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From all of us at the Masonic Times - Barb, Bev, Herb, Mat, Jan, Dave and Skip

## Masonic Kid Becomes a Colonel

By Kathy Contino-Turner

Albert Washburn came home when he and his wife Mary moved into Acacia Village on August 1, 2003. Al first arrived at the Masonic Care Community in 1926 at the age of nine. His father had recently passed away and his mother didn't have the resources to care for Al and his three younger siblings. They were living in the Hudson Valley area at the time and his mom thought she'd have to separate the children and send them off to different foster homes.

That was the plan, until members of Hudson Lodge No. 7 stepped in. They suggested the children would be better off if they could be cared for together at the Masonic Home. At first Al's mom was hesitant until she visited and met "Pop" Wiley, who assured her that the children would be well cared for.

The Grand Lodge helped Al's mom find employment as a companion to a woman in New



**Picture notes:** Retired Colonel Albert Washburn read the "American's Creed" during the Campus-wide Veterans Day Program at the Masonic Care Community. Close to 100 Veterans call the Masonic Care Community Home, and close to 50 employees have served in the military. Combined, there are Service people from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, both Gulf Wars and Afghanistan.

York City and the children thrived in their new home. Al has many wonderful memories of those days and he's so thankful he got to share his childhood with his brother, Bill, and his sisters, Bernice and Nina. He received a good education in the Utica Public Schools and spent his Summers having fun at Camp Turk on Round Lake in the Adirondacks. He learned to play the French horn and the Snare and Bass Drum. Al says, "Yes they were strict with us as kids, but they treated us right." The lessons learned as a Masonic Kid served as a wonderful foundation for Al as he entered into adulthood.

Al was drafted in the Army and stationed at Fort Bragg in 1941. He tells the story of Corporal Wilson who, on their first day, showed all of the men how to make a bed the Army way. (Of course, Al already knew the right way - Pop Wiley had made sure of that). So while the others were struggling with their sheets and blankets, Al was already finished. When the Corporal asked him where he

learned that, Al replied, "Why Sir, you just taught me." So it's easy to see why Al was off to Officer's School in no time.

Officer's School was in Panama and Al spent seven months there, during which he learned all about a Blue Moon. A Blue Moon was a drink and a girl. You see some of the girls there made a living by getting the guys to spend their money by buying them fake colored water cocktails called Blue Moons. Once the guys caught on, the girls were then labeled a Blue Moon. Al recalls, the weather was beautiful and the girls were pretty.

Soon after, he was home on leave and he met the love of his life, Mary. It was a whirlwind courtship of only four days and they were married. It was a long marriage of over 60 years. They have four children. Mary passed away a few years ago at the Masonic Care Community.

A few weeks after D-Day, Al landed on Utah Beach and was dispatched as part of the Normandy Campaign. He spent the remainder of the War in Europe. When he returned home as a Captain, he was assigned a teaching position at the Artillery School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in nuclear weaponry. When Al finally retired from the Army he was a Colonel.

Al is a member of Ancient Temple No. 14 Lodge in the Hudson Valley and served as Master on several occasions. He achieved the 32nd Degree in Masonry and is also member of Hudson Lodge No. 7 (the Lodge to which his father belonged) and Infinity Lodge, which meets monthly on the Masonic Care Community Campus. Al has been active in promoting the Masonic Youth Camp, and is featured in the DVD produced last year to promote youth attendance at Camp Turk. Al says he became a Mason because of his childhood experience. He tells us, "The Masons took care of my mother and my siblings and I have never forgotten that."

## Nominations Requested for Thomas Jackson Award<sup>©</sup>



R. W. Thomas W. Jackson

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Nominations for this award may be submitted by any Scottish Rite Mason and must be received at the Scottish Rite Office by February 1, 2010. A committee of five members (Advised by Active Member III.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33<sup>o</sup>) will review and evaluate applications prior to the April 9th and 10th event in 2010. All letters of recommendation are to be submitted without the applicant's knowledge.

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Letters of recommendation may be addressed to:

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Attn: Selection Committee  
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At the International Masonic Motorcycle Club Convention in Deadwood, SD, members, who learned of V. W.: Ron Bryant's untimely death, made contributions which were delivered to Kathy Bryant by W.: Sean Noonan (left) and W.: Mike Rapson.

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**Attention Shriners!**  
**Summoned Meeting, December 2nd, 7:00 p.m.**  
**for the purpose of Electing Officers for 2010**  
**more *Damascus News***  
**begins on page 11**





Editor's Corner

It doesn't seem possible, but this issue marks the end of seven years your current staff has been publishing the Masonic Times. We have instituted several changes in that timeframe, not including our current fiasco with digital production.

We are grateful for the cooperation of those individuals who have accepted these deviations without fuss. The main reason could be that some of the correspondents have changed just as frequently, so there really was not a transition...the new writer simply had to learn what we needed or wanted in order to keep our production schedule.

As a reminder, we have an email account strictly for the Masonic Times:

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Did you notice I said camera? We have received files taken with a cell phone where the quality is so poor, we cannot reproduce them. If you have submitted something and it hasn't been published, that may have been the reason. We have run other images on occasion that I wish we hadn't for quality reasons, but the occasion warranted an image with the article and we had no other choice.

Lest I sound ungrateful, my heartfelt thanks to all who submit copy to us. There is a big time commitment involved... time that is not always readily available. So, if you aren't too happy with what is published (or not published) for your organization, step up to the computer! You might be the blessing the Worshipful Master, Worthy Matron or other head honcho is looking for to relieve them of this task. I know. I have those days!

Thanks for reading.

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Members of Fidelity Triangle No. 4 who attended the Convention in Kerhonkson in October posed for this group photo.

Fidelity Triangle No. 4

Oldest Chapter in New York State



2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8:00 p.m. 287 East Avenue, Hilton 14468-1333

By Theresa Waterhouse

On Columbus Day Weekend, the members of Fidelity Triangle attended the 25th Bi-Annual Convention at the Hudson Valley Resort in Kerhonkson. At these Conventions, the State Officers run meetings and install the new State Representative for the next year.

In addition to the business at hand, activities were planned for girls from all over the State to have a fun time. There were various events like a Talent Show and T-shirt, poster and essay contests.

Fidelity Triangle won 2nd Place for their group size in the Talent Show, and 3rd Place

for swaps. The girls who attended had a blast and can hardly wait to start planning for the next State Convention in 2011.

Fidelity's Annual Term Dinner and Installation of Officers was held at the Hilton Masonic Hall on November 14th.

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# Electrical Bloopers

By Thomas Paglia

I was asked to write the "blooper" series again. Many were from men and women outside of Rochester. It seems they enjoy reading about how people, at times, can actually do things to make more work and increase the cost of getting a repair done.

As usual, when I receive a phone call, most people want their electric power restored yesterday. This call was received about 5 p.m. from someone for whom I've been doing electrical work for many years. Before the phone call, I had been there to discuss a ceiling fan in the upstairs bedroom and an exhaust ceiling fan in the upstairs bathroom. He went out to buy the fans and wanted to know when I would be over to install them. I said I would be there in the morning.

Around 10 p.m., the phone rings and he is at the other end. He said, "Tom, the power is out upstairs."

I asked, "When did it happen and how?" (The same as when you go to a doctor ... need to know answers in order to solve the problem.)

He told me his son was home from college and wanted to help his father save some of the cost, so he removed the ceiling light fixtures and that's when they lost power. The attic, which is his office, computer and other things, were all without power.

I told him not to turn any switches on; just leave everything the way it was ... take two aspirins, go to bed and I would see him in the morning!

I arrived about 9 a.m. and he was waiting for me. The first thing he wanted to know was how long it would take to get him back in business. He is retired and runs a small business from his home. I went upstairs, walked into the bedroom, took one look at the ceiling and there, hanging out of the ceiling junction box were ten wires - 8 were solid black and 2 were black and white. I went into the bathroom and the same thing there.

This house is about 80 years old when they installed black pipe and flexible conduit with wires all the same color - BLACK! I told him I didn't know how long it would take to get him back online because I

needed to trace all of the wires. The fixtures that were removed were there from when the house was built.

His son was still in bed and didn't get up until he heard me tell his father he had power. Then he walks out and sheepishly said, "Guess I got in over my head."

It took about three hours to trace the wires because they also supplied power to the attic, which meant I was going up and down attic stairs. Can't say I didn't get my exercise.

What should have been an exhaust fan for the bathroom was a ceiling fan - his wife thought it would serve the same purpose. That fan would not exhaust the humidity, only drive it into the cracks and cause mold, which is a health hazard. He would have been better off opening the window in the bathroom.

What should have taken four hours ran into 7.5 hours. Not only was he out of business all that time (who knows how much income he lost), but the cost of installing the equipment and tracing the wires cost more.

Remember, you may think you're saving money by helping out, but in the long run, you may end up with three times the cost. Shortcuts never work in the electrical field. You make a mistake and it could cost you your house or other personal valuables close to you.

I forgot to mention that this house had the old Edison wiring whereby they use only three wires which connects two, three-way switches in the hallway leading to upstairs. When you flip one switch, the current moves over to the other side of the switch so power is maintained upstairs. This system is not used anymore. All junction boxes have their own power supply now. If you ever have to remove one of these three-way switches and you don't know how to put them in the right order, you could spend 4-5 hours up and down stairs tracing wires because they are all the same color - BLACK!

In closing, electricity can be your friend, but it also can be a dangerous enemy.

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I trust everyone had a pleasant Thanksgiving, filled with family, friends, good food and your football team "winning." The Gallant household is always full on this holiday and we enjoy visiting with our guests from all around.

With October and the first half of November being very busy, I was grateful for a few relaxed weeks at the end of the month. R. W. Roy Moses and I did have the pleasure of visiting the Niagara-Orleans and Wayne Districts on their District Officers' Official Visits. It is interesting to see how other District Teams perform their visits and to have the privilege of participating in them.

I congratulate the Brothers of Attica Lodge No. 462 on their 150th Anniversary on November 4th, 2009. R. W. Roy and I were able to attend and we had a wonderful time. It is always very enlightening to watch the Grand Line perform the Rededication ceremony.

Livingston District has four Lodges performing Degree work this month. One set is a combined Degree with Steuben District and two Lodges that are working their Degrees together. It is great to see our Lodges helping each other out. As our Lodges look at their upcoming schedules, please remember to let us know if you are looking for assistance with your future Degree teams.

Our first combined *Masonic Development Course* class was unfortunately a bit small, but that did not stop the class from having a number of interesting discussions and some thoughtful questions. If there are Brothers who are still interested in participating in the next *MDC* class, please contact R. W. Joe Shanks.

## Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

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



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**Think Out of Your Lodge**  
On October 13th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention was held

The month of December looks to be a bit more relaxed than the last few months. This will be good, as the weather will certainly make traveling a bit more of a challenge. We have a couple of visits planned for Ontario/Seneca/Yates, Steuben and Genesee-Wyoming Districts to attend with their Grand Lodge Officers. I am sure that there will be a few other events we will attend in our District.

I have a few reminders for the District. There will not be an Association meeting this month. The meetings pick up again in January. And, don't forget the Fellowcraft *MDC* session on December 9th.

For all our "remote" and "local" Brothers - calling all Emails (!!), we are trying to update our email distribution list. We use our email distribution list to notify the Brothers of Livingston District about events, meetings and special happenings. If you have an email address, and you do not receive notices from the Livingston Masonic Yahoo group, please let me know. You can send your email address to:

JGallant@Rochester.rr.com. We really want to be able to reach you!

Finally in closing, I you all a Happy Holiday this month and a very Joyous New Year. I hope everyone has a good and prosperous 2010.

### Grand Steward Livingston District



R. W. Joseph Shanks  
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Congratulations to Jason Bortle, Steve Campbell and Joe Gallant for completing the *Masonic Development Course*. We only had five Brothers going through the *MDC*. Session two will be on December 9th, and I hope we will have more Brothers at the next two sessions.

Don't forget the *Road to the East* on February 6th, 13th and the 20th, 2010.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

at Phoenix Lodge. At that time, R. W. John A. Gallant, District Deputy Grand Master, suggested that we (Masons) should visit other Lodges in and out of our District. With that thought in mind, Phil Cox, Ed Dickson and I traveled to Canaseraga Lodge the following night for their Official Visit. We even helped fill in their Chairs. When R. W. Gallant, R. W. Joseph Shanks and R. W. Roy Moses saw us sitting in Chairs in a different District, were they surprised!

Anyone can say they are "too busy," but when we held our 2nd Degree, the Master of Canaseraga Lodge, W. William

Learn, came and visited us. This is Brotherhood working! To say the least, we had a good turnout for our 2nd Degree and I thank all the visiting Brothers who were in attendance.

#### Child ID

The Child ID Program was held October 20th at the Dalton Elementary School and was a huge success. Together, the Sheriffs of Livingston County and Nunda Station Lodge processed about 70 children. Brothers from the Lodge who participated were Phil Cox, Don Cox, Ed Dickson, Richard Trescott, Clarence Bogardus and myself, plus visiting Brothers Ron Baylor and Don Baylor. With this kind of help it moved along very quickly.

#### Symbolic Lodge Award

The Valley of Rochester Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite's 24th Symbolic Lodge Awards Night was held October 15th at which the 2009 Livingston District, Nunda Station Lodge recipient was W. James Van Sickle.

#### Extend a Masonic Hand!

December 15th is Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, or bring another Brother. The Lodge's famous and traditional Oyster Stew will follow the meeting.

#### Upcoming Events

The 2010 Trestleboard isn't out yet, so please put these dates on your calendar:

January 5th - 3rd Degree Rehearsal

January 19th - 3rd Degree will be held at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EXTEND A MASONIC HAND by attending the rehearsal AND welcoming the new Brothers on January 19th!

### Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.



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Greetings from the big stone house at the traffic circle in Caledonia. The Officers of Eunice Lodge wish you all Holiday Greetings and Cheer.

I'm sorry I missed the deadlines for the September, October and November issues of the *Masonic Times*, but time flies and, in my opinion, that is a very poor excuse.

We have had a very good year so far. No building disasters. Our food booth at the "Old-Fashioned Field Days" showed a small profit, but we were very short-handed. At the Genesee Air Show, we would not have been able to have our Pulled Pork Sandwich booth if it had not been for the help of Genesee Lodge Brothers. Thanks, Genesee.

At our October 1st meeting, R. W. John Gallant requested that R. W. Allen Roggen be escorted to the East, where he was presented with his special 50-Year Grand Lodge Apron. Brother Al provided a short summary of his 50 years in Masonry.

If you have not been in Lodge lately, YOU HAVE BEEN MISSED. With our member-

ship slipping below 30, and the same six or seven Brothers Opening, doing the Work, and Closing, WE ARE IN DEEP TROUBLE.

Our Master, W. Rick Lafave, has appointed a committee, which will convene in January, to determine the future of Eunice Lodge ... Will we continue as we are with a few doing the work? ... Merge with another Lodge in Livingston or Monroe Districts? ... Or should we turn in our Charter and "go dark?" If you have any thoughts on what to do, or suggestions, please let either Rick or me know

so they may be forwarded to the committee.

#### Don't Forget Your Dues

Remember that your 2010 Dues are now due.

#### Party

December 6th we will be having a Holiday Family Get-together, with a social hour at 2:30 p.m. followed by a Roast Beef Dinner at 4 p.m. prepared by the famous "Chef Ricardo." You, your family, Star members and widows are all invited.

Hope to see you sometime soon on the third floor of the big stone building on the traffic circle in Caledonia.

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I hope all had a safe and great Thanksgiving. Cold weather is approaching fast and the District is very busy again. A lot of Degree Work is going on and help is needed District-wide. Contact our AGLs to see if you can be of assistance.

#### Grand Lodge Reservations

For those of you who are going to Grand Lodge in May, please get your reservations at the Edison Hotel as soon as possible. The rooms are going fast.

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

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Ark Lodge initiated two Entered Apprentices at our October meeting. Thanks again to Tom Abraham who sat in the East for the Degree Work. John Keeton and Peter Einset did their usual excellent work with the Questions and Answers while Ray Howard and Bob Bird from Garoga-Sincerity were flawless with the Whys and Wherefores. Thank you to all who took part.

Plans were for the 2nd Degree to be combined with Milo and Seneca Lake Lodges in Penn Yan on November 18th. Yes, that's the same night as our Official Visit, so the Master of Milo Lodge, who is also a member of Ark Lodge, W. Rob Schwarting, kept a watchful eye on our Entered Apprentices. It's great to see Milo undergoing resurgence under Rob's leadership.

Let me know if you are going so I can get a headcount for the bus. The more who go, the cheaper the rate for the bus.

#### Official Visits

I apologize for having to change my schedule for the remaining Official Visits. I realize it is an inconvenience for some, but it could not be helped. There are only two left - December 10th at Geneva Lodge and December 15th at my home Lodge, Garoga-Sincerity.

#### It's Dues Time

Lodges have received their Dues Cards. Please support your Lodge and pay your Dues on time.

I congratulate John Hodge Lodge in Naples on their new facelift. Your Lodge Room looks terrific. (Brothers working together as a team.) If you get a chance to attend any of their meetings, please do so.

Please remember our men and women in our Armed Services.

Have a safe and great Holiday season. May God Bless.

December 16th, our regular meeting, will be the Annual Christmas Party. It's sometimes difficult to keep in mind that what I'm writing today won't be seen for nearly a month from now, so if you know you will be attending, you can call or email either:

Lance - (315) 789-4411; email lward@lynnet.com or myself - (315) 536-3013; email tsmart5276@aol.com.

Last year we had a great turnout with Brothers from Geneva Lodge also attending; hopefully we will again this year.


