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VICTORIOUS RESULTS FOR 2009 HAVE-A-HEART CAMPAIGN

By George Foehner

WOW! \$18,000 in this time of recession. Words come to mind like location, enthusiasm, energy, advertising, commitment and friendly competition. All of these and more were present this year, helping us reach our goal and beyond.

Support from the Malls

Let's start by thanking the three Marketing Directors of Wilmore. Without their cooperation and excellent booth locations, this Campaign would not have gotten off the ground. Many thanks to Marie Cornelius, Eastview; Melanie Fazio, Greece Ridge and Jill Kurtelowicz, Marketplace. These are people in particular, along with all the Mall's employees and Wilmore executives, who have been supplying us with complimentary Mall space for all these years.

Let's not forget Grand Lodge for covering our insurance needs through Brown & Brown Insurance with local Manager, Meg Lute.

Advertising

Advertising is a key communicator to the success of any event. We appreciate and thank Intercom of Rochester for two

weeks of free radio advertising; Channel 13WHAM for including us in their "Bright Spot" TV newscast; and let's not forget our own *Masonic Times*, under the direction of Skip Waterstreet, for many months of publicity for "Have-a-Heart."

Suppliers

Our number one supplier would be Label World USA. Those sticky hearts are a great advertising tool at the Malls and bring a great deal of attention to our Mall locations. They have become such a favorite that we ran out with three days left in the Campaign. Oops! We will have more next year.

Chairmen

Next I thank my gang of three - Gary Sanford, Chairman at Eastview; Mark Hutton at Marketplace; and Eugene Crews at Greece Ridge. All three are committed Masons of the highest character who believe in helping their Fraternity and community by participating in the Have-a-Heart Campaign.

Worker Bees

Needless to say, my "heartfelt" thanks to all the Lodges, Brothers, Sisters, children and Concordant Bodies for the many hours of hard work at

the Malls. Your hard work and commitment put us over the top! This includes many Lodges from outside Monroe District for their participation.

There were so many heroes from the outside Districts. With a long list in hand and short on space, here are a few to mention - Nunda Station No. 682 who collected over \$900 in a six-hour period, averaging \$148 per hour worked. Ray Robinson from Genesee No. 214 brought not only people from his Lodge, but other Lodges further South. I can't overlook our old friends from Social Lodge No. 713 in Kendall and new friends from Renovation Lodge No. 97 in Albion. Sisters from Order of the Eastern Star Chapters Corinthian-Fellowship No. 322 and Starlight No. 507 supported this effort, too.

Heroes from Monroe District were Clio No. 779, who collected \$880 in a single day and \$1,900 high total in Greece; Webster No. 538: \$1,100 in a single day, \$1,400 total - an average of \$90 per hour. All done at Eastview Mall. Union Star No. 320, over \$2,200 total.

Send in the Clowns

I would be remiss if I didn't give special thanks to the Shrine Clowns for their participation in this year's Campaign. Their presence made a huge difference. The totals show a 40-50 percent increase in revenue when they were present.

The Public

Most of all I would like to thank all those at the Malls who contributed the cash that make "Have-a-Heart" the success it was!

Estella Chapter No. 7 (Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, Inc., State of NY) 35th Annual Spring Banquet Friday, April 3rd



Worthy Matron Betty Crews
Worthy Patron Eugene Crews

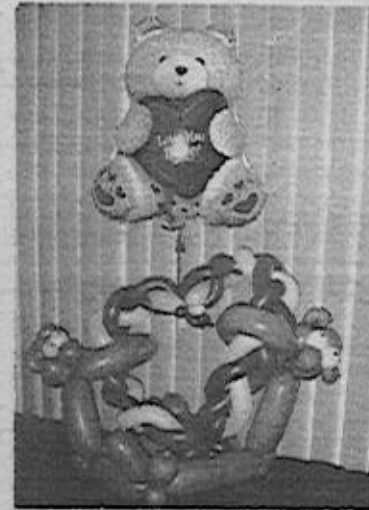
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I am sure I missed something or someone, but again thanks to all. It has been my pleasure and honor to Chair this Campaign the last three years, but it couldn't have been done without YOU!



Teddy Bear decorations and Clown Balloon animals greeted Mall Shoppers at Have-a-Heart booths. See photo montage on Page 3.

LAST CALL! AARP Defensive Driving Course

March 9th and 11th
671-9730 for reservation

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Damascus Shrine Ceremonial May 9th, 2009

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

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

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

Highlights of the Day will be:

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

Mark the date!!!!



Widows Luncheon

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester, Inc.

Mark Your Calendar

It is that time of year when, once again, we pay tribute to our Widows. We will be doing this on Saturday, April 25th, at the Burgundy Basin.

We ask that each Master appoint a Brother to take charge for your respective Lodge.

A New Process

NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED! We will be sending out letters to all Masters and Secretaries of the Monroe District with a form to send back. It will require:

- The name of each person attending
- Their choice of Entrée ... Chopped Sirloin of Steak or Roast Chicken

- A check for the full amount and the names of the Widows and Brothers listed.

When you arrive at the Luncheon, a name tag and ticket, noting the Entrée, will be waiting at the Registration Desk.

To simplify registration, we will locate the Desk in the lobby; flowers will be inside.

As expected, the cost has risen and will be \$17 per person. We are also trying to arrange some entertainment.

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

Damascus News see page 11



Editor's Corner

As you may know, I was hired as the Editor of the **Masonic Times**. When I became the Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau, I assumed additional duties, including preparation (and control) of the Bureau's budget. One of the first things I discovered in my new position was the amount of money the Service Bureau was spending to underwrite the cost of publishing and mailing the newspaper. Since I did not believe it was a primary function of the Bureau, approval was obtained to increase the subscription price, which subsequently reduced the subsidy by 90%.

Our entire staff works diligently to produce a quality product. We've included many photo montages and individual photos over the years and have encouraged you to submit electronic images. There are a lot of photos in this issue.

As a result, some issues have increased to twenty-eight page issues, which has increased our printing and mailing costs. So far, we have been able to publish the majority of the information received and stay within our budget, even with some cost increases.

We anticipate more of those increases this year. I'm sure you have heard that postal rates will go up again in May. I expect them to impact our costs again.

Right now, the only issue I plan to run as a 28-pager will be the September issue. That is because of the need to cover three months worth of events and activities. The rest of the time, we may have to edit articles.

Authors who want to quote extensive material from existing publications should prepare separate handouts for their Organization meetings, or a general mailing to their own membership. We won't be able to devote the space needed.

We really want you to tell about your Members; your Meetings; your Social Events; your upcoming Projects and Events; and include pictures of any of these, which we will also try to publish. Everything else I will look at with a jaundiced eye! I hope you understand.

Thanks for reading.

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Thank You

Two very special words - and yet together they convey so much!

As most members of our Masonic Family have heard, our daughter, Renee, suffered a tragic snowmobile accident in early February. She was airlifted to Strong Hospital with multiple bone fractures and a spinal cord injury. She will undergo weeks of therapy and convalescence and, with the help of the Almighty, may walk again.

We all know how precious life is, and we all talk to our children and grandchildren about being careful. But accidents happen and when they are as catastrophic as Renee has experienced, life changes as no one could ever imagine. And it doesn't just change her life; it alters the entire family's activities. A moment in time that was full of fun and enjoyment turns to tragedy. Life is so precious!

There have been so many calls and expressions of concern that have buoyed my wife and me since the accident. We are blessed to have the wonderful Masonic Family around us. We sincerely thank each of you for the prayers and cards for Renee.

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

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

Livingston District supports the Ronald McDonald House, Theresa House, MSAT Programs, Scholarships, Camp Turk, Child ID Programs, Masonic Care Communities, Medical Research, Shrine Hospitals, Camp Good Days & Special Times, Focus on the Children Program, VA Hospitals, County Youth Talent Shows, DARE Program, Hilltop Industries, Consistory Learning Centers, O/S/Y Charities, Livonia Memorial Park, Boy's State, Local Walk-a-Thon and Have-a-Heart Campaign.

Get a foursome together and plan to enjoy this event.

Contact Richard Trescott for Registration forms and additional information.

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

- **Gold** - \$300 ... Published Acknowledgement, Hole Sign, Golf and Dinner for One Foursome
- **Silver** - \$200 ... Published Acknowledgement, Hole Sign, Golf & Dinner for Two Golfers
- **Hole** - \$50 ... Published Acknowledgement, Hole Sign.

Fidelity Triangle #4

presents ...

A Mary Poppins Tea Party

Saturday, May 16th
 5 p.m.



Open meeting to follow at 7 p.m.

\$7 per person

No tickets at the door.

Hilton Masonic Lodge

287 East Avenue, Hilton

RSVP by May 1st to Doreen Rhodes at 621-6051

DeMolay Advisor Training Session

By Gary Burke

Saturday, April 11th

Want to be an adult volunteer for the DeMolay Chapter in Rochester? Here's your opportunity. A training session is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th. The session will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center, from 9 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. Coffee and donuts for the morning and a light lunch will be included. The cost of the training includes all training

material and food served during the day. The fee is \$25, payable to New York DeMolay and will be collected at the session.

