of Membership in the Lodge from which he hails. Such Certificate shall be authenticated as follows: by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in which such Lodge is located, as to the regular standing of the Lodge, by the Secretary of the Lodge as to the Masonic standing of the Brother and by the signature of the Brother in whose name the Certificate is issued, for personal identification."

Mark Twain said this of April. "The first day of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year ..." I'll let you figure this one out. ✕

Grand Steward

Monroe

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Perhaps Spring is finally here! It sure seems like this Winter has been longer than normal. I hope all of our "Snowbirds" have safe travels as they head North and look forward to seeing them back in Lodge.

Masonic Development Course

As Spring brings new growth in nature, so do our Lodges have new growth as they Raise new Master Masons. As new plant life will flourish by receiving fertilization, so will our new Brothers flourish if they receive continued Masonic training and education.

This being said, your Leadership Team is considering a Spring Masonic Development

Course for the new Brothers in our District. I am aware of many new Master Masons having been or going to be Raised in area Lodges. The MDC is designed specifically for these Brothers and I can't recommend this training highly enough.

Our idea is to offer the Course on a Saturday this Spring and, depending on the acceptance, we might be able to accomplish the training in just the one day. Masters, please present this idea in your Lodges to your new Master Masons and Brethren. Don't forget that all Brothers are welcome to attend this training. The cost to attend would likely be \$25 to cover the costs of materials and refreshments.

Road to the East

Our Regional Road to the East Program was completed on February 28th. My sincere thanks to all who made presentations to our incoming and future Masters. It is our hope that these Brothers received a wealth of information and advice that will aid them in their quests. As always, your District Leadership Team continues to be available to assist with programming and support.

Key Word – Gavel

The word Gavel (noun) according to the Encarta Dictionary means a small hammer used by a judge, chair of a meeting or auctioneer to draw the attention or to mark the conclusion of a transaction. A gavel may be used to bring an end to something or to stop discussion.

In a Masonic Lodge, the Master has charge of the gavel and may use it at his discretion to transact business, raise or seat the Brethren and maintain harmony. Masters should remember this is a tool for them to use and, although its use should not be taken lightly, Masters should not be apprehensive about using it.

This is especially true when harmony needs to be maintained. The position of the Worshipful Master is a powerful one and Masters need to be studied on the Constitutions, especially with regard to their powers and prerogatives. The gavel is to be used as a statement of the authority entrusted to the Master of the Lodge. ✕

Grand Steward

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Road to the East

Congratulations to the 16 Brothers from the Livingston, Genesee/Wyoming and Monroe Districts on completing the Road to the East Course. There was even a Worshipful Master auditing the Course. I publicly thank all the presenters for taking time out of their busy schedules. With your help, our future leaders have a strong foundation to build upon.

Masters & Wardens

I am sending out a call to all Masters and Wardens of the Monroe District! Do you know the dates, times and locations of the Masters & Wardens meetings? If not, please contact Worshipful Bill Flesher of Oatka

Lodge. His email is:

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To say the least, turnout for the meetings has been terrible! Let's fix that!

A Masonic Story

A salesman's car breaks down on a remote country lane (not another traveling salesman's joke). A farmer in the adjacent field comes over and they discover they are "Brothers." The salesman is concerned, as he has an important appointment in the local town. "Don't worry," says the farmer, "You can use my car. I will call a friend and get the car repaired while you go to the appointment."

Off goes the salesman and a couple of hours later he returns. Unfortunately, the car is awaiting a part, which won't arrive until the next morning.

"It's not a problem," says the farmer. "Use my telephone and re-schedule your first appointment tomorrow; stay with us tonight and I'll see that the car is done first thing."

The farmer's wife prepares a wonderful meal and they share a glass of fine single malt during an excellent evening. The salesman sleeps soundly and when he wakes, there is his car, repaired and ready to go. After a full English breakfast, the salesman thanks them both for the hospitality. As he and the farmer walk to his car he turns and asks, "My Brother, thank you so much, but I have to ask, did you help me because I am a Mason?"

"No," was the reply. "I helped you because I am a Mason."

(Reprinted from the Rhode Island Freemason)

As always, if we as District Officers can be of assistance to you or your Lodge, feel free to contact any one of us. We would be willing to attend your programs, Lodge meetings, etc. We only ask not to wait until the last minute. Our calendars are fairly full and we would need time to schedule your requests.

Until next month see you in the Quarries. ✕

Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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By Don Tubman

The New York Masonic Safety Identification Program (formerly CHIPS) ALWAYS needs your help. April and May will be no different. We reach out to you for your help for the remainder of this year!

The NYMSIP Team is looking at more ways to bring Masonry and the Program to the forefront and fill the gaps where children and senior (seasoned) citizens can be identified so authorities can rescue them if they stray. We look to each of you for help with this Program in 2009 in the traditional way of identifying opportunities for us with children.

Several Nursing Home Directors, as well as members of the Association of Administrative Nurses, are finalizing plans where we will be going to nursing homes to assist the residents with identification opportunities. We look for a very busy 2009. If any of you have a loved one in a nursing home in Monroe County, please alert the home that they should be in contact with us to schedule an event.

Remember your Masonic obligations when we ask for your help. Many are asked, but few are chosen. We published the Lodge Chairman within each Lodge. Please contact your Chairman if you have an idea for an event or want to offer them your help.

- A Child ID Program was held on February 21st at Unified Taekwon-DO, 202 Scottsville Road, across from Campi's Restaurant. Tom Perrone, Training Coordinator, with Brother Tyler Ekwel of Unity Lodge, processed 15 young folks that Saturday. They have been asked to schedule another ID Program later in the year.

- We have been asked by Oscar Wilson from Damascus Shrine to conduct a Child ID event on Palm Sunday, April 5th, from 1-4 p.m. at 979 Bay Road, Webster, in conjunction with an Easter Egg Hunt and Public Safety Demonstration by the West Webster Fire and Webster Police Departments.

- We have been asked by Bob Kimmel of Seneca Lodge to help with a Child ID event May 23rd in Webster at the Dewitt Road Elementary School's Bike Rodeo. Seneca and Webster Lodges are going to work together on this event.

- Also, on May 23rd, the Scottish Rite will sponsor a Child ID event at their Learning Center Walk for Dyslexia at Perinton Park. Put on your quarry boots and come out and join us with the event or bring your running shoes and support the walk.

- We have received requests from church groups to help them with ID events and we are sponsoring an Eagle Scout project relating to Child ID.

We would like to schedule as many events as possible and team with fire departments, the police and with all the Lodges and Concordant Bodies. If any of you are members of FASNY, talk it up within your departments.

Our goal is to reach those children who are not involved in the school Child ID Programs and probably the most at risk. Please think of opportunities where this can be done. If you are holding a health fair at your Lodge or your community is hosting a festival where you feel we could implement a Child ID event, feel free to contact us.

We have requested that each Lodge have a Coordinator to help us staff these events. These events are not just a local Lodge event, but a County and Grand Lodge event. It is a great recruiting tool for new members.

Information about the Masonic ID Program is available online at www.nychip.org. We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the program.

We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at datubman@yahoo.com or rcdowns@rochester.rr.com or tewtaul@aol.com. You can contact Don Tubman at 889-4725. ✕

Area 15 Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:
Derek VanHouten
Monroe District



From the period of June 1, 2008, thru December 31, 2008, the Brotherhood Fund Campaign, State-wide, has brought in \$565,112.46 from 5,129 contributors. We won't know the 2009 figures until Summer; however, as R.:W.: Robert Stack said, "We are holding our own."

In Area 15, the following has been collected through the efforts of our hard-working Lodge Chairmen. Wayne District - \$2,686.50 from their 11 Lodges; from the Livingston District - \$1,549.00 from 8 Lodges; and from the 13 Lodges in the Monroe District - \$10,164.83. That's a total of \$14,400.33 for Area 15.

We are all in this difficult economic time together and we have only four months left for the current campaign. Won't you please consider looking at your own situation and give any amount to the Cause. There are a lot of Grand Lodge Programs such as the Veterans Services Committee that depend on your support so they can help returning Veterans and help to send material to our overseas fighting forces. R.:W.: Thomas Paglia from Unity Lodge is the Chairman of this Grand Lodge Committee. At a recent Lodge meeting, he stated that this Committee alone spends about \$35,000 a year providing supplies to the Veterans Hospitals in the State. They give of their time in volunteering to visit the Veterans and bring a small ray of sunshine to their daily life. This is just one of several viable programs we support. Please remember that all donations are tax-deductible.

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By V.:W.: Harry DeHollander

Need Your Input

The AGL article this month is a little different than what we presented to you in the past. I am going to explain an idea to you that has been brought to V.:W.: Hugh Woodside and me. We are in agreement with this and will ask for your feedback by email or letter/card. Please no phone calls. We need your feedback in writing so we can go over it and, if we have enough responses, bring it to the Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: Chuck Toombs, for his approval.

A couple of weeks ago the Chairman of the Custodians of the Work, R.:W.: Richard Friedman, and I had a conversation about the number of Lodges and the greatly improved number of new folks doing Degree Work. We both agreed, as does my partner, Brother Hugh, we need new

Brothers to shore up our present few who are helping out with the Middle Chamber Lecture and other Lectures of the 1st and 3rd Degrees throughout our District and surrounding District Lodges.

R.:W.: Friedman proposed that he and some other dedicated Brothers would be willing to teach or instruct these Lectures under the umbrella of the Grand Lecturer/AGL's authority; as required by the Grand Lodge Constitution. Brother Hugh and I believe this to be an outstanding offer and opportunity for our Monroe District and surrounding Districts. Brother Hugh and I are willing to set up Schools of Ritual (as required by the Constitution) and get the ball rolling.

A Couple of Big "Ifs"

The Grand Lecturer and I believe the Grand Master will need to give his blessing to this venture and, if he does, the really "BIG IF" is "YOU!" If you are interested in learning the Middle Chamber Lecture, read it over in the Ritual Book. If you would like to sit in on this training class, email Hugh or me with your email address, telephone number, present address and Lodge name and number. If we have enough Brothers who respond, there could be an East Side, West Side group situation. I hope you have the idea. Get back to Hugh or me if you seriously would like to consider attending this proposed training session. Depending on the number of responses, dates, times, places and length of classes will be determined.

School of Ritual

Our next School of Ritual is scheduled for March 31st, 7:30 p.m. at Oatka Lodge in Scottsville. If you are reading this on or before the 31st, come out to Oatka. If it's after the 31st and you did not attend, shame on you!

NOTICE!

The Monroe District Joint Investiture Service is scheduled for Friday, May 29th at Fairport Lodge Hall, 87 South Main Street, Fairport. Worshipful Master, Tom Goodrich, has promised another outstanding steak dinner to be served promptly at 6:30 p.m. with the Investiture Service starting at 7:30 p.m. Due to some past "no-shows," we are forced to tell you that "a reservation made is a reservation paid." Dinner reservations are by email, if possible; if not then by phone to Brother Hugh or me at the above email or phone numbers.

In order to attend this service, you must be a duly elected or have been installed Worshipful Master of a Lodge. So Mote It Be.

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Next Meeting

Just a brief reminder, our Masters and Wardens meeting for April 18th will be at the Long Pond Restaurant located at 496 Long Pond Road. Bring your spouse/significant other with you as dinner will begin at 6

p.m. and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. This is an important meeting, as we will be discussing the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Moreover, as a further reminder, there will not be a meeting in May. Then our last meeting of this Masonic Year will be on June 30th at Union Star Lodge Hall located at 3 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls. This meeting will provide an opportunity for the newly elected Masters and Wardens to join us and begin planning for their September Lodge Communications.

At the April meeting I will present Section 769, "Libraries," from *Particular Lodge and Acquiring Membership* and Section 980, "Permitting Work to be Done by Qualified Brother," from *Lodge Officers of the Book of Constitutions*. These are very apropos sections I recently had an experience with and I wanted to begin with short sections as refreshers to Masters and Wardens of the various parts of the Constitutions. Masonic Law is for the benefit of all of our Brethren and the Master must be familiar with its many parts. Be prepared to present other sections of your choosing at our meeting in June.

As of this writing, I have not yet received an email from each of the Masters and Wardens of the 12 other Lodges in our District. Please email me at phdoc007@yahoo.com so I can have an up-to-date listing of your email addresses.

May I see you on April 18th? *



By Erik Loepker, Chairman

I was pondering the various literary barbs at my disposal that I could employ to prick your passions to instigate you to sally forth and claim the Gavel for your Lodge, when R.:W.: William Spillane called me on the phone to let me know he is dropping the gauntlet on the Brothers of Union Star Lodge. As I had written in my last article, these Brothers had liberated the Traveling Gavel from Northfield Lodge, in the finest way possible - they showed up en masse, filling the seating to capacity, and with smiles all around, graciously accepted it from Northfield's Historian and Past Master, R.:W.: Raymond Beardsley.

Well, it turns out that Brother Spillane has a fondness for that artifact. His feelings run strongly enough that, as he sits through radiation treatments, chemotherapy, and post-op therapy (see Northfield Lodge's article for details), his mind is scheming and plotting for the best way to assemble the Brethren of Northfield for a rescue mission that would rival the quest of Sir Galahad, Sir Bors the Younger, and Sir Percival.

While Brother Spillane is raring to go, he is temporarily down and out. There is, then, a slight reprieve, as well as a chance to spice up the game a bit.

Considering Brother Spillane's zeal for the reclamation of the Gavel, an impish impulse from deep inside makes me smile as I wonder how many of you I can convince to play a game of "Keep Away." Imagine the mad dash of the Northfield Brethren, led by

Brother Spillane, storming the hall at Union Star, only to be greeted by the smiles of the Brethren therein who innocently remark that your Lodge had already been there and taken the Gavel at their previous Communication!

You have about a month ... that's about when Brother Spillane has threatened ... er, guaranteed ... his return to the scene. Act now! Time is limited! The gauntlet has been thrown. Will you take it up?

Editor's Note: See Oatka Lodge article on page 10. *

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They say that less is more, so here goes and hope it is true.

A Night to Remember

After a few delays, Union Star Lodge got back on track and presented an excellent 2nd Degree on March 9th. The Degree was done before a packed house; preceded by a wonderful meal prepared by Rob Sweeney.

There were many visitors, including two District Deputies, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten (Monroe) and R.:W.: John Gallant (Livingston). Also in attendance were R.:W.: Roy Moses (Livingston), V.:W.: Harry DeHollander and V.:W.: Hugh Woodside (Assistant Grand Lecturers of Monroe District).

The best 2nd Degree I have ever attended at Union Star was presented by R.:W.: Gary Sanford sitting in the East, W.: James Smith presenting the Middle Chamber Lecture and the rest of Union Star's finest, too numerous to mention. Seeing the excitement and smiling faces of our two Fellowcraft Brothers at night's end, underlined the true purpose of the 2nd Degree. Union Star Lodge can be very proud.

Also attending the March 9th meeting was what looked like the entire Oatka Lodge in pursuit of the Traveling Gavel. W.: William Flesher and his band of merry men came out in full force and graced our Lodge with enthusiasm and Fellowship. Freemasonry is alive and well at Oatka; our thanks to Brother Bill and his Brothers for making the night extra special.

