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## Darrohn Elected President of Hall and Home Trustees



Following the election or re-election of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home at the 228th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, R.:W.: M. Donald Darrohn III was honored by his peers by being elected President. He replaces the M.:W.: Richard Thomas, Past Grand Master, who was elected Trustee Emeritus.

An active member of the Fraternity for many years, Brother Don is the current President of the

Board of Directors of the Masonic Service Bureau. We extend our heartiest congratulations to him. Remarks from R.:W.: Darrohn about the duties and responsibilities of the Trustees follow.

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### Trustee Ramblings

By Don Darrohn

#### Who Are They?

There are nine Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund. All must live in New York State and be members of the Craft. Each year three Trustees are nominated by the Grand Master to serve for three years. After the conclusion of Grand Lodge each year, these nine Trustees elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They meet at least monthly, usually at the Utica site of the Masonic Care Community.

#### History

Historically, the Trustees have existed since the early 1800s; they were, in fact, chartered by an Act of the New York State Legislature in 1864. That Act was amended several times, the last being in 1923.

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## Grand Lodge Officers Help Oatka Lodge Celebrate Building's 140th Anniversary with Cornerstone Laying Ceremony

By William Flesher, Master

The history of a Masonic Lodge in Scottsville goes back over 185 years. Our Lodge purchased the present commodious brick structure on Browns Avenue in Scottsville in 1929. That building was originally erected as the new school building in 1869. While most cornerstones are laid at the beginning of the construction of a building, the original cornerstone of Oatka Lodge cannot be found, much like the White House in Washington, DC. Thus, it was decided to lay a new cornerstone to replace the one unbound stone. To mark the 140th Anniversary of our Building, the Brethren of Oatka Lodge prepared a historic celebration. This event was to include the Grand Master and members of the Grand Line to consecrate and commemorate our new cornerstone.

The earliest record of an official Masonic ceremony for a pub-

lic building was the laying of the Foundation Stone of the New Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Scotland, on August 2, 1738. On September 18, 1793, President George Washington officiated at the laying of the cornerstone for the United States Capitol building. It was a major event in the creation and development of the Federal City, a project very dear to the heart of George Washington. The Masonic Fraternity refers to it as one of the most memorable days in the life of George Washington, in the life of Freemasonry and of the United States.

Since I am sure many of you know that M.:W.: Edward Gilbert, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, is still recuperating from his surgery, Past Grand Master, M.:W.: Edward Trosin, presided over the ceremony. In addition, the Grand Lodge Officers present in the East were Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Vincent Libone; Grand Treasurer, R.:W.: Marino Cesarini; Grand Chaplain, R.:W.: Paul Gleason; and R.:W.: Paul Berrera, as the Acting Grand Secretary. Filling

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## Widows Luncheon ... Another Success!

By Herbert Spencer and Angelo DiCataldo, Co-chairmen

The sun was shining, the temperature was in the low 80s and it was a gorgeous day. What more can you ask from Rochester weather for the 22nd Annual Widows Luncheon?

The turnout was great. We had a total of 130 Widows and Brothers present. The ladies were dressed in their entire splendor for a wonderful activity.

"Thank You" goes out to many people. To Jan Porter, Masonic Service Bureau Office Manager,

who did such a great job coordinating the event from taking reservations, table assignments, name tags, favors and greeting everyone as they arrived. Jan, there aren't enough "Thanks" to be given.

Others who added to the day include, but aren't limited to:

- Joy Woodley for arranging for the corsages
- Damascus Shriners for their contribution to purchase the corsages

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## \$18K to Ronald's Houses



Judie Griffin accepts check from Gary Sanford, George Fohner (General Chairman) and Mark Hutton.

On a cool, sunny Sunday afternoon in late April, several Brothers gathered on Westmoreland Drive to present the check for the proceeds from this

year's Have-a-Heart Campaign ... \$18,000. This amount was 20% greater than 2008 and dis-

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Corsages for the ladies were courtesy of Damascus Shriners.

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# Damascus News see page 11



### Editor's Corner

A year ago, I opened this June column, "How many of the Masters felt like the song popularized by Frank Sinatra, "And now, the end is near; and so I face the final curtain..." I think this year's crop can say the same thing. There definitely is a sense of relief when the Annual Meeting rolls around and the elections for new Officers take place. This year is a slightly different story; nine of the thirteen Lodges have re-elected their current Master for another term or elected a Past Master to lead them for the 2009-2010 Masonic year.

So there isn't quite the same feeling. The positive side of their re-election is they have experience and know a lot more than they did the first time around. This may allow for them to improve on programs, Degrees other Ritual work and social activities.

As a multiple-term Master of my Lodge, I used to joke that "my Brothers made me do it until I got it right." The truth now, as then, is the Lodges really need help to continue to operate while new Masons learn the ropes. It takes time to learn the Ritual; it takes time to gain confidence in an Office; it takes time to move through the Chairs, and that is the only way to do it.

My experience has been that skipping a Chair (or Chairs) is a detriment in the long run. I suppose it is nice to have the commitment reduced in length, especially in these trying times. Once you have been through it all you are (for the most part) able to step in and fill almost any role in an emergency.

These men deserve more esteem and accolades than I suggested last year. An original plan for one year has become a two-year experience. The newness has worn off; maybe a few projects or programs didn't happen the way they had hoped, but they have not let that disappointment interfere with their intent to continue to help the Craft and their Lodge.

I urge you to help them out at every opportunity, attend your Lodge and support the Officers at meetings and events. Show them how much you appreciate what they have done and what they are continuing to do on your behalf. Yes, it might be a bit inconvenient for you on occasion, but think how inconvenient it is for them. The effort they put in; having to show up every meeting, within the length of their Cabletow, to administer their duties; any other Fraternity obligation they may encounter. It isn't easy on them, either.

Have a great Summer, and...thanks for reading. ✕

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The Act states: "The objects of the corporation shall be to build and maintain a Masonic Hall or Temple in the City of New York

### Cornerstone

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out the remainder of the Grand Line were R.:W.: Bruce Renner, Senior Grand Warden in the West; R.:W.: Thomas Mc Mullin, Junior Grand Warden in the South; R.:W.: Robert Finley, Grand Marshal; and R.:W.: Robert Servidio, Deputy Grand Marshal.

Honorable guests attending included R.:W.: Derek Van Houten, DDGM of the Monroe District; R.:W.: Michael Nohle and R.:W.: George Todd, Grand Stewards of the Monroe District; R.:W.: Charles Waterstreet, Grand Representative of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil; Sir Knight William Jones, Zone 11 Commander Knights Templar; R.:W.: John Gallant, DDGM of the Livingston District; the Honorable Michael Souers, Mayor of Scottsville; Honorable Linda Dobson, Supervisor of the Town of Wheatland; and many Masters from other Lodges.

The event began with the procession of the Grand Lodge Officers into the Lodge Room by tunes from the bagpipes played by Brother Pete Cormack. The M.:W.: Trosin raised the Lodge for the entrance of the Flag, which was presented by the Color Guard of the Masonic War Veterans, James A. Hard-Wayne Charter Post No. 12.

The Cornerstone was tested to be square, level and plumb. Following the acceptable passage of the trueness of the stone, the

for the meetings and accommodation of the Grand Lodge ... and out of the funds derived from the rent or income thereof ... to build, establish and maintain in the State of New York, an asylum or asylums, a home or homes, ... school or schools, or the relief, support and care of worthy and indigent Masons, wives, widows and orphans..."

### Responsibilities

Their responsibilities are numerous and I would suggest checking out their website at www.nymasonictrustees.org with the understanding that **some of the information is not current.** The two primary responsibilities are the Masonic Care Community and Masonic Hall.

The Trustees operate two, 19-story buildings at 71 West 23rd

Street. The 23rd Street building houses commercial office space and is currently fully rented. The 24th Street building houses the 13 Lodge Rooms and the Offices of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York as well as the Livingston Library. In addition, there are adjacent properties in New York City that are also owned and managed by the Trustees.

The Masonic Care Community consists of approximately 400 acres on the East end of Utica. The Home was initially opened in 1893. Many of the original buildings have been replaced by modern, state-of-the-art facilities.

Tompkins Memorial Chapel was dedicated in 1911; the numerous beautiful stained glass windows, including several by

Louis Comfort Tiffany, are always inspiring. The trustees have totally re-built all the residence facilities within the last 15 years. This effort was accomplished by expenditure in excess of \$100 million dollars.

Steps are currently underway to build a new boiler house and laundry.

If you have not visited the Home - Masonic Care Community - you should; it belongs to you.

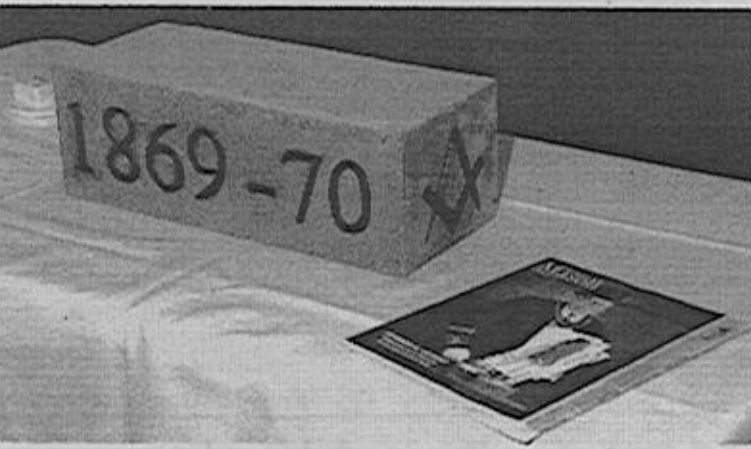
The Trustees are responsible for Round Lake - a 1600-acre site in Woodgate, New York. This is also where Camp Turk is held each Summer. The operation of the Camp was transferred to the Trustees last year.

The Trustees own and operate the George Washington Memorial Site at Tappan. ✕

consecration was performed with corn, wine and oil. The ceremony concluded with the reading of the list of items to be placed in the time capsule. An absolutely beautiful and stirring ceremony was followed by a wonderful dinner served by the members of the Lions Club of Scottsville.

A special thanks must go out to R.:W.: Don Tubman, Brother Brennan Coon, Brother Tom Nersinger, Brother Steve Phillips and all the Brothers of Oatka Lodge, because without their help this whole event would not have been possible. I also acknowledge the efforts of our Army Brothers who worked so hard in raising

money to help pay for the various expenses associated with this fantastic celebration and looked sharp in their dress uniforms at the ceremony. ✕



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### Warsaw Lodge Aids Fire Victims

By Dan Walczak

The Standera Family of Warsaw lost their home to fire last March. Mr. Standera stated a faulty ceiling light is the suspected cause. Fortunately, the family was not home when the fire broke out.

W.: Paul Royce, Jr., Master of Warsaw Lodge, set up a contribution jar at the Monthly Breakfast. Senior Warden, Joe Hess, who Chairs the Breakfast, motioned that the Lodge

match the donations. There was \$159 in the jar; the Lodge donated \$200. The family was invited to the Monthly Dinner before the May Stated Communication and was presented with a check for \$359 (photo below).

Keith Standera commented on the amount of support his family has received from the community and stated that the family was very fortunate to reside in a village where so many people offer a helping hand. ✕



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well as the entire membership, publish the **Masonic Times** and the Monroe District Masonic Directory, and assist with other programs as may be requested.

We believe every individual or organization who has generously donated to us, either through our

solicitation letter or directly to the Service Bureau, from mid-April, 2008, through our bank deposit of April 30, 2009, has been listed. Members who have contributed via the United Way Campaign will be published in an issue of the **Masonic Times** in the Fall. We should receive

the list of names from the United Way of Greater Rochester office sometime in August.

We apologize, in advance, if any name(s) have been overlooked or mis-spelled. Should you discover any errors or omissions, please bring them to our attention. Thank you all. ❧

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## Widows Luncheon

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- Ramona Dimino, Beverly Murray and Vicky Ball for helping pin on the corsages
- Rick Howe for providing the beautiful music for our entertainment
- The Color Guard of the James A. Hard-Wayne Charter Post, of the Masonic War Veterans for posting the Colors

- The Masonic Service Bureau for sponsoring this event for the many years
  - To the Masons of the Lodges who took charge of contacting the Widows and providing them with transportation as needed
  - Lastly, the Burgundy Basin for supplying us the bounty and nourishment of the day.
- We hope everyone enjoyed the day and thank you for being part of this event. We hope to see you all next year. ❧



Ladies picked up nametags and tickets at table in the lobby.



Part of the crowd attending the Widows Luncheon waiting for the activities to begin.

## Have-a-Heart

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plays the great generosity of the citizens in the area toward charities worthy of support, especially in a depressed economy. George Foehner directed the Mall Chairmen: Gary San-

ford at Eastview Mall, Eugene Crews at The Mall at Greece-Ridge (who was unavailable for the presentation and Mark Hutton at Marketplace Mall. Other Brothers attending the presentation were: Derek Van Houten, Warren Patterson, William Flesher, Douglas Jones and Charles Waterstreet. ❧



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Yea, Spring is here and Summer is very close! Our District has been very active and much has been accomplished.

The Surviving Spouses Luncheon was well attended. Thank you to all who arranged the event and to those who attended.

### Degree Work

This may sound like a broken record, but Degree work is very strong. It is exciting to see all the new Brothers in the Fraternity. Remember, if every Brother brings in a new member our Fraternity will grow again.

The Brothers who laid down their Working Tools in 2008 were honored at the 47th Annual Memorial Service held at the Methodist Church in Clifton Springs on May 17th. My thanks to all the ladies who provided refreshments and to all those who helped arrange and participated in this event.

The O/S/Y Investiture Service was held May 21st at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge in Phelps. R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles and R.: W.: Bruce Huie did a wonderful job organizing this Investiture. Thank you. Congratulations to all the new Masters of our District. Dedicate yourselves to your duties, but also make it fun for all. Do not be afraid to ask for help. There is a lot of knowledge in our District and I know all the past Officers are willing and able to assist you.

I am asking all Masters to prepare your Trestleboard ASAP so I can plan my Season. I need a list of all your Officers (names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses) so I can make out a new Officers list. If there are any events or ceremonies you would like me or the GDC R.: W.: William Valois to attend, please let us know well beforehand. Our schedule is filling up due to the Masonic Cruise in September and other personal commitments we have.

### Mark Your Calendar

- June 11th - Milnor Lodge Awards Night
  - June 16th - Garoga-Sincerity Steak Roast
  - June 27th - St. John's Day, Utica
  - June 30th - Masonic Study Club ("Mormons in Masonry") All are welcome!
  - July 24th - Masonic Campout at Cheerful Valley Campground (Rte 14, Phelps)
- I hope everyone has a very safe and happy Summer. May God Bless.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. I don't have a final tally yet as the Campaign goes until the end of May. I'll provide an update when the Campaign is completed.

### Mark Your Calendar

In June, we will have two meetings. The first, on June 3rd, will be a social get-together. We'll start with a Cookout at the Lodge Hall and then proceed to enjoy social activities, such as cards. We'll plan on lighting the fires about 6 p.m. Of course, our regular meeting will be June 17th. We are again planning to have a Summer Awards Ceremony, as last year's event (dinner, awards and tremendous thunderstorm) were well received. This year we'll plan on July 15th; a letter will be sent when plans have been finalized. Look for it in the mail about mid-June.

### June Anniversaries

- 1949 John Foster
  - 1954 Max VanScoten
  - 1973 Edward Roe  
Lawrence Wetherbee
  - 1979 Paul Peters
  - 1990 Jed Brandow
  - 1995 Thomas Bryan  
Gerald Ditzell
  - 1997 Kenneth Gregory
- Next month, I'll have a year-end report for all. Until then, mark your calendar for the July 15th Awards Dinner.

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This will be my final input as Master of Milnor Lodge. It has been a somewhat trying year with the death of our Treasurer, Bob Meuler, and the illness and hospitalization of several members, but we have persevered.

The Election of Officers for the 2009-2010 year was held on May 14th, as this input is due before the Election, please check the O/S/Y website, Milnor Lodge page at:

[www.osydistrict.org/139.php](http://www.osydistrict.org/139.php) for the results.  
 The June 11th meeting will be the Annual Service Awards Pre-



# 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  
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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)

resentation. This year's awards will be presented to:

- 50 Years - Ermil R. Peglow and Arthur W. Rood
  - 35 Years - Rexford D. Trew and Philip A. Trautman
  - 30 Years - Eldon N. White
  - 25 Years - Richard J. Henrie
  - 20 Years - Garth O. Thon and Nicholas J. Cretekos
- Have a safe and healthy Summer.

## Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

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### Grand Lodge Trip

The month of May was again a very busy month for the Lodge. I would have to say that our Annual Grand Lodge Trip was the highlight and, under the direction of DDGM, R.: W.: Ronald Galens, was very pleasurable and well organized. We made the most of it while we were there and enjoyed many sites and sounds. Grand Lodge was well represented and, as always, interesting. We received another Potts Award. A very special thank you to our Lodge Officers who made this Award possible. I think everyone should have the opportunity to visit Grand Lodge at least once in their Masonic career to see how business is conducted. For all who are interested, I will have all Grand Lodge info in our Lodge Room for viewing.

### Summer Yard Sale

As we approach Summer Recess, we have decided to hold a Yard Sale to benefit the Lodge. We have not scheduled a date as yet but will try to have it sometime in July. We are asking all Brothers to be active in this event if you are able. If you have items to donate, please contact any of our Lodge Officers or me for details. All donated items will be sold to benefit the Lodge. More information to follow.

### Annual Steak Roast

We will be having our Annual Steak Roast at our last meeting

in June. My Brothers, if you are planning to attend, please let the Secretary or me know so we will be able to order the correct number of steaks. We will also be having an Awards Presentation to honor members with 50 years of service. We always have a large turnout for this event, so please RSVP as soon as possible.

I probably left something out. If I did, I will be sure and get it in the next newsletter. Don't forget to attend Lodge meetings. That's where you can get all the information you need. Lodge meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Hope to see you there.

### June Birthdays

Ranse Brooks (1st), John Sherman (7th), Donald Fridley (9th), Dan Guth, Paul McIntyre and Kenneth Pedersen (11th), Tom Pardington (16th), George Landstrom (22nd), Bill Goodman (24th) and Barney Wandell (29th).

### July Birthdays

Ken Gibbs (7th), Ronald Van Camp (9th), Ernie Bishop (12th), Chris Howard (17th), Nick Day (29th), Rick Kauder (30th) and Robert Hines (31st).

### August Birthdays

Ken Overslaugh and Fred Wheeler (3rd), Gary Curtiss (19th), John Carney (23rd), Shawn Grube (24th) and Kenneth Carpenter and David Williams (26th).

### June Anniversaries


- 1948 - Harold Bloser
- 1953 - David Retchless
- 1958 - Lloyd Akin
- 1959 - Roy Farnsworth
- 1972 - Larry Gelder
- 1976 - Lowell Falkey
- 1996 - Peter Cheney

### July Anniversaries

- 1958 - David Williams

## Eagle Lodge No. 619

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As I near the end of my term as Master of Eagle Lodge, I thank all the Officers and members for the support this year. It has been

# Spaghetti Dinner

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an enjoyable experience and a privilege to have been Master this past year. I hope you will all give our next Master, W.: Gary Warren the same support. This will be Brother Gary's second time as Master.

We have completed a 1st Degree for three new members with our 2nd Degree coming up on June 9th at 7:30 p.m. There will be an Officers' meeting at 6:15 p.m. Rehearsals for the 2nd Degree will be June 2nd at 7 p.m. and June 7th at Noon.