If interested, you must pre-register with Gary Burke at gary_burke@frontiernet.net or 865-4940, no later than April 3rd. Should we not get enough individuals registered for this session it could be cancelled.

When registering, please provide your name, address, phone number and email address.

Education Assistance Applications Available!

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

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

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

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

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

By Richard Trescott

Patron Sponsorship Opportunities



BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser for Livingston District Masonic Association

To Benefit Continued Relations with the Communities in the District

Saturday, June 13th

at Conesus Golf Club

One Pine Alley, Route 15, Conesus

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

Tournament Packages \$45 per Golfer ~

18-Hole Greens Fee & Cart

Steak Dinner

Prizes, Raffles & Awards

Guests Welcome for Dinner Only - \$20

Tournament limited to first 120 paid golfers.

Registration and payment due by June 1st.

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



Clowns Give their Hearts for "Have-a-Heart Program"



By Rosco

From January 31st through February 14th, the Damascus Shrine Clowns and Clowning-for-Fun Clowns were at the local Malls giving their heart to help local Masons with the Have-a-Heart Campaign, which helps the Lodges raise money for this good cause.

Many of the clowns quietly handed out the heart balloons to children of all ages while other clowns you could hear throughout the Mall saying "Have a heart; help the Ronald McDonald House ... The House that love built!"

It's my opinion that the presence of the clowns really helps increase the number of children giving to the money jar. I thank the following clowns who participated this year:

Damascus Clowns

Gary "Smirky" Burke, John "Country" Helleby, Eric "Looby" Lubberts, Rich "Ponti" Ponticello, Ron "Schnitzel" Williams, Glen "Buzzy" VanBuskirk and Oscar "Rosco" Wilson.

Clowning-for-Fun Clowns

Joyce "JJ" Collier, Meagan "Giggles" Collier, Tia "Tizzy" Collier, Ona "Jelly Bean" Helleby, Cynthia "TrickSee" Kolacki, Amanda "Pinky" VanBuskirk and Kelly "Daisy" Weber.

Over 2,000, 6-inch heart balloons and many balloon animals were given out over the two weeks of the program. I'm very proud of these clowns; they did a fantastic job of making everyone feel great about "Having a

Heart for the Ronald McDonald Houses." I offer a special thanks to "Smirky" who was out three different times.

When you see one of these clowns, tell them thanks for Having a Heart.



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Have-a-Heart Campaign

On January 31st, red and white tents were set up in The Mall at Greece Ridge, Marketplace Mall and Eastview Mall. Within a week there were three red tents - one could no longer see any white material as they were covered by thousands of red hearts and the Have-a-Heart Campaign was only half over. We thank all who signed up and took their personal time to come out and greet the public during February.

A big "thank you" has to go to W.: George Foehner of Union Star Lodge for chairing this event. Many hands make light work, so thanks to all of you out there who gave or wore a heart.

Road to the East

On February 7th, fifteen Brothers gathered at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia to join together for the common cause of learning what is required to advance to the East. Thanks to Brothers from Monroe, Livingston and Genesee-Wyoming Districts and their respective Leaders who helped make this *Road to the East* happen. Thanks to R.: W.: George Todd for making the contacts with Brothers who gave more than 21 presentations on the many subjects that encompass the Course.

As we have traveled around the District, we have come across some concerns and points of interest that maybe we can address here.

When you receive a Petition, make sure the Top Line Signer is a member of the Lodge that he is petitioning. Section 516 on page 139 states, "no Petition, whether for Initiation or Affiliation, shall be received unless it is signed by a member of the Lodge to which it is addressed certifying that he is well acquainted with the Petitioner ... no Petition shall be received unless so certified."

Grand Lodge Sessions

May 4th and 5th might seem a long way off, but it's closer than you think. The Masters of Lodges should be planning their attendance to the Grand Lodge Sessions in New York. If you are not going, an Alternate should be allowed to go to represent your Lodge. You would be wise to attend the Masters and Wardens meeting when it's discussed and to meet with your counterparts to formulate plans for the Sessions.

Masters and Wardens Please Participate!

Speaking of Masters and Wardens ... the lack of participation from the Lodges is disheartening as only a handful of Brothers

have attended. We acknowledge the economic situation, but the Masters and Wardens Association is there to be a support to all Masters and Senior and Junior Wardens. It's a chance where future events, common problems, the trip to New York, important dates and general fellowship take place.

Worshipful William Flesher of Oatka is this year's President. He is trying to move the meetings around to different Lodges to encourage better turnouts. He is to be complimented for his efforts. In talking to some of the Past Masters, the Association was a thriving force back in the '70s when there were two Monroe Districts and over 30 Lodges. We all acknowledge times have changed, but the basic reason for the Masters and Wardens is still needed today.

Please consider making a calendar notation for the next meeting - Monday, March 30th, 7 p.m. at Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street.

Here are a couple of reasons why you belong to this great Fraternity as found in the "24-Inch Gauge:"

Masonry is Quality - Be proud that you belong to an organization which has stood for quality in its Lodges longer than this country has existed. The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct.

Twelve Reasons for "Being Loyal to Freemasonry" are found on page 18. I challenge you to seek out this book and read for yourself the importance of belonging to this Fraternity!

Grand Steward

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Did You Know?

A Lodge has Three Symbolic Lights, situated East, West and South. There is none in the North, because King Solomon's Temple was situated so far North of the ecliptic that the sun, even at meridian, did not dart its rays into the Northernmost parts thereof. The North therefore, we Masonically term a place of darkness (*The Standard Monitor*).

How can a Brother of our times be paid his wages? The only pay a Committeeman can receive is Master's Wages. Pay them, pay them generously, pay them often. Make them stand up, tell the Lodge what good workers they have been, thank them. In especially meritoriously cases, have the Brother to be thanked conducted to the Altar, and speak to him there. Do not leave all the oil in the oil fields. A little poured from the

East is good Masonic diplomacy (*The Master's Book*).

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

Until next month, see you in the Quarries.

Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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The New York Masonic Safety Identification Program (former CHIPS Program) ALWAYS needs your help.... March will be no different. We reach out to you for your help in March and for great events throughout 2009!!!

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

We have been talking with several Nursing Home Directors as well as the Association of Administrative Nurses in Long-Term Care and trying to plan for events in March when we will be going to several nursing homes to assist the residents with identification opportunities. We expect a very busy 2009. If any of you have a loved one in a nursing home in Monroe County, please alert the home that they should be in contact with us to schedule an event.

Masonically, I request that when we reach out to you, either by email or telephone, you get back to us as soon as possible so we are not wasting your time or ours.

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

A Child Safety Fair was held at Crane School in the Rush-Henrietta School District on January 24th. Thirty-three students were processed by Sean Brown of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge with help from a few of his Lodge Brothers.

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

We want to reach those children who are not involved in the

School CHIPS Programs and probably are the most at risk. Please think of opportunities where this can be done.

If you are holding a Health Fair at your Lodge or your community is hosting a festival where you feel we could implement a CHIPS event, feel free to contact us. We have requested that each Lodge have a Coordinator to help us man these events. These events are not just a local Lodge event, but a County and Grand Lodge event.

It is a great recruiting tool for new members. Information about the Masonic ID Program is available on-line at www.nychip.org/.

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the program. We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at:

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rcdowns@rochester.rr.com or
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You can contact Don Tubman at 889-4725.

We are a Team Teams Work Together

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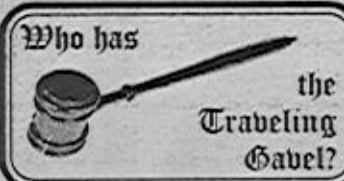
With approximately three months of the 2008-2009 Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive remaining, I can happily report that many of our Brothers and friends have contributed. Whether they sent their contribution directly to Grand Lodge or gave through their Lodge Chairman, they stood tall and supported Masonic Charities.

Very few of us can write out a check in the amount we wish we could to support any one of the charities, but working together we can support all of them. How many dollars does it take to fund a Blood Drive, sponsor a youth to Summer Camp, or make a child ID Program become a reality? Certainly it would be more than most of us can afford if we tried to do it alone.

However, we are not alone. The purpose of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive is to provide each of us the opportunity to work together to help distressed and needy. No individual could easily build a temple by himself; together we have the possibility of building monuments to Masonic charitable instincts.

Please, if you haven't already done so, consider contributing now. No contribution is too small and the need is great. Remember, our Masonic Brotherhood Fund operates without professional fundraisers, so virtually all of your contribution goes to support the Masonic Program(s) you select. No fundraiser fees here; this is charity at its best! The success of this Drive depends upon each of us doing what we think we should to support and further the spirit of Masonic charity and benevolence.

Metaphorically speaking, the more bricks we have, the greater the edifice we can build. The more contributors we have, the more clearly we show our commitment to Masonic principles and charity.



By Erik Loepker, Chairman



R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley (right) presents Traveling Gavel to W.: George Foehner, Master of Union Star Lodge.

The Gavel has been claimed by the Brethren of Union Star Lodge. A fantastic turnout it was, with 13 Brothers making a dramatic showing at Northfield

Lodge. It was truly a tremendous experience sharing that night with these Brothers, and all of our proceedings that night simply felt uplifting with so much Fraternal spirit.