#### Annual Bell Ringing

Ark and Geneva Lodges will share Salvation Army bell ringing duties on Tuesday, December 15th. Ark will be primarily responsible for the 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. shift, although Brothers from either Lodge are welcome to ring the bell at any time. If you aren't contacted by December 10th, give us a call if you can help.

My wishes for a Joyous and Blessed Holiday Season go out to all Brothers of Ark Lodge. May we be ever mindful all year, and especially during this Season, of those who may not be as fortunate as us or who may be alone for the Holidays. Small acts of kindness and caring can do wonders for those for whom the Holidays may not be as joyful as they should be.



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I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday! We now find ourselves in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Holiday Season.

**Sad News**

I regret to inform the Brothers of Eagle Lodge that Brother Michael Dick put down his Working Tools of Life on the evening of November 6th with his family around him. Calling hours were held for Brother Mike on November 10th at which Masonic, Eastern Star and American Legion Services were presented. On November 11th, a funeral service was held at the Canadice Methodist Church. Please keep Brother Michael's family in your prayers during this trying time.

O/S/Y Masonic Charities met at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge in Phelps on November 6th. All proceeds from this dinner were donated to Brother Michael Dick's family. A total of \$500 was realized from the event. After a great dinner there was a brief Charities meeting. Twelve Eagle Lodge Brothers and Sisters made the trip to Phelps to support this event.

**December**

December is a busy month. We are wrapping up two fundraisers - the **Entertainment Books** and the **Citrus Fruit Sales**.

The **Entertainment Books** have been available since our August Steak Roast. Please contact Brother Thomas Shafer (229-4105) for book sales.

The **Citrus Fruit** has been ordered and should be ready for pick up at the Lodge on Saturday, December 12th, and Sunday, December 13th.

On December 19th, Eagle Lodge Brothers will be delivering Poinsettia plants to the widows of our Lodge. If you are interested in providing a little Christmas cheer by assisting in delivering these plants, please give me a call or send me an email.

**Winter Meetings**

Please take note that Eagle Lodge only meets once a month - on the 2nd Tuesday in December, January and February. If Lodge is cancelled due to weather on the 2nd Tuesday in January or February, we will meet on the 4th Tuesday of that month.

Eagle Lodge has received a Petition, and an Interviewing Committee has been appointed. Upon a favorable Interview Report and vote, we will be starting our Degree Work. The tentative schedule will be the 1st Degree in February, 2nd Degree in March and the 3rd Degree in April.

It is time to dust off our Ritual books and commence with the most important work of the Lodge - Initiating, Passing and Raising of our Masonic Brethren. If you have not participated in the presentation of Degrees in a while, your Lodge could sure use your help. Please contact me if you would be

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**Upcoming Events December**

8th - Lodge Meeting  
17th - Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m.; Help is appreciated  
19th - Poinsettia delivery  
22nd - \*\*Happy Holidays\*\*

**January**

12th - Officers Meeting at 6:15 p.m. Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Program - Annual Budget  
21st - Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m.; Help is appreciated  
26th - Lodge Dark (unless January 12th is cancelled due to weather)

May you all have a very Joyous, Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years. ✽

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What a beautiful Fall it has been this year with all the different colored leaves and the mild weather we have had so far. Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is right around the corner. I wish all the Brothers and their families a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy New Year; may we all have good health in the New Year.

In the next couple of weeks we will be calling upon Brothers for help in the Ringing of the Bell for the Red Kettle Fund. We will also be delivering Poinsettias to our widows. If there are any Brothers who would like to help in delivering these, please feel free to give me a call.

Remember, it is the Season of the year for giving and I remind you all about the Brotherhood Fund.

I also take this opportunity to thank all the Brothers who helped in cooking and working the dining room at our September Pork Chop Dinner. Once again, we were very successful. "Many hands make light work." It was a wonderful meal; thanks again. Job well done!!!!

**December Events**

December 1st - we will have a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

December 15th - Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Ronald Galens and his team.

**December Birthdays**

We send birthday greetings to Brothers John Bowles (1st),

James Piper (13th), Gary Yancey (14th), Jerome Phillips (17th), Everett Grimsley (21st), Ronald Galens (22nd), William Lally, Jr. (25th) and Ernest Day (30th).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

The following Brothers were Raised in December:

- 1947 - John Record
- 1952 - Frederick Gifford
- 1956 - Howard Burgess
- 1960 - Bernard Dell
- 1961 - Robert Lannon

- 1962 - William Goodman
- 1969 - John C. Carney
- 1975 - William Tatro IV
- 1978 - Charles Anderson
- 1986 - Craig Andrews
- 1990 - David Mowers and John Sherman
- 1994 - Perry Adams
- 1995 - David Smith
- 2002 - Gordon Campbell
- 2006 - Nicholas Day, Douglas Galens, William Hargrove and William Lally, Jr.

thank R.: W.: James Gagnon for heading the second session as I was called to Chicago for my work. This assignment also caused me to miss the Official Visit to Newark Lodge. I apologize to the Brothers of Newark Lodge for my absence. I have enjoyed meeting the Brethren of Wayne District as the DDGM made his Official Visits this Fall.


Change in leadership does cause or provoke new enthusiasm. For those who attended the Official Visit of the newest Lodge in the District, North Rose-Wolcott Lodge, wasn't it great to see the sidelines full of Brothers? We even had Brothers who attended dinner, but couldn't stay for the meeting. Lots of enthusiasm was expressed that evening and it was a pleasure to see so many present to honor W.: Marvin Jay with his 50-year Apron from M.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, presented by R.: W.: William C. Jones, DDGM of the Wayne District.

Brother Joel Falbo, new President of the Masters & Wardens Association is doing new things with his monthly program on Masonic topics. So far this Fall, he has presented programs on the "Regius Manuscript Cereia" and the St. Johns of Masonry. These have been great complements to the *Masonic Development Course*. Thank you, Brother Falbo.

Sodus Master, W.: Bob Fratangelo, has brought back to life an old tradition of having breakfast at the Lodge before tackling work at the Lodge. Our November breakfast included omelets and taking down the old pharmacy sign on Maple Avenue. Hey, it was done without breaking any plate glass windows!

Lady Marilyn and I wish all Brothers and their families a Joyous and Merry Christmas! Enjoy the Holidays and I'll see you in 2010. Where did the first decade go? ✽

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December 9th - Humanity Lodge Official Visit, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Anyone planning to attend dinner contact W.: Andrew D. Richardson Phone: (315) 945-2090 or email [gsquare@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gsquare@rochester.rr.com). Humanity Lodge would welcome the support of all Brothers in the District.

As this will complete the Official Visits in Wayne District this Fall, I extend thanks to all Lodges within the District for all the courtesies and respect shown to both the Team members and me, as DDGM. For the most part, the Protocol has been very good, as well as the Ritual for both Opening and Closing. There is room for some small improvements, but I find Wayne District does try hard to adhere to all proper aspects of "doing things right."

At all Official Visits I have brought you the Grand Master's message of "Getting Back to the Basics" and the meaning of the six-letter acronym **BASICS**. It is my feeling this District is in strict conformity with the Grand Master's request in his wants. We do and will continue to practice the Tenets of our Institution. If you want to refresh your memory on this message, it can be found in the Fall Edition of the "Empire State Mason," starting on page 2. This says it all.

**Masters & Wardens**


I encourage all Brothers in Wayne District to participate in the Masters and Wardens Association. Unlike other Districts, this organization is open to all Masons within the District, regardless of your office or rank. It is for your education and socialization, a chance to meet Brothers from other Lodges and learn first-hand what's going on in the District. It is your opportunity to help other Lodges where need be.

Brother Joel Falbo has turned the Association into an organization to bring you Masonic Education at its highest level. In the past there were "dog and pony shows" with no regard for

Masonic activities. Under his leadership, with the help of W.: Andrew D. Richardson, there is a new agenda - education on Masonic History, discussions on our true meaning, where we want to go and what we will hope for in the future. Both of these Brothers are trying to make a difference in Wayne District. It behooves all of us to support them and, most of all, LEARN from their teachings and findings. Masonic Education is most important if this District is to survive. Plus, it can and will be fun. Once Masonry is no longer fun, it becomes unimportant in our everyday lives. We must do all that we can to preserve our heritage for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

This is a great District, small but active; on an average, a lot of true Brothers looking to help one another. More cooperation is needed in helping other Lodges with their activities, Ritual for Degree Work and the learning of Parts. Together, we can do it and make this District even better. It's called commitment.

I am looking forward to Degree Work, starting in the month of December at Drumlin Square Lodge tentatively doing the Entered Apprentice Degree on December 2nd, followed by Wayne Lodge starting their series of Degrees on December 9th. For more information, contact the Lodge Secretaries or Masters and offer help and support. ✽

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The last session of the *Masonic Development Course* will be held on Thursday, December 17th, 7-9 p.m. at Sodus Lodge. I

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Brother Joel A. Falbo  
To bring you up-to-date, my Brothers, our Worshipful Master John Krest has made his way to the sunny State of Florida for the Winter. May we wish for him good health and an enjoyable stay; we look forward to his return in April. That being said, as Senior Warden, I will be moving to the East to fill in. This makes

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us short one Officer for the Winter. We need as many Brothers in attendance as possible at our future Communications; it is the only way we will continue to move forward as a Lodge.

Our Official Visit was held on October 21st. R.:W.: William Jones, DDGM; R.:W.: Ted Powley, Grand Steward and District Chairmen were present and gave a great presentation on our Grand Master's message and the state of the District

We do have a Candidate this year, so there will be Degree work to do. Let's show our new Candidate what Masonry is all about and support him on his journey. At this time, the 1st Degree will be held on December 2nd. I know that having extra time is not always an option, especially around this time of the year, but if we all pull together we can do great things for our Lodge and the Craft.

In the month of September we welcomed a new Brother into our Lodge, W.: James Aylesworth. W.: Brother Aylesworth comes to us from Brownville Lodge and has affiliated with Drumlin Square Lodge. If possible, please try to make it to a future Communication and welcome our new Brother to the Lodge. W.: Aylesworth has already been a great help to the Lodge by jumping into a Chair at the first Com-

munication he attended by filling in for the Junior Deacon.

#### Holiday Festivities

With the coming of December, also comes our Annual Holiday Gathering and Auction to support the Lodge's Surviving Spouses Program.

A few volunteers have stepped forward this year to make this event even more festive by decorating and coordinating the evening's activities. Some social time has been planned before the potluck meal with the auction to follow.

We are asking that a dish be brought to pass, along with a wrapped gift marked "Lady" or "Gentlemen." The cost of the gift should not exceed \$10.

This event will be held on December 16th at 6:30 p.m. A signup sheet for the potluck will be on the bulletin board at the Lodge. It will ask which type of dish you will be bringing, such as a side dish, entrée, or dessert. This is just a way for everyone to know what everyone else is doing.

This event always proves to be a good time. If you haven't attended in the past, we would love to have you come down, celebrate the holidays and enjoy a great meal. I look forward to seeing you.

Happy Holidays to all my Brothers and their families. May your travels be safe and the joys of this Season fill your hearts. \*

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A hearty congratulations to all the Brothers and Right Worshipfuls who have been re-appointed to Grand Lodge Committees that represent the Monroe District within the Grand Lodge in the State of New York. Each Lodge Secretary should have received a copy of the re-appointment letter that was to have been read for the benefit of the Brethren within your particular Lodge.

On October 28th, R.:W.: Michael Nohle and I attended a Boy Scout Court of Honor for Troop No. 113 at Webster Lodge for the purpose of honoring six Eagle Scout recipients. We were able to present the Daniel Carter Beard Award also. The evening took us back to the time when both R.:W.: Mike and I were Scouts and we both attained the rank of Star in our separate Troops.

There were about 30 Scouts from Tenderfoot through Eagle in attendance, along with eight Scout leaders.

R.:W.: Mike did a fine job of telling the group a little about what we, as Freemasons, are and a brief history of the Craft. All in all, it was an informative and rewarding evening for the approximately 60 folks who were there. Afterwards, they were invited to tour the Lodge Room and ask additional questions.

Since I am writing this in late October and the ground is covered in leaves of all shapes, sizes and colors, I can only assume that snow is now the norm as we head toward the end of another great Masonic year. Several Lodges have enjoyed having classes of five or more new Brothers and, as R.:W.: Michael Nohle has mentioned in our Annual Official Visits, we need to make sure we properly MENTOR these new Brothers so they may become valuable members of our Lodges. Too many times we invite them into our Fraternity and then in a few months we never see them again.

We have met many fine young men who are seeking us out and, with the new book by Dan Brown, the interest may become stronger. We must do the very best that we can to provide the support and companionship for these men as they progress in their Masonic life.

Each month I receive through the Masonic Service Association

the "Short Talk" Bulletin, which can provide the Lodge a two- or three-minute program on a variety of subjects for discussion. The October issue was entitled "The Ideal Lodge" and one aspect of the issue caught my attention.

In our Official Visits we have been talking about the continuance of the Grand Master's Message, "Back to Basics," and the importance of each letter in the word BASIC. The letter "S for Service" as an example, says, "by understanding the idea of being of service to others, and by putting it into practice, we become better individuals. Taking this a step further, by being of service to others without seeking anything in return, we become better Masons."

"This is exactly what those members who belong to ideal Lodges have been doing for years. They have been helping others and not bragging about their good works. This is what members of ideal Lodges will continue to do for years to come."

Brother Leon Randall of Unity Lodge came to me several months ago with an idea such as this called "Masonic Helping Hands" and it sort of fits this concept. Where the individual Brother can assist Brothers, Surviving Spouses and loved ones who need help, such as lawns mowed, small jobs around the house, etc.

However you and your family celebrate the Holidays, we, the Leadership Team of the District - R.:W.: Mike Nohle and Kathleen; R.:W.: George Todd and Dody; V.:W.: Hugh Woodside and Michelle; and V.:W.: Harry DeHollander and

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Nancy and R.:W.: Derek VanHouten and Judy - wish all of you the very best that the Season has to offer.

In closing, as I have said before, and as Brother Red Skelton has said many times, "May God Bless."

**Grand Steward**  
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You never know when or where you might run into a Right Worshipful. I live in Hamlin, around the corner from my

house is a small restaurant called Nuts Corner. Quite to my surprise, on a recent Saturday night, who was the headliner; none other than R.:W.: Rick Howe. If you haven't yet heard or seen his performance, you need to.

Next was at the Hilton Applefest, where our own District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, was behind the counter serving up meatball subs for Clio Lodge. Thanks, Derek.

We, as Staff Officers, are in our final year; it has been a wonderful journey for me. The hospitality and brotherly love shown me has been outstanding. I am so fortunate and proud to be a Mason.

**"The Brethren" by Edgar A. Guest**

The world is needing you and me,  
In places where we ought to be;  
Somewhere today it's needing you  
To stand for what you know is true.  
And needing me somewhere today.  
To keep the faith, let come what may.

The world needs honest men today  
To lead its youth along the way,  
Men who will write in all their deeds  
The beauty of their spoken creeds,  
And spurn advantage here and gain,  
On which deceit must leave its stain.

The world needs men who will not brag,  
Men who will honor Freedom's Flag,  
Men, who although the way is hard,  
Against the lure of shame will guard,  
The world needs gentle men and true  
And calls aloud to me and you.

The world needs men of lofty aim,  
Not merely men of skill and fame,  
Not merely leaders wise and grave,  
Or learned men or soldiers brave,  
But men whose lives are fair to see,  
Such men as you and I can be.



As always if we, as District Officers, can be of assistance to you or your Lodge, feel free to contact one of us. We would be willing to attend any of your programs, Lodge meetings, etc.

We only ask not to wait until the last minute. Our calendars are fairly full and we need time to schedule your request. Until next month, see you in the Quarries.

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By V.:W.: **Hugh Woodside**  
**Grand Lecturer's Convention**  
The Monroe District was pleased to welcome the Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: Charles E.




V.:W.: Harry DeHollander with Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: Charles Toombs, at dinner prior to convention in Fairport.

**School of Ritual**  
Our next School of Ritual will be held on January 20th, 7:30 p.m. at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. In addition to the usual entertainment for the evening, we will be pleased to welcome R.:W.: Jim Sullivan, Past Senior Grand Warden and Past Grand Lecturer, who will present a short talk. Our "usual entertainment" for the evening will touch on several items we have witnessed while traveling around the District. These are worth bringing to your attention as we work together to improve our ability to understand and present the Standard Work.

Our final School of Ritual will be held at Oatka Lodge in Scottsville on March 31st. The work for the evening is to be determined, but I can guarantee the School of Ritual Banner will be up for grabs once more! Make sure to get your Brothers out to the Schools of Ritual so you stay in the running!

**Merry Christmas**  
We take a moment now to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Whatever holiday your family celebrates, we hope the Great Architect smiles down upon you and yours as we finish 2009. May He bless us all with a Healthy, Safe and Prosperous New Year.

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As I have said in the past, the purpose of Masters & Wardens meetings is to relay the news of the District to each of the Lodges. A good example of this was the Communication held by Northfield Lodge on November 5th. The Brothers were conferring a 1st Degree and needed help with the "Question and Answer" Section. It just happened that Brothers of Oatka Lodge were coming that night for another reason (see the Traveling Gavel and Oatka Lodge articles). Two of the Brothers from Oatka filled in and did the "Q&A." If this had not been the case, the Brothers of Northfield would have had to scramble to find participants. I am glad that W.: Larry Blazey and W.: Tim White could help out.

Another instance of this Fraternal support took place at Oatka Lodge November 11th. With nine Candidates being Initiated, the Brothers of Oatka Lodge did not have enough Conductors, so Brothers from several other Lodges stood in.

My point here is that if we, as the leadership of the Monroe District, notify each other when we are having Degrees, if there is a need for assistance, another Lodge can jump in and help. The Masters & Wardens meetings are a great way to communicate to each other what is going on in Masonry locally.

