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## Have-a-Heart Campaign in Progress

The 2009 Campaign to benefit the two Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester is now underway at three area Malls: Eastview, Marketplace and the Mall at Greece Ridge. Western New York Masons, their Family members and Friends are helping collect funds to support this worthwhile cause, under the direction of General Chairman W.: George Foehner.

Organizations participating this year are: Clio Lodge; Corinthian-Fellowship, Order of the Eastern Star; Craftsman Robertson Lodge; Damascus Shrine Clowns; Damascus Shriners; ERAC Lodge; Eureka Lodge; Fairport-Flower City Lodge; Fame Lodge; Genesee Lodge; Lalla Rookh Grotto; Livingston District Association; Monroe Masters and Wardens;

Mount Morris Lodge; Northfield Lodge; Oatka Lodge; Seneca Lodge; Social Lodge; Starlight Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Union Lodge; Union Star Lodge; Unity Lodge, Valley of Rochester, Scottish Rite; Valley-Simes Lodge; Wakan-Hubbard Lodge; & Webster Lodge. Complete schedules are listed on Page 3. If you can help, show up, please, even if not scheduled. ❧

## Masonic Service Bureau Sponsors Driver Safety Program in March

The AARP® Driver Safety Program will be presented from noon until 4:00 p.m. on March 9th and 11th at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster. You must attend both sessions in order to receive your completion certificate.

Dennis "Gil" Gellaseh will conduct the sessions, which are open to Masons, their family members and the general public. The maximum number of participants is 30, so make your reservations early by calling the Masonic Service Bureau at 671-9730. The fee for the course is \$10 per person, which is payable to AARP and given to the facilitator at the first session.

You may be eligible to receive license point reductions from

the Department of Motor Vehicles and/or reduction in your premium from your insurance company. You will need to check into those matters yourself.

Damascus Shriners is, once again, making the facility available as a service to the community. It is handicapped accessible. Refreshments are NOT provided...eat an early lunch. There will be several breaks in the program. If you bring a snack or beverage, we ask that you leave it in the dining area until break time. No food or drink is permitted in the meeting room.

Further information or answers to your questions may be obtained from the Service Bureau ... again, 671-9730. ❧

## Masonic Medical Research Laboratory Names Balaji Employee of the Year

Varun Balaji, Network Administrator at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, was recently selected as the 2008 Employee of the Year by his colleagues.

Mr. Balaji joined the Laboratory in March, 2007 just prior to graduating from SUNY IT. Last year's co-recipient, Ronald Kamp, made the presentation of the Award. He said, "Varun possesses a tireless work ethic, offers continuous support and encouragement to all his co-workers but I think the real underlying attribute that made this se-

lection an excellent choice is his attitude. He is always upbeat, even-tempered and never flustered. Varun goes the extra mile to make our Institute operate at optimum level."

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director, added, "Varun has always been ready, willing, and able to help his fellow employees, whether the problem was of a technical nature or otherwise. He is a model of efficiency and congeniality and a delight to have as a member of our staff. He is most deserving of this high honor." ❧



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## Charity Grants

Each year the Masonic Service Bureau offers Grants to area Charities for the use of their actual charity mission and objectives.

Application is made by the Charity writing a request letter that outlines their purpose, other sources of funding, including a financial report, and the project/activity to which the funds would be applied.

If you have a Charity of choice for whom you wish such consideration should be made, either contact them directly with this information, or contact the Masonic Service Bureau via email: [bmasonic@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bmasonic@rochester.rr.com) or call 671-9730 and we will send the information to the charity.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Midnight, March 31, 2009.

## AARP Driver Safety Program

## Visit Your Brethren at the Masonic Care Community

By Ira Cooperman

The Masonic Care Community of NY has undergone quite a transformation. To take pride in what has been accomplished and to learn more about its new skilled nursing care Health Pavilion, residential adult care at Wiley Hall, and the beautiful retirement apartments at Aca-cia Village, you are cordially invited to visit its beautiful 400-acre campus in Utica.

But there's an even more important reason for you and your Lodge Brothers to visit the Masonic Care Community ... and that's to visit your Brethren! Masons who hail from throughout New York State (including Monroe District) are residents in all three Campus living facilities. They look forward to greeting their Brothers - especially during these Winter months.

## Presentations Available

If it's too difficult for you to get to Utica (which is less than a two-hour drive once you're on the New York State Thruway), a member of the Masonic Care Community staff will be happy to come to you! They will visit your Lodge and make a brief presentation about the health care institution that has served Masons and their families for over 115 years and which, in turn, has been so generously supported by members of the Fraternity. Brother Ira Cooperman, Director of Philanthropy (and a former resident of Monroe County), and Brother Rob Lauducci, Director of Volunteers, will gladly arrange to come and talk about the exciting developments at the Masonic Care Community.

For further information please contact:  
Ira Cooperman, (315) 798-4703 or  
Rob Lauducci, (315) 798-4828 or  
Call them Toll-free at (800) 593-3353

# Damascus News see page 11

Dated Material





### Editor's Corner

It's time once again. Time for me to remind our writers and readers that you need to THINK NEXT MONTH when you are preparing your articles for the *Masonic Times*. We are getting more and more information on events that are happening in the future as you are writing, but will have been history by the time the paper is delivered. You will not be able to make reservations or attend events that happened last week.

Along the same line, I frown on speculation. It happened in this issue. An event was to take place when the article was written and submitted, with the author commenting on the occasion and what happened. Fortunately for us, we learned before publication that the plans had

changed and pulled the copy. So if you submitted something in the past that didn't appear in print, that may be the reason. An event after the 10th of February should be covered in the April issue. Why? Because the deadline has passed for the March paper! While this may seem like ancient history to the author, there are Brothers and Sisters around the country who are interested in their Organization's activities and the *Masonic Times* is the way they find out what is happening. This includes both the Snowbirds and permanent out-of-town residents.

We have received calls after articles have been submitted and caught other instances ourselves where we have changed articles. Yes, it is inconvenient and requires extra time, but we want to be as accurate as possible. In an article under the heading, "Sickness and Distress" a Lodge wished a member a speedy recovery from his illness. He didn't make it. We knew before the paper went to

press and changed copy to incorporate a sympathy message. We won't always be so fortunate to get the information in time to make the change required. If the paper is in the hands of the printer or on its way to or at the Post Office, it is too late. Please...when you, distinguished writer, learn something that makes your article incorrect, call us to see if we are able to make the correction. The worst we can tell you is, "No!"

As mentioned before, it takes us two weeks to format the text, proofread, correct, prepare the galleys and paste up each issue. Any changes or corrections needed between the 10th and the 17th of the month can probably be made; up to the 20th may also be a possibility...I can't guarantee it. Our endeavor is to make sure your published information is accurate.

By the way, please call us when these situations occur - 671-9730. While email works well for the original text, we

might not be looking at it as frequently as we do around the 10th of each month. We don't want to miss an opportunity to correct something because we didn't see the message you sent.

#### Express Appreciation

Brothers and Sisters, express a kind word to the person(s) who provides the information to us for your group. Unless you have done it, you can't imagine the time and effort required. Sometimes there isn't anything new or exciting to write about; sometimes the mind is blank (now, no comments here!); sometimes the deadline is here, it has been a very busy period so an article is rushed and not as complete as it could have been. Sometimes the deadline for an article is missed.

You can help. Suggest information for the next story or supply your correspondent with information she/he may not know or have available. I'm sure they would appreciate your interest and the help. Thanks for reading. ✕

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### Journeys

Recently, our minister spoke about Epiphany and the Wise Men traveling to visit the child in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago. A star in the heavens guided those Wise Men; we all know of the many stories associated with that message. It's fascinating to speculate about their journey and why they made it; what struck me was the obvious parallel to Freemasonry. They were on a journey; we talk about our journey through life, always looking for light. Or are we following a star? I would suggest that our star or light is,

of course, the Holy Bible, in concert with guidance from the Great Architect. The beauty of speculative Freemasonry is the opportunity for interpretation - there is no definitive answer. We are each on a journey that we control ourselves. Light is all around us, the path taken is ours to choose. We are blessed to have the opportunities to make a difference. The principles of our Ancient Craft will always pour light upon each of us. Hopefully, each of us will open our eyes and hearts to receive that light.

The Service Bureau of the Greater Rochester area should be part of your journey. Each Lodge or Chapter within our service area should have a Representative to the Bureau. These individuals can play a significant role in providing communication both to and from the Chapter or Lodge to the Bureau and vice versa. Consider being a wise man or woman and join the Bureau. Yes, it is a journey, there is light there and everyone should participate in sharing that light. ✕

### Solomon among Grand Lodge Appointments



R.:W.: Maurice Solomon, the venerable Chairman of the Custodian of the Works, who was first appointed to the Committee by M.:W.: Robert Sing-

er in 1987, was again appointed Emeritus Member by M.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

In 1980, Brother Solomon joined the Purple with his appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana near the Grand Lodge of New York. The rank of Honorary Past Junior Grand Warden of Louisiana came with the appointment.

Among other Grand Lodge honors accorded Maurice are the Chancellor Robert Livingston Medal, one of the most prestigious awards in Grand Lodge, which he received in 2001 from then Grand Master, M.:W.: Carl J. Smith. In May, 2006, M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick bestowed the Wendell K. Walker "Builder of Men" Award upon him, as he retired from the position as Chairman of the Custodians of the Work. He was recognized as understanding and exhibiting an unselfish commitment to the ideals and principles of Freemasonry.

R.:W.: Solomon was raised in Montefiore Lodge No. 753, Glasgow, Scotland, affiliated with Flower City Lodge in 1962, where he served three terms as Master, and is currently a dual-affiliated member of ERAC Lodge. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

In the past, Maury was a regular contributor to the *Masonic Times*. His column was entitled, "Custodians Corner."

Lately, he has experienced some health issues. We extend our congratulations again and best wishes to a true Mason. ✕

## Order of the Eastern Star Supports Canandaigua VA



A check for over \$500 was presented by Paul Farnung, District Grand Lecturer 2008, of the Order of Eastern Star in Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, to the Hospice Care Unit of the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital. The money will be used for the purchase of chairs that convert to single beds, and everyday necessities for the families of Veterans in the Hospice/Comfort Care Unit. The gift was money raised over and above the expense for three Ice Cream Socials and a Summer Picnic at the Hospital.

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**Education Assistance Applications Available!**

The Masonic Service Bureau's Scholarship Committee announces that applications for the 2009 Education Assistance Award Program are now available - on a one-time basis!

- All applicants must either belong to a Masonic Youth Organization or be sponsored by a Member of a Masonic Lodge or Related Body.
- Must be a High School Senior who has been accepted for 2009 enrollment at an accredited college OR a Student who is currently attending an accredited college on a full-time basis.

Applications may be obtained from the Masonic Service Bureau; 979 Bay Road; Webster, NY 14580; email: [bmasonic@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bmasonic@rochester.rr.com) or call 671-9730.

All Applications must be completed and postmarked no later than Midnight, March 31, 2009.





## BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser for Livingston District Masonic Association

To Benefit Continued Relations with the Communities in the District

### Saturday, June 13th

at Conesus Golf Club

One Pine Alley, Route 15, Conesus

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

Tournament Packages \$45 per Golfer ~  
18-Hole Greens Fee & Cart  
Steak Dinner

Prizes, Raffles & Awards

Guests Welcome for Dinner Only - \$20

Tournament limited to first 120 paid golfers.

Registration and payment due by June 1st.

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



## Spring is Coming ... And So Is Golf!!!

By Richard Trescott

Get those clubs out and prepare for the coming of Spring! We hope you will plan to support this tournament - a major fundraiser for Livingston District's projects.

Livingston District supports the Ronald McDonald House, Theresa House, MSAT Programs, Scholarships, Camp Turk, Child ID Programs, Masonic Care Communities, Medical Research, Shrine Hospitals, Camp Good Days & Special

Times, Focus on the Children Program, VA Hospitals, County Youth Talent Shows, DARE Program, Hilltop Industries, Consistory Learning Centers, O/S/Y Charities, Livonia Memorial Park, Boy's State, Local Walk-a-Thon and Have-a-Heart Campaign.

Get a foursome together and plan to enjoy this event.

Contact Richard Trescott for Registration forms and additional information.

### Patron Sponsorship Opportunities

If you wish, you, your Lodge or business can be a Patron Sponsor at the following levels:

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## Do You Need a Meeting Program?

By Richard Friedman  
Chief Rabban

Your Brother Shrine Masons hope you and yours enjoyed a joyous Holiday Season! As our attention goes back to the Quarries, we would like to offer our help, aid and assistance in your Trestleboard planning for the ensuing year.

If you have ever conducted or witnessed a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program, you have heard that Freemasonry contributes \$2 million a day to charity. What you might not have been aware of is the fact that the Shriners Hospitals for Children account for almost \$1.8 million of that figure.

### How Do We Do It?

Shriners Hospitals for Children have become known as the "World's Greatest Philanthropy" for a good reason. Since their inception in the early 1920s, our Hospital System has committed itself to FREE medical care for any child from birth to 18 years old who needs our services either due to an orthopedic problem or a severe burn. You can only imagine what this is worth in today's economy when so

many people struggle to pay the cost of health care.

### Let Us Show You ...

We would love the opportunity to be on your Lodge calendar for 2009-2010. We will come to Lodge and tell you the great story of our Hospital Program. We will bring multimedia to show to your members. This would also be a great opportunity for a Ladies Night or Open Meeting.

Our intention is to educate the Fraternity about the Hospitals and the unbelievable work they do. It is NOT our intention to recruit Shrine Members. Our focus is on giving the Brethren an overall sense of pride in the entire Masonic family!

For a little sample of what might be in store, go to the following website and watch the story of Noble and Brother Dan Caro. You can watch his story at [www.dancar.com](http://www.dancar.com). We believe you will be moved and proud of what your Brothers of the Shrine are doing.

Please let us know if you have interest in scheduling a speaker for a great Lodge Program.

## Widows Luncheon, April 25th Mark the date on your calendar!

Doors of the Burgundy Basin, 1361 Marsh Road, will open at 11:00 a.m. for the Annual Widows Luncheon. Serving will begin at 12 Noon. Tickets and Luncheon Choices will be available from your Lodge Secretary or the Masonic Service Bureau beginning February 16th.

For further information, call 671-9730.

## "Have-a-Heart"

Campaign Schedules

The Ronald McDonald House  
"The House Love Built"

### Marketplace Mall

Mall Chairman - Mark Hutton (582-3023)

Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., January 31st	Noon - 9 p.m.	Livingston District Union Star 320
Sun., February 1st	Noon - 6 p.m.	Union 45
Mon., February 2nd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Geneseo 214 Eureka 36
Tue., February 3rd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Union 45
Wed., February 4th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Geneseo 214 Mount Morris 122
Thu., February 5th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Geneseo 214 Eureka 36
Fri., February 6th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Masters & Wardens Shrine Clowns
Sat., February 7th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Oatka 759
Sun., February 8th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Union Star 320
Mon., February 9th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Oatka 759
Tue., February 10th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36
Wed., February 11th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36 Corinthian-Fellowship OES
Thu., February 12th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Scottish Rite
Fri., February 13th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Livingston District Eureka 36
Sat., February 14th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Livingston District

### Eastview Mall

Mall Chairman - Gary Sanford (425-4240)

Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., January 31st	Noon - 9 p.m.	Northfield 426
Sun., February 1st	Noon - 6 p.m.	Wakan-Hubbard 154
Mon., February 2nd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Webster 538
Tue., February 3rd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163
Wed., February 4th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fairport-Flower City 476
Thu., February 5th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163
Fri., February 6th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Seneca 797 Shrine Clowns
Sat., February 7th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Webster 538
Sun., February 8th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Wakan-Hubbard 154
Mon., February 9th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Webster 538
Tue., February 10th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163
Wed., February 11th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fairport-Flower City 476
Thu., February 12th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163
Fri., February 13th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Seneca 797
Sat., February 14th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Seneca 797

### The Mall at Greece-Ridge

Mall Chairman - Gene Crews (317-8846)

Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., January 31st	Noon - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Sun., February 1st	Noon - 6 p.m.	Craftsman Robertson 969
Mon., February 2nd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Craftsman Robertson 969
Tue., February 3rd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Valley-Simes 109
Wed., February 4th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Social 713
Thu., February 5th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Clio 779
Fri., February 6th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Damascus Shrine Shrine Clowns
Sat., February 7th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Valley-Simes 109
Sun., February 8th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Fame 722
Mon., February 9th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36
Tue., February 10th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Grotto
Wed., February 11th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Unity 479 Starlight Chapter OES
Thu., February 12th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Fri., February 13th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Clio 779
Sat., February 14th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Clio 779



## Wayne District

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I would remind all Wayne District Lodges their Annual Return is due to both Grand Lodge and the DDGM no later than February 1st. As of this writing I have received two Lodge Reports. If this hasn't been complied with, please do so immediately. Also due to Grand Lodge no later than March 15th is your Lodges Per Capita Dues. If either one of these are not done in a timely manner, it may result in not being seated at the 228th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

By the time you receive this article all Masters will have received a Reservation Form to join with a group from Cayuga-Tompkins, Ontario/Seneca/Yates and Wayne Districts to attend Grand Lodge May 2nd-6th. We are grateful to R.: W.: Ronald B. Galens, DDGM of the O/S/Y District, for his efforts in putting this trip together.

#### Lodge Representation

Worshipful Masters, at the time you were installed, you "promised a regular attendance on the Committees and Communications of Grand Lodge, on receiving due notice." My Brothers, it is your responsibility to represent your Lodge. If for some reason you are unable to attend, the duty then becomes the responsibility of the Senior Warden, or Junior Warden, in that order. If none are able to attend, then an elected Past Master can serve as the Lodge Proxy. Plan on sending one of these fore-mentioned to represent your Lodge. Please note on the form, a deposit is due

to Brother Galens no later than February 15th.

Weather cooperating, the *Masonic Development Course* was completed on January 15th, and it was a huge success. It was the first time this Course was undertaken by Wayne District, and R.: W.: F. Edward "Ted" Powley is to be commended for his efforts and expertise. Now let's all support him as he endeavors to start the *Road to the East* Program. This program will require assistance of Brothers who have taken the Course in the past or are knowledgeable in a certain aspect of the required material to be covered. Should Ted ask for your participation, be willing to help him.

#### Still Need Computer

Again, W.: Michael Boone, DSA, is willing to accept any donations towards a new computer system for the New York Masonic Safety ID Program (formerly known as CHIPS). To date, some contributions have been made; others are pending, once a bank account has been set up. I am told there are two or three events in the planning, and hope any Lodge would contact Mike to utilize this Program within their areas. Let us show that we, as Masons, care about the children in Wayne County. "

## Grand Steward

Wayne District



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Participation in the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* has been terrific with 16 Brothers participating. Our third and last session was held on January 15th. I enjoyed sharing the experiences and insights of these Brothers immensely. I hope they will go back to their home Lodges and talk about their experience so we have another terrific group next year.