Upcoming Events

April 6th - 3rd Degree Rehearsal
April 13th - 3rd Degree; Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Degree at 7:30 p.m.
April 19th - Our First Pancake Breakfast at the Lodge; Serving 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Everyone come out and make it a huge success, so we can make it an annual event.
See you in the Quarry. *

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March got off to a great start as R.:W.: Bruce D. Chilton was Master of Ceremony for a festive Table Lodge on March 5th. A very enlightening and inspiring Masonic message was included, which we had not heard before. Our Junior Warden and Stewards prepared an exceptionally fine meal.

Community Service

Webster Girl Scout Troop No. 490 was the benefactor this month of our Spaghetti Dinner proceeds. Dinners served totaled 195.

Departed Brothers

We extend our sympathy to the families of Brothers Richard J. Patterson, Clarence G. Stappenbeck and W.: Walter C. Schattner. These Brothers have recently laid aside their Working Tools to be with the Great Architect of the Universe, at that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Gratitude

Through the generosity of the Brethren at Union Star Lodge, we have acquired an organ to replace the malfunctioning instrument currently in service. Although the replacement seems to operate properly, it needs some cleaning and cosmetic TLC. Many thanks, especially to Brothers Eric Carlston and Robert Passino for getting it moved and up the stairs at Lodge.

Behind the Scenes

We are blessed to have numerous dedicated Brothers who continually work thanklessly behind the scenes. Recently, the grease trap in the kitchen floor required cleaning. Brothers Nick Haldoupis and Robert Passino were there to get the job done. Be assured, Brothers, without getting too graphic, it is an unpleasant job that requires a strong stomach. When you see them, show your appreciation for their continued efforts at the many Lodge maintenance tasks.

Upcoming Events

We will be honoring our Past Masters, and awarding service milestones on April 2nd. It seems appropriate then, to make this our Annual "Stink Nite," where we will partake of those tasty, smelly treats! Our Junior Warden assures me that Limburger Cheese, onions, as well as various breads, horseradish, mustards, peppers and his own humor, will be available for your enjoyment. For those of you who prefer the milder side, cold cuts and such will be available.

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Friday, April 3rd
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

at Webster Lodge Hall

30 Orchard Street

Adults - \$7

Children - \$4

Please consider helping out at the Spaghetti Dinner on the following night, April 3rd.

Be a part of your Fellowcraft Club on April 9th. Work Clothes are the appropriate attire.

Brother Brad Lewis will appreciate your attendance on April 16th when we expect to Raise four Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Come out in support of our newest class and take part in it.

Drivers are needed for the Widows Luncheon on April 25th. Contact Brother Hank Libera at 872-5427 or email hlibera@rochester.rr.com if you can help.

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As we move forward into Spring, the news from the Lodge is short and sweet. There will be more definitive dates for more events, including our Lodge Spring clean up. We hope to have this done soon and will follow up with emails as appropriate.

Lodge Happenings SAVE THIS DATE!!!

It is with excitement that, on behalf of W.: Ronald Lalik, we announce the Entered Apprentice Degree Ceremony on Monday, April 27th. As we prepare for this journey, all Brothers are invited to assist and attend this important event. Please contact the W.: Lalik with any questions or if you are able to assist.

Remember, we will have Strawberry Shortcake night on June 8th. More information will be forthcoming.

Building News

As of this writing, we continue to discuss the leasing of the space in the lower part of the Masonic Hall. We hope to have good news in our next edition.

Brothers in the News

Congratulations to W.: Michael DiCataldo, who recently got a "thumbs up" for his donation of 1,000 lapel pins to the Badge of Honor Association. The pins are being used to raise money for the injured Rochester Police Officer, Anthony DiPonzio.

Also, R.: W.: and Excellent John Zabel has received the Order of the High Priesthood at the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Congratulations to John for his dedication and hard work.

The Canadians are Coming!

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May 9th at 12 Noon

at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge Hall in Penfield

Let Us Know

Please provide any news or information you would like to pass along. As we move towards warmer weather, we hope to have more news of events that will bring the Brothers together.

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I take this time to thank each and every one of you for your support this year. When I started as the newly installed Master, I really did not know what to expect. I must say, the members of ERAC Lodge are second-to-none.

I have had a wonderful year and offer my thanks for your support. Every event has been a great job well done with the help of the Officers and members of our Lodge. Let me be the first to applaud you; truly, without all of your support, the year would not be going as well as it is.

Our first meeting in March was about Masonic Education, hosted by Brother Dave Upham and R.: W.: Rich Friedman. They both did an outstanding job and Brother Friedman capped the night saying, "For those of you who could not attend, you missed an excellent Lodge meeting."

Dave Upham's lecture on Masonic Education stimulated as much discussion in Lodge as I have seen in many years. Topics were brought up regarding specific words and places from the Ritual. We talked about Symbols and what the secrets of Freemasonry really are.

A delicious Meatball and Pasta meal got the night off to a great start. What was really special was the payoff for the hard work that Pat Mulrooney and Dave Upham have done

with our last several classes of Candidates. I cannot recall a situation in my experience with ERAC where two Fellowcrafts added great value to the discussion. Great job with speaking in Lodge for the first time! Pat and Dave, you are doing a wonderful job educating our new members and involving them in the workings of the Lodge and the Craft.

For those who have not been around for a while, rest assured, you will be very proud the next time you come to Lodge. Keep your eyes open for the meeting notices. Let's really make our 3rd Degree a hugely attended meeting. Our Fellowcraft are proficient and working hard to become true Master Masons. A big thanks to Brother Friedman, for his most excellent words, and to all of you who attended.

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Three of our four Entered Apprentices were advanced to the Degree of Fellowcraft on February 17th, with W.: Kenneth Schumacher, Master, presiding in the East. Unfortunately, one of our new Brothers was out of town on business and missed the Degree. Brother Richard Smith, Senior Deacon, attended when he should have been home in bed, and orchestrated the first section of the Degree. The Working Tools were impeccably presented by W.: Duane Smith; Questions were asked by me, in a part I hadn't done in many years,

of Brother Patrick Mulrooney, of ERAC Lodge, who answered in his usual flawless style; and the Charge was conferred by W.: Ralph Jurgens. We were particularly honored to have with us R.: W.: Alan Ramsay, Western Regional Assistant Grand Lecturer, who conducted our new Fellowcrafts through the Middle Chamber Lecture. It was a fine performance on the part of all participants.

Our regular Communication on March 2nd featured R.: W.: Thomas Paglia speaking on the Veterans Hospital in Canandaigua. Brother Tom is the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Veterans Services Committee and Co-Chairman of the Grand Lodge Military Outreach. A frequent visitor to the residents, he assists in putting on birthday parties each month and in the holiday gift distribution program. He emphasized that anyone who is able to go to the hospital and spend some time with a veteran. He also asked Brothers to consider designating the Veterans Program when they make their contributions to the Brotherhood Fund.

I'm hoping this will be in your hands before the first of the month, so here is a reminder that the School of Ritual is at Oatka Lodge on March 31st. Remember, Craftsman Robertson Lodge has an opportunity to obtain the Attendance Banner. The Assistant Grand Lecturer's use a weighted formula, so a smaller Lodge still can compete with the bigger Lodges in this challenge. If you are available, it would be great to see you there. Maybe we can arrange for car pooling, as well.

April Events

The 3rd Degree is scheduled for April 7th, with the Shrine Degree Team handling the conferral. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations will be required and the Calling Tree will be activated to take yours. Sorry, but this is a stag night only.

Fellowcraft

The Annual Fellowcraft dinner will be on April 14th at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road. The \$25 charge includes your Fellowcraft Club Dues for the 2009-2010 Masonic year and your dinner for the evening, Prime Rib or Orange Ruffly. I believe the Calling Tree will also be involved in taking these reservations.

Widows Luncheon

The Widows Luncheon is on April 25th at the Burgundy Basin. By now all widows should have been contacted. If you are one, or you know of one, who has not been notified, please let us know. While we have tried to keep an accurate list, we are not sure that it really is, so be sure to let us know if you move or are not one who has been contacted. Widows are guests of the Lodge, but we do need to know what you would like to eat. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Also let us know if you need transportation.

Sickness and Distress

Worshipful William Hook is working diligently to maneuver with the aid of a walker so he may return to his home from Hill Haven. Brother Phil Cissell is feeling much better, but is not driving much anymore.

April Birthdays

Derek VanHouten (3rd); Glenwood Ide, Earl Martin and Ronald Sterling (6th); Mark Jacobs and Robert Hughes (15th); and Richard Militello (23rd) are our Brothers whose birthdays are in April. Happy Birthday to each one of you; may you enjoy your special day!

Yard Sale

May 16th is tentatively set for the second Annual Yard Sale we sponsor at the Shrine Center. Right now, details are sketchy, but save your items for this fundraiser. Last year we bought a new computer for the *Masonic Times* at a very critical time. A crash occurred as we were finalizing the photography for the June issue. I'm not sure if the Masonic Service Bureau will be the beneficiary again this year, but whatever we raise will be put to good use by someone. If you have material you need to store someplace now, give me a call at the Bureau - 671-9730. We have a couple of Brothers with trucks who are willing to work with you to pick any large items. We appreciate your efforts in getting stuff delivered to the Shrine Center.

Picnic

I know it is early, but please mark the date on your calendar now. Saturday, August 15th, we will gather at Channing Philbrick Park (formerly Linear Park) in Penfield for our Annual Picnic. While steak is the main fare, we will have chicken, hamburgs and hot dogs available as well. All Brothers and their families are invited to attend. We will need to know your entrée choice when we begin accepting reservations later this Summer, and if any children will be coming we will try to have some games for them to play as well.

Reminder

There are only two more months for the Brotherhood Fund Campaign. Only 75 percent of our membership has paid their Dues. Please check your Dues Card. W.: Ralph Jurgens will be happy to accept checks for both of these. Please remit.

See you in Lodge.

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What an exciting evening we all had on March 9th when ten Brothers from Oatka met at Union Star in Honeoye Falls to bring home the Traveling Gavel. W.: George Fohner and the Brothers of that Lodge greeted us all, even though I could tell they were a little disappointed to lose the Gavel. This is the second time Oatka has had the Gavel, the last time was seven years ago. However, the Brothers of Oatka welcome all visitors from any Lodge in the District to visit our Regular Communications to retrieve the Gavel for their Lodge. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month starting at 7:30 p.m.



W.: Bill Flesher, Oatka Lodge, receives Traveling Gavel from W.: George Fohner, Union Star Lodge.

Finally, we had our first spaghetti dinner on February 28th. Give a huge cheer and a well-deserved thank you to Brothers Dan Footer, John White and Allan Seastrom. With the leadership of Brother Dan and the hard work by Brothers John and Allan, the Lodge was able to turn a profit for the first dinner. Hopefully, the March dinner will be as good. With that kind of success, this team of hard workers has already planned Spaghetti Dinners for April 25th, May 30th and June 20th. Advertising will be more plentiful, to include the *Masonic Times*, local TV Channels 8, 10 and 13, and our Website: www.oatkamasons.org

We hope to get members of the community used to having a dinner such as this each month so they can make plans to attend.



Oatka Lodge Brothers with the Traveling Gavel.

Grand Lodge

As Spring draws near (thank heaven for that), we are reminded of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication on May 4th and 5th. This year I will be attending as Master of the Lodge, but what is even more exciting is that several of the new Brothers will be accompanying me to New York City for the Communication. One thing to keep in mind for all of the Brothers is that the first Communication of our Lodge following Grand Lodge is our Annual Elections. The date of this Annual Meeting is May 13th.

Cornerstone Laying

Brother Erik Crandall has nearly completed the new cornerstone for the ceremony on May 16th. The ceremony starts at 2 p.m. with dinner following at the Presbyterian Church. There is a place in the back of the stone for a small time capsule, so if anybody can think of some items to put in there please forward them to Brother Erik or myself.

Correction

A correction needs to be made to last month's article regarding the upcoming Degree Work. The 1st Degree for the new set of Candidates will be on April 8th instead of April 15th. Then the following Communication on April 22nd (vice April 29th, as mentioned) will be the Entered Apprentice Historical Lecture. The days mentioned in May (May 13th), for the 2nd Degree, and June (June 10th), for the 3rd Degree, are correct. ✕

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Sad News

Brother Jan Lughart, (who died on February 20, 2009) was born July 22, 1929; Initiated April 21, 1964; Passed on May 19, 1964 and Raised June 2, 1964. A Masonic Memorial Service was held February 24th at the Spencerport United Methodist Church.

Good News

On February 23rd, members of our Lodge balloted to accept the Petition of Brother George Reiber for Affiliation with our Lodge. George is the brother of Brother Rudolph Reiber, a long-time member of Unity.

Our two Fellowcraft were Raised to the Sublime Degree

of Master Mason on March 9th. Fifty-two Brothers, including six visitors from Hesperus Lodge of Genesee-Wyoming District and one from Fame Lodge, attended to observe and participate in this impressive Degree. A Corned-Beef and Cabbage Dinner, prepared by Etolian Chapter OES, was served prior to the Degree.

Congratulations to our new Master Masons, Brothers Byron Barnes and Daniel Donovan.

I thank all Brothers who participated in and attended the Degree for a job well done; it could not have been better.

Recent Events

Thanks to Tom Perrone and Tyler Ekwel who ran a Child ID Session on February 21st at Unified TaeKwan-Do on Scottsville Road. Seventeen children were processed by Tom and Tyler.

Upcoming Events

The Widows Luncheon will be Saturday, April 25th at noon at the Burgundy Basin. Reservations must be made through the Lodge. Contact Joe Privitera at 392-5583. He will need to know how many in your party and the choice of entrée for each. Choose between Chopped Sirloin Steak or Roasted Chicken.

Sickness and Distress

Norman Rollo was in an automobile accident and is currently at the St. Mary's Rehabilitation Center, Room 5122. Norman is a Past Master of Etolian Lodge and his wife, Helen, a Past Matron of Etolian Chapter OES.

Jim Toogood is now home and recuperating. He had a partial hip replacement and is having physical therapy at home. He also has other issues, which severely limit his ability to get around. Call Jim at 594 2189.

Our best wishes and prayers go out to all those afflicted and their families.

April Birthdays

Best Wishes and many happy returns of the day to these Brothers who are celebrating birthdays in April:

Gary Cornelius (1st), Charles N. DiPilato and Arthur A. Rogers (2nd), Raymond H. Cody and Derek E. VanHouten (3rd), Robert P. Kennedy and Ruel R. Lovett (4th), Clarence R. Dinger (5th), William W. Stoddart, III (6th), Earl N. Lenhard (7th), Richard D. Bean (10th), Rick Randolph (12th), Cedric W. Lodge (18th), Franklin D. Higgins and Jerry F. Luedemann (19th), Dale C. Bond (20th), Donald L. Grapensteter (22nd), Richard M. Fisher and Donald I. Williams (25th) and Robert E. Crystal (29th).