I still am awed by the presence they put forth that night. Instead of my usual long badgering, I will let the names of these fine Brothers speak the volumes of praise this program engenders:



W.: George Foehner, W.: Frank Habitzreuther, W.: Terry Hatch, Brother Kenneth Hecker, Brother Richard Horton, Brother Mark Hutton, W.: Norm Johnstone, W.: Scott May, W.: Ron Morthorst, W.: Bud Ripley, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, Brother Rob Sweeney and W.: John Williams.

Union Star Lodge is located at 3 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls. They meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. You may contact them through R.: W.: Gary Sanford, Secretary; 27 Freshfield Rise; Fairport, NY 14450-2662 or via email at:

unionstar@nymasons.org.
These Brothers are wonderful, and I know would be gracious hosts for your grab at the Gavel.

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By V. W. Hugh Woodside

School of Ritual Updates

It was good to see a nice group of Brothers at the Damascus Shrine Center on January 27th for the *School of Ritual*. Thanks to the Shrine for letting us use the facility, and thanks very much to Valley-Simes Lodge for their hospitality.

For everyone's information, the top six Lodges in the standings for the *School of Ritual* banner are as follows: 1) Unity; 2) Webster; 3) Craftsman Robertson; 4) Union Star; 5) Valley-Simes; and 6) Oatka. A strong showing by any of these Lodges at the March 31st *School of Ritual* could earn them the Attendance Banner!

The March 31st *School of Ritual* will be held at Oatka Lodge, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The work for the evening will focus on the Grips and Words for the various Degrees, as well as some other items we have seen in our travels this year. Oatka is located at 5 Browns Avenue, Scottsville. It should be a nice evening, and we hope to see you there!

Joint Investiture Service

Lodge Elections and Installations are just a few months away. Prior to your Lodge's Installation, we strongly encourage the Master-Elect and the Past Masters of your Lodge to join us for the Joint Investiture Service, which is tentatively scheduled to be held on Friday, May 29th, at 7:30 p.m. at Fairport-Flower City Lodge. There is expected to be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., for which reservations will be required. This is always a very enjoyable evening, and gives all of the newly elected Masters an opportunity to meet one another in fellowship. Further information will follow in the April and May editions of the *Masonic Times*.

Up-to-Date Materials

As a reminder to everyone in the District, please be sure your materials are up-to-date! We find there are many Brothers out there using Ritual Books that are several years out-of-date. The two most recent editions are 2001 and 2006 editions, which are very similar. If you are using editions prior to 2001, or still relying on the old Monitors, please contact your Lodge Secretary to get up-to-date copies of the Standard Work.

We also see several Lodges who are not using the recently printed Chaplain's book, which contains all of the Chaplain's work in large print and is meant to be used in Lodge. If your Lodge's Chaplain doesn't have one, please locate a copy and keep it near his place in the Lodge. He will thank you for it!

As we approach the season for Installations, please also be sure your Lodge has a current copy of the Public Installation Service. You can get copies of the booklet through Grand Lodge. Not only

will you have the most up-to-date information, but this booklet makes a nice gift to the Master-Elect following his Installation.

What Would the Guy in the Mirror Say?

"Do your best." How many times have we heard that simple phrase during the course of our lives? Parents, teachers, coaches, friends and family have given all of us those simple words of encouragement countless times throughout life. Here it applies to how we prepare our new Brothers, introducing them to Freemasonry through the teachings of its Degrees.

One of the primary reasons for Lodges to exist is to make new Masons, and one of the greatest responsibilities we have as Masons is to ensure that the Brothers going through the Degrees at our Lodges have the best experience they can. While many new Brothers are exposed to the Craft due to family connections or through our actions in the community, the first real opportunity they have to learn is when they step into the Preparation Room. Seize that opportunity! A newly made Mason, truly inspired by the Degree work, will be an active Brother, perhaps for the rest of his life. Fail to capture his attention, and you may have lost an opportunity that will not present itself again.

As you work with the Brothers of your Lodge to prepare for your next Degree, ask yourself if you are doing your best to ensure that the Brothers experiencing the Degree for the first time will get the best you have to offer. Has your Lodge had a sufficient number of rehearsals? Have you been able to find Brothers from your Lodge to do all of the parts? Do you need help deciphering the Cipher? Do you know the floor work for the Degree? Does your Lodge have Conductors? Do you need tips to help you memorize, learn to project your voice or improve your delivery of the Ritual?

If you find yourself answering "yes" to any of these questions, you have a responsibility to ask for help. If you simply need help with your Cipher, one of the Brothers in your Lodge will be happy to help, if asked. If your Lodge needs help filling the Chairs, delivering a lecture or would like some help at rehearsals, don't be bashful! Ask for help. Too many Lodges are hesitant to look outside their own membership for assistance, and we need to get beyond that. We have a responsibility to our new Brothers to ensure they have the opportunity to experience strong Degree work. If we settle for anything less, the new Brothers will be shortchanged, and we may miss the opportunity of a lifetime to have an active new Brother.

This is all about raising the bar, doing your best, and demanding that others do the same. There are always going to be bumps in the road - you zig when you should have zagged, you don't pick up on a cue to speak, or you can't remember a word. Take a deep breath, compose yourself, ask for a prompt if you need it and move on. Just make sure that when you get home that night and look in the mirror, the guy staring back at you can say "I'm proud of you. Good job. You did your best." When that happens, you'll know you've earned your corn, wine and oil.

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By R. W. Skip Waterstreet

I have returned from the not-so-sunny California and am re-energized ... at least for a week or two. Everything seems to have run well in my absence, so maybe I should stay away longer. To be serious, we did have a great time and are looking forward to the next opportunity to be away visiting our children.

Sickness and Distress

This topic never goes away, and I wish I had more of the good news to report than the bad. W. Bill Hook is in Hill Haven Nursing Home undergoing rehabilitation. I believe he will be working on this for some time.

Tests were being performed on W. Bill Shelby, our Chaplain, to determine the extent of his malady.

On the happy side, Brother Charlie Howell's daughter continues to recover nicely from her recent surgery. We extend our best wishes to her for a quick and complete healing.

Education Assistance

The Masonic Service Bureau has applications available for



Rosco entertained and made balloon animals for the children during Craftsman Robertson Lodge's stint at The Mall at Greece Ridge on Super Bowl Sunday. (Photo montage on Page 3.)

our Education Assistance Program. There is more information on scholarships available from our Secretary, W. Ralph Jurgens. If you have a present college student or a high school senior who will be a college student in the Fall, contact Ralph at 208-7106.

Fellowcraft

Don't forget the Annual Dinner on April 14th at Rick's Prime Rib House. The Telephone Committee will be making calls to let you know the details and take your reservation.

Have-a-Heart

We had wonderful response from the Brothers for our assigned Have-a-Heart Campaign time slots at The Mall at Greece Ridge. Our Senior Deacon, Brother Richard Smith, coordinated our participation. Twenty-plus volunteers signed up to work the two days. With the help of Rosco the Clown,

Craftsman Robertson Lodge raised over \$860 for the Ronald McDonald Houses through the Campaign. Elsewhere in the paper you will read more about this great effort on the part of the Masons of Western New York.

Birthdays

Greetings are extended to the following Brothers on their special day in March. Happy Birthday Duane King and Patrick McWhinney (1st); Clyde Siverd (8th); Jay Rodgers (15th); Richard Howard and Joseph Meli (19th); Ronald Freida (20th); Douglas Fix (21st); Clifford Hayner II (23rd); and Richard Barth (30th). Enjoy!

Dues

Nearly one-third of our Membership. Brothers, have not paid their Dues. Please check your Dues Card. If it does not say 2009, won't you send a check to Ralph Jurgens today? His address is: 5986 Lanson Road, Ontario, NY 14519-9548. See you in Lodge.

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Upcoming Events

The next regularly scheduled Communication of Seneca Lodge will be March 10th, at the Webster Masonic Temple, 6 p.m. - Fellowcraft, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner (reservations with Junior Warden, a must), 7:30 p.m. - Assembly.

Also coming up is our splendid Annual Ladies Night on Saturday, March 14th, 6:30 p.m. at Shadow Lake Country Club, Penfield. Reservations are \$60 per Brother; Ladies will be guests of the Lodge. Contact W. Bob Kimmel (787-0771, or email kimmel@rochester.rr.com) before March 10th for reservations and menu selection.

On Sunday, April 5th we restore a long tradition by holding the Seneca Tea, an afternoon gathering to honor three distinguished members for their service to the Lodge.

Always in Perspective

The Brethren of Seneca, and most who read this, are no doubt still feeling the pinch of another incomparable Great Lakes Winter and looking forward to an early Spring. Your Worshipful Master is assured of that by virtue of having relocated to North Carolina last Fall. It is in the 70s here in early February, but we experienced unusually harsh conditions in

January. It actually snowed almost 6 inches the night before Inauguration, closing schools here for two days! Temperatures have dipped into the 20s and people found this worthy of constant comment. This illustrates the role of perspective, a state that reflects not only what you see before you, but the sum of all that you have seen.