#### Road to the East

Now, onto the *Road to the East* Course this Spring. How does the second Saturday of March, April and May from 9 a.m. to noon fit in your schedule? The *RTTE* Course is a "how-to course" for Lodge Officers, based on the "24-Inch Gauge." Each participant needs a copy of the "24-Inch Gauge." All Lodges received new editions in 2007 so ask your Lodge Secretary or Master if you can

use it. This is another Course that is worthwhile to "repeat" as new instructors teach new things each time the Course is taken. Sharing experiences are great for real life lessons.

#### Masters and Wardens

January's Masters and Wardens meeting proved to be interesting as Vice-President, Jay Frind, introduced a motion to change the name and purpose of the organization. He proposed that the words "Masters and Wardens" be dropped to open the meetings to anyone who is a Mason down to Entered Apprentice. He further proposed that the purpose be to promote Ritual competitions and social activities such as card tournaments. He hopes we will discuss these changes in March and April and take a vote in May.

The next Masters and Wardens meeting will be on February 12th at 7:30 p.m. at Wayne Lodge, 1932 Ridge Road, Ontario (No dinner).

#### Grand Lodge Reservations

It's also time for Lodges to put down a deposit for travel and hotel expenses if their Master is to attend Grand Lodge on May 4th and 5th in New York City. Each Master should have the cost sheet from the DDGM by now.

If you have a question or need help, give me a call. I am traveling around the District for a second visit this year. "

## Monroe District

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Well, here it is February - a month for lovers of sweet things, whether it be candy, flowers for your loved ones or one month closer to Spring.

I hope you've read the activities for the District in the January issue of the *Masonic Times* because it's the main focus point of information for the many Brothers and ladies who belong to the Fraternity in this area. I still find some who don't bother to read it and if they would only take the time, they wouldn't have to ask questions about where a particular meeting or function will be held.

I must compliment the writers out there who compile informative material for all to enjoy. An example would be from the Chairman of the Traveling Gavel, Brother Erik Loepker, whom I appointed to bring a challenge and some color to obtaining the Gavel. He artfully paints a picture of the availability and location of the Gavel and encourages other Lodges to come get it. For all the Brothers who write, thank you.

#### New Year Thoughts

The new year is upon us and we hope you have made some

good Resolutions for yourselves and for your Lodges. Maybe it's to lose the proverbial weight, but I hope it's also (maybe) to learn a part of the Ritual better, consider filling a Chair in the Line, come and help out at a Child ID Event, encourage a friend to come and join us at a BBF Night and/or help at the upcoming Have-a-Heart Campaign at your local Mall. I'm sure these and many others are available for you to get involved and have a GREAT NEW YEAR in the process.

#### Road to the East

The *Road to the East* will be starting on February 7th at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. If you ever wondered what it takes to become a Master or a Warden, this class is designed for you. Several presenters will cover informative subjects such as "how to develop a Trestleboard," Lodge Management, a Master's Prerogatives, writing for your Lodge, Grand Lodge Structure and it's based on the "24-Inch Gauge." The book, in itself, is a "virtual cookbook of information," as R.: W.: Thomas Grape called it last year. Our Staff Officers from the Monroe, Livingston and Wayne Districts have worked hard to prepare an educational buffet, if you will, to entice you to participate.

#### A note to our Secretaries ...

In Section 1024 under "Lodge Officers" it states, "the Secretary must make a full and correct Return annually to the DDGM on the condition of the Lodge on the 31st day of December, in the form prescribed by Grand Lodge, to be transmitted on or before the 10th day of April." So far, I have received one.

We look forward to coming to your Lodge and meeting and greeting you in 2009. If you have questions or concerns we are always ready to assist where we can. "

## Grand Steward

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The last Session of the *Masonic Development Course* was held January 14th at Eunice Lodge. The following Brothers attended all three Sessions:

Alvin Metcalf and Dale Waterhouse of Clio Lodge

Scott Cronk, William Gross and James Clancy of Webster Lodge

James Auld (Wakan-Hubbard) completed two of the three Sessions. He will complete the 1st Session at a later date. Four have made verbal commitments to attend the *Road to the East* starting February 7th. When you see these Brothers, congratulate them on a job well done.

The *Road to the East* Sessions will be February 7th, 21st and 28th. All Sessions will be held at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. We have an outstanding list of presenters. Right Worshipful Joe Shanks said there will be coffee and donuts for those who arrive at 8:30 a.m.

#### "The Silent Sons"

"A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found

his Brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the Brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons my Brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

Author Unknown

Let's all of us reach out to those who haven't been in Lodge for a while. Let's pick up those Brothers and let them once again glow.

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

## Grand Steward

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Winter continues to grind on and I find myself envious once again of our "Snow Bird" Brothers who manage to fly South each year. Golfing, fishing and having fun in the sun; I hope you all stub a toe or two along the way. Seriously, to our "Snow Birds," please be safe and enjoy the blessing of warm weather. The rest of us will survive the wrath of Winter as we always do.

#### Masonic Education

By now our *Masonic Development Course* has concluded. I hope each new Master Mason who has completed this training has found it to be worthy and enlightening. For those who missed it, watch for the next one and be sure to get signed up. You owe it to yourself and to the Craft. Both will surely benefit by your future participation in this important training program.

*Road to the East* is being presented this month beginning on February 7th, and continuing on February 21st and 28th, at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. The time is from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. As

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of this writing, I do not know how many have signed up. This course is essential for all Officers who plan to serve their Lodges as Master.

I hope to visit many of you again as our year continues, whether it be for Degree work, Award presentations or just for some good old fellowship along the way.

#### Key Word –

#### “Follow-through”

The word “Follow-through” (noun) according to the *Encarta Dictionary* means further action continuing or completing something previously done or begun. At this time of our Masonic year, this word is especially applicable. Masters need to continue and complete all the programs in their Trestleboards, mentors need to continue to train our new Brothers and Lodges need to complete new Brother training like *LSOME* and “Question and Answer” proficiency.

Lodge Officers need to follow-through on their commitment to be well-educated and prepared as they travel the road to the East. Your Leadership Team needs to follow-through on our pledge to provide quality leadership and training in our District.

All Brothers need to follow-through on their commitment to their respective Lodges with regard to such things as attending Lodge, community service programs, good Degree work, Ritual study, etc. The list is a long one!

When we became a Master Mason, we committed ourselves to this work, the work of the Master Mason in the Quarries of Masonry. This work has the benefit of being highly rewarded through feelings of self-satisfaction and accomplishment, but mostly by the warm smile and a gracious “thank you” from a Brother, a neighbor or a loved one.

## Membership Retention

R.:W.:  
Joseph Privitera  
Monroe District

#### Widows Luncheon

The Masonic Widows Luncheon is scheduled for April 25th at the Burgundy Basin. Now is the time to get our Masonic Ladies' files in order so we can mail invitations to them. I know this is a difficult job. I also know we are going to miss some of them, but we must do our best to contact as many as we can. Let us demonstrate our appreciation to and for these ladies.

#### School of Ritual

The next School of Ritual scheduled for the Monroe District is on March 31st at Oatka Lodge, 5 Browns Avenue in Scottsville, starting at 7:30 p.m. If you are coming from east of the Genesee River, you shouldn't worry. The rumors of alligators in Oatka Creek are false (I think). Besides the men from Oatka Lodge are real nice guys or that's what they told me to say.

Hope to see you in Scottsville. ✕



#### Traveling Gavel Update

By Erik Loepker, Chairman

Many Brothers who have spent time with me at any length know I am a great proponent of enhancing our Fraternal ties. We all grow stronger when we are able to connect with each other as Brothers. To that end, I personally feel the Masters and Wardens were brilliant in executing the concept of the Traveling Gavel back in 1970. It is a fantastic tool designed to bring about the means of enhancing our ties, while at the same time, provides a kind of sideline amusement as a means of good-natured competition.

#### Did You Know?

However, since becoming a Master Mason, I've not found two Brothers who were able to agree on how it got started in our District. Aside from the fact that the Masters and Wardens gave this project a green light in 1970, when the first rules were drafted, not much else about it seems to have consistent agreement. This has been a mild concern to me, because I've been aching to know the origins for two reasons. First, for my own edification - I can't resist a good mystery. Second, because I wanted to do an article that would enlighten everyone else at the same time.

Imagine my joy when R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, DDGM, put me in touch with the Brother who initiated the idea! After a brief exchange, R.:W.: Bob Hebner, PDDGM (Genesee-Wyoming District), agreed to have an excerpt of his email published in this article.

“I was on an insurance call one afternoon in 1970. The man I was talking to was from the Southern Tier. He saw my ring and, since we were all through talking insurance, we talked about Lodge. In the course of the conversation he mentioned this traveling gavel that went back and forth through the Southern Tier. I took the idea to my Masters and Wardens meeting and told our '70 Masters group about it.

“Jack Wahdams, the Master of Brockport (Monroe Lodge), was teaching Industrial Arts in Kendall, so he built the gavel from laminated cherry wood. We inaugurated it at Grand Lodge. The Grand Master opened the session with it. As he held it up he said, “This looks like the “Bung Starter” that my father used to knock the bung out of beer barrels.” Needless to say that is where the title got started, and it was known as the Bung Starter from then on.

“We brought it back to Monroe County and it has had quite an adventure ever since. It has hung in the window of a meat market in Pittsford, the display window of Ferro Jewelry on Main Street, Rochester, it has been stolen and returned, it served on the bench of a court

judge and so on with the history. “When I presented this idea, originally, I had no idea it would be so successful. That gavel has been traveling now for thirty-nine years and is still doing what it is designed for. It is bringing Brothers together in visitations, which has been a wonderful accomplishment. So there is the story. It is my contribution to Masonry.”

My sincere thanks to R.:W.: Hebner for this story, as well as his summation as to the role in which the Gavel plays. What a great contribution!

#### Go For It!

The Traveling Gavel currently resides at Northfield Lodge, 17 Church Street, Pittsford. The Brothers at Northfield meet on the first and third Thursday of each month, except for Maundy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter). They gather for meal at 6:30 p.m. and Open at 7:30 p.m. And, they want to meet you!

For further contact information about Northfield, call their phone at 586-2976, or visit their website at [www.northfieldLodge.org/](http://www.northfieldLodge.org/).

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The CHIPS Program, now New York Masonic Safety Identification Program (NYMSIP) ALWAYS needs your help. We reach out to you to have great events throughout 2009!!!

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

In March we will be going to several nursing homes to assist the residents with identification opportunities. We look for a very busy 2009.

From a Masonic viewpoint, I would request that when we reach out to you, either by email or telephone, you get back to us as soon as possible so we are not wasting your time or ours. Remember your Masonic obligations when we ask for your help. Many are asked but few are chosen. Last month, we published the Lodge Chairman within each Lodge. Please contact your Chairman if you have an idea for an event or want to help.

On December 13th, at the Toys for Tots Holiday Party, we collected about 300 toys as well as trained several of the Chairmen.

In 2009, we would like to schedule as many events as possible and team with fire departments, the police and all the Lodges and Concordant Bodies. We would like to reach those children who are not involved in

the school CHIPS Programs and probably the most at risk.

Please think of opportunities where this can be done. If you are holding a Health Fair at your Lodge or your community is hosting a festival where you feel we could implement a CHIPS event, feel free to contact us.

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

Information about the Masonic ID Program is available on-line at [www.nychip.org/](http://www.nychip.org/). We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the program.

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

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Since this month's *Masonic Times* is published before we have our first meeting of the New Year, I thought I would enlighten our Brothers with a little Masonic etiquette.

#### Sign of Fidelity

The following is an excerpt from a paper written from the past Grand Marshal, R.:W.: Kurt Ott. He states that the Sign of Fidelity is never used outside the Lodge Room unless we are clothed; that is, unless wearing Masonic Aprons. This only will occur on a few occasions, such as at the laying of a cornerstone, at public dedication ceremonies, or at Masonic services for departed Brethren. Of course, if the Grand Master grants dispensation to wear Aprons at some other ceremony, we may use the Sign of Fidelity while wearing the Apron (i.e., parades). Therefore, the rule is that we never come to the Sign of Fidelity unless we are “Masonically clothed.”

#### Be Courteous

Another etiquette matter, which was written by J. Kirk Nicholson, Jr., PGM, Georgia, asserts that no Brother should ever engage in private conversations or discussions on the sidelines in the Lodge. If something becomes so important to be said to another Brother, he should follow the guidelines of [our] Grand Lodge in asking the Worshipful Master properly for permission to be excused from the Lodge Room. Private conversations or discussions should be confined to outside the Lodge Room, except when the Lodge is at ease.

One of the most irritating and disconcerting things during any Masonic meeting is when two or more Brethren on the sidelines get into a *sotto voce* discussion. It's even worse when one of them is hard of hearing. When this happens during Degree work, it can throw off even the best of Ritualists. We've all seen and heard it happen. It's a distraction from the solemnity of the Ritual.

It is discourteous to the Degree Team; it's robbing the Candidate of the benefit of what should be a meaningful experience and it is insulting to the Brethren who are trying to hear.

Unfortunately, the offending Brethren don't seem to realize they are disturbing their colleagues. They don't realize they can be heard or, possibly, they don't care.

It seems as though some of the Brothers during our Regular Communications are becoming lackadaisical in showing proper Masonic etiquette. I have heard how ours is a fun Lodge and that to follow the customs of Masonic etiquette do not apply. However, this attitude does not provide the newest Brothers with the true meaning of Freemasonry. It is time for us all to reflect upon the real significance of our Masonic heritage and start applying the values of respect and dignity to our actions in Lodge.

#### Just a Quick Reminder

Dues Notices have been sent and are payable by February 1st. In addition, the invitations for the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony on May 16th are being printed and will be sent out January 31st. The Brothers of Oatka Lodge will receive their invitations and RSVP requests in the February newsletter. ✕

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February is the time for your Sweetheart and yourself to find time to enjoy the company of each other while the weather is cold. You ever notice that it is nice to sit real close and enjoy that body heat so we don't go broke heating our homes? Well in the true manor of saving energy and showing significant other's love, we are having a “Steak for Two” for just \$13. There will also be entertainment. This is in place of the Ladies Gayla at Nick's. We will have a short business meeting and return for dessert with the ladies.

We had a good turnout for our Jazz Concert on January 15th; it was a good time had by all who could attend.

#### Have-a-Heart Campaign

Don't forget the “Have-a-Heart” Campaign we are looking for family participation. If your children aren't shy and can play an instrument or sing let's give them a place to show off while we are selling those hearts. Remember, it is for the children at the local Ronald McDonald Houses. We will be at The Mall at Greece Ridge on February 8th from 12 noon – 6 p.m. If you can give just two hours, that would be great.

For the Snowbirds, I hope you're enjoying the warmer weather. We look forward to seeing you in the Spring. ✕

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**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
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February 7th from Noon - 9 p.m. Volunteers can be family members as well as Masons, and can be of either gender. Please dress as though you were going to Lodge. I will be setting up a schedule very soon. Please consider helping out as best you can.

#### A Special Event

I am pleased to announce that we will be having a "Table Lodge" on March 5th. This event does not appear in the "Trestleboard" that was distributed to you. Please mark your calendar, as this is always an enjoyable and festive event.

We have been fortunate to have received a good number of Petitions for Initiation and advancement. While being proud of being a sponsor, your responsibility does not end there. Please, Brothers, be advised that Petitions are required to be accompanied with a minimum deposit of twenty-five dollars. Beyond that, the Petitioner needs to know the balance of the Initiation fee must be paid in full, on or before Initiation. ✽

#### A Request from Webster Lodge

The 30-some-year-old Conn organ has major problems. Sometimes it makes some very un-organ-like sounds, at will, sounding like it should have quit. It's most distracting from our programs.

I have contacted several of my "Organ Buddies," and they have concluded it's a "no can fix" situation.

Therefore, Webster Lodge is in need of a replacement organ as our present one is sadly lacking in many respects and threatens to go "on strike" without notice.

Should someone have a suitable replacement to donate or at a nominal price, please contact R.: W.: Dave Allen, Organist, [dallen73@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dallen73@rochester.rr.com) (315) 986-2940 or or W.: Warren Patterson, Master 352-1532. ✽



It was an emotional Apron Presentation for R.: W.: Michael L. Nohle, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York as he received his new Apron from his father W.: James Nohle at Webster Lodge.



(L to R) R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, W.: L. Warren Patterson, W.: James Nohle, R.: W.: Michael L. Nohle

We successfully Raised our class of seven to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 18th. Soon thereafter, newly Raised Brother Kevin Florak suffered a heart attack, and received treatment at Rochester General Hospital, including the implanting of stents. He seems to have recovered quickly and is doing well.

On January 2nd, we served approximately 180 spaghetti dinners in support of Webster Hockey. Thanks to all who helped to make this a successful event.

We will Initiate our "Spring Class" on the 5th of February, by welcoming our Junior Warden, Brother Scott Cronk, to the East, in order to confer the 1st Degree.

To help raise money in support of the Ronald McDonald Houses, we will be participating in the annual "Have-A-Heart" Campaign at Eastview Mall. We have been asked to volunteer on Monday, February 2nd, Monday, February 9th from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. as well as Saturday, Feb-

By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

We have some unfinished business to attend to. Our new Entered Apprentices need the last Sections of the 1st Degree before they can advance. Attempts were being made to visit another Lodge that might be Conferring the Degree, which would allow us to fulfill that need.

With that an unknown as I

write this column, I can't say for sure we will have a 2nd Degree in February, as is called for on our Trestleboard. Additionally, I will be out of town for the first two Tuesdays on a well-deserved vacation. I will have to have a catch-up meeting with the Officers when I return, so I will have something to write about next month.

#### Sickness and Distress

Worshipful Brother Bill Hook is in the hospital doing physical therapy as he recovers from a stroke. We wish him well and hope he is up and around when you receive this issue.

Sympathy of the Lodge was extended to Worshipful Brother Joseph Steffen. His father, Vincent, succumbed to cancer. Also, to Brother Vincent Costanzo

on the passing of his mother, Isabelle. Both had been ill for some time, but that doesn't lessen the sorrow over the loss.

#### February Birthdays

John Walker (5th), Robert Burns (6th), Kenneth Goodrich (9th), Ronald Hibbard (18th) and Gerald Brumfield (26th). Happy Birthday to YOU!

Brother Royden Guess informed me that the date of his January birthday was wrong. If you sent him a card, it was two days early. His birthday is January 15th. Brother Richard Smith said something about 1892, but I think that was a joke. He just wants everyone to know that he's younger than Roy. The information from MORI was correct; I just can't type.

On a rather nasty night, we had a Spaghetti Dinner at the Nutcracker Restaurant. Slim attendance greeted Donovan Schilling, our speaker obtained by Brother Warren Doerrer. He gave a slide presentation on all the amusement parks that used to grace the Rochester area, showing some old photos, postcards and flyers of the events which occurred in the late 1800s to 1930s. It was pretty interesting, but I think everyone was hoping to get home early before the weather got any worse. I don't know when the schedule will allow another such event this Spring.

If you haven't already, be sure to mark April 14th on your calendar. That will be our Annual Fellowship Dinner and Meeting at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road. It will be upon us before we know it. Arrangements, other than the date, still need to be finalized.

That's all I can think of for now. I hope those in the North are surviving the sometimes brutal weather and our Snowbird Brothers aren't laughing too loudly at us. Keep well! See you in Lodge. ✽

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"I don't care if you are a Right Worshipful, you're not sitting on my lap."