April Anniversaries

Congratulations to these Brothers Raised to the Sublime Degree in the Month of April:

1949 - Robert W. Judd
1952 - Septimius A. DiLauro
1953 - Edward Hogle, John H. Lont and Arthur A. Rogers
1954 - Norman J. Weinreber
1956 - Richard J. Spangenberg
1958 - Raymond J. Burroughs and James M. Simmons
1960 - William Allen
1961 - Robert W. Knorr
1962 - John J. Hinds and Cedric W. Lodge
1966 - M. Donald Darrohn, III and Rolfe W. Schelle
1972 - Charles N. DiPilato, F. Stanley Johnson, Robert D. Scott and William B. Teasdale, Sr.
1974 - Robert D. Allen, Ruel R. Lovett and Donald A. Walzer
1975 - J. Edward Gillott and Bruce W. Peckham
1978 - David E. Reeves
1982 - Raymond H. Cody

1984 - William S. Mattern
1986 - Michael G. Schwartz
1988 - Christopher M. Harness
1989 - Dale C. Bond, Martin K. Michaels and James C. Murch
1991 - Harry A. Gorman and James A. Mitchell

1993 - Richard M. Fisher, Robert P. Langfelder and William H. Monell

1994 - James P. Carpenter, Sr., Rockwood K. Chambers, Ralph H. Maibohm, William G. Staub, Sr., David C. Sylvester and James E. Toogood

1996 - George D. Gannon
1997 - Lawrence D. Thibault and Gordon H. Williams

1998 - George E. Greenauer and Patrick M. Schwartz

1999 - Laurel King
2000 - Thomas E. Riddle
2001 - Michael D. Edelman
200 - Gary W. Cornelius and Craig F. McCann

2005 - Mathew M. Henshaw, Timothy J. Hull, Thomas J. Perrone, Andrew J. Tascione III and Donald I. Williams

2006 - John Belgiorno, Joseph Picioli, Andrew J. Tascione IV and David Tascione

2008 - Robert T. Buchanan and Michael S. Coyner

Brothers, if you detect any errors or omissions in the Birthdays or Masonic Anniversaries sections, please let me know and I will make whatever corrections may be called for.

Also, if you know of any Brother in sickness or distress, please communicate whatever information you may have to me. ✕

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Brothers, it has been a few busy months readying ourselves for the 3rd Degree we must exemplify on April 9th. Please re-



Brother Merlin "Blake" Blakley receives his 50-year Certificate and Pin from Brother John Rehbach.

member your formal wear for that night. We are hoping for a large turnout; if you can make it, we would enjoy your company. It has been real nice to see Brothers we have not seen in a while coming back out to support us now that Winter has gone away.

Thanks to Brother Dave Foster for the informative talk on Tax Preparation. The timing was perfect for the filing date of April 15th.

Dates to Remember

On April 23rd, we will hold the Lodge of Remembrance. ✕

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By Erik Loepker, Jr. Warden

Sickness and Distress

I'll start this article by asking for you to keep R.:W.: William D. Spillane and W.: Glenn Hedges in your thoughts and prayers. Brother Spillane has been diagnosed with a tumor the size of a baseball. He is undergoing radiation treatments in preparation for surgery that will, in turn, be followed by chemotherapy. While this condition is making his life rather difficult right now, he remains in good spirits and cheer, and is even plotting a mission to retrieve the Traveling Gavel when he returns to active duty in the Lodge. (See the Traveling Gavel Update for details.) He is very grateful for all of the cards, well-wishes and prayers he has received and extends his gratitude to you all. He also admonishes all Brethren to get regular check-ups and exams with your doctor...you never know.

Brother Glenn Hedges was in an accident a few weeks ago and has been recuperating since then. His cheery smile and Fraternal charm were sorely missed at Communications and, though he has returned to the Lodge Room, he is still on the long journey to full recovery. He, too, is very grateful for the cards, well-wishes and prayers, and is happy with his new car.

"Move-Up Night"

We've been very active lately; on March 5th we had our "Move-Up Night" at Northfield, which, despite some initial misgivings



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BRUCE CHILTON
POTENTATE

As I write this, it is with great anticipation of warmer days with longer light in them. We are past daylight saving and I am hoping that the old saying that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a Lamb holds true in '09.

With the warmer weather, you will begin to see motorcycles on the road. Not being used to that can create unsafe situations, especially for the bikes. As we have many Nobles who ride motorcycles, I ask that you keep this in mind and look over your shoulder as well as in your mirror before you cross lanes. The motorcyclists, as well, need to be extra cautious. Although they may have the right-of-way, not yielding to a vehicle that is six or seven times the size and weight of a bike, can only result in an unfortunate loss on their part.

Motorcycle Safety Course

With this in mind, the Wheelers will be holding a Motorcycle Safety Course at the Shrine Center on April 11th. We recognize that riders need a refresher after a long Winter. As a member of the Blue Knights IV, I was thrilled to see that this event is listed in their newsletter and they will be attending along with the Wheelers. This type of event not only provides a very important service to our members, but sharing with other groups like the Blue Knights (which is a motorcycle club consisting of men and women in Law Enforcement or, in my case, honorary members) give Damascus and the Shrine of North America GREAT exposure. A tip of the Fez to the Officers of the Wheelers - Jeff Jolley, Bill Gross and Barry Traub - for another great idea and well-designed event.

As I stated in the last article, things at Damascus are really going well. We have many events planned that are listed throughout this publication or are on the website at: damascusshriners.org. We are working diligently to put systems in place to allow the Temple to run smoothly. We have installed new computers in the office with many hours donated by Ill. Sir Lance Ward and we thank Lance for his unselfish efforts on your behalf. Our office is ready and willing to serve you if you should call upon them to do so.

Golf Tournament

We have just solidified a date for a Golf Tournament to benefit the Shriners Hospitals. It will be on Saturday, June 20th, at Charleston Pines at Lima Country Club. It features a Four-Man Scramble; ladies are encouraged to join us. The registration time is 12:30 p.m. with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. There will be prizes, as well as a raffle. The price is only \$70 per person and that includes Golf, a Cart and Dinner. If you would like to attend just the dinner, you are invited to do so at \$20 per person. Make checks payable to Damascus Temple and mail to 979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580, or call in your reservations with credit card payment to (585) 671-7701. Foursomes or singles, all are welcome. There will be further details to follow, but please reserve the date and plan on attending as this will be a lot of fun and it will benefit our kids.

Membership

A main focus this year is (and will continue to be) our membership efforts. When I read that, it sounds like it a "no-brainer," but there is a huge difference between writing that statement and actually maintaining a good Membership Program. Properly done, everyone is involved, from the Committee to the Potentate, the Divan, the Office and, most importantly, the Nobility. Membership is NOT all about new members, although that seems to be the most discussed aspect. In the upcoming May Class, our number of new Nobles has the potential of exceeding any number that I've seen in all my years, as we currently have 15 fully paid Petitions and it's only the first of March. While that is exciting and

wonderful Nobles, the other aspect is retaining members.

Dues

I am asking for your help in this effort in two ways. The first is that I would ask that you determine whether or not your Dues are paid. If they are not, please either send a check for the amount you owe or call the Office at (585) 671-7701.

The amount per year for most Nobles is a dollar a week or \$52 a year. The Notices do ask for a \$15 donation to help keep the Dues at \$52, but the \$15 is VOLUNTARY. If you have a problem with the Dues, PLEASE call and talk directly with the Recorder or email him at:

recorder@damascusshriners.org and see if we can work something out. YOU are the number one asset of Damascus. Without you there is no Shrine Center. We need you and want to retain you as a member, so please help us do that by getting your Dues paid or any issue you may have resolved.

Data Update

The second thing I will ask is that you update your personal information via a postcard or at email. I ask that you sit down at your computer right now (if you have one) and send the Recorder an email. Put the words INFO UPDATE in the subject line and then type in: your name, spouse's name, Lodge, Top-Line Signer (if you know it) and especially your address, phone number and email address. We are finding that we are in desperate need of this info so we can send emails to those who have it and postal to those who don't. Please help us get this info up-to-date so we can keep you informed regarding your Shrine.

CANANDAIGUA SHRINE CLUB

By Harry Dainty

Candandaigua Shrine Club met at Legacy at the Fairways in Victor on March 17th. We had a brief talk by the Legacy staff about what was available in this senior living facility. We also had a heart-warming talk by the Director of the Canandaigua Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit from Thompson Hospital.

Noble Larry Hood has accepted the position of Vice-President of our Club.

Our meetings will now be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. This has been working well, with an average attendance of 27.

We invite you to join us. Our next meeting will be held April 21st at Schooner's Restaurant in Canandaigua (Corner of East Lake Road and Lakeshore Drive).

Our May meeting will be at Cheap Charlie's in Bloomfield (on Route 444).

SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By Norris Shapiro, Vice President

Shrine Lunch Club, with the Ladies, meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at The Nutcracker Restaurant, 2159 Empire Boulevard, Webster.

Here are the dates for the next few meetings:

April 20th, May 18th and June 15th. Everyone is welcome.

DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collum

The Directors Staff members enjoyed a good dinner at Cheap Charlie's Restaurant in February. We thank Director Lee Collier for giving us the invocation and benediction at our meetings.

Sickness and Distress

We wish Frank Ghyzel a quick recovery from hip surgery. Our well wishes go out to Carl Mason and Lindy Vankouenberg and we hope they are feeling better.

Spring Brings Activities

There are some great activities coming up this Spring at the Shrine Center, so mark your calendar and enjoy an evening out of the house.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 22nd, at Cheap Charlie's Restaurant in Bloomfield. New members and guests are welcome. Social hour is 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Until next time, God Bless!



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Reminder ...

Orientation and Ceremonial for the
John Wihlen, Sr. Spring Class
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Garden Club is looking for new members.
 Our Next Meeting on April 4th @ 10am
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**Calendar Winners
for January**

DAY	NO.	WINNER
1/1	208	Damascus Shrine
1/2	267	Kathy Bauer
1/3	317	Eleanor Cruishank
1/4	889	Linda Ford
1/5	487	Diane Romanyshyn
1/6	080	William Smith
1/7	771	Damascus Shrine
1/8	013	Dan Swan
1/9	168	Russell Gillett
1/10	065	Damascus Shrine
1/11	374	Damascus Shrine
1/12	971	Gary Earl
1/13	917	Damascus Shrine
1/14	791	Damascus Shrine
1/15	986	Ann Behnke
1/16	318	James Slocum
1/17	511	Damascus Shrine
1/18	325	Monica Kerr
1/19	881	Gabriella Welks
1/20	606	Damascus Shrine
1/21	364	Damascus Shrine
1/22	664	Damascus Shrine
1/23	433	Damascus Shrine
1/24	564	Herbert Entz
1/25	670	CeCe Rogers
1/26	432	Barbara Minas
1/27	290	Sue St. Armour
1/28	528	Beulah Pollard
1/29	584	Bill Hayward
1/30	255	James Bailey
1/31	889	Linda Ford

**Calendar Winners
for February**

DAY	NO.	WINNER
2/1	198	Joel Cockle
2/2	028	Scott Jamison
2/3	465	Paul VanDevelt
2/4	508	Damascus Shrine
2/5	255	James Bailey
2/6	498	John Cambareri
2/7	122	Terry Blatchley
2/8	650	Rick Fleming
2/9	567	Tina Jons
2/10	216	Damascus Shrine
2/11	580	Damascus Shrine
2/12	609	Orlando Greco
2/13	770	Ken Zimmerman
2/14	129	Damascus Shrine
2/15	713	Cheryl Smith
2/16	542	Damascus Shrine
2/17	309	Damascus Shrine
2/18	239	Mary Drew
2/19	049	J Kent Maurer
2/20	290	Sue St. Armour
2/21	989	Paul Johnson
2/22	728	Edgar Hollwedel
2/23	416	Jessica Fischer
2/24	894	Alicia Anderson
2/25	743	Dean Smith
2/26	027	James Slocum
2/27	608	Damascus Shrine
2/28	029	Tim Buckley

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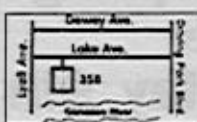
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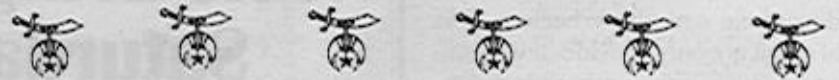
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SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten

In researching material on a talk I recently gave at the Shrine, I came across some very interesting pictures of the July, 1911, Imperial Session which was held in Rochester. Anyone can access the Albert R. Stone Collection at libraryweb.org. Once you are at the site just enter the subject you wish to look at and hit search.

The pictures are vast and cover almost anything you can think of. Early pictures of the construction of the Erie Canal, bridges in Rochester, the building of Canal boats, law enforcement in the early 1900s are just some of the images that are available.

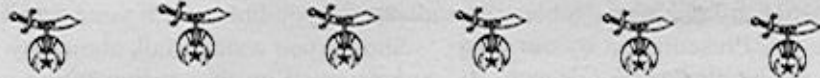
I searched for Damascus Temple and came up with several bits that would be of interest to you. Let me whet your historical interest with a brief description of a few.

On July 12, 1911, it shows the Damascus Shrine Band marching down a cobblestone road. When the Imperial was here they had the Genesee Valley Park for their competition events, which were attended by many thousands of Nobles and their families. In one picture, the Damascus Patrol was on the

field, directed by the "Father of the Shrine," Ill. George F. Loder, who was their Captain. The Patrol at that time had 27 members and wore far different outfits than the outfit of a few years ago. Also, on July 12th, a parade was held downtown on Main Street where the buildings were all draped with American Flags and thousands lined the streets as the marchers passed by.

Damascus provided the Imperial Potentate with an Escort of 50 Nobles all dressed in white shoes, pants, shirts, jackets and headgear. The picture looks like they were standing in front of the Erie Train Station (where the Dinosaur Restaurant) is today.

The most impressive pictures are from the competition at Genesee Valley Park where ladies in their long dresses with bonnets and umbrellas, to shield them from the sun, stood by the thousands to watch their Nobles march across the fields. Even though the pictures are almost 100 years ago, they are still crisp and vibrant. I will place some of these images in the display cabinet for view. Please come and look at them. They are worth it.



April Birthdays

Robert L. Anderson	Bruce D. Huie	Keith Palmiter
Jason A. Appel	Ivar N. Hultman	Sante Panella
A. Robert Banker	Milton T. Jefferson	Dale E. Polmateer
Wesley J. Beard	Bruce M. Kennedy	Joseph W. Proctor
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Stuart Bobry	Seymour G. Kopen	John J. Rogalski
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David C. Clarke	John C. Manning	R. Stuart Smith
Raymond H. Cody	Kenneth C. Martens	Raymond E. Smith
Michael S. Cowley	Carl F. Mason	R. William Spencer
Robert E. Crystal	Frederick L. McKinley	Kenneth Stafford
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Annual Report Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

The year 2008 began with the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie, facing numerous challenges. The absence of full-time pediatric orthopedic surgeons and a workforce reduction of 39 full-time equivalent employees in January, saw the Hospital focus on new operational strategies and procedures. Quality outpatient, inpatient and rehab medical services continued to be provided to the thousands of children served by the facility. In fact, 2008 saw a record number of new patients accepted for medical care at the Erie Shriners Hospital and other key volumes increased as well.