Let's continue to see great turnouts for these important meetings.

Who has the Traveling Gavel?



By Erik Loepker, Chairman

In a bold sweep, Fort Oatka besieged the stronghold of Pittsford, with a battalion of men, grim of countenance and focused with purpose. Their objective: to liberate the Traveling Gavel from the clutching grasp of the satirizing, verbose and even sometimes loquacious tormentors therein.

Ok, ok, hyperbole aside, on November 5th, eight Brothers from Oatka Lodge, visited Northfield Lodge, for the triple purposes of assisting with Northfield's 1st Degree, retrieving the Traveling Gavel, and (most importantly) to mingle with Brothers in a fun atmosphere. They shared in Northfield's fantastic home-cooked dinner and enjoyed several moments of mirth leading up to the exchange of the Gavel into their hands.

In return, several Brothers of Northfield banded together to perpetuate a sneak attack at Oatka's First Degree on November 11th. The assault, however, failed, and the Brethren of Oatka lorded their triumph over the humbled Brothers of Northfield.

At any rate, the fun is in the pursuit, as always, and the Traveling Gavel currently resides at Oatka Lodge, which is located at 5 Browns Avenue, Scottsville. They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Check their website at:


[www.oatkamasons.org](http://www.oatkamasons.org)

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December is here - no one told me how time would fly in the East! Since the last article we've celebrated our Annual Awards Night in a wonderful ceremony which celebrated a number of our Brothers for their many years of service to the Craft. The evening was capped by a tremendous talk by our evening's guest, M.:W.: Neal Bidnick, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. M.:W.: Bidnick entertained us with an inspiring talk of "Masonry's Place - Past and Future" and words of wisdom for new and veteran Brothers alike.

As we begin to feel the Winter winds in the air, the holiday spirit is taking hold, and my beloved Bills are performing their annual freefall - we also approach the Degree portion of our year. As you read this, we have just recently conferred our 1st Degree on six Candidates - with our Junior Warden, Michael Knolla, presiding.

This Holiday Season holds special significance for me and my family. Not only for being able to sit in the East with the fine Brotherhood of ERAC, but also with the great anticipation

which comes with the impending birth of my family's second child. A truly joyous season awaits us all and I wish each of you a happy, healthy season - with good cheer and many created memories.

**Congratulations**  
Congrats are in order for our Brothers Bruce Katz, Matt Muller, Kern Haynes, Jim Holman and Ryan Reese for their completion of the *Masonic Development Course*. A great job, gentlemen, and a definite example of Brothers going beyond to further develop themselves in the Craft.

Further congratulations to Brother Reese on his recent marriage! As a Lodge, we wish you only the best in your future together with Heather and look forward to opportunities of shared time in the coming months during our Lodge events.

Welcome to Brother Joseph DiTucci, our newest member, after his Affiliation was approved by Lodge vote in November. Great to have you with us, Joe; it's another wonderful addition to our membership.

**Upcoming Events**  
**December**  
12th - HO HO HO - Ringing the bell for the Salvation Army - 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. at Eastview Mall. Come and help ... the more the better. It's a festive event with the promise of blustery winds and lots of laughs and great cheer! I do hope to see you all!

14th - Symbols and Allegories of the 1st Degree Ritual; Guest Speaker, R.:W.: Peter Kermani.

24th - Preparing a meal for Ronald McDonald House. This is becoming an annual tradition and an event which speaks to the Holiday spirit and the true meaning of Brotherly love.

**January**  
11th - Table Lodge; An annual highlight; looking to fill the Lodge this year!

**December Birthdays**  
Congratulations to the following Brothers for the upcoming Masonic Birthdays:

Edward J. Mosher, Thomas P. O'Leary and Harold R. Vanscooter (1st); Donald H. Ames, Craig A. Covert, Robert P. Galloway, Raymond J. Kneppar, Carl F. Mason III and Carl F. Mason, Jr. (3rd); Roy T. Bruno, Jr. and Eugene A. Melville (4th); Frank Kelsey and Charles W. Treat (5th); Daniel R. Emerson (6th); Howard D. Kravetz and David G. Upham, Sr. (8th); Steven M. Lysenko (9th); Scott C. Gould, Timothy J. McNelly, George S. Nasra and Richard E. Schmanke (11th); Warren T. Heard and Theodore Z. Theodor (12th); Charles Fosdick, David E. Larson, Paul D. Nordquist, Louis P. Renzi, Lawrence D. Scotney and Jeffrey B. Smith (21st).

We wish you all the best on this day and throughout the next year!

Brethren, again I wish you all the happiest of Holidays with your families and loved ones. I do appreciate all of the assistance and support I've received thus far during my time in the East. The year has been a blur - but more fun than I could have imagined. Looking forward to more work this coming month and a great start to a new and prosperous year for us all.

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My Brothers, we only have one meeting in December so I hope to see you all out on December 10th.

December is our Christmas Party with the ladies. Please bring your special Lady with you for a Steak Dinner for \$13. A great deal for you and your Lady for just \$26. The dinner includes Steak, potato, veggie, and dessert.

The December meeting will continue our learning about the 1st Degree. Last month we learned about the Ashlar. This month is about the Cabletow.

#### Old Business

Thanks to the Brothers who went to Oatka November 10th to assist. I know we all had fun.

Congratulations to those in the Lodge who received their 50 and 50+ years in Masonry Awards. I hope you'll enjoy your special 50-year Apron from the Grand Master. Thanks to DDGM R.: W.: Derek VanHouten for his presentation of those Aprons.

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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and his wife, Judy, W.: Clyde Siverd, DSA, and his wife, Connie, W.: Bill Shelby, DSA, and his wife, Roberta, Brother Richard Smith and his friend, Linda McBride, Diane and I took advantage of a glorious sunny, but cool, day to travel up the Genesee River and view the Fall foliage. Sponsored by Valley-Simes Lodge, with R.: W.: Richard Snyder, and his wife, Rita, in charge of the event, over fifty people boarded the *Harbor Belle* paddleboat for the excursion. The colors were pretty much at their peak. The only disappointment was the malfunction of one of the engines, which did not allow us to go up the entire route. As it was, our two-hour excursion took three hours, but nobody complained.

#### November

Four Petitions were acted upon at our November 3rd meeting. We have three Candidates who have been elected to receive the 1st Degree, which was scheduled to be conferred on 17th. The fourth Petition was referred to an Interviewing Committee, with the hope that references could be checked and returned for a vote prior to the Degree.

In addition, the Petition for Affiliation of Roy Bruno was approved by ballot and we wel-

come him as a dual member of our Lodge. It was a rather exciting evening!

Meanwhile, an additional Petition had been received and attempts were being made to include that Candidate in the 1st Degree. More details next month.

#### December

My Trestleboard only indicates a business meeting for the nights of December 1st and 15th. If anything special is to occur, we will activate the Calling Committee to let you know.

December 8th will be a Turkey Dinner at the Nutcracker Restaurant with the Ladies. Brother Warren Doerrer is attempting to arrange some entertainment for what we will consider our Holiday Party. Again, the Calling Committee will be in touch and, at this writing, I do not know what the cost per person will be.

Remember the big Children's Christmas Party on December 12th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Shrine Center. I published details last month and there are ads in other sections of this issue. If you need more info, give me a call at the Service Bureau - 671-9730.

#### Calendar Change

If you have your own copy of the Trestleboard handy, mark down January 19th as the date for the 2nd Degree. This is a change from the second meeting in February, and will help make the new class Master Masons sooner.

#### December Birthdays

Four of our Brothers celebrate birthdays this month. Many happy returns extended to: Eugene Smith (4th); John Smith (18th); Richard Gundry (23rd); and John Auer (30th).

#### Sickness and Distress

Sue Kendig is up and about a bit, although still not able to drive, as she recuperates from hip replacement surgery.

I started this column mentioning Worshipfuls Clyde Siverd and Bill Shelby. Well, I'll close it with their names, too, but for a not so happy reason. Both of these Brothers have had a bad month, and we hope they are on the mend.

Clyde was in the hospital briefly, was back home and gaining on his infirmities.

Bill suffered a broken wrist in a fall, but did manage to attend the 1st Degree rehearsal on the Fellowcraft meeting night. He seemed in good spirits.

#### Dues

W.: Ralph Jurgens has sent out the Dues Notices and we have several responses already. As I have begged before, please respond as early as you can so we can clear up those records. There are a couple of Brothers who received special notices and will be dropped for Non-Payment of Dues effective December 31st, if we haven't received their payment. If you are one and are having financial difficulties, please call Brother Ralph (208-7106) or me. Maybe we can help.

#### Brotherhood Fund

Right behind the Dues Notices, Brother Jurgens has received the supplies for the Brotherhood Fund Campaign. You should have received this mailing by now. I know times are tough, but the need is still there. Please give what you can and help Craftsman Robertson Lodge maintain its high ranking in the District for its generosity.

Happy Holidays to one and all. See you in Lodge.

### Fairport-Flower City

Lodge No. 476

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Happy Holiday Season my Brothers. May all the Holidays of Peace and Brotherhood fill your homes and your lives with peace and joy.

Awards Night at Fairport-Flower City back in October was filled with Brotherhood and festivities as the accompanying pictures show (including a wonderful speech given by Past Master John Lindsay in honor of his 40th year in Masonry). Also, four new Candidates began their journey to Masonic Light.



William Cobb was presented a Certificate acknowledging his 65-years of membership in the Fraternity by Worshipful Master, Bernard Lazerson.

That was October. November has seen a drop in Lodge attendance and in the zeal that this Lodge needs to carry on its work. Officers, we need to com-

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2nd Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.



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Now that Thanksgiving has passed, we look forward to the Holidays of Chanukah and Christmas. I am sure we will all be busy, busy, and busy.

Thanks to the "Top Seven" Officers of the Lodge for obtaining the Howard Potts Award and the Brothers who came out to support them. Special thanks to R.: W.: John Zabel for conducting the "Lodge of Confusion" at our last meeting.

Special congratulations to our R.: W.: Mathew Gingold on receiving the President's Award at the Masonic Service Bureau's Interfaith Service and Brunch.

October 13th, the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten, made his Official Visit to Valley-Simes Lodge. He delivered the Grand Master's Address to the Brethren present. Also, Staff Officer, R.: W.: Michael Nohle, spoke on his appointment to provide Masonic Education in our District. He informed us of the vari-



All recipients of Service Awards at the October Awards Night. Front row, l-r: Leonard Fulmer, William Cobb, Herbert Ross and Bernard Lazerson, Master. Rear: Ronald Weber, John Lindsay and Bruce Turner. (Photos courtesy of John Lindsay.)



Leonard Fulmer receives his 55-year Certificate from Bernard Lazerson.

plete the work of Raising our new Brothers in the 3rd Degree on December 14th, the only tiled meeting of the month.

W.: Tom Goodrich will be in the East. He will determine the cast and the rehearsals needed. Please do not let him, me or your Lodge down, by lack of commitment.

The following Monday, the 21st, will be our annual Latke Party. This is our big family night of the Winter. Please bring wives, children and friends to this event. The more the merrier. We will have a full dinner at 6:30 p.m. with our special Hannukah Latkes, games for

ous Masonic education programs available. There were 22 Brothers present to hear these messages. We also had the pleasure of a Meat Loaf Dinner prepared for us by our Chief Chef "Charles."

#### Special Notice

Attention Ladies and Brethren! Our December 8th meeting will be a special one. We will be having our Annual Holiday Party. Cost for Dinner that night will be \$8 per person, unless you support the following.

**Ladies Read This!** As we have been doing ... Instead of a gift to the Ladies at our Holiday



Brother Ronald Weber, wearing his special 50-year Apron - the first presented in the Monroe District by R.: W.: Derek VanHouten - receives his corresponding Certificate from Bernard Lazerson.

the children and fun things for parents and Brothers.

#### Sickness and Distress

R.: W.: Dwight Turner continues to improve, so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Also, the Lodge mourns the loss of two of its Brothers, Bud Fisher and Herb Hirsch. May the Great Architect welcome them home.

See you in Lodge.

Celebration, we request the Ladies bring a gift. The gift is for the children at the Shriners Hospital for Children at Erie. Gifts should be new and unwrapped. Bring them to the December 8th meeting. If you cannot be there, we can pick them up or you can deliver them to the Snyder home. If you don't want to shop you can send a check and we will shop for you. Make checks payable to **Valley-Simes Lodge 109** and send to: Mrs. Rita Snyder, 120 Kings Highway N, Rochester, NY 14617. We will take pictures of the toys collected for publica-

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tion in the **Masonic Times**. Suggestions are board games, hand-held games, stuffed animals, dolls, activity sets or whatever you choose. This is a "Ladies Bring-a-Gift for Dinner Night." The Lodge will also donate some money for gifts.

**Brethren Read This!** Dues cards are in at last. Hopefully your Dues Notice should be in your possession by the time you read this. I will have the new Dues Cards at the December meeting. If you are coming to the meeting and pay your Dues that night, the Lodge will waive your \$8 dinner fee. So bring the check book.

All reservations for December 8th Dinner should be made with Mike Hueston - Phone 509-0606 or email:

[mph0523@frontiernet.net](mailto:mph0523@frontiernet.net)

**December Birthdays**

Congratulations to the following Brothers who are celebrating their birthday during the month of December.

David Long (1st), Richard Lippincott (8th), James Moore (10th), David Mura (14th), Frederick Stahl (24th), Michael A. Robinson, William Miner Jr. and Joseph Gingold (31st).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

For the month of November we extend congratulations to our Brothers on being a member of this Masonic Fraternity (years of Service):

Myron Dox (55), Roland Butler (54), Richard Snyder (50), James Moore (49), Guy Clark and Norman Gross (44), Ronald Schiffler (43), David Clarke (40), William Miner, Jr. and Harry Coates (34), Richard Giedd (33), Richard Crockford (30), Thomas Belt and Gary Caswell (28), Donald Brown and Anthony Simonetti (27).

**Dinner Reservations**

As always, reservations for dinners are requested. Remember, "A reservation made is a reservation paid." Your contact for reservations is Mike Hueston - Phone 509-0606 or email: [mph0523@frontiernet.net](mailto:mph0523@frontiernet.net)

To my Brothers, Ladies and their Families, I take this opportunity to wish all a Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and a most Healthy and Joyful Holiday Season. Hope to see you in Lodge on January 12th.

with Scott May at 624-3959 or email [scott.may@frontiernet.net](mailto:scott.may@frontiernet.net) before December 10th so I can plan accordingly.

Don't forget to bring a snack for the Fellowcraft Christmas Party. We will be playing cards, darts, pool or whatever else you can think of. It should be a fun night. If you want to bring other friends, bring them along and enjoy the night.

**Upcoming Events December**

- 7th - 1st Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
- 12th - Lodge Christmas Party at FDR's in Henrietta, 6:30 p.m.
- 14th - Special Communication - 1st Degree, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

21st - Fellowcraft Christmas Party - Bring a snack, friends and have fun, 7 p.m.

**January**

- 9th - Audit & Budget Meeting, 9 a.m.
- 11th - Summoned Communication - Budget, 7:30 p.m.
- 18th - 2nd Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
- 20th - School of Ritual - TBD at Shrine Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 25th - Special Communication - 2nd Degree, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.


As always, check the Lodge website for the latest information at: [www.unionstarmasons.org](http://www.unionstarmasons.org)

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**Lodge No. 759**

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My Brothers, since my last article some of your fellow Brethren have been busy with various activities.

On October 15th, Brother Harold "Rox" Roxburgh was honored at the AASR Symbolic Lodge Awards Night. Brother Rox, along with other Brothers, has been working very hard to obtain new Candidates and members for our Lodge. Thank you for a job well done. I know you all have been instrumental in increasing the numbers of new Brothers at Oatka.

On October 28th, Brother Brennan Coon received his Certificate and Pin for completing the *Masonic Development Course* last Spring. The MDC is a very worthwhile program and I would encourage everyone to attend - both veteran Masonic Brothers and

newly Raised Brothers alike. I attended the class with Brother Brennan and I learned many new Masonically relevant points during the program. If you are interested in attending the course, contact R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, R.: W.: George Todd or R.: W.: Mike Nohle.

November was ushered in by the Brothers of Oatka Lodge retrieving the Traveling Gavel that was taken away from us last year by the Brothers of Northfield Lodge. Undaunted, we descended upon Northfield Lodge on November 5th *en masse* to re-possess this coveted trophy with good spirits and excellent camaraderie with our fellow Masonic Brothers.

I know that Northfield was surprised when, what they thought were several trees in front of their Lodge building, appeared for the scrumptious meal that we all partook of that night. The stealth and cunning of Fort Oatka flabbergasted them and they quickly surrendered the "flag of honor" or Traveling Gavel as we all know it.

Believe it or not, the game of Capture the Flag originated on the battlefield of some of the most deadly wars in history. In fact, that was exactly how all the soldiers knew when a battle was over - once the enemy's flag was captured, both sides considered the skirmish settled. And so goes the events of capturing the Traveling Gavel, my Brothers.



Brother Harold Roxburgh "Rox" receiving the Blue Lodge Service Award from the Valley of Rochester.



The Brothers of Oatka Lodge along with Brother Eric Loeper and W.: Jim Deasey of Northfield Lodge retrieving the Traveling Gavel.


We of course, will prepare the Gavel for any Lodge foolhardy enough to attempt to capture the flag from Fort Oatka.

**Sickness and Distress**

Brother Rob Wise is getting weaker as the days pass. He is

coping with his amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease" with a sense of determination. Please continue to keep Brother Rob in your prayers and thoughts, as well.

*Seneca Lodge*  
**No. 797**



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By W.: Raymond G. Glegg

I hope this message finds you in good health and good spirits. I was asked by our Master to contribute a "Master's Message" to this month's Trestleboard and am honored to do so.