**Good News**

A very hearty and warm welcome home to Brother (Captain) Dan Fletcher from his tour in Afghanistan. Dan has done a great job of keeping us all informed about things in Afghanistan and his experiences there by his email reports, some of which have been published in this paper.

We are also very happy to welcome R.: W.: Cliff Short home after his two-year employment in Colorado. Cliff has been keeping us all well-informed about his time in Colorado - especially his contacts with Colorado Masons.

Secretary, Dave Jones, reports that the Dues payments are coming in at a rate better than some previous years. Keep them coming, Brothers, and also remember the Brotherhood Fund as you write those checks.

**Recent Events**

December 13th, was our Holiday Party. This party has traditionally been held on the third Monday of December in the evening. This time was chosen in response to requests from some Brothers who felt that a weekend afternoon would be more suitable for children.

Attendance was not great. However, those of us who were there had a good party with plenty of food consisting of *Coq Au Vin* with Rice Pilaf as the main course, supplemented by a variety of dishes, salads and desserts from individual contributors. We were visited by a very jolly and enthusiastic Santa Claus who distributed gifts to the few children present and proceeded to mingle with everybody. He insisted on leading the group in singing of Christmas songs. It was a nice party.

**Upcoming Events**

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

January 31st to February 14th  
Unity Lodge is responsible for three sessions at the The Mall at Greece Ridge:

Saturday, January 31st - 12 Noon - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11th - 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday, February 12th - 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for these times. Please contact me at 637 5643.

February 9th - 2nd Degree, Lodge Opens at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

March 9th - 3rd Degree, Lodge Opens at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.



Santa leading the singing.



Santa and Kids.

**Blood Drive**

Monday, March 30th at the Ogdon Community Center.

**Sickness and Distress**

Jan Lughart is in Unity Hospital with a ruptured disk.

Andy Alvarez is recovering from his fall, but is still wearing a brace on his knee.

Norm Gauch and Jim Toogood both have suffered falls on the ice and are nursing bruises and aches.

**February Birthdays**

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

John E. Worden (1st), William H. Schenck (4th), Rudolph J. Youngman and Jesse Noble Jr. (7th), John W. Little (8th), Ronald C. Hamman (9th), Frank F. Gordnier and Frederick J. Mc-

Cullough (10th), James L. Lester (11th), Robert A Kreason (12th), Septimius A. DiLauro and James E. Toogood (13th), Donald A. Walzer (14th), J. Edward Gillott (15th), Robert T. Irwin (16th), Arthur F. Brueningsen (19th), Paul W. Griffith (22nd), Michael S. Coyner (23rd) and Kenneth R. Vanderbeck (25th).

**February Anniversaries**

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

1951 - Donald F. Pierson

1952 - Frank F. Gordnier and John R. Seaman

1975 - Thomas E. Michielsen

1979 - Abram E. Hagerman

1998 - Franklin D. Higgins

Brothers, please remember the Brotherhood Fund and the Have-a-Heart Campaign...and most of all, remember your Valentine. ✽



Santa pays special attention to the "big kids" on his list. (l-r) Gene Brendel, Don Darrohn and Mickey Darrohn.

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By Erik Loepker, Jr. Warden

**Upcoming Events**

In continuance of our thrust to improve our education, we will have Ill.: John Zabel visiting Northfield on February 5th to give a presentation on Masonic Etiquette. As always, you are invited to come and we hope to see you there.

We would like to point out that we still possess the Traveling Gavel. No, this is not a brag, just an additional reason for Brothers to come and visit us from elsewhere. We are always pleased to have guests; it strengthens the Fraternity.

One last time; keep yourself current on our happenings! Please call 586-2976 or check us out online at:

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Through the considerable efforts of W.: David Adams, this site is also attainable through the website for the Grand Lodge of New York.

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My thanks to the Brethren for your continuing support in keeping our Lodge vibrant and operating smoothly. Special thanks to everyone involved with the Confering of the Degrees, organizing special events, those who maintain the Lodge and those who support the Officers with attention and participation.

The program for the meeting on February 9th will be a "Walk About" the Lodge for our newly Raised Brothers. This is always a good refresher for the long-time members.

**1st Degree**

The 1st Degree will be conferred on February 23rd with Worshipful Brother Bernard Lazerson, Junior Warden, in the East. Please volunteer for a role or say "Yes" if called on. It is more fun when directly involved with the work.

**Sickness and Distress**

Our sympathy is extended to the family of R.: W.: John Moll, on the passing of his wife, Alfa, on December 4th.

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

**February Birthdays**

The following Brothers will celebrate birthdays in February:

Peter Swanson (2nd); Terry Adams (3rd); Daniel Barish (6th); Ralph Hansen (7th); George Bracht (12th); Michael Despain (13th); Richard Budgeon and Maynard Hellman (15th); Frederick Ogborne (18th); Bruce Keplin (26th); and Elmer Hess (27th). We wish you a happy day and a prosperous and healthy year ahead.

**Masonic Anniversaries**

Worshipful Brother Maurice Solomon was Raised on February 25, 1948 - sixty years ago. Also Raised in February were:

1950 - Hank Wiener

1955 - David Stein

1975 - Reed Patterson

Thank you for your years of service to the Craft and humanity.

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

I hope to meet with you around the Altar. ✽

**Union Star**

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On the 12th of January, at our Annual Budget Communication, Union Star passed its 2009 Budget. Many thanks to the Officers and the Budget Committee for their hard work in preparing it.

I also thank Gary Sanford, Scott May and the Finance Committee for the many hours of work putting together the Five-Year Financial Plan for Union Star, which will be voted on soon. This plan should keep Union Star in good stead for years to come.

Due to a few unseen circumstances, the 2nd Degree in January was postponed until March, with the 3rd Degree to follow in April. Exact dates and times will be posted on our website and will be available on the revised Trestleboard in Lodge.

At the time of this writing, your Master and the Have-a-Heart Committee have been very busy planning this District Event. Therefore, most of Union Star's February time will be spent helping to make the Campaign a success, much like last year.

With the above being said, here is February's schedule:

February 1st-14th - Various days and nights at Market-place Mall working the Have-a-Heart Campaign.

February 9th - Regular Communication

February 23rd - Fellowcraft Meeting and Card Party.

I would also ask that all Brothers and Sisters please update their email, telephone and addresses. If we don't have any of the above or any have changed, please contact me at 586-5255 or our Secretary, Gary Sanford, at 425-4240.

See you in the Quarry. ✽

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benefit these families, it's an opportunity for our Fraternity to be seen and build awareness to the public. Every year you hear praises, thanks and uplifting stories from shoppers who have needed this service in the past. By days end you are reminded, and proud of what Masonry is and what it's all about.

#### Degrees

Our 1st Degree will be on February 17th, although at this point we don't have a Candidate, we have a Brother who requires the 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Therefore, Junior Warden Mike Postilli has offered to do the Degree as a refresher for the new year.

#### Our Servicemen

We now have a headcount and all our Brothers who have been overseas are home safe and sound. Brother Nathan Thompson and Brother Scott Mason, who were in Afghanistan, along with Brother Tom Kasper, who was in Iraq, are back in town. Thank you and yours for all your services.

If you know of a Brother in sickness or distress, or in need of our aid or sympathy, contact W.: Sean Noonan or myself. See you in Lodge.

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By Jon P. Getz

On behalf of W.: Lalik, I hope this finds all our Brothers healthy and happy here early in 2009. The Lodge continues to grow stronger and the foundation is being laid through many upcoming events.

#### Lodge Happenings

As we look forward to Spring, there are some fantastic events and meaningful opportunities for fellowship. Here are just some of the upcoming events in February and March.

February 9th - "Last Full Measure Play" by the Valley of Rochester - AASR (Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite)

February 23rd - Master Mason Degree

March 23rd - "Lodge of Confusion"

These programs are enjoyable and will assist in gaining even greater knowledge about the Craft.

#### Building News

The Lodge continues to search for a tenant to lease the downstairs/storefront portion of the Temple. We will continue to work on having this space occupied. As we all know, economic times are tough, but the space is in a great location with strong visibility.

We are in the process of selling the stove and exhaust system. If approved, we will replace the large commercial system with a large family-style stove system that will be more cost-effective. We also believe it will allow us to increase our dinner and fellowship offerings in the future.

There is also much enthusiasm for making the rear portion of "Fellowship" Hall a more relaxed area for viewing sporting events. We hope to include a large-screen TV, some comfort-

able chairs and other amenities to encourage Brothers to want to stay at the Lodge even longer after meetings. The goal and objective is to make the Hall a place to gather for football and other televised events. It is also an opportunity for further fellowship.

#### Upcoming Events

April 13th - Morgan Incident (and my birthday!!!)

April 27th - "Non-Standard Opening for the 1st and 2nd Degrees"

May 11th - Grand Lodge Report and Election of Officers

June 8th - Strawberry Shortcake and Sports Shirt night

I am sure there will be more events forthcoming. If any Brother has news, photos or information to share, please feel free to do so. Stories, past and present, are welcome. Indeed, one part of this writer's goals in the news is to have a "reminiscing" section. Our Lodge has a long and proud history. This history can come alive with stories shared.

#### Sickness and Distress

• Vern Saunders is at Unity Hospital (Park Ridge) and his memory is not too good. • Herb Spencer returned to Florida to help a friend who had a mishap. • Nelson Bertch cut his hand pretty badly and • Jose Diaz was back in the hospital until just before the Holidays. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you - get well soon, Brothers.

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

Brother Carl Ester, your phone number in the Lodge Directory is no longer correct. If you read this, please give me a call and let me know how you are doing.

Our January meeting advanced our two new Brothers to Fellowcraft Lodge. W.: John Faro was in the East; R.: W.: Mike Dox in the West; W.: Mike Hueston, in the South; Mike Bailey was Senior Deacon; Joe Ditucci was Junior Deacon; Mat Gingold was Marshal; Frank Sackett and I were Masters of Ceremony; Dave Mura and Jose Diaz were Stewards; Glenn Stahl was Chaplain and Pat Mulrooney presented the Lecture. Chuck Skopinski and Norris Shapiro dished up a great Fish Fry with all of the trimmings.

I don't have the list in front of me, but for all of you who have birthdays in February; Happy Birthday!

#### Upcoming Events

February 3rd - We will be at The Mall at Greece Ridge for the Have-a-Heart Campaign in support of the local Ronald McDonald Houses. Bring your families out to assist us this year!

February 7th - We will be back at The Mall at Greece Ridge for the Have-a-Heart Campaign again!

February 10th - will be our Sweethearts Night at the Brook House on Ridge Road in Greece, with a choice of Prime Rib au jus or Chicken French, pasta and sauce, roasted potatoes, bread and butter, wine at each table, coffee and cheesecake for dessert. We are still planning the entertainment and gifts for the ladies. More information will follow in email and flyers!

February 24th - We will be Raising our two newest Brothers to the Master Mason Degree. We will have a Steak Dinner with all the trimmings. Please join us in the ceremony and in welcoming our newest Brothers!

For more information and reservations, call Michael Hueston (509-0606; email [mph0523@frontiernet.net](mailto:mph0523@frontiernet.net)) or Mike McBride. I hope to see or hear from you all soon! ✕

I thank each of you for your support with the activities of 2008. Special thanks go to Rich Friedman for an excellent job with the Bell Ringing Campaign at the Mall for the Salvation Army. Thanks to Terry Whilen, Jr. for an outstanding job with the Holiday visitations; also, to Rich Greenaway for his exceptional work with the Ronald McDonald House dinners.

#### Supreme Lodge Callings

Two ERAC Lodge Brothers were called Home to the Supreme Lodge above. Brother John S. Crabbs, who passed away November 11th, lived in Marion, OH; and Brother Mitchell Rakus, Sr., who lived in Rochester, died December 4th.

ERAC brought in seven new Brothers in 2008. I appreciate all who attended and participated in the Degree work. A job well done!

#### Communications Corner

By Brother Robert M Kostin

We've made several additions to our Lodge website over the Holiday. Our Library and Links Section now contain the beginnings of a Masonic Articles Section, and a "Did You Know" Section. Thanks to Brother Dave Upham for providing initial material to get us started. There will be more articles and Masonic trivia to come in the following weeks. Please visit our Lodge website at [www.erac163.org](http://www.erac163.org).

There have been some changes to the ERAC Trestleboard for 2009. You can find them by going to our website at [www.erac163.org](http://www.erac163.org) and click on Trestleboard link. Please update your personal calendars appropriately.

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I hope everyone is surviving through their Winter months all right and are looking forward (as I know I am) to the warmer ones ahead.

#### Have-a-Heart Campaign

The Have-a-Heart Campaign to benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses is in full swing this month. This year's Campaign runs through February 14th. Clio Lodge will volunteer February 5th, 13th and 14th. Any help will be appreciated for this worthwhile event to support the housing for families who live outside of the Rochester area. It allows them to stay in town while their child or children are being treated at Strong Memorial Hospital. Not only does this

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Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. I think we all must have sung this Winter tune too much during the Holiday Season and Mother Nature was listening. It seems the only thing I have done the last month is go to work and then come home to find my driveway full of snow, requiring me to do more work before I can settle down for the night. As much as I complain about having to shovel or blow the snow, it was nice to have a white Christmas and snow on the ground for the holidays. I'm sure all our Brothers down South or out West are extremely jealous of us who have stayed in Western New York and battled with the Winter storms. Don't worry, we only have about another six months or so before this white stuff leaves us and we start to see green again.

I congratulate W.: Richard Smith and W.: David Beardsley as the only two Brothers currently in Oakland Lodge who were Raised during the month of February. Both were Raised in February, 1982, and are celebrating 27 years of Masonic service.

The Brotherhood Fund is in full swing and the donations

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

Oakland Lodge has only one scheduled communication for the month of February. The Communication will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Hopefully we will be finalizing the plans of the Masonic Safety Identification Program (formerly the Child I.D. program) we plan to host at a local pre-school program. We welcome all Brothers to attend this communication and help in the planning or execution of this program.

Hopefully this article finds my fellow Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy start to the New Year. May we all find some time to say a small prayer for those who have and are still fighting to keep this great Nation of ours free and safe. Many times we need to take a step back from our fast-paced lives to remember as bad as we have it, many people throughout the world have it much worse than us.

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon all my fellow Brothers and families where ever they may be throughout the world. ✕

## Remember the Brotherhood Fund

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By Doug Poole

I begin this article by welcoming our three new Brothers to Olive Branch Lodge. Joseph Sherman, John Sherman and Robert Stiles were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 6th at Warsaw Lodge. It was quite a memorable evening.

We were thrown a couple of curve balls, but it all worked out in the end. The thought was that we had dinner reservations for 34. Figuring you always get a

couple of guys who just show up we ordered for 38. In the end we had 44 show up! Some meals you can easily stretch, but Strip Steaks with Shrimp Scampi is not one of them. Our caterer, the D&R Depot Restaurant, ran across the road to a supermarket and grabbed a couple of steaks. We all got fed and still started the Degree on time. A big thank you to Patti and Tammy for all the extra effort!

Also a big thank you to all who came and took part in the Degree and a special thanks to Warsaw Lodge for helping us out. Our current meeting place is okay for meetings, but it's too small for Degree work.

There is hope we will have another group of Candidates this Spring. Little by little we are growing our numbers. I am happy to be able to say we are gaining more new members than we send to the Celestial Lodge above.

Let me close with a reminder that we are meeting on the first Wednesday only.

you can visit the Masonic Reading Program at the Libraries webpage:  
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The Third Session of the *Masonic Development Course* is over. I think it was very successful.

Next up is the *Road to the East*. Sessions will be February 7th, 21st and 28th. All classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and hope to finish by 12 Noon. I need your help Brothers to fill up these classes. No one has come forward to sign up. Twenty dollars is all you need to get in the *Road to the East*.

Thanks again for your support for the past six months of my two-year stint.

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**Passing of a Brother**

It is with a sad heart that Union Lodge notes R.: W.: Robert W Young passed away the morning of January 7th. Bob was Master of Union Lodge in 1970, 1980 and 1988 and the District Deputy Grand Master of the Livingston Masonic District in 1980 - 1981. A Masonic Service was held January 9th at the Merton H. Kays Funeral Home in Honeoye Falls. Thank you, Brothers, who attended from our Lodge and from Lodges throughout the Rochester area.

**Lodge Activities**

On January 8th, we had a Grand Lodge Officers' Night. This is the first time we've had this program. We spent some time reviewing all of our Lodge members who have served in Grand Lodge Officer positions. In all we have had 24 Brothers who have taken on Grand Lodge roles, from George Atwell, Jr., who was District Deputy Grand Master in 1898, to John Gallant, who is our DDGM for the 2008-10 term. In sort of a roundtable format, we talked about interesting events involving these Brothers, which resulted in some spirited stories and much laughter.

**Volunteer Some Time**

It's Have-a-Heart Campaign time! Union Lodge has signed up to man this event at Marketplace Mall on Sunday, February 1st, and Tuesday, February 3rd. Be sure to stop by at Eastview Mall, too, and say hello to our fellow Brothers who will be working three area Malls from January 31st until February 14th. For all the details see George Foehner's article on the cover of last month's *Masonic Times*.

The program for our meeting on February 12th is centered around the topic of Presidents Day. I'm sure you know which of our 44 Presidents were also Masons, but we hope to have some interesting, and perhaps even surprising, tidbits that will be new to you. Give some thought to which Brother, one who has not been to Lodge in a while, you can offer a ride for this event.

An important night this month is our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on Tuesday, February 17th. We have sent out formal invitations to over a dozen guests, planned a sumptuous dinner and assigned topics to several Brothers to present after dinner. This is one of my favorite events each year. I find it somewhat renewing when we get together as a Lodge to host guests and explain the fellowship and principles of our Fraternity. It's not too late to invite your friends to join us! Just give me a call and we'll make sure an invite goes out today!

March 1st brings the Annual Livingston Masonic District's Bowl-a-Thon for Teresa House starting at 1 p.m. at the Mount Morris Lanes. This is a worthy cause, Brothers, and deserves our support. Let's show the District that Union Lodge supports Teresa House by having a strong attendance this year.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Last month our mailing went out for the Brotherhood Fund. We are off to a good start with 14 percent of our membership having contributed already. Let's keep the momentum going and push our participation towards 100%. The Brotherhood Fund is the principal support for our Masonic Charities and Programs, including:

- Masonic Medical Research Laboratory
- Masonic Care Community in Utica
- Livingston Library and Museum
- Military Outreach Program (includes Veterans Hospital Visitation Program)
- Masonic Benevolence
- Masonic Youth Program
- Child ID Program
- Grand Master's Allocation

Remember, we are not asking for a large donation, a sum as little as \$5 would be greatly appreciated and would increase the number of participants.

**In Closing**

Brothers, I have to say that you are all very good company! We've done a few new things this year, and repeated things that have worked well for us in the past. Some of you have been pulled away from attending Lodge as often as in the past by work and other commitments. And some of you have become more active again. I must say that these last four years that I

have again been active in Lodge have been rewarding and just plain fun! Thank you for the pleasure of your company. See you in Lodge!