Programs and Services

In January, William F. Schrantz, M.D., a pediatric orthopedic surgeon on staff at the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Philadelphia, began seeing patients at the Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie three days a week. In addition, Joao Tavares, M.D., who retired in July, 2005, as the Hospital's Assistant Chief of Staff, returned part-time to assist with patient care. Along with Karl Frankovitch, M.D., Emeritus Chief of Staff, Kerry Armet, M.D., the Hospital's full-time pediatrician, and numerous part-time physicians from the region, the Erie Shriners Hospital continued to provide specialized orthopedic care to its patients.

In fact, many of the key volume statistics for 2008 reflected increases from 2007. For example, during 2008, there were 11,401 patient visits to the Hospital's Outpatient areas, up from 10,784 in 2007. The Rehab areas also maintained busy schedules, seeing more than 4,800 patient visits in physical therapy and more than 2,600 patient visits in occupational therapy (both increases over 2007).

Some 600 surgeries were performed in 2008 and the Radiology Department conducted more than 7,800 procedures (decreased from 2007).

New patient applications approved in 2008 set a hospital record of 2,511. This broke the previous record of 2,383 set in 2006 and surpassed the 2007 figure of 2,263 new applications.

Patient Satisfaction

Patient satisfaction has always been of the utmost importance at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie. Like all Shriners Hospitals, Erie uses the Press Ganey Company to gather patient satisfaction scores. Press Ganey is the premier patient satisfaction survey company

and is used by hospitals throughout the United States.

Although the staff faced many challenges in 2008, patient satisfaction scores remained high. The overall year-end scores for the Erie Shriners Hospital continued to be exceptional for both inpatient and outpatient services.

On the Inpatient side, scores were particularly high in such areas as nursing care, room cleanliness, staff courtesy, physician care, discharge process, patient privacy issues and recommending the hospital to others.

Outpatient services scored well in many areas such as patient privacy, facility comfort, friendliness of the staff, radiology services, technical skills of the staff and likelihood of recommending the hospital to others.

The Erie Shriners Hospital adopted the industry-wide emphasis on patient safety and infection control, initiating programs and practices to enhance staff understanding of these key issues. These efforts created not only a safe environment for children, but resulted in a hospital acquired infection rate of less than 1%.

Sound Fiscal Management

For the fourth year in a row, donations to the Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie topped the \$1 million mark in 2008, with the hospital receiving \$1.1 million in funds. This success is a direct result of the fundraising efforts of the 13 Shrine Centers affiliated with the Erie Hospital, as well as community fundraising programs, grants, estate planning and ongoing community awareness activities.

In 2008, the Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie had a total budget of \$15,303,651. Hard work, combined with sound fiscal management, allowed the Hospital to successfully meet the needs of our patients and families.

Medical excellence and fiscal stewardship continue to be emphasized at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie. As the staff seeks new ways to do things better, they remain committed to seeing that the patients receive the best medical care available in a family-centered environment. Everyone continues to work with the Shriners and community groups to enhance contributions to the hospital and identify children who may benefit from its services.

At the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie, the spirit of commitment and teamwork has never been stronger.

Planning Ahead ...



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We have a block of 15 Rooms at the Convention Headquarters Hotel on the River Walk
(Complete information in next issue.)

A \$25 Binder Fee is required to secure a room; No Refunds.

Your Seat is Reserved

Would you like to play the organ for the Shrine? If so, we have a seat reserved for you in the front of the room. We are in need of a Noble to play at our monthly meetings and special functions to add that special melody to the evenings. If you're interested, contact anyone on the Divan to express your interest. We'll dust off the organ and have it ready for you.



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Damascus Shriners! Clip and Save!

2009 Dinners for the Wednesday Night Shrine Meetings

Social - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6 p.m.; Meeting - 7 p.m.

All dinners are \$10 per person; Reservations Required!

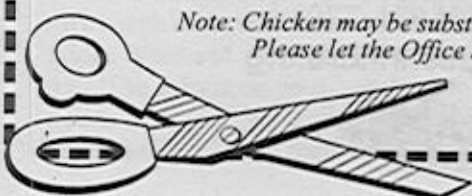
Call the Shrine Office - (585) 671-7701

Dinners include Salad, Coffee and Dessert

- April 1st - Chicken Cordon Bleu
- May 5th - Beef Stew & Biscuits
- June 3rd - Stuffed Pork Chop
- September 2nd - Baked Ham
- October 7th - Chicken Parmesan
- November 4th - BBQ Chicken & Ribs
- December 2nd - Sliced Sirloin & Gravy

Note: Chicken may be substituted for those not eating the pork entrées.
Please let the Office know when you are making the reservation if you want chicken instead of pork.

By Andy Rueby





Damascus Shrine
and
"Clowning For Fun" Clowns



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 5th
1 - 4 p.m.

Cost - \$3 per child

Shrine Center

979 Bay Road, Webster



Includes Children's Activities ...

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Child ID Program

Refreshments - Cookies and Drinks

Please call the Shrine Reservation Line
(585) 671-3565

For more details, call Oscar Wilson at 748-0511



DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

In respect for our Jewish Comrades,
the April 8th Meeting has been cancelled.

Our Next Meeting ...

PAST COMMANDERS' BALL

with our Ladies

Wednesday, May 13th

Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar
Hors d'oeuvres - Shrimp, Cheese & Crackers, etc.

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
(Prepared by Mr. Dominic's)

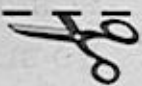
Eggplant Parmesan - Chicken French
Tossed Salad - Fruit Salad - Roasted Potatoes - Ziti
Vegetables - Bread & Butter - Sheet Cake for Dessert

\$15 per person

RSVP no later than May 11th at 436-8216

Attire - Officers and Past Commanders, Tux or Dark Suit

To All Shriners... From The Shrine Office



The Shrine Office wants to keep everyone informed! In an attempt to prevent missing someone, we are updating our Membership List. If you, or someone you know has been overlooked, please fill out this form and either mail it to or drop it off at the Shrine Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

A Message from the Membership Committee

Have you invited a friend to become
a Member of the Fraternity lately?

Have you invited a Brother Mason to
become a Member of the Shrine lately?

If not YOU, then WHO?

By Gary Burke

Upcoming Events

As you read this article, we're only days away from the Spring Noble Bring-a-Friend Night being held on April 4th. We look forward to greeting you and your friends as we explain what Shrine has to offer them. Be a part of the exciting momentum Damascus is experiencing as well as helping the goal of "Nine in '09" become a reality.

Remember, the Spring Orientation and Ceremonial in honor of Noble John G. Wihlen, Sr., will be held on May 9th. An Orientation for new Nobles and their ladies will begin in the afternoon. As we move into the Ceremonial, which will feature the new "Knickerbocker Degree," written by our own Nobles, the awesome Fez Presentation by our own R.: W.: and Noble Paul R. Gleason, Jr., and a new Red Rose Ceremony, which is for the ladies who will be attending in support of the new Nobles. If that wasn't impressive enough, we'll be honored to have Megan Jensen as our guest. Megan has been a patient at our Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie and she will share some of her experiences with us.

By the Numbers

As of the writing of this article, here are the numbers your Membership Committee sees:

Total membership = 858.

We have 166 members who have not yet paid their 2009 Dues. PLEASE check your Dues Card and, if it doesn't say 2009, send in that check to the Recorders Office. What is more distressing in the numbers is that we have another 89 Nobles who haven't paid Dues in more than a year. This would mean they could be dropped from the membership rolls at the end of this year. Please, Nobles, don't let that happen. Check your Dues Cards!

By now the Recorders Office has sent out notices to the Nobles who still owe Dues and the amounts due. Won't you please respond now with your check!

Should you want to talk about any issue or situation that is preventing you from sending your Dues check in, feel free to send us an email message at:

membershipchairman@
damascusshriners.org

or call the Recorder at (585) 671-7701 and we'll contact you to discuss your situation. Don't let your membership lapse without some form of discussion.



Calling all Shriners,
Masons and Ladies
who are Musicians!



The legendary Damascus Shrine Band is re-forming after a very long absence. We need all musicians to rally to this cause! We hope to have a functional Band as quickly as possible. As Masons, we all know the importance of music and we have all heard these words:

Music is that art which affects the passions by sound...



John Philip Sousa wants you!
PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS CALL TO MUSIC TO:

Noble Frank Russell at (315) 331-7621
frussel1@rochester.rr.com

Noble Sean Noonan at (585) 261-6311
snoonan@esl.org

Shrine Office at (585) 671-7701
njackson@damascusshriners.org



AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

Ongoing Requests

Have you gotten a teddy bear for the hospital? I've been out looking and hope my choice meets all the qualifications of a bear worthy of one of our kids. I will know soon as we have our monthly meeting next week. I figure if I get one for this first meeting, then I won't be behind the eight ball. There is also the benefit that I might forget I have purchased one and will get another.

Keep those tabs coming also.

Spring Brings Activities

Everyone mentions the weather, so why should I be any different. But I mention it only because I hope our friends, who went South, don't forget to come back North.

It seems like there are many activities going on at the Shrine Center in Webster. Why not put some of these events on your calendar? I remember meeting some of the guys at the local firehouse and carpooling to the Shores of Lake Ontario.

Did you receive a letter from the Hospital Center in Tampa? It was time for me to make a contribution. I asked for a new lapel pin. It seems it is never on the suit coat I wear to the Shrine. Maybe if I had two ... (or three or four).

It's not too soon to put May on your calendar. It is the time we honor our ladies with a special brunch. Ken Pollard is going to head this up. April will be my meeting to organize. You might want to put that date on your calendar also.

A big shout out goes to our President, John Cambareri, for his work on the March meeting. Mark Gould was certainly informative on what is happening on the other side of the walls in Auburn. It's great to have guys like him who are willing to do the jobs they do.

Did you see the picture of the Shrine Club Meeting South? I think they were wearing jackets. P. I., do you and Sandy think you can make me think it was cold in Florida? That was a nice article Ken Pollard sent from Down South. Hey, Ken, here is a idea ... if you are over near Tampa, you can pick me up an extra pin.

Well, it is time for me to stop. Not that I don't have more to say, it is just that I'm running out of time to do my taxes. Don't you think with the economy the way it is, I shouldn't have to pay taxes? What if I just offer to do it twice next year? Yeah, I know, I will get to see Mark Gould and his friends up close and personal.

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SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Alice Anderson, Social Secretary

What a wonderful night we had at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant. The turnout was great and the food, as usual, was very good. It is sooo nice to be able to choose from the menu.

A successful surprise was pulled off for Ed Hollwedel and Gerry Hussong. They were presented the Joe Shriner award by Ill. Bruce Chilton and Chief Rabban Tom Vasile. The Joe Shriner Award honors unusual, dedicated service to Damascus Shrine, marked by outstanding performance, demonstrated effective leadership, prolonged and committed service, devotion, enthusiasm and faithfulness. The Nobility of Damascus Shrine Salute You!

The Awards were framed and signed by Ill. Bruce and Noble Tom.

Ed and Gerry were surprised and extremely proud to have received this Award and both thought others deserved it more. This certainly shows what kind of men these two are!

Ed also had received three thank-you letters from the Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie for the \$2,700 Perry Shrine Club donation at Christmas time. Everyone should be pleased as these contributions will go to help so many. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Before this, our new Representative, Oscar Wilson talked about what is going on at Damascus and Gary Burke, our Representative from last year, gave a presentation on "Patient Success Story." He preferred to call it "Hospital Success Story," and was it ever. Because of all the new regulations, it is hard to receive feedback on patients but...

The Caro Family and their son face an astronomical problem in their lives that would cause many, many years of pain, not just for Danny but for the entire family. In March of 1982, Danny Caro was burned over 70% of his body. He was 2 years old when an explosion in the garage burned him. At the hospital when they unwrapped his hands, his fingers came off; when they unwrapped his feet, his toes dropped off. This poor little guy was in excruciating pain and no one thought he would live. Well, a Shriner heard about this child and Danny was flown to Boston. They gave him a 50/50 chance. Four months later, he was preparing to go home!



Bruce Chilton, Ed Hollwedel, Tom Vasile

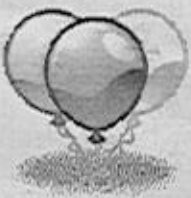


Tom Vasile, Gerry Hussong, Bruce Chilton

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ATTENTION ALL SHRINERS!

Erie Hospital Day is Coming!



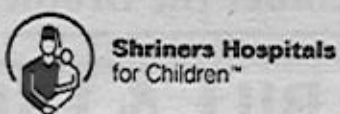
Plan to attend:
Hospital Day
Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie
Sunday, May 31
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come to Erie for Hospital Day 2009 and be part of the fun and festivities:

- Self-guided tours of the hospital
- Antique / classic car show
 - Health screenings
- Entertainment
 - Shriner Bands
- Clothing and gift sales
 - Great food

Hospital Day ceremony begins at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Don't be left out! Erie Hospital Day only comes once a year. Join the fun on May 31 and support YOUR Erie Shriners



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Damascus Shrine Ceremonial May 9th, 2009

Damascus Shrine is proud to announce the May 9th Shrine Ceremonial is to be named the

John G. Wihlen, Sr. Class The Patriarch of the Wihlen Family

It will be a full day as the Shriners will be marching in the Lilac Parade in the morning.

Highlights of the Day will be:

- Portrayal of the "Knickerbocker Degree" ... Damascus' very own. John G. Wihlen, Sr.'s GREAT Grandson will become a Shriner.
- The infamous Fez Presentation by R.: W.: Paul Gleason
- The Red Rose Ceremony for the Ladies
- A special Guest speaker who is a patient at Erie Hospital.
- Dinner along with surprise presentations

Mark the date!!!!

2009 Damascus

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| Bryan & Cynthia Anderson | Charles Holliday | Irving & Mary Spalty |
| Chapin Blake | Larry Hood | Ron & Mary Sterling |
| Stuart Brickman | Charlie Howell | Ted H. Tennant |
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| Lee & Sue Collier | Robert P. Hunt | Wayne W. Wagner |
| Lucille Cooley | David & Edna King | Lance & Lynn Ward |
| Dan & Marie Emerson | Donald & Winnie McDill | Skip & Diane Waterstreet |
| Delbert and Jean Fix | Fred & Lynda McKinley | John C. & Sandra Wihlen |
| H. Fritz Friedrich | Joe & Barb Minas | Terry & Jo-Carroll Wihlen |

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Order of the Eastern Star

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By Chris Hampton, DDGM
Don't Miss a Meeting!

By the time you receive this issue of the *Masonic Times*, we will have moved our clocks forward and hopefully the bitter cold will be behind us.

The combined Official Visit of Rochester, Leah and Corinthian-Fellowship Chapters on March 7th went very well. Our next Official Visit will be Lilac Star Chapter on April 1st at 7:30 p.m.