### Chicken Bar-B-Que

On June 20th, Eagle Lodge will be having a Chicken Bar-B-Que at our Masonic Center on West Lake Road (County Road #36) in Honeoye. We will need workers for the day beginning around 10 a.m. The Damascus Wheelers will be taking a cycle ride to Honeoye to attend. We will begin serving at 11 a.m.

June 23rd will be our Annual Star/Mason Picnic at Sandy Bottom Beach, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish-to-pass. Hot dogs, rolls and drinks will be provided.

On August 11th there will be an Officers' Meeting at 6 p.m., followed by a Hot Dog Roast dinner at 6:30 p.m. This is Sport Shirt Night and Lodge begins at the usual time at 7:30 p.m.

### Annual Steak Roast

August 22nd will be our Annual Steak Roast. Brother Bob Helling will be Chairman.

### Spaghetti Dinners

Our monthly Spaghetti Dinners will continue throughout the Summer on the third Thursday of the month. Please come for spaghetti; your help is always welcome.

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**September Events**

Our 3rd Degree will be on September 8th. Lodge will open at 6 p.m., dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the 3rd Degree will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information and rehearsal dates, contact Brother Gary.

It's not too early to put the Naples Grape Festival on your

calendars. On September 26th and 27th, Eagle Lodge with Eagle Star Chapter will again have our hot dog booth there. With famous Zweigle's hot dogs, lemonade or iced tea, and at an inexpensive cost, it is the best deal at the Festival. Look for us near the Old Town Hall Building.

Have a very fun and safe Summer.

Have a great Summer and come back refreshed in the Fall. Remember Saturday, June 27th is St. John's Day at the Masonic Care Community in Utica. It starts around 10 a.m. and offers lots of tours, craft vendors, entertainment and food. The Grand Parade is scheduled for 2 p.m. There's something for everyone, so bring the whole family. God bless.

growth in the Lodge as there is only one Past Master in the Line. It is hoped that this is a trend that will continue as the Lodge MUST GROW or DIE. Each of us must surely know of a good man whom you have felt would make a good Mason. Reach out and suggest to him that Masonry is a worthy endeavor to pursue.

Our Representatives on the Temple Association are still charged for calling for the disillusionment of that group as, we as a body, are the major financial contributors to the operation of the Building. There was a decision reached to pursue property in Macedon for possible future use and monies were approved. Those funds were withdrawn. We donated monies to the Palmyra Community Center and a 8"x 8" commemorative plaque has been designed, approved and ordered, thanks to Brothers Weimer, Depew and Jones. The plaque is the Community Center's acknowledgement of our donation.

Scholarships were once again approved for Gananda and Pal-Mac graduates.

**Bus Trip to MCC**

I remind you of the upcoming trip to the Masonic Care Community for Wayne District Masons and guests on Saturday, September 26th. Please contact me for information and reservations. This is a "no cost" opportunity to see what your Masonic Trustees have accomplished with your donations.

**Wayne District**

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**District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District**

R.: W.: William C. Jones



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**A Planning Meeting**  
 During the month of July or August I will have a picnic at my home for all Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries of Wayne District to plan for the ensuing year. At this time we will plan Official Visit dates, and address any problems needed to be discussed. Thus my need for names, addresses, etc. for the Officers of your respective Lodges, that I may communicate an exact day and time.

**Grand Steward Wayne District**



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To the newly elected Masters of Wayne District, congratulations! I look forward to working with you during your term as Worshipful Master.

**Plan Ahead**

Please give some thought to attending Grand Lodge next May in New York City. It was a disappointment for me that only two Wayne District Lodges were represented. I talked to the Niagara-Orleans Staff Officer and he reported that 14 of 18 of his District's Lodges were represented. They still support the Master's obligation to attend the Grand Lodge Communication. Maybe it's time that we modify our trip to Grand Lodge to better suit the financial abilities of Wayne District Lodges and encourage our Lodges to support the Master's obligation to attend Grand Lodge.

In 2010, it will be time to elect our new Grand Lodge Officers, so it should be a lively time. Please give some thought to the question, "What do you need to change in order to attend Grand Lodge in May 2010?"

**District Participation**

As my first year as your Staff Officer winds down, I am pleased that Brothers of the Wayne District participated in the *Masonic Development Course* and *Road to the East* programs this year. The courses were a great opportunity to meet some new Brothers and to get to know them better. Although I was the instructor, I gained a lot of insight into some of our local Masonic customs like giving a penny to a Candidate before his 1st Degree. To many, that is a very meaningful gesture. Also helpful is the new technology used, such as a phone program to call each Brother automatically for important announcements.

**Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180**



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The Annual Stated Communication of Grand Lodge and that of Drumlin Square Lodge are now part of the recorded proceedings of each Body. Let each of us support our elected Officers for the ensuing year. The Slate of Officers represent

**Monroe District**

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Grand Stewards  
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**District Deputy Grand Master**



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**Travel to NYC**

As we quietly left New York City after the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, we, as members of this Fraternity, have many things for which to be thankful. Our Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, is slowly making a recovery from a difficult by-pass operation. He plans to be at the St. John's Day affair in Utica, June 25th-28th. The Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Vincent Libone, con-

ducted an active and informative session at 71 West 23rd Street. The session went smoothly and wrapped up early on Tuesday May 5th.

I was accompanied by Ray Crandall and his lady, Karen; John and Helga Jamele, Warren Patterson and his lady, Cyndy Whited, and Frank Celona on a seven-hour train trip to NYC for the Session and we enjoyed each other's company. We rode on Train 284 to New York and returned on Train 49 Tuesday night. It was a great experience for all.

During my previous term as Grand Sword Bearer, I wrote most of my articles based on train travel, as it set the atmosphere for a comfortable manner for me to write to you. I have not done this so far this year, but I find that I miss the mode so for a few lines I will transfer to that medium.

As I said earlier, we left New York quietly and as we boarded

the train, which left and arrived on time (amazing), we settled into our seats and gazed out into the darkness, as many other trains were either arriving or departing. The "Empire Builder" slowly pulled out and the occasional light reflected on the silver rails of the trainyard under the bustling streets of New York.

During our two- or three-day stay in New York, we visited museums, ate in many different styles of eateries around the City and attended the Sessions. Now we could relax and enjoy a snack in the Cafe Car or enjoy a hot dinner in the Dining Car; some even brought food along for the journey home. The Coach Class seats were roomy and many were heading for Rochester and points beyond. Just West of Albany, the train was clocked at 104 mph by the GPS unit that W.: Ray Crandall had brought with him. So high-speed train travel is feasible for the future.

It seemed that during our stay it was always overcast and raining. As we traveled up the Hudson, the mist that clung to everything slowly disappeared as we flew by many towns and cities. We averaged 84 mph from NYC to Albany.

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**Masonic Development Course To Be Offered Locally!**

**Monroe District will be offering a 1-day Masonic Development Course**

**Saturday, June 13th**

Cost = \$25\*

at Webster Lodge Hall; 30 Orchard Street

Tentative times are from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Master Masons and all new Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

\* Study materials, as well as lunch and light refreshments, will be included.

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Master Masons from all surrounding Districts are also welcome to sign up and join us.



DDGM Monroe

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Grand Lodge Highlights Several noteworthy items transpired during the Sessions and I will highlight some of them here.

First, was the presentation of the third George Peter Medal to our Grand Treasurer, Marino Cesarini. It was a surprise to him.

Also, the first 50-year Apron was presented to R.:W.: William Jones. These will be available to any Brother who attains 50 years in the Craft and is retroactive to January 2009.

Proposals and First Readings of Amendments to the Constitutions were:

- Power to Revoke Honorary Membership in a Lodge ... \*Passed.\*
• A proposed resolution pertaining to Recognition of other Jurisdictions ... \*Passed.\*
• A proposal and reading of an Amendment to the Rules of Order ... \*Withdrawn.\*
• A proposal to Revert to the "one black cube" rule ... \*Defeated.\*

We congratulate the new Masters who will be sitting in the East for the first time and welcome back several Masters who will be staying on for another term. If any Lodge wishes the Leadership Team to attend their Installation, please contact us as our calendars will fill up for June.

The only key date I have is August 22nd, which will be the District Kick-off Meeting to be held this year at Camp DeMolay. We will be sending invitations to the attendees later in the Summer. The spouses or significant others will also be invited.

As this is the last issue of the Masonic Times until September, we wish all within the distribution area a safe and fun-filled Summer break. You have all worked hard in the Quarries of our beloved Fraternity and deserve a break. We are sure we will see you from time-to-time at picnics and parties over the next two months and will be ready in the Fall for further adventures.

Grand Steward Monroe



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The 228th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York has come and gone. I will not discuss any of the sessions but leave it to the Master or Lodge Representative who attended. My only comments ... it rained from Sunday on my arrival, until Tuesday on my departure. Each Communication I have attended does bring some special remembrances. This year, Mike DiCataldo and I had the greatest non-scheduled tour of New York City and the various boroughs ever. Our shuttle driver must have been as new to the city as we were. You name it, we saw it.

Masters & Wardens

I am sending out a call to all the Masters and Wardens of the Monroe District ... do you know the dates, times and locations of the Masters and Wardens Meetings? If not, please contact Worshipful Bill Flesher of Oatka Lodge. His email is phdoc007@yahoo.com. Turnout for the meetings, to say the least, has been terrible.

Do You Know?

Why do Freemasons end their prayers with the phrase, "So mote it be?" It is customary in contemporary English to end prayers with a hearty "Amen," a word meaning "So be it." It is a Latin word derived from the Hebrew word jon, meaning "certainly." Thus a congregation saying "Amen" is literally saying "So be it." The word "mote" is an archaic verb that means "may" or "might" and traces back to Old English. The phrase "So mote it

be" means "So may it be," which is the same as "So be it."

Now that we've established the equivalence of "Amen" and "So mote it be," the question remains, Why do Masons end their prayers with "So mote it be"? The answer goes back to the Regius Poem of about 1390 AD, the oldest known Masonic document (now housed in the British Museum, London). It is one of the Old Charges or Gothic Constitution used by early Freemasons to regulate their trade. It has a legendary history, regulations to guide the Mason trade and rules of manners and moral conduct. The poem ends famously with couplet, "Amen! Amen! So mote it be! So say we all for charity."

Thus Freemasons today end their prayers the same way they did in 1390. The next time you're in Lodge and say "So mote it be" after the Chaplain finishes a prayer, remember that you are continuing a 600 year-old Masonic tradition. (Reprinted from Observance Lodge 686 May 2009 newsletter)

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 September see you in the Quarries.

Grand Steward Monroe



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Summer is finally approaching! Your District Leadership Team, District Masters and Proxies had a good trip to New York City for the 228th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. It is good to return with news that our Grand Master will be hanging in there to continue his term and all is well with our State Leadership.

I am looking forward to attending as many of your Officer Installations as I possibly can. Please understand, we cannot make it to every Installation. It is helpful when we have plenty of notice about dates and times.

How about considering a trip to Utica for St. John's Day this year?

Masonic Development Course

We will be presenting the Masonic Development Course on Saturday, June 13th, at Webster Lodge Hall, 30 Orchard Street, Webster, from 8 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. This will be a one-day, all-inclusive Program and all new Master Masons are encouraged to attend as well as all Brothers who may wish to participate. The cost of the Course will be \$25 and will include the necessary materials and light refreshments.

For more details, please contact R.:W.: George Todd - Ph: 298-0852, email: gtodd1@rochester.rr.com or myself - Ph: 545-5522, email:

mikenohle@aol.com ASAP to get registered for the class.

Key Word - Inspire

The word Inspire (verb) according to the Encarta Dictionary means to stimulate somebody to do something, provoke a particular feeling, or cause creative activity.

Great leaders are those who inspire others around them to take action, to contribute, and to inspire others in kind.

Inspiration can be contagious. A perfect example of this is when Brothers deliver Ritual in both a very accurate and meaningful fashion. When we know the Ritual well enough that we can share it with emotion, we are able to inject a deeper meaning into it. When Brothers (especially new Brothers) witness meaningful and emotionally delivered Ritual, they are often inspired to attempt to match the accomplishment and thus, we have more good Ritualists in our Lodges.

Another example of inspiration is when a Brother perceives the positive impact a good community service program has on its beneficiaries. He will likely be compelled to work harder and contribute more to the program as a result of receiving the rewards of feeling satisfied and fulfilled.

Inspiring our Brethren is a key to the continued growth and well being of our great Fraternity. It is a key to effective leadership and to a healthy Lodge. In your Masonic endeavors, be sure to repeatedly ask yourself, are my words and actions inspiring to others? The answer you come to is a good gauge by which to measure your leadership qualities.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Summer. I look forward to seeing you around our District as our term as your Leadership Team continues.



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By V.:W.: Hugh Woodside

School of Ritual August 2009

The first School of Ritual of the 2009-2010 Masonic Year will be held on Monday, August 31st at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge in Penfield. The work of the evening will be Opening, Closing and Balloting, to be performed by the Officers of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. I extend my thanks to W.: Tom Ward, the Master-elect of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, for offering the use of the building and volunteering to do the evening's work.

We strongly encourage all Officers of Lodges in the Monroe District to put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. A well-executed and efficient Opening sets the tone for a good Lodge meeting, and your ability to learn and deliver the Ritual is a critical part of making that happen.

The Standard Work for Balloting is arguably one of the most important pieces of our Ritual, both because of the im-

Mark Your Calendar! 2009 Monday, August 31st School of Ritual Wakan-Hubbard Lodge (Program is Opening, Closing and Balloting) Tuesday, September 29th School of Ritual Location TBD Friday, October 23rd Grand Lecturer's Convention Location TBD 2010 Wednesday, January 20th School of Ritual Location TBD Wednesday, March 31st School of Ritual Location TBD Friday, May 28th Joint Investiture Service Location TBD

portance of Balloting to our Craft and the critical reminders to all Brothers who are included in those few important paragraphs. All Masters and Officers of Lodges in the Monroe District should be able to execute the Ritual of Opening, Closing and Balloting without difficulty, and the program for this School of Ritual will help you do that.

As a reminder, Schools of Ritual are open to all Master Masons. We encourage all to attend, not simply those occupying the Chairs. These events are a great opportunity for you to learn more about our Craft, and we hope you will join us.

Attendance Banners

The Lodges in the Monroe District compete for two Attendance Banners each year - one for the Schools of Ritual and another for the Grand Lecturer's Convention.

Both awards are based on the number of Lodge Brothers in attendance, and are awarded at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. The School of Ritual banner is based on attendance at all four Schools of Ritual, while the attendance banner for the Grand Lecturer's Convention is based on attendance solely for that evening. Attendance is weighted based on the median membership of Lodges in the District, a system that was designed so smaller Lodges would not be placed at a disadvantage relative to larger Lodges. For example, 20 Brothers is a much larger percentage of Oatka's membership than Unity's membership. Also, Lodge Officers carry additional weight relative to sideliners.

The way to win the banner is to get all of your Lodge Officers and as many sideliners as possible to each event.

We had a heated race this year between Unity, Webster and Oatka, with Unity Lodge narrowly protecting the Banner for another year. Which Lodge is going to step up and take it away? Let the games begin!

Other 2009-2010 Events

The "Looking Ahead" section of the June 2009 Masonic Times includes the dates for the Schools of Ritual, Grand Lecturer's Convention and Joint Investiture Service for the 2009-2010 Masonic year. With the exception of the August 2009 School of Ritual, locations for all events have yet to

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be determined. Additional information about these events will follow in August and September.

**Grand Master's Edict and Trestleboards**

The Master-elect of each Lodge in the District should have received a letter from us at the Joint Investiture Service identifying the Degree the Lodge will be required to perform in 2009-2010 to comply with the Grand Master's Edict. It is imperative that you let us know by September 1st when you plan to hold the Degree you will be performing for the Edict.

Should you have any questions, we can be reached by phone or via email. As always, we can be available if you would like one of us to join you for rehearsal to help prepare for your Degrees.

We are not the Ritual police. We want you to succeed and to present the best Ritual possible, both for your incoming and existing Brothers. Having said that, we need you to let us know if you need help and give us some notice so we can be sure to fit it in the calendar. We both love our work and are happy to help, if only you will ask.

**Summer Wishes**

We hope that you and your family have a safe and enjoyable Summer, and look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

are chosen. We published the Lodge Chairman within each Lodge. Please contact your Chairman if you have an idea for an event or want to offer them your help.

- Child IDs were held, with the good Lord's blessing, at the Dyslexia Walk, Webster/Seneca Lodge, SUNY-Brockport and the Mormon Church in Brockport throughout the month of May.
- We have received requests from church groups to help them with ID events and we are sponsoring an Eagle Scout project relating to CHIPS.
- Kudos to Oatka Lodge Brethren on their 140th year and subsequent Cornerstone Dedication.

We would like to schedule as many events as possible and team with fire departments, the police and all of the Lodges and Concordant Bodies. If any of you

are members of FASNY, talk it up within your departments. 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.

Information about the Masonic ID Program is available online at <http://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 [databman@yahoo.com](mailto:databman@yahoo.com) or [rcdowns@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rcdowns@rochester.rr.com) or [tewtaul@aol.com](mailto:tewtaul@aol.com). You can also contact Don Tubman at Ph: 889-4725.



The Traveling Gavel was retrieved from Oatka Lodge by Brothers from Northfield Lodge. Participants in the transaction included (from left): Josh Loepker, Erik Loepker, John Dudley, David Adams, Derek VanHouten (District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District), William Flesher, Jason Zona, Michael Zona and Stephen Michener.



By Erik Loepker

Many Lodges are now preparing to go dark for the Summer. My Lodge just had its Election Night and others, including Oatka Lodge, will be having theirs soon. Since you are reading this article, you know that if I mention a specific Lodge, it must be because it retains possession of that Masonic artifact, the Traveling Gavel.

Called by some, "Fort Oatka," I think it has acquired a fearsome reputation. I must take some of that blame. Revealing the mortal threat of a spring trap before the gavel has undoubtedly caused many a doughty soul to blanch and quake in barely suppressed dread. So, too, Oatka's stalwart men of the military combine formidably deadly capabilities wrapped in a veneer of genial Fraternity. The overall result has clearly become a place that other Lodges fear to venture near. Who knows what awaits?

Well, I'll tell you. Despite the fearsome qualities that do indeed exist therein, Oatka Lodge is still a place wherein you will find your Brothers. It's not a place to be feared, save by its enemies. It is a sanctuary, a safe harbor for all Freemasons. It is

a place where honor is appreciated and where all men may find a place to improve themselves. It is a place where sobriety and levity may mix with equal and ample portions. It is a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and it bears all the landmarks that such a facility and institution deserves and bears.

The Brothers of Oatka are very warm and inviting. I strongly encourage you and your Brothers to go and visit them. Say, "Hi," from me, while you are at it and, if the fancy strikes you, pick up the Gavel. It's a way to ensure you'll get those fine Brothers to visit your Lodge soon in turn!

Seven Brothers of Northfield Lodge, braved the obstacles set in place by "Fort Oatka" ... er, I mean Oatka Lodge and retrieved the Traveling Gavel. W.: David Adams, W.: John Dudley, Brothers Erik Loepker, Josh Loepker, Michael Zona, Jason Zona and Steven Michener were very warmly welcomed by W.: William Flesher and the rest of the Brothers of Oatka, despite the fact it was their Election Night. After some very good-natured ribbing, they very graciously presented the Gavel to the collective from Northfield.

Northfield Lodge meets on the first and third Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m. They are located at 17 Church Street, Pittsford. Please contact W.: John Dudley for further information.