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. At our December 16th meeting, we had our Traditional Seafood Fare after our meeting. We had Oyster Stew, prepared by Sharon Buckley, and Fish Chowder, prepared by our Secretary, Gerald Hussong. Many thanks to both of you. It was well attended because of the food.

At our January 6th meeting we had our Year-end Secretary and Treasurer reports given by Gerry Hussong and Ken Buckley, who did an excellent job on the presentation and report. Preceding our meeting, we had dinner, prepared by the Brothers (and our wives); it was very good. Thank you all.

We had a group of Brothers from Mt. Morris deliver the Traveling Gavel to our Lodge. Now it is ours to deliver in our District.

On February 16th, we will be hosting a School of Ritual at Nunda Station. Phoenix and Nunda Station will be doing the work of the evening, which will be the 1st Section of the 1st Degree.

Looking ahead, the Annual Youth Talent Show is in the works.

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

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Our combined *Masonic Development Course* Program with the Genesee-Wyoming and Monroe Districts has been another great success this year. We had close to 30 Brothers attending from our three Districts. The sessions were very lively and everyone participated. I thank W.: Mike Grady for Co-Teaching the sessions with me. Special thanks goes out to our Grand Lodge Staff Officers, R.: W.: George Todd, R.: W.: Mike Nohle, R.: W.: Wayne Patridge and R.: W.: Joe Shanks for all their efforts in organizing and keeping us all "on track." We could not have done it without them!

Now with the *MDC* "behind us," the *Road to the East* Program is picking up steam. There are three classes scheduled for February. The *RTTE* is another solid Masonic Learning Program that is indispensable for any Brother who is, or will be, involved in the various areas of responsibilities of his Lodge. If you have any questions, please contact R.: W.: Joe Shanks.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

The 2009 Have-a-Heart Campaign is starting and Brothers are once again manning the booths at our regional shopping Malls. This year's Campaign is drawing on more and more Brothers from the surrounding Districts. Many thanks to all the Brothers from Livingston District who have committed to participating in the Have-a-Heart Campaign and helping out at the various booths. This

is an amazing program and I am grateful the Livingston District is able to help. I look forward to seeing you there.

R.: W.: Joe Shanks and I attended our first Dual Lodge School of Ritual with Avon Springs and Eunice Lodge. The work of the evening demonstrated by the Brothers, under the watchful eye of our AGL, R.: W.: Roy Moses, resulted in a very informative evening. It is my impression this new format for our Schools of Ritual is going in a solid direction. I want to congratulate all the Brothers who attended and were able to participate.

**District Association Meeting**

I am sending out this reminder to our Masters, Wardens, Officers and Brothers that the Livingston District Association meeting for February is on Monday, February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. and is being held at Mt. Morris Lodge. The Association Vice-President, W.: Rick LaFave, will need your attendance numbers for the dinner that will be starting at 6:30 p.m. It is important that you plan to attend to learn what the other Lodges in our District are doing, plus we always have an excellent dinner!

I want to mention another very interesting educational resource for our District. I highly recommend the *Masonic Reading Program*, being coordinated by the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library. This incredible program is open to any Master Mason. There are multiple different courses for all levels of "Masonic Knowledge." I am currently reading the "Worthy and Well-Qualified" Course and I know of a few Brothers in the District who are taking some of the other courses. The books they send for reading are amazing and often very difficult to put down. I can also say enrollment in the program is very simple. I have a few booklets available for Brothers to use to sign up or

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Winter is half over and I hope are all well, cozy warm and having a safe Winter season.

Visits by the GDC R.: W.: William Valois have started and are going well. Please try to attend your Lodge on the nights of his visit. He has a lot of valuable information about our Educational Programs and is willing to assist everyone who is interested. If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions feel free to contact him.

#### Grand Lodge Trip

We have 20 rooms reserved at the Milford Plaza and almost half are full. If we fill all 20 they will give us an additional room free for the Hospitality Room. Reservations and deposits are due ASAP. It would be great to see every Lodge in our District represented.

#### Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is well under way and your sup-

port is appreciated. If you have any questions please contact your Lodge Brotherhood Fund Representative.

The O/S/Y Charities have rented the Lodge at Powdermill Park on February 15th. They plan on having a picnic. Please bring a dish-to-pass and your own place setting. Hotdogs and burgers will be provided. You need not be a member to attend. This is just a fun gathering for all. The more the merrier.

#### Upcoming Dates February

2nd - GDC Visit Canandaigua Lodge, Shortsville  
3rd - GDC Visit Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, Phelps  
9th - GDC Visit Dundee Lodge, Dundee  
10th - 3rd Degree Pocahontas Lodge, Seneca Falls  
12th - GDC Visit Geneva Lodge  
15th - Picnic at Powdermill Park  
17th - GDC Visit Farmerville-Union Lodge, Interlaken  
18th - GDC Visit Ark Lodge, Border City  
19th - GDC Visit Seneca Lake Lodge, Dresden  
24th - GDC Visit Pocahontas Lodge, Seneca Falls

#### March

4th - O/S/Y Meeting at Canandaigua Lodge, Shortsville  
10th - GDC Visit Eagle Lodge, Honeoye

went home with bottles of wine and another eight with beautiful centerpieces. About twenty dollars was raised for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund by way of contributions from the Instant Game Tickets enclosed in each of the Christmas cards given to Brothers and guests. The catering was done by Club 86 and was, as usual, excellent. Thank you to Tom Abraham for his part in lining up the church and arranging for the catering.

The Christmas bell ringing and food distributions went well with Brothers from both Ark and Geneva Lodges participating. Thank you to everyone.

By the time this news is sent to you we will, hopefully, have had a Card Night at Rob Schwarting's and will be in the last stages of getting ready for a Valentine's party on the 14th of February.

#### Degree Work

The 2nd Degree was scheduled for two Entered Apprentices for January 21st. We will proceed with the 3rd Degree as soon as possible. We also have a Petition on the Secretary's desk from another potential Candidate.

#### Masonic Anniversaries

February is the Masonic Anniversary for the following Brothers:

1949 - Raymond Smith  
1950 - Maurice Bittman  
1964 - Robert Kane  
1978 - Ed George

Spring will be busy. I hope to see many of you at meetings in this coming year. Remember to send someone a Valentine. "

### Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

1st & 3rd  
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As we enter into a new year, we continue to make improvements to our Lodge. New batteries have been installed in all of our emergency lighting systems and all fire extinguishers have been checked and approved. We will also be installing exhaust fans in both bathrooms.

This, my Brothers, is just a small portion of the much-needed work that must be done to maintain our Lodge in good working order. It all costs your Lodge money to do these projects. I know times are hard, but donations are needed to help offset these costs. Dinners, alone, are not enough. I am asking all Brothers to make an effort to help support our Lodge in these tough economic times. Your check payable to the Lodge or cash donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.

At our first meeting in December, we were honored to have our District Deputy Grand Master make his Official Visit. R.: W.: Ronald A Galens, representing the Most Worshipful Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, delivered the Grand Master's message. We had a wonderful turnout for his Homecoming with 41 Brothers present. A dinner was prepared by Royal-Garoga Eastern Star Chapter. Thanks to Worthy Matron Donna Gibbs and her staff for preparing such a fine meal.

Don't forget Game Nights at the Lodge. They are held the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month until further notice. They start at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome; just bring a snack-to-pass. Also, Lodge meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month with the first meeting being Pot Luck Supper (dish-to-pass) at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge and hope everyone had a joyous and healthy Holiday Season.

#### From the Secretary's Desk By Clayton Ruggles, Secretary

We note with sadness the passing of Brother Elmer Smith on October 18th and Brother Aaron Dell on October 21st.

Dues Notices have been sent. Brothers are reminded to do their utmost to remain current and not put themselves in danger of being dropped for non-payment of Dues.

#### December Birthdays

We send belated December birthday greetings to Brothers John Bowles (1st), Brian Walti (7th), James Piper (13th), Gary Yancey (14th), Jerome Phillips (17th), Everett Grimsley (21st), Ronald Galens (22nd), William Lally Jr. (25th), and Ernest Day (30th).

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

#### January Birthdays

We send January birthday greetings to John Walti (7th), Elliott Schocken (15th), Tim Piper (17th), Dave Smith (21st), Bruce Andrews (22nd), Tom Hudson and Stephen Leroy (26th), and Scott Upchurch (31st).

#### January Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in January:  
1975 - William Amber and Kenneth Overslaugh  
1996 - Robert B. Taylor III and Barney Wandell  
1997 - William Sergeant  
2002 - Carl Carlson, Todd Ruggles  
2004 - Stephen Durso and Brian Walti

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We are now in the middle of "Old Man Winter" and hope all our Brothers are doing well. We would love to hear from all our "Snowbirds" and out-of-town Brothers - how you are doing and what you have been up to. Drop a line to one of the Brothers in the Lodge that he can share or mail us at - Eagle Lodge No. 619, PO Box 92, Honeoye, NY 14471. We hope to hear from you.

Remember we only meet once in February and at our February 10th meeting, R.: W.: Terry Leonard will be presenting a program on "Freemasonry and the American Revolution."

The Official Visit of R.: W.: William Valois, Grand Director of Ceremonies, has been changed to March 10th.

Our Brotherhood Fund Drive is going well and we are meeting our goals for 2009. Thank you.

We are getting teams together for the Have-a-Heart Campaign, in support of the local Ronald McDonald Houses, to work at Eastview Mall between January 31st and February 14th.

We have a Chicken Bar-B-Que set for Memorial Day. Encourage all your friends and relatives to have chicken that day! There will be more information on this as the time comes closer.

### Milnor Lodge No. 139



2nd & 4th  
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Due to health concerns of two of the key workers, this is the first February in 54 years that Milnor Lodge will not provide a Turkey Dinner in Victor. This has been our largest fundraiser; we usually served over 400 meals for the citizens of the Victor area. The Brothers thank everyone who helped make this dinner a success and all of our loyal customers. There will be a dinner in May; details will be announced.

#### Sad News

It is my sad duty to announce that Brother Willard Bastian, a 27-year member of Milnor Lodge and Past Treasurer, laid down the Working Tools of life on January 6th. A Masonic Service was held.

#### Sickness and Distress

Brother Kenneth Wilson is home, recovering from several mini-strokes. Brother Clayton Barnard is home from a brief stay in the hospital. Brother Jim Hartz will receive a new hip on March 10th.

#### Don't Forget

Please remember the Brotherhood Fund and contribute as liberally as your circumstances permit.

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

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February has always been one of my favorite months. The days have been getting longer for a while - always a lift to the spirits. The air is still cold, crisp and invigorating, but yet interspersed with days of warmth, teasing us with thoughts of the coming Spring. You can almost feel an upwelling of nature getting ready to burst forth with new life from its snowy cloak.

As my year as Master of Ark Lodge moves forward, I can also feel more and more the vitality of our Brotherhood getting ready to burst forth in new dimensions, if not directions. A number of Brothers have spoken to me with suggestions to make our Lodge a more vital part in the community and the Brotherhood. Slowly, I'm working to act on those ideas in order to keep the light of Freemasonry burning as brightly for the next 200 years as it did in the first.

#### Happenings

We had a great turnout for the Christmas party. Over 60 Brothers and guests came to the event. What was very heartening was that in attendance were Brothers from several Lodges, not just Ark Lodge. Eight people

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

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Monday — Friday  
9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.



2009 Damascus Shrine Divan (front row, left to right): Oscar Wilson, Gary Burke, Richard Friedman, Paul Gleason, Bruce Chilton, Lee Coller, Thomas Vasile, Terry Wihlen and William Gross. (Back row): Sean Noonan, Kevin Faro, Kenneth Milner and Eric Lubberts.

By Bruce D. Chilton, Potentate

As I write this article we are facing the coldest weather we have had in six years. It's fun to be in New York in the Winter! The positive thing is that your Divan is accomplishing far more than I would have imagined at this early stage. There seems to be a true TEAM effort and we all seem to be firing on the same cylinders. We have agreed, as a group, that we are going to be a Team and work together.

#### Organizing the Facility

We have the business of the Shrine Center and we are biting into that. We had a good meeting with the Bodies who rent from Damascus Shriners. Issues were discussed and solutions to problems needing resolution have already been put in place.

We are organizing the whole facility ... We gave one of the pianos away and are making space in the areas that need it. The kitchen looks great and a check system to keep it that way has been put in place. Jobs have been created so we have certain individuals in charge of designated

tasks. Lance Ward has donated hours of work to organize the Office at the Recorder's request.

We have donated the van, that was used to transport kids to Erie, to Allepo Temple in Massachusetts. We just weren't using it enough and they have a real need so it was a win-win.

Our goal is to quickly get the business side in order so it runs like a business; then we can do what you elected us to do and that's to concentrate on the Fraternal side.

As simple as this may sound, we have decided to make an increase in membership our goal. The Membership Team, consisting of Gary Burke as the Chairman and Eric Lubberts as the Vice-Chairman, are very active. They will be thinking of you in all their efforts and causing awareness of what the Shrine of North America is and does for you as well as the community. They have a goal of 9% in '09. Is it possible? You bet it is and the first thing they are going to do is have two Noble Bring-a-Friend Nights.

One will be on April 4th and the Ceremonial will be on May 9th. These are BOTH Saturdays.

#### Ceremonial Schedule

The Fall Programs will be done the same way. It is the Membership Committee's feeling (and the Divan agrees) we short-change our new Nobles by rushing them through a meeting night Ceremonial. They don't feel special that they are joining the Greatest Philanthropy in the World and that is going to change in '09. There will only be two opportunities to become a member of Damascus Shriners and that will be at those two Ceremonials. There will be NO other obligations done during this year.

The details on the Ceremonial will be forthcoming, but start asking potential Candidates now. I, personally, already have a couple committed to coming. The men you ask do NOT have to already be Masons as our program is designed for both Masons and non-Masons. Their spouses will be invited, also. Watch the News, listen to the Representatives at

the Clubs and Units and check out the Website for details.

#### Upcoming Events

Due to a scheduling conflict, Pete Bowers, our Hospital Transportation Chairman, had to cancel as guest speaker at our February meeting, but we have put together a program you will enjoy. We are going to open the Internet and show you first-hand what benefits you can have by using the Shrine Saver Program. Time permitting, we will also bring up the Damascus site and show you how to make RSVPs and use the other available features. Again, time permitting, we will show you how to use the Calling Post Program and how to refer to these exciting programs from your home.

February 28th - For the Euchre players, the Wheelers will be holding a Euchre Tournament at the Shrine Center.

March 21st - will feature a Monte Carlo Night, which Tom Vasile is Chairing

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming months. Until then "Think of our kids and God Bless."

## Charles R. Walczak Named Administrator at Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie



By Bob Howden

Charles R. Walczak, an Erie native with extensive health care administration background, has been named the new Administrator of the Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie. He succeeds Richard W. Brzuz, who retired as Administrator January 2nd after 22 years of service. Walczak will begin his duties on February 17th.

Walczak, 48, comes to Shriners Hospitals from the University of Pennsylvania Health System where he serves as Director of Strategic Planning for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) and Clinical Practices of the University of Pennsylvania (CPUP). In that role, he has been responsible for leading and facilitating strategic planning and business development, and ensuring the successful completion and adoption of strategic and tactical planning.

Walczak also spent three years as Executive Administrator of the Women's Health Care Group of PA, in Oaks, PA, and Academic Urology in Wayne, PA, both large physician practices serving the Philadelphia region. He also served as Vice-President of Orthopedic and Neuroscience Services at Main Line Health Systems in Bryn Mawr, PA.

Prior to moving to Philadelphia, Walczak spent 14 years at Hamot Medical Center in Erie, most recently as Vice-President of Operations. He also served as Hamot's Executive Administrator for Orthopedic, Neuroscience and Surgical Lines.

Walczak earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management and a Masters of Business Administration Degree, both from Penn State University. He also holds a Certification in Leadership De-

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# PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The Perry Shrine Club had a great turnout for the always-popular Christmas Party at the National Hotel with 29 Shriners, friends and spouses attending (see photos). Much was accomplished.

The Annual Elections were held. The Officers for 2009 are:

- Edgar Hollwedel, President
- Robert Cox, Vice-President
- Russell Gillette, Treasurer
- Alice Anderson, Social Secretary

In other action, the Club voted to give \$650 to the Build-a-Bear Fund at the Shriners Hospital for Children - Erie. Another check for \$1,800 was given to Robert Anderson, PP, our Erie Hospital Representative, by Howard Wood, closing out a Hospital account.

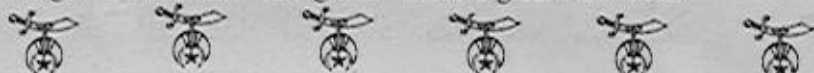
Also, individual gifts and an auction and raffle generated \$322. The grand

total given to the Hospital that night was \$2,772. That's what Christmas is all about! It IS more blessed to give than to receive. More fun too!

The monthly programs were outlined by the members who volunteered for each month. It looks like a great year ahead.

The February 26th meeting will be held at the Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant in Perry. The program will be presented by Gary Burke and will be about the many successful results seen at the Shriners Hospitals. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. with dinner starting at 7 p.m. Friends and spouses are ALWAYS welcome.

I hope you noticed our meeting schedule for 2009 printed in the January issue of the *Damascus News* for your convenience. Also, check the Damascus Trestleboard elsewhere in this Section. Have a great New Year.



## SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten

Nobles and especially any members who are still around who used to be with the PATROL, should be interested ... while looking in our upstairs storage area, members of the 2009 Divan came across an old parade banner which is now hanging in our Shrine Room. The Patrol banner is in its rightful place where all may see it.

I remember stories of the Patrol hav-

ing two full Platoons of Nobles marching in the parades. Sadly, that era is no more, but the Patrol Banner is still with us. I did not even know we had one and it really is beautiful. It's done in the Shrine colors and measures approximately 2.5 feet high by 10 feet long. Seeing that we are taking in more younger men, maybe we can revitalize the Patrol and outfit them with more up-to-date uniforms than before.



Edgar J. Hollwedel, 2009 President and wife Mary Louise



Robert P. Cox, 2009 Vice-President and wife Vicky



Howard Wood, Past Vice-President and Joyce Kelly



Russell E. Gillett, 2009 Treasurer and wife Mary



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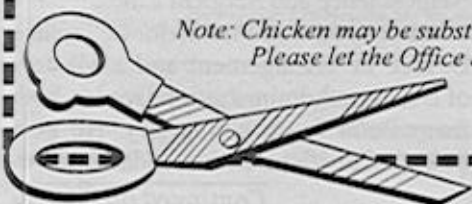
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Dinners include Salad, Coffee and Dessert

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

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

By Andy Rueby



### Erie Administrator Continued from Page 11

velopment from Gannon University/Leadership Erie. During his tenure at Hamot, Walczak volunteered with a variety of community agencies including The Achievement Center, The Greater Erie YMCA and the United Way of Erie.

A Diplomate in the American College of Healthcare Executives, Walczak is a Board member of Healthcare Leadership Network of the Delaware Valley, a member of the Medical Group Management Association and a former Board member of the Council on Accreditation for Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs.