Plans are well underway for the Official Visit of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Patron on Friday, April 24th. Invitations have been sent and responses are being received.

Just a Reminder ...

To anyone who plans to attend any of the State meetings ... If it's a luncheon or afternoon meeting, the ladies may wear cocktail-length dresses and the gentlemen, suits. You do not have to wear gowns or tuxedos.

Lilac Luncheon

Our next item on the agenda will be the Lilac Luncheon on June 4th. RW Ken Milner has reserved a bus and we need to fill it. The more we get to sign up for the bus, the cheaper it will be. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid. Our own MW Bette B. Jurs started this tradition and we keep it going in her memory.

Starlight Chapter had a speaker from Camp Good Days and Special Times at a recent meeting. The Camp, like many organizations, has been impacted by the downturn in the economy, but they plan to keep going. If any-

one can help with donations of paper goods or snacks, it would be greatly appreciated.

If any of the Chapters have special events coming up that they would like to have included in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*, please call RW Ken Milner or myself and we will be happy to mention it.

Until next time, "May we never miss a rainbow or a sunset because we are looking down." ❧

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Matron
Wthy. Cynthia Nielsen
889-4207
Patron
Wthy. Robert Crystal
473-0279
Secretary
Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
594-4692
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2647 Chill Avenue, 14624

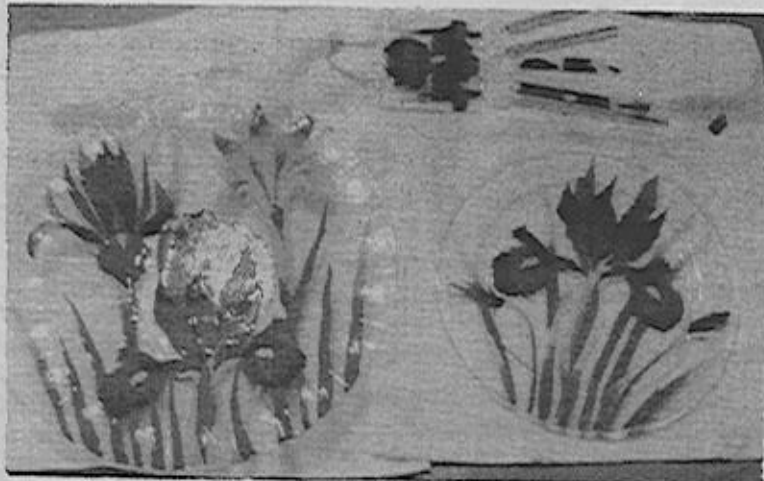
By Bob Crystal

I was one of the members of Nolotka who missed the last meeting. My beloved Sisters were sad that I had missed it and told me I hadn't really missed very much. But later, I overheard them talking about the meeting among themselves. Worthy Matron Pat Dalykas had "arranged for arranging." A florist friend had come in with a supply of cut flowers, greenery and florist foam, etc. The Chapter had the privilege not only of watching her make a gorgeous arrangement, but of listening to her explain what she was doing and why. It must have been really fascinating, judging from the enthusiasm of the Sisters on whom I was eavesdropping.

The instructor left the arrangement behind and one of the Sisters won it to take home. Now all of us who didn't attend not only missed the fun, but a chance of getting a free floral arrangement! I'll try very hard not to miss any more meetings!

Mystery Ingredient

For those of you who are following the story of the mystery ingredient, this time it was in a chocolate cake, and the ingredient was sauerkraut. (Don't make that face! My mother did that, too. It lends a certain something that is actually delicious!)



Iris Gift Set

The drawing for the chip and dip plate, glass plate and wind chime with the Iris pattern is coming closer. Every member has been given tickets for the drawing. Those of you reading this from other Chapters who want in on the drawing, contact any Nolotka member. We'll be glad to enroll you!

Chapter Project

I remind every member reading this letter that we hope to get several buckets of cleaning supplies for Tracy Dalykas' clients in the emergency shelter. Please try to bring something to every meeting. Ideally, a trip to the Dollar Store, or similar, will

yield a bucket, a mop, a dust rag, bottle of laundry soap, bottle of cleanser, glass cleaner, sponges and paper towels at a reasonable cost.

What a beautiful gift to give a family leaving a shelter. The supplies are to make their new home clean and safe; to help them make it their own. Imagine how good we can make someone feel who has been burned out and had to spend days or even weeks to have a place to call home. Think of Ruth and Naomi and how they were helped by Boaz.

So, Sisters and Brothers, come to the next meeting. See what the Worthy Matron has in store for us. ❧

Corinthian/ Fellowship

Chapter No. 322
Order of the Eastern Star
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Wthy. Marilyn Israel, Matron
Wthy. Robert Israel, Patron
461-3254
Rt. Wthy. Beverly VanHuben
Secretary - 647-1391
805 Blossom Road
Rochester 14610

On March 7th, Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter shared in a combined Official Visit with Leah and Rochester Chapters. W Delores Upham and W Sean Noonan (Leah) opened the Chapter; RW Evy Ann Heller and RW George Bundoc (Rochester) officiated the program and W Marilyn and W Robert Israel (Corinthian-Fellowship) closed the Chapter. It was noted that Rochester Chapter is celebrating its 105th Anniversary this year!

All I could say was, "Wow!" Everyone looked so fine, the chairs were filled, sideliners were plentiful and we had support from all Chapters in Monroe District. Thank you all for being with us on our special night.

Upcoming Events

- April 4th - Line Officers, 9 a.m.
- April 8th - Regular Meeting, Street Dress
- April 22nd - Regular Meeting, Street Dress
- April 30th - All-Stars, 7:30 p.m. at John Knox Church

Sickness and Distress

Joyce Berhardt is having hip replacement surgery.

District Project

We were glad to see Claude Gramses at our Official Visit as the previous week, he was in the hospital with a heart condition.

Don't forget support for our District Project, Camp Good

Days and Special Times. In addition to monetary donations and fundraising, we are collecting paper goods for use at the Camp. Bring such items as toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, etc., to meetings and other gatherings. We will deliver them to the District Grand Officers.

I close with a quote from St. Gregory, "Faith has no merit where reason supplies the proof." ❧

O/S/Y District OES HiLights

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DGL
RW Clayton R. Ruggles
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By Mary Ruggles, DDGM

Grand Matron's Official Visit

The Official Visit by Grand Matron Sharon V. Haase will be held on April 25th. There is a luncheon beginning at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 2 p.m. It will be held jointly with O/S/Y and Wayne Districts at Burnham's Canalside Restaurant & Banquet Facility, which is located inside the Quality Inn at 125 North Main Street, Newark. The central theme of the day is "Patriotism."

Each Chapter of the O/S/Y District has been asked to donate a themed basket to be raffled at the Grand Official Visit. It will be surprising to see the varieties of baskets, knowing the hidden talents many of our members have.

At the March 10th meeting of Royal-Garoga Chapter, a special ceremony was held recognizing Sister Dorothy Powers' 50-year membership in our Order. District Deputy Grand Matron Mary Ruggles was the Presiding Officer. She was assisted by Matron, Don-na Gibbs; Associate Matron, Mary Sherman; Musician, Charlotte Howard; Associate Conductress, Rachael Bellows; and Associate Patron Richard Bellows. ❧

Perry Shrine Club

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Danny experienced countless surgeries and endless skin grafts. His parents said the only thing that is different is his looks but not the inside - he is the same person. Danny always had a love for music but never thought he could pursue it with no fingers. The hospital did a miraculous reconstructive surgery on his hand. They made a functional moving thumb. This allowed Danny to do more things but still what could he play with one hand? Well, he loved the drums and kept trying different things to hold the sticks in his fingerless hand. He tried duct taping the sticks, gluing the

sticks. Nothing worked. Eventually by using rubber bands, he was able to play!

He joined the marching band in high school, received a music scholarship to Loyola College and won a spot in the Loyola Jazz Orchestra. Danny is living his musical dream in New Orleans. He said he has no regrets about his life. He was most impressed with the Shrine Organization and what they do. This was the greatest gift he would ever have. His family said it definitely was the best gift they could ever receive.

Danny played at Tampa in March for over five minutes when Rich Friedman and Bruce Chilton were there for training sessions. At the end of his playing, Dan stood up and said he would put

his jacket and tie on. They saw how he had managed to do this. Then, Dan said, "Oh yeah, I forgot something - he then put a FEZ on. He was a SHRINER!"

This presentation stirred everyone and made us proud of what the Hospitals do. Aren't you glad you are a part of it?

Next month, at the Lumberyard, Ken Buckley will be speaking on hardwood flooring. I'm sure we will learn some interesting facts and ideas. In April, we will have Frank Russell, a Shriner from Wayne County, talk about John Philip Sousa, who was also a Shriner. He will show some pieces of film, etc. It is a great talk, as Bob and I heard this at Wayne County in December. You won't want to miss this one either. ❧

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Northfield Lodge

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by some, was a success. Brother Deasey sat in the East, while Worshipful Brother Adams took the West and Brother Michael Zona took the South. Brother Jason Zona advanced to the Senior Deacon Chair, while our Marshal, Brother Edgecomb, took the Junior Deacon position and Brother Josh Loepker was Tiler. We also had a presentation from a Brother of the Damascus Shrine, giving information about the Shriners and talking about what they do and why. They provided information on how to become a member in that fine Concordant Body.

On March 14th, the Brethren engaged in that custom of Spring cleaning at the Lodge, in order to freshen it up for continual use. This was surrounded by rehearsals for the 2nd Degree, which was scheduled to be conferred on March 19th.

Dues and Communication

Dues Notices have been sent and you should have received yours by now. Please take time to send your Dues to the Lodge. This enables the Fraternity to keep working and lets us participate in many activities together. However, there are no strong-arm tactics here. We all know that finances are tough these days. If you are unable to pay your Dues, or can only pay a reduced amount, please contact W.: David Adams, W.: John Dudley or Brother Josh Loepker. There is no shame in this; as a Mason, we know that your values and conscience are in the right place. By letting us know you are having difficulty, we can take that into account when it comes time to pay Grand Lodge, and can make exceptions.

As for Communication, once again, let me drill into you two important pieces of information: Phone: 586-2976 and www.northfieldLodge.org. Both methods of contact have the latest and greatest news and information about Northfield Lodge. Sometimes we may miss something in an article or the Calling Committee could all come down with laryngitis at the same time ... but, Phone: 586-2976 and www.northfieldLodge.org will always have up-to-date information for you.

So, remember,
Phone: 586-2976 and
www.northfieldLodge.org.

Upcoming Events

April 2nd is our Awards Night; a night when we honor those Brothers who have contributed to the Fraternity in their myriad ways. We welcome visiting Brethren that night, as we do every night!

On April 11th the Lodge will be re-initiating our Spring Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup. We look forward to all of you to come and assist. When you have lots of Brothers, this is easy ... a mild two-mile hike along a scenic collegiate route, picking up idle pieces of trash. It's not that hard, and pays off with a grateful community and the satisfaction of a job well done. (Not to mention getting to wear those cool, hot orange helmets and vests! OK... maybe not the best selling point!)

On April 16th, we'll be Raising new Brothers. This event is always significant, and we always appreciate visiting Brethren.

Each year, of course, we look forward to the Widows Lun-

cheon. It is an infinitesimal way for us to thank and show respect for those ladies who granted our Brethren their lengths of Cabletow in life. There are never words, but this is one way we show our appreciation. This year it is held on April 25th. Please contact W.: Brother David Adams if you would like to assist.

As Spring roars in like a lion, so, too, does Northfield Lodge rumble into a frenetic storm of activity. We look forward to you joining us.

Fairport-Flower City
Lodge No. 476

2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 p.m.
Master
W.: Thomas
G. Goodrich
442-8725

tgg13@yahoo.com

Secretary - 383-1947
W.: George R. Bracht
geobracht@juno.com
Fairport Masonic Temple
87 South Main Street

Hopefully Spring is here. It is time to wind down the current Masonic year. Grand Lodge will be the first week in May. New Officers will be installed all 'round; new appointments made and the cycle starts all over again. Many thanks to all who participated in the Lodge activities during the past year. Many hands make light work.

The program for the meeting on April 13th will be a Lodge of Reflection. This will be open to the public. It would be a good opportunity to see what Masons are all about. The Feast of the Paschal Lamb will be exemplified according to Scottish Rite Ritual.

The 3rd Degree will be conferred on April 27th with R.: W.: Thomas Goodrich, Master, in the East. Please volunteer for a role or say "Yes" if called on. It is more fun when directly involved with the work.

Sickness and Distress

Word has been received that M.: W.: Brother Edward Gilbert, our Grand Master, is recovering from surgery. He had triple by-pass surgery on March 4th. Our prayers go to him and his family. Cards may be sent to 159 Potters Road, Buffalo, NY 14220.

We welcomed back Brother Ron Weber in March. He and his wife have sold their home in Florida.

If there is a Brother who the Lodge has not heard from in some time, please send a note to be read in Lodge. We like to know what you are doing and share in your joys and sorrows.

The Trustees have set dates for work parties to freshen up the building and keep everything in good repair. Call Brother Peter Moore (704-1502) to volunteer.

April Birthdays

The following Brothers will celebrate birthdays in April: Charles Blazey (2nd), Jeremy Leichtner (3rd), James Martin (7th), Stuart Bobry (8th), John Byam III (9th), Robert Chappell (15th), Albert Castellani at 103, Randy Darling and Sy Kopen (16th), Ray Anderson (20th), James Lindstrom (21st), Arthur Friedman (22nd) and Robert "Bud" Fisher (24th). We wish you a happy day and a prosperous and healthy year ahead.

Masonic Anniversaries

April is the biggest month for Raisings. The following Brothers were Raised in April:

1946 - Elmer Hess

- 1948 - Ray Anderson
- 1951 - Albert Castellani and Morton Sarachan
- 1956 - Clinton Emery and Leonard Simon
- 1958 - Ralph Hansen and Ellis Hormats
- 1959 - Ron Weber
- 1960 - Dave Taber
- 1962 - Edwin Wheeler
- 1963 - Samuel Beckley, Halford Johnson and Leon Sporn
- 1964 - Wayne Montaque
- 1967 - Lawrence Schulman
- 1968 - Wayne Beckwith
- 1970 - Jerome Bills and Stewart Pederson
- 1973 - Bernard Parry
- 1975 - Easton Kelsey and Bruce Keplin
- 1981 - Ruby Baker
- 1984 - Tomislav Trapanovski and Bruce Turner
- 1985 - Robert Hess
- 1991 - David MacIntyre and James Martin
- 1992 - David Denz, Stephen MacIntyre and William Nardone
- 1993 - Michael Johnson
- 1994 - Randy Darling
- 1995 - John Harris and Ralph Kraft
- 1997 - Gary Moore and Michael Morris
- 1998 - Brian Bills and Craig Carey
- 2000 - Mark Soeth
- 2004 - David Andrulis
- 2005 - Jonathan Kirwan
- 2006 - Terrence Adams, Richard Downs, Joseph Lynn, Eric Prince and Gregory Whitney
- 2007 - Corey McNeil and Sean Miller

Congratulations!!!
If anyone needs a ride to Lodge, please call one of the Brothers or Dave Taber (388-0629).