Delving into Fellowcraft

The Masonic Craft regards the works of ancient designers and builders with particular reverence. It is our perspective that their extreme labor, discipline, standards of quality, humility, and reverence for the Great Architect are models for our modern lives. This is one key message in the 2nd Degree, just conferred upon two Candidates at our February meeting; that these ancient stone works reflect the values and beliefs of those who created them. The greatest buildings and monuments of every era were places of worship. It was intended that the mere sight of them inspire the beholder.

The Degree teaches this, and I think we all knew this, but here is my question: "Have you seen them?" We know, of course, that the Temple of Solomon stands no more, but there are thousands of examples of individual and collective craftsmanship (yes, "Fellowcraft") still accessible to us today.

Laurie and I have had the good fortune to travel to some of these places, and we always return with a fresh sense of awe.

The Egyptians are most noted for their Pyramids, unbelievably massive yet extremely simple in design. But, they were also creators of elaborate temple complexes, delicate mural paintings, fine jewelry, furniture, boats, detailed hieroglyphics and statuary up to 200 feet high. In central Turkey, we toured churches carved into volcanic rock during the 1st and 2nd Centuries A.D. Because there were no windows, some of the wonderful mural paintings have survived.

Less ancient, but no less remarkable, are the works of the Italian Renaissance to be found in such places as Florence and, my personal favorite, Venice. The exteriors at St. Mark's Square have been restored, but at the Doge Palace there is a museum where original columns and friezes can be viewed. When broken down, many revealed distinctive markings on non-visible surfaces. These were the imprimaturs of the stonemasons who created them. They signed their work because they were proud of it. If you see them with your own eyes, it is easy to understand why.

Consider making travel a larger part of your lifestyle. Go seek out and behold the beauty that can be achieved by people who had little technology but abundant vision and energy. Your perspective on what is really remarkable, on what is truly inspiring, may be changed.

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Sad News

It is my sad duty to announce that Jan Lughart passed away on February 20th at the Beikirch Care Center at Lakeside Hospital in Brockport.

Also, Brother Donald M. Macauley passed away on January 29th. Brother Macauley was born on August 18, 1926; Initiated on October 27, 1947; passed on February 19, 1948 and Raised on March 8, 1948 in Etolian Lodge. A Masonic Memorial service was held on February 2nd.

A Masonic Memorial service was also held on February 5th for Brother James M. McCann who died on February 1st. Brother McCann was a member of Fame Lodge and a 32° Mason belonging to the Valley of Rochester AASR. He was not related to Brother Craig McCann of our Lodge.

Good News

Brothers Dan Fletcher and Cliff Short have both attended Lodge Communications since returning to Rochester. It's great to see both of these Brothers in our Lodge again.

A grandson was born to Don and Mickey Darrohn on February 7th. (See Sickness and Distress)

Have-a-Heart

The recently concluded Have-a-Heart Campaign appears to have been a success, Unity Lodge staffed the booth on January 31st, February 11th and 12th. Collections totaled approximately \$1,336. Unofficially, the total collections for The Mall at Greece Ridge for the entire Campaign was \$6,328.

Our thanks to the following volunteers whose dedication of time and effort helped make this Campaign a success:

From Unity Lodge - Byron Barnes, Gene Brendel, Rob and Kellie Buchanan, Tyler Ekwel, Tom Grape, John and Helga Jamele, John Lemke, Jay McCullough, Bill Mitchell, Tom Perrone, Joe Picioli, Joe Privitera, Leon Randall and Cliff Short.

Recent Events

The School of Ritual was held January 27th at the Shrine Center in Webster. Thanks to these Brothers for attending with me: Andy Alvarez, Tom Perrone, Don Fox, Bill Fredenburg, Derek VanHouten and David Sylvestre.

On February 9th, our two Entered Apprentices were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

Michael Gillette and Al and Eileen Sarochty from Renovation Lodge (Albion).

Eugene and Betty Crews from Eureka Lodge and Estella OES Chapter.

From Starlight Chapter OES, Barbara Bossert, Hilde and Ray DiJames, Beverley Goodell, Sharon Listman, Joan Palmer and Jan Porter.

Not to forget the Clowns, who always make a difference - Gary "Smirky" Burke and Oscar "Roscoe" Wilson.

Upcoming Events

3rd Degree - Monday, March 9th, Lodge opens at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Blood Drive - Monday, March 30th at the Ogden Community Center.

Sickness and Distress

Bill Kyler continues to recuperate at home, his telephone number is 621 5881.

Renee Dombrowski, daughter of Don and Mickey Darrohn, was severely injured in a snowmobile accident February 5th. She is undergoing treatment at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Jim Toogood was discharged from, and almost immediately re-admitted to, Unity Hospital where he is at this time. Jim does not have a phone in his room. I have not been able to learn what is happening with him.

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

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

March Birthdays

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

Craig McCann (3rd), Curt R. Vallentin, Sr. (6th), G. Thomas Grape (9th), John R. Lee (12th), Robert F. Clark, Neil E. Laundry, and David K. Olsen (14th), Donald B. Hunter (23rd), Theodore S. Wolfley, Sr. (24th), David A. Hagmeir, Joseph Picioli and Andrew J. Tascione IV (28th), Orville R. Granville (29th) and Harry J. Conover (31st).

Masonic Anniversaries

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

1947 - Floyd H. Vick
1949 - Rudolph E. Reiber
1950 - Donald P. Fox and Donald L. Grapensteter
1953 - Robert A. Kreason and Harry F. Michaels
1955 - Harold V. Boughner
1956 - William H. Christopher, Jr.; John V. Flatt and Roy E. Vanderlinder, Jr.
1957 - William G. Rohrbacher
1958 - Bruce R. Palmer
1959 - William Enssle, Jr., Dayle O. Martin and William W. Petersen
1960 - Glenn F. Lawson and James J. Powell
1961 - Richard Johnston and Albert C. Mallaber
1963 - Leonard Mack, William W. Stoddard III and Edward F. Vargo
1964 - Walter L. Gay and James McCafferty
1968 - John E. Worden
1969 - Guenther A. Karchner
1970 - Richard B. Kessler and Russell J. Wicks
1972 - Clarence R. Dinger
1973 - Earl N. Lenhard and William J. Mitchell
1974 - David F. Rainey
1984 - Barry R. Smith
1988 - Clifford H. Short
1993 - Edward A. Bosco and Brian R. Ferguson
1994 - James E. Tellinghuisen
1995 - G. Thomas Grape
1999 - James L. Lester and Charles F. Thibault
2002 - Daniel R. Fletcher
2003 - Bradley D. Hall, Donald B. Hunter, John L. Jamele, Eric J. Smith, David Vance and Mathew J. Westphal
Please remember the Brotherhood Fund.

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2nd Tuesdays
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I hope each of you and your families have fared well during the past month's weather! Brrrrr...

Sickness and Distress

Tim Gray is having a bout with prostate cancer; it seems under control at the moment. Lorna Babcock, the wife of Bill Babcock, had heart surgery last month. Best wishes; our prayers are with you both.

Vern Saunders is still at Park Ridge Hospital; his memory is not too good.

Herb Spencer is back from helping a friend, who was injured in a fall in Florida.

Nelson Bertch's cut hand is not healing well.

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

Carl Ester is getting around pretty good now after his hip replacement, but has some carpal tunnel issues in both hands.

Mat Gingold appears not about to slow down, no matter what (keep up the spirit, Mat).

George Bundoc and his Lady Sharon seem to be doing better. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you-get well soon!

Brothers, give them a call or visit and communicate back to the Lodge.

Job Well Done!

Our 2nd Degree Ritual performance was awesome! Participating Brothers were: John Faro; Mike Dox; Mike Hueston; Mike Bailey; Joe DiTucci; Mat Gingold; Frank Sackett; Mike McBride; Dave Mura; Jose Diaz; Glenn Stahl; Nelson Bertch; and Pat Mulrooney. Chuck Skopinski and Norris Shapiro cooked a great Fish Fry. We also had a wonderful turnout of Brothers, showing support on the sidelines, including R.: W.: Derek Van Houten, R.: W.: George Todd and V.: W.: Harry DeHollander were also there.

Other Events

We had a good turnout at the Mall, both days, for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Thanks again!

We hosted quite a successful Monroe District School of Ritual, with Brothers Mike Dox, John Faro, Pat Mulrooney and me performing and several other Brothers assisting with setup. Great Job and Thank You!

Sweethearts Night

We had 52 people at our Sweethearts Night. Thanks go to Chuck Skopinsky for setting up the menu and location; Pat Mura for gathering the ladies gifts, centerpieces and decorations; Mike Hueston for taking and sorting out the reservations and to all the Ladies, for without your support, we wouldn't have a Sweethearts Night to celebrate. R.: W.: Rick Howe was there to entertain us, and what a great job he did! Also, R.: W.: Derek and Judy VanHouten were there to help us celebrate.

Upcoming Events

March 3rd - Officers meeting, Ale House in Irondequoit
March 10th - Past Masters

filling Chairs Night. R.: W.: Bill Jones will be doing the "Walk-About" Program. Chuck Skopinski will be cooking Lasagna (mmmm...)! See below for reservation information.