"I am very pleased that Chuck Walczak has accepted the position of Administrator of the Erie Shriners Hospital," said Wayne J. Lachut, Chairman of the Hospital's Board of Governors. "He brings a unique combination of experience in strategic planning and executive management, along with a keen understanding of orthopedic medicine and healthcare operations. He clearly possesses the skills needed to lead our hospital."

Walczak returns to Erie with his wife Anne-France Walczak, M.D., and their daughter, Gabrielle.



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### Calendar Winners for December

DAY	NO.	WINNER
12/1	578	Genia Agee
12/2	652	Roxanna Crysler
12/3	302	Paul Schenck
12/4	500	Joseph Wood
12/5	565	David Kilmer
12/6	839	Donna Parthemer
12/7	408	Charles Ashley
12/8	628	Cheryl Saroodio
12/9	283	Damascus Shrine
12/10	858	Damascus Shrine
12/11	931	Allen Shotwell
12/12	151	Doug Albert
12/13	067	Guy Kio
12/14	047	Sarah Lamont
12/15	330	Damascus Shrine
12/16	659	Ken Horn
12/17	903	K. Nichol
12/18	060	Linda Zahn
12/19	198	Deborah Shanks
12/20	013	Terry Boutwell
12/21	886	Mary Gillett
12/22	451	Fred Corlone
12/23	248	Guy Ferrelli
12/24	796	Damascus Shrine
12/25		CHRISTMAS
12/26	799	Damascus Shrine
12/27	675	Cherie Clark
12/28	970	Don Devine
12/29	781	Doug Albert
12/30	705	Damascus Shrine
12/31	012	Tom Shafer

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# Springfield Hospital Report



By Ken Pollard

Programs and activities continue at a high level at the Shriners Hospital for Children-Springfield. The number of new patients continues to be in the top 20% of all Shrine Hospitals and the total number of outpatient visits remain in second place behind only the Mexico City Hospital.

One would think that with these statistics we would be happy, but the truth is, we need more patients.

### Patients Needed

Even with the renowned reputation of Shriners Hospitals, we do not get the number of patients we want. We could help more children if we could just get them to apply for our services. Each one of us needs to look a little harder to find those in our community whom we could help.

I often think of the late Felix Green of Wolcott, NY. He was a tiger when it came to getting children to our Shrine Hospitals. Felix could, and did, take the extra step to ensure that any child who would benefit from the services of our Hospitals got the medical attention they deserved. I heard Roland Orbaker, and the late Meryl Baker and Mark Buckman, at the Wayne County Shrine Club meetings, speak in admiration of the efforts

and the results that Felix was able to achieve. Today, we need more Felix Greens because we need more children for our Hospitals.

With the current economic downturn, our Hospitals are carefully keeping tabs of expenses and cutting costs whenever possible. When you realize that our Annual Hospital Budget is over \$800,000,000 for the 22 Hospitals in the Shrine System and the number of Shriners is decreasing, it means that each one of us, and each Shrine Center, has to step up to the plate and carry our fair share of the costs.

### Think Outside the Box

I hear people talk about being "creative" and developing "new techniques" to help solve today's challenges. We Shriners have to be creative, ingenious and think outside the box to develop a source of funds to help our Doctors and Nurses continue their work.

In talking with more knowledgeable people on the subject, I learned that other National organizations have, in the past, sponsored Hospitals that are no longer in business. We cannot let this happen to our Shrine Hospital System. It is time for all Shriners - individually and collectively - to address this important issue and take action to solve it.

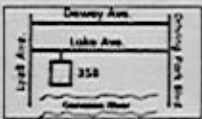
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## CANANDAIGUA SHRINE CLUB

By Harry Dainty

The Canandaigua Shrine Club met at Cheap Charlie's Restaurant in Bloomfield in December, with 27 in attendance.

Elections were held. The new Officers are: Harry Dainty, PP, President; Jim Slocum, Secretary; and Todd Statt, Treasurer.

For the year 2009, we will be having speakers at our meetings and the meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of every other month, as directed by our By-Laws at this time. We will be looking for suggestions for different places to hold our meetings and also for fundraising projects to help support the hospitals.

Our next meeting will be on February 17th at Cheap Charlie's in Bloomfield, 5:30 p.m. - Social Hour; 6:30 p.m. - Dinner. Our guest speaker will be Andrew Ventura, who is Justice of the Peace in East Bloomfield. Ladies are invited. Wear your Fez and come and have a good time with us.



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## DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom

### Join Us!

The Directors Staff had a good year in 2008. We enjoyed many good dinners together and all Nobles are welcome to join the Directors Staff Unit. If you are a new Noble you are welcome to come out to some of our dinner meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We support the Divan and help set up for meetings, dinners and support the Degree and skit presentations.

### Convention

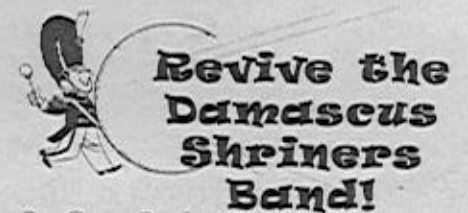
The Shrine Directors Association Convention and Seminar will be held at Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday, March 25th through Saturday, March 28th. The headquarters hotel will be the Hilton at Easton with rooms reserved at \$149 per night plus tax. All Nobles and Ladies are welcome to attend this fun Convention. Transportation will be provided from the Airport, the hotel and to all events.

Some of the planned activities are:

- Wednesday evening a Tailgate Party.
- Thursday there will be a Columbus Sports Tour - the Jack Nicholas Museum and a tour of the Ohio Stadium, followed by a Pig Roast that evening.
- Friday will be Skit / Stunt Presentation Day, followed by the President's Banquet in the Ballroom. Skit books are available for \$15 each.
- The Convention will end Saturday noon after several meetings and Election of the Board of Governors.

Registration forms should be mailed by February 15, 2009. If you would like to attend the Convention or want more information, contact Director Lee Coller, Sr. or go to [www.shrinedirectors.com](http://www.shrinedirectors.com).

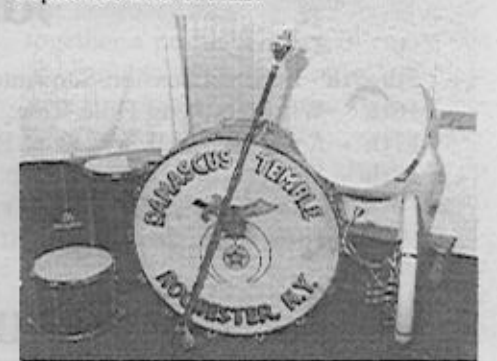
Until next time, God Bless.



By Gary Burke

Ill. Bruce Chilton, Potentate, wants to, amongst other things, revive our Damascus Shriners Band. To do this, he and several Nobles have asked Noble Frank Russell to undertake this project.

Frank is asking all Damascus Nobles who play an instrument to give serious consideration to this fun activity within our Temple. If any Noble plays an instrument reasonably well, you are encouraged to immediately call the Shrine Office (585) 671-7701. Please leave your name, address, telephone number, instrument, and whether you have the instrument. Our Shrine Center has souphones and drums.



As soon as the responses indicate an adequate instrumentation, Frank will call the group together to discuss rehearsals, uniforms, music and any other matters of interest to the musicians and to the Divan. We all want to ensure we have fun and represent the Shrine Center well.

Ill. Bruce Chilton, Potentate, asked the Nobles to seek new members for our Temple from the Blue Lodges. This would be an excellent time to urge those Master Masons who play an instrument to become a Shriner. They would have a ready-made role awaiting them.



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







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





## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2009

### FEBRUARY

-  2nd - Divan Meeting, 7 p.m.
-  4th - Shrine Meeting, 7 p.m.;  
*What does the Shrine and Damascus have to offer you?*
-  7th - Florida Snowbird Picnic-Port Charlotte, FL, 11 a.m.
-  11th - Legion of Honor, Shrine Center; 5 p.m.-Social; 6 p.m.-Dinner
-  17th - Canandaigua Shrine Club; 5:30 p.m.-Social; 6:30 p.m.-Dinner;  
Cheap Charlies, Bloomfield
-  24th - Wheelers Meeting
-  25th - Directors Staff
-  26th - Perry Shrine Club Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Hole-in-the-Wall
-  28th - Wheelers Hog Degree & Euchre at the Shrine Center

### MARCH

-  2nd - Divan Meeting, 7 p.m.
-  4th - Shrine Meeting, 7 p.m.
-  21st - Monte Carlo Night (Tom Vasile, Chair)
-  25th-28th - Shrine Directors Association Convention; Columbus, OH
-  26th - Perry Shrine Club Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Lumberyard
-  30th - Divan Meeting, 7 p.m.

### APRIL

- 1st - Shrine Meeting—April Fool's Day, 7 p.m.
- 4th - Noble Bring-a-Friend and Table Lodge
- 19th - Wheelers - Skin & Steel
- 23rd - Perry Shrine Club Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., BW's Restaurant
- 28th - Wheelers - Dinner & Bike Blessing

### MAY

- 1st & 2nd - NYOSA-Lake George NY
- 4th - Divan Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 6th - Shrine Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9th - Lilac Parade—9 a.m. Call Out!!
- 9th - Spring Orientation and Ceremonial
- 28th - Perry Shrine Club Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Hole-in-the-Wall
- 30th - Erie Hospital Day
- Cruise Nights, 5-8 p.m. Friday Nights ...  
15th and 29th

### JUNE

- 1st - Divan Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 3rd - Shrine Meeting, 7 p.m. (Potentate's 60th)
- 20th - Wheelers Bike Ride, Chicken Bar-B-Que; Eagle Lodge, Honeoye
- 25th - Perry Shrine Club Ladies Night, 6 p.m., Silver Lake Golf Club
- Cruise Nights, 5-8 p.m. Every Friday Night ...  
5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

### JULY

- 5th-9th - Imperial Session/San Antonio TX
- 16th - Wheelers Poag Hole Ride; Poags Hole
- 17th - *Roar on the Shore*; Erie, PA
- 29th - Wheelers Pig Roast, Camp DeMolay
- Cruise Nights, 5-8 p.m. Friday Nights ...  
10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

### AUGUST

- 8th - Wheelers "Ugly Run" and Motorcycle Rodeo
- 15th - Clambake at Shrine Center
- 31st - Divan Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Cruise Nights, 5-8 p.m. Every Friday Night ...  
7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

### SEPTEMBER

- 2nd - Shrine Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12th - Wheelers 2nd Annual Niagara Falls Ride
- 19th - Noble Bring-a-Friend
- 24th - Perry Shrine Club Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Lumberyard
- 25th & 26th - NYOSA; Lake George, NY
- 26th - 12 a.m. Party on the Cabana
- Cruise Nights, 5-8 p.m. Every Friday Night ...  
4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

### OCTOBER

- 3rd - Sportsman Raffle at Shrine Center
- 3rd - The Ball in the Fall; Geneva
- 5th - Divan Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 7th - Shrine Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17th - Orientation and Ceremonial
- 22nd - Perry Shrine Club Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Hole-in-the-Wall
- 24th - Wheelers Halloween Party at the Shrine Center

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!!!

## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

### Successful Holiday Party

Did you make it to the Christmas Party? There were many there from the Auburn Club to help celebrate the Holidays.

Harry Dainty picked up one of the many door prizes. Hey, Harry, buy a ticket next time!

Ted Tennant was a winner again. That guy seems to know when to buy tickets. Not really; Ted is an "easy mark" when it comes to helping out others. Last year his prize was donated as a fundraiser for the Shrine Hospital.

Bruce Christopher and his wife Kathy greeted us as we entered the door. He, Kathy, Paul and Sandy Schenck were taking everything in at the perfect spot.

Gerry Stanton and Heidi were certainly enjoying the evening. I guess he is easing his way into being our Past President. He was at the table with Ted, Ken and Beulah Pollard, and others.

Bob and Marilyn Coleman danced the night away. They were winners also, well not them necessarily, but their dog, Molly, was well fed for a week.

Ron and Judy Wilson were at another table with a bunch of yahoos. Good to see you got back from the North Country in one piece.



Harry Dainty, Past Potentate of Damascus Shriners, was one of the winners of the door prizes at the Annual Geneva Shrine Club Christmas Party held at Club 86.

Don Heath was another notable at the affair. If I forgot to mention anyone it is probably because my mind is still dazzled by Santa (sorry Oscar, more than likely it was Mrs. Claus). Check out the pictures that captured this outstanding event!

February looks like a Valentine's Party. Plan ahead.



At the Annual Holiday Party for the Damascus Shriners, Bob Anderson, Sr. was presented with his 50-year Award as a Shriner. His son, Bob, Jr., was honored to pin his dad.



At the January meeting of Auburn Shrine Club, the club representative, Tom Vasile, speaks to a capacity room of Shriners.

### 2009 Damascus News Boosters

Bob & Betty Anderson  
Bill & Diane Anderson  
Bob & Alice Anderson  
Bryan & Cynthia Anderson  
Chapin Blake  
Stuart Brickman  
Ken & Mary Buckland  
Lee & Sue Coller  
Lucille Cooley  
Dan & Marie Emerson  
Delbert and Jean Fix  
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Franklyn Ghysel  
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Terry & Jo Carroll Wihlen



**2009 Damascus Membership**



By Gary Burke

Nobles, it's never too early to get a Candidate's name and contact information to the Membership Team or the Recorder's Office.

Oh, you say he's not a Mason ... Well get him a Petition to your Lodge, then when the time is right, a Petition for the Shrine. Always remember that we are Shrine Masons and strong Blue Lodges will make for a strong Shrine.

**Save the Dates**

And start working on those Petitions!

**Spring 2009**

**April 4th** - Noble Bring-a-Friend Program

**May 9th** - Spring Orientation and Ceremonial

**Fall 2009**

**September 19th** - Noble Bring-a-Friend Program

**Damascus Legion of Honor  
Meeting Notice**

**February 11th**

**at Damascus Shrine Center**  
979 Bay Road, Webster

**Social Hour - 5:00 p.m.**  
Cheese & Crackers - Cash Bar

**Dinner - 6:00 p.m.**

**Fish Fry**  
French Fried Potatoes  
Coleslaw  
Rolls & Butter  
Dessert

**\$8 per person**

**RSVP no later than**  
**February 9th at 436-8216**

**October 17th** - Orientation and Ceremonial

*Members, our most important asset!*

**Membership goal for 2009 is**  
**"9 in '09" ...**

- 9% increase in our General Membership
- 9% increase in Club and Unit membership
- 9% increase in Retention Rate
- 9% Restoration

*Will you do your part in making it happen in '09?*

**Shrine Wheelers Unit Install New Officers  
Past Presidents Carry on the Tradition**

By Richard Ponticello, Past-President

Wheelers installed the newest President, Jeff Jolley, on January 10th. The Wheelers are famous for good food and frolic. Both were had on this cold Wintry night.

Jeff promises a year of rides and unusual fun. He plans on having an overnigher and Dance Ball. The dress attire will be in Wheeler fashion - Leather and Lace. We all look forward to the night. We wish Jeff good luck and party on.

The Wheelers exist for no apparent reason but to help kids walk.

By Jeff Jolley, President

My thanks to everyone who worked to make the Installation a success and also to those in attendance.

I believe we're going to have a terrific time this year with some great events planned.

This year we'll be hosting the first-ever Wheelers Ball, "The Ball in the Fall," along with many rides and other events.

Details of all meetings/events will be posted on our website and sent to everyone's email, as well as in the *Damascus News* (in the *Masonic Times*).

**Upcoming Events**

Our first, regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 24th (location to be posted).

On Saturday, February 28th, we will feature our Annual Hog Degree/Chili Cookoff/Euchre Tournament at the Shrine Center, beginning at 4 p.m.

Again, thank you and I look forward to working with you in the year to come.



Jeff Jolley and significant other, Barb, at the Wheelers Installation.



Past Presidents line up in support of new President. Front row (l-r) Bruce Chilton, Jeff Jolley, Andy Rueby and Rick Ponticello. Back row (l-r) Kevin Burke, Ed Malchoff, Kevin Faro and Tom Perrone.

**February Birthdays**

Terrence Adams	Robert Helmes	David Riddervold
Jeffrey Amering	Richard Henderson	Rodney Rittenhouse
Bryan Anderson	Scott Herzog	William Samar
William Anderson	James Hess	Matthew Sansone
Robert Black	Donald Hockenbrock	Albert Schnabel
William Boyd	Richard Hodges	Dale E. Shatzer
George Bracht	Robert Hunt	Douglas Spencer
Glenn Brown	H. Douglas Jones	Herbert Spencer
Richard Budgeon	Ben Keel	William Spillane
John Cambareri	Donald Krech	Ernest Swan
Lawrence Canfield	Joseph Lorah	Dayne Tharrett
Richard Chapple	James Miller	James Toogood
Fred Diritro	John Miller	James VanHouten
Wallace Farnsworth	John Mosher	James Vansickle
George Fogarassy	Michael Nohle	Wayne Wagner
Maurice Guinup	Fred Nortor	Donald Walzer
Ralph Hansen	Theodore Peck	Lawrence Wetherbee
Gerald Harrell	James Pray	John Wihlen
James R. Hart	Ryan Reese	Mark Wishman

**SHRINE SAVERS**  
OFFICIAL MEMBER BENEFIT PROGRAM  
A.A.O.N.M.S.

By Gary Burke

**"Did you know? ..."**

Here are some testimonials from Nobles who have utilized the ShrineSavers Program:

"I happened to be booking a room for March 16th in Kansas City. I called the hotel and the price was \$74 before taxes. I booked through the SHRINE\$AVERS and the rate was \$44. I'm impressed."

*Alan Kindall, Abou Ben Adhem*

"I was traveling for the TRAC committee, and used ShrineSavers to book my room. The Days Inn quoted \$179 per night; through ShrineSavers it was \$109 per night, and when checking in, I was upgraded to a suite at the same price!"

*Stephen Padgett, Yaarab*

"So far this year, I have saved \$521 in travel expenses thru ShrineSavers. This savings is 10 times what my Annual Dues are to my Shrine Temple."

*Darrell Sartin, Wahabi*

"Our newly adopted 2-month-old son had some health issues and the medical prescription was not covered by insurance. The monthly cost for his ONE prescription was \$261, but by using ShrineSavers, it is now only \$146 - a saving of \$115 per month, or \$ 1,380 per year! What a savings just by being a Shriner! I can't understand how any Master Mason can afford not to be a Shriner with savings like this! Spread the Word, "ShrineSavers is the best thing since our Hospitals first opened" and we now have a program that gives immediate benefits to joining the Shrine. Hey, if your sons, grandsons, brother, uncles, etc. aren't Shriners, inform them about the prescription benefits, that might be the ticket to get them to join us!"

*Stephen Padgett, PP Yaarab,  
Regional Membership Director,  
Region 12  
TRAC Specialist  
PILOT Crew Chief*

"I have kept careful records of my use of ShrineSavers for the past 12 months. To date, I have saved \$604.10 and will save more this Holiday Season."

*Calvin Smith, Aladdin*

"The discounts through ShrineSavers are GREAT!! As Public Relations Chairman of MELHA, the Testimonials are being shared with ALL of our Nobles. THANKS!!"