I hope to meet with you around the altar.

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I hope you're all ready for the Spring Season!

Sickness and Distress

Bill Babcock's wife had heart surgery last month and is recovering at The Highlands.

I spoke with Brother Richard Beyer and he's lost two sisters in the last few months. Our condolences and prayers are with you.

Jose Diaz is home and still working on alternative treatments for his bone cancer.

Bill Babcock, George Bundoc, Nelson Bertch, Dick Giedd and Art Cohen were in Lodge for our Past Masters' Night - it was great to see them!

My Brothers, please help us with phone calls or visitation to those Brothers you know, and communicate back to the Lodge. If you're injured or in poor health, please let us know. Drop Herb Spencer or me a line. Even if you're feeling good and haven't had a chance to get to Lodge, just call to say hello. We'd be glad to hear from you!

3rd Degree

The 3rd Degree Ritual, performed by the Shrine Degree Team was awesome! We Raised our two newest members, Brothers Isaac Taylor and Bernard

Skopinsky on March 24th! Congratulations and welcome Brothers! We had a great turnout of Brothers to show support. R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and V.: W.: Harry DeHollander were there as well, and gave us a "Well Done" to all participants and to the Lodge for the great work! Thanks to all of you!

I was very disappointed that only four attended our recent Officers meeting at the Ale House. Officers and Committee members, we need your assistance. Interested members are also welcome. Please be at the next meeting and please come when called for other events!

Past Masters' Night

Our Past Masters Night on March 10th went very well. Officers presiding were:

- East - Herb Spencer
- West - Myron Dox
- South - G. Tom Grape
- Secretary - Mike McBride
- Treasurer - Howard Belt
- Sr. Deacon - John Faro
- Jr. Deacon - Glenn Stahl
- Tiler - Dick Giedd
- Chaplain - Nelson Bertch
- Marshal - Gary Burke
- Masters of Ceremony - Paul Gleason and Art Cohen
- Stewards - Bill Babcock and George Bundoc

Thanks to Mike Hueston, Dave Mura, Matt Gingold and Irv Spalty on the sidelines! Each of the Past Masters gave a short overview of their year or years as Master. Thanks to all for a great turnout and good Ritual; glad to have you there!

R.: W.: Bill Jones did the "Walk-About" Program for our newest Brothers. It was well received and beneficial to all who were there! Although R.: W.: Jones is the District Deputy Grand Master for Wayne District, he was not there in his official capacity, but as a favor to me and our Lodge. Great Job! Thank you, Bill!

Bill also reminisced about his times with R.: W.: Myron Dox and others in our Lodge. He talked a little about what Masonry has given him, personally, and thanked us for the opportunity to join us in breaking bread and to conduct the Program! Bill also invited us to his Lodge Awards Ceremony, in April (and Birthday) at Drumlin Square Lodge. Unfortunately, the date is the same as our next Lodge meeting.

Special thanks to Mike Hueston for his assistance in setting up the night's program and to Chef Chuck Skopinsky for the excellent Lasagna Dinner!

Upcoming Events

April 4th - Damascus Shriners Noble Bring-a-Brother Night
April 7th - Officers meeting at the Ale House in Irondequoit. 6 p.m. - dinner, 6:45 p.m. - meeting. Officers and Committee members, we need your assistance and support. Interested members are also welcome. Please be there!

April 14th - "Move-up Night" and minor reports. Meatloaf dinner ala Chef Chuck! See below for reservation information.

April 25th - Monroe District

Annual Widows Luncheon. See the Secretary, Herb Spencer, for reservations. He's assisting our Widows Chairman, Richard Snyder, while Richard is in Florida! (Bring back nice weather, Richard!)

Please join us for these important events. Call for more information and reservations: Michael Hueston, Cell-509-0606, or email:

mph0523@frontiernet.net or Mike McBride, Home: (315) 904-4024; Work: 722-7714; Cell: 747-4978 or email: michael.c.mcbride@kodak.com.

Hope to see or hear from you all soon!

From Your Secretary
By R.: W.: Herbert Spencer
Brotherhood Fund

The Lodge has contributed a little over \$3920 from 30 members. My Brothers, there are only two months left to this Campaign. I realize things might be tight for some, but this is a great and wonderful way to support our Fraternity in its charities. Send me your checks in the amount you can afford or, if you wish, directly to Grand Lodge. Don't forget to designate the charity to which you wish to give. Last year Valley-Simes was No. 1 in the District for dollars, but nowhere near the top in contributors. Let's do it! Checks should be made out to the "Masonic Brotherhood Fund."

Dues

I am glad to report that over 78 percent of the Brothers have sent in their 2009 Dues, and we are still in early March. Thank you all. Please check your Dues Card and get your Dues current.

April Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Brothers who are celebrating their birthday during the month of April. If you have any contact with these Brothers, wish them a Happy Birthday.

Adam Jurzyniec (1st), Jeffrey Miller (6th), George Gray (7th), Arthur Teamerson (9th), Charles Skopinsky (11th), Carl Michael Robinson (14th), David Clarke (15th), Harold Silvis (17th), Robert Anderson II (18th), Sion (Ted) Honea III (21st), Roland Butler (25th), Guy Clark (26th), John Rogalski (27th), Isaac Taylor (28th), Richard Vaughan (30th).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in the month of April. We wish you many more years in our glorious Fraternity.

- 1954 - Gordon Kotzin
 - 1959 - Richard Beyer and Richard Vaughan
 - 1960 - Irving Spalty and Olindo Nardone
 - 1961 - Richard Guilfoil
 - 1962 - Gerald Stahl
 - 1964 - James Woodruff
 - 1970 - Robert Peace
 - 1977 - George Hornung
 - 1980 - Joseph Holt, Jr. and Douglas Spencer
 - 1989 - Carl Klein
 - 1996 - Rand Gee and Andrew Bauridel
 - 1997 - Raul Fernandez
 - 1999 - David Mura
- Come to Lodge and let us break bread together.

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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I hope to be back as Monarch in April. I missed an article in March because I was in the hospital the first three weeks in February with partial hip replacement and other medical problems. Once home, there was no driving and I was housebound due to medical conditions for another month. Just before I left the hospital, I was saddened to learn that Jan Lughart passed away.

I hope everyone made it through the Winter and all the Snowbirds return home safely.

Upcoming Events

April 15th - Grotto meeting.
April 17th & 18th - E.S.G.A. Spring Meeting & Chief Justice Conclave in Batavia

From Bernie Lazerson
Monarch Pro-Tem

Greetings to all Prophets. I am communicating to you this month because of sad tidings that have come to two of our Officers. Prophet Monarch James Toogood is home recovering after a very complicated hip fracture that required surgery over the past several weeks.

Sad News

Further, it becomes my very sad duty to inform you of the passing of a great Mason, a worthy Prophet and a true friend to many. Prophet Chief Justice Jan Lughart (Weitzo Jan Lughart, PM) died February 20th after a very painful illness. Dutch, as he was so widely known, was Initiated into the Grotto, June 16, 1966, and was elected Monarch in 1997. He cheerfully served in many positions and was loved by all. Dutch was a member of Unity Lodge and a 32° Mason. It was my privilege to attend his Masonic Service in Spen-

cerport. May the Heavenly Father welcome him into His arms, Amen.

The Great Architect also called Prophet Richard J. Patterson from our ranks on February 26th. Richard was Initiated on May 15, 2002, and was a member of Webster Lodge. Prophet Richard will also be missed in Grotto for his warm and friendly banter with all of us. May the Heavenly Father also welcome Richard into His arms, Amen.

Sickness and Distress

With slightly less dire news, it becomes my duty to tell you that Prophet Frank Ghyzel is in the Friendly Home, recovering from a hip fracture. Prophets Les Moore and Ernie Swan are also recovering from their recent maladies, as is our Secretary's spouse, Edna Hutchinson.

I hereby issue an edict from the East ... No more injuries, accidents or illnesses in this Grotto without contacting me first!

Travels

As you read this, I will have returned from a wonderful visit to the Farrah Grotto's Monarch's Ball in Warren, PA, where I extended our warmest and most felicitous greetings to the Officers and Prophets of that Grotto. Prophet Richard Topel was my Associate and Guide.

I also had the pleasure of meeting with the Ladies of Lalla Rookh Caldron for dinner, and quickly agreed to a combined dinner with them on April 9th.

E.S.G.A. Spring Meeting is April 17th-18th (contrary to former info), so contact me for details. Please, now that the weather is getting warmer, return to Grotto. We need everyone to accomplish all that we have to do.

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

THINK SPRING! Thanks to those who sojourned to Warren, PA, for Farrah Grotto's Monarch's Ball, honoring Past-Monarch Michael Keister. Everyone reported the meal was superb and there was plenty to eat and drink.

E.S.G.A. Spring Meeting

Our next out-of-town event is the E.S.G.A. Spring Meeting and

the Chief Justice Conclave April 17th and 18th at the Holiday Inn in Batavia. The Past-President will be putting on the event. All meetings will be held on Saturday, with the exception of the E.S.G.A. Officers' Meeting on Friday. Call the Holiday Inn reservation desk (585) 344-2100 for rooms - doubles at \$69. Group code is ESGA. Cut-off is April 3rd.

Dinner Choices: NY Strip, Stuffed Chicken or Potato-en-crust Haddock \$30 each. Mail reservation to Brad Mangel, 125 Vista Circle, Bradford, PA 16701. Phone 814-368-8311. There are flyers with details on the Monarch's desk.

We only have six members who have not paid their 2009 Dues this year. Please check your wallet to be sure you are not one of them.

This is our future; together, we must make it work.

Grand Historian



Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

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I recently came across an article about Brother Henry S. Wallace, who became a Mason on October 4, 1927, in Capital Lodge, Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1934, while serving as Secretary of Agriculture, Wallace, for the first time, saw a picture of the reverse of the Great Seal of the United States and took it to the President. He later reported, "Roosevelt, as he looked at the color reproduction of the Seal, was first struck with the representation of the all-seeing eye ... a Masonic representative of the Great Architect of the Universe.

"Next, he was impressed with the idea that the foundation for the new order of the ages had

been laid in 1776 but that it would be completed only under the eye of the Great Architect. Both Roosevelt and Wallace were 32° Masons and, of course, President Roosevelt suggested the Seal be put on the dollar bill."

As earlier reported, when Roosevelt was New York Governor on October 30, 1931, he became a Prophet at Sight in Tri Po Bed Grotto in Poughkeepsie, NY. In 1940, Roosevelt selected Brother Wallace as his Vice-Presidential running mate.

In 1944 Wallace received a major disappointment when he was dropped from the ticket and Ill. Harry S. Truman was selected as Vice-Presidential running mate. Roosevelt won a fourth term. On April 12, 1945, Roosevelt died.



In the 1948 Presidential election, it was Democrat President Truman against Progressive Party Candidate Wallace and Republican Brother Thomas E. Dewey. You all know how that race went. If Wallace wasn't dropped from the ticket in 1944, who knows how world history might have changed.

Caldron News

By Donna Laundry, MCO

An old saying I learned as a child was, *Spring has sprung. The grass has riz. I wonder where the birdies is!* I don't know if Spring is here yet, but if not, it will be here soon.

On February 21st, twenty-three members of Lalla Rookh Caldron, Lalla Rookh Grotto, Master Masons and significant others gathered at Rick's Prime Rib House to celebrate the 61st Birthday of Lalla Rookh Caldron, Daughters of Mokanna.

4) Standard Mileage Rates Adjusted for 2008

The standard mileage rates for business use of a vehicle:

- 50.5 cents per mile from January 1 to June 30, 2008
- 58.5 cents per mile driven during the rest of 2008

The standard mileage rates for the cost of operating a vehicle for medical reasons or a deductible move:

- 19 cents per mile Jan. 1 to June 30, 2008
- 27 cents from July 1 to Dec. 31, 2008

The standard mileage rate for using a car to provide services to charitable organizations remains at 14 cents a mile.

5) Kiddie Tax Revised

The tax on a child's investment income previously only applied to children younger than age 18. It now applies if the child has investment income

Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, April 6th
Board of Governors Meeting - 7 p.m.
Shrine Center

Thursday, April 9th
Dinner with Ladies of Caldron!
6 p.m. - Spencerport

Wednesday, April 15th
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Bring-a-Brother
Ladies invited
Grotto Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Shrine Center

**Friday and Saturday
April 24th and 25th**
Spring Meeting and
ESGA Chief Justice
Conclave

**CLIP AND SAVE!
Information
Hot Line
271-7446 (Bernie)**

We enjoyed good food, good fellowship and wished the Caldron many more years as we blew out the candles on decorated cupcakes. Thanks to the Event Coordinator, Sue Wilson.

On March 7th, thirteen of us helped Annette Towle celebrate her 90th birthday at a luncheon at DaVinci's Italian Restaurant in Greece. That's quite a milestone!

On April 9th, we have a special evening planned. It will be an Open Meeting, with invitations to Grotto members and Eastern Star members to attend. There will be a dinner before the meeting at 6 p.m., costing \$7. If you have ever wondered what Caldron is all about then this would be an opportunity to join us. We would appreciate knowing ahead of time who will be attending, so we can plan accordingly. You may contact me at Phone: 964-2135 email: gpwife03@rochester.rr.com to make a reservation or for any questions.

We have been busy planning for the May 23rd visit of our Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Joyce Johnson, who is from San Diego. Our members from Canada will join us and members from the Binghamton Caldron will be here, too.

Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen

It's April, and you're once again burning the midnight oil, poring over stacks of paperwork or small pieces of paper with little or no explanation on them, trying to file your Income Tax Return on time. If you're rushing to complete your Return, you may be making costly mathematical errors, overlooking important deductions or missing tax credits for which you might qualify.

Yes, you might be one of those people in the TV ads who overpay their taxes each year. Why are we so stupid to subject ourselves to this torture year after year? Each year we tell ourselves and our spouses that next year will be different, but we do nothing to make our lives easier.

Because April 15th falls on a Wednesday in 2009, taxpayers, nationwide, will have until Wednesday, April 15th, 2009, to file their 2008 Returns and pay any taxes due.

Important Changes

Here are a few changes in tax law you may want to note before filing your 2008 Federal Tax Return:

1) Expiring Tax Breaks Renewed
The following popular tax breaks were renewed for tax-years 2008 and 2009:

- Deduction for state and local sales taxes
- Educator expense deduction
- Tuition and fees deduction

In addition, the residential energy-efficient property credit is extended through 2016. In general, solar electric, solar water heating and fuel cell property qualify for this credit. Start-

ing in 2008, small wind energy and geothermal heat pump property also qualify.

2) Standard Deduction Increased for Most Taxpayers

The 2008 basic standard deductions all increased. They are: \$10,900 for married couples filing a Joint Return and qualifying widows and widowers;

\$5,450 for singles and married individuals filing separate Returns; or \$8,000 for heads of household.

Beginning this year, taxpayers can claim an additional standard deduction based on the state or local real-estate taxes paid in 2008.