March 31st - School of Ritual at O-At-Ka Lodge

April 7th - Officers' Meeting
April 14th - Lodge Meeting Program - Move Up Night

April 25th - Monroe District Annual Widows Luncheon

Call me for more information and call for reservations - Michael Hueston, Cell-509-0606, or email:

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

Remember, "A reservation made is a reservation paid."

From the Secretary

By R.: W.: Herbert Spencer

Joys and Concerns

Congratulations to Michael and Sue Robinson who became Grandparents for the first time. We hope all is well with everyone.

On February 24th Valley-Simes Lodge Raised two Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Please congratulate our new Brothers Bernard Skopinsky and Isaac Taylor when you see them.

Education Assistance

I have applications for the Masonic Service Bureau's Education Assistance Award and the Grand Lodge Educational Assistance Program. Both are due by March 31st. They will be available at Lodge Meetings or, call and I will mail them.

Brotherhood Fund

We have received contributions totaling \$1,200 from 28 Brothers. I would like to see the number of Brothers contributing increase. Please send me your checks in any amount you can afford.

Last year Valley-Simes was Number One in the District for dollars, but nowhere near the top in contributors. Let's do it. Make checks payable to the "Masonic Brotherhood Fund."

Dues

I am glad to report that over 74% of the Brothers have sent in their 2009 Dues. Thank you all. However, we still have three Brothers who have not paid their 2008 Dues. Don't get me wrong; I think having only three Brothers in one-year arrears is great. Please check your Dues Card. If it doesn't say 2009, please get current.

Birthday Greetings

Congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrated their birthday in February or March. If you have any contact with these Brothers, wish them a Happy Birthday.

February (belated)

Douglas Torrance and Richard Giedd (3rd); Olindo Nardone & Gary Lind (5th); Gerald Merzke (6th); Donald Brown & William Anderson (9th); Herbert Spencer (10th); Jeffrey Amering (16th); Michael Bailey (18th); Scott Herzog & Bryan Anderson (19th); Jack Palmer (20th); David Dahrsnin (24th); & Stephen Moore (28th).

March

Harvey Anderson (1st); Irving Spalty & Wallace Roworth (2nd); Harry Coates and Paul Chechak (3rd); Nelson Bertch (8th); G. Thomas Grape (9th); William Carr (10th) and Carl Ester (31st).

Come to our Lodge meeting on the 10th and let us break bread together.




W.: John Jamele, Unity Lodge Master, with Smirky (left) and Roscoe during the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Clowns entertained, providing children with balloons and increasing donations.



SPAGHETTI DINNER
Friday, March 6th
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 at Webster Lodge Hall
 30 Orchard Street
Adults - \$7 Children - \$4

Wakan/Hubbard
 Lodge No. 154
 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.



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The Canadians are Coming!

Scottish Craftsman Association
 from St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada
 Presents the 1st Degree, Canadian-Style

May 9th at 12 Noon
 at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge Hall in Penfield



"Schnitzel" (Ron Williams) helped Webster Lodge Brothers and Friends Joe Lewis, W Warren Patterson and Cyndy Whited attract donors during their stint at the booth at Eastview Mall.

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Brother Scott Cronk performed in exceptional form as he conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on four Candidates on February 5th. This was his first adventure in the East, and we look forward to seeing more of his sterling performances.

The recipient of the Spaghetti Dinner receipts for the month of February was the Webster Firemen Exempt. Just over 200 dinners were served.

I have it from good authority that Webster Lodge took in \$1,062.80 at the Have-a-Heart booth at Eastview Mall on Saturday, February 7th. It is believed that this amount exceeds all receipts during any 9-hour day. Good work, Brothers, and a special thanks to Brother Ron

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Spring Fever
 As I sit at my computer writing this article, looking into the yard watching and hearing my dog, "Ginger," racing her friends up and down the fence line, I also notice the snow is almost gone due to a recent warm spell. I'm now sure we have almost made it to Spring.

Spaghetti Dinners
 If you have not been to a Spaghetti Dinner lately, you should stop in to eat, help out, or just say "Hello" to all of your Broth-

Williams who was there in his clown outfit - ALL DAY!

Webster Lodge will have a Table Lodge on Thursday, March 5th. The Degree of Fellowcraft will be conferred on March 19th.

It is generally known that my ambition this year is to encourage Masonic Education. Your attendance at the School of Ritual in honor of our late Brother, V.:W.: Ron Bryant, will enlighten you with many aspects of our beautiful Ritual. Remember to **sign in** on the Webster Lodge sheet to qualify your Lodge for the ATTENDANCE BANNER! The final School of the season will be held at Oatka Lodge, 5 Browns Ave, Scottsville on Tuesday Evening, March 31st at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a "Noble Bring-a-Friend" Night and Table Lodge on Saturday, April 4th at the Shrine Center. This presentation is open to gentlemen who are Masons and non-Masons.

Sickness and Distress
 Brother Vance Collom is recovering well after treatment for a heart problem. It has been reported that Brother "Dicky" Patterson is undergoing rehab at St. Mary's, and Brother G. Bradley Heber is doing better at the Fairport Baptist Home.

ers who put so much into this. Bring your families and friends down for dinner. This might even drum up some interest and bring in new members. Upcoming dinners are on March 11th and March 25th.

Over the past couple of months, many Brothers have pitched in to clean up our kitchen and dining area. Special thanks go out to Brother Bill Hunn for heading this up and Brother Garry Cranker for all his elbow grease on our stove. He and I have spent a couple Saturday mornings working on it and still it needs a few more coats of oven cleaner to get it up to Garry's standards.

Last, but not least, thanks to Brother Scott Rice for a job well done on our new storage area.

Upcoming Events
 March 3rd - Tall Cedars of Lebanon presentation
 March 17th - Fellowcraft Degree
 If you know of a Brother in sickness or distress or in need of our aid or sympathy, please contact Sean Noonan or myself. See you in Lodge!

By Jon P. Getz

There is also consideration for making the rear portion of "Fellowship Hall" a more relaxed area for viewing sporting events. We hope to include a large-screen TV, some comfortable chairs and other amenities to allow Brothers to want to stay at the Lodge even longer after meetings. Should the Fellowship Hall get completed, there is an opportunity to use it for the NCAA Tournament and have Brothers enjoy some company while watching basketball. Please let the Worshipful Master know if you are interested in this type of activity.

Also, as a reminder, the building will need some Spring cleaning soon. This includes some work outside of the building. Look for the date for the work. Many hands make light work.

Believe it or not Spring will be here soon. While it seems to have been a long Winter, the time still flies by too fast. As we get ready for some warmer and longer days, there are some exciting events coming up and some opportunities to catch up and work with Brothers while making our community better.

Building News
 After much looking and some hard work by many Brothers, it appears that the Lodge will have a new tenant. While details are still being resolved, the Brothers approved the signing of a lease with a new business that will sell Lacrosse equipment in the main storefront section of the building. It looks like this could be great news in having financial stability for the building and be an excellent venture for the business and the Lodge. Should this take place, we encourage the Brothers to let people know about the businesses operated in our building and support them as you are able. As many of you know, the area formally occupied by the boutique has been vacant for five months. This vacancy created some concerns about

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Spring is in the air. Let us enjoy the freedom to move about without the fear of snow or cold. Many thanks to all who participated in the Lodge activities during the past Winter.

Upcoming Events
 The program for the meeting on March 9th will be a Table

The Canadians are Coming!

By John Rees

Wakan-Hubbard Lodge in Penfield will hold a special meeting on May 9th at Noon. We will host the Scottish Craftsman Association from Saint Catherines, Ontario, Canada, who will be exemplifying the 1st Degree, as done in Canada.

building finances. We will keep the Brothers updated about this development.

As discussed in our last article, the Brothers approved and the Building Committee is in the process of selling the stove and exhaust system. If approved, we will replace the large commercial system with a large family-style stove system that will be more cost-effective. We also believe this will allow us to increase our dinner and fellowship offerings in the future.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Brothers from Wakan-Hubbard Lodge volunteered on February 1st (Super Bowl Sunday) and February 8th, to staff the Have-a-Heart Booth, located at Eastview Mall. Brothers, and many family members demonstrated how, as Masons, we make "good men better." I extend a special thanks to all the Brothers who participated, including some new Brothers. Sean Brown was there with his daughters Jessica and Megan; Rich and Wendy Brockman; Angelo and Karen DiCataldo; John and Lillian Rees; Tom and Irene Ward; Peter Derry; and Hugh Woodside with his son, Nevin. THANK YOU ALL.

Child ID Event

On Friday, January 23rd, the Lodge sponsored a Child Identification Event held at the Crane Elementary School, during its Winter Carnival. Special thanks go out to Angelo DiCataldo, Don Bell, Roger Lynch (and his wife Nancy) and Sean Brown. The

Lodge. Other Lodges have been invited to join us for an evening of fellowship and good spirits.

The 2nd Degree will be Conferred on March 23rd with R.:W.: Brother Sy Kopen, Senior Warden, in the East. Please volunteer for a role or say, "Yes," if called upon. It is more fun when directly involved with the work.