I recently finished reading "The Lost Symbol" by renowned author Dan Brown of "The DaVinci Code" fame. This book is almost entirely about Freemasonry and its revelations about the Craft may be troubling to some. However, in reading it I was struck by his attempts to reveal the meanings behind the various Masonic Rituals he described.

Though it's true he did not get it exactly right when describing a Ritual, he seems to understand at least the basics of the symbolism being conveyed. And

**The Mother Lodge**

There was Rundle, Station Master, An' Beazeley of the Rail,  
An' Ackman, commissariat, An' Donkin' o' the Jail;  
An' Blake, Conductor-Sargent, our Master twice was 'e,  
With 'im that kept the Europe-shop, old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside - "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"  
Inside - "Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.  
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,  
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant, an' Saul the Aden Jew,  
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman, of the Survey Office too;  
There was Babu Chuckerbutty, an' Amir Singh the Sikh,  
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds, the Roman Catholic!

We 'adn't good regalia, an' our Lodge was old an' bare,  
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks, an' we kep' 'em to a hair;  
An' lookin' on it backwards, it often strikes me thus,  
There ain't such things as infidels, excep' 'per'aps, it's us.





For monthly, after Labour, we'd all sit down and smoke  
(We dursn't give no banquits, lest a Brother's caste were broke),  
An' man on man got talkin', religion an' the rest,  
An' every man comparin' Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin', an' not a Brother stirred  
Till mornin' waked the parrots an' that dam' brain-fever-bird;  
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious, an' we'd all ride 'ome to bed,  
With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva, changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service this rovin' foot 'ath pressed,  
An' bore fraternal greetin's to the Lodges east an' west,  
Accordin' as commanded from Kohat to Singapore,  
But I wish that I might see them In my Mother-Lodge once more

I wish that I might see them, my Brethren black an' brown,  
With the trichies smellin' pleasant  
An' the hog-darn [cigar-lighter] passin' down;  
An' the old khansamah [butler] snorin'  
On the bottle-khana [pantry] floor,  
Like a Master in good standing  
With my Mother-Lodge once more!

Outside - "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"  
Inside - "Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.  
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,  
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!

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Personnel working Child ID program at Risen Christ Church.

was conducted with proper decorum, there was an almost seeming levity that ran as an undercurrent. Unfortunately, the Degree was a Degree short as a section was missing, but this has since been corrected.

**Reflection Time**

This tends to be a crazy time of year. Emotions run high, expectations soar and a feeling of almost breathless anticipation steals over us all. But, although the Holiday Season brings to mind cheer and kinship between all people, it also brings tension and a desire to get things done. When linked with a strong desire that everything turn out right, as well as the economic pressures we all feel, it

can be easy to lose one's head and feel an unkind thought at the person who cuts ahead of the queue in the store or drives recklessly on the slick roads. When this happens, just remember to take a moment and reflect on why this is such a great season and time of year, and the joys and wonders that life brings. By remaining calm and pleasant, you will provide the people around you one of the best gifts that can be received - a moment for they themselves to be likewise relieved of stresses of the Holidays.

On behalf of the Officers of Northfield Lodge, we wish all and their families a wonderful Holiday Season.

**Symbolic Lodge Award**

Our Senior Warden, Brother Michael Postilli, was awarded the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. His outstanding work at organizing our Lodge events has been very beneficial for our Lodge.

Our Lodge had good representation at the Grand Lecturer's Convention, which was very informative and well organized.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Our Lodge coordinator for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund is W.: Steve Mitchell. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

**Upcoming Events**

At our first Communication in November we conferred the Degree of Fellowcraft. Many thanks to W.: John Jamele and W.: Ed Gillette for their participation.

December 1st - We are looking forward to the Official Visit by our DDGM and staff.

December 9th - There will be one Spaghetti Dinner this month.



Brother Mike Postilli receiving the Symbolic Lodge Award.

December 11th - Several Clio members will be helping out at the Shrine Center in support of the "Toys for Tots" event.

December 15th - The Master Mason Degree. We will be serving dinner at the Lodge before the Degree.

W.: Stuart Brickman and Brother Mike Postilli will be organizing a few social programs for our Lodge; more to follow via email.

It is great to have W.: Dave Goodrich and W.: Jeff Ross back at the Lodge as their health improves.

**Sickness and Distress**

Our wishes for a speedy recovery to W.: Gordon Smith and Brother Gus Neidrich.

Wishing that all our Brothers and their families will have Safe, Prosperous and Joyous Holidays.

**Wakan-Hubbard**

Lodge No. 154

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Where has the time been going? The Fall months have whizzed by like a fleeting moment of time! It's unbelievable that we are finding ourselves facing the busy Holiday Season again!

**New Members**

In our September 28th meeting, we Initiated five Entered Apprentices and three more were Initiated at our October 26th meeting. While the size of such a class presents certain challenges and difficulties, it is a wonderful problem to have. We are so proud and pleased to have these men joining our Fraternity! I also give a shout out to Brother Mark Edgecomb who came to visit our Lodge that night; we put him to work as one of the Conductors! I am pleased to report that he performed admirably and Northfield is going to be in good hands when he becomes Master!

We had our Official Visit from Deputy District Grand Master, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten on October 12th. We presented Years of Service Awards with the assistance of the DDGM. Six Brothers were eligible for their 50-year Pin and special Apron from our Grand Master, Edward Gilbert, three for their 55-year Pin, five for the 60-year Pin and three celebrating their 65th anniversary of being a Mason.

At our November 9th dinner meeting, local actor Ed Scutt told us about the true life character of Ambrose G. Beirce, nicknamed as Almighty God Beirce by those who knew him. He was a late Nineteenth Century wit, satirist and curmudgeon. His collection of ironic definitions, "The Devil's Dictionary," has provoked readers over the Century since his mysterious disappearance in 1913. His stories and columns perfected surprise endings and commented on the culture of its time with acerbic insight. This talk reviewed the life and work of this underappreciated American critic.

Please be sure to attend the very important business meeting on December 14th. This is a Summoned Meeting and we will be presenting the business plan,

budgets and other reports for the ensuing year. Your voice is important to be heard, so plan on being there. If you need a ride, call Tom Ward at 889-5932 and leave your name and phone number.

**Sickness and Distress**

R.: W.: John Tijou is recovering nicely at home after a bout that landed him in the hospital in September. His wife, Edda, has been in the hospital recently for care.

Brother Scott Blystone underwent surgery in October and we wish him a speedy recovery. A successful surgery will help Scott defeat a long standing digestive system problem that has been difficult for him.

Brother Sam Ruggeri also had some surgery in October and we wish him a speedy recovery also.

Brother Bill McMahon fell down some stairs and broke his hip on November 1st. After surgery, we expect Brother Bill will be in rehabilitation for awhile. We wish him well.

Brother John McMahon's wife, Violet, had been hospitalized with some serious issues recently, but has made a good recovery and is back home.

R.: W.: Don Brugger had a couple of growths removed from his temple area and his leg and is on light duty only for a few weeks. Get back to health soon, Don!

Brother Christopher Bowles was involved in a car accident in October, but is doing all right and sustained no major injuries.

Brother Wayne Jewel was called home on October 1st at age 66. A Masonic Service was held for Brother Wayne in Maryland, where he lived. Our prayers and sympathy go to his wife and his entire family.

Brother Raymond LaFlair's wife, Lois, went to the Supreme Architect October 20th. We grieve for his loss and extend our sympathies.

Our condolences go to the family of Helen M. Ludeke, widow of our Brother, Richard Ludeke. Helen passed to the Great Architect of the Universe on Sunday, October 25th.

Our sympathies also go to our R.: W.: John Zabel and his wife, Sheryl, on the passing of Sheryl's mother in Cleveland on October 30th - one day before her 93rd birthday.

Back in September, W.: Brother Bruce Horncastle lost vision in his right eye due to a rupture from a stone that was thrown from a commercial lawn mower. He is recovering and trying to adapt to having vision only in one eye.

**More Lodge News!**  
**found on Page 16!**

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235 WINTON Rd. N. (585) 288-3210**Adopt-a-Highway**

October 17th was a busy day for Northfield Lodge. In the morning, Brother Stephen Michener, his wife, Regina, daughter, Kelsey; and W.: Jim Deasey and his wife, Amy, completed the Adopt-a-Highway Program for the Fall season buttoning up things along our designated route for the Winter.



Later that day, W.: Jim Deasey and his wife, Amy; W.: John Dudley and W.: Gary Werth (Master of Seneca Lodge, O/S/Y District) with his friend Sue, met at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Fairport to offer a Child ID Program for the children who arrived that day to attend a Halloween party. You guessed it - they were dressed in costume, but that didn't stop the Brothers from processing just under 20 kids. Special thanks to Brother Rick Downs, and R.: W.: Don Tubman for their assistance in providing the equipment and instruction against a very tight schedule.

**Sad News**

On a very sad note, W.: Herbert Hirsch, a 39-year Mason, laid aside the Working Tools of Life and went to be with the Great Architect in the Celestial Lodge on October 18th. Herb was born December 8, 1937; Raised December 24, 1972 at Flower City Lodge No. 910 (merged to become Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476); affiliated with Northfield Lodge No. 426 June 4, 1981; served as Master of Northfield Lodge in 1986. A Masonic Service was held at his funeral. We will miss Herb's kind words, outstanding advice on many things - Masonic and otherwise, and his smile. We will always hold him in our hearts and he will be sadly missed. Our warmest wishes and prayers go with him and to his family.

**Degree Work**

On November 5th, we held a 1st Degree, which was very well attended by members of Northfield as well as by the invading Brethren of Oatka Lodge. They came to assist in presenting the Degree, as well as to retrieve the Traveling Gavel. Although Degrees are traditionally a solemn occasion, the Brethren of "Fort Oatka" always bring zest and enthusiasm. While the Degree





# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

December 2009

**Shrine and Divan Meetings**

**Dinner Reservations Required**

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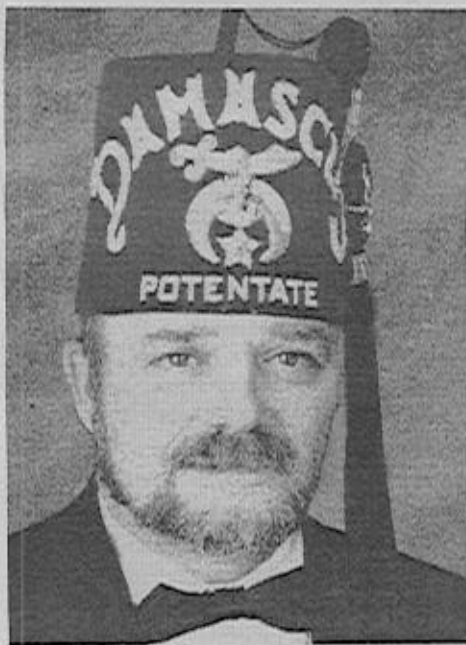
**Shrine Office Hours**

**Monday — Friday**

**9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.**

**Website: [www.damascusshriners.org](http://www.damascusshriners.org)**

## January 6th, 2010 Shell-a-buck Steak Dinner! with 2010 Dues Card Otherwise, the cost is \$10 per person Open Installation



**BRUCE CHILTON  
POTENTATE**

As my second term comes to an end, I have to admit that I'm looking forward to having more time to myself and family. As the years slip away, you begin to realize how precious each day is. At this point I look forward to having the ability to more freely choose where and how I wish to spend that time. There are many people I could thank, but I won't for fear of missing someone. I'll just say thank

you to all. There are many accomplishments I could list, but that, too, I won't do. And if I stayed true to my promise to my buddy Bill, I've helped the next Divan prepare for their futures.

### Harvest Dinner

By all measures, the Harvest Dinner was another success. The idea for this dinner was conceived under the guidance of then Potentate III. Harry Dainty and it has been an annual event since 2002, when Harry was Potentate. There were over 100 in attendance and the dinner was absolutely outstanding. That day was also the Fall Ceremonial - the Joe Minas Class. Joe was obviously proud to be honored and his whole family, Barb, his wife of 52 years, his two daughters and their husbands and all but one of their grandchildren, were in attendance. It was a pleasure to honor such a dedicated Noble and I'm thrilled we were able to make Joe smile. We also presented Deborah (wink) Faro, Annette Shapiro and the BOSS Norris Shapiro with the Potentate's Award of Appreciation. We then escorted Frank Russell to the podium and presented him with the Joe Shriner Award for his effort in re-starting the Damascus Band. This effort is attracting Nobles to be restored and also new Nobles to come in and join the band. We thank them all for their service to Damascus.

Although my intent is to attend less in the coming years, I offer my support to the 2010 Divan and wish them the most



**John Alexander Thompson  
Past Potentate 1977  
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success for a banner year. Having worked with the majority of them closely for the last year, I can assure you they have the best interest of the Shrine Center in their hearts and we are in good hands.

### The Circus is Coming! February 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2010

I now want to focus my efforts on the Circus. As time is running short, I will list what jobs we need filled and ask that you email our Manpower Chairman or me to volunteer. Kevin Faro's email address is [skins6603@aol.com](mailto:skins6603@aol.com) and mine is [boxman@rochester.rr.com](mailto:boxman@rochester.rr.com). The positions we need to fill are: Parking Lot Attendants, Ticket Salespeople, Ticket Takers, Novelty Stand staff, Provost (money and security) and Ushers. Please send us an email and show your willingness to help out and, of course, the ladies are welcome. I will send special emails and notices as we learn different things to keep you abreast of what is happening. The Chairmen for this event are:

**Circus Chairmen** - Bruce Chilton and Andy Rueby  
**Manpower** - Kevin Faro  
**Finances** - Terry Wihlen  
**Novelties** - Jim Kahn  
**Clown Liason** - Rick Ponticello  
**Programs** - George Bracht

As we continue we will find some things are not going to be same with our new venue, but in the interest in making a profit we will have to give some things up. As you now know we will NOT be serving food, including popcorn, although the Dome will be paying us 50 cents for every bag they sell. We are also disappointed to announce that we will not be able to allow the motorcycles, nor the Mini-cars, to do the ride around the rings at the beginning of the show because the Dome cannot handle the fumes. We do have room if anyone would like to put their vehicle on display.

We do hope our Clowns will do warm-ups and the Color Guard will be able to present the Colors at each performance. As stated earlier, we will send emails and report further developments at the meetings but please do not hesitate to email or call with thoughts, ideas or questions.



**Noble Joe expresses his appreciation to Illustrious Bruce and Shriners present for the honor bestowed upon him as his wife, Barbara, listens to his speech.**

On a final note, I received a typed note from someone that was postmarked November 5th. The envelope was handwritten and the note inside was typed. It was a note I will always cherish and it offered kind words of encouragement and support and even had possible predictions of the future. Unfortunately the envelope did not have a return address, nor was the note signed, and I therefore cannot personally thank the brave indi-



**Illustrious Sir, Bruce D. Chilton, Potentate of Damascus Shriners, introduces Noble Joseph Minas and his wife, Barbara, to the audience at the Harvest Dinner last month. Chief Rabban, Tom Vasile, is in background. The 2009 Fall Class was named in Joe's honor for all his efforts in the Mosque and with Shrine activities.**

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Memory of Nobles:**

**Mark Scher**  
April 19, 2009

**Arthur Covert**  
September 18, 2009

**Roland R. Orbaker**  
October 19, 2009

**John Thompson, P.P.**  
November 1, 2009



By Gary Burke

As we welcome our new Nobles, who joined Damascus Shriners on November 14th at the Joseph Minas Class, my Lady Deb and I extend to each of you the wish for a Joyous Holiday season and a renewed sense of urgency to reach out to our friends and Brothers to share the special bonds we enjoy as members of this Fraternity. When we look around and see what is happening in this world, just imagine how much better a world it would be if everyone believed in the principles that we do. Remember – "If not you, then who!"

I am so excited to share with you all a new initiative that launched at our Membership Seminar in October.

A new website marketing initiative, [beashrinernow.com](http://beashrinernow.com), targets men who have an interest in our organization, but may need some guidance on their journey to becoming a Mason or Shriner. The Virtual Mentor Program is a key component of the [beashrinernow.com](http://beashrinernow.com) initiative and we need strong mentors to join our team.

Do you remember that special person who made a difference in your life? The person who took the time to ask your name, introduce you around or show you the ropes? If we're lucky, we have one person in our lives who made a positive impact personally or professionally.

Being a Virtual Mentor is your opportunity to be a leader and make that same difference in the life of a man on his way to becoming a Master Mason and Shriner. As stated by Kenneth Blanchard, a leadership expert and business consultant, "The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority." All it takes is willingness, enthusiasm and time.

As a Virtual Mentor, you will be paired with a Candidate who has completed a questionnaire at [beashrinernow.com](http://beashrinernow.com). Communicating by phone, email or in-person, you'll have the opportunity to share your knowledge and enthusiasm about Masonry and about being a Shriner. You'll answer questions or concerns, help find the right Lodge best suited to the Candidate's interests, and help him with his journey to becoming a Shriner. You will also have the opportunity to make a new friend.

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**DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2009**

**DECEMBER**



**2nd** - Shrine Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, 7 p.m.



**16th** - Perry Shrine Club Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., National Hotel, Cuylerville



**18th** - Directors Staff Holiday Party, 5:15 p.m., Shrine Center

**19th** - Geneva Shrine Club Christmas Party, 5:30 p.m., Club 86-Geneva

**JANUARY**



**6th** - Shrine Meeting, Installation, 7 p.m.; Shell-a-Buck Dinner, 6 p.m.



This is a living calendar and many more events will be added as time goes on. Check us out at [www.damascusshriners.org](http://www.damascusshriners.org) ... It's the best Website in Shrinedom!!!