3) Contribution Limits Rise for IRAs and Other Retirement Plans

This filing season, more people can make tax-deductible contributions to a traditional IRA.

greater than \$1,800 and is:

- Younger than 18 or
- 18 years of age and had earned income that was equal to or less than half of his or her total support or
- Older than 18 and younger than 24, a student and had earned income that was equal to or less than half of his or her total support.

Upcoming Due Dates

April 15th:
-March Payroll Taxes
-Individual Tax Returns
-Federal First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations
-Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals

April 30th - First Quarter Payroll Reports Due

May 15th - April Payroll Taxes
If you have any tax questions, please forward them to: tmichie1@rochester.rr.com. ■



Scottish Rite NEWS

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Chapter Rose Croix
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Lodge of Perfection



**G. Michael Morris, 33°
Commander-in-Chief**

Have-a-Heart Campaign

I think we have definitely found the recipe for success! Next year we are planning to have everyone in costume - either in Scottish Rite costumes or as a clown. This will accomplish three important goals: (1) we will raise even more money to support the Ronald McDonald House; (2) we will be giving the public a glimpse into what Masonry and the Scottish Rite is all about, and (3) we will have a great time doing it! Special thanks to all our Brothers and family members who contributed to the tremendous success of this year's Campaign!

Valentine's Day Dinner

Everyone had a wonderful time at this year's Valentine's Day Dinner with our Ladies on February 14th at the La-Tea-Da Tea Room. The mood was set when you walked in the door, as everyone (men and ladies) were encouraged to don an eclectic-style hat to bring out that (perhaps) "hidden spark" in their personality! Check out the montage of photographs from the event and see if you agree! What great fun!



Scottish Rite Members at the booth supporting the Have-a-Heart Campaign are (from left to right): Garry Cranker, Jim Miller, Don Tubman, Frank Habitzreuther (aka George Washington), Derek VanHouten and Bill Fredenburg.



Rosco the Clown provided great amusement for children of all ages, spending several hours with Valley of Rochester members in support of the Ronald McDonald Houses.

**2009 Spring Reunion at the Shrine Center
Conferral of 14th, 16th, 18th, 26th, 31st and 32nd Degrees
April 16th - 18th**

Thursday, April 16th

14th Degree - Grand Elect Mason
Social hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn & Peas
Caesar Salad, Ice Cream Sundae for Dessert
Degree Conferral begins at 7:30 p.m.
Degree Director - Joseph Bourcy, 32° DSA

Friday, April 17th

16th Degree - Prince of Jerusalem
Social hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Buffet Dinner
Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans
Tossed Salad with choice of Dressing,
Ice Cream Sandwiches and Cookies
Degree Conferral begins at 7:30 p.m.
Degree Director - Don Tubman, 32°

Saturday, April 18th

18th Degree - Knight of the Rose Croix
Degree Director - Joe Bourcy, 32° DSA
26th Degree - Prince of Mercy
Degree Directors - Joe Bourcy, 32° DSA, and Mike Morris, 33°
31st Degree - Knight Aspirant
Degree Director - Rick Howe, 32° DSA

32nd Degree - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
Degree Director - Charles Hancock, 33°
Light Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.

Donuts, Bagels with Cream Cheese, Orange Juice & Coffee
Lunch - approximately 12 noon
Tomato (with Basil) & Rice Soup
Choice of Sandwiches - Tuna, Roast Beef, Turkey
Salad, Chips, Sugar Cookie, Soda & Water

**Cost - The price for the dinner on Thursday evening is \$12
No charge for meals on Friday and Saturday**
Meal reservations are required for each day.
Please call or email the Valley Office
by noon on Monday, April 13th
(Phone: 264-1160; email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org)

4th and 12th Degrees

The conferrals of the 4th Degree, Master Traveler, and the 12th Degree, Master of Mercy, were held on March 19th. Both casts did a terrific job conveying the message and meaning of the Degrees!

Joseph Bourcy (4th) and John Zabel (12th) served as Degree Directors. John Zabel, John Faro and Mike Dox provided wardrobe support; staging and lighting handled by Rick Howe, Jim Slocum and Garry Cranker.

Cast members for the 4th Degree were: Pat Mulrooney, Eric Lubberts, Phil Hurwitz, Don Tubman, Bernie Lazerson, John Lemke, Bruce Katz, Rick Howe, Derek VanHouten, Sy Kopen, Angelo DiCataldo, Gary Sanford, Warren Doerrer, Steve Campbell, Ryan Rhys, Joe Bourcy and Glenn Stahl.

Cast members for the 12th Degree were: Frank Habitzreuther, Jim McConnell, Charles Roberts, Phil Hurwitz, Pat Mulrooney, Angelo DiCataldo, Don Tubman, Gary Sanford, Bernie Lazerson, Brian Bills, Greg Ludwig, Joe Oelgoetz, Bob Kimmel, Mike McBride, Ken Howe, John Lemke, Joe Bourcy, John Faro, Garry Cranker and Tom Goodrich.

On behalf of our members and this year's Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Class, thank you all for a wonderful evening; and for the time, attention and care you took to prepare for your part in the Degree!

"The Last Full Measure"

On February 9th, Scottish Rite Brothers Eric Lubberts, Mike Knolla, Ken Howe and John Zabel were at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge to present the Scottish Rite Play, "The Last Full Measure." This play features Abraham Lincoln and a wounded Confederate soldier discussing the Gettysburg Address. Freemasonry plays a part in the play, which was well received by all.

**VAAR Valley of Rochester
2008-2009 Officers**

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Peter J. VanEtzaker, 32° MSA		Color Bearer	James Toogood, 32°
		Captain of the Guard	Michael Knolla, 32°
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**Valley of Rochester
2009 Spring & Summer Program**