*Jerry Begley, Melha*

"My wife and I recently applied and subsequently approved for long-term care insurance coverage. We had been kicking around the idea of applying for this type of insurance for almost a year and finally made the decision to apply. The agent who worked with us was extremely helpful and had a lot of knowledge about long-term care and long-term care insurance. We had just finished completing our application and the long-term care insurance specialist was walking towards the front door about to leave when turned around and said "you wouldn't happen to be a Shriner would you?" I said no but I think my father is. He told my wife and I that the company with which we just applied is endorsed

by The Shriners of North America and Shriners and their extended family members automatically qualify for a 10% premium discount. Well, I called my father right then and asked if is still a member. He said "Son, I've been paying my Dues for 50 years." That phone call is saving me \$300 a year on my premiums. Thank you ShrineSavers."

*Bob in Weatherford, Texas*

"We needed approximately 1700 square feet of tile to replace some worn out carpet in our Shrine Club. I called Rashann Bryant at Commercial Flooring Group for our needs. We had some tile that had been installed a few years ago in the front of the club. Mr. Bryant asked for me to send up a sample of the other tile. He matched the price we got locally per square foot, included shipping and the tile we received was a very close match to what was laid down a few years ago. The quality was good and Mr. Bryant was very easy to work with. I would definitely recommend him and his company."

*Arthur Allison, Second VP, Clay County Shrine Club, Morocco Temple*  
It pays to be a Shriner!



## Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Joins Erie Hospital's Medical Staff

Bob Howden, MS  
Director of Public Relations  
Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie

Mary Jane Smalley, MSN, CRNP, has joined the Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie Medical Staff as a Pediatric Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, seeing patients in the hospital's Outpatient Clinic.

An employee of the Erie Shriners Hospital since 1995, Smalley first worked as a Staff Nurse on the Inpatient Care Unit, then as a Nurse Care Coordinator. She has also worked at Hamot Medical Center in Erie and at Childrens Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Smalley earned her BSN Degree from Penn State University, Shenango Campus, and her MSN Degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program. She is licensed as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner in Pediatric Primary Care, and is certified by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board in Primary Care.

As a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, Smalley will be working closely with the hospital's physicians, treating children with a variety of orthopedic medical conditions.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a one-of-a-kind international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment at no charge - regardless of financial need. Shriners Hospitals relies on the generosity of donors to deliver this mission every day. For more information, please visit:

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

## In My Own Words...

By Mary Kate Maneen, New York

When parents see their newborn baby for the very first time, they always count fingers and toes. Unfortunately, for my parents, they counted all ten fingers, but on one foot there were five toes and only three on the other. Through further examination, the doctors informed my parents I was not only missing some of my toes, I was missing the fibula in my right leg.

My parents were devastated and did not know what to do with the situation they were handed. They went to several doctors and one mentioned Shriners Hospitals for Children in Springfield, Massachusetts. My mom worked with a woman who was very involved with the Shriners organization and said she would be happy to sponsor me so I could receive care at Shriners Hospital.

### Shriners Hospital Stepped In

I started going to Shriners Hospital when I was six weeks old. I had surgery to amputate my right foot and was walking normally with a prosthetic leg at fourteen months old. When I was younger, I always wanted to run around and play with my older brother and just be a normal kid.

Today I am a Junior in high school and play varsity soccer, volleyball and softball. In soccer, I have made the CSC All League First Team my Sophomore and Junior year. In volleyball, I made the First

Team All-Star in my Junior year, and I was an Honorable Mention for softball All-Star Team for Sophomore year.

If I had not been referred to Shriners Hospital, I would never have been able to run and participate in sports like other kids.

I also like to sing and participate in many music activities, such as Select Chorus, which is an all-girls chorus and in my high school musical productions. I have made All-County Chorus many times and the All-State Chorus two years in a row. Last Fall, my choral class and I performed for the patients, families and staff at Shriners Hospital. It was such a great experience, we want to do it again.

I also do public speaking engagements for area schools and colleges on perseverance and courage. I tell the audience that, even though I am missing a leg, I can still lead a normal life and do things just as they do. I find public speaking to very rewarding and always get very good feedback.

### Indebted to Shriners Hospital

Everything I've achieved in my life I owe to Shriners Hospital. Everyone I have ever dealt with has treated me and my parents like family members. I have grown close to many of the staff. Earlier this year, I made a radio commercial to help promote the Hospital. This was an honor for me to be able to share my experience at Shriners Hospital with people all over New York and New England.

## Planning Ahead ...



**135<sup>th</sup> Imperial Session**  
**San Antonio, Texas**  
**July 4-7, 2009**

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Convention Headquarters Hotel on the River Walk  
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## Shriners Hospitals Helps Dallin Lead an Active Life



Thanks to the care provided at the Salt Lake City Shriners Hospital, Dallin is able to enjoy outdoor activities like four-wheeling and horseback riding.

"You know, I'm feeling good about saddling up Gypsy tonight," 11-year-old Dallin said with a smile.

His mother, Daralyn, smiled back. "We'll see," she answered, glancing out the kitchen window to the pasture where the family's horse was sleeping.

What made her happiest about her son Dallin's statement were the words, "I'm feeling good."

These are special words, since Dallin was not able to walk six years ago, much less ride horses. But, because of the care he receives at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Salt Lake City, he's able to count horseback riding among his favorite activities.

Dallin was born prematurely and with Cerebral Palsy. When he was two years old, a family friend who worked at the Shriners Hospital suggested they apply for their son to receive treatment there.

"We didn't know a lot about Shriners Hospitals, so we figured they wouldn't accept us because we made too much money," Daralyn explained. "But that's one thing the hospital makes very clear - they don't care how much money you make or what you do. All they care about is taking care of the kids."

Dallin was accepted and began treatment, which, over the course of nine years, has included twelve surgeries. Kristen Carroll, M.D., Dallin's orthopaedic surgeon, has lengthened tendons in his legs, put screws in the bones in his feet and provided other treat-

ments to increase his mobility. Each surgery is followed by extensive physical therapy, two or three times a week for several weeks.

It's a lot of work, to be sure, but the careful attention the family receives at Shriners Hospital makes the process a positive one. "Dr. Carroll and her staff treat Dallin as if he were their own son," Daralyn said, adding that it's the little things that make Shriners Hospital such a special place. "There's no question in my mind that Dr. Carroll really cares about her patients. In fact, everyone at the hospital treats you like family and makes sure that all of us are very well taken care of."

This extraordinary care enables Dallin to go about the business of being a typical 11-year-old boy: riding motorcycles and four-wheelers, playing with his dog, Kotah, and riding horses, which is actually part of his therapy, as it relaxes his tendons and teaches him to balance.

And while motorcycles aren't as therapeutic as horses, they are every bit as fun for Dallin, who has followed his two older brothers into racing. Even if he tips the four-wheeler over once in a while, competing is worth it for Dallin, because he likes the trophies.

Do incidents like that worry Mom and Dad? "Oh, no," Daralyn said. "He does pretty well, he's pretty stable. We've done it for so long that it's just another day."

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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



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### Upcoming Events

On February 2nd we will have a Board of Governors Meeting at 7 p.m.

The Have-a-Heart Campaign, to raise money for the local Ronald McDonald Houses, is here again and Lalla Rookh Grotto will be at The Mall at Greece Ridge on Tuesday, February 10th, from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. This year we are making it a family event, so bring your family to help out on this fundraiser.

Call me at 594-2189 and let me know when you can volunteer. Sports jacket, slacks and your Fez are all you need to volunteer for this worthy cause.

February 18th - Free dinner with 2009 Dues Card. All dinners will start at 6 p.m. unless noted. Must have a reservation. For reservations, call Bernard Lazerson by February 12th. ❧

### Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

We are entering a new year of activity to keep alive the spirit of good fellowship. Contrary to my January article, and because of sickness, PM Jan Lughart is going to stay in the position of Chief Justice during 2009. Prophet James E. Toogood has been installed as Monarch of our Grotto.

Ron Morthorst, PM, has automatically become President of the Past Monarch Group. If you are in need of a Petition, contact Brian Bills or the Grotto Office and we will get one to you.

#### Sickness and Distress

It becomes my sad duty to report the passing of Robert Young, PM, on January 7th, 2009. He was initiated May 20, 1970 and served as Monarch in 1978.

Edna Hutchinson has again spent more time in Rochester General, due to a recurring infection after surgery. We wish to thank all for their thoughtfulness, cards and prayers.

If you know of any member who is sick or in need of aid or our sympathy, contact any of our Officers.

The next Grotto Meeting will be February 18th. If you haven't come to a meeting in awhile, you will be pleasantly surprised at our fine Line of Officers, and the friendly atmosphere of our meetings. ❧

### ENCHANTED LANTERN



Since the last issue of *Masonic Times* was printed we had a change in Officers for 2009.

## Lalla Rookh Grotto New Officers for 2009

Monarch  
Chief Justice  
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Secretary  
Treasurer  
Venerable Prophet  
Marshal  
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Chaplain  
Orator  
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## Grand Historian



Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

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### Caldron News

By Donna Laundry, MCO

Greetings and Happy Valentine's Day to all. Why not take the opportunity to tell someone you love how much you care. It might make their day.

It was cold outside but a cozy gathering in the kitchen as 11 members braved the scattered flurries and wind to join together in the (Spencerport) Masonic Hall for a dinner and fellowship prior to our January meeting. At the meeting, which followed, we made modifications for those who were not able to be there.

## Will You Have Enough Retirement Income?

Watching your budget and taking fiscally prudent means to ensure you can ride out these turbulent times is something all of us must face. It is not just retirees who are faced with the perils of economic uncertainty. Countless baby boomers are beginning to think about retirement and the appropriate steps necessary for ensuring long-term financial security and that of their family. Everyone is beginning to realize that guaranteed sources of income such as social security, pensions, savings and investments may not be enough and are seeking a higher rate of return. Others may desire more tax-free income during retirement.

If you fit into either scenario, a Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Gift Annuity to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory may help you increase your retirement income by providing you with a fixed guaranteed rate of return for the rest of your life and that of a love one. In addition, you will be entitled to certain tax benefits. Single annuitant rates are currently paying between 5.7% and 10.5%.

Including charitable giving as part of a well-rounded financial and estate plan, may provide you very attractive options you did not know were available. For more information and a free personal annuity illustration, please contact the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory's Development Office at: [development@mmrl.edu](mailto:development@mmrl.edu) or call, toll free: 1-888-888-MMRL

**A Special Note to Lodges...**  
This Program is endorsed by

the Grand Lodge of New York. We believe this Program be of great interest to our retired Brethren, spouses and baby boomers in light of the financial climate and economic uncertainty. A Masonic Charitable Gift Annuity provides a higher rate of return than many fixed assets, a handsome guaranteed income for life and provides a legacy gift in support of the MMRL's life-saving medical research as well as benefiting our Grand Lodge.

We also ask you to consider promoting the MMRL impact movie link to the Craft. We could reach a far greater audience if every Brother embedded that link in all their emails. What a wonderful way to promote the Grand Lodge of NY and the life-saving research of the MMRL via the internet. ❧

## A Warm Masonic Tale

A tale of Masonic men, in the Old West, surrounding a campfire at night were discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently and finally spoke up. "I can tell you more about Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everybody stand up and gather in a circle around the campfire." They did that.

"Now, everybody, hold hands with the man next to him." They did that, too.

"Now, what do you SEE looking ahead?"

"The face of a Brother through the flames."

"What do you FEEL in front of you?"

"The warmth of the fire and the comfort it brings on a cool night."

"What do you FEEL at your side?"

"The warm hand of a Brother."

"OK. Now drop the hands, and turn around."

They do so.

"Now what do you SEE, looking ahead?"

"Complete darkness."

"What do you FEEL, looking ahead?"

"A sense of loneliness, of being alienated."

"What do you FEEL at your side?"

"Nothing at all."

"What do you FEEL on your backside?"

"The warmth of the fire."

"So it IS with Masonry," said the old man.

"In Masonic gatherings, you can FEEL the warmth of Masonic interaction, you can SEE the face of a Brother through the light Masonry brings to you and you can always FEEL the warm hand of your Masonic Brother."

When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the world, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother. But Masonry, and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you."

Author Unknown ❧

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory  
Chapter Rose Croix  
Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection



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

### "Toys for Tots" and All-Masonic Holiday Parties – A Tremendous Success!

We had an excellent turnout for the "Toys for Tots" and All-Masonic Holiday Party on December 12th and 13th (see accompanying photos). Friday evening featured a home-cooked Spaghetti Dinner prepared by our own Brian Bills, 32° DSA.

An active-duty Marine Corp Officer was on hand both days to receive over 90 toys on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corp "Toys for Tots" Program. On Saturday there were all kinds of activities for the kids – "Make your own Cookies," "Make your own Bird Feeder," face painting, a "Special Delivery" Santa's Mailbox, and, of course, Santa himself (aka Greg Ludwig, who had been working on perfecting his Santa beard for months!).



Everyone had a great time! Special thanks for all who helped make both events a success - Brian Bills, Greg Ludwig, Don Tubman and the AASR Council of Princes of Jerusalem Officers Line, and the Officers and members of the Lalla Rookh Grotto.

### New Storage Location for Costumes and Properties

As previously mentioned, the Valley of Rochester has entered into a long-term lease with the Damascus Shriners for storage space for our costumes and properties. The preparation of the space has been completed and all costumes and properties have been moved. As you can see in the accompanying photos, many hands make light work and a lot of fun!

Special thanks to everyone who volunteered Saturday mornings to "lend a hand." The new storage facility will allow us to organize and lay out the costumes for each Degree like we could at the Downtown Temple. At the next meeting, feel free to ask one of the Officers for a tour of the new facility.



### AASR Degree Series in Full Swing

The 14° Grand Elect Mason was presented on January 15th, directed by Joseph Bourcy. Cast members were Robert Pedersen, Michael Morris, Mike Fazio, George Foehner, Craig Mollon, Terry Adams, Rick Howe, Tom Goodrich, John Lehmke, John Faro, Gary Cranker, David Taber and Gordon Hubbell.

Don Tubman was scheduled to direct the 15° Knight of the East on January 29th. Cast members included Don Tubman, Rick Howe, Phil Hurwitz, Mike Fazio, Jim MacConnell, George Nasra, Mike McBride, Derek VanHouten, Evar Miller, Brennan Coon, Greg Ludwig and Brian Bills.

Both casts and directors always do a wonderful job! Thank you for the time and care you take in preparing for your parts. It is this care and energy that makes the Degrees inspiring and meaningful for the new Class and for our members as well.

Rick Howe and John Zabel handle Staging and Lighting; Costumes and properties are the responsibility of Jim Slocum, Mike Dox and Norris Shapiro. Thanks to everyone who participated in and contributed to the January Degree conferrals.

### Upcoming Programs

#### Valley of Rochester Reservations:

Phone: 264-1160 or email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org

#### Have-a-Heart Campaign AASR Day, February 12th

The Annual "Have-a-Heart" Campaign to raise money for the local Ronald McDonald Houses will be taking place from January 31st – February 14th this year.

The Valley of Rochester has signed up to staff the "Have-a-Heart" Booth at Marketplace Mall on Thursday, February 12th, from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. We are planning to have two shifts: 3 - 6 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m. Ide-

### AASR Valley of Rochester 2008-2009 Officers

<b>Rochester Lodge of Perfection</b>		<b>Rochester Council of the Princes of Jerusalem</b>	
Thrice Potent Master	Derek E. VanHouten, 32° DSA	Sovereign Prince	Donald A. Tubman, 32°
Deputy Master	Patrick J. Mulrooney, 32°	High Priest	Phil Hurwitz, 32°
Senior Warden	George Foehner, 32°	Senior Warden	Michael Fazio, 32°
Junior Warden	Gary Cranker, 32°	Junior Warden	Michael McBride, 32°
Orator	Sy Kopen, 32°	Master of Ceremonies	Greg Ludwig, 32°
Master of Ceremonies	Warren Doerner, 32°	Master of Entrances	Brian Bills, 32°
Captain of the Guard	Gordon Hubbell, 32°	Tiler	Peter J. VanElzakker, 32° MSA
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<b>Rochester Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix</b>		<b>Rochester Consistory</b>	
Most Wise Master	John Faro, 32°	Commander-in-Chief	G. Michael Morris, 33°
Senior Warden	Thomas Goodrich, 32°	1st Lt. Commander	Joseph Bourcy, 32°
Junior Warden	Eric Lubbert, 32°	2nd Lt. Commander	Kenneth R. Howe, 32°
Orator	David Howlett, 32°	Orator	James De Lorenzo, 32°
Master of Ceremonies	David Taber, 32° DSA	Chancellor	Dana Cline, 32°
Captain of the Guard	William Jones, 32° DSA	Master of Ceremonies	Joseph Oelgoetz, 32°
Tiler	Peter J. VanElzakker, 32° MSA	Engineer and Senechal	James A. Slocum, 32°
		Color Bearer	James Toogood, 32°
		Captain of the Guard	Michael Knolla, 32°
		Sentinel	Peter J. VanElzakker, 32° MSA

**Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children**  
3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 330, Rochester, NY 14618  
Office (585) 264-1690, Fax (585) 264-1692; Email: rochoctn@rochester.rr.com  
Ms. Ann Kaczka, Learning Center Director  
John W. Paul, Chair, Board of Governors

#### Allegiance

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:

III.: John William McNaughton, 33°	III.: Jim Scott Deyo, 33°
<b>Sovereign Grand Commander</b>	<b>Grand Lieutenant Commander</b>
III.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°	III.: Peter J. Samec, 33°
<b>Grand Minister of State</b>	<b>Deputy for the State of New York</b>
<b>Active Members for New York</b>	
III.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Past Deputy/New York	III.: David P. Spencer, 33°
III.: Frederick D. Greene, 33°	III.: Edward R. Trosin, 33°
<b>Active Emeritus Members for New York</b>	
III.: James F. Niehoff, 33°	III.: Bruce Widger, 33°, Past Deputy/New York
III.: Richard H. Welkley, 33°	III.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33°

**Secretary** William R. Lindsay, 32° MSA  
**Assistant Secretary** W. Craig Wright, 32°  
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**Deputy's Representative** III.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°  
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Office (585) 264-1160, (800) 858-2320; Fax (585) 264-1161; Email: valleyofrochester@gmail.com

### Membership Development and Retention – A "Contact Sport"

**Valley Goal** - Fifty members in this year's Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Class! ... but we need your help to make it happen. We are asking each member of the Valley of Rochester to do four simple, but highly productive, things this year to support the Valley of Rochester:

1. "Re-Member" the Blue Lodge. Contact men, who you know to be of good moral character, and invite them to attend a Bring-a-Friend Program at your Symbolic (Blue) Lodge;
2. Contact your Brothers, who are not 32° Masons, and invite them to a Scottish Rite Event. Prospective members are cordially invited to attend any of our Family Life Programs;
3. "Reach Out, and Say Hello," and reactivate Scottish Rite Brothers who have been inactive;
4. Attend as many Scottish Rite meetings, programs and activities as your Cabletow will allow. Each meeting this year begins with a social hour and dinner, followed by the program. Come join the fellowship, renew old friendships and make new ones!
5. "Who's on Your List?" Take the initiative, pick up the phone, make the calls, and come join the fun and fellowship of the Scottish Rite!