Sickness and Distress

It is our sad duty to announce the passing of Brother Howard W. Smith. He passed to his reward on February 4th. He would have celebrated fifty years as a Mason on March 17th. Howard was a retired teacher and administrator. Besides his involvement in Masons, he was active in his church and the Rotary. We extend our sympathy to his family.

We invite as many Masons who would like to attend to fill the sidelines in show of our support to our visitors. Refreshments to follow the meeting and possibly an evening Dinner with wives. More details will follow. W.: Don Lalik, Master, and W.: John Rees are Co-Chairmen.

This event is sponsored by the Rochester Tartan Square Club - Fraser Ritchie, President (659-2302), and Andy McKay, Secretary (225-5461).

program completed identification packages for 33 children. Great work, Brothers!

Upcoming Events

As we look forward to Spring, there are some fantastic events and meaningful opportunities for fellowship.

Save the Date

On Monday, March 23rd, the Master Mason Degree Ceremony shall take place. Brothers interested in assisting should contact W.:M.: Lalik. Past Senior Grand Warden, James Sullivan, is planning to join us for the occasion and Grand Steward, Mike Nohle, will be joining us to deliver the Historical Lecture.

More Dates

- April 13th - Morgan Incident
- April 27th - "Non-Standard Opening" for the 1st and 2nd Degrees
- May 11th - Grand Lodge Report and Election of Officers
- June 8th - Strawberry Shortcake and Sports Shirt Night
- On Saturday, April 25th - The Widows Luncheon will be held at Burgundy Basin. Brothers are to gather at 11a.m.; the Luncheon will begin at Noon. The menu has not yet been set. Please contact Roger Lynch at 334-7953 should you wish to attend.

Call for Photos and Stories!

I am sure there will be more events forthcoming. If any Brother has news, photos or information to share, please email them to: jgetz@muldoongetz.com. Stories, past and present, are welcome.

Brother Carl Mosher has sent word that he is doing well. He just bought a big-screen television. If you happen to be in the vicinity of Holiday, Florida, and would like to watch some great TV, just bring along some snacks.

Rev. and Brother Hugh Chitenden now lives at the Baptist Home. He will be 91 and enjoys playing Bridge.

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

March Birthdays

The following Brothers will celebrate birthdays in March: Murray Kellogg (2nd), Samuel Katz (3rd), Tommy Trapanovski (16th), Michael Johnson (20th),

Fairport-Flower City

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Hugh Chittenden and Seymour Margolis (23rd), John Lindsay (25th), Bill Cobb and Donald Cameron (27th). We wish you a happy day and a prosperous and healthy year ahead.

Masonic Anniversaries

Brothers Raised in March are:
1947 - George Bluhm
1948 - Irving Katzman
1961 - Harvey Nusbaum
1968 - Jay Stubbings
1977 - Harold Goodwin and Gary Gray

1988 - Douglas Higgins
1989 - Ralph Loiacono and Paul Sultar

1999 - David Zon
 If anyone needs a ride to Lodge, please call one of the Brothers or Dave Taber (388-0629).

Masonic Musings

Dave and Ed had been Lodge Brothers for many years. They had promised each other that the first to go to the Celestial Grand Lodge would return to tell the other whether there really were Lodges in Heaven and what they were like. By and by, it came to pass that Dave went first.

One day shortly after, Ed was working in his garden when he heard a whispered



W.: Thomas Goodrich, Master, welcomes newly raised Brothers, Andrew Woepfel and Michael Flanagan, to Fairport-Flower City Lodge.

voice, "Psst, Ed!" He looked around but saw nothing.

A few moments later he heard, now quite clearly "Ed! Its me, Dave!"

"Dave," Ed exclaimed, "Are you in Heaven?"

"Indeed, I am" said Dave.

Ed paused for a while to get over the initial shock and then said, "Well, Dave, are there Lodges up there in Heaven?"

"There certainly are, Ed. There are Lodges all over and they are quite magnificent - equal or better than old Fairport-Flower City. The meetings are well attended, the Ritual is word per-

fect, the Festive Board is fantastic and the spirit of Masonic Fellowship is all pervasive."

"My goodness, Dave," said Ed, "It certainly sounds very impressive but for all that you seem rather sad. Tell me, Brother, what is the matter?"

"Well, Ed, you're right. I have some good news and some bad."

"OK, so what's the good news?"

"The good news is that we are doing a Third Degree this coming Wednesday."

"Great" said Ed. "What's the bad news?"

"You're the Senior Deacon!" I hope to meet with you around the Altar. x

Eastview Mall. Once again, thank you all for your hard work, dedication and commitment to this year's Trestleboard.

Communications Corner

The new ERAC 163 Website, which is the keystone of our ability to coordinate our work, continues to become a valuable tool for us. For our first full month of operation, I counted 1,354 page views, which is the metric we use to track visitors. There were significant spikes of activity after each Lodge-wide communication email sent by the Worshipful Master, indicating the effectiveness of that mode of communication.

The RSVPs by email also continues to track well. Electronic messages to our Junior Warden for each dinner improved by 50% over the course of the month.

Thanks go to Brother Dave Upham who continues to win the award for greatest/best new content provided for the Website. As a reminder to all Brothers of ERAC Lodge, anyone may submit articles for publication on our Lodge Website (communications@erac163.org).

As you know, selected shots from Lodge meetings and social events appear from time to time in the Photo Section of the Website. Requests to remove particular pictures from the Website will be entertained with an accompanying contribution to the Brotherhood Fund. (See Dave Upham regarding contributions.) There is still no plan to create a password-protected section of the Website. (It's a Cabletow thing.) Sorry.

There is a standing request for help to any willing Brother of the Lodge who is handy with HTML and/or back-end server management skills. Please come forward at an appropriate time and indicate your readiness. (webmaster@erac163.org).

May the spirit of Freemasonry watch over us until we meet again. x

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Union Star spent half of February working hard on the Have-a-Heart Campaign on behalf of their Master, who just happens to be the Campaign Chairman. I have never been more proud of those Brothers who devoted so much time and energy working their assigned time and extras called on late notice. Thanks to Brothers Terry Hatch, Scott May, Jim Nersinger, Gene Gordon and his daughter, Mary; John Williams and his daughter, Dawn.

My special thanks goes to Gary Sanford and Mark Hutton, for their Mall Chairmanships, which includes setup, supplies and (most important) money collection. Also, special thanks go to Frank Habitzreuther and Ron Morthorst for many extra hours and last-minute call-ins for work at the Malls.

On a personal note, thanks to my daughters Kerry and Kelly,

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By Erik Loepker, Jr. Warden

The year presses on, and many of us feel our Cabletow growing ever shorter ... ever tighter. A lot is due to economical pressures. Some is due to family and our community that continually grows as we honor deeper obligations. And, sadly, some of it is simply due to apathy.

I've always found this time of year is difficult for many people. Not that it's high stress, but quite the contrary. After the rush we've all sailed through from the end-of-year activities and holidays, we've reached a point that is kind of a letdown.

After New Year's Day, comes Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, St. Patrick's Day, and May Day (to name a few of the more well-known days) - meaningful in their own right, but hardly a thrill ride. Otherwise, it's just a long coast until Independence Day. Feelings of lethargy begin to steal over us as we re-settle into the semi-forgotten rhythms and cadences of our lives that existed before the year-end blowout.

Often, activities that we hold with reverence become tiresome to some of us. In particular, I am addressing attendance at Lodge and associated activities. Around this time, I usually see a drop in attendance at Communications, as well as Degree rehearsals and other extraneous projects that go somewhat lean in Brothers.

It's tough, there's no denying it. To paraphrase a cliché, all

along with my granddaughters and great-granddaughters, for work at Marketplace Mall on February, 8th.

On Thursday, February 5th, at Northfield Lodge, Union Star with 14 Brothers present brought the Traveling Gavel to Union Star Lodge. My personal thanks to the Officers and Brothers of Northfield Lodge for their hospitality and graciousness on relinquishing the Gavel. It was a great meeting and a wonderful experience for all Brothers present. It is also rumored that a neighboring Lodge has already set its sights on the Gavel.

Our February 9th meeting centered on review of Union Stars' By-Laws on which we will vote at our March 9th meeting. The March 9th meeting will feature our 2nd Degree at 7:30 p.m., preceded by Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All of this will be preceded by a 2nd Degree rehearsal on Monday, March 2nd at 7 p.m.

It's never too early to announce that we will hold a Pancake Breakfast at the Lodge on Sunday, April 5th, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Public is welcome. Cost will be \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4-10 and children 3 and under are free. This is a new fundraiser and I hope we will have a good turnout.

I can't believe how long-winded I have been, but it's easy when you get the cooperation of our Lodge to do exciting things.

See you in the Quarry. x

work and no play makes for a dull Brother; and so very often what we do can begin to feel like work, work, work. Degree practice, visiting the infirm, assisting with fundraisers or community projects, attending funeral services, concern over mundane matters around the Lodge such as bills and repairs, and the list goes on and seemingly grows. Even "fun" activities require one or more Brothers to set up and run, and so these duties are occasionally shunned.