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**Lodge No. 759**  
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The 228th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge is now behind us and the Election of Officers for Oatka Lodge have concluded for the ensuing year. They are:

- Master: **Bill Flesher**
  - Sr. Warden: **Brennan Coon**
  - Jr. Warden: **Steve Phillips**
  - Secretary: **Erik Crandall**
  - Treasurer: **Evar Miller**
  - 3-year Trustee: **Tim White**
- The Appointed Officers are:
- Sr. Deacon: **Harold Roxburgh**
  - Jr. Deacon: **Chris Cameron**
  - Chaplain: **Dan Footer**
  - Marshal: **John White**
  - Tiler: **Larry Dunn**
  - Sr. MC: **Duane Parise**
  - Jr. MC: **Steven Vachon**
  - Sr. Steward and Ass't Treasurer: **Tom Nersinger**
  - Jr. Steward: **James Mercado**
  - Historian and Ass't Secretary: **Don Tubman**

I believe this cadre of Officers for our Lodge will attend to the needs of the Brothers and the Lodge during the 2009-2010 year.

Our last Regular Communication on May 13th was very interesting. We heard from Chris Pyle who is a 15-year-old suffering from Crohn's Disease, which is an autoimmune disease affecting the gastrointestinal tract (all the way from his mouth to his rectum).

This brave lad spoke about his troubles and experiences with the disease and his participation in the Rochester "Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis" event on June 13th, which is to raise funds for Crohn's research and treatment. The Lodge donated \$100 to his cause and if anyone is interested in giving to this worthy charity, Chris Pyle's Crohn's website is: <http://online.cdfa.org/> Click on "How you can Help," and "Take Steps."

That evening we also had visiting Brothers from Northfield Lodge. The purpose was to secure the "Traveling Gavel" for their Lodge. I guess "Fort" Oatka will just have to mount a counterattack and rescue the gavel to return it to "Fort" Oatka, again.

**Cornerstone Laying**  
 The success of this ceremony is covered in the article beginning on the front page of this issue of the *Masonic Times*. In

addition, look for more pictures on our website:

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

The Spaghetti Dinners continue to be a favorite happening, with the last dinner for this Masonic Season to be June 27th from 5-7 p.m.

**Summer Activities**

This does not mean that the Brothers of Oatka Lodge will not be busy during the Summer months. Plans for a July Bar-B-Que and the Scottsville Summerfest Chicken Bar-B-Que are underway.

Don't forget the Masonic Garage Sale in front of the Lodge that day, as well. Bring your unwanted items to sell and help raise money for the Lodge at the same time. Contact Brother Brennan Coon at 889-2322 if you have any questions or donations.

R.: W.: Don Tubman is working diligently on recovering and displaying historical artifacts of our Lodge. He has come across a picture of some of the ladies from the Eastern Star Chapter who were once an integral part of our Lodge. He also has some Eastern Star memorabilia that were presented at a Grand Chapter event. These items will be displayed in the case outside of the Lodge Room. If you have any other items of historical interest regarding Freemasonry or Oatka Lodge, please contact Brother Don at 752-5252 or email him at: [databman@yahoo.com](mailto:databman@yahoo.com).

**FAME**  
**Lodge No. 722**  
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Brothers, it has been a great year. I have learned so much and appreciated all the help from everyone in the Fraternity. I really enjoy the Masters and Wardens Group and hope to see more of you out there.

Good luck to Mike Bell in his new home far from us in North Carolina.

**New Officers**

I'm going to say thank you again for the re-election as Master; it means so much. A special thanks to the Installation Team of Don Kreech and Bob Avery. Everything always goes so smoothly.

I thank the following Brothers and let the rest of you know the bricks that help hold up our

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**Monroe District**  
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The New York Masonic Safety Identification Program (former CHIPS Program) ALWAYS needs your help. June and throughout the Summer will be no different ... We reach out to you for your help for the remainder of this year!

The NYMSIP Team is looking at more ways to bring Masonry and the Program to the forefront and fill the gaps where children and Senior (seasoned) Citizens can be identified so authorities can rescue them if they stray. We are still trying to make inroads with several nursing homes in the area. We look to each of you for help with this Program in 2009 in the traditional way of identifying opportunities for us with children as well.

We will have a changeover of several Lodge leaders and look forward to new members on the CHIPS Team. (If you are a new Master, contact us about who will coordinate for your Lodge.) These events are not just a local Lodge event, but a county and Grand Lodge event. It is a great recruiting tool for new members.

We look for a very busy Summer of 2009. If any of you have a loved one in a nursing home in Monroe County, please alert the home that they should be in contact with us to schedule an event.

Remember your Masonic obligations when we ask for your help. Many are asked, but few

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 President

**All-You-Can-Eat**  
**Spaghetti Dinner**  
**Saturday, June 27th**  
**5-7 p.m.**  
**Oatka Masonic Hall**  
 5 Browns Avenue; Scottsville  
 Take-out Available  
 \$6 - Adult; \$4 Children (Under 12)  
 Call Bill Flesher for tickets - 278-7389 or purchase them at the door.

Fame Lodge
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Lodge this year:
Master H. Douglas Jones III
Sr. Warden Dan Walker
Jr. Warden Jason Gartland
Sr. Deacon Chuck Zlotkus
Jr. Deacon Scott Barnard
Secretary Dave Foster
Treasurer Frank Churnetski
Chaplain Tom McCulloch
Tiler John Rehbach
Sr. Steward Dick Topel
Jr. Steward Heinz Gunkel
Sr. MC Ken Rhodes
Jr. MC Kenny Castle

Summer Calendar
June 11th - Strawberry Social; Ladies welcome
July 11th - Family Corn and Sausage Roast at the cottage on Long Pond. Bring your fishing pole, sunscreen and kids. The fun starts at 3 p.m. RSVP to Doug - Ph: 406-1164 by July 7th
September 10th - First meeting back; Program on the Cabletow
If you would like an email of the Trestleboard for 2009-2010, email: bltdogz@rochester.rr.com.

be installed as Master of Valley-Simes Lodge. After 15 years as Secretary, I look forward to the challenge of being Master again. I hope to see all my Brothers, their Ladies and friends at the Open Installation on June 9th.

Mark your calendar for this Public Installation of Officers, and maybe a surprise or two. There will be a dinner for which reservations are requested. Remember: "A reservation made is a reservation paid."

Your contact for reservations is Mike Hueston - 509-0606 or at mph0523@frontiernet.net. You may also contact me at 334-7493 or email: hspence1@rochester.rr.com.

Best Wishes, Brother Belt
My Brothers, it saddens me to announce the retirement of our faithful Treasurer, W.: Howard J. Belt, DSA. At this time, I give special thanks, applause and whatever other words of praise and kindness there are to my Brother and friend who served as Treasurer for 38 years. I have had the honor and pleasure of serving with him these many years. When you see Howard at the Installation be sure to say, "Thank You," for a job well done.

New Officers
The following Brothers have been Elected and Appointed as Officers of the Lodge for the 2009-2010 year.
Master Herbert Spencer
Sr. Warden Michael Hueston
Jr. Warden David Mura
Treasurer Glenn Stahl
Secretary G. Thomas Grape
Sr. Deacon John Faro
Jr. Deacon Frank Sackett
Sr. MC Joseph DiTucci
Jr. MC Bernard Skopinsky
Steward Charles Skopinsky
Steward Norris Shapiro
Marshal Gary Burke
Tiler Richard Giedd

Chaplain Nelson Bertch
3-Yr. Trustee Thomas Belt
Committees were announced at the Annual Meeting on May 12th, and will be published in the flyer for the Installation of Officers on June 9th.

Sad News
It is with sadness that I must report two of our Brothers has done his Earthly work and has been called home by the Great Architect of the Universe. Brother Richard Guilfoil passed away on April 17th. He was 80 years old and a Mason for 48 years, being Raised on April 19, 1961. Brother Richard was also a member of the Shrine and Scottish Rite.

Also, I received notice that Brother James Thomson passed away on April 8th after a long illness. Brother Thomson was Raised in the one-day class in 2003. The Brothers of Valley-Simes Lodge extend their heartfelt condolences to the families.

Sickness and Distress
W.: Myron Biggar had a double knee replacement on May 10th. By the time you see this he should be home. Cards can be sent to Brother Biggar at P.O. Box 239, Nazareth, PA. 18064-0239.

Brother William Scheer is once again having a battle with cancer. He needs your thoughts and prayers. His address is 303 Allens Creek Rd, Rochester, NY 14618.

W.: George Bundoc had two toes removed in an attempt to save his leg. He is recuperating at home and also continues regular dialysis. His address is 1381 Long Pond Rd. Rochester, NY 14626.

My Brothers, send cards of good wishes ASAP.
How about letting us in on some good news that you can report.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign for June 2008-May 2009 is over. Thirty Brothers of the Lodge contributed an amount of \$4,030. Thanks to all who contributed.

DUES
As of this writing, there are 20 Brothers who have not paid their 2009 Dues. Kindly check your Dues Card and see if you are remiss in sending your Dues. Notices will be going out as reminders to those who have not paid.

Our Annual Meeting on May 12th was a wonderful night. We had a great social hour, followed by a tasty Picnic Supper, prepared by our Chief Chef "Brother Chuck" with the assistance of Brother Norris Shapiro.

We are in the process of making plans for some Summer activities. Details will be shared later.

Birthday Greetings June
Thomas Steele (1st), George Hornung (3rd), Myron Dox (4th); Paul Gleason (6th), Bruce Harrison (10th), Richard Beyer (17th) and Robert Anderson (19th).

July
Richard Crockford, Thomas Belt and Raymond Sterling (1st), Samuel Bogorad (3rd), Wallace Wagner (6th), Litch Toland and Richard Van Zandt (11th), Bernard Skopinsky (12th), Arthur Hill (22nd), Joseph Bishop (25th), Norman Gross (30th).

August
Mathew Gingold and Ronald Schiffler (2nd), Rand Gee (3rd), Robert Peace (8th), Jonathan Spencer (15th), John Faro (20th),

Donald Johnson (21st), George Bundoc, Gary Caswell and Michael McBride (25th), Carl Klein (28th), Charles Fornataro (29th), Joseph DiTucci (30th).

You may wish to call, visit or email to wish them a Very Happy Birthday. Maybe even go and have lunch with one or more.

Masonic Anniversaries June
Howard Minsky (70 years), Irving Schuth (62), Arthur Teamerson (57), Erich Postler (52), Solomon Shinder (51), Arthur Cohen (49), Bruce Harrison and Allen Luccitti (35), John Faro (32), Robert Stear (25), Grant Romer (24), Michael Hueston (9) and Scott Herzog (8).

July
Ron Rogers (28 years)
We wish you many more years in our glorious Fraternity.

Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
Master W.: Kenneth Schumacher 436-2076
Secretary W.: Ralph Jurgens (315) 524-3686
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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

If the holiday didn't goof up the printing and mailing schedules, you will be reading this a couple of days before our Installation of Officers on June 2nd. It may be too late to make dinner reservations, but you can try (if you didn't receive a call or your schedule has changed). Plans are for a catered buffet at a price of \$14 per person. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

It would be wonderful to have a large turnout for this Open Meeting. We did reasonably well at the Fellowship Club Dinner and the Officers' Meeting in early May...both stag events. If the same number of Brothers come out with a guest, we will triple our average attendance! The Ceremony is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Plan to attend that, even if you can't come for dinner.

May 5th, Move-up Night, gave Officers the opportunity to get a feel for their new positions, as W.: Ken Schumacher was in New York City for Grand Lodge. There were a few rough spots, but they made it through. A rehearsal for the Officers is tentatively scheduled for June 9th, to help them better prepare for opening Lodge in their new Line Office on June 16th. That will be "Wild Shirt Night." Yes, wild shirts are welcome, but it really means everyone may be informally dressed. More details will be available on June 2nd.

Picnic and Steak Roast
If you haven't done so already, please mark August 15th on your calendar. That will be our Annual Picnic and Steak Roast at Chandler Philbrick Park in Penfield. Once again, we invite you to attend, with festivities getting under way around 2 p.m. We are scheduled to eat around 4 p.m. Bring your family and come early to socialize, enjoy snacks and beverages and the companionship of your Brothers and their families. Find out what they have been doing all Summer. The Telephone Committee will be taking reservations in early August.

September 1st is the first Tuesday of the month, but is before Labor Day. We are allowed, by our By-Laws, to skip that meeting at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. I don't know the Trestleboard yet. We should hear that at the June 2nd meeting, too.

Summer Birthdays
We celebrate three months worth of Birthdays in this issue. Happy Birthday one and all!

June
Thomas Benson (2nd); Vincent Costanzo (5th); Alan Goodrich (6th); John Brown (13th); Philip McCaskill (15th); Ralph Jurgens (25th); Kenneth Mertz (26th); Charles Strickland (28th); Paul Abbey and Michael Schum (29th); and Leonard Schmeer (30th).

July
Charles Waterstreet (4th); Russell Rines (6th); Charles Howell (7th); Franklin Suhr (8th); David King (14th); William Hook (19th); Wesley Trendell (21st); Sidney Horton (22nd); Arnold Ford (25th); Eugene White (28th); and Rene Van DeVeire (29th).

August
Terry King (5th); Malcolm Nulton and Kenneth Pearce (14th); Albert Neracker and Kenneth Schumacher (20th); James Causey, Herbert Young and William Shelby (21st); Duane Smith (24th); and Warren Doerrer and Nicholas Eull (25th).

Enjoy your Day!

Dues
Brothers, PLEASE check your Dues Card. If it doesn't say "2009," you are past due. Twenty percent of our membership have not paid Dues for this year. Two of those Brothers are two years in arrears and will be dropped from the Rolls in December. Of course, we don't want this to happen to anyone. These are tough times. If there are extenuating circumstances, please explain to our Secretary, W.: Ralph Jurgens. Perhaps we can work something out.

I wish all of you a wonderful, relaxing, enjoyable Summer. See you in Lodge.

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By W.: Frank Celona, Master-Elect

Let me begin by saying that it is an honor to have been nominated and elected to serve as Master of our Lodge. Move-up Night and nominations were conducted on May 5th. Elections are scheduled for the May 19th meeting.

Ox Roast
The Ox Roast on May 2nd was well attended and a huge success. Many pounds of beef were exquisitely prepared and served - delicious!!! Many thanks to Chief Chef, Brother Bill Hunn, and all the Brothers and Triangle Girls for their help and hard work.

Sad News
Past Master, W.: Warren Hall, Raised in June, 1959, was laid to rest on April 14th. Resolution of

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2nd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
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By Herbert Spencer

Mark your Calendar
Open Installation, June 9th
Twenty years ago I was Master of Valley Lodge and now find it ironic that I'm again going to

The Members of Valley-Simes Lodge cordially and fraternally invite Brothers, families and friends to attend the Open Installation of R.: W.: Herbert Spencer as Master and the Line Officers for 2009-2010
Damascus Shrine Center 979 Bay Road, Webster
Tuesday, June 9th
\$8 per person
Reservations required by Friday, June 5th
Contact: Herb Spencer Ph: 334-7493 (H) or 451-3119 (C); Email hspence1@rochester.rr.com or Michael Hueston Ph: 509-0606 (C); Email mph0523@frontiernet.net
Social - 5:30 p.m. Complimentary Soda, Draft Beer & Hors D'oeuvres Cash Bar will be available
Dinner - Promptly at 6:30 p.m. New York Strip Steak and all the accompaniments (and maybe a few surprises)
Installation Ceremony - 7:45 p.m. Refreshments following Installation



Respect and condolences are remitted to his family.

It is with regret I report the passing of Elizabeth Jones, wife of our Brother, W.: Gerald Jones.

#### Sickness and Distress

W.: Robert Stevens, Past Master, was in a serious automobile accident in Florida. We hope and pray for his speedy recovery.

Past Master W.: Gary Thompson continues to recuperate.

W.: Jeff Ross was involved in a serious head on accident on May 7th. He is recuperating at Strong Hospital after surgery. Check www.cliolodge for additional info.

If you know of any of our Brothers who are ill or in distress, a phone call or visit to them would certainly be appreciated.

#### Upcoming Events

We will hold an Open Meeting for Installation of Officers on June 2nd. Lodge members, along with family and friends, are cordially invited.

Our last Spaghetti Dinner will be on June 10th.

Senior Warden, Mike Postilli, will be hosting a Table Lodge in early Fall. More to come at www.cliolodge.org.

Plans are in the works to conduct a one-day Masonic Development Course in June. Several Brothers are interested so I will keep you informed.

We will, at our last Lodge Communication on June 16th, be serving a Steak Dinner at 6 p.m. This would be a good time to introduce a new member; so bring a Brother, Brothers. Attire will be casual. Contact our Secretary, W.: Sean Noonan, or Brother Bill Hunn for reservations. Reservations are required to feast.

Our Lodge is planning to have a Meatball Sub Food Concession at the Parma Days Celebration on August 8th and 9th. Information to follow as soon as details have been worked out.

We will keep you all informed during the Summer via emails and our Website. Thanks to Brother Pat Purcell (our Webmaster) who keeps our Website current.

Members who wish to schedule the use of our Lodge should contact Brother Garry Cranker, our Trustee, who has volunteered to manage the events at our Lodge.

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**UNITY**  
Lodge No. 479

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

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#### Sad News

Brethren, it becomes my sad duty to announce the death of Brother Edgar B. Means on April 23rd.

#### Good News

Congratulations to Senior Master of Ceremony, Brother Joe Picioli, who has announced that he is about to become a father.

#### Widows Luncheon

The Widows Luncheon took place on April 25th at the Burgundy Basin. This annual event honors these ladies for their support and assistance to their



These ten widows of Unity Lodge Brothers attended. Alphabetically they are: Jean Allen, Helen Barry, Barbara Brindley, Ruth Davis, Evelyn Gardner, Thelma Lingenfelter, Helen Seeley, Effie Simpson, Marilyn Wise and Frances Melville.

husbands during their service as Freemasons.

Ten Unity Lodge Widows attended - Jean Allen, Helen Barry, Barbara Brindley, Ruth Davis, Evelyn Gardner, Thelma Lingenfelter, Frances Melville, Helen Seeley, Effie Simpson and Marilyn Wise. Also attending from Unity Lodge were Joe Privitera, Chairman of the Unity Widows Program, Gene and Alice Brendel, Jim De Lorenzo, John and Helga Jamele, Bev Murray, Clifford Short and Bob and Jeanne Spaulding. Widow Pins were presented to those who did not already have them. It was a great event and all the ladies enjoyed it.

#### Grand Lodge

The 228th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was convened at Masonic Hall in New York on May 4th and 5th. Many distinguished guests and dignitaries consisting of Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and other Grand Representatives of Grand Lodges from this and other countries were officially welcomed at the Opening Session.

No-less-distinguished and dignified was the delegation from Monroe District, headed up by our District Deputy Grand Master R.: W.: Derek E. Van Houten and Grand Stewards R.: W.: Mike Nohle and R.: W.: George Todd, together with Masters or Proxies from most of our thirteen Lodges. Also, from our District and Lodge, R.: W.: Don Darrohn was there in his capacity as Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Home.

The Distinguished Achievement Award was presented to the Right Worshipful Brother and Honorable James H. Douglas, currently Governor of the State of Vermont.

There was discussion and voting on several proposed Amendments to the Constitutions. Among those approved was one which changes the constitutional requirement for Lodge Officers to be elected at "the first Communication after Grand Lodge in May" to "a Stated Communication convened after Grand Lodge in May," thus giving Lodges more flexibility in scheduling Elections.

Among those proposals defeated was the proposal to revert to the "one cube to reject rule," in place of the current three cubes to reject rule. Said rule refers to the rejection or acceptance of Petitioners for Initiation into Freemasonry.

I hope to have a copy of the Proceedings of this Communication available in Lodge so any interested Brother may study them at his convenience.