**FEBRUARY**



**4th-7th** - Shrine Circus



**December Birthdays**



- |                      |                       |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| David Benda          | Harold R. Herman      | Robert W. Selbert     |
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| Philip A. Cox        | Frederick W. Ludwig   | Stanley Steinberg     |
| Robert P. Cox        | Robert Mattick        | Jay B. Stubbings      |
| Allan O. Cragg       | Donald J. McDill      | David W. Taber        |
| M. Donald Darrohn    | Charles G. Montondo   | David G. Upham        |
| Harold W. Davis      | G. Michael Morris     | Thomas H. Vasile      |
| Daniel R. Emerson    | Harold J. Mueller     | Robert A. Verbridge   |
| Delbert D. Fix       | Donald D. Osborne     | Lance R. Ward         |
| Harry A. Gorman      | Earl G. Pearce        | Joseph W. Watson      |
| Earl F. Gorton       | Kenneth E. Pollard    | Edwin S. Witala       |
| Richard D. Green     | Bradley L. Rathbun    | Russel F. Williams    |
| Roy L. Hamilton      | Gary A. Richardson    | William R. Williamson |
| James S. Harding     | F. Murray Russell     | J. Peter Yendell      |
| David Hatch          |                       |                       |

**Calendar Winners  
for October**

DAY	NO.	WINNER
10/1	504	Shrine Center
10/2	007	Marty Weingate
10/3	032	Edward Learn
10/4	798	Shrine Center
10/5	761	Shrine Center
10/6	360	Melissa Kehoske
10/7	320	Darlene Munoz
10/8	522	Deborah Dolan
10/9	735	Shrine Center
10/10	683	Damna Botindari
10/11	788	Shrine Center
10/12	870	Shrine Center
10/13	504	Shrine Center
10/14	158	Robert Ryan
10/15	829	Ann Marie Phillips
10/16	115	Marie Peets
10/17	775	Shrine Center
10/18	813	Shrine Center
10/19	772	Shrine Center
10/20	268	Shrine Center
10/21	353	Robert Rook
10/22	504	Shrine Center
10/23	648	Shrine Center
10/24	406	Lance Ward
10/25	051	Shrine Center
10/26	383	Lance Ward
10/27	409	Shrine Center
10/28	069	Dan Burkhardt
10/29	264	Shrine Center
10/30	281	Thomas Morrissey
10/31	168	Russell Gillett

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Call the Shrine Office – (585) 671-7701 by Noon Monday  
*Dinners include Salad, Coffee and Dessert*

December 2nd - Sliced Sirloin & Gravy  
January 6th - Steak Dinner (\$1 with 2010 DuesCard; all others - \$10 per person)

*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 Norris Shapiro

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**Potentate**

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vidual who had the courage to send this note, knowing that others may not agree. If the person who wrote the note would

please let me know who he is, I would appreciate the opportunity to thank you face-to-face

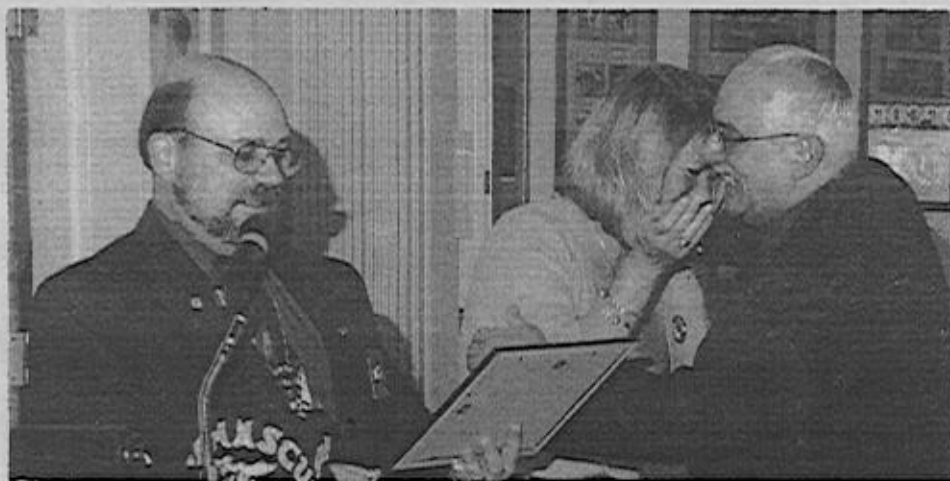
Until we meet in the Quarries, God bless the kids!



Family members of Joe Minas, which included his two daughters, their husbands and grandchildren, attended the Harvest Dinner.



Illustrious Sir, Bruce D. Chilton, Potentate of Damascus Shriners, presented Special Awards to several individuals. The first one went to Annette Shapiro for her assistance at various functions with tickets and reservations.



An emotional Deborah Faro is comforted by Tom Vasile, Chief Rabban, as Bruce reads from her Certificate of Appreciation for her help with the Cruz Nights and in forming the Garden Club.



Chief Aide Norris Shapiro (right) is congratulated by Damascus Potentate Bruce following the presentation of his Certificate for an outstanding job co-ordinating dinners for the Shrine meetings and other events.



Illustrious Bruce reads from the Certificate presented to Frank Russell (right) as Tom Vasile listens. Frank was honored for his efforts to re-organize the Damascus Band.

*Directors Staff*  
**1st Annual Holiday Party**  
**Friday, December 18th**  
 Damascus Shrine Center  
**\$12.50 per person**

Menu: *Steak \* Baked Potato \* Salad \*  
 Rolls & Butter \* Dessert \* Beverage*  
 Social Hour - 5:15 p.m.  
 Hors d'oeuvres - Cheese & Crackers  
 Dinner - 6:15 p.m.

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<i>Franklyn Ghyzel</i>		



**Membership**

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**Shriners Village**

If you were at the Imperial Council Session this year in San Antonio, you had the chance to get a sneak-peek at Shriners Village, a new online community for Shriners only. Well, the village is now open and you are invited to stop by for a visit!

Dubbed the "Google of Shrinedom," Shriners Village is the Fraternity's new online home, where members can get the latest news, watch videos, download educational materials and resources, and generally connect with all things Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

If you think you're up to the task, we'd like to hear from you. Visit [www.shrinersvillage.com](http://www.shrinersvillage.com), the new online community for Shriners only, go to the Membership section and select "Virtual Mentor Program" from the menu on the left side of the screen. Start your journey today to becoming a virtual mentor.

It definitely is a good day to be a Shriner!

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May God bless each and every one of you during this Holiday Season and throughout the coming year. I look forward to seeing you in the quarries. ☘



At the October meeting of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie, Damascus Shriners Board representatives Jim Slocum (left) and Bob Anderson (second left) presented a \$500 donation to the hospital from the Damascus Legion of Honor. Accepting the donation is Board Chairman Wayne Lachut (right) and Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske, Imperial Marshal, Shriners International.



Presenting the "Knickerbocker Degree" were (from left): Michael Grady, John Galant, James MacConnell, Kevin Faro and Richard Friedman. This dramatization portrays the origination of the Shrine in 1872.



Chief Rabban, Thomas Vasile, and Deborah Faro, wife of Noble Kevin Faro (Marshal), spoke to attendees of the Ceremonial on the opportunities available for women to assist with Shriner activities and events.



Noble Gary Burke (left), High Priest and Prophet and Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee, presented packets of information to the three newly initiated Nobles, James Clancy, Edward Hopkins and Clark Engelsen.

**Damascus Shriners**  
**2010 WINTER PICNIC**  
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Terry Wihlen does the honors at his table, which included Illustrious Sir, Bruce D. Chilton, Potentate, and his wife, Dottie. Terry's wife, Jo-Carroll, is at left.



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# Shriner's Child Makes More of Halloween

By Josue Traverzo

As a child, one of my fondest memories was "trick or treating" on Halloween; all that candy was one of my main motivators. Who would have known that a motorcycle trip to Pennsylvania would change my family's tradition forever.

As a new member of Damascus Shriners, my wife and I (along with 15 other Shriners) took a trip to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Erie, PA. We had never visited the hospital before and I thought it would be a nice ride.

While there, I learned that every square inch of that hospital and its services is funded by donation and thousands of "acts of selflessness" from people all over the world. There was a demonstration of a floor used that measures the walk of kids with bone abnormalities and when the speaker told us the price tag, I was overwhelmed! A feeling of urgency came upon my wife and me and dressed in leather biker wear, I had to take a moment to hide a motion of wiping a tear that escaped from my eye.

We looked at each other as if we needed to do something to assist in this cause. This emotion led us to decide to try to teach our son, Roman, the art of selflessness in hopes he would go along with the program.

Our event of choice ... Halloween.

We let him know of our experience and explained there are children who can't go trick or treating because they're in hospital beds. We made an attempt to teach our child to keep this in mind when considering whether to take the "path most traveled," which in this case would be candy.



The day came and Roman's uniform of choice was "Tigger," not the Superman or Spiderman of yesteryear. I prepared some informational handouts that he would distribute door-to-door. It read, "Hi, my name is Roman and this is my Dad. This year I don't want candy, but instead, I am collecting money for the Shriners Hospital for

Children in Erie, PA. There are kids there who can't go out trick or treating because they are too sick. The money I collect will go to the Shriners, located in Webster, and they will take it to the kids."

My wife and I didn't expect much; maybe \$5 or \$6 in change at most. Of course, there was the candy factor - a major possible distraction in our quest. We told Roman to tell the people at the door, "No candy please" while handing out the description of his quest.

At first, we expected nickels and pennies, but to our surprise, those who read the note went back inside and placed dollars in the box. The faces on some in their doorways was obviously that of a person taken out of their comfort zone but the responses were small acts of selflessness door after door.

One woman, dressed as a witch, was as overwhelmed as I was at our hospital visit. She tried to hide it, but was taken out of her intended character as the scary witch. One man invited us in and I happened to see a ten-dollar bill go into the box. The little Village of Spencerport was taken by surprise that night and responded well to the cause. As we passed kids with bags full of candy, Roman, although empty-handed, was as happy as all the other kids! My wife and I were surprised and happy that it was "actually working!" At one point Roman was tired, but didn't want to stop collecting "money for the babies" as he would say. His solution ... Papa's shoulders, which allowed completion of the mission.

The box I haphazardly made for Ro-

man was made out of a flashlight box, adorned with birthday wrap and a slit for donations. The most impressive thing about that box when we finished was ... silence! All of the contents were that of the folded kind except for one man who slipped in a Kennedy half dollar. At home we realized a total of \$55 - about \$50 over what we expected.

Roman may have come home without candy that night, but hopefully he learned a lesson of selflessness and philanthropy that will last him a lifetime. As far as this family is concerned, traditions are nice, but sometimes we have to take ourselves out of the "me, me, me" zone. Taking into consideration that some Children's Hospitals will be closing due to lack of funding, one child's effort may have started a tradition to help make the world a better place. My thanks to those who, door by door, taught my son a valuable lesson.

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## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Alice Anderson

### Upcoming Christmas Party

Don't forget our Christmas Party at The National Hotel on December 16th

When the Perry Shrine Club met at The Hole in the Wall in October, we had a great time, good food and fellowship. After dinner, we had a talk about Sudan and learned some interesting facts ...

- Land area in North and South Sudan is 1/4 the size of the US
- Population is approximately 40 million (2008)
- Khartoum is the capitol of Sudan
- Arabic is the official language
- Agriculture is the main occupation (about 80% of work force)
- Average life expectancy is 50 years
- Over 5 million cell phones are in use
- Consider our 9/11 - in Sudan it would have happened 2 times-a-day for over 3 years
- Oil pipeline runs nearly 1,000 miles in South Sudan to Port Sudan on the Red Sea
- Darfur is the size of Texas

Sudan, the largest country of the African Continent, is experiencing enormous political and sociological transition. Since its independence 52 years ago, Sudan is suffering from the world's longest running civil war - 35 of the last 46 years.

Sudan spans multiple religious, ethnic and socio-economic divides between Muslim and Christian, Arab and African,

nomad and farmer. The commonly held image of Sudan is that of a country divided into Arab (or Muslim) and black (non-Muslim). The reality is there are 19 major ethnic groups in Sudan, divided into over 500 sub-groups and speaking over 169 languages. In Southern Sudan alone, the five major ethnic groups speak at least 100 languages.

Ethnic and political divisions have contributed to the nation's current crises, but they are part of a larger picture of regional tensions that also affect neighbors such as Chad, Ethiopia, Eritrea, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Kenya and the Central African Republic. In addition, environmental and climate changes are affecting the entire continent of Africa. It is estimated that in Darfur there is 40% less rainfall in the past 50 years.

In recent years, the conflict in Darfur - a region made up of three Provinces in Western Sudan - has received the most attention from the outside world. But that conflict cannot be separated from other wars within Sudan.

Controlling oil is an important piece of a 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agree-

ment (CPA) in which both North and South are supposed to divide oil profits. At issue is the central government's refusal to cede control of oil wells and the wealth they provide. Inadequate implementation of the CPA's special protocol relating to the region has led to insecurity and growing dissatisfaction. As it stands, the agreement, included plans for a 2011 referendum to determine if Southern Sudan should become a separate, independent state.

It isn't easy to explain Sudan - it is a complex place. Sudan is plagued with internal conflict rooted in their colonization history. Colonizers drew the boundaries of present-day Sudan without concern to the different religious and ethnic groups that already inhabited the territory, which was under joint British Egyptian control until 1956. This set the stage for show-downs between the North, populated predominantly by Arab Muslims, and the South, populated largely by Christians and traditional religions of African.

When added to struggle over natural resources, the result has been deadly, particularly in the North-South conflict, in which between 1.5 million and 2 million people died and another four million were displaced.

The conflict officially ended in January, 2005, with the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. That

agreement called for the inclusion of the Southern Rebel Group, the Sudanese People's Liberation Army/Movement known as SPLA and SPLM as part of a government of national unity. However, the CPA has long been seen as fragile. As it stands, the agreement included plans for a 2011 referendum to determine if Southern Sudan should become a separate, independent state. The stories of the indiscriminate killings, rape, torture is numbing so as to defy understanding. The violence in Darfur prompted the International Criminal Court (ICC) to issue an arrest warrant for President Omal al-Bashir in March. That was the first time the ICC ever issued a warrant for a sitting head of state. However, after many meetings, the Sudanese President may circulate freely across Africa without fear of being captured and extradited to the ICC. The conflict has also served as a key part of a cross-border, proxy war between Sudan and neighboring Chad, heightening tensions in Darfur and eastern Chad. Despite long held resentments, the Sudanese have a deep capacity to reconcile. But in a country where conflicts are either boiling or simmering and where questions of peace and justice are not abstractions, perhaps one question looms larger than annoy others which it comes to reconciliation: Is it too late?





**UNITY**  
Lodge No. 479

2nd & 4th  
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### Sickness and Distress

Orlo Noxon is recovering from shoulder surgery. He is in much pain and discomfort. Orlo has had it with surgery; he told me he has had 14 operations since he retired.

### Recent Events

On October 16th, Brother Leon J. Randall received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award in recognition of his service to the Lodge. The presentation was made by Senior Grand Warden, W.: Bruce Renner, and Commander-in-Chief, Ill.: G. Michael Morris. Congratulations, Brother Leon.

Unity Lodge was well represented at the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport-Flower City Lodge on October 23rd. We were responsible for the first part of the 2nd Degree. Based on my own observations, reinforced by comments from several others, we did a commendable job of it. All Officers of our Lodge, with the exception of the Treasurer and one Steward, were present. This qualified us for the Howard Potts Award for the second year in a row.

This was followed by the announcement that we had retained possession of the School of Ritual Attendance Banner for another year and, finally, we won the Grand Lecturer's Convention Banner. What a night for Unity Lodge! My thanks to all Officers and Brothers of the Lodge who came out and helped make it such a resounding success.

We also had a very successful Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on October 26th. There were seven "Friends" in attendance. The evening got off to a good start with a great dinner put on by Etolian Chapter OES. The program consisted of brief presentations of "Why I Became a Mason" and "What Masonry Means to Me" presented by Senior Warden, Rob Buchanan; Junior Warden, John Lemke and Chaplain, Don Fox. These interested visitors were then shown the first part of the L SOME DVD. This was followed by a lively question and answer period. Much interest in Masonry was generated and several petitions have been received.

Organist R.: W.: Ed Gillot and I traveled to Hilton on Tuesday, November 3rd, where I delivered the Middle Chamber Lecture and Ed provided the music which makes the presentation so much more meaningful. My thanks to Ed for this service.

At our first meeting of November on the 9th, we balloted on the petition for dual membership of Brother Michael Henningsen. The ballot was clear and Brother Michael became a duly elected member of Unity Lodge. Michael lives in Brockport where he is a Resident Director at SUNY College. He comes from Johnson City Unity Lodge No. 970 in Johnson City. His great-grandfather was



Brothers received Attendance Banner at Convention.

the founding Master of Johnson City Lodge No. 970.

November 9th - was also our Annual Budget Meeting, but that was nowhere near as interesting.

Regrettably, the social evening planned by our two Wardens for Saturday, November 7th was cancelled due to lack of interest. I commend these Wardens and those who assisted them for the effort they put into planning this event and for their interest in making the Lodge a place for family and friends as well as for Brothers. Perhaps another time.

### Upcoming Events

The 1st Degree, originally scheduled for November 9th, has been rescheduled and will now be given on December 14th. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Contact Tom Michielsen for reservations.

Unity Lodge will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Ogden Community Center - Town Meeting Room, 269 Ogden Center Road, Spencerport, on Wednesday, December 2nd, from 1 - 7 p.m. For further information call John Jamele, 637-5643.