### Valley of Rochester 2009 Winter & Spring Program

February 12th – "Have-a-Heart" at Marketplace Mall; 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

February 14th – Valentine Dinner with our Ladies at La-Tea-Da Tea Room and Parlor  
258 Alexander Street  
Social Hour and Dinner – 6:30 p.m.  
Reservations Required

February 19th – "Explore the Rite" Night at Shrine Center  
Public Degree  
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner Reservations Required

February 21st – 16th and 18th Degrees Pancake and Sausage Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.  
Degree Conferral - 9:30 a.m.  
Breakfast is free, but Reservations are Required

March 19th – 4th and 12th Degrees at Shrine Center  
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner Reservations Required

March 22nd - Feast of the Paschal Lamb at Shrine Center  
Dinner Reservations Required

### Spring Reunions

April 16th – 14th Degree at Shrine Center  
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner Reservations Required

April 17th – 16th Degree at Shrine Center  
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner Reservations Required

April 18th – 18th, 26th, 31st and 32nd Degrees at Shrine Center  
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner Reservations Required

**Make your reservations On Time!**  
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity  
(585) 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320



ally, we would like to have at least 3-4 people during each shift. Brothers, spouses, kids and friends are all welcome and encouraged to participate. Make it a family affair!

To volunteer, please contact the Valley Office to sign up for a shift.

Thank you, in advance, for your commitment and support of this important and worthwhile community fundraising event!

**Valentine's Day with Our Ladies - February 14th**

Our special "Valentine's Day with our Ladies" Dinner will take place on Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14th, at 6:30 p.m., at the La-Tea-Da Tea Room and Parlor, located on the corner of Alexander Street and Park Avenue. Price - \$50 per couple. We are going to have a GREAT time! As you will see, La-Tea-Da provides a highly eclectic atmosphere. There are all kinds of different style hats for the ladies (and gentlemen alike). There will be live music, wine and the food is excellent! Space is limited to 50 people. So if you are interested in attending, please make your reservations early.

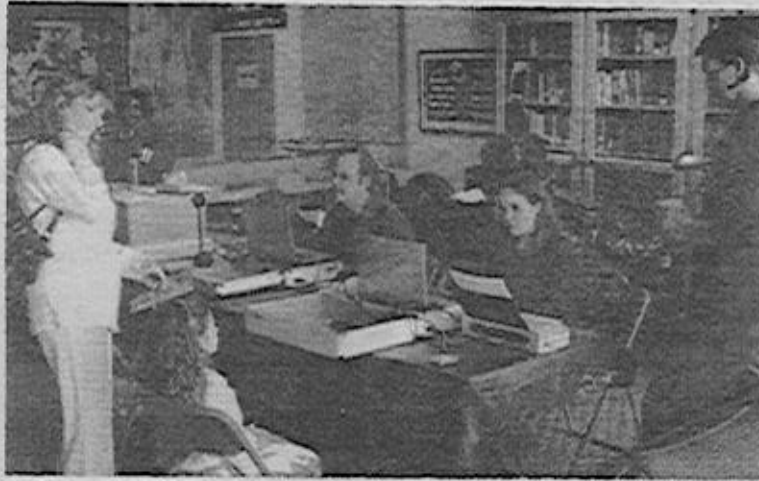
**"Explore the Rite" Night**

Here's your chance to introduce a worthy Brother to the Scottish Rite! The next "Explore the Rite" Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th, at the Shrine Center. Social - 5:30 p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m., Program - 7:30 p.m. The Dinner entrée will feature Chicken Cordon Bleu. **There is no charge for dinner for our guests and for our members who bring a guest.** Otherwise, the cost for dinner is \$12 each. Reservations by February 16th. As a special perk, "first-line" signers on new member applications will receive an attractive "32° Mason" ball cap, and will be recognized in the Scottish Rite Section in the April issue of the *Masonic Times*.

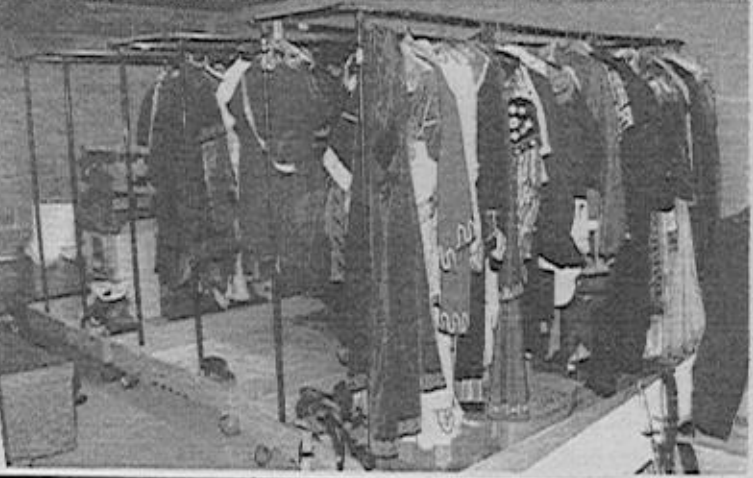
**18th Degree - February 21st**

The Conferral of the 18th Degree will take place on Saturday, February 21st, at the Shrine Center. A Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. and the Degree Conferral begins at 9:30 a.m. John Faro, 32°, will be the Degree Director for the 26th Degree.

There is no charge for breakfast, but reservations are required by February 16th. ✕



(Above) Child ID setup at the Shrine Center during the Children's Christmas Party. (Below) Three photos of the construction of the new storage space for the Valley of Rochester in the basement of the Shrine Center



**Ill.: G. Michael Morris Receives a Unique Christmas Gift**

By Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Deputy's Representative Valley of Rochester, New York



After you've experienced a visit to Camp Morris, you become aware of the fond association that both Ruth and Mike have for their two dogs, Maggie and Molly. Ruth was kind enough to provide a picture of the two dogs that was forwarded to national cartoonist Ill.: Brad Anderson, 33°, to see if he might put something together the Officers could present to their Commander-in-Chief. I'm sure you all recognize Ill.: Brad as the creator of the daily cartoon "Marmaduke." Ill.: Brad was kind enough to create this special gift that was presented to our Commander-in-Chief.

While attending our Supreme Council Session in Indianapolis in 2001, the Valley of Rochester was pleased that Brad and his wife Barbara joined our group for dinner one evening. Ill.: Brother Anderson is a member of the Valley of Jamestown and was the featured speaker at the 1999 Supreme Council Session in Atlantic City, NJ. We truly appreciate this special relationship and thank Ill.: Brother Brad for this special gift for our Commander-in-Chief. ✕

**2009 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, 2009 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**

**Scottish Rite**

**ROTC/JROTC Awards**

**Northern Masonic Jurisdiction**



**The Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, is again pleased to offer JROTC and ROTC awards to deserving cadets.**

**JROTC**

**Scottish Rite Junior ROTC Program for High Schools**

The JROTC initiative recognizes high school youth enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) with an award for their scholastic excellence and demonstrated ideals of Americanism. The award consists of a medal and ribbon to be worn on the JROTC uniform and a certificate suitable for framing.

**ROTC**

**Scottish Rite ROTC Program for Colleges/Universities**

The ROTC initiative recognizes second and third year cadets enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) with an academic standing in the top 25 percent of their class and who encourage and demonstrate patriotism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects. The recipient receives three recognitions: a certificate suitable for framing, a medal engraved with the Scottish Rite Double-headed Eagle, and ROTC Education and Americanism; and a ribbon which, like the medal, can be worn with the ROTC uniform.

**For Information**

To nominate a cadet, visit the Supreme Council Website at [www.supremecouncil.org](http://www.supremecouncil.org) and click on ROTC and then "submit this form."





# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District OES HiLights

**DDGM**

RW Christina S. Hampton  
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**DGL**

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By Christina Hampton

Now the Holidays are behind us, it's time to get back in the swing of things

R.W. Ken Milner, DGL, and I have made our first Official Visit to Nolatka Chapter where a new member was initiated.

The Line Officers met on January 10th and formed their Clubs.

They are off to a great start!

### Mark Your Calendar

February 14th - School of Instruction; 9 a.m. SHARP; Masonic Hall in Spencerport. Please wear street dress and encourage your Chapter members to attend.

### Upcoming Events

March 7th - Line Officers; 9 a.m.; Masonic Hall in Spencerport

March 7th - Combined Visit with Rochester, Leah and Corinthian-Fellowship Chapters; 8 p.m.; Masonic Hall in Spencerport

March 31st - Tri-District Meeting; Batavia

### District Project

#### Camp Good Days...

We hope you noticed Camp Good Days and Special Times booths outside the JC Penney Stores during the Holiday Season and purchased a kazoo. The Camp will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary throughout the year and their Planning Committee is hard at work planning many exciting activities and events.

One such event will be an evening with Ronnie Milsap, who ranks as one of the pre-eminent country soul singers of

his generation with 40, No. 1 hits and over 25 million records sold. This event will be held on Saturday, June 27th, which would have been Teddi Mervis' birthday. More information will be forthcoming on this event.

Congratulations to Mrs. Doris Taber (the mother of W. Nancy Taber) who turned 100 years young on January 8th.

We hope to see many of you as we begin our travels throughout the District and "may we never miss a rainbow or a sunset because we're looking down." ❧

### Monroe District All-Stars

By Beverly Murray, President

The first meeting of the year will be:

Thursday, February 26th  
7:30 p.m.

John Knox Presbyterian Church  
3233 Ridge Road West  
Rochester

Invite your Officers and Members to attend. Come share your thoughts and ideas.

### Support the Lilac Luncheon



Kicking off the 30th Anniversary Year ... Volunteers staff Camp Good Days and Special Times booth outside JC Penney stores during the Holidays.

We are currently selling Calendar Lottery Tickets for the Month of April. Donation of \$5 will allow you to pick your own three numbers, which will be compared to the evening num-

ber of the Daily NYS Lottery. Payouts will be mailed on April 16th and May 1st.

Get your tickets now! The proceeds will be used to offset the expenses of the Lilac Luncheon. ❧

## Corinthian/ Fellowship

Chapter No. 322

Order of the Eastern Star  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Wthy. Marilyn Israel, Matron  
Wthy. Robert Israel, Patron  
461-3254

Rt. Wthy. Beverly VanHuben  
Secretary - 647-1391

805 Blossom Road  
Rochester 14610

### The Installation

On December 10th, Marilyn and Robert Israel were installed again as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron in an Open Installation. Special guests were RW Faythe Mattern, Receiving Matron and R.W. Christina Hampton, District Deputy Grand Matron.

This year my word is "Faith" - Scripture reading is Hebrews 11:1-16. My motto is "Love One Another." Originally, my colors

were orange, blue and green. Through an interesting turn of typographical events, the orange got changed to peach, which is a soft and soothing color, as compared to the bold, bright orange. To symbolize America and this special year, I've added red, white and blue. My symbol is still praying hands and a sea shell.

I started the evening wearing a dress designed and made by Neelam Bajaj with material from Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. Later, for the Installation, I changed to a white sequin dress, purchased at Grand Sessions last Fall in Saratoga Springs.

I am forever grateful to Sister Kim Robinson, Nolatka Chapter, for our corsages and boutonnières.

The borrowed Crown from Sister Barbara Jean Smith, was returned. I met Barbara Jean in 1994, when I was a first-time Matron. Our paths have crossed many times since and I consider her a dear friend.

Around the time Barbara

and I first met, there was a lot of excitement as Grand Lodge and Prince Hall were working towards recognition of each other. In the article, "Grand Master's Town Meeting Accomplishes Goals," which appeared in the June 1994 issue of the *Masonic Times*, the Grand Master, M.:W.: Gary A. Henningsen, said in response to one Brother's question about Masonic unity, "I remind each of you there is no place on the Petition for a man to identify the color of his skin. Masonry has always considered the man's internal qualifications, his moral fiber and so it should. We must all recognize that in our urban areas, the demographics are changing. In New York City the population is predominately Black, Hispanic and Oriental. I would expect our Lodges to reflect this change. After all, our obligation is to take good men and make them better."

Wouldn't it also be wonderful if, in Rochester, our Fraternities could, as the Grand Master also

said, "march side by side in the grand parade." Barbara and I share a feeling that all Masonic Bodies in Rochester could be part of this parade.

As the Crown was returned to Barbara, I noted the single white rose and a red rose (I received for Valentine's Day 2008 from the Grand Hotel in Bethlehem) would remain at the foot of the Dais, symbolizing Double Hope.

Worthy Betty Reisinger on piano and Worthy Robert Israel on violin, played "I Would be True" and "How Great Thou Art" during the Installation. Our Line Officers are Barbara McMinn, Associate Matron; Arlene Lewis, Conductress; and Patricia Pearson, Associate Conductress.

There are a lot of challenges we face in this modern political, social and environmental climate, and yet, we have the technological achievements to make food, water and renewable energy available all over the world. As we have ended the Millennium of my

parents' generation, like the once and future king realm of King Arthur from the storybooks, I wonder what the world will look like in 3009. I am thinking there is hope and we will still have a planet, clean water, energy, shelter, education and health for the entire World.

I thank Corinthian-Fellowship for all the support this past year and look forward to a fruitful year ahead.

### Upcoming Events

February 14th - School of Instruction

March 7th - Combined Official Visit with Leah and Rochester Chapters; Spencerport. Rehearsal to be announced.

March 11th - Regular Meeting, Street Dress

March 25th - Regular Meeting, Street Dress

I end with a quote I saw on a bumper sticker, that I later found out was spoken by Jimi Hendrix - "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the World will know peace." ❧

## O/S/Y District OES HiLights

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RW Mary Ruggles

and

**DGL**

RW Clayton R. Ruggles

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The O/S/Y OES January gathering began with coffee, donuts and fellowship. During the mingling and greeting, Sister Roe Hornung assisted in selling raffle tickets for Angel-Themed baskets. The proceeds from the baskets will be divided equally among the three comfort care homes in our District and the Oriskany Foundation. Sister Dorothy Powers made

available District Angel Pins, which support the DDGM's Project; and the Red Sneaker Pin, which benefits the Grand Matron's Project ... the Shriners Hospital for Children - Philadelphia. There were also tickets sold for the Lighthouse Throws to benefit the Canandaigua VA and the Grand Patron's Wounded Warrior Project.

RW Clayton Ruggles led the Ontario/Seneca/Yates Chapters in our Annual School of Instruction the morning of January 24th. The "fine print" of Ritual aspects was highlighted, including the proper way to Install Officers, proper flag floor work, Balloting, Introduction of Grand Officers, and Draping of the Altar for the Memorial Service.

Royal-Garoga Chapter served a soup and sandwich luncheon. Worthy Matron Donna Gibbs headed the Committee, which included Sisters Jean Day, Marcia

Scherbyn and Mary Sherman.

The O/S/Y District Association of the Order of the Eastern Star met in the afternoon. The Installation of Brother Ron Kenville as President and Lori Gilley as Vice-President took place. RW Brother Phil Trautman was the Installing Officer.

Mrs. Gale Gould, Supreme Deputy in New York, and Kristin Yerke, the 2008 Grand Worthy Advisor, then presented a program on the how to establish a Rainbow Girls Assembly in the O/S/Y District. We are located between the Auburn and Batavia Assemblies, the nearest to our District. More information will follow on the formation of a new Rainbow Assembly. Advisors will be sought and a timeline established for setting forth on this new venture.

Remember ... *Maximum Fraternal Responsibilities Create Respectful Results.* ❧

## NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star

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

Matron

Wthy. Cynthia Nielsen  
889-4207

Patron

Wthy. Robert Crystal  
473-0279

Secretary

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings  
594-4692

Community Christian Church  
2647 Chili Avenue, 14624

By Robert Crystal

Nolatka Chapter was honored to have the District's first Official Visit at which a new member, Linda Ross, was Initiated. We met Linda on the Wine Country Tour and our Christmas party last year. Welcome, Linda, into our ranks; may you enjoy your membership.

Our newly installed Worthy Matron, Pat Dalykas, is planning a very active year. She has already had a Pie Party (and didn't the Patron waddle home that night!), a Decorative Bow-tying Demonstration and a wonderful Christmas Party. We invite not only Nolatka Sisters, but members of other Chapters to see what she has in store for us on other meeting nights.

### Special Project

Sister Tracy Dalykas, who runs the VOA Emergency Homeless Shelter for families, brought in pictures of the new shelter where she has spent so much time and energy getting set up for this Winter. She and her clients benefited from the Christmas Party. Instead of Secret Santa, we all brought in gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for her

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**Masonic Veterans Service**



**R. W. Thomas M. Paglia**  
Committee Chairman  
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Rochester, NY 14612  
227-2046

By Tom Paglia

**Going Home**

There is a time in your life when someone becomes part of you - a close relationship, kind of like family. This is what happened between this Veteran (who was a resident at the Canandaigua VA), Larry and Marge Hood, my wife, Cora, and me.

He arrived at the Medical Center about three years ago with a medical problem on his leg which required care. The first Sunday of each month, the four of us go to the VA for a Bingo Party and refreshments. We noticed him because he had a big smile on his face and greeted us with a big "Hello."

After each Bingo Party, he, Larry and I would sit and have a discussion about his military background (what Army outfit he belonged to, where he served, his family and his life, in general). He was always in good spirits - full of jokes, humor and many stories.

He was always in the room before anyone else, at the corner of his usual table and in his wheelchair. As soon as he saw us enter the room, his first remark was, "My friends have arrived." He would always want to greet Cora and Marge first, "How are my Sweethearts." This was always a ritual with him.

No matter what Ward Party was going on, he wanted to be there with us. He would always say that he never won at Bingo and would shout, "Mix them up!"

**A Change Began**

About six months ago, we noticed a change in him ... slow to give remarks or tell a story, or just not interested. His wish was to go home. He had not seen his family for some time because they live out of town. This is what happens when a Veteran goes into one of the VA Centers or State Veterans Home.

Every time we were with him,

he would say, "I am going home." Never "when," but he had a feeling he was heading for home.

Around Thanksgiving, he started to be his old self again - telling jokes, stories and full of fun.

At the December Ward Party, he was as happy as could be. He said he was going home and would win at Bingo. Sure enough, he won twice. Was he ever happy!

**A Blessed Journey**

The next time we went to play Bingo and have refreshments, I noticed he was not at his usual place. Sometimes he would leave to take medicine and I thought he would be back. I asked the Recreation Therapist "Where was my friend?" He answered, "Didn't I know?" He had told Larry, Marge and Cora, but they never told me that he had passed on to that Heavenly Celestial Home not made by hands ... He had "GONE HOME."

You can well imagine what happened to me. For a split second, life drained out of me just like when I heard about my very dear friend Harold Bollotin. When we go to the Ward Party, I still expect to see him.

I know that when he entered the Heavenly Home, he was greeted with the words, "Welcome home, your tour of duty is over; you have served well."

We will miss you, our friend. Farewell.

**A Marine Sendoff**

A farewell sendoff was held January 5th at the United States Navy Training Center on Paul Road for 55 Marines who will be heading out to Iraq for a Tour of Duty. Some of the Marines will be doing their second or third Tour. Altogether, there must have been 150 people for the Reception.

The Marines cannot say they weren't fed before Deployment.