The Election and Installation of Grand Lodge Officers took place on May 5th. Regrettably,

our Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, was unable to be present because of health issues.

#### Election of Officers

The following were elected to Lodge offices at our May 11th meeting:

Master **John Jamele**

Senior Warden **Robert Buchanan**

Junior Warden **John Lemke**

Treasurer **Thomas Michielsen**

Secretary **Clifford Short**

Trustee **David Jones**

#### Upcoming Events

The Awards Night, originally scheduled for June 8th, will be postponed until the Fall.

Our Annual Picnic will be on Monday, June 15th at 6 p.m. at Pineway Ponds Park in the Boetcher Lodge, as usual. Bring a dish-to-pass. The Lodge will supply meat and beverages. Reservations will be appreciated to help us in purchasing items for the picnic. Please call or email John Lemke with reservations, he will need to know how many in the party and, if any of them are children, by age. John Lemke - Ph: 317-4791 or email jlemke55@gmail.com.

The Public Installation of newly elected Lodge Officers will be on Monday evening, June 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

#### Summer Birthdays

##### June

Patrick Schwartz (1st), Michael Friedman and Robert Scott (2nd), Robert Langfelder (4th), Charles Flemming (5th), Keith Bower (6th), Steven Daycock and Robert Judd (8th), James Gillette (9th), Donald Fox (11th), Bernard Johnson and Andrew Tascione III (14th), Elmer Semmler (15th), Timothy Hull (18th), Walter Gay and Arthur Maupin (19th), Edward Cone, Wesley Evans and Scott Laundry (21st), Glenn Lawson (22nd), Daniel Fletcher (24th), Thomas Friedo (26th), William Patrick (27th) and Norman Gauch (28th).

##### July

Edward Vargo (1st), Barry Smith (2nd), Donald Freeman, Sr. (3rd), Roger Catlin and Brian Keery (4th), Howard Hall, Guenther Kaschner and Thomas Perrone (6th), Alvin Ingram (7th), James McCafferty (10th), Clark Long (11th), David Adams and John Hennessey (13th), Robert Owen (14th), Raymond Unger, Jr. (15th), Harry Michaels (17th), William Monell and William Teasdale, Sr. (19th), William Fredenburg (20th), Joseph Palazzo (21st), John Hinds and Robert Songin (23rd), John Mattern (24th), Frederick Steele and John Vertigan (25th), Ronald Schultz (26th) and Mathew Henshaw and Robert VanKeuren (27th).

#### August

Martin Zillman (1st), William Christopher (3rd), Mathew Wesphal (4th), Michael Mosehauer, Michael Schwartz, and Dennis Tianello (5th), Michael Edelman (8th), Thomas Paglia and Rudolph Reiber (14th), William Steele (15th), John Lemke and Bruce Peckham (16th), Donald Macauley (18th), Glen Gardener and Thomas Vergo (22nd), John Dyer and Craig Mollen (23rd), John Jamele (24th), Donald Carlile, Robert Jones and John Lont (25th), William Staub (27th) and Howard Ketchum, Sr., David Tascione and Michael Waterhouse (30th).

#### Masonic Anniversaries

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

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

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

**Fairport-Flower City**  
Lodge No. 476

2nd & 4th  
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87 South Main Street

My year as Master of Fairport-Flower City Lodge is coming to a close. I thank all who participated in the various Degrees and activities that made it a successful year. Your concern and prayers for my health have enabled me to carry on the work laid before us all. Thank you!!!

#### Fairport Canal Days

Fairport Canal Days will be June 6th and 7th. Volunteers are needed for setup on Friday, staffing the booth on Saturday and Sunday, and teardown and cleanup on Sunday. To volunteer, please call Brother Brian Bills (388-0913). Many hands make for light work. This is our only fundraiser.

#### New Officers

The Officers for the ensuing year were elected on May 12th.

W.: Bernard Lazerson was elected as Master. The first meeting, on June 8th, will be the Closed Installation of the Officers. Dress for the evening will be shirt and tie and anything else that goes with it.

The second meeting, on June 22nd, will be the report of the Treasurer and discussion of the budget. Dress for the evening will be casual shirt.

#### Summer Picnic

The Summer Picnic will again be held at Whitebrook Park on Aldrich Road. We have the pavilion from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. Plan to eat about 6-ish. Meat and beverage will be furnished. Please bring a dish-to-pass. Call Bernie Lazerson at 271-7446 to let him know you are coming and for dish coordination.

#### Summer Birthdays

##### June

Ernest Politz (4th), Phil Averbach (5th), Tommie Richenderfer and Morton Sarachan (6th), Lawrence Bleichfeld (8th), Stephen MacIntyre (11th), Thomas Gilchrist (14th), Eric Dreeson (19th), Frank Kazdan (26th) and Robert Hess (29th).

##### July

Philip Kates and Bill Nardone (1st), Frederick Edgecomb (2nd), Brian Alexander (4th), Scott Pellegrino (6th), Bernard Parry and David Stein (9th), Richard Scott (11th), Dennis Finucane (11th), Jasen Scheerens (12th), David Coon (14th), Sean Miller (22nd), Hyman Graver (23rd), Dwight Turner (25th), Jerry Bills (26th), Wayne Montague (27th), Ted Summers (28th), Rick Downs and Isaac Sarfaty (29th) and Larry Hood (31st).

##### August

Halford Johnson (1st), Cy Kloner (3rd), Lee Rosenthal (5th), Mark Soeth (9th), Herbert Ross (13th), Ed Wheeler (14th), Ralph Kraft and Greg Whitney (17th), Harvey Nusbaum (22nd), William Burgess (23rd), Dhurjaty Sreeram and Corey McNeil (26th) and Bruce Turner (30th).

#### Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to our Brothers who were Raised during the Summer months!

##### June

1951 Robert Koehler  
Ted Summers  
1952 Phil Averbach  
Ernest Politz  
1953 Samuel Katz  
1955 Irwin Rosenbloom  
1959 (50 Years)  
John Leonard  
Herbert Ross  
1962 Jeremy Leichtner  
1965 Donald Cameron  
Warham Quinlan  
1966 Joseph Klein  
1969 Richard Budgeon  
Jerome Pulver  
1976 George Bracht  
1984 David Coon  
1986 Dhurjaty Sreeram

##### July

1945 Edwin Cornell  
Have a wonderful Summer and plan to meet around the Altar in September.

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Ladies attending the Widows Luncheon in April posed with W. Warren Patterson, Master of Webster Lodge, following the meal. (Seated, left to right): Kathie Bryant and Lois McFarnaghan. (Standing): Clara Moore, Sandi Kuchne, Marjorie Crumb, Betty Ellia and Ruth Peck.

**Open Installation**

The Installation of Officers Ceremony for the 2009-2010 Masonic Year will be performed on Thursday evening, June 4th, at the Webster Masonic Hall. It will be an Open Meeting, so family members, friends and interested parties may attend. The

program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

**Upcoming Events**

June 04 ~ Open Meeting - Installation of Officers  
June 11 ~ Fellowcraft Club  
June 18 ~ Hot Dog Roast, Flashy Shirt Nite

Brethren, it has been a pleasure to serve Webster Lodge once again as Worshipful Master. We have had an exciting year, and Raised eleven Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. While the number is exciting, the exemplary character of these young men will help ensure the future and success of our Lodge. Our Ritual work is among the best around, and I would again stress the importance of attending the fine Schools of Ritual.

Our AGLs work very hard to prepare and present these Schools for our benefit. A side attraction for attending the Schools, is earning the Attendance Banner. Our attendance this year is indicative that we can, with just a little more effort, bring the Banner to Webster!

**Community Projects**

The Spaghetti Dinner community charity continues to be a resounding success, both for the community and the recognition of our Lodge. The May beneficiary was Boy Scout Troop No. 233. We served 180 dinners.

The Masonic "Have-a-Heart" Program reached a new level of accomplishment this year by raising \$18,000 for the local Ronald McDonald Houses. Webster Lodge played a significant part in that success.

Other successes include our Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Project, Monroe District Widows Luncheon participation, New York Masonic Safety Identification Program at the Webster Fireman's Carnival and parade participation.

I praise and give thanks to all the Lodge Officers and Brothers who helped in any of the above-mentioned activities, as well as those who served on Lodge Committees throughout the year. Thanks, too, to the Fellowcraft Club for the fine support of assisting the Trustees in the many chores and projects at the Lodge.

Unfortunately, we lost a significant number of Brothers who laid aside their Working Tools of life to be with the Great Architect of the Universe in that spiritual house, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The expression of respect for those departed Brothers has been outstanding.

**Grand Lodge Honors**

Having just returned from New York City, I can tell you that it made me very proud to receive the **Howard W. Potts Award** on behalf of Webster Lodge. I would encourage the Officers to maintain the momentum in obtaining this Award in the coming years.

I pledge my support to my successor, and ask that you provide him and his team with the fine support that was shown to me during my term as your Worshipful Master.

**NORTHFIELD****Lodge No. 426**

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By Erik Loepker

It's time for me to share another book that I am reading. In *a Sunburned Country* is a cross between a travelogue and documentary of Australia, written by one of my favorite authors, Bill Bryson. It is filled with Mr. Bryson's wit, humor and ability to connect with the "everyman" in all of us, yet also shows the depth of research, attention to detail and open sense of wonder that hallmarks his writings. I strongly recommend it.

But why do I bring this up, you ask? Well, I came across a small excerpt in the book where Mr. Bryson relates an encounter that took place during the very first-known expedition across the interior (the "outback") of Australia, through the brutal and unforgiving Simpson Desert. Brother Robert Burke and Brother William Wills (yes, they were apparently Freemasons!) are attributed as being the first Europeans to ever cross the interior of Australia. Here is the interesting thing ... Brother Burke's diary records that, about halfway across their journey, literally thousands of miles from anywhere, they ran across some Aborigines. That, in itself, was unusual, but what really astounded

the Brothers was the Aborigine's greeted the explorers "with the secret sign of Freemasons."

Brother Burke's diary did not give details on what this sign was, but he was significantly impressed by the encounter and seemed sure it wasn't a mistaken action, but a carefully executed and deliberate motion. The diary also went on to describe that the Aborigines knew how to tie shoelaces, even though they did not wear any and concluded they must have met other explorers before Burke and Wills' expedition, although there was never (nor has there ever been) any record of previous excursions.

While the mystery of where the Aborigines learned these things is tantalizing, I share it here to elaborate a couple of points.

First, some Brothers get caught up in the minutiae of what we do (e.g., dinners, community projects, Masonic courses, etc.). These duties are nothing to be neglected or looked down upon, but sometimes we can get very caught up in the processes to the point where we don't enjoy the wider view. We all know of great people in Masonic history, but I always enjoy finding references to Brothers who have done wonderful and exciting things such as being (officially) the first explorers of Australia - it's like making my own small discovery, and getting a glimpse of a wider world.

Secondly, while we may marvel and wonder at how the Aborigines learned our "secret sign," the apparent fact remains that they were exposed to Freemasonry at some level. What a wonderful way of making contact with people with whom one has never met! It's a great example of spreading Brotherly Love.



Widows of Brothers of Northfield were photographed with R.W. Derek VanHouten, District Deputy Grand Master, at the conclusion of the Widows Luncheon. (From left): Linda Zahn, Dorothy Luke, Barbara Brown and Elizabeth Bishop.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Friday, June 5th

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

at Webster Lodge Hall

30 Orchard Street

Adults - \$7

Children - \$4

As for Brotherly Love, at our meeting on May 7th, W. Brother David Adams made some special presentations to distinguished Brethren. R.W. Raymond Beardsley, Sr., was escorted to the East and given a plaque recognizing his "Mason of the Year" Award for 2003. Brother Ed Rummmler was also escorted to the East where he received his 45-year Pin. Both Brothers Beardsley and Rummmler were given Grand Honors. On a lighter note, our newest Brother, Stephen Mitchener, attending his first Communication as Master Mason, was presented his jacket name plaque.

It was also a pleasure having W. Dean Smith, and R.W. Martin Reitz in attendance, having spent the Winter away.

After this, Northfield held its Elections for the coming year. An Open Communication will be held June 4th for Installation of Officers.

As always, we look forward to seeing you there; we may not be Aborigines in the middle of a desert, but we will always greet you in a Fraternal fashion. "

who have requested. Please make sure the Secretary has your latest contact information. His contact information is at the top of the column. As always you can check our website for the latest Trestleboard at:

www.unionstarmasons.org

**Sad News**

It is our sad duty to announce the passing of Brother Leslie H. Sackett. He laid down the Working Tools of life on April 14th. Brother Sackett was a member of the Lodge for over 53 years.

It is with great sadness that I report Brother Michael Hoose lost his son, Jared, at the young age of 19, in a car accident on April 23rd. No words can express the loss of a child before his time. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to our Brother and his family during these trying times.

**Good News**

Our newly Raised Brother, Brian McMurrugh, and his fiancé, Leili Moghari, will be married on June 20th. Best wishes to you from all of us. We look forward to seeing both of you at future events.

**Recent Events**

I extend my thanks to R.W. Gary Sanford, W. Dennison Ripley and W. Richard Bull for being the Installing Master, Marshal and Chaplain for our Installation.

Our new Officers for the ensuing year are:

Master **Scott May**  
Sr. Warden **George Fohner**  
Jr. Warden

Secretary **Frank Habitzreuther**  
Treasurer **Gary Sanford**  
Sr. Deacon **Terry Hatch**

Jr. Deacon **Ken Tomaszewski**

**Troy Shouse**  
We all stand ready to help support and guide the Lodge forward as you, our Brothers, wish. Remember we are here to work and support you, the membership.

**Upcoming Events**

**June 8th** is Sport Shirt Night so leave your coat and tie at home. This is our final meeting before the Lodge goes dark over the Summer.

**June 12th-14th** is the "Village on the Green" Annual Fundraiser and Child-ID Program. Please make sure you

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Brothers, first off, I personally thank W. George Fohner for his leadership and support over the past two years. He has truly raised our Lodge to a new level. George started concepts that have greatly improved friendship, Brotherhood and family involvement. I plan on continuing these ideas as we move forward. I look forward to serving as your Master. Let's continue to work and grow our future together.

To keep costs down, we will continue using the **Masonic Times** as our main means of communicating Lodge events. If something changes between printings we will email everyone and mail information to those

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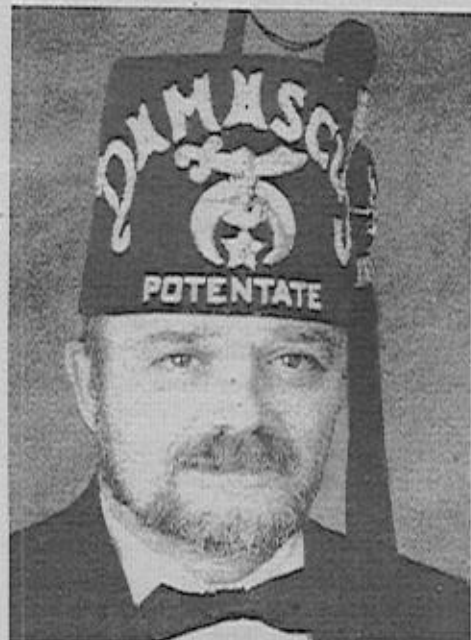
June 2009

**Shrine and Divan Meetings**  
**Dinner Reservations Required**

**Website**  
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**Shrine Office Hours**  
 Monday — Friday  
 9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565 by Monday NOON



**BRUCE CHILTON**  
**POTENTATE**

**Lilac Parade**

What a day it was!!! It started with a great turnout for the Lilac Parade. It was the first parade for the new Colonel of the Units, Ed Wihlen, and the Lt. Colonel of the Units, Tim Driscoll. You would not have known this was their first parade as they were in total control. We were fortunate to have Past Colonel Mac Gath with us, as he mentored Ed and Tim and was a great help to them and Damascus.

We were very proud to have our five new Enlisted men marching to cadence behind our Color Guard. Jim Kahn also came down with his newly prefabricated Go Cart, which is a great advertisement for Damascus. The work on the Go Cart was done by Noble Buddy Rogers, who is a member of Tigress Temple in Syracuse. He is a frequent visitor to the Auburn Shrine Club, with his wife CeCe.

**May Ceremonial**

The parade ended and the second part of the day began. It was a day that would see 35 new Nobles join Damascus Shriners. There were six Candidates who could not make the date, which means we already have six Candidates for the next Ceremonial. The class was named after John G. Wihlen who in early May celebrated his 60th Anniversary as a member of Damascus. When you consider that,

as of this date, I have not been alive that many years, it is an awesome feat. John and his wife, Eve, also celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in May.

John said a few words at dinner and encouraged the new Nobles to take a part in the Temple. The highlight for him, however, was that he shook hands with every new Noble and congratulated them on becoming a Shriner when they signed the membership book.

The day was a full one for the over 20 members of the Wihlen family who were in attendance. Not only did they see the involvement of John G., but they also saw John's GREAT GRANDSON, Matt, become a Member of Damascus. During dinner, Matt's dad, Jay Wihlen, was presented with the prestigious "Joe Shriner Award." The award was presented to Jay because since 1995, the landscape firm that Jay owns has mowed the lawn at Damascus and what Jay has always done is pay his employees and send the balance of what he charges to the Hospitals. This is an unselfish deed that deserves recognition and we thank Jay and Tracey for their generosity.

The day also included Neal I. Bidnick, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, becoming a Member of Damascus. We are thrilled to welcome Neal and Joyce to our Temple.

That portion of our membership efforts has passed, but we have not obtained our goals of a gain. We will be reaching out to anyone who is behind in their Dues and trying to resolve any issues they may have as well as speaking to Nobles who have dropped in recent years. Let's try to get them to come back and join the fun.

**Join Summer Activities**

As the Summer approaches, we have many upcoming events that are listed on the Damascus Trestleboard in this issue of *Damascus News*.

Come join us for Golf to benefit the Kids on June 20th.

Come enjoy the many Friday Night Cruise Nights.

Make reservations for the Clam Bake.

Participate in all the Club and Unit activities. These events are held with you and your families in mind, so please come out, have some fun and know that your support is helping the kids.

I look forward to saying hello to all of you at the upcoming events. Until then ... God Bless Our Kids!

## DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom

The Directors Staff members enjoyed a good dinner at Cheap Charlie's Restaurant on April 22nd. We thank Director, Lee Coller, for giving the Invocation and Benediction at our meeting. Also, a big thank you to Earl Gorton for bringing in two large plastic bags of aluminum can tabs in support of the Shriners Hospitals.

We are looking for a good central location for our regular meeting night. We will be at the Yellow Miles Diner again for our June meeting. Please contact the Club Of-

ficers if you know of a suitable restaurant where we can hold a monthly meeting.

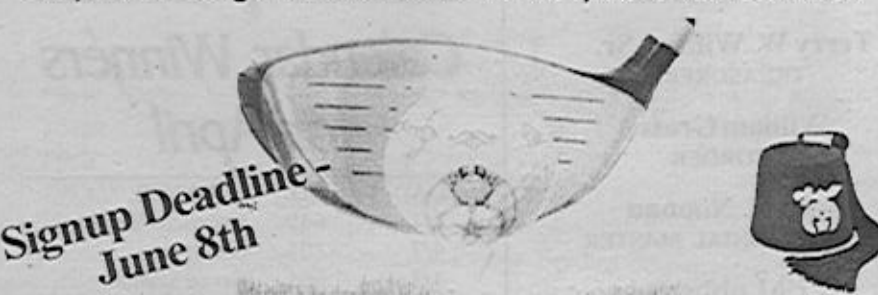
There are a number of parades coming up this Summer. Come out and enjoy them and wear something that advertises the Shrine and Shriners Hospitals.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 24th, at the Yellow Mills Diner, 2534 Route 31, Palmyra. New members and guests are welcome. Social time is 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m. RSVP to Vance Collom, Secretary (585) 217-9817 by Monday, June 22nd.