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- April 16th - Spring Reunion & 14th Degree at Shrine Center**
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner Reservations Required
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- April 17th - Spring Reunion & 16th Degree at Shrine Center**
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner is No Charge - Picnic Fare
Dinner Reservations Required
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- April 18th - Spring Reunion 18th, 26th, 31st and 32nd Degrees at Shrine Center**
Continental Breakfast - 8:15 a.m.; Program - 9 a.m.
Lunch - Approximately noon
Rest of Program - Approximately 1:00 p.m.
Reservations Required
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- May 1st - Reunion Banquet at Penfield Country Club**
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner Reservations Required
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- May 21st - Election & Installation of Officers at Shrine Center**
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner Reservations Required
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- May 23rd - Learning Center Walk for Dyslexia at Perinton Park**
Light Luncheon Follows the "Walk"
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- July 11th - Scottish Rite Clambake and Steak Roast at Camp Morris**
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- August 9th - Seabreeze Family Outing as Seabreeze Amusement Park**
Advance Ticket Purchase Required
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- August 16th - Summer Outing & Dinner on the "Canandaigua Lady"**
Reservations Required
- ~~~~~
- Make your reservations On Time!**
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity
(585) 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320
or Email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org
- Don't be Late!**
Late Reservations may have to be accepted on a Standby Basis only.

The Valley's stage lighting was used to good effect and Brother Eric Lubbert borrowed a Civil War retractor's bedding kit for the hospital scene. This was the first time the play has been presented by the Valley and shows one way the Valley can support Blue Lodge programs.

The play is short, approximately 30 minutes, but conveys a strong message of unity, fellowship and brotherly love. If this is something that you might like to have as a program at your Lodge, please contact the Valley Office for more information.

"Hats Off"

While the final count is not yet in, it looks like we will add approximately 30 new Sublime Princes to the Valley of Rochester's roster this year, which is **ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC!** I know this doesn't meet our goal to add 50 new members this year, but it depends on your perspective in life - is the glass half empty, or half full?

Brethren, I must tell you that I am a die-hard optimist! To me, the glass is always half full. I am always looking for ways to find and emphasize the positive aspects in every situation. So, if we were to compare the number of new members added this year to previous years ... this year is 300% larger than 2008; 900% larger than the 2007 and 200% over 2006. Not bad!

"Hats Off" to all the First-Line Signers on this year's new member applications! First-line Signers for the members of the Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Class include: Joseph Bourcy, Larry Canfield, John Faro, Rich Friedman, Phil Hurwitz, Garry Hutcherson, Eric Lubberts, James Miller, James Pray, Andy Richardson, Don Tubman, Steve Whitaker, John Williams and me.

As a token of appreciation, each First-Line Signer will receive a Scottish Rite Double-Headed Eagle baseball-style cap. On behalf of the entire membership: "Thank You First-Line Signers!" It is through your energy and dedication that the Valley of Rochester will continue to thrive and bring light and enjoyment to our Masonic Fraternity.

Now, looking to next year: "Is the goal of adding 50 new members to the Valley of Rochester an impossible goal?" I think NOT! "Who's on your list?"

Fully Operational

On February 28th, a group of dedicated Brothers - John Zabel, Evar Miller, Tom Goodrich, Don Tubman, Joe Bourcy, Rick Howe, Craig Wright and Mike Morris - put the finishing touches on our new AASR Storage Facility, located in the basement of the Shrine Center. All our Scottish Rite costumes and properties are now in the same location. The facility is now in wonderful shape. We got rid of all the old cardboard boxes, installed storage racks, sorted and organized the various properties into clear (and labeled) plastic tubs and organized the costumes by Degrees. It is reminiscent of the days at the Downtown Temple! In addition to being much more useful and organized, the move significantly reduces the annual storage costs for the Valley. Thanks to everyone who helped with the move!

WALK

So They May Read!

Mark your Calendar and Lace Up Your Sneakers! This year the "WALK to Help Children with Dyslexia" is scheduled for Sat-

Reunion Banquet - May 1st

The Reunion Banquet welcoming the members of the 2009 Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Class to the Valley of Rochester will take place on

Friday, May 1st

at the Penfield Country Club

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Menu choices at the Banquet will be:

12-oz. New York Strip Steak

Chicken Cordon Bleu w/Lemon & Cherry Sauce
or Stuffed Sole w/Sauce Supreme

The price for the dinner is \$25 per person
No charge for members of the Class and their Ladies
as they are guests of the Valley that evening.

Program - 7:30 p.m.

This is a special social evening with our Ladies to honor the Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Class. We will also announce the recipients of the 2009 Ill.: John B. Mullen, 33°, Distinguished Service Awards.

Dinner reservations are required.

Call or email the Valley Office by noon on Monday, April 27th
(Phone: 264-1160; email secretary@valleyofrochester.org)

Dress for the Banquet is Semi-Formal or Tux

Election & Installation of 2009-2010 Officers - May 21st

The Election and Installation of the Valley of Rochester Officers for 2009-2010 will take place at our Stated Communication on May 21st at the Shrine Center.

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Grilled Steak

Baked Potato with Sour Cream or Butter
Green Beans

Salad with Crumbly Bleu Cheese Dressing
Cheesecake with Fruit Topping

The price for the dinner is \$12 per person
No charge for members of the Class and their Ladies
as they are guests of the Valley that evening.

Program - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required.

Call or email the Valley Office by noon on Monday, May 18th
(Phone: 264-1160; email secretary@valleyofrochester.org)

urday, May 23rd, at 10:30 a.m. at Perinton Park in Fairport.

The WALK and Family Picnic is being held to raise funds to sustain the tutoring program and to raise awareness in our community of the problems children with dyslexia encounter. With greater awareness, more children can be diagnosed and treated. The Center provides free tutoring for children suffering from dyslexia, a neurological disorder that impedes reading and writing. As the children gain the skills to overcome their reading roadblocks their self-esteem is restored and they can succeed in the normal classroom setting. Instruction is individualized and one-on-one, a program of far greater intensity than can be offered within the public schools. This professional tutoring service costs approximately \$5,000 per child per year, and is provided at no cost to them or their families.

In addition to helping students, public and private school teachers are being trained free-of-charge in the Orton-Gillingham approach of tutoring at the Learning Center. These skills are transferable into the teacher's classroom. On behalf of the children in our community, thank you for your help and support!

NEW DATE

**Camp Morris
Clambake and Steak Roast
Saturday, JULY 11, 2009**

We discovered that we had a major conflict with our originally scheduled date of June 27th for the 4th Annual Camp Morris Clambake and Steak Roast! The conflict is with St. John's Weekend in Utica, which is scheduled for June 26th-28th. So, mark your calendars and come join the country fun and fellowship at Camp Morris on Saturday, July 11th. More information to follow as we approach the date.



Assisting in the fundraising efforts of the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Rochester, Rosco the Clown spent many hours in The Mall at Greece Ridge and Eastview Mall making balloon artwork - animals for girls and boys and heart "torches" for moms and dads.

2009 NYS Council of Deliberation July 24th-26th

Brethren, the Valley of Rochester has the responsibility and honor of serving as the Host Valley for this year's New York State Council of Deliberation (COD) meeting, which will be held July 24th-26th at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, NY. The

COD Host Valley Committee is being chaired by Illustrious Brothers John Zabel, 33°, and Robert Pedersen, 33°.


Serving as the Host Valley is a significant undertaking, but the planning for the event is in full swing. A number of subcommittees have been formed:

Subcommittee	Chairperson(s)
Communications	Craig Wright
Ladies Program	Jack VanElzakker, Ruth Morris & Lisa
Registration	Jim Slocum & Pat Mulrooney
Greeters	Lodge of Perfection Line
Security (Tiled Sessions)	Phil Hurwitz & Don Tubman
Hospitality Room	Council of Princes of Jerusalem Line
Dining - Security	Tom Goodrich
Church Service	Chapter of Rose Croix
MSA Program & Dinner	Sy Kloner & Jack VanElzakker MSA President & Secretary

To fulfill our responsibilities as the COD Host Valley, we will need to have approximately 25 Valley of Rochester members in attendance. We need your help! As Bob Pedersen has now relocated to his new home in Florida, please contact Ill.: John Zabel and let him know if you are able to help with one or more of the Subcommittees.

Help - Donations Needed - Help

As a further request, and in an effort to minimize the burden on the Valley's budget, we are asking members of the Valley to consider making donations of liquor to stock the Hospitality Room. Won't you please help the Valley out by donating an unopened bottle of liquor? We will come to you to accept your donation or, if you prefer, bring it to the next Valley meeting. Please do not bring the liquor into the Lodge Room. Contact Phil Hurwitz at 720-6019, email: phurwitz@frontiernet.net to make a donation.



Get on the ROAD to READING

Saturday, May 23, 2009

COME JOIN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

Lace up your sneakers for the annual WALK for Dyslexia hosted by the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, located in Rochester.

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2009


Location: Perinton Park on 31-F in Fairport

Time: Check-in begins at 9:30 AM
Walk begins at 10:30 AM
Family Picnic: 11:30 AM

Course: 3 miles along the scenic Erie Canal

For registration information log on to www.dyslexiawalk.org, e-mail dyslexiahelp@rochester.rr.com, or call the 32° Masonic Learning Center at (585) 264-1690.

Bring the whole family! Other activities include Picnic Lunch, Great Music, Circus Clowns and Face Painting.
On-site Child ID Program Available



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For information, contact the  
*Masonic Service Bureau*



## Valentine's Dinner Photo Montage

**Rochester Forest No. 133**  
 Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America  
 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Penfield, NY 14526  
 Cy White, GTC  
 (315) 597-9546  
 Donald C. Bell, Scribe  
 334-7768

By Don Brugger

Our Election and Installation of Officers for Rochester Forest No. 133, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, is finally completed. Your Officers for the ensuing year are:

GTC Cy White  
 SDGTC Ted Powley  
 JDGTC Joe Raubar  
 Scribe Don Bell  
 Treasurer John Zabel

Appointments thus far are Preceptor, Don Wright, and Chaplain, Don Brugger. If you are interested in serving your Forest as an Appointed Officer, please let us know. We urge all to make an effort to attend the meetings to support your new Officers. It has been suggested by your new GTC that an informal dinner gathering at Hung Wah's Restaurant in the Plaza

behind Starbuck's on Route 441 precede every meeting. If you are interested in joining us, please call to let us know you will be there (Phone: 458-6125 or email: djbrugger@juno.com). We plan on gathering around 6-6:15 p.m., so we can be at the Lodge Hall before 7:30 p.m.

**Coming Year Activity**  
 There was much discussion during the February meeting about the coming year. It was reported that we have reserved the Kiwanis Camp on Shangri-la Lane for our Spring Sausage Roast and Fall Steak Roast; more details later.

We have invited two speakers to our April 21st meeting from the Local Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This would be a good time to get back into the 4th Wednesday meeting habit and bring up any questions you might have about the local campaign and its funding. The GTC expressed the desire to participate in the Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon and more fully support the Supreme Forest's Muscular Dystrophy effort with possibly one other fundraising event this year.

The time is now for making

arrangements for our Annual Christmas get-together. As you know good places for this event are hard to find and must be booked early. We need a fairly private room for approximately 25 people - preferably with easy access for seniors. Those places suggested were Valicia's Ristorante, Rick's Prime Rib House and Golden Ponds. If you have a suggestion, please let me know now.

Membership is crucial to the survival of the Rochester Forest we must step up our efforts. Don Wright and I made a presentation at Webster Lodge and distributed Petitions to a Lodge full of Brothers, including four Entered Apprentices. Let me know if you would be interested in participating in future presentations.

**Sickness and Distress**  
 We have learned that PGTC Gary Thompson was recently hospitalized with a blood infection and Cellulitis. He is recovering and is now in a Nursing Home for rehabilitation.

There is no news on Don Freeman's condition.

Remember, Rochester Forest No. 133 is your Forest, let's re-Member it. We'll see you at the stump. "

Well Brothers, it's been a cold Winter. I was glad to see you all at the February meeting.

### Sad News

If you have not heard, we lost one of our Brothers in February. Jan (Dutch) Lughart passed away. A Memorial Service held at his church in Spencerport. There was standing room only during the service. Several of the Brothers from the Masonic War Vets were there along with Brothers from his Blue Lodge. After the Masonic Memorial

Service was over, the Minister was quite pleased in what had taken place. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jan's Family.

At our February meeting, we discussed inviting the Ladies to our next dinner meeting in hopes of increasing our turnout. Also, we are looking at the cost of getting uniforms for everyone. Several of our Brothers are working on this.

Our April meeting will be held on the 23rd when we will hold Elections for new Officers. Hope to see you all there. "

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# York Rite NEWS

York Rite College  
Judas Maccabeus

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



3rd Wednesday

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At our March Assembly, we helped Hornellsville Council by conferring the Select Degree on their Candidate. Maybe next year we will have a couple of Candidates.

Our April Assembly will be our Table Council. We will have a dinner prepared by Joy Woodley. The menu will be Salad, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetables and Dessert. If a Companion prefers Chicken, please let us know when making reservations. To make reservations, contact the Recorder at 586-6426 or the Illustrious Master at (315) 536-2525. Our speaker will be Companion W. Bruce Renner. Come and enjoy some great fellowship.

Our Cryptic year is fast approaching an end. The Annual Grand Assembly will be August 14th and 15th in Albany. Come and see our own Right Illustrious Arnold Palmer elected and installed as Grand Master.

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

E.: John E. Zabel, High Priest  
223-3228

zabell@mindspring.com

E.: Charles M. Roberts, Secretary  
225-6533

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I attended Grand Chapter the first weekend of March with V.:E.: Joe Oelgoetz and R.:E.: and Reverend Charles Roberts. It was quite an experience. You may or may not know that an elected and installed High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter must be anointed in the Order of High Priest to perform his duties. The Grand Chapter does the anointing during its Grand Convocation. Therefore, I was anointed at Grand Chapter. The Anointing Team did an excellent job and I was very impressed by the Ceremony.

Grand Chapter always has visitors from other Jurisdictions. This year there were Grand High Priests from Connecticut, Ohio and Virginia, along with the First Principals from Ontario and Quebec, Canada.

The Canadian Royal Arch Grand Presiding Officer's title is First Principal, not Grand High Priest. It would be very interesting to visit a Chapter in Canada in the future. Brother Joe Oelgoetz and I met the Grand High Priest of Ohio. His Chapter is very close to my mother-in-law's house in the

Cleveland area. I will have to see if I can visit it on one of my family-visit trips.

Many Companions of Hiram Chapter are members of the Order of Old Saratoga. I did take the Order and now understand its point.

Since this was the first time I attended Grand Chapter, it was fun to meet Masons whom I know from other Bodies. Many very active Masons belong to more than one Rite and it was a pleasure to be with Masonic friends at Grand Chapter.

### What's Happening

During the month of February we had several interesting meeting programs. We discussed the Three Veils and how they got their names. We discussed the various names of God found in the Bible. This was lead by Companion Dick Horton and it was very interesting to find there are many names for God used in the Bible. We will continue to have interesting programs about Royal Arch Masonry at our meetings, except those when a Degree is conferred.

Speaking of Degrees, our Spring cycle of Degrees is underway. The Chapter is looking forward to bringing Masons, who are not yet Royal Arch Masons, into our fold. Chapter members are ready to confer the Degrees on our Petitioners with fervency and zeal.

### Lodge Program Available

Masters and Senior Wardens, the Chapter has a program called "Fervency and Zeal" that can be presented as a Lodge program. It is a very good program to introduce the Royal Arch to Brothers who may not know about it or may have questions. If your Lodge would be interested in the program, contact John Zabel or Charles Roberts to schedule a date.

## Sagoyewatha

Commandery No. 17, K.T.  
3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.



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Sir Knights, Masonry continues to march ahead these days. Grand Master Edward G. Gilbert announced that relations have been restored with the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. This means that Sir Knights attending the Easter Sunrise service in Alexandria, VA, can be at ease with Masons from that Jurisdiction.

I am pleased the Grand Commandery of New York and Sagoyewatha Commandery will be well represented again this year. I thank SK James MacConnell, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, for arranging a bus for a pleasant ride to and from Washington.

Our Annual Inspection will be April 18th at 10 a.m. We will have breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. Salem Town Commandery, under the leadership of Com-

mander SK Don Ellinwood, will join us. SK James MacConnell, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, will be our Inspecting Officer. I thank, in advance, all the Sir Knights who have volunteered to take parts in the required parts of the Inspection. It takes a lot of Sir Knights to have a smooth-running and successful Inspection. Members of sister Commanderies, please join us for a rewarding morning of

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993  
3rd Monday

Commander  
SK Joseph F.  
Oelgoetz III  
425-9969

Recorder  
SK Lawrence W. Dunn  
594-8033

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### He Has Risen!

Blessings to you and your families. This month marks the most important celebration of our Christian Faith - the remembrance of our Lord's victory over death and sin. He has risen and with this the cornerstone of our Christian faith was established. I wish each and every one of you a wonderful and blessed Easter Season. Happy Easter!

### Upcoming Events

Easter is on April 12th this year. With that, the Grand Encampment is holding its Annual Sunrise Easter Service in Washington, DC, from Friday, April 10th, to Sunday, April 12th. The headquarters hotel is the Hilton in Alexandria, Virginia. For those interested, there will be a bus of Sir Knights and their Ladies leaving from our area on Friday morning. We have tours of the "Laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" at Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon (George Washington's Estate), and possibly a tour of Air Force 2. If interested, please get in contact with Sir Knight Jim MacConnell at 494-1815 or jmac@aol.com.

Our Easter Observance is scheduled for Monday evening, April 20th. Our Inspection Officer is Sir Knight Fredrick Beitter, Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York. As his Lady Ruth will be attending, we have arranged a ladies program for the evening. It will be a wine tasting that will be hosted by my Lady Karen. In addition, a dinner will be served of Roast Beef or Chicken with all the trimmings. Dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Opening of Commandery will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. This will occur at our Asylum at Northfield Lodge Hall in Penfield.

On May 18th we will hold Election and Installation of Officers for the 2009-2010 Templar Year. For those current Officers, please let me know that you want to continue to move up in line (or not). For those Sir Knights who would like to aspire to become Commander some day, please let me know if you would like to begin your "pilgrimage" in the Officers Line.

Tactics and Ritual. It's one of the highlights of the year for each Sir Knight as he advances in Commandery.

In closing, we mourn the passing of SK Fred Durbin. Fred enjoyed coming to Commandery. We certainly enjoyed Fred's smile and hearing of his most recent travels. We are thankful he was able to lead a full and active life for 94 years. He will be dearly missed.

### Summer Operation

As many of you may recall we attempted to test meeting during the Summer months (June - August) last year. What we found is we did not achieve our goal of getting more Sir Knights to those meetings. In fact, there was one meeting we could not open due to the fact that we did not have the required number of Knights to open. Many of the Officers took vacations and thus we did not achieve our goals. With that said, it is my recommendation that we do not meet during the Summer of 2009. That means our last meeting for the 2008-2009 Templar Year will be our meeting in May where we vote in a new Line of Officers.

### Knight Templar Eye Foundation

"That Others May See"  
The mission of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is "To

provide assistance to those who face the loss of sight due to the need for surgical treatment without regard for race, creed, age, sex or national origin, provided they are unable to pay or receive adequate assistance from current government agencies or similar sources and to provide funds for research in curing the diseases of the eye."

Cyrene-Monroe will be running its Campaign from now until the end of the Templar Year. Please keep this in mind for your annual giving. Please make checks out to **Knights Templar Eye Foundation** and forward all donations to our Recorder - Sir Knight Charles Roberts. To get his mailing address please contact him directly at 259-3797 or email him at: cholyone@rochester.rr.com.

### Places Associated with Knights Templar

**Outremer:** French (outrémer) for "overseas," was the general name given for the Crusader States established after the First Crusade: The County of Edessa, the Principality of Antioch, the County of Tripoli, and especially the Kingdom of Jerusalem. The name was often used as an equivalent to Levant, Syria and Palestine, and incorporated areas that are today parts of Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Turkey.



**Kingdom of Jerusalem:** was a Christian kingdom established in the Holy Land in 1099 after the First Crusade. It lasted nearly two hundred years, from 1099 until 1291 when the last remaining possession, Acre, was destroyed by the Mamluks.

At first the kingdom was little more than a loose collection of towns and cities captured during the crusade. At its height, the kingdom roughly encompassed the territory of modern-day Israel and the Palestinian territories. It extended from modern Lebanon in the north to the Sinai Desert in the south, and into modern Jordan and

Syria in the east. There were also attempts to expand the kingdom into Egypt. Its kings also held a certain amount of authority over the other crusader states, Tripoli, Antioch and Edessa.

Many customs and institutions were imported from the territories of Western Europe from which the crusaders came, and there were close familial and political connections with the West throughout the kingdom's existence. It was, however, a relatively minor kingdom in comparison and often lacked financial and military support from Europe. The kingdom had



# BIG CALLENDAR - APRIL 2009

Gem - Diamond  
Flower - Sweet Pea

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                             | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                          | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                       | Friday                                                                                                    | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <p><b>5</b> Shrine Easter Egg Hunt and Child ID</p> <p>Clio Lodge<br/>Spaghetti Dinner<br/>Wed 8th and 22nd<br/>287 East Avenue, Hilton<br/><b>Palm Sunday</b></p> | <p>Events at Shrine Center or Shriners' Events in this typeface. See <b>Damascus News</b> section for details.</p>                                                                                                               | <p>Deadline for the <b>Masonic Times</b> is April 10</p>                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>1</b> Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy<br/><b>Damascus Shrine</b><br/>OES - Liac Star, OV</p>                                           | <p><b>2</b> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pitsford Webster<br/>Lalla Rookh Caldron, Executive Council</p>                                                                                    | <p><b>3</b> Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult, \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street</p>            | <p><b>4</b> OES - Rochester Chapter - Spencerport<br/>Livingston-Ladies Night - Conesus County Club<br/><b>Damascus Shrine</b> - Noble Bring-a-Friend</p>                  |
| <p><b>12</b> Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner April 16th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye<br/><b>Easter</b></p>                                                 | <p><b>13</b> ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls, 3* Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield<br/><b>Shrine Lunch Club</b><br/><b>Easter Monday</b></p>                                     | <p><b>7</b> Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, 3* Shrine Center Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps, 3* Nunda Station, 1* Oakland - Castile<br/>OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight</p>                                        | <p><b>8</b> Oaka - Scottsville, 1* Webster - Fellowcraft Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting<br/>OES - Conithian-Fellowship Shrine Legion of Honor</p> | <p><b>9</b> Fame, Shrine Center Minor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron WYN - RTTE Course - Humanity Lodge<br/><b>First Day of Passover</b></p> | <p><b>10</b> <b>Good Friday</b></p>                                                                       | <p><b>11</b> O/SY Surviving Spouse Luncheon, Geneva Masters &amp; Wardens<br/><b>Holiday Inn, Batavia</b><br/>Scottish Rite, 18° - 26° - 31° &amp; 32° - Shrine Center</p> |
| <p><b>19</b> Union Star Pancake Breakfast</p>                                                                                                                      | <p><b>20</b> Canandaigua-Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pitsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor<br/><b>Shrine Lunch Club-Ladies Day</b><br/><b>Auburn Shrine Club</b></p>                                                  | <p><b>21</b> Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile Canandaigua Shrine Club, Schooner's Restaurant, OES - Nolatka (Social Visit), Starlight</p> | <p><b>22</b> Oaka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Corinthian-Fellowship Directors Staff<br/><b>Earth Day</b></p>                                        | <p><b>23</b> Fame, Shrine Center Minor - Shortsville Union - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12<br/><b>Perry Shrine Club</b><br/>WYN - RTTE Course - Sodis Lodge</p>     | <p><b>24</b> OES - Grand Matron's Visit Monroe District - Rick's Prime Rib House<br/><b>Arbor Day</b></p> | <p><b>25</b> Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin<br/>OES - Grand Matron's Visit, O/SY &amp; Wayne Districts</p>                                                                |
| <p><b>26</b> <b>Orthodox Easter</b></p>                                                                                                                            | <p><b>27</b> ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City, 3* Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Shrine Club Livingston District/Assn Mtg - Mt. Morris Lodge Hall</p> | <p><b>28</b> Eagle-Honeoye, 1* Seneca - Webster<br/>RAM - Dansville, LeRoy<br/>OES - Leah - Hilton</p>                                                                                                              | <p><b>29</b></p>                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b>30</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                            |

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