(l-r) A Marine (name unknown), Mrs. Cora Paglia, Jim McDermott (VA Volunteer Staff), Luigi Campaniello, Dennis Gellasch, Emil "Moe" Schirano, 1st Lt. Cmdr. General John Borycki and a Marine (name unknown).



Mrs. Cora Paglia and Cmdr. Dennis Finucane (Masonic War Veterans) with people from the American Legion and other organizations helping to set up the gourmet buffet.

There were four tables with all kinds of food in the main hall. Also, in a separate Conference Room, three tables of desserts tempted the palate. A pizza store delivered 200 cuts of pizza, which was gone in five minutes and 140 more cuts were ordered. One thing that can be said about the Marines ... they love to eat. The festivities lasted for five hours.

The Marines also showed their skill in precision marching. A large group of Scottish bagpipers (friends of Henderson)

were in attendance. Grand Master, Edward G. Gilbert, of the Grand Lodge State of New York provides 2x3-foot American flags for each Marine to take with them to Iraq. The unit will be gone for 6-12 months or longer, according to the information I received from one of them. Their Tour of Duty will include Iraq and maybe Afghanistan.

To all the Marines, we wish them a safe Tour of Duty and will welcome them when they arrive back home.

**Thanks for Your Support**

The Canandaigua VA Medical Center, the Executive Committee, Veterans who are residents at the VA and Volunteers express their heartfelt "Thanks" to the Masonic Service Bureau for a generous donation of \$250 towards the Christmas and Holiday Fund.

These funds are used to purchase Christmas gifts and this year almost \$15,000 was spent towards the program to help make it a huge success. Approximately 150 volunteers wrapped 1,800 separate gifts for distribution for the Holidays. The only financial assistance the Executive Committee receives are from generous donors such as Grand Lodge, Masonic Service Bureau, Eastern Star Chapters, Lodges, Concordant Bodies, private companies and other organizations. The Federal Government does not provide funds.

There are seven members in the VAVS Executive Committee of which Larry Hood and I are members. To everyone who donates to the Christmas and Holiday Fund, we all wish you the best in 2009 and hope you will continue to give generously.



Presenting the check are (l-r) Marge Hood, Larry Hood, Robin Johnson (Director of the Volunteer Programs) and Cora Paglia.

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On December 16th, we were at the Canandaigua VA Hospital for the monthly Birthday Party. We had about 10 Volunteers who served cake and ice cream to the patients. They really had a good time. We were at the VA Hospital on the 21st of January for the monthly Birthday Party again.

**Veterans, Join Us!**

I invite any Mason who is a Veteran to come and join our Post. We are looking for diver-

sity! To be eligible for membership in this Post...

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- Also, you must have been Honorably Discharged from such service, or continue to serve honorably therein.

Our meetings are held at the Fairport Masonic Hall on Main Street in Fairport. We meet about eight times a year with the occasional party or parade along with posting colors at several functions, including when the Grand Master is in town. Our Membership Dues are only \$10 a year.

If anyone is interested, please call or come to our next meeting and we will be happy to answer any questions.

Our next meeting is on February 26th, at the Fairport Masonic Hall. Dinner is promptly at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting held at 7:30 p.m.

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**Nolatka Chapter**  
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Homeless Shelter. With the house fires that happened in early December and the closing of other shelters, Tracy's Emergency Homeless Shelter is full to the bursting point.

Tracy did a wonderful job of helping Santa find all the kids who moved since they wrote their letters to him, and Nolatka helped. Worthy Pat has made the Shelter her project for the year. We will be collecting gifts for the moms. We want to be able

to give every departing family a "Housekeeper's Toolkit." The idea is that as every family leaves, they should have a bucket, mop, broom, dustpan, a can of dusting spray or furniture polish, some dust rags, sponges, Spic-and-Span, 409 cleaner, Windex and paper towels.

If you see an Officer of Nolatka, or if you are coming to our meeting, be sure to have one of these items ready to give ... because you can believe, we will ask! (Of course, Tracy is always willing to accept a monetary donation.)

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# York Rite NEWS

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### Thank You!

I first thank those who took up the work in executing Cyrene-Monroe Commandery's Christmas Toast, as I was out of the country on business. I want to specifically thank Sir Knight and Reverend Charles Roberts for all that he did in making this Toast a success.

### My Trip Abroad

I went to all parts of the People's Republic of China - Shanghai, Ningbo, Guangzhou in the South, then finally to Beijing. I was amazed at all the decorating for Christmas. Yes, it was decoration in terms of the "Department Store" Christmas as opposed to the Christ-centered Christmas. But, maybe that is a start. Let's pray that Christ comes to those in the People's Republic of China. Religious freedom is starting to occur there, so who knows, maybe in our lifetime we will see Christ-centered Christmas occur in places like the People's Republic of China.

### Upcoming Events

We are focused on our Inspection that is planned for Monday, March 16th. With this in mind, I have planned business meetings (that allow us to Open and Close in Full Form) for all Official Conclaves leading up to this date. Additionally, I have scheduled practice on the following dates (Sundays) and times:

- March 1st at 3 p.m.
- March 8th, at 3 p.m.
- March 15th, at 3 p.m.

All rehearsals shall be conducted at our Asylum in Northfield Lodge Hall, Pittsford.

Easter is on April 12th this year. With that, "if" the Grand Encampment holds its Annual Sunrise Easter Service in Washington, DC, it will be scheduled around this date. However, due to the Grand Master's Edict to not hold Masonic intercourse with any organization of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, I do not know at this time that we will be attending. More to come.

Our Easter Observance is scheduled for Monday evening - April 20th. My hope is that we will have the Ladies provide snacks for the event. We will plan to begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. This will occur at our Asylum in Northfield Lodge Hall, Pittsford. More to come on the details.

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

### Philip IV of France (Philip the Fair)

As one of the personalities who had a direct influence on the fate of our Ancient Brethren, I thought I would present a short overview of Philip IV of France; also known as Philip le Bel (the Fair).

Born in the year of our Lord 1268, Philip IV, son and successor to Philip III, reigned as King of France from 1285 until his death on November 29, 1314. He was married to Joan I of Navarre. He was also known as Philip le Bel (or Philip the Fair in English). "The Fair" was for his handsome appearance, and by no means and nothing to do with his actions as King of France.

Due to a war with Edward I of England over control of

Gascony to the Southwest of France, squelching an uprising in Flanders, and other expansionist interests Philip had, his government was in considerable debt to the Knights Templars and other major banking institutions of the time.

To relieve this debt, Philip instituted less-than-honorable tactics. For example, he had Jews living in France arrested so he could seize their assets. Additionally, he taxed the clergy (never had that been done prior). Taxing the clergy put Philip in direct confrontation with the Vatican. Pope Boniface VIII issued a Bull, *Clericus laicos*, forbidding the transference of any church property to the French Crown, prompting a drawn-out diplomatic war with the King. With that, Philip invoked an assembly of Bishops (French), nobles and government ministers to argue his rights versus the Pope.

Philip emerged victorious, and thus sent his agent, William Nogaret, to arrest Boniface. Additionally, he railroaded the French Archbishop, Bertrand de Goth, as the next Pope... Clement V.

Finally, he was instrumental in establishing the Avignon Papacy, thus moving the head of the Roman Catholic Church from Rome to Avignon, France, where he could more easily control the Church.

With his puppet, Clement V, in place as Pope, Philip moved on the final organization that held much of his debt - the Knights Templars. Since the popularity of the Crusades had decreased, support for the Templars had waned, and Philip came up with a complaint of heresy in order to disband the Order, so as to free himself from his debts to them. On Friday the 13th of October, 1307, hundreds of Knights Templar in France were simultaneously arrested by agents of Philip the Fair, and later tortured into admitting heresy.

Supposedly, the Knights Templar were answerable only to the Pope, but since Clement V was

Philip's puppet, the Pope agreed to the Order's disbanding. Clement V did attempt to hold proper trials, but Philip used the tortured confessions to have many of the Templars burned at the stake before they could get to trial.

In 1314, Phillip had the last Grand Master of the Templars, Jacques de Molay, burnt at the stake in Paris. Legend has it that de Molay cursed both Philip and Clement V from the flames, saying he would summon them before God's Tribunal within a year. As it turns out both Philip and Clement died within the next year. The throne of France passed rapidly through Philip's sons, who also died relatively young and without producing male heirs. By 1328, Philip's line was extinguished, and the throne had passed to the House of Valois. \*

## Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, R.T. 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.



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Sir Knights, hopefully Winter is more than half over now. The first half certainly has been snowy and caused travel plans to be changed a number of times. February and March Conclaves will focus on preparing for our Annual Inspection in April.

Sir Knight James MacConnell, EM Grand Generalissimo, will be our Inspecting Officer. SK MacConnell is one of the Sir Knights who have taken drill competition seriously the last three years. I am sure he will be happy to discuss Drill Competition with you if you have any questions. He has volunteered to help us start if we can find a group of seven Sir Knights to practice regularly (once a week).

I enjoyed presenting a short talk on Knights Templar at Humanity Lodge's Concordant Bodies Night in January. I think it bodes well for us, that we are being talked about at Lodge meetings.

It will soon be time to turn in our aluminum collection for our Eye Foundation donation. If Sir Knight Ronald Edwards is not present, I will take your collected items and hold them for Ron.

At this time, we are still waiting to see if the Grand Commandery of New York will be allowed to participate in the Easter Service at Alexandria, VA, this year. That has become an annual trip for a number of people from Western New York, including Sagoyewatha members. Stay tuned for the latest developments with the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

I look forward to seeing you at Commandary on February 21st. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant, meeting at 9 a.m. \*

## Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered 1861) 3rd Wednesday



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Companions, in December there was talk of one or two Petitions to be presented possibly in January. We will put on the Royal Master Degree in February, if we have Candidates or we could exemplify it for practice.

We have not heard yet when and where the Grand Lecturer's Convention is going to be held.

We are planning a Table Council for our April Assembly. Those who attend will know of any changes by the talk at our Assembly, so I hope to see you on the third Wednesday at Pittsford. \*

## Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen

It's "Have-a-Heart" Campaign time and time to think about your own sweetheart. You had better do something or, believe me, you will spend the rest of the year paying for your thoughtless oversight. Have a heart, be kind to your sweetheart now and throughout the year.

### Charitable Contributions

Did you make a cash contribution to your favorite charity? Have you recently spent a weekend cleaning stuff out of your garage or basement that you then donated to a local charity?

Charitable contributions can be tax-deductible, but you must have the proper records to support your deduction. Due to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, the rules on record keeping for charitable contributions became a little more strict beginning in January 2007.

To deduct a charitable cash donation, regardless of the amount, you must have a bank record or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. Acceptable bank records would include canceled checks or bank or credit union statements containing the name of the charity, the date and the amount of the contribution.

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

Here are some additional tips to help you deduct your charitable contributions on your 2008 Federal Tax Return.

- Charitable contributions are

deductible only if you itemize deductions using Form 1040.

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

### Moving Expenses Related to a New Job

Did you recently move to another city for a new job or because your old job is now at a new location? A tax break may be coming your way.

How far you moved and the amount of time you spend on the job will have a major impact on whether you qualify for the tax break. Moves that are only short hops and jobs that are

short-term or part-time generally do not qualify. However, if you can satisfy the distance and time tests, then job-related moving expenses you incur may be tax-deductible.

You will meet the distance test if your new workplace is at least 50 miles further from your former home than your previous workplace was from that home. For example, if your old job was 5 miles from your former home, your new job must be at least 55 miles from that home.

The time test requires you work full-time for at least 39 weeks during the 12 months immediately after your move. If you are self-employed, the time test requires you to work full-time for at least 39 weeks during the first 12 months and for a total of at least 78 weeks during the first 24 months after your move. You can deduct your moving expenses on your Tax Return even though you have not met the time test by the date your Return is due if you expect to meet the 39-week or the 78-week test as required.

Reasonable moving expenses are deductible and include the costs of moving your household goods and personal effects to your new home. You can also deduct the expenses of traveling to your new home, including lodging costs.

Meals eaten while in transit between your old and new homes are not deductible as moving expenses. No part of the purchase price of your new home may be deducted as a moving expense. You cannot claim a moving expense deduction for expenses covered by reimbursements excluded from income.

### Upcoming Due Dates

February 15th - January Payroll Taxes

February 28th - Farm Tax Returns for those who do not Estimate their taxes

February 28th - Paper W2s and 1099s mailed to Social Security and IRS

March 15th - February Payroll Taxes

March 15th - Corporate Tax Returns

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



# In Memoriam

### Bastian, Willard F.

On January 6th, Willard Bastian passed away at age 81. His wife, Evelyn, 3 children and 3 grandchildren will remember his life. Willard was a member of Milnor Lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star, a 55-year member of the Grange and a member of the American Legion Post of Victor. No length of time can take away our thoughts of you today.

### Bennett, Leonard G.

On January 6th, Leonard Bennett, 86, said goodbye to his Earthly Home. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Esther, 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Leonard was an active member and Treasurer of Drumlin Square Lodge and Tri-Star Chapter, OES. He was an Air Force Veteran of World War II. His Masonic Brothers, Sisters and family will miss him.

### deRoos, John F.

John deRoos, 98, met his Maker on January 14th, leaving his son, 8 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren to remember his legacy. He was a 66-year member of Webster Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

### Dornsife, Herbert A.

We have just received word that Herbert Dornsife, 86, passed away November 26, 2008. Herb was a member of Union Star Lodge. He is survived by a daughter, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. May he find peace with the Lord.

### Hultman, Jr., Ivar N. "Les"

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Les Hultman, Jr. on January 7th leaving his wife of 62 years, Beatrice; 2 children and 2 grandchildren to remember him. Les belonged to Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

### Young, Robert W.

Robert W. Young, 83, went to the Celestial Lodge on January 7th. He is survived by 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He exemplified a very active life through membership and participation in Fraternal organizations and as a volunteer at Highland Hospital for more than 27 years. Robert was a member and Past Master of Union Lodge, 32° member of Scottish Rite, Past Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto and Past Patron of Lima Chapter, O.E.S. Bob was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II and member of the Francis M. Dalton American Legion Post in Lima. Bob will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

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### Widows to be Remembered

**Grover, Frances C.**, widow of Jack Grover (Craftsman Robertson Lodge), passed away January 18th.

**McCullough, Norma Jean** (70), widow of Warren McCullough (Fairport-Flower City Lodge), passed away December 16th.

**Moore, Clara** (104), widow of Damascus Shriners, passed away January 11th.

**Murphy, Flora** (91), widow of Edwin Murphy (Damascus Shriners), passed away January 10th.

**Pancoast, Frances C.** (87), widow of Leo Pancoast (Unity Lodge), passed away January 6th.

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<b>MARCH</b>	
1st	LIV - Bowl-a-Thon for Teresa House, Mt. Morris Lanes, 1 p.m.
4th	O/S/Y Meeting-Canandaigua
5th	Webster - Table Lodge
7th	OES Line Officers, 9 a.m., Spencerport
7th	OES Combined Official Visit, 8 p.m., Spencerport
9th	AARP Safe Driving Course - Session 1, 12-4 p.m.
9th	Unity - 3°, Spencerport
10th	Eagle (GDC), Honeoye
11th	AARP Safe Driving Course - Session 2, 12-4 p.m.
22nd	Feast of the Paschal Lamb at Shrine Center
23rd	Livingston District Association, Mt. Morris, Dinner-6:30 p.m., Meeting-7:30 p.m.
30th	Unity-Sponsored Blood Drive, Ogden Community Center
31st	OES Tri-Center Meeting, 7 p.m., Batavia
<b>APRIL</b>	
13th	Wakan-Hubbard, Morgan Incident
25th	Monroe District Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin Doors open at 11 a.m.
27th	Wakan-Hubbard, Non-Standard Opening for 1st & 2nd
<b>MAY</b>	
1st	Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet
2nd	Work Day - Open Camp DeMolay
4th & 5th	Grand Lodge, New York City
16th	Oatka Lodge Cornerstone-Laying Celebration
16th	Learning Center Walk @ Perinton Park
29th	Joint Investiture Service, Fairport
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
18th	Interfaith Service & Brunch, Shrine Center
23rd	Grand Lecturer's Convention, Fairport
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
1st	Work Day - Close Camp DeMolay



# BIG CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2009

**Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday**

Gem - Amethyst  
Flower - Violet

<p><b>1</b> "Have-a-Heart" Campaign through February 14th Families invited to participate.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Canandaigua-Shortsville, GDC RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto, Board of Governors, 7 p.m. <b>Shrine Lunch Club Groundhog Day</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, <b>Shrine Center</b> Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps, GDC Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Notakka, Starflight</p>	<p><b>4</b> Durain Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy <b>Damascus Shrine</b> OES - Liac Star</p>	<p><b>5</b> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford, 3° Webster, 1° Scottish Rite</p>	<p><b>6</b> Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m., \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street</p>	<p><b>7</b> OES - Rochester Chapter - Spencerport Road to the East - Eunice Lodge, Caledonia</p>
<p><b>8</b> Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds 11th and 25th 287 East Avenue, Hilton</p>	<p><b>9</b> ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport, 2° Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Dundee (GDC) <b>Shrine Lunch Club</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Sines, <b>Shrine Center</b> RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane Holmes, Brockport Pocahontas-Seneca Falls (GDC)</p>	<p><b>11</b> Oaka - Scottsville Webster - Fellowcraft Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship MDC-Eunice Lodge, Caledonia</p>	<p><b>12</b> Fame, Shrine Center Minor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron Genera (GDC) <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> <i>Daughters of the Aisle, Zama Temple - Fairport</i> OES School of Instruction, 9 a.m., Spencerport <b>Valentine's Day</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> OSV Charities Picnic, Powdermill Park Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner February 19th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye</p>	<p><b>16</b> Canandaigua-Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor School of Ritual at Nunda Station <b>Shrine Lunch Club-Ladies Day</b> <b>President's Day</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, <b>Shrine Center</b> Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Notakka, Starflight (Master Mason Night) Farmerville-Union, Interlaken (GDC)</p>	<p><b>18</b> Ark - Geneva Durain Square - Palmyra Livonia RSM - Dotc Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto, Shrine Center</p>	<p><b>19</b> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster Seneca Lake - Dresden Scottish Rite, Shrine Center Lalla Rookh Caldron - Executive Council</p>	<p><b>20</b> Lalla Rookh Grotto - Sweethearts Weekend</p>	<p><b>21</b> Road to the East - Eunice Lodge, Caledonia KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Lalla Rookh Caldron Birthday Celebration - Rick's Prime Rib House</p>
<p><b>22</b> <b>Washington's Birthday</b> Events at Shrine Center or Shriners' Events in this typeface. See <i>Damascus News</i> section for details.</p>	<p><b>23</b> ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City, 1° Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield, 3° Livingston District Association Meeting, Mt. Morris Lodge <b>Shrine Lunch Club</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> Seneca - Webster RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton Pocahontas - Seneca Falls</p>	<p><b>25</b> Oaka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon</p>	<p><b>26</b> Fame, Shrine Center Minor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter PostNo. 12 OES AL-Stars Perry Shrine Club</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> Road to the East - Eunice Lodge, Caledonia</p>

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