Until next time, God Bless!



**Damascus Shriners**  
**"Having fun and helping kids"**  
**2009 Golf Tournament**  
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**Signup Deadline - June 8th**

**Saturday, June 20th**  
**Charleston Pines at Lima Country Club**

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12:30 p.m. - Registration | 1 p.m. - Shotgun Start  
 6 p.m. - Dinner with Raffles and Prizes

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**Signup Deadline - June 8th**

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## Damascus Legion of Honor

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Social Hour - 5 p.m.  
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Dinner - 6 p.m.

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 Rolls & Butter \* Dessert

\$8 per person  
 RSVP no later than June 8th at 436-8216

**Also, Save the Following Dates:**

August 12th - Stag Steak Roast  
 September 9th - Ladies Night Meeting  
*Details will be forthcoming*

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**SHRINEABILIA**

By Derek VanHouten

The Potentate informed me that, during the upcoming Summer Break, the Dining Room walls are going to be painted. This will require the pictures to be removed from the walls. If you have a particular favorite that you want to see re-installed, please let me know or I will select them myself. The remaining framed pictures will go into storage.

We were thinking that a couple of areas could be designated for "The Past" and "The Present" where a selection of pictures would be located. Let me know if you may have additional ideas for viewing these historical pictures.

**Calendar Winners  
for April**

DAY	NO.	WINNER
4/1	649	Damascus Shrine
4/2	205	Erna Hawk
4/3	685	Gerald Stanton
4/4	410	Damascus Shrine
4/5	226	Damascus Shrine
4/6	834	Lorrie McDonald
4/7	647	Damascus Shrine
4/8	137	Carmella Guerri
4/9	890	Damascus Shrine
4/10	185	Marcia Palmer
4/11	734	Becky Jessop
4/12	746	Larry Cooper
4/13	907	Damascus Shrine
4/14	773	Damascus Shrine
4/15	180	Damascus Shrine
4/16	295	Linda Henry
4/17	933	Tom Marino
4/18	170	Benjamin Merkley
4/19	295	Linda Henry
4/20	861	Fred Carlone
4/21	619	Damascus Shrine
4/22	065	Damascus Shrine
4/23	742	Damascus Shrine
4/24	456	Jeff Tiballi
4/25	015	Cy White
4/26	487	Diane Romanyshyn
4/27	067	Bob Curtis
4/28	512	Mike Dox
4/29	077	Jerry Cooper
4/30	829	Ann Marie Phillips



By Ellie Canfield, PQ

Welcome to Spring! Smell the flowers, the beautiful trees in blossom and let's all remember who made this happen. Of course it's Mother Nature, but the love of God is the love that makes this happen.

Zama Temple held their stated Session on May 9th with our Spring Ceremonial. The Pageantry Ladies provided a delicious luncheon. The tables were decorated in Spring colors along with Spring flowers.

Several of our new members were present as well as our newly re-instated Pr. June Nash. We were also delighted to have with us Pr. Louise Whitley.

A gentle reminder ... please don't forget the "Silent Card Party." Checks should be made payable to *Zama Temple No. 14* and mailed to Recorder, Carol Colegrove, PQ.

**Upcoming Events**

**Supreme Queen's Visit**

Our next "BIG" event will be our Supreme Queen's Visit on Monday, July 20th with a Ceremonial and dinner to follow. The Ceremonial will be at 2 p.m. at the Fairport Masonic Hall. A banquet follows at 6 p.m. at the Country Party House, 321 East Linden Avenue, East Rochester. Please look for more information for this special event either on your computer or in our newsletter. There will be a menu to make your choice for dinner as well as the price. Again, checks should be made payable to *Zama Temple No. 14* and mailed to Recorder, Carol Colegrove, PQ. Thank you.

Our next Stated Session will be August 8th at 10 a.m. with a lunch to follow. Lunch Committee will be Pr. Royal, Joan Davis; Pr. Tirzah, Gail Sanford; and Pr. Badoura.

**Zama Temple No. 14  
Queen Nancy Lynch**

August 15th is the Carriage Show at Walnut Hill in Mendon. Ladies, this is a wonderful day with horse-drawn buggies and ladies dressed in period clothing. There is a very large tent with outstanding food for sale and there also are items for sale. So bring your husband, friends and a chair. Prepare yourself for a day away.

I understand that Vicky Ball, PQ, is planning on having a picnic at her home for Zama Temple Officers on Sunday, August 23rd. Watch for more information to follow.

We also plan to start a sewing group to sew items for the Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie. More information will follow.

**Fundraiser**

Zama Temple has a fundraiser going to sell RADA Cutlery. This company has been around for 60 years manufacturing their remarkable kitchen knives and utensils since 1948. They carry all kinds of knives, chopping and dicing items and gift sets. Remember, these items make excellent gifts for weddings, showers, etc.

In the Fall we will be taking orders for Spring bulbs. I understand from several ladies who purchased these bulbs last year that the flowers were just beautiful this Spring. More information will follow at a later date.

Until next time, have a safe and enjoyable Summer. To the Officers I say, Study hard so you are fully proficient in your work. Support your Queen, come to Sessions. If you do not, you will miss the activities and your friends ... and will not make new friends.

"LOVE is an emotional experience you never forget because it is something you always learn by heart."

**AUBURN SHRINE CLUB**

By David Bowman

If you missed our April meeting, it was "picture perfect." Glen Gaston of Gaston-Moore Studios demonstrated the skill of photography. His images of birds, especially the American Bald Eagle, were a big hit. Speaking of a big hit, he followed it up with photos from Toronto Blue Jays, the Syracuse Chiefs and Auburn Doubledays. Glen shared some of his techniques and many questions were asked. It was truly an outstanding program.

I was lucky enough to be joined at the table by John and Dorothy Roden. Hey John, I saw that beautiful Teddy Bear you donated to the hospitals. Thanks so much. There was a nice grouping of bears to be distributed. Thanks to all and keep 'em coming.

Did you see the pictures of Bald Eagles that Carol Ward had taken? Right in her front yard no less! She is not sure how the tree branches got in the way and asked Glen how to correct that. I believe the answer was a chainsaw.


Ken Pollard gave a deeply involved report on the financial condition of the Hospitals supported by our organization. Let's hope our leadership is guided in making some very important decisions.

As the phrase goes, we had a nice crowd. I saw one table still available after everyone arrived. Can't name everyone, of course, President Cambareri, the Schencks, the Christophers, the Pritchards, the Hares, our table of Monday Night Bachelors (including Tom Vasile), folks from Tigris and those were just the rowdy ones.

Be sure to let me know (315)-253-3947 or [dpb71esb@verizon.net](mailto:dpb71esb@verizon.net) if you are not getting the monthly information either in the mail or by email.

I've been told the publishers are going to take the Summer off. Well, we aren't. Check your mail and/or email for our June Bash and our famous Steak Roast to be held August 17th at the Auburn 124 Center. Hey, get up, put it on your calendar. You will only have yourself to blame if you miss it.

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*Richard L. Guilfoil  
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## Summer Birthdays ...

### June

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Philip Averbach  
Robert W. Avery  
David A. Balcom  
Donald F. Braun  
Thomas E. Burger  
Bruce D. Chilton  
Craig L. Chilton  
Craig E. Coleman  
Glen R. Cone  
Vincent Costanzo  
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James H. Stevenson  
Charles E. Strickland  
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Steve Vachon  
James H. Verbridge  
Harry F. Voss  
W. Burton Ward  
Terry W. Wihlen  
John H. Williams  
Ronald J. Williams  
John E. Zabel  
George C. Zutes

### July

Laurence J. Andrews  
John S. Archibald  
Curtis W. Barker  
Richard K. Bradstreet  
Stuart Brickman  
Roy T. Bruno  
Daniel A. Burkhardt  
Lee L. Collier  
Dennis H. Copeland  
J. Mark Craib  
John F. Crough  
Charles B. Daly  
James A. De Lorenzo  
Robert Dillman  
Richard C. Downs  
Henry R. Dutcher  
L. Ron Edwards  
Donald H. Fegley  
Dean J. Fero  
Dennis K. Finucane  
William N. Fredenburg  
Donald E. Freeman  
H. Fritz Friedrich  
Stanley V. Fritz  
Harold Glerum

Richard P. Greenaway  
David A. Hardy  
Donald F. Heath  
John E. Hennessy  
Matthew M. Henshaw  
Lloyd H. Hilimire  
Arthur L. Hill  
Frederick S. Holderle  
Lawrence E. Hood  
William R. Hook  
Richard L. Howard  
Worth D. Irish  
James J. Jolley  
Brian Patrick Keery  
David K. King  
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Raymon A. Morgan  
George R. Morris  
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Thomas J. Perrone

Donald W. Raw  
Oscar H. Reber  
John R. Roden  
Joseph J. Rosicka  
Theodore Sargent  
Frank Schrader  
Scott Smith  
Fred R. Steele  
Harold W. Tausch  
Theodore H. Tennant  
Benjamin P. Thorp  
Rene R. VanDeVeire  
Robert F. VanKeuren  
Sandy Wagner  
Wallace J. Wagner  
Charles N. Waterstreet  
Robert T. Weed  
Stephen R. Whittaker  
John D. "Jay" Wihlen  
John M. "Matt" Wihlen  
Terry W. Wihlen  
John H. Williams  
Oscar C. Wilson

### August

Robert D. Anwyl  
Benhur Atmosfera  
Michael J. Baroody  
Leon L. Behnke  
Michael J. Bell  
John E. Bricklemeyer  
Lawrence Bright  
Kenneth L. Brush  
Eric D. Bryant  
John N. Butterworth  
Luigi G. Campaniello  
Donald L. Carlile  
Frank Celona  
William L. Colin  
David P. Crawford  
Walter R. Daggett  
Richard E. Darling  
Bruce Deets  
Joseph C. Ditucci  
Robert J. Dinehart  
Will Dobbin  
Frank L. Doebler  
Warren G. Doerrer  
Thomas J. Dunn  
Thomas W. Ess  
Nicholas Eull  
John R. Faro  
Robert Ferguson  
Charles P. Fornataro  
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Robert H. Greenlee  
Kenneth A. Gregory  
John T. Harris  
William T. Hart  
William E. Heary  
John A. Hellaby  
U. Herbert Hofmann  
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Frank Kelsey  
James D. Kirkwood  
Cyrus Kloner  
Ralph Kraft  
Ralph R. Leidy  
John S. Lemke  
Leroy H. Lester  
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Edwin K. Malchoff  
Edwin A. Maracle  
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## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2009

### JUNE

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

### JULY

- 5th-9th - Imperial Session/San Antonio TX
- 17th - Roar on the Shore; Erie, PA
- 21st - Canandaigua Shrine Club Corn & Steak Roast
- 29th - Wheelers Pig Roast, Camp DeMolay
- Cruise Nights, 5-8 p.m. Friday Nights ...
- 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

### AUGUST

- \*9th - Wheelers "Ugly Run" and Motorcycle Rodeo - \* New Date!
- 15th - Clambake at Shrine Center
- 16th - Poag's Hole Ride; Poag's Hole
- 29th - Wheeler's Pig Roast, Camp DeMolay
- 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
- 15th - Canandaigua Shrine Club
- 20th - Comedy Night at Shrine Center
- 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
- 20th - Canandaigua Shrine Club
- 22nd - Perry Shrine Club Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Hole-in-the-Wall
- 24th - Wheelers Haunted Hayride at the Shrine Center

### NOVEMBER

- 2nd - Divan Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 4th - Shrine Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14th - Harvest Dinner
- 18th - Perry Shrine Club Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Lumberyard
- 30th - Divan Meeting, 7 p.m.

### DECEMBER

- 2nd - Shrine Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16th - Perry Shrine Club Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., National Hotel, Cuylerville

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!!!



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

\$10 per person; Reservations Required! - Call the Shrine Office - (585) 671-7701

June 3rd - Stuffed Pork Chop

September 2nd - Baked Ham

October 7th - Chicken Parmesan

November 4th - BBQ Chicken & Ribs

*Note: Chicken may be substituted for those not eating the pork entrées. Notify the Office know when making the reservation.*

*By Andy Rueby*

## Canandaigua Shrine Club



# Corn & Steak Roast July 21st

**Holfield Gun Club; Bloomfield**

(Just North of Toomeys Corners, Off Route 5 & 20)

**Corn & Tidbits - 5 p.m.**

**Steaks - 6 p.m.**

**Macaroni Salad \* Beans \* Tossed Salad  
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## Damascus Shriners! Clip and Save!

2009 Dinners for the Wednesday Night Shrine Meetings

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

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

Call the Shrine Office - (585) 671-7701

Dinners include Salad, Coffee and Dessert

June 3rd - Stuffed Pork Chop

September 2nd - Baked Ham

October 7th - Chicken Parmesan

November 4th - BBQ Chicken & Ribs

December 2nd - Sliced Sirloin & Gravy

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if you want chicken instead of pork.

By Andy Rueby



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## Membership Update

By Gary Burke

On behalf of the entire Divan and the Membership Committee, I extend my sincere congratulations to each and every Noble who brought in a Petition for the John G. Wihlen Spring Class. On May 9th you created 33 new Nobles for Damascus. That equates to 43% of our new member goal for 2009. What a great job.

We have seven additional Petitions for Brothers who were unable to be with us that day and will now plan for, and look forward to, the October 17th Ceremonial.

Your Membership Committee will be turning its attention to retention and res-

toration efforts for the next few months. Speaking of retention, won't you take a look at your Dues Card? If it doesn't show 2009, then you need to send a check to the Recorder's Office to clear up your outstanding dues. Not sure what you may owe? Give us a call and we'll be glad to give you the amount. Any further questions can be referred to your Membership Committee either through the Recorder's Office or by sending an email message to:

[membershipchairman@damascusshriners.org](mailto:membershipchairman@damascusshriners.org)

Our seven Brothers, who have Petitions pending, as well as any other potential Candidate, are welcome to attend any of our various social functions that

## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Robert Anderson

I'm sure everyone who went to the Perry Meeting had a great time. Again, for those of you who didn't miss a memorable evening!

At the April 23rd Dinner, Noble Frank Russell presented an entertaining and informative program on the 40-year existence (1892-1932) of the famous John Philip Sousa Band. Of particular interest is that Sousa (1854-1932) was a Freemason, Raised in 1881 to the 3rd Degree, and became a Shriner in 1922. At any time, one-third to one-half of the Band were members of some Masonic Order.

In 1923, Sousa composed "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine" march, dedicated to the Shriners. To be a member of the Band, in addition to being an impeccable musician, were characteristics we know to be possessed by a Brother Mason.

Frank's program provided insights on the history of Sousa's two most famous marches, "The Washington Post" and

"Stars and Stripes Forever." This latter march became our National March in 1987 by Act of Congress.

Frank gave some of Sousa's background and the history of the sousaphone, an instrument that Frank has played for 60 years.

He related some of the experiences the musicians had during their 352-day World Tour in 1911. He also told of some of the well-known musicians who played in the Band. Interspersed throughout the evening was some of Sousa's music, including selections from the World Tour when the band played over 15,600 concerts of 25-35 numbers at each concert. The closest they came to Perry was Batavia. The Band was a concert band and only marched eight times in those 40 years. They were really busy, and in two years, 1894 with 661 concerts and 1902 with 730 concerts, they played nearly two concerts a day.

It was a relaxing and enjoyable evening for the Nobles and their Ladies.



Gerald Hussong and Clarence Bogardus from the Perry Shrine Club.



Nicole in Mini-Car at Shrine Meeting.



Shriners in Mini-Cars

are planned between now and the October Ceremonial. Each function is a great way to get these Brothers involved in the FUN that Damascus has to offer.

Start working on any potential new member now; our next Noble Bring-a-Friend Event will be on September 19th. For planning purposes, the Fall Ceremonial will be a morning event that will finish with lunch.

Once again, a big THANK YOU for a job well done. You are proving to be the "WHO" in our slogan of "If not you, then who," and your stepping up and getting the job done. Our goal of nine in '09 is well within our grasp.



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## June 6th Shriners International Awareness Day

Mark your calendar and start making plans!

Shriners International Awareness Day is coming on June 6th and Nobles around the world are encouraged to participate in this exciting opportunity to celebrate the Fraternity and recognize the day the Imperial Council was founded—June 6, 1876. The Imperial Council is the governing body of Shriners International.

On June 6th, Shriners everywhere are asked to wear their fez, if appropriate, or a hat, shirt, lapel pin or other item with the Fraternal logo to help recognize fellow Nobles and increase awareness about Shriners International. Many Shriners are also organizing special events at their Temples and in their communities.

“The goal of Shriners International Awareness Day is for each and every Noble to join together for one purpose—to support our great Fraternity,” said Imperial Membership Committee Chairman, George Mitchell. “Shriners International Awareness Day is an opportunity for us to increase awareness about Shriners International while celebrating the Fraternity’s impressive achievements since it was founded in New York City in 1872.”

Nobles can participate in Shriners International Awareness Day by:

- Wearing their fez on Shriners International Awareness Day when appropriate (during an official Shriners function).
- Showing pride in Shriners International by wearing a hat, shirt, lapel pin or other item with the Fraternal logo.
- Organizing an event at their Temple or in their local community. Invite the public to participate in the event to increase awareness about the local Temple and Shriners International.
- Contacting the Temple Recorder or Public Relations Chairman to order copies of the *Shriner Primer*. Hand out copies to neighbors, friends, family members and any one else who may be interested in learning more about Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- Contacting one of the Shriners Hospitals for Children to schedule a tour. Organize a group tour for local interested community members.
- Including information about Shriners International Awareness Day on the Temple Website and in the Temple calendar, publications and electronic communications. Announce the date at Temple and club meetings. Be sure that each and every Noble knows about Shriners International Awareness Day and encourage them to participate.

## Former Patient One of the Fraternity’s Youngest Potentates



Clowning around with admirer is Drew Borske, Potentate of Sesostris Shriners.

Drew Borske remembers the day he was a young patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Chicago and he first encountered a group of Shriners.

“I met these wonderful men with red fezzes on and they were the nicest people,” he recalls. “I knew one day I had to join.”

Born without the lower part of his right arm, Borske started treatment at the hospital when he was just six months old and continued receiving care there until he was 19. He still looks upon those years with fondness and credits the hospital staff for giving him the unique prosthetic devices he often needed to enjoy an active childhood.

In January, at the age of 39, Borske became Potentate of Sesostris Shriners in Roca, Nebraska. He is among the youngest Potentates in Shriners International’s history, and his experience as a former patient gives him a unique appreciation for the medical care provided by the fraternity’s official philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

“I loved going to the hospital because of the people and care I received,” he said. “The doctors, nurses and staff were always friendly. I felt they listened to me and considered my recommendations. There was never an attitude that ‘we can’t do that.’”

As a teen, Borske played soccer; and when he wanted to play tennis, hospital staff developed a special prosthetic device so he could serve the tennis ball. When he wanted to play ball with his father, they created a prosthetic attachment so he could catch the ball.

Borske joined his school’s gymnastics team, and his frequent handstands often damaged his prosthetic hand.

“I was a rather rambunctious boy and often destroyed my prosthetics,” Borske said.

The doctors didn’t discourage him, though. Instead, they told him to “keep doing what you’re doing and we’ll keep fixing them.”

The idea to become a Shriner always remained in the back of Borske’s mind. When he was 29 years old, he decided to act on the idea during a quick stop at a local store where Sesostris Shriners were hosting Shriners Hospital Awareness Day.