### Holiday Party

Our Annual Lodge Holiday Party will be on Monday, December 16th, at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish-to-pass and your own table service. Meat and beverages will be supplied by the Lodge. Santa Claus will be joining us. If you have a child whom you want to receive a gift with the child's full name on a tag. Reservations would be appreciated. For further information, call John Lemke, 317 4791

**No Meeting December 28th**

There will be no meeting on Monday, December 28th.

### Maintain and Retain

The third School of Ritual for the current Masonic year will be held at the Shrine Center on Wednesday, January 20th, at 7:30 p.m. Brothers, let's all get out and maintain our record of attendance at these events and retain the banner for another year.

### December Birthdays

Best wishes to these Brothers who are celebrating birthdays in December:

David A. Fraser (7th), Robert J. Borden (8th), Harry A. Gorman and George Simon (10th), Howard J. Smith, Jr. (12th), Earl G. Pearce (15th), M. Donald Darrohn and Ronald LaDue (18th), William J. Mitchell (19th), James P. Carpenter, Sr., David A. Sarver and Scott Simpson (20th), Dana R. Spencer (22nd), Brian R. Ferguson, Robert K. Humphries, Jr., Laurel King and John L. Reiss (24th), David E. Reeves and Homer H. Schantz (25th), William Tipton, Jr. (26th), James M. Simmons (27th), Howard F. Gleffe, Norman G. Rollo and Darwin C. Turner (28th) and Ray E. Mandeville, William S. Mattern and Edwin B. Wicks (29th).

### Apology

Apologies to Brother Ron Arndt whose birthday on October 18th was omitted from the list in the October issue. Sorry, Ron.

## Genesee-Wyoming

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Dennis Parmeter  
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### Oakland Lodge

No. 379, F. & A.M.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
(Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)



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I will start out by apologizing to all my fellow Brothers for not submitting an article in last month's **Masonic Times**. I do try really hard to make sure I have an article in each month so our Brothers who are out-of-state or homebound can keep informed of what is happening at Oakland Lodge. Unfortunately, my father-in-law passed away and my attention was focused toward helping my family cope with the loss of a loved one.

Over the years that I have been submitting an article on behalf of Oakland Lodge, my attention is often drawn away from Masonry when sitting down to type the article for the December issue of the **Masonic Times**. Many would think that this is due to the Holiday Season that seems to approach faster each year, but it's actually that the deadline date for the December issue is just before Veterans Day.

I never served in the military, but have many friends, family and fellow Brothers who have. I have the greatest admiration for all those who have and still continue to serve to keep our great nation free and safe. Too many times many of us get so wrapped up in what is happening in our personal lives that we tend to forget the sacrifice many people have given to allow us to live in the greatest nation in the world. We take for granted what many people around the world would and have died for. Hopefully you all said a small prayer on Veterans Day for those who have and are still continuing to serve across our military branches. Just think ... if it weren't for them, we might not have had the freedom to become Masons.

I congratulate the following Brothers who were Raised or Af-

**December Anniversaries**  
Congratulations to the following Brothers Raised during the month of December:

1947 Dwight J. Andrews  
1948 Bernard W. Johnson  
1952 Donald L. Jacobs  
1961 Howard J. Hall and Gordon C. Niedermeir  
1965 Robert F. Clark  
1969 Harry H. Conover, Jr.  
1970 Paul W. Griffith  
1972 James C. McAtee  
1973 Thomas A. Friedo and Laurence C. Rendulic  
1974 Howard J. Smith  
1975 Curt R. Valentin, Sr. and Martin T. Zillman  
1986 Gary Hutcherson  
1992 John D. Vertigan  
1994 John M. Esposito and Scott A. Laundry  
1996 William H. Schenk  
1998 David A. Hagmeier

1999 Charles G. Harwell  
2000 Thomas J. Brusso  
2005 David K. Olsen, Michael G. Roberts and Josue Traverso

2006 Tyler Ekwel, Robert Songin and Theodore S. Wolfley, Sr.

If there is any Brother out there who has a problem related to Dues cards, or any other problem with Lodge matters, please contact either the Lodge Secretary or myself at any of the email addresses or telephone numbers shown at the head of this column.

That is it for this month. Best wishes to all for a Happy and safe Holiday Season. Brothers, in the spirit of the upcoming Holiday Season, please remember our sick and distressed Brothers and those who are serving our country with a call or a card. ✽

busy Holiday schedules to be thankful for all that is provided to us by great family, friends and those serving to keep our great nation free and safe.

May the blessings of heaven fall upon all my fellow Brothers and their families wherever they may be throughout the world. ✽

### Olive Branch

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By Doug Poole, Secretary

Here we are at the Christmas Season again. Olive Branch wishes all our Brothers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you receive all the toys you asked for. Though I have a feeling I have been a bad boy and will receive wood pellets again!

We have had to change our calendar a few times recently. The second meeting in December will be the visit of our District Deputy R.: W.: John Cook. Accompanying him is R.: W.: Wayne Patridge, Grand Steward. Dinner is at 6 p.m. at the D & R Depot. We will order off the menu. Please contact the Secretary if attending.

The Lodge has also decided to move our Family Holiday Celebration until mid-January. The calendar just got too full in December. We have an idea on an ideal location where we can relax by the fire. Notices will be sent out as we confirm things.

There are three very dedicated Brothers who attended our November 4th Lodge meeting. I won't name them, but all three are dedicated New York Yankees fans. That night was the sixth game of the World Series. Rather than staying home they recalled their duties as Lodge Officers and made the meeting. If it had been the seventh game, two of them would have been missing!

Come next month, we get extremely busy. So "put on your kerchief and get your long Winter's nap" in December. Have the dancing shoes ready for January. ✽

filiated with Oakland Lodge during the months of November and December:

### November

1969 - Donald Robinson Jr. and Robert Robinson  
1980 - William Massett  
1995 - Kenneth Smith

### December

1972 - William Wallace  
1974 - John Wahl  
1981 - Donald Kemp

Oakland Lodge had two regularly scheduled Communications during the month of November. November 3rd was the Official Visit of our DDGM, R.: W.: John Cook, and his Staff Officer, R.: W.: Wayne Patridge. R.: W.: Patridge talked about the Masonic Education Programs that were available to us throughout the District this year. Then R.: W.: Cook expressed the message he received from the Grand Master during the ceremonies at St. Johns Day. It was a pleasure to have both R.: W.: Cook and R.: W.: Patridge attend our Communication. Both are more than welcome to return again anytime.

Oakland Lodge has two scheduled Communications for the month of December - the 1st and the 15th. The agenda for both of these Communications will be a short business meeting and discussion/planning of conferring the 1st Degree, whether we have a Candidate or use a proxy. It has been a few years since we have conferred any Degrees and I feel it would be beneficial for all the Officers to perform the Degree work whether we have a potential Candidate or not.

### Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is in full swing and donations to this important fund have been coming in. The best place to make your donation is at our monthly Communications. If you are unable to attend our regular meetings, 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.

I hope all my fellow Brothers are having a happy and healthy start to the Holiday Season. May we all find some time in our





# Order of the Eastern Star

## O.E.S. District Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 6th  
1:30 p.m.

at Unity Lodge Hall; Spencerport  
\$7 per person

**NOLATKA Chapter No. 320**  
Order of the Eastern Star  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
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Patron  
W. Robert Crystal  
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Secretary  
R. W. Carol Wynings  
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Community Christian Church  
2647 Chill Avenue, 14624

By Robert Crystal

Are you done digesting yet? I hope every Sister and Brother got invited to a great dinner this Thanksgiving. It is great that even those of us with small incomes can still feel God's generosity and our fellowship in God's family. If you know of anyone who might spend the next holiday alone, why not reach out and offer a Sisterly invitation? Remember, we have seen the Star in the East. That can translate into asking a Sister over for dinner, sending a little gift or making a phone call. Let us all give the gift of Love to more than just our immediate family!

R.W. Jean Stewart is now well into her year as District Deputy Grand Matron and has her Chapter backing her up with our support. We are a small but vocal cheering section. By the way, compliments to R.W. Vickie Gross for the excellent job designing and printing the programs for the Reception of the new Right Worthies on November 6th. I was very proud to see the crowd from Nolatka at R.W. Jean's first meeting. You go, girls! It was also great greeting the Lenzis and a packet of others I have not seen in a long time.

Our decision to meet at an early hour will make it easier for all of us to get to the meetings. Due to newspaper deadlines, I am writing this right after the US and NYS elections, so I haven't heard about the Chapter elections, but I know that the Past Matrons will give us a "Rock-em-Sock-em" slate of elected and appointed officers. If you want a copy of Jean's plan for our Chapter, ask Secretary Carol Wynings to send it. (Of course you can come to a meeting and pick one up instead.)

### Out of the Chapter Room

Our Annual Party will be at Stone's, on Route 33, Tuesday, December 8th. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., but in old Nolatka style, we will be gathering earlier to gab and hug. Please call in your reservations by December 1st. We will be ordering off the menu, individually. The Nolatka bus service is available to take you to the restaurant, so call me and we will provide a coach and six white mice, a Ford Taurus, or maybe Carol Pickworth will give you a ride in her new Caddy, whichever is available. If enough of you call, we'll bring in Leroy Lester and his magic bus!

Let us put our heads together and work on a creative way to support the District Grands' charities this year - the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm and Scottsville Veterinary Adoptions.

All three Grand Officers favor yellow as their color; flower for Ray and Alta is the yellow Rose and Jean is the Black-Eyed Susan. Jean is a cat person, Alta and Ray are dog people. Yellow cats? Yellow dog food? I'm running dry, here Sisters. Someone call me and give me an idea, OK?

"We can do little things for God: ... I turn the cake that is frying on the pan, for love of him; and that done, if there is nothing else to call me, I prostrate myself in worship before him who has given me grace to work; afterwards I rise happier than a king."

Brother Lawrence

Finally, let us put our hands and hearts together to give thanks for all the blessings of this life. God made us to need companions, friends, family and community. God has blessed us with the opportunity for all those. Let us show our gratitude by thanking God, but even more, to providing them with joy to others in God's name. ✕

**Corinthian Fellowship**  
Chapter No. 322  
Order of the Eastern Star  
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I had the pleasure of attending the District Banquet with my Associate Matron, Barbara McMinn, and Associate Conductress, Patricia Pearson. It was fun pinning Barbara with the 2010 gavel pin and looking forward to having Pat as our Conductress for the ensuing year.

November 6th was the Combined District Reception in honor of R.W. Jean Stewart, District Deputy Grand Matron; R.W. Raymond DiJames, District Grand Lecturer; and R.W. Alta Doty, Grand Representa-

tive of Australia. The Chapter Room was packed and Nolatka Chapter, Starlight Chapter and Lilac Star Chapter were terrific hosts, leaving no stone unturned.

### Upcoming Events

December 2nd - Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Gianni's on Pixley Road. We will be exchanging Christmas gifts. We plan to present Norraine Voegtle with her Dedicated Service Award at this time.

December 6th - District Christmas Brunch, 1:30 p.m. at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. \$7 per person. Reservations Requested.

December 9th - Installation at 7:30 p.m.

As R.W. Tom Richenderfer always said, "Believe in and follow your childhood dreams" and R.W. Diane Dobbertin added, "Be wise in all you say and do." ... a community practice I so desire may become a reality in 2010.

Thanks to R.W. Christina Hampton for your words of encouragement - "May we never miss a rainbow or a sunset because we're looking down."

The Order of the Eastern Star holds a special place in my heart and I believe in the hearts of all our Sisters and Brothers. Thanks for the last two years as your Matron; I will continue to support our Chapter and its Officers.

### December Birthdays

Loretta Collins (5th), Rita Galliana (8th) and Linda Knierim (19th).

### January Birthdays

Margery Williamson (15th) and Audrey Barclay (28th).

### February Birthdays

Patricia Soule (3rd), Lorraine Randolph (9th) and Ruth Knierim (11th).

I end with a quote from the book, *Old Turtle*, which was given to me when I was Matron the first time (1994) "...And after a long, lonesome and scary time ... the people listened, and began to hear ... and to see God in one another."

Have a Blessed Holiday Season and celebrate in the way in which you're accustomed. ✕

DiJames, District Grand Lecturer, and R.W. Alta Doty, Grand Representative of Australia, as we plan for a productive year.

### Projects for 2010

The Grand Patron is continuing the Wounded Warrior Project as well as the Veterans Program. The Grand Matron's Special Project focuses on the Masonic Youth Groups - the future of OES membership. A pin is available to support this special project for a donation of \$5. We appreciate your support of these various projects.

Our District Project is in support of our faithful and devoted pets - more specifically, cats and dogs. This year cats and dogs will get along nicely as we support the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm and Scottsville Veterinary Adoptions. In lieu of flowers or gifts, we will be using donations for these organizations. You will be hearing more about these projects as we move into the new year.

### District Holiday Brunch

In an effort to achieve greater participation, the District Christmas Party will be a Christmas Brunch. It will be a delightful mid-day brunch for only \$7 per person. Come and enjoy a healthy array of brunch food and camaraderie. Friends and family welcome. Get your tickets from your Chapter Secretary now!

We hope all of you enjoyed your Thanksgiving and that you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. ✕

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 9th at 1 p.m. - The annual gift-wrapping session at the Canandaigua VA will be held in the Auditorium.

The Ontario/Seneca/Yates OES Association meeting will take place on Friday, December 11th at Schooners in Canandaigua.

Sunday, December 20th, starting at 12:30 p.m. - Join with us in the distribution of gifts to the Veterans. Visiting with our Service people and singing songs of the season will lighten everyone's hearts.

R.W. Clayton and I wish all a wonderful Holiday Season. ✕

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By R.W. Jean Stewart, DDGM

### Changing of the Guard

Greetings from your new Monroe District Grand Officers. In October we enjoyed the Grand Chapter Session in Binghamton at which new Grand Officers were installed. Reports of charitable donations made by the Order of the Eastern Star is mind-boggling. It certainly was thrilling to realize how much we actually do for others.

### The Work Continues

Congratulations for a job well done to the 2009 Grand Officers, R.W. Christina Hampton, DDGM, and R.W. Kenneth Milner, DGL. Their District Project, Camp Good Days and Special Times, benefited from their hard work for donations and the purchase of five benches for the facility.

As the new District Deputy Grand Matron, I'm already enjoying working with R.W. Raymond

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By Mary Ruggles, DDGM

Eagle Star was not the only Chapter to initiate during the Fall months. Seneca Lake Chapter welcomed a new member to the Sisterhood. South Seneca had three folks attend a Bring-a-Friend Night, so that Chapter may also be initiating soon.

The SpooF Fashion Show held at Royal-Garoga Chapter and done jointly with Livingston District generated lots of laughter and \$400 for the "Save-Our-Home" Project. Gah-A-Yan-Duk was busy on Make-a-Difference Day - assembling and distributing over 30 baskets. Their "Next-to-New" Sale was scheduled to be held on November 14th.

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# York Rite NEWS

York Rite College  
Judah Maccabeus



## Doric Council Meeting December 16th

Northfield Lodge Hall  
17 Church Street, Pittsford  
Social - 6 p.m.  
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Entree Choice - Pork or Chicken  
with all the Trimmings

\$10 per person, Ladies invited  
Reservations requested

By Ill.: Master Thomas Paglia

At the November meeting, thirteen attended the dinner. After dinner, V. Ill.: Norman Austin made his Official Visit. As usual, the friendship and hospitality was in full swing. It would be a great pleasure to have more in attendance. Call me for dinner reservations - 227-2046. All of us would like to see you there. If you don't call, I will be calling you.

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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### Degrees

Companions, by the time you read this, the Chapter will have completed its Fall Degree Cycle. We conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on our Candidates on November 12th. If you were there, we hope you enjoyed watching or participating in the Degree. If you were not present, we wish you will come and witness our next cycle of Degrees. The Spring Cycle is not yet set so, if you have a preference for dates let the High Priest know.

### The Time Frame

The Degrees of the Chapter cover a wide time span, as noted in the last article. The Royal Arch Degree timing is many hundreds of years after the Most Excellent Master Degree. The MEM Degree celebrates the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple.

After the MEM Degree, historically, there are good and bad

times for the Israelites ending with the Babylonian captivity. There are Degrees in the Knights Templar and Scottish Rite that cover some of the incidents during the captivity.

When the Babylonian captivity ended, many, but not all, of the Israelites returned to what is now Israel and Palestine. They also started to rebuild the Temple of Solomon. The Royal Arch Degree takes place at the beginning of the rebuilding when the craftsmen are attempting to find any parts of the Temple that remained after the Babylonians destroyed it. In the process, they find things that were lost. What they found you will learn if you take or witness the Degree.

The Royal Arch completes the Chapter Degree cycle. There is much to be learned from the four Degrees. As with all Masonic Degrees, what the lessons are and how they apply to you is what you are to search for as you take or witness the Degrees.

### The Season

We are now entering the season that has significant meaning for many religions. Whatever your beliefs and whatever traditions you practice, we wish you Seasons Greetings. We also wait for the solstice when the light of day begins to lengthen again as we progress through Winter to Spring and Summer. This also gives us a reason to hope that things in our lives will change toward the better.

Celebration of the birth of our Blessed Redeemer is here! Let this time of carols, gift-giving, decorating the home, festive parties, family gatherings and Christmas cheer be a time of reflection and prayer. First and foremost, to thank God for sending us his only begotten Son, that whosoever should believe in him shall not perish, but have eternal life, and to ask him to guide us during this most trying time of financial uncertainty and war.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery will be holding its Christmas Toast on Monday, December 21st at the Pittsford Masonic Hall. Plan to arrive around 7 p.m. for fellowship and "Cheer" and then the toast will begin at 7:30 p.m.

We are asking all to bring a dish-to-pass for after the toast.

### Upcoming Events

Our Annual Inspection in 2010 is on Monday, March 15th. As required, we will be Opening and Closing in Full Form. In addition, there are elements of each of our Orders that need to be recited by members of the Commandery.