Yet, we all know it's not only necessary ... it's vital. We are a Fraternity - the oldest and best that exists. We succeed because of each other. We all know what is expected of us ... not as a chore that has to be done "just because," but because there is a reward for doing so. Granted, we rarely are openly recognized for our efforts. I don't think any of what we do provides instant gratification, but we do it because we possess the knowledge that, through each other, we improve ourselves and our community. The reward for that is subtle, but very powerful. Think on it. We'd love to see you again, soon.



George Foehner extended "Thanks" to Northfield Lodge.

That being said, I'd like to doff my metaphorical hat to the Brothers of Union Star who showed up on February 5th to liberate the Traveling Gavel

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Richard Friedman

Seventeen couples and eight single Brothers attended the Valentine's Ladies Night. Brother Pat Mulrooney did an outstanding job putting this event together. If you missed it, you missed a great time. The place was decorated with heart-shaped balloons; candles; flowers and candy were given to all the ladies. There was a chocolate fountain and plenty of good music as couples danced the night away. The food was outstanding and everyone had a great time.

I also thank all the Brothers who took time out of their busy schedule to help support the Have-a-Heart Campaign at

By Robert M. Kostin

This month has been very busy for ERAC Lodge. I take this time to thank each and every one of you for your support and attendance at the Lodge functions this year.

Our Table Lodge had a grand showing of Brothers as well as the Valentine's Ladies Night. A special thanks to the Junior Warden and Stewards for their hard work and dedication that made the events ones to remember.

The Table Lodge had a record attendance of nearly 50 Brothers. The MC for the night was R.: W.: Rich Friedman. Our own grill master, Brother Mike Vannas, prepared the steaks.



ERAC Brothers and Friends socializing before Table Lodge.





Members of Union Star Lodge and Northfield Lodge gathered for this post-presentation photo, after the visitors attended en masse to retrieve the Traveling Gavel.



A large contingent of Members of Union Star Lodge who attended the Northfield Lodge Meeting on February 14th to capture the Traveling Gavel. (Only seven Brothers from the visitors are required in order to leave with the trophy.)

from our Lodge Room. Our Lodge Room was crammed almost to full capacity; it was a wonderful sight, and the energy they brought was simply amazing. That they were also able to partake of R. W. John Zabel's presentation on "Masonic Etiquette" was, I'm sure, an additional bonus for them.



R. W. John Zabel speaking on Masonic Etiquette.

Brother Zabel's presentation was something to which I've been looking forward to seeing for about a year; W. David Adams had set this in our Trestleboard at the beginning of the year after hearing about it last year at another Lodge, and I've been excited about it ever since. If you have not seen it, or haven't seen it in a while, I suggest you invite Brother Zabel to present it in your Lodge (or travel to see him give it elsewhere). His presentation is a veritable gold mine of information that helps remind us of simple things that we've forgotten.

Ladies Night

On February 14th, Northfield Lodge celebrated our annual Ladies' and Sweethearts' Night at the Grapevine Restaurant in East Rochester. In attendance were: Glenn and Carol Hedges, David and Patricia Adams, Herb and Phyllis Hirsch, James and Amy Deasey III, Todd and Janet Enright and Erik and Tatjana Loepker. We were able to honor our spouses with won-

derful food and company. W. Brother Adams also had arranged for a Barbershop Quartet from the Chorus of the Genesee to show up and present roses to the ladies, as well as sing two romantic numbers. The group was led by our own Brother Ed Rummeler.

Upcoming Events

March 14th - Lodge Work Day (yes, "work, work, work" ... but, this keeps the place in shape for all of our comfort)

March 19th - 2nd Degree - Formal Event


March 28th - Family Event - Field Hockey! (We'll watch it, not play it!)

April 2nd - Awards Night! Hope to see you all soon! ✪

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On January 21st, two new Candidates were Initiated to the Degree of Entered Apprentice. On February 11th, the Historical Lecture was presented. As always, it is a program well received by the other Brothers attending the evening's Communication as well.

Thank You

February 7th and 9th were the Have-a-Heart Booth staffing days for Oatka Lodge Brothers. My thanks to all Brothers who participated and for coming out and showing how much we support this wonderful charity. After all, charity is a large part of our Fraternity. When the Brothers come together to help and assist others in need of our aid and support, it certainly re-confirms one's belief in Brotherly love.

Get the Word Out

We are still struggling to get the fundraising events going in order to provide additional revenue for the Lodge. It seems as though we keep having difficulties in getting the word out to the local residents.

Grand Lodge Sessions

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

Work continues on the renovations to the upstairs Fellowship Room and the upstairs bathroom. Brother Steve Phillips was pleasantly surprised to see the original wainscoting ceiling still intact. Brother Steve says all of the work will be finished in time for the cornerstone laying ceremony and the arrival of the Grand Master on May 16th. This reminds me ... don't forget to send in your RSVP from our February newsletter by March 11th. Preparations for the event are moving along well and I'm sure this will be an event enjoyed by all.

Lastly, due to such an influx of Applications, the Brothers of the Lodge will be doing a third set of Degrees starting on April 15th (ugh, tax day). The following Communication, on April 29th, will be the Entered Apprentice Historical Lecture. This will be followed on May 13th (a real busy night) for the 2nd Degree, culminating with the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 10th. Then the Lodge Walk-About Program will be slated for our last meeting of the year on June 24th before going dark for the Summer. ✪

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By William Flesher, President

I have been remiss in writing an article in the *Masonic Times* for our Masters and Wardens of Monroe District. Since there are many things to communicate this time, however, I am going to begin writing monthly from now on.

There are several changes to our meeting schedule and location.

March 30th - 7 p.m. - Webster Lodge Hall at 30 Orchard Street

April 18th - 7 p.m. - Long Pond Family Restaurant located at 496 Long Pond Road (North of Latta Road). This is the same place where we previously met; this time we invite your wife/significant other to accompany you. We will not have a meeting in May because Grand Lodge is May 4th and 5th.

June 30th - 7 p.m. - Our last meeting of this Masonic Year at Union Star Lodge located at 3 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls.

March Meeting Agenda

At the March meeting, we will discuss further plans about Grand Lodge, the Have-a-Heart Campaign, the Mentoring Program at each Lodge with the appointment of a Mentoring Team, and the possible slate of Masonic educational opportunities that will take place locally.

April Meeting Agenda

The April meeting is on a Saturday and dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed with the meeting starting around 7 p.m. This meeting will be to finalize plans for the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in May.

June Meeting Agenda

The June meeting will be held to provide an opportunity for the newly elected Masters and Wardens to join us and to begin planning for their September Lodge communications.

So far this year, I have been a little disappointed in the attendance at our meetings. Masters and Wardens was set up to provide a forum for each Lodge's leadership to pass the word around about events and schedules of their Lodge so other Masters and Wardens of the District can be informed. I know this is an important part of our group since I experienced such a "need to know" when other Degrees were being conducted in the area.

Recently, I did have another need to read the *Book of Constitutions* for a particular matter that had happened in my Lodge. I know it is the responsibility of each Master to be familiar with this very important volume of Masonic Law; however, I will bet that most of us have not read it or have forgotten the contents. Therefore, I would like to start a learning program for a portion of the meetings where a Master or a Warden from any Lodge will take a section of the Constitutions and read it aloud to those present. Perhaps this change of venue will stimulate more interest in our meetings and promote greater attendance.

Lastly, I would appreciate having each of the Masters and Wardens from the 12 other Lodges in our District email me at phdoc007@yahoo.com so I can have an up-to-date email address listing. In this electronic age, I find email notification of things involving the Masonic leadership of Monroe District to be the quickest way to get the word out. The Directory published at the beginning of the year and handed out at the kick-off meeting does not contain email addresses for the Wardens and some of the Masters' email addresses have changed. Thanks in advance and I hope to see you all in March. ✪

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Junior Grand Warden Speaks on MSAT Program at Warsaw



Front row (l-r) R.:W.: Thomas "Tim" McMullen; W.: Paul Royce, Jr. of Warsaw Lodge; District AGL, V.:W.: Dennis Parmerter; District MSAT Chairman, W.: Donald Kunego and W.: Bill Olsowsky of Triluminar Lodge. Back row (l-r) District Grand Steward, R.:W.: Wayne Patridge; DDGM, R.:W.: John Cook and Junior Warden, Dan Walczak of Warsaw Lodge.

R.:W.: Tim McMullen, Junior Grand Warden, visited Warsaw Lodge on February 3rd. R.:W.: McMullen was there to present the MSAT Program to members of the Genesee-Wyoming District. Warsaw Lodge hosted a catered Chicken Dinner for 35 Brothers of the District, including DDGM, R.:W.: John Cook.

After dinner, W.: Paul Royce, Jr., Master, convened the Stated

Communication. Approximately 40 members of the District heard Junior Grand Warden McMullen's comments on the different problems that children and educators in the Jurisdiction face on a daily basis. He also answered several questions.

Also represented at the meeting were members of Attica, Arcade, Constellation, Mt. Vernon, Hesperus, Olive Branch, Triluminar and West Star Lodges.