“I asked a few of them, ‘how do I become a Shriner?’” he recalls. “Their eyes got as big as saucers.” The next day, Borske filled out the paperwork and four years later, he was already a member of the Sesostris Board.

Borske has referred patients to Shriners Hospitals for Children for care, including a neighbor boy who still had difficulty walking after two surgeries to correct his clubfoot. Doctors told the boy’s mother nothing else could be done.

“I told her, ‘I’m a Shriner, and I know we can help him,’” Borske said. The boy received treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Twin Cities, and today he walks fine, Borske said.

For Borske, the most rewarding aspect of being a Shriner has been transporting patients to the hospital in Minneapolis.

“It’s very moving for me,” he said. “Taking another patient to receive care probably has been the most fulfilling part of my life.”

As the new Sesostris Potentate, Borske plans to increase community awareness of Shriners International and the hospitals it supports. He was a recent guest on a local radio show promoting the 64th Annual Sesostris Shrine Circus, held in March. He is also recognizing Nobles and their Ladies for their efforts. Instead of a Potentate’s Ball, he decided to have a Nobility Ball and a special Ladies Appreciation Dinner.

“We’re letting the nobility know that they are the special ones,” Borske said.

## “JOE SHRINER” AWARD TO JAY WIHLEN



This international day of recognition every June 6th will continue to be an opportunity for Shriners to share information about the fraternity, its history and the benefits of becoming part of an organization dedicated to fun, fellowship and philanthropic support.

Illustrious Sir Bruce Chilton, Potentate of Damascus Shriners, announces the “Joe Shriner” Award given to Jay Wihlen, shown above, receiving congratulations from Chief Rabban Thomas Vasile, for his generosity toward Shriners Hospitals for Children.

### 2009 Damascus News Boosters

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Delbert and Jean Fix	Fred & Lynda McKinley	John C. & Sandra Wihlen
H. Fritz Friedrich	Joe & Barb Minas	Terry & Jo-Carroll Wihlen

## Damascus Shriners Old-Fashioned Clam Bake

### August 15th Noon-'Til

at The Shrine Center 979 Bay Road; Webster



Serving Starting Around 2 p.m.  
All The Clams You Can Eat!

- Bar-B-Que Chicken
- Italian Sausage with Peppers & Onions
- Salt Potatoes
- Corn on the Cob
- Baked Beans
- Tossed Salad & Fruit Salad
- Draft Beer \* Soda \* Coffee & Tea
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## JOHN G. WHILEN 2009 CLASS OF NOBLES

### Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen

Summer is about to begin and most of us have turned our thoughts to golf, fishing, yard work and vacations. The governments have not stopped working and the tax laws continue to evolve. Therefore, I will continue to monitor them and publish, as much as space allows, those changes that might be of use to most of you.

#### After You File

##### Change of Address

If you move after you filed your Return, you should send Form 8822, Change of Address, to the Internal Revenue Service. If you are expecting a refund through the mail, you should also notify the Post Office serving your former address, which will ensure your check makes it to your new address.

##### Made a Mistake?

Errors may delay your refund or result in notices being sent to you. If you discover an error on your Return, you can correct your Return by filing an Amended Return using Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Re-

turn. Here are four reasons to file an Amended Return:

1. You did not report some income;
2. You claimed deductions or credits you should not have claimed;
3. You did not claim deductions or credits you could have claimed;
4. You should have claimed a different filing status.

Caveat: (Taxpayers who filed a Joint Return cannot choose to file separate Returns for that year after the due date of the Return).

##### What to do if You Receive a Notice

It's a moment many taxpayers dread. A letter arrives from the Internal Revenue Service or the State - and it's not a refund check. Don't panic; many of these letters can be dealt with simply and painlessly.

Each year millions of letters and notices are sent to taxpayers to request payment of taxes, notify them of a change to their account or request additional

information. The notice you receive normally covers a very specific issue about your account or Tax Return. Each letter and notice offers specific instructions on what you are asked to do to satisfy the inquiry.

If you receive a Correction Notice, you should review the correspondence and compare it with the information on your Return. You should forward a copy of the notice to the person or company who prepared your Tax Return for their opinion because maybe the government made a mistake or confused another taxpayer with you.

- If everyone agrees with the correction to your account, usually no reply is necessary unless a payment is due.
- If there is disagreement with the correction the government made, it is important you respond as requested. Write to explain why you disagree. Include any documents and information you wish the government to consider, along with the bottom tear-off portion of the Notice. Mail the information to the address shown on the Notice. Allow at least 30 days for a response.

Be sure to keep copies of any correspondence with your records.

##### Facts about Amended Returns

Taxpayers who need to make a change or adjustment on a Return they already filed can do so by filing an Amended Return. Here are the things every taxpayer should know about amending your Tax Return:

1. Taxpayers should file an Amended Return if they discover any of the following items were reported incorrectly: filing status, dependents, total income, deductions or credits.
2. Generally, you do not need to file an Amended Return for math errors as the government will be able to make the correction for you.
3. You also do not usually need to file an Amended Return because you forgot to include forms - such as W-2s or schedules - when you filed; the government normally requests those forms from you.
4. Be sure to enter the year of the Return you are amending at the top of Form 1040X or use the correct Amended Form for your jurisdiction. Generally, you must file the Amended Form within three years from the date you filed your original Return or within two years from the date you paid the tax, whichever is later.

5. If you are amending more than one Tax Return, prepare an Amended Form for each Return and mail them in separate envelopes to the Processing Center for the area in which you live. The instructions list the addresses for the centers.

6. If the changes involve another Schedule or Form, attach it to the Amended Form.

7. If you are filing to claim an additional refund, wait until you have received your original refund before filing an Amended Form. You may cash that check while waiting for any additional refund.

8. If you owe additional tax, you should file an Amended Form and pay the tax as soon as possible to limit interest and penalty charges. Interest is charged on any tax not paid by the due date of the original Return, without regard to extensions.

##### Upcoming Due Dates

June 15th - May Payroll Taxes and Second Quarter Estimated Taxes Due

June 20th - Sales Tax Due

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



**Union Star Lodge**  
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contact Gene Gordon (624-4906) and sign up for a time slot. We need everyone's help to make this a success.

**June 15th** is our Fellowcraft Steak Roast. Make sure you make reservations in advance unless you like watching everyone else enjoy their meal. Contact George Fochner (586-5255) or Gary Sanford (425-4240) to reserve your steak. After dinner we will have a short Fellowcraft meeting.

**September 14th** will be our first meeting after the Summer Break. This will also be our Awards Night that was delayed from last year. There will be a dinner that night. As soon as more information is available for next year, the new Trestleboard will be posted.

Enjoy the Summer and come back with some stories, ideas and maybe even a few potential Candidates.

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By Carl Preddy

The Annual Meeting of Seneca Lodge was held May 12th and consisted of Committee and Officer Reports, Election and Installation of Officers. It was a particular joy for me to attend and preside in person for the first time since moving out-of-state last September. What a joy it was to return to my home Lodge and be so warmly greeted by my Brethren of many years past, and also by our two newest Brothers Brandon Phelps and Bennie Vitullo, Raised just one month ago.

By unanimous ballot of the Brethren present, the Elected and Appointed Officers of Seneca Lodge for the 2009-2010 year will be:

- Master **Richard Shellman**
- Sr. Warden **Donald Jenks, Jr.**
- Jr. Warden **Jack Breitung**
- Treasurer **Michael Ferguson**
- Secretary **Frederic Norter**
- Trustee **James Holtzgartner**
- Trustee **Robert Shaver, Sr.**
- Trustee **Robert C. Green**
- Chaplain **Dana W. Cline**
- Sr. Deacon **Jason V. Cline**
- Jr. Deacon **Stuart Walthour**
- Sr. MC **Raymond Crandall**
- Jr. MC **Robert D. Kimmel**
- Sr. Steward

- James Holtzgartner**
- Jr. Steward **Kenneth Nelson**
- Marshal **Brandon Phelps**
- Tiler **Gordon Hubbell**

Several Brothers stood as proxy for those not in attendance.

The Ceremonies were ably conducted by R.:W.: Steven R. Whittaker as Installing Master, W.: Carl R. Preddy as Installing Marshal and R.:W.: Paul A. Vick as Installing Chaplain.

Members and those who know our Lodge will recognize many familiar names among the above, inasmuch as almost all the Officers are serving a second consecutive term. Special recognition is due new Brother Bran-

don Phelps, the only new Officer in the line. Our new Master is returning to the East after having served two prior terms some three seasons ago. In his remarks upon being sworn in again, W.: Dick Shellman explained some of the reasoning behind this choice, all being for the strengthening of the Line, the backbone of any good Lodge.

The next regularly scheduled Communication of Seneca Lodge will be June 9th at the Webster Masonic Hall, 6 p.m.; Fellowcraft, 6:30 p.m. dinner (Reservations with Junior Warden are a must); 7:30 p.m. Assembly. The program will consist of presentation of Service Awards to 20 of our Brothers having between 20 and 60 years of service to the Craft. This is also our Annual Lodge of Remembrance of departed Brethren.

In past years this meeting would have concluded our year, but your new Worshipful Mas-

ter has called for an additional working meeting on Tuesday, June 23rd at the Lodge. There will be no dinner and it will not be a tiled meeting. The purpose will be a brainstorming session to chart the course of the Lodge over the coming months and years. I strongly urge those with an interest in building a more cohesive and purposeful Lodge to attend and contribute to the discussion. The exact times and further information will be found in the June Trestleboard going out to all members.

It has been an honor and privilege for me to serve as Master of this fine Lodge for the preceding year. As I did on the evening of my last gavel-rap from the East, I again thank all Officers and members for their support, and for bearing the extra burden placed upon them by my circumstances. You have risen to the challenge and succeeded.

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Assistant Grand Lecturer **Dennis Parmerter** 535-0595

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Lodge No. 39, F. & A.M.  
1st Wednesdays  
7:30 p.m.

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By Doug Poole, Secretary

Here we are at the time for Summer Recess. This has been a very busy year, but if you think Lodge will slow down over the Summer, you are dreaming! Olive Branch has a long way to go. Change is in the air.

At our first meeting in May we held Election of Officers. Our new Officers are:

- Master **Neil Bedford**
- Sr. Warden **Mike Smith**
- Jr. Warden **Andrew Lathan**
- Treasurer **John Sherman**
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I had a very interesting time representing Livingston District at the 228th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. The Livingston Masters and I were in our usual place, up on the North Balcony. It is a fun place to be with a great view of the entire proceedings. It was a bit odd not seeing our Grand Master M.:W.: Ed Gilbert in the East, but our Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Vincent Libone, did a great job. My wife and I had a pleasant time at the Grand Master's Dinner; we had the delightful opportunity to sit with our Brothers from Genesee-Wyoming District and members from the Mid-State Region.

As we are entering our last few weeks of this Masonic year, I wish good luck and cool evenings to the Lodges who are conferring the Master Mason Degree on their Brothers. If you need any help, please let your District Officers know. We are willing to help out in any way. I also wish to caution those Lodges ... "Do not forget your new members;" keep them informed of any Summer activities you have planned and make sure they attend Lodge meetings in the Fall.

**Notice of Election Results**  
With Elections having been completed last month, I remind

**Nunda Station**  
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7:30 p.m.

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Brethren, May was a busy month and I missed writing the article for the *Masonic Times* but will try to catch you up on the news.

On April 7th, we had a 1st Degree. We have four new Brothers who will be ready by the Fall to receive their Fellowcraft Degree. The Degree was conferred with assistance from several Lodges around the District.

On April 21st, we met, took care of business and traveled to Phoenix Lodge to deliver the Traveling Gavel. It isn't an easy task to get enough people to deliver this to another Lodge.

I traveled to New York City for the Grand Lodge Annual Communication on May 2nd. It

the Secretaries to send me a copy of your Election results. We need to make sure everything is in order before the Summer. Following Elections, if your Lodge wishes to have the College of Grand Lodge Officers of the Livingston District perform the Installation of Officers, please let R.:W.: Dick Trescott or myself know. We are working on the schedule for this month.

I extend very special congratulations to R.:W.: Edwin Dickson who was the Livingston District's 2009 Recipient of the James W. Lee Award for Distinguished Achievement. Brother Ed and our previous winners truly represent the Masonic ideals so evident in our District.

**Golf Tournament**  
This final call of "Fore" goes out to all the golfers in the area. We will be holding our Annual Livingston District Golf Tournament on June 13th at the Conesus Country Club. This fundraiser will benefit all community projects in the District. If you are a golfer, or just wish to join us for the dinner, please let R.:W.: Dick Trescott or me know and we can get you the necessary paperwork.

I congratulate W.: Steve Shull, W.: Rick LaFave and Brother Jim Smith who were elected as Officers for our Livingston District Association. I know they are going to do a great job with our Association Meetings starting up in the Fall.

**Summer Picnic**  
This Summer we will be having our Annual Livingston District Picnic at Rick Green Park in Conesus. Unfortunately, at this time, we do not have a confirmed date. We are planning on it being some Sunday during the month of August. I will keep you all posted once we have a date.

was a well-attended meeting run by the Deputy Grand Master in the absence of our Grand Master who is still recovering from surgery and complications. We wish our Grand Master, M.:W.: Edward Gilbert, a speedy and full recovery.

Nunda Fun Days will be over by this printing and we thank all our Brothers for supporting us on this project. It is hard work but lets the community see us at work.

**Father's Day Brunch**  
There will be a Father's Day Brunch on June 21st in our Lodge Dining Room. We will be serving from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Please bring your families. Reservations are nice, but not required. Call Bob Cox at 468-5066.

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

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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## 2009 AASR Spring Reunion - A Tremendous Success!



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

the staging of our Degrees this year. Stage lighting, a sound system, music and back-lit scrim/projection systems, used to project scenes related to the particular Degrees, have enhanced our performances. Each time it gets better.

### Reunion Banquet

We also had a great turnout for the Reunion Banquet. Ninety-four Brothers and their Ladies were treated to a wonderful meal at the Penfield Country Club. Special thanks go to Don Osborne, 32°, for sponsoring the event at the Club. The members and ladies of the Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Class were out in full force.

This year there were thirty (30) Brothers who received the Degrees at our Spring Reunion - 26 members of the Valley of Rochester's Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Class, together with four members from the Valleys of Buffalo and Lockport. Each of the Degree casts of the six Degrees conferred did an absolutely outstanding job in conveying their message and meaning. The presentations were truly inspirational...rating a 10! Congratulations to everyone - Degree directors, cast members and staging and lighting crews for your dedication and hard work to make this year's Reunion an overwhelming success!

### Upgrading Performances

Under the leadership and direction of 2nd Lt. K. Rick Howe, 32° DSA, we have made a concerted effort to upgrade

Richard Friedman, Thomas Goodrich, Andy Richardson, John Williams, Philip Hurwitz, Michael McBride, Gary Hutcherson, Larry Canfield, Steve Whittaker, Seymour Kopen, James Miller, John Faro and Michael Morris. Thank you, my Brothers, for helping make this the largest Class the Valley has had in many years.

### Dedicated Service Awards

We have made great progress this year in "Raising the Bar" in all of our activities, including the quality of our Degree presentations, membership development activities, family-life programs and Valley operations. This progress is due to the efforts and dedication of the entire leadership (Officer) team, and it has been an outstanding team effort!

As Commander-in-Chief, it is my distinct honor and privilege to select and recognize those among our members who, through their dedicated service over an extended period of time, are to be the recipients of the Valley of Rochester's Ill.: John B. Mullen, 33°, Dedicated Service Awards this year.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Valley, "There shall be an award known as the "Ill.: John B. Mullen, 33°, Dedicated Service Award," which may be conferred upon members of the Rite in this Valley who have attained the 32° and who by reason of dedicated service over an extended period are deemed worthy of such recognition.

The presiding Officers of the Bodies of the Rite, the Secretary,

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Members of the Valley of Rochester's 2009 Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Class

## Valley of Rochester 2009 Spring & Summer Program

July 11th - Scottish Rite Clambake and Steak Roast  
at Camp Morris (near Wayland)

July 24th-26th - New York Council of Deliberation  
Holiday Inn, Liverpool  
Valley of Rochester is Host Valley

August 9th - Family Fun Day - Picnic & Rides  
at Seabreeze Amusement Park  
Prepaid Advance Ticket Purchase Required

August 16th - Annual Summer Outing  
Dinner and Cruise aboard the "Canandaigua Lady"  
Reservations Required

August 23rd-25th - Supreme Council of the Northern  
Masonic Jurisdiction; Boston, MA

September 17th - Annual Meeting, Awards Night &  
Day of Adar at Shrine Center  
Reservations Required

**Make your reservations On Time!**  
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity  
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**Don't be Late!**  
Late Reservations may have to be accepted  
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the Treasurer and the Deputy's Representative shall individually nominate candidates for consideration each year. The Commander-in-Chief shall select from the list of nominees the recipients for that year and announce the awards at the annual banquet. The presentation of the award will be made at the annual picnic each year."

This year I have selected four Sublime Princes to receive a Ill.: John B. Mullen, 33°, Dedicated Service Award for 2009. They are: John Faro, 32° DSA, Thomas Goodrich, 32° DSA, Patrick Mulrooney, 32° DSA, and Donald Tubman, 32° DSA. Congratulations my Brothers! THANK YOU for all you do for the Valley of Rochester and for Freemasonry!

#### SUMMER EVENTS

##### Officer Academy - June 4

On Thursday, June 4th, we will hold an Officer Academy for the newly installed Officers of the Valley. The Officer Academy will begin with pizza and wings at 6:30 p.m. at Fairport-Flower City Lodge, 87 South Main Street, Fairport, followed by an informational meeting. The focus will be on the organization and efficient/effective management of Valley operations and programs; events for the coming year, and the expectations, roles and responsibilities of Valley Officers. All Officers should plan to attend the Academy.

##### Clambake & Steak Roast Saturday, July 11th

The 4th Annual Valley of Rochester "Camp Morris Clambake and Steak Roast" will be held at Commander-in-Chief Mike Morris' Camp (120 acres of paradise!) in Springwater. Don't miss it! "It's a Family Affair!" Family, friends, grandkids and dogs are ALL welcome! Travel time from Rochester and from Corning is approximately 50 to 60 minutes. It makes a great motorcycle ride if you are so inclined!

##### Cuisine

A feast fit for a king! Steamed Clams (Rhode Island style, steamed by a fellow from RI who smokes a pipe!), Hickory-Smoked Sirloin Steak (Oklahoma-style! Cooked up by a simple country boy from OK and his associates!), Salads and Sides, the "Ole Tool Shed" Bar (& Lodge), Soft Drinks, Water, and Desserts.

##### Schedule

1 to 4 p.m. - Social, Clams and Hors d'oeuvres, Country fun and relaxation

5 to 6 p.m. - Steak Dinner

6 p.m. 'till... - Social, more Country fun, relaxation and Campfire.

**Cost - \$14.00 per person** (includes 1 dozen clams and steak dinner). Additional clams may be purchased (in advance) for \$5/per dozen. (You shuck-em raw clams are also available.)

Please bring your favorite side dish, Hors d'oeuvres or dessert-to-pass and a steak knife as well.

##### Reservations

Call or email the Valley of Rochester Office by Monday, July 6th. Phone: 585-264-1160 or 800-858-2320, or send email to:

[secretary@valleyofrochester.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofrochester.org).

##### Outdoor Activities

Includes trails for walking, hiking, fishing (trout stream - the Cohocton River, and two ponds stocked with Rainbow

Trout, Small- and Large-mouth Bass, Blue Gill and Yellow Perch), canoeing, a paddleboat, boogie, badminton; a campfire, and plenty of country fun, fellowship and relaxation. (Please note ... a valid NYS Fishing License is required to fish in the stream and ponds. Sorry, they aren't my rules!)