I have received volunteers to present three of the six sections required this year. **We need three others to step up and take on one of the parts.** Each is about a paragraph in length. For those willing to take on one of these parts, please contact me via phone 203-4316; or email:

[joe.oelgoetz@sentrystate.com](mailto:joe.oelgoetz@sentrystate.com)

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Pittsford Masonic Hall. We will have dinner prior to Inspection. In preparation for this event, my plans are to Open in Full Form for all meetings (exception is December Christmas Toast), so we can practice and help to insure a successful Inspection.

### Easter Sunrise Service - Washington, DC

One of the wonderful aspects of being a Knights Templar is our devotion to Jesus Christ. The most important date in our Faith is the time we celebrate our Lord's death (his sacrifice for his sins) and resurrection (his defeat over death).

One of the best ways to celebrate this wonderful event is to participate in the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar's Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, DC. Once again, members of both Zone 11 and 12 will be traveling to Washington for the weekend of Easter - April 2-4, 2010. The headquarters hotel will once again be the Hilton; Alexandria, Virginia.

As I get more-specific information I will relay it to you. For those who have not attended, I recommend you should attend at least once in your life.

### Fellowcraft - Duty to Your Neighbor

Many Lodges are conferring the Fellowcraft Degree. As we have learned, the basis of this Degree is our duty to our neighbor. Our duty to our neighbor is not only one of the most important duties as Masons, but also as Knights of Christ we are called, by our Savior to serve others.

We learn in the Great Light of Masonry - the Holy Bible - that the Great Commandment is "The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength!"

The second is this ... "You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself."

As we prepare for the Christmas Season, let us think of our "Neighbor." How about those "neighbors" who are shut in due to age, infirmity or other reasons? Do you have the time to stop in and give that "neighbor" some Christmas cheer or extend a listening ear? Do you have some food to spare, such as canned goods or even purchasing extra while grocery shopping, to give to your local food bank? Or can you take time out from your busy schedule to vol-

unteer to be a "Bell Ringer" for the Salvation Army this holiday season?

We, as Sir Knights, are called to Love our Neighbor. I am sure you can think of other ways in which to show the Love of Christ to your neighbor during this Holiday Season.

### Bell Ringing Campaign

With that thought in mind, I propose that Cyrene-Monroe Commandery volunteer, as a team, to help out the Salvation Army in their "Bell Ringing" Campaign this Holiday Season. My thought is that we can volunteer to ring the bell for a couple of hours in order to ring in dollars for our less fortunate neighbors, and possibly provide a little "Christmas" during these times of trial. I will be calling for volunteers.

As a final thought, I came across this poem:

If we can ease a Brother's sorrow  
And aid him in distress  
If we can brighten his tomorrow  
With deeds of kindness  
Then we have found God's

meaning

Of the word called Charity  
For when we give ourselves away  
We've found life's mystery.

May you have a Blessed Christmas and New Years!

## Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, R.T.

3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.

Commander  
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Recorder  
SK David Taber  
(585) 388-0629  
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67 Ontario St, Phelps NY

This year, Sagoyewatha Commandery will celebrate its 14th Annual Christmas Observance on **Saturday, December 19th at 10 a.m.** It will be held at the Phelps Masonic Hall, 67 Ontario Street, Phelps. Please note that the time for this special occasion is **10 a.m.** This will allow our Sister Commanderies, and all attendees, to attend at a more convenient hour. All Sir Knights, their Ladies and the General Public are invited to attend and join with Sagoyewatha Commandery in celebrating the Miracle of Christmas - our Savior Jesus Christ's Birth. At the end of the celebration there will be light refreshments served.

As is our usual custom prior to the Christmas Observance, we will meet at the Blue Ribbon Smoke House and Restaurant in Phelps for a (Dutch treat) breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

### Other Observances

DeMolay Commandery - Friday, December 4th

Salem Towne (Port Byron) Commandery - Tuesday, December 15th

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery - Monday, December 21st

I look forward to seeing you, **and I do mean you**, around the Holy Altar of our Order.

**Support the Knights  
Templar Eye Foundation**



### Merry Christmas!

One of the most important periods in the Christian calendar is upon us - Christmas. Immanuel, God with us! I wish you all a Blessed and wonderful Christmas Season!

### Zone 11 Happenings Commandery Events Cyrene-Monroe No. 12, Pittsford

Christmas Toast - Monday,  
December 21st; 7 p.m.

Sagoyewatha No. 17,  
Phelps

Christmas Toast - Saturday,  
December 19th; 10 a.m. (breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant, Phelps beginning at 7:30 a.m.)

DeMolay No. 22, Hornell  
Christmas Toast - Friday,  
December 4th; 7:30 p.m.

Batavia No. 34  
Christmas Toast - Thursday,  
December 10th.

Sir Knights, if at all possible please support our other Commanderies by visiting them during their events. Unity is the sweetest influence!

Western Regional Seminar and School of Instruction took place on November 7th at Attica Lodge. I extend thanks to all Sir Knights from Zone 11 who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend this important meeting.

### Key Topics Covered

- Push on Membership - Think about carrying a Knights Templar pamphlet and a Petition along with you - especially to Chapter meetings. It was suggested that all Christian Masons should become Knights Templar.
- Holy Land Pilgrimage - The typical cost of sending a Minister on the Holy Land Pilgrimage is approximately \$3,000. Due to the recession the Grand Commandery Endowment has been negatively affected, and going forward the Grand Commandery will support a Minister's Pilgrimage up to \$1,500. The remainder must be provided by either the nominating Commandery or the Minister's Church.
- Grand Commandery's website is: [grandcommanderyKTNY.org](http://grandcommanderyKTNY.org)
- By-law Changes - All individual Commandery by-law changes must first be reviewed by the Grand Commandery's Jurisprudence Committee, care of Sir Knight John Patterson, Chairman. His contact information can be found in the Red Book.
- Officer Training Manual - For any officer that is interested in a training manual, please contact me. The cost is \$35.
- Eye Foundation Request Process - Must use the Grand Encampment Form and the request MUST be the original form - do not send a copy.
- Assign a Sir Knight to mentor the requester through the whole process. The Assigned Sir Knight should interview the Candidate and fill in the form during the

**Merry Christmas!**  
"Therefore the Lord will give you a sign: The Virgin will be with child and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14



interview; collecting the needed documents:

+ Requester must be a US Citizen and must have a copy of his/her birth certificate along with documents for request.

+ Requester must show that treatment was requested from the State Social Services and was denied. Need a copy of the denial letter to accompany requesting documents.

+ Assigned Sir Knight write and include a letter of recommendation.

*NOTE: Total assets of a family of four cannot exceed \$24,000. Grand Encampment has limits for other family sizes.*

+ Assigned Sir Knight sends the Originals to Grand Encamp-

ment (Brad Baker at the Eye Foundation).

• Reviewed Tactics changes. Practiced via first part of opening a Commandery. Also went over the new Sword Manual.

**Bell Ringing**

In service to our neighbor during this Christmas Season, I am attempting to organize a Knights Templar Bell Ringing Team for the Salvation Army. If anyone is interested in serving a couple of hours this Holiday Season by ringing in dollars for those less fortunate, please contact me either by telephone at 203-4316 or email: [joe.oelgoetz@sentraysafe.com](mailto:joe.oelgoetz@sentraysafe.com)

**Let us Remember**

I came across a movie that I recommend you view. It is called

"Taking Chance" and stars Kevin Bacon (website [www.hbo.com/films/takingchance/](http://www.hbo.com/films/takingchance/)). It will not win any Academy Awards, but it delivers a strong message. I came across it by accident - saw it on Netflix and thought it would be interesting. It was not interesting, it was moving. It was stirring. It made me think. It made me remember. The story is based on a true story. It is about a Marine Officer who escorts a Lance Corporal (Killed in Action) to his final resting place.

I recommend this movie because for me, it is a reminder of the true Cost of Freedom. Most of us get tangled up in our daily lives. We work hard, play hard, deal with our problems and try to have fun and get by.

We are blessed with family, friends, loved ones, career, a future. We can pursue what we want in life because we live in a country that ensures our freedom to do just that. Often we forget or become too focused on other things and forget that today, men and women of our Armed Forces are fighting and dying so we can live free. Most of us (if we were honest with ourselves) almost take this freedom for granted.

But there is a cost. And that cost is born by young men and women who, by choice, put themselves in harm's way to insure that freedom. Some offer up that last full measure of devotion. That is what "Taking Chance" is all about. It is about

that priceless cost of Freedom. For them, there is no future; for them, they will not start a family and enjoy the freedom and liberty that *they* insured.

This movie is a beautiful tribute to those who gave that last full measure of devotion, as well as a tribute to all who have served. God Bless all who are/have served.

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

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Masonic War Veterans at the War Memorial just before presenting the wreath at the Veterans Memorial Monument. (l-r) Cy White, Tom Paglia, John Ponshock, Donald McDill, Bill Fredenburg, Vance Collum, Dennis Gellash, Dennis Finucane, Alex Arthur and Emil Schirano.



Presenting Colors at Seneca Lodge. (l-r) Bill Fredenburg, Brian Bills, Greg Ludwig and John Ponshock.



Tom Paglia and Bill Fredenburg explaining the "Missing Man" table.



Masonic War Veterans demonstrate how to fold a flag to be presented with the meaning of each fold. The flag will then be presented to the surviving relative.



Masonic War Veterans Post Commander, John Ponshock, presenting a Remembrance Flag to the Acting Master of Drumlin Square Lodge. (l-r) Tom Paglia, Bill Fredenburg, John Ponshock, Joel Falbo, Greg Ludwig, Brian Bills, Emil Schirano and Heinz Gunkel.

**Wish List for  
Canandaigua VA Medical Center**

- Comfort Care Items:
  - Deodorant
  - Shampoo
  - Shaving Cream
  - Body Lotion
- Coffee - Regular and Decaf; Creamer, Sugar, and Sugar Substitute
- Baking Items, Peanut Butter, English Muffins
- Bowling/Movie Tickets
- Prepaid Phone Cards
- Gift Cards from Tops, Wegmans, Wal-Mart
- Tickets to Sporting Events, Zoo and Outings
- Paper Products - Plates, Napkins, Dinnerware
- Postage Stamps
- New Socks and Underwear
- Winter Coats, Shoes and Boots
- Knit Hats and Gloves
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**G. Michael Morris, 33°  
Commander-in-Chief**

## Symbolic Lodge Awards

If you did not attend the 24th Annual Valley of Rochester Symbolic Lodge Awards Night on October 15th, you missed a wonderful program. The fellowship was absolutely fantastic! There were approximately 120 Brothers and guests in attendance, with 22 Symbolic Lodges represented from a six-county area. The remarks given by R.:W.: Bruce W. Renner, Senior Grand Warden for the State of New York, and Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New York, were informative, inspirational and well received by all.

Let me again take this opportunity to congratulate all recipients of a 2009 Symbolic Lodge Award, which recognizes the outstanding contributions and achievements you have made to your Symbolic Lodge. Congratulations, my Brothers!

As additional recognition for their contributions, each recipient of a 2009 Symbolic Lodge Award and the Master of the Lodge received a letter with a photograph of him receiving his award. Those who are not currently members of the Valley of Rochester also received a special invitation to join the Valley of Rochester, **at no cost for the first year, which is approximately a \$100 value.** We sincerely hope the Brothers who received this special invitation will take advantage of this opportunity to expand their knowledge of Freemasonry and their Masonic network.

## Honorary Members

The Valley of Rochester has a special "Honorary Member" category to recognize and honor those in our Fraternity, who, over the years, have demonstrated special dedication and support to the Valley.

On October 15th, in addition to the 2009 Symbolic Lodge Awards presentations, we were extremely pleased and honored that evening to announce and recognize seven new Honorary

Members to the Valley of Rochester. Our new Honorary Members include: Ill.: Peter Samiec, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New York, Ill.: Robert Finley, 33°, Grand Marshal, Grand Lodge of New York, R.:W.: and Ill.: Bruce Renner, 33°, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Lodge of New York, Ill.: Fredrick Greene, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, Ill.: David Spencer, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, Ill.: Edward Trosin, 33°, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New York and Active Member of Supreme Council, and M.:W.: and Ill.: Edward Gilbert, 33°, Grand Master of Masons, Grand Lodge of New York. Unfortunately, Grand Master Gilbert was unable to join us that evening and was presented his Honorary Membership certificate at a later date. We were also pleased to have with us that evening one of our other Honorary Members - Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Grand Minister of State and Active Member of Supreme Council.

The presentation of the Honorary Memberships also provided a unique opportunity for all the New York Active Members of Supreme Council to attend the same event! On behalf of the Officers and members of the Valley of Rochester, we thank you for your support and all you do for the Valley of Rochester.

## December Programs

The Valley of Rochester's Degree Series this year begins with the conferrals of the 4th, 6th, 14th and 15th Degrees on Saturday, December 5th, at the Shrine Center - 8:30 a.m. - Continental Breakfast; 9:30 a.m. - Conferral of the 4th and 5th Degrees; 12 noon - Lunch; 1 p.m. - Conferral of the 14th and 15th Degrees; 3 p.m. - Adjourn. Degree Directors that day will be: 4th Degree - Angelo Di Cataldo, 32°; 6th Degree - Eric Lubberts, 32°; 14th Degree - Joseph Bourcy, 32° DSA; and 15th Degree - Evar Miller, 32°. Please plan to join us on December 5th to show your support and welcome our new members - the members of the Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33° Class!

## "Toys for Tots"

Mark your Calendars and bring the whole family - especially the kids! The "Toys for Tots" and All-Masonic Holiday Parties will take place on Friday, December 11th, and Saturday, December 12th, at the Shrine Center. This year's event is being co-sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, Lalla Rookh Grotto, Damascus Shrine and York Rite Bodies.

On Friday evening we will meet at 4 p.m. to help decorate for the All-Masonic Holiday Party; 5:30 p.m. - Social hour with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar; 6:30 p.m. - Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner. "The secret is in the sauce!" Price - A new, unwrapped toy (or a \$10 donation) per person for the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Program. An active-duty Marine Officer will be in attendance both Friday and Saturday to receive the toys on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Program.

## Children's Christmas Party

The All-Masonic Holiday Party will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 12th. **The party is open to all Masons and their families, particularly their children and grandchildren, age 10 and under.** Many children's activities are being planned, and you can be sure that Santa will be there as well. (Parents and/or grandparents, who bring children to the event, are encouraged to bring a small wrapped gift with their full name clearly printed for Santa to give to their child.) Photos with Santa will be available, and there will be a "Special Delivery" Santa's Mailbox to deposit your letters to Santa. Light snacks and soft drinks will be available. Admission price on Saturday is free but, if possible, please bring an unwrapped toy that will be donated to the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program.

## Masonic Education Series

Sublime Princes, as you may know, the conferrals of all our Degrees this year have been moved to Saturdays so that our members, who's Symbolic Lodges meet on Thursday evenings, can participate in or witness the conferrals of our beautiful Degrees. This shift of Degree conferrals from Thursdays to Saturdays has provided us the opportunity to offer a new, special "Light from the Rite" Masonic Education Series as part of our Thursday evening stated-communication meetings. This year there will be four programs in the series, which will be scheduled on the third Thursday in January, February, March and April, 2010. The dates and program titles follow:

7:30 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
January 21st - Scottish Rite I.C.E. Initiative  
February 18th - 32nd Degree Masonic Camp  
March 18th - AASR Etiquette & Protocol  
April 15th - Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

## Valley of Rochester 2009/2010 Winter Season Program

All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted.

December 5th - 4th, 6th, 14th & 15th Degrees  
8:30 a.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
Continental Breakfast and Lunch  
Reservations Required

December 11th - Toys-for-Tots & Holiday Decoration Party  
4 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
Spaghetti Dinner for any Mason who brings a gift!

December 12th - All Masonic Children's Holiday Party and Toys-for-Tots  
11 a.m. - Damascus Shrine Center

January 16th - Public Degree / BBB Evening  
5:30 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required

January 21st - Light from the Rite Series, "The Scottish Rite I.C.E. Initiative"  
5:30 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required

February 13th - Valentine Evening with the Ladies  
Watch for the Flyer!

February 18th - Light from the Rite Series, "The Masonic 32nd Degree Camp"  
5:30 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required

February 20th - 4°, 13°, 14° and 16°  
8:30 a.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
Continental Breakfast and Lunch  
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](mailto:secretary@valleyofrochester.org)

**Don't be Late!**  
Late Reservations may have to be accepted on a Standby Basis only.  
Why not sign up on our Permanent Meeting Meal Reservation List?

Mark your calendar and stay tuned! Additional information on these interesting Scottish Rite educational programs will follow.

May God bless and be with you and yours this Holiday season, and God bless America!  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**



New York Active Members of Supreme Council at Awards Night

JUSTICE FOR ALL.



Six of the seven new Honorary Members of the Valley of Rochester were presented their Certificates at the Symbolic Blue Lodge Awards Night Ceremonies



## Attention ...

### Lodge Masters and Secretaries!

As you may know, 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. is one of the four charities supported by the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. They focus on assisting children with Dyslexia to overcome their learning disabilities. At their peak, there were 59 Learning Centers in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, one of which is located in the Rochester Area.

As you prepare your future meeting agendas, I am inquiring about having a member of the Board of Governors of the Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children in Rochester giving a presentation at your Lodge about the current activities and future plans for the Learning Center. We have prepared a 30-minute presentation, which includes a video that is very informative, not only about the Learning Center, but also about Dyslexia itself.

I know your Lodge members will find our presentation to be interesting and informative. I hope there will be some opportunity for us to provide the Learning Center story to your organization.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss scheduling a presentation. Thank you for considering a presentation about the Learning Center.