##### Attire

This is country living! Be sure to wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting a little dirty (tennis shoes or light hiking boots). Also, please remember to bring an extra lawn chair or two and you might want to include a sweater or jacket, as well. (Parents ... there are opportunities for kids to get wet! I recommend you bring an extra change of clothes and an extra pair of shoes for them, just in case!)

##### Directions

Travel directions will be sent to all Scottish Rite members in a mailing.

##### Council of Deliberation

The Valley of Rochester has the responsibility, and honor, of serving as the Host Valley for this year's NYS Council of Deliberation (COD) Meeting. It will be held July 24th - 26th at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. The COD Host Valley Committee is being chaired by Illustrious Brothers John Zabel, 33°, and Robert Pedersen, 33°.

To fulfill our responsibilities as the COD Host Valley, we will need to have at least 25-30 Valley of Rochester members in attendance. **We would really appreciate your help!** Please contact the Valley office if you are able to assist with one or more of the activities.

##### Donations Needed

We continue our request for members of the Valley to consider making donations of liquor to stock the Hospitality Room. Won't you please help the Valley by donating an unopened bottle of liquor? Phil Hurwitz, 585-720-6019 or email: [phurwitz@frontiernet.net](mailto:phurwitz@frontiernet.net), will be happy to hear from you.

##### Seabreeze

We have scheduled a special day at Seabreeze Amusement and Water Park on Sunday, August 9th, for Scottish Rite members, families and friends. **Advance purchase of tickets is required.** Again, call or email the Valley of Rochester office by Monday, August 3rd, for tickets or more information.

##### Canandaigua Lady

This year, our Summer Outing will be a 3-hour evening cruise aboard the *Canandaigua Lady* on scenic Canandaigua Lake on Sunday, August 16th. Cruise departure time is 5:30 p.m. **sharp!** The ship departs from Steamboat Landing at the North end of the lake. The price is \$30 per person, and includes Hors d'oeuvres and a served dinner. Cash bar is available. Dinner entree choices are:

Steamboat Chicken

North Atlantic Salmon or Roast Prime Rib of Beef.

Paid reservations must be received by the Valley Office by Friday, August 7th. (Note: **We cannot accommodate late reservations for this event.**)

##### Supreme Council Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States

of America will be held August 22nd-25th in Boston, Massachusetts. All Active and Honorary Members of Supreme Council are encouraged to attend.

##### Accomplishments

Brethren, I have enjoyed serving as the Commander-in-Chief for the Valley of Rochester this year and working closely with the Valley's Officer (Leadership) team. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is a wonderful organization, and I am both honored and humbled to serve the Rite in this capacity.

Our management theme this year has been to "Raise the Bar - the Rite Bar." To Raise the Bar in everything we do ... high-quality Degree presentations, membership development and retention, communication with our members, our "signature" programs (Symbolic Lodge, Veteran's Recognition, and others), family-life programs, support for our Blue Lodges, effective management of Valley operations, support for the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children and our other Scottish Rite charities. I am pleased to report that we have made excellent progress on all fronts this year.

I particularly thank 1st Lt. Commander Joseph Bourcy, 32° DSA, and 2nd Lt. Commander K. Rick Howe, 32° DSA, for all they have done to "Raise the Rite Bar" in our Degree work. Joe concentrated on lining up Degree directors and casts for the 15 Degrees that were presented this year, most of which had many new cast members, and Rick Howe focused on improving the lighting, staging and music for the Degrees. Keep raising that bar!

I also give special thanks to everyone who participated in the Degree work this year. The effort and message was well received by the Class and our members.

With regard to Membership Development and Retention, we added a total of 34 new members to the Valley's roster this year - 28 new members, three affiliations and three membership re-activations!

Attendance has been excellent at all of our signature and family-life programs.

By instituting conference calls for most of our committee meetings, we significantly reduced travel time and expenses for our Officers. We had greater than 85% attendance at all of our Officer meetings. We dramatically reduced the cost of storage of our costumes and properties by consolidating everything into a new storage area in the basement of the Shrine Center. It's not quite the same as what we had at the Downtown Temple, but it is close. **IT HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR THE VALLEY OF ROCHESTER!**

##### Goals and Focus

While this has been a good year, we still have work to do and I am excited about next year! We have an outstanding leadership team in place that brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, enthusiasm and energy to the operation and programs of the Valley, together with a large group of enthusiastic and energetic new members, who are looking to get involved with our programs and Degrees.

Our Membership Development and Retention Goal for 2009-2010 is again to attract 50 new members to the Valley of Rochester! To achieve this goal, we will have to work together. We need your help! So, ... "Who's on Your List?"

##### Scottish Rite I.C.E.

A new initiative has recently been instituted in the AASR Northern Masonic Jurisdiction by our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: John W. McNaughton, 33°, and he is strongly encouraging all Valleys to emphasize the initiative in their programming. The initiative is called I.C.E., which stands for Inspiration, Convenience and Enjoyment.

**Inspiration** - We must continue to "strive for perfection" in the conferral of our beautiful Degrees. Cast members need to learn their parts thoroughly and focus on effective delivery so that the underlying message and meaning of the Degrees can be effectively communicated to the Class and our members. Continued improvements in the staging, lighting and music in our Degrees will also add greatly to the overall experience of the Degree conferral.

Our focus and goal is for all of our Degree conferrals to be "inspirational!" In addition, we will continue next year to strive to make all signature programs "Inspirational" - the Symbolic Lodge Awards, Veterans Recognition Program, "College of Freemasonry" program and the Feast of the Paschal Lamb.

**Convenience** - In this fast-paced world in which we live, there are ceaseless demands for our time and attention. We must strive to make our Valley programs, activities and leadership duties convenient for our members, our prospective new members and our Officers.

This past year, one comment that I heard from several prospective members was, "I am very interested in joining the Scottish Rite, but unfortunately many of the Degrees are conferred on a Thursday night, which conflicts with my Blue Lodge." To address this problem and make it "convenient" for new members to join, we will be moving the conferral of all our Degrees to Saturdays next year! In addition, we are planning to have three "Explore the Rite" nights in which we will introduce the Scottish Rite to prospective members and their ladies - two will be held at the Shrine Center and one will be held at a "convenient" location for Brothers in Livingston District and the surrounding area. We will also continue to hold most of our Officer meetings by conference call to minimize travel time and costs.

**Enjoyment** - "All work and no play makes Johnny a very dull boy!" But that is not going to happen to us. We are planning and will focus on programs that are fun for our members and their families! For example, don't miss the Camp Morris Clambake and Steak Roast - it's going to be a blast and I guarantee you that you will not go away hungry! Other programs for next year include Seabreeze Amusement and Water Park Outing, *Canandaigua Lady* Dinner Cruise, "Toys for Tots" and

All-Masonic Holiday Party, and Valentine's Dinner with our Ladies. Get involved! You will "enjoy" it!

In closing, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, or know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy, please let us know.

I wish you and yours a wonderful Summer!

## Annual Supreme Council Meeting in Boston

Boston will be the site of this year's Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. More than two thousand 33° Masons and their Ladies, from 15 Northeastern States, are expected at the Sessions in late August.

The 2009 Session will be highlighted by the conferral of the 33° upon 111 Scottish Rite Masons who were elected for this high honor at last year's meeting in Providence, RI. The 33° is awarded for outstanding achievement within the Fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry. The impressive ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 25th.

An introductory luncheon, honoring the 33° Candidates and their Ladies is scheduled for Sunday at Noon. The Hynes Convention Center will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service during the afternoon.

Earlier business conferences, attended by the Officers of the Supreme Council, will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 21st and 22nd.

Sovereign Grand Commander John William McNaughton will preside over a General Session of the Supreme Council on Monday, August 24th. In the course of this Session, prominent leaders from other Masonic organizations in the United States and throughout the world are expected to be in attendance.

A number of other events have been planned, including a luncheon for all registered Honorary Members and Ladies attending the Boston meeting in the Sheraton Hotel.

That evening, a family comedy, "Over the River and Through the Woods," will be performed in the Hynes Convention Center by the Burlington Players (a local acting group). During the week, special sightseeing tours will be available for those attending the meeting.

In addition to the major events sponsored by the Supreme Council, a Masonic Marketplace will allow vendors to display Masonic-related items.

The 2009 meeting will end with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the 33° at Philadelphia in August, 2010.

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By Christina Hampton, DDGM

Now that the Grand Matron's Official Visit is over, it's time to move on to the next District event. But first, I extend my thanks to everyone who helped make the Visit such a success.

### Lilac Luncheon

**Last Call!** The Lilac Luncheon is **June 4th** and RW Ken Milner has reserved a bus, which will make for a safe and fun day to Oriskany. Going as a group on the bus extends the camaraderie and fellowship of the day and it's safer than individuals driving "into the sun both ways." The bus tickets are \$20 - a great offer considering the escalating gas prices. If you plan to go, contact RW Ken as soon as possible.

At this time, reservations for the Luncheon should be made directly with RW Karen Leipold (Ph: 647-3550).

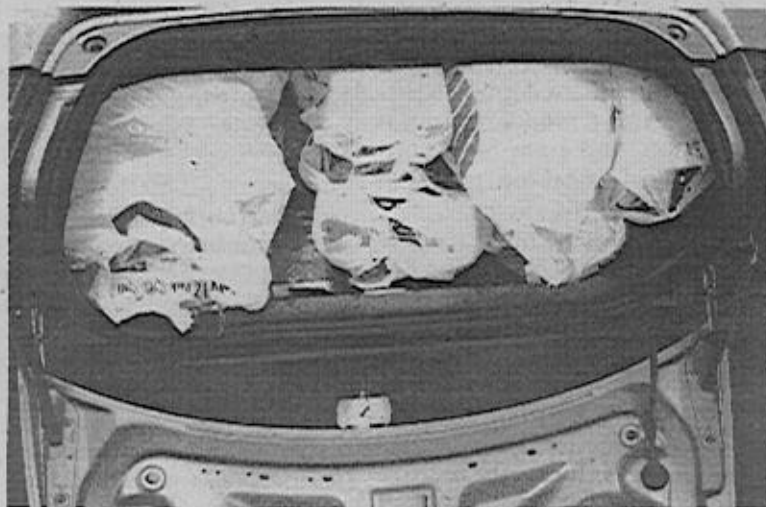
Entrée choices are:

- Roast Beef - \$13,
- Chicken Breast - \$14
- Vegetable Lasagna - \$11

### Camp Good Days & Special Times

Camp Good Days and Special Times is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. Country Music Legend, Ronnie Milsap, will perform "I Wouldn't Have Missed It for the World!" Concert for Camp Good Days! The concert is:

**June 27th at 8 p.m.**  
Kodak Theatre on the Ridge



A trunkful of donations ... RW Chris Hampton's car is loaded with paper goods/snacks for Camp Good Days and Special Times.

Tickets can be obtained by calling Camp Good Days at 624-5555, online at www.campgooddays.org or I can get them for you.

Prices: \$30 - General Admission (Balcony); \$50 - General Admission; \$75 - Reserved Seating.

### District Boat Trip Wednesday, July 8th

Plans are underway for the Boat Trip on July 8th, which will be a 3-hour Lock Cruise on the Colonial Belle (out of Fairport). Save the date; more information will be coming to your Chapter.

### Pilgrimage Day Saturday, July 25th

This year there will be a Bar-B-Que, catered by Dinosaurs, on the Grounds to complete the day's activities. Cost - \$20.

RW Ken Milner has reserved a block of rooms for those who wish to go Friday and attend the Monroe-Queens Combined District Buffet Dinner. Cost - \$25. Please let RW Ken know if you want a room.

### District Chicken BBQ Saturday, August 15th

The District Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held August 15th at the Firemen's Field in Webster. Mark your calendar and plan to support it. The proceeds from this major fundraiser go to the Grand Matron's Projects and are presented to her at our Official Visit.

We hope you all have a safe and happy Summer. Until next time, may we never miss a rainbow or a sunset because we're looking down. ❧

## 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

By Marilyn Israel

Wow! This year has flown by so swiftly. We have not yet had our Courageous Seventeenth Celebration so I will, hopefully, report on it in September.

Remember our District Project for Camp Good Days and Special Times. Donate paper goods and individual-size snacks.

### Summer Birthdays June

Bo Clark (3rd), Grace Gibson (17th) and Barbara McMinn (30th).

### July

Shirley Smith (1st), Shirley Vershay and Agnes Vincent (9th) and Marilyn Israel (17th).

### August

Frank Kelsey (24th) and Pat Pearson (31st).

I close with my word - "Faith." Faith builds a bridge from this world to the next.

Have a great Summer! ❧

## Happy Anniversary

On March 29th, MW Wanda and RW David Williams celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary at their Winter home in Sanibel Island, Florida. They received 60 guests of Florida friends, Past Most Worthies and guests. Beverages and hotdogs were served, followed later by a dinner. All enjoyed warm weather, sunshine and fellowship. ❧



Following 55 years of happy marriage and 15 years as a Past Grand Matron, Wanda and David Williams are looking great!



Past Most Worthy Officers were present to celebrate; (l-r) Sally Clarke, Robert (Bucky) Devling, Janet Johnson, Adelbert Hall, Wanda Williams, Lawrence Howell and Constance Carter.

## NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Matron

Wthy. Patricia Dalykas

429-6565

Patron

Wthy. Robert Crystal

473-0279

Secretary

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings

594-4692

Community Christian Church

2647 Chili Avenue, 14624

By Robert Crystal

### Social Visit

Sisters and Brothers, this continues to be a year to remember at Nolatka. Our Social Visit by the District leaders, accompanied by our Most Worthy Sister and Brother, was a rousing success. The room sparkled and Worthy Matron Pat's colors and decorations were graceful and pleasant. What an assortment of cups and mugs she had to accompany the "cup o' friendship (tea)" theme.

The Degree Team tried something new. Instead of having Right Worthy Chris and Ken walk around to receive the Degree, it was recited (clearly and well, might I add) from the Star Points. It went very well and was an excellent adaptation to our small space. We are learning how to do well in the new quarters. Our gifts were handmade by one of our dearest Sisters, Billy Robinson, who was unable to attend due to health challenges. But present or not, she was a great contributor to the

evening. We also tried, once again, to fill Chris' auto with paper goods. We came close, but she was able to get in and drive away. Maybe some other Chapter will get that accomplished.

### The Secret Ingredient

Most Worthy Wanda Williams tried to guess the mystery ingredient. The food was an orange colored quick bread. We sniffed it, tasted it and swirled it around in our glass (no wait—that is the wine tour). Anyway, the quick bread was tasty, but we had a hard time guessing. We spent some time discussing other weird ingredients, like sauerkraut cake, mayonnaise cookies and so on. Later, the winner was declared and the ingredient revealed. It was tomato sauce! Nobody guessed, so the winnings went to the Chapter.

The long-awaited drawing for the glass wind chime, bowl and plate was held. With all three of these lovely items on display, many of us were sorry we couldn't have bought more tickets. Several people commented this could be a great once-a-year event. I hope the Associate Matron heard them. The winner was Cindy Johnson from York.

Our May 5 meeting was preceded by a wine tasting. This gave us a little hint of the bus trip this Fall. Prior to closing the meeting, we Draped the Altar. It is always sad to remember the broken links in our Golden Chain, but there is also continuity in telling the newer members about adventures and events in the past. If you can't make a

## Monroe District OES All-Stars

## Chicken Bar-B-Que

## and Peach Festival

**Saturday, August 15th**

**Noon 'til Gone**

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# York Rite NEWS

York Rite College  
Judas Maccabeus

## Hiram Chapter



**No. 62**

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

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E.: Charles M. Roberts, Secretary  
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### Degrees

Our Candidates have received the Mark Master Mason Degree, the Past Master Degree and the Most Excellent Master Degree. All that remains is the Holy Royal Arch Degree. We are in the process of getting that scheduled. June is not a good month to do Degrees, but we are attempting to find a day when the Chapter and our Candidates are available. We will keep our Companions informed about the date, when set.

### Past Master Degree

The Past Master Degree is a very interesting Degree. It does not fit within the setting of the other three Degrees of the Chap-

ter. Also, it does not confer the status of an actual Past Master on the Candidate who takes the Degree. The holders of the Degree are called Virtual Past Masters and have no title or authority outside of the Chapter. So why do we have this Degree? The lecture of the Degree accounts for the origin and reason for keeping the Degree. However, here is my reasoning for the Degree.

When the Holy Royal Arch Degree was originally founded, it was conferred only on those who were felt to be worthy of the Degree. Not by invitation only, but selective as to the Masonic achievement of the Candidate for the Degree. In this jurisdiction the conferral of the Degree was set aside for Past Masters only. This was when the Royal Arch Degree was controlled by Grand Lodge.

When Chapters were formed that were not under the control of Grand Lodge, but under control of their own Grand Body, Grand Chapters, the Degree became part of the Chapter and removed from the Lodge. It was felt, however, that the Royal Arch Degree was still a very important Degree in the Lodge system and membership should be

highly honorable. Thus, Grand Chapter kept the requirement for the Degree to be conferred only on Past Masters.

It then became apparent that membership growth was limited by this requirement. Looking to the past, the Grand Chapter noted that while the Degree was under the control of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master would give a dispensation for certain Masons to pass the chair so they could take the Royal Arch Degree. Grand Chapter then took the ceremony of investiture of the Master Elect and put it into York Rite parlance and made the Past Master Degree.

The Degree informs the candidate of the duties and responsibilities of a Master with enough detail to impress on their minds the solemnity of the Degree and its place in the York Rite. If this is confusing, then you will have to petition to become a York Rite Mason and take Degrees.

### Lodge Program

As mentioned last month, the Chapter does have a program called "Fervency and Zeal" that is designed to be presented at a Lodge as information about the York Rite and its Degrees. If your

Lodge would be interested in this program (it's not long), please contact Companions Chuck Roberts or John Zabel to schedule it. The Chapter can be reached by email at: [secretary@hiram62ram.org](mailto:secretary@hiram62ram.org) or [highpriest@hiram62ram.org](mailto:highpriest@hiram62ram.org).

Our website is: [www.hiram62ram.org](http://www.hiram62ram.org) and lists the Chapter program and other interesting information about the York Rite.

The Chapter is looking forward to seeing the Companions at a future meeting. You won't be bored.

We have fond memories of Sir Knights Fred Durbin and R. Stuart Smith, Jr. We will miss sharing breakfast at the Blue Ribbon and coffee and donuts after the meeting. To L. Ronald Edwards, just forget the uniform and come join us. You're a wealth of information.

Get your calendar out and mark August 1st as a Pilgrimage at Palmyra Masonic Hall. Registration and coffee at 8 a.m. First order will begin at 9 o'clock. Lunch will be soup and sandwich served by the Eastern Star Ladies. Let's make our Grand Commander a happy man and do it well on a lot of Candidates.

Also, remember that Grand Commandery will be in Rochester on September 18th-20th... right in our own backyard.

Have a great Summer and God Bless.

### iDC Program

Continued from Page 2

hance the knowledge and talents of our Brothers. Now an opportunity lies before you ... the opportunity to sharpen your skills through a course that will lead to success in life. With over 300 participants trained to date, the Masonic University of New York (MUNY) is pleased to announce **iDC 2009**.

The *Individual Development Course (iDC)* has been designed to aid participants in developing as a person, building character and crafting success as an individual - both within Masonry and in the wider world in which they live. It does not focus specifically on Masonry, but rather on personal skills that can be used in all areas of ev-

eryday life - Professionally, at Home, with your Family, in your Community and any Organization to which you belong.

The major goal of the *iDC* is to mentor the course participants as they learn, use, share and refine a diverse range of tools in the areas of personal development, community and group building, group process, interpersonal communication and project implementation.

The course is designed to mirror professional management development training, offered in the corporate world at a cost of thousands of dollars. The course includes specific topics like vision, goals and time management; public speaking, writing skills, team selection and building; mentoring, coaching and

empowering; social marketing and effecting change.

Through a blend of at-home instruction, workbooks, classroom small group discussions, hands-on exercises, field experience, small group projects and presentation, lessons are made real and useable. The class is taught by those who have previously taken the *iDC*.

If we have a minimum of six registered, we will hold the course in Rochester this year. The course will begin in September, 2009, and run through February, 2010. MUNY has opened registration up to Masonic Ladies. This should add an interesting new dynamic.

You may register by contacting Gary Sanford at 425-4240 or by email at [ggsanford@aol.com](mailto:ggsanford@aol.com).

meeting, consider sending in a "news" letter for the Secretary to read. Carol Wynings is faithful about doing that, and we all like to hear about you.

Our next event is the June Glamour meeting. As you read this you can still plan to attend. For the next *Masonic Times* article who knows how many of the Nolatka Sisters will be "discovered" and be America's next top model. It could be YOU! Plan to come. Matron Pat has arranged for a beauty expert, Roxanne Viera, to speak before the meeting. If you need transportation, call the Matron, Patron or any of the Sisters and we will arrange a ride. Remember, we are wheelchair accessible and easy to find. We meet in the church near the corner of Chili Avenue, Wegmans Market Street and Westside Drive.

A reminder for you ... DUES (enough said?). Also, it is not too late to sign up for the Oriskany bus in July. Again, you can ask for help getting to the church if you don't want to drive. The bus will be comfortable, cool and filled with friendly Sisters. C'mon, you know you want to!

Another bus trip is in the works. Our trip to wine country was so well liked, we will be doing another one this Autumn. Make it a family thing, if you want. Or invite your neighbor. She might enjoy the company of

your Sisters, as well as seeing the Fall colors, eating in a fine restaurant and tasting a little wine.

Until we see you in Chapter or on the bus, as they say in Rome, "Ciao, baby!"




## Lilac Luncheon in Oriskany June 4th

Join Monroe District in treating our Sisters in the Eastern Star Home to lunch at a local restaurant in Oriskany. A chartered bus will be leaving from Marketplace Mall at 8 a.m.; returning at approximately 5 p.m. Bus tickets are available for \$20. It promises to be a day of Fraternal fulfillment and good fun. For reservations, call 647-3550.

## Pilgrimage Day July 25th

Enjoy a full day of fun, food and festivities! Lots of bazaar items for sale, a Share Booth of items to raffle, craft items, a Chicken Bar-b-que, tours of the Eastern Star Home, Pounder Hall and more. Make your plans to participate.






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By Dennis K. Finucane

Brethren, at our meeting in April the following people were elected to Office for the 2009-2010 Term:  
**Commander John Ponschock**  
1st Lt. **Jay Friend**

2nd Lt. **Al Pulcino, III**  
Finance **Dennis Finucane**  
Chaplain **Emil Schirano**  
Adjutant **Emil Schirano**  
Area Rep **Vance Collom**  
**Gil Gellasch**


These Officers will be Installed on May 28th at our Installation Meeting.

On June 15th, we'll be having our Joint Annual Picnic with the Grotto members. The location will be Henrietta Town Park on Calkins Road beginning at 4 p.m.; dinner at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Brian Bills. We usually have a good time and Brian always has some special prizes to raffle off. Hope to see you there.

My thanks to all the members for their help and support this past year. It was my honor to have been your Commander.



## 3-Hour Cruise on the Colonial Belle



### Wednesday, July 8th

\$18 - Adult; \$17 - Seniors

Food is available onboard, but not included in ticket price.

Boat departs Packett's Landing, Fairport ...

Be there by 2 p.m. for Boarding  
(Boat sails at 2:30 p.m. SHARP)

Make check payable to Christina Hampton ...  
or pay cash.

A Reservation Made is a Reservation Paid.


Everyone is Welcome to Join Us!





# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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



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### Summer Events

June 13th - Golf Tournament; see ad in this issue for details and cost, or call Dick Topel at 663-2547

June 17th - Grotto meeting  
July 12th - "Day at the Races" at Finger Lakes Race Track, \$23 per person. **Reservations are a must by July 3rd.** Make your check payable to Ron Morthorst and mail to him at 231 Mystic Lane, Rochester, NY 14623.

August 20th - Grotto Picnic at Henrietta Town Park

## Grand Historian



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After my last article on Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, one of our Prophets asked about our Grotto's activities in that time period. In 1939 Stuart G. Bowie was Monarch and PGM Charles M. Colton was the long-time Secretary.

On May 20, 1939, there were 12 Past Monarchs present as well as visitors from Anar Grotto of Auburn; Cashmere Grotto of Elmira; Hindoo Grotto of Hamilton, Ontario; Keder Khan of Syracuse and Zulieka Grotto of Buffalo.

In the afternoon, all Units marched in a street parade followed by a dinner, served in the basement dining room of the

Main Street Temple. This all preceded the Ceremonial. The Grotto was opened in Short Form and 342 Prophets were in attendance.

Petitions were read from 70 Brothers who, after ballot, were declared duly elected and the Order conferred on them in full Ceremonial form. The Ceremonial was conferred under the direction of Past Monarchs Howard E. French and Lessairl W. Murat and a very capable cast. The Grotto was later closed in Short Form.

On June 14, 1939, the Grotto conferred the Order upon 12 more Brothers.

The Supreme Council also met in June in Atlantic City, NJ, with a large contingent of Lalla Rookh Grotto in attendance.

The Grotto Annual Rodeo was held in July and a barbeque at Willow Point Park in September.

Empire State Grotto Association Convention was held in Poughkeepsie, NY, September 21-23, 1939. Ten thousand were said to watch the afternoon parade. Later, Lalla Rookh's Patrol won 1st Place Cup as the Largest Drill Unit.

Our Pipe Band won the 3rd Prize Cup against Keder Khan 1st and Zuleika, 2nd.

This was a time of larger membership and more activities to create a very keen interest in the Grotto.

ence Center, September 17th-19th. All of you are needed to support this important event.

**Sickness and Distress**  
Prophets Les Moore and Frank Ghysel continue to improve.

When Chuck White came home from Florida, he suffered some distress from a recent stent procedure done in Florida. At this time he is in Thompson Memorial Hospital, Canandaigua.

If, over the Summer, you know of any Prophet in sickness or distress, kindly notify our Monarch or any Officer.

To my fellow Prophets, may everyone have a very pleasant Summer. Try to include the Grotto activities listed in our Trestleboard in your plans.

The sun is shining, the white balls are flying and it's time to think GOLF!!!

## Lalla Rookh Grotto Golf Tournament June 13th

Old Hickory Golf Course  
6655 Big Tree Road, Livonia  
Starting Tee Time 9:30 a.m.

Entry fee is only \$45 per person  
Enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments on the course, food on the turn. Steak Dinner and prizes.

We use the Callaway scoring system.



Entry Deadline is June 3rd  
To make your reservation or get more information, call Dick Topel at 663-2547

Make checks payable to & send with reservation form to: Dick Topel, 949 Bennington Drive, Rochester, NY 14616  
Please list complete names of players on separate sheet.

LALLA ROOKH GROTTO GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 13th, 2009

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## Caldron News

By Donna Laundry, MCO

### Supreme Visit

We have been making plans and practicing for a visit from Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Joyce Johnson, from San Diego, California. We hope her visit will be a memorable one.

### Upcoming Events

June 11th is Executive Council, 7 p.m. at the home of Hilde DiJames.

As usual, our June meeting will be June 18th (a week later than normal) because our regular meeting night falls during the time of the Spencerport Firemen's Carnival. The competition for parking spaces is very difficult, if not impossible. We will have a "picnic" dinner preceding this meeting at 6:15 p.m.

### Spencerport Canal Days

Our only planned Caldron activity during the Summer will be selling beverages at the Spencerport Canal Days on Saturday, July 25th, and Sunday, July

26th. We will need workers for various shifts; sign up at the June meeting.

Our regular meeting schedule will resume on September 10th. Just a few days after that, many of us will leave for Supreme Sessions in San Diego, to be held on September 15th-19th. As of now, nine members plan to participate. Two members, Beverly Murray and Sula Baxter, are making a road trip out of it. Fun!

### Member News

Annie Towle's family gathered from all over the US to help her celebrate her 90th birthday.

One of our Canadian members, Marion Rippon, also celebrated her 90th in late April.

On April 24th, our Lalla, Hilde DiJames, and her husband Ray celebrated 50 years of marriage. Congratulations on reaching that milestone and best wishes for many more.

On May 5th, Hilde had knee

surgery and is now starting the long process of rehab. She wants to be ready for Sessions!

On May 14th, our regular meeting night, Cecil Losinger (alias Mom) turned 85, and we celebrated with cake and "the song" afterward.

Dorothy Merritt's broken foot is in an air cast, but she manages to get around.

Betty Rainey dutifully brings her oxygen so she can participate in meetings and events with us. Thanks, Betty.

### Vacation Backups

From May 30th until June 13th I will be away on a long-planned Mediterranean cruise. If there is a need to contact someone regarding a Caldron matter during that time, please contact Hilde DiJames or Beverly Murray in my absence.

I wish all members a Summer of great fun, safe travels and good health.

## Rochester Forest

### No. 133

Tall Cedars  
of Lebanon  
of North America



4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Penfield, NY 14526

Cy White, GTC  
(315) 597-9546

Donald C. Bell, Scribe  
334-7768

Dinner at Humphrey House preceded our May meeting and a night of fun and frolic followed; I doubt that "American Idol" will be the next step for any of the participants. We thank all who were kind enough, or brave enough, to share their various talents with the Woodsmen, ladies and Cedarettes. The night ended with cookies and ice cream.

### Agenda

The Fall Muscular Dystrophy Drive was uppermost in discussion at the April and May meetings. We thank our April guest speakers, Sally Cramer, District

Director, and Linsay Zander, Project Coordinator, from the "Greater Rochester Finger Lakes Chapter, MD Association" for their candid presentation; their names were not available for our last article.

Rumor has it that there will be some serious effort put forth to raise additional funds for MD at our Annual Sausage Roast on June 27th. The Sausage Roast will begin at 5 p.m. at the Kiwanis Camp at the end of Shangri-La Lane in Webster. As usual, our Chief Chef, Angelo, will be officiating at the grill and we are looking forward to the usual variety of dishes and desserts brought by the attendees. This year we are requesting that you bring your favorite beverage with you. No pop or beer will be available.

### Coming Soon

Our participation in the Local MD Labor Day Telethon, if this is possible, and information about our Annual Steak Roast at the Kiwanis Camp on Septem-

ber 27th will be announced via email or telephone in August, since we will not meet again before the Steak Roast.

To reiterate our request for input about our Annual Christmas get-together, your suggestions are earnestly solicited. As mentioned in our last article, good places for this event are hard to find and must be booked early. The list remains ... Valicia's, Humphrey House, Rick's Prime Rib House and Golden Ponds Restaurant.

### Sickness and Distress

PGTC Gary Thompson, who was recently hospitalized with a blood infection, is now recuperating at home. A few cards or phone calls might help the process.

It was reported that Eugene Brown is now be in the Canandaigua Veterans Facility.

The news on Don Freeman's condition remains the same.

Anyone needing addresses or phone numbers should contact our Scribe, Don Bell.

## Lalla Rookh Grotto's 2nd Annual Appreciation Day Picnic

Thursday, August 20th, Henrietta Town Park

Social Hours ... 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Eat at 6 p.m.

Hots \* Italian Sausage \* Hamburgers \* Salads \* Dessert \* Beverage

THIS IS A CATERED FUNCTION ... Reservations required

\$10 per person\* - Your Check is your Reservation;

\*after the dinner your Check will be refunded. Open to Lalla Rookh Grotto members, their ladies and Caldron members and spouses/guests.

Mail reservation by August 12th to: Bernie Lazerson  
197 Ashbourne Road  
Rochester, NY 14618-1701

# In Memoriam

### Correction to Henry R. Dutcher, Jr. ...

My sincere apologies to the Dutcher family for my error in last month's obituary listing. His wife, Luciana, survives Henry. (I mistakenly picked up his sister's name, Dorothy from the newspaper obituary.) My thanks to the friends of the family who alerted me. (Jan Porter)

### Allen, Ralph

Ralph Allen, 85, met his Maker on May 11th. He was a 56-year member of Drumlin Square Lodge and was educated in the Engineering School of the Army in World War II. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Clara, and 2 children. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Ball, Harold S.

On May 16th, Harold Ball, 78, went Home to his Lord leaving his loved ones, his wife, Carol, 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren to remember him. His Brothers of Union Lodge send loving prayers of comfort now and in the days to come.

### Guilfoil, Richard L.

Richard Guilfoil, 80, passed away April 17th and will always be cherished by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy, 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Richard was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

### Hall, Warren M.

Warren Hall, 88, was embraced on April 14th by those who walked before him in faith. His daughter, 3 grandchildren and a great-grandson survive him. Warren was a member of Clio Lodge. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

### Hilfiker, Norman Jay

On April 21st, at age 91, Norman Hilfiker departed his Earthly family and his wife of 64 years, Ruth, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren will miss him. Norman was a 65-year member of Webster Lodge. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

### Knab, Loren E. "Poppy"

Loren Knab, 90, departed his full life on May 16th, to join his wife, Esther, in their Heavenly Home. His daughter, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren are left to tell those stories that never die. Loren was a member of the Scottish Rite. You left us with a garden of memories, sprayed with a million tears.

### Main, Lawrence R., Sr.

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Lawrence Main on May 1st. Lawrence was a life-long member of Hiram Masonic Lodge in South Portland, ME, for over 50 years. He frequently visited Drumlin Square Lodge and they considered him a Brother of their own, during his residency in the area. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was a US Army Veteran. May he find peace with the Lord.

### Means, Edgar B. "Ed"

Edgar Means, 66, went to the Celestial Lodge April 23rd, leaving his wife of 45 years, Joan, 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren to remember his life. Ed was a 40-year member of Unity Lodge, serving as Past Master of Etolian Lodge. He was a Vietnam Veteran of the U.S. Army. We wish you the gift of a memory whenever you need to know, the one you love still walks with you wherever you may go.

### Rowley, Vincent A.

On March 27th, Vincent Rowley, 84, departed from a lively life of accomplishments. Vincent was a Past Master of Eagle Lodge. He was a World War II Marine Corps Veteran and contributed to his community in many ways. Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Pearl, 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, who will keep his memory in their hearts forever. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

### Thomson, James C.

James Thomson entered Eternal Rest on April 8th. He is survived by 2 children and 4 grandchildren. The Brothers of Valley-Simes Lodge will miss him. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

### Widows to be Remembered

**Brown, Ethel K.**, widow of Norman Brown (Unity Lodge), passed away May 1st.

**Merrick, Margery, 89**, widow of John Merrick (Craftsman Robertson Lodge), passed away April 28th.

**Taylor, Betty A.**, 81, widow of William Taylor (Unity Lodge), passed away May 4th.

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## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

- JULY**
- 11th Grand Master's Family Day at Camp Turk
  - 12th Lalla Rookh Grotto "Day at the Races"
  - 16th Eagle Lodge Spaghetti Dinner
  - 21st Canandaigua Shrine Club, Corn & Steak Roast
  - 24th O/S/Y Masonic Campout
  - 25th OES Pilgrimage Day, Oriskany
  - 25th-26th Spencerport Canal Days - Unity Pancake Breakfast & Caldron Beverage Sales
- AUGUST**
- 1st Sagoyewatha Pilgrimage at Palmyra Masonic Hall
  - 11th Eagle Lodge, Hot Dog Roast and Sport Shirt Night
  - 8th-9th Parma Days
  - 12th Damascus Legion of Honor, Stag Steak Roast
  - 17th Auburn Shrine Club, Steak Roast
  - 20th Eagle Lodge Spaghetti Dinner
  - 20th Grotto Picnic, Henrietta Town Park
  - 22nd Eagle Lodge, Steak Roast
  - 31st School of Ritual, Wakan-Hubbard Lodge Hall
- SEPTEMBER**
- 8th Eagle Lodge, 3°
  - 9th Damascus Legion of Honor, Ladies Night
  - 17th-19th Grotto E.S.G.A. Fall Convention, RIT Conference Center
  - 24th Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Steak Roast
  - 26th Wayne District-Bus Tour of Masonic Care Community
- OCTOBER**
- 18th Interfaith Service & Brunch, Shrine Center
  - 23rd Grand Lecturer's Convention, Fairport
- NOVEMBER**
- 1st Work Day - Close Camp DeMolay

# BIG CALENDAR - JUNE 2009

Gem - Pearl  
Flower - Rose

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Canandagua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto, Board of Governors, 7 p.m., Shrine Center <b>Damascus Shrine Divan Shrine Lunch Club</b>	<b>2</b> Clio - Hilton (I-Open) Craftsman Robertson, (I-Open) <b>Shrine Center</b> Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolaka, Starlight	<b>3</b> Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy <b>Damascus Shrine</b> OES - Liliac Star	<b>4</b> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield (I-Open) - Pittsford Webster (I) <b>OES Monroe District Lilac Luncheon, Oriskany</b>	<b>5</b> Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m., \$7 adult, \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street <b>Shrine Cruise Night</b>	<b>6</b> Fairport Canal Days
<b>7</b> Fairport Canal Days <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner June 10th 287 East Avenue, Hilton</div>	<b>8</b> ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield <b>Shrine Lunch Club</b>	<b>9</b> Eagle - Honeoye, 2* Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, (I-Open), Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	<b>10</b> Oatka - Scottsville Webster - Fellowcraft Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship <b>Shrine Legion of Honor</b>	<b>11</b> Fame, Shrine Center Minor - Shortsville (Awards Night) Union - Lima Webster - Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron - Executive Council	<b>12</b> <b>Shrine Cruise Night</b>	<b>13</b> Livingston District Golf Tournament, Conesus Hall <b>MDC at Webster Lodge Hall</b>
<b>14</b> Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner June 18th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye <b>Flag Day</b>	<b>15</b> Canandagua - Shortsville Union Star, Fellowcraft Unity Picnic KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford, Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion <b>Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day Auburn Shrine Club</b>	<b>16</b> Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga-Sincerity, Steak Roast - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Nolaka, Starlight	<b>17</b> Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Oatka RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto, Shrine Center	<b>18</b> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford (BBB) Webster O/S/V Investiture Service - Garoga Sincerity Scottish Rite - Shrine Center Lalla Rookh Caldron Masonic Service Bureau Awards Night	<b>19</b> <b>Shrine Cruise Night</b>	<b>20</b> Shrine Golf Tourna- ment, Lima Country Club Eagle Lodge Chicken BBQ, Honeoye Wheeler's Bike Ride
<b>21</b> <b>Father's Day First Day of Summer</b>	<b>22</b> ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Unity (I-Open) Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield <b>Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Shrine Club</b>	<b>23</b> Eagle (I) - Honeoye Seneca - Webster RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	<b>24</b> Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon <b>Directors Staff</b>	<b>25</b> Fame (I), Shrine Center Minor - Shortsville Union, 3* - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 <b>Perry Shrine Club</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Shrine Cruise Night</b>	<b>27</b> St. John's Day - Utica Ronnie Millsap Benefit Concert Tall Cedars Sausage Roast
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Masters & Wardens, Monroe District at Union Star Lodge Hall, Honeoye Falls O/S/V Masonic Study Club	<b>Deadline for the Masonic Times is August 10th</b>			<b>Events at Shrine Center or Shriners' Events in this typeface. See Damascus News section for details.</b>

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