### Looking for a Meeting Presentation?

By John W. Paul, Chairman Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

## Attention ...

### Lodge Masters and Secretaries!

Schedule a presentation about the Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center!

It's an opportunity to demonstrate how this supported charity helps children with Dyslexia overcome their learning disability.

For more information or to schedule a program, Contact John W. Paul  
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John W. Paul, Chair, Board of Governors

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The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Rochester, State of New York, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose officers are:

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## 2010 Abbott Scholarships

Named for Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921-1932, the Scholarship Program provides financial support for continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$3 million has been awarded to students from each State in the Northern Jurisdiction.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Be a **currently** enrolled Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior at an accredited college or university with a **minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale**. (Freshman scholarships will be distributed after an acceptable GPA is submitted following First Semester);
- Be a **child or grandchild** of a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction or
- Be a member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction or be a graduate of one of our 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children.

**Applications must be received by April 1, 2010 and must be complete for consideration.**

Forms are available at:  
[www.scottishriteonline.org](http://www.scottishriteonline.org)  
or may be requested from the Valley Office (585-264-1160). Completed forms should be returned to:

Valley of Rochester, AASR  
Attn: Valley Scholarship Chairman  
3300 Monroe Ave. Suite 320  
Rochester, NY 14618-4617

Photos of Symbolic Blue Lodge Award recipients who attended the October Scottish Rite meeting.



## Important Details You Should Note ...



### Friday, December 11th

If you are planning to attend the "Toys for Tots" Dinner and Decorating Party on Friday Evening, December 11th at the Damascus Shrine Center ...

**Bring a new unwrapped toy (or a \$10 donation) per person** for the "Toys for Tots" program and be treated to a Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner, Courtesy of the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite.

Help put up the Holiday decorations for the *All Masonic Holiday Party* to be held the next day. After the decorating is complete, enjoy the complimentary dinner.

Decorating starts at 4 p.m.; Social with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar at approximately 5:30 p.m. and Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner will follow.

*Come casual! Bring your Lady, neighbors, and friends! Bring a gift for each person who plans to eat!*

### Saturday, December 12th

Important! Bring a wrapped gift for each child you bring, marked clearly with their name. Santa will be distributing these gifts at the party.

A Marine will be present to accept new, unwrapped gifts for the "Toys for Tots" Program.

All gifts and donations will go to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's "Toys for Tots" Program to brighten the lives of families of overseas duty servicemen and other distressed families.

Be Generous! ... May you have a happy and safe Holiday Season.

## "Toys for Tots" & All-Masonic Holiday Parties \*

at Shrine Center

Friday, December 11th \$  
Decorating starts at 4 p.m. \$  
Spaghetti Dinner follows \$  
Social ~ 5:30 p.m. \$  
Dinner ~ 6:30 p.m. \$

Saturday  
December 12th  
All-Masonic Holiday Party  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Saturday's Party Activities for Kids:

- "Decorate Cookies"
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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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



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December 16th - Election and Installation of Officers; Free Holiday Dinner, RESERVATION REQUIRED.

Saturday, December 12th - All-Masonic Bodies Childrens' Christmas Party, 11a.m. until 2 p.m. \*

### Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

#### Election

Our Annual Meeting and Election Night will be held December 16th. At 6:30 p.m. we will have our traditional Turkey Dinner, with reservations and your 2010 Dues Card. A closed Installation will immediately follow.

It is the duty of the membership to come out and cast your vote for the nominated Candidates, who are listed below.

**Monarch** Bernie Lazerson  
**Chief Justice** Jim Toogood  
**MC** Dick Topel  
**Secretary** Ken Hutchinson  
**Treasurer** Brian Bills  
**Venerable Prophet** Joe Minas

**3-year Trustee** Ron Morthorst  
**1-year Trustee** Ken Rhodes

#### Board of Governors

Three, three-year positions are open:

1. Richard Bull
2. Easton Kelsey
3. Ernest L. Swan Sr.

The rest of the Officers will be appointed by the Monarch-Elect. Those who are elected will lead the Grotto in the upcoming year.

Again this year, we will be remembering our departed Prophets who passed in 2009. We purchased an Enchanted Lantern in the name of our departed Brothers Robert Young PM, January 7th; Richard J. Patterson, February, 26th; Weitzo J. Lughart PM, February 20th; Frank J. Murrer, Jr., March 17th; Norman Gauch, May 24th and Charles H. Webb, May 28th.

#### Sickness and Distress

Last week, I visited Prophet Jay Riggs and Harriett in their home. Jay uses a walker, but is in good spirits. He will be a sixty-year Prophet next year, he would be delighted to hear from more

of our members from time-to-time (Phone 544-1538).

A few years ago, we had some retired members who occasionally phoned or visited our shut-ins. This would be a project for our new Officers to get started again. Most all of our members reside in the Rochester area. Those who can't get out, would be grateful to hear from our members.

If you know of anyone in sickness or distress, or in need of our aid or sympathy, please let anyone of your Officers know.

If you have a signed Petition, forward them to the Grotto Office. If you need a Petition, contact me at my Wayne County number (315) 589-9021. We will be happy to mail you one.

As we are about to enter a new year, I extend to everyone a Happy Holiday and bid you a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. \*

#### Trooping the Colour

In the Grotto meeting of October 21st, Legion Commander Brian Bills saluted the Color Guard with Dedicated Service Certificates for their years of service. William Fredenburg, Heinz Gunkel, Greg Ludwig and Dick Topel, PM.

"Trooping the Colour" is a ceremony performed by regiments of the Commonwealth and the British regiments since the 17th

century. On the battlefields, a regiment's colours, or flags were used as a rallying points.

A regiment's colours embody its spirit and service, as well as its fallen soldier. The loss of a colour, or capture of an enemy colour, were respectively considered the greatest shame, or the greatest glory on a battlefield.

Consequently, Trooping the Colour is an old ceremony whereby the battalion would fall in by companies and the Colour would "troop" or march the colours through the ranks so every man would see that the colours were intact.

This was done before and after battle. This ceremony has been retained through time, and is today largely ceremonial. Our own Color Guard is doing the same when they present the colors before our Grotto meeting for all to see. \*

### 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

#### Degrees

At our October meeting, the Prologue was communicated and the Royal Court conferred on one new Woodsman, Dave Wilkinson. The cast of the Royal Court was composed of John Zabel, King of Tyre; Cy White, Prince Abbibal; Ted Powley, Prince Baalbazer; Mike Dox, Azariah; Don Brugger, Prince Master of the Palace; and Angelo DiCataldo, Guide. The Degree went well, with all doing an excellent job; we have increased our number. It was rewarding to know we can still do a good job to impress our new Candidate; would that there could have been more.

#### Meeting Cancelled

Since our November meeting fell on Thanksgiving Day Eve this year, and no alternative date could be set without conflict, the November meeting was cancelled by the GTC. Our Annual Election was carried out at the October meeting instead. The membership was contacted prior to that date in the Christmas Dinner notice. The new Of-

### Attend Grotto Meetings

December 7th  
Board of Governors Meeting - 7 p.m. Shrine Center

Friday, December 11th  
Grotto/Shrine/Scottish Rite Spaghetti Dinner & Decorating Party

Saturday, December 12th  
Grotto/Shrine/Scottish Rite All-Masonic Christmas Party Shrine Center

Wednesday December 16th  
Election & Installation of Officers and Audit Reports

Monday, January 4th  
Board of Governors Meeting - 7 p.m. Shrine Center

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Officers to be hopefully installed in January are: GTC-elect, Ted Powley; SDGTC-elect, Joe Raubar; JDGTC-elect, Joe Oelgoetz; Scribe, Don Bell; and Treasurer, John Zabel. Appointments will be announced at that meeting. If you are interested in participating as an appointed or elected Officer, please let us know.

#### Dinner Reminder

Our Holiday get together at Rick's Prime Rib House, is on Friday, December 11th. You should have received a letter on this and information was published in the November issue. If you would like to make a reservation, call Don Bell (259-0647) or Cy White (315)-597-9546.

#### Sickness and Distress

We are saddened by the passing of Woodsman John Zabel's mother-in-law.

Joe Raubar's wife, Judy, has recently undergone surgery and is recovering at home.

Don Freeman's condition remains the same.

Please keep these Woodsmen and their families in your prayers. If you would like to contact Gene Brown, please call Don Bell for his new address in Florida.

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

## E.S.G.A. Theme Party September 2009



Jim Toogood, Monarch



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# In Memoriam

### Bartlett, Paul K.

Paul K. Bartlett, 82, departed his Earthly family October 27th. Paul was a member of Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester. May he find peace with the Lord.

### Butterworth, John N.

John "Jack" Butterworth, 82, left this world November 3rd, leaving his loving companion of many years, Jan Nunnery, 7 children, 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Jack was a 51-year member of Seneca Lodge and belonged to Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

### Close, Parke A.

Parke A. Close, 78, went to the Celestial Lodge September 2nd, leaving his Masonic Brothers to remember him. He is survived by his wife, Lorna, 4 children and 6 grandchildren. Parke was also a member of Scottish Rite. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Coles, Howard J.

Howard Coles, 85, passed away November 16th. His wife, Alma, and family will forever share their memories of him. Howard was a World War II Navy Veteran and a member of Oatka Lodge. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

### Covert, Arthur E.

We just received word that Arthur Covert met his Maker on September 18th at the age of 96. His wife, Shirley, 6 children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren survive him. Arthur was a 50-year member and Past Master of Milo Lodge, a member of Sagoyewatha Commandery and Damascus Shrine. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

### Dick, Michael J.

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Michael Dick, 59, on November 6th. His wife, Karen, 2 step-sons and 3 grandchildren survive him. Michael was a member of Eagle Lodge and a Vietnam Veteran. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

### Fones, Dale L.

Dale Fones, 87, went to the waiting arms of his wife November 12th. Dale was a World War II Army Veteran. The Brothers of Oatka Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

### Impellitier, Carl J.

We just received notice of the passing of Carl Impellitier, 88, on September 9th. Carl was a member of Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester. Remembrance is a golden chain that ties all the love and sorrows.

### Orbaker, Roland R.

Roland R. Orbaker, 92, departed from a lively life of accomplishments on October 22nd. Roland was a member of the Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine and active in community and church activities. He is survived by 2 sons and family. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

### Smith, Alta K.

We just received word that Alta Smith, was embraced by those who walked before her in faith on July 14th, leaving 3 sons and special friends to remember her. Alta was a member of Nolatka Chapter, OES. Your gentle spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

### Thompson, John A.

John Thompson, 84, passed away November 5th. His wife of 59 years, Arlene, 3 daughters and 2 grandchildren will remember his legacy. John was Past Potentate of Damascus Shriners in 1977, a member of Scottish Rite and an active resident of the community. Celebrate the lives of your loved ones and hold their memories close.

### Widows to be Remembered

**Cooley, Lucille S.**, 89, widow of Lawrence E. Cooley (Shrine), passed away October 28th.

**Bosdyk, Florence G.**, widow of Robert F. Bosdyk, (Craftsman Robertson), passed away November 3rd.

**Eckler, Jacqueline**, widow of Charles Eckler (Union Star Lodge), passed away March 1st.

**Kircherer, Janet W.**, 91, widow of William Kircherer (Craftsman Robertson), passed away November 7th.

**Ludeke, Helen M.**, 84, widow of Richard G. Ludeke (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away October 25th.

## Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen

The Holiday Season is fast approaching and everyone is scrambling to get their shopping and wrapping completed. We are attending parties and seeing family for the joyous occasion. May the Season bring happiness, joy and peace to you and your family.

### Charitable Donations

Every year, millions of taxpayers itemize their deductions on their Federal Tax Return. One of the most common itemized deductions is a donation made to a charitable organization. Here are some things the Internal Revenue Service wants every taxpayer to know before deducting charitable donations.

1) Charitable contributions must be made to qualified organizations to be deductible. You can ask any organization whether it is a qualified organization and most will be able to tell you.

2) Charitable contributions are deductible only if you itemize deductions using Form 1040, Schedule A.

3) You generally can deduct your cash contributions and the fair market value of most property you donate to a qualified organization. Special rules apply to several types of donated property, including clothing or household items, cars and boats.

4) If your contribution entitles you to receive merchandise, goods, or services in return - such as admission to a charity banquet or sporting event - you can deduct only the amount that exceeds the fair market value of the benefit received.

5) Be sure to keep good records of any contribution you make, regardless of the amount. For any contribution made in cash, you must maintain a record of the contribution such as a bank check or a bank or credit card statement - a written record from the charity containing the date and amount of the contribution and the donor's name, or a payroll deduction record.

6) Only contributions actually made during the tax year are deductible. For example, if you pledged \$500 in September but paid the charity only \$200 by December 31st, your deduction would be \$200.

7) Include credit card charges and payments by check in the

year they are given to the charity, even though you may not pay the credit card bill or have your bank account debited until the next year.

8) For any contribution of \$250 or more, you must have written acknowledgment from the organization to substantiate your donation. This written proof must include the amount of cash, a description of any property you contributed and whether the organization provided any goods or services in exchange for the gift.

9) To deduct charitable contributions of items valued at \$500 or more you must complete a Form 8283, Non-cash Charitable Contributions, and attach the form to your Return.

10) An appraisal generally must be obtained if you claim a deduction for a contribution of non-cash property worth more than \$5,000. In that case, you must also fill out Section B of Form 8283 and attach the form to your Return.

### New Vehicle Sales and Excise Tax Deduction

Taxpayers who buy new motor vehicles this year may be entitled to a special tax deduction for the sales or excise taxes on those purchases when they file their 2009 Federal Tax Returns next year.

Here are some important facts the Internal Revenue Service wants you to know about the deduction.

1) State and local sales and excise taxes paid on up to \$49,500 of the purchase price of each qualifying vehicle are deductible.

2) Qualified motor vehicles generally include new cars, light trucks, motor homes and motorcycles.

3) To qualify for the deduction, the new cars, light trucks and motorcycles must weigh 8,500 pounds or less. Motor homes are not subject to the weight limit.

4) Purchases must occur after February 16, 2009, and before January 1, 2010.

5) Taxpayers who purchase new motor vehicles in states that do not have sales taxes may be entitled to deduct other fees or taxes assessed on the purchase of those vehicles. Fees or taxes that qualify must be based on the vehicles' sales price or as a per unit fee.

6) Taxpayers who purchase qualified motor vehicles can claim the deduction when they file their 2009 Tax Return in 2010.

7) This deduction can be taken regardless of whether the buyers itemize their deductions or choose the standard deduction. Taxpayers who do not itemize will add this additional amount to the standard deduction on their 2009 Tax Return.

### Upcoming Due Dates

December 15th - November Payroll and Fourth Quarter Corporate Taxes Due

December 20th - September through November Sales Tax Due

December 31st - NYS Fourth Quarter Individual Taxes Due

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

## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### JANUARY

- 13th Masonic Development Course, Caledonia
- 16th Scottish Rite - Public Degree
- 20th Masters & Wardens, (Dinner @ 6) 6:30 p.m., Shrine Center
- 20th School of Ritual, 7:30 p.m., Shrine Center
- 21st Scottish Rite
- 26th-28th MSAT Workshop, Utica
- 30th Have-a-Heart Campaign Starts at Area Malls

### FEBRUARY

- 1st-14th Have-a-Heart Campaign at Area Malls
- 4th-7th Shrine Circus at the Dome Arena
- 6th Road to the East, Caledonia
- 13th Road to the East, Caledonia
- 20th Road to the East, Caledonia

### MARCH

- 31st Masters & Wardens, (Dinner @ 6) 6:30 p.m., Scottsville
- 31st School of Ritual, 7:30 p.m., Scottsville

### APRIL

- 9th-10th 2010 College of Freemasonry, Shrine Center
- 13th-15th MSAT Workshop, Utica
- 24th Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin
- 29th Masters & Wardens, Penfield

### MAY

- 3rd-4th Grand Lodge Sessions in New York City
- 28th Joint Investiture Service

### JUNE

- 29th Masters & Wardens, Webster

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# BIG CALLENDAR - DECEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile	<b>2</b> Drumlin Square (1°) - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine (E) OES - Lilac Star	<b>3</b> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster	<b>4</b> Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street	<b>5</b> All-Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party, 11 a.m. til 2 p.m. - Shrine Center
<b>6</b> OES MON - District Brunch, Unity Lodge Hall - Spencerport	<b>7</b> Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Board of Governors - Shrine Center Damascus Shrine Diwan Shrine Lunch Club	<b>8</b> Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Seneca, Shrine Center OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	<b>9</b> Oakka - Scottsville Webster - Fellowcraft Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship (I) Shrine Legion of Honor Masonic Development Course - Caledonia	<b>10</b> Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron	<b>11</b> Scottish Rite, "Toys for Tots" and Decorating Party Spaghetti Supper - Shrine Center Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Holiday Get-Together <b>Hanukkah begins at sundown</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Hanukkah</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> ERAC (3°) - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City (3°) Union Star (1°) - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club	<b>15</b> Clio (3°) - Hilton Craftsman Robertson - Shrine Center Garoga-Sincerity (OV) - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Notalka, Starlight	<b>16</b> Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy OES - Lilac Star Perry Shrine Club Lalla Rookh Grotto (E & I)	<b>17</b> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite - Shrine Center WYN - Masonic Development Course, Sodus Lodge	<b>18</b> Directors Staff Holiday Party	<b>19</b> Geneva Shrine Club Christmas Party, Club 86
<b>20</b> Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner December 9th 287 East Avenue, Hilton	<b>21</b> Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto, Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Boxing Day</i>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>First Day of Winter</i> ERAC - Shrine Center Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Shrine Club	<b>29</b> Masters & Wardens - Clio Lodge Hall, Hilton School of Ritual - Clio Lodge Hall, Hilton	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

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