Master, W.: Nevin Brick, received a promotion. He is a corporate troubleshooter for industrial equipment installations. Though he is still based in LeRoy, he is out of town most of the time. So we are trying to meet around his schedule or use our two active Past Masters as pro-tems. Luckily, an Olive Branch can bend and sway a bit.

Sickness and Distress
Brother Jim Nielsen had knee surgery.

Dee Curtis is recuperating from heart surgery at their home in Georgia.

Condolences are extended to Brother Bob Sovocool on the death of his father.

March Birthdays
Bill MacPherson (15th), Joe Sherman (19th), Andrew Lathan (21st) and Mike Smith (28th).

It looks to be an active Spring in LeRoy. It feels good to have a crowd at Lodge again. If you haven't been for a while, come back. We have a very youthful look now!

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The *Road to the East*, Programs have been very informative and full of interesting Masonic details. I commend our Livingston District Brothers who attended these sessions for taking the time from their busy Saturday schedules to join us. I also thank all of the speakers for their spectacular jobs done in presenting their areas of expertise. Getting the chance to "sit in the back" this year was definitely different.

R.:W.: Joe Shanks and I are half done with our Spring Tour of Visits in our District. We look forward to seeing everyone again this month. We also wish to remind the Masters, that if you have any Degrees or special events coming up, to please let Joe, Roy

and me know. We would love to attend and help out in any way.

My gratitude to Brother Jim Smith for organizing this year's Bowl-a-Thon for the District. It is always a lot of fun. With the challenge to the Northern Lodges and the competition of the teams, the afternoon is certainly fast-paced. I hope I can continue to use the "bumper" lanes; my score can only get better!

This year's Youth Talent Shows are scheduled to start in March. I recommend to all our Brothers to please attend your local Talent Show or one of the nearby ones. They are filled with talented kids and their wide variety of performances are always a joy to watch. These talent shows are an excellent way to present ourselves to the community.

Looking forward to April, I wish to remind every Lodge that the District will be having our Annual Ladies Night on April 4th. This is an excellent evening to honor our ladies, who put up with our being out to Lodge during the month. It is also our goal to honor our "Surviving Spouses and Loved Ones" during the evening. Thanks to the efforts of R.:W.: Dick Trescott, and his Committee, this event continues to be a spectacular evening.

you read this article all sessions of *Road to the East* will be over until next year.

I extend my thanks to Travis Cody and Mel Hussey for taking the *Road to the East* Course.

A big thank you to R.:W.: George Todd and R.:W.: Mike Nohle for putting the Course in motion. Job well done, Brothers.

R.:W.: John Gallant, DDGM, and I will be traveling around the District for round two of our Visits. We have some topics we would like to talk to the Brothers about and it looks like we have some Degrees coming up in March.

Here's hoping we have an early Spring. Also, Brothers, thanks for your support.

very important one for us. The subject will be "The Health, Care and Welfare of Eunice Lodge." The next few years will be important ones for us. Please plan on attending as we will welcome any suggestion that you can give us.

On April 16th we will be celebrating the anniversaries of nine Brethren whose total years of membership add up to 390 years. They are Brothers Hugh Outterson and Bernard Root (60 years), Allen Roggen (50 years), Bruce MacIntyre and Floyd Manley (45 years), Frederick Helms and Gordon Bell (35 years) and Louis Potter and Eldred Rawleigh (30 years). Keep this date on your calendar as there will be a dinner for members and guests followed by an Open Lodge Meeting for the presentation of the awards. More information will be in the mail.

Other important dates to remember are our two fundraisers - the Horse Show at Honey Locust Farms in Caledonia on May 26th and the Air Show in Genesee July 10th-12th.

Please remember to send your checks in for the Brotherhood Fund.

For those who have not been to Lodge lately, we still meet on the 1st Thursday of the month in the big stone building at the traffic circle in Caledonia. Hope to see you soon.

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On January 22nd we had a Past Master's Night. After doing many of the things you'd expect for such an affair, we ended the meeting by playing Past Masters' Bingo. If you weren't at this meeting, be sure to ask a Brother who attended about the rules and prizes associated with Past Masters' Bingo.

Thank You

Thank you, Brothers, for supporting the Have-a-Heart Campaign - both by contributing money and your time to staff the booths. This is a worthy cause! I particularly enjoyed the fellowship between Brothers and Mall patrons.

Upcoming Event

We have begun working with Honeoye Falls-Lima Schools on preparations for our Annual Talent Show. The date has not been set, but we are planning for the end of March or early April. We'll be talking about this in the next couple of meetings. Please plan to come to this event. It's one of our best interactions with our area's youth, and just simply a lot of fun.

Although it's been cold and snowy this Winter, there are already signs of Spring. Let the renewal of nature this time of year inspire your own renewal in Masonry. See you in Lodge!

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With Ground Hog's Day behind us, Spring is soon to be upon us (we hope). There is always something going on here.

Talent Show

The Talent Show is March 13th, at the Dalton School Building at 7 p.m. Our High School Auditorium is under renovation.

We have the Traveling Gavel and will need to get rid of it soon; we must have at least the Master or one of the Wardens plus five Brothers to hand off the Gavel.

Brethren we need more participation in the Brotherhood Fund. Please give what you can,

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Grand Steward Livingston District



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Thank you Jim Smith, Steve Cross, Jim Miller and Don Bayler for completing the *Masonic Development Course*. We have four Brothers who need to catch up next year. By the time

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By R.:W.: Gordon Bell Secretary

Our year has started out quite well after having a major water leak on the 2nd floor last year and a minor water leak outside our building. New flooring, carpeting and painting on all three floors has been completed, thanks to the leadership of W.: Floyd Manley and many hours of work by Lodge members and other volunteers.

Upcoming Events

Our next Regular Stated Meeting on March 5th will be a

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By Doug Poole

Olive Branch Lodge is still the temporary home of Molly, the Traveling Trophy, where she has had a long stay. It is fitting, as the last time she was here was 1992. Thanks to Ernie Curtis for that bit of information from when he was Master. We assume she will be leaving shortly, but hope it is not another 16 years until she visits again.

We have a bit of an operational problem this Spring. Our

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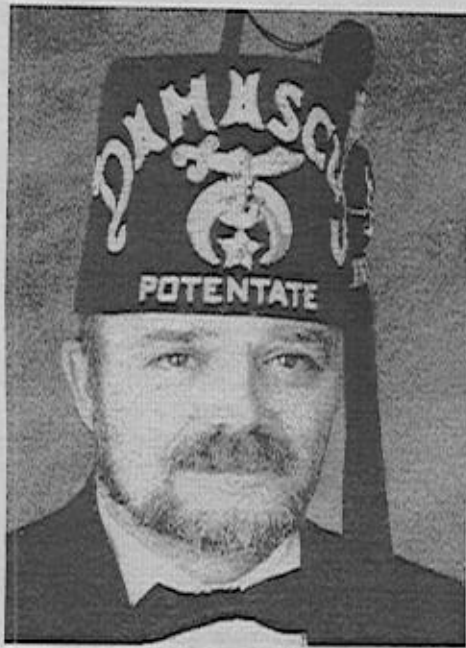
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By Ill. Bruce Chilton

I am in cloudy Ft Lauderdale as I'm writing this, trying to get it done before we leave on a cruise. We went to the Annual Damascus Winter Party, which was extremely well done by Erwin and Brenda Newell and Wayne and Ginny Engbrecht. There were approx 60 in attendance, with seven Past Potentates and many friends whom I hadn't see in a while. It was a great way to start this long-awaited vacation.

I have many exciting things to share with you. The first, and probably the most important, is the attitude and cooperative TEAM effort that is coming from YOUR 2009 Divan in everything they do. I'm not quite sure how to pinpoint it, but this Team is special and, because of that, I'm very optimistic that you're going to see good things happening at Damascus this year.

Membership Team

The Membership Team, consisting of the Chairman, Gary Burke; and Vice-Chairman, Eric Lubberts, with the cooperation of the whole Divan, have many things in progress that can only help Damascus for the future. Highlights are the two upcoming Spring Membership events. They have set a goal of a nine-percent increase in membership and a nine-percent decrease in Suspensions and Dimits. They also have adopted the slogan, "If not YOU, then who," which acknowledges the obvious conclusion that we need everyone's efforts to obtain these aggressive goals. Damascus Temple isn't made up of only a Divan. It is the whole body of 859 Nobles and we are all in this together.

Noble Bring-a-Friend Night

The first event is the Noble Bring-a-Friend Program that will be held on April 4th at the Shrine Center. We already have voted on four Petitions, The day we voted on them, the Recorder received a call from a Noble asking for four more. I know we have commitments for a minimum of ten more - whether we have the Noble Bring-a-Friend Night or not - and it's only February!!

The program will include an explanation of Masonry as well as Shrinedom and, therefore, we would like to invite non-Masons, as well as Masons who are potential candidates for the Shrine. We pride ourselves on the fact that Damascus has brought a lot of men into Ma-

sonry because of these presentations. We just read and voted on the Petition of Past Grand Master, Neal I. Bidnick. When I asked him why he wanted to join Damascus he stated, "Because I like being with caring Brothers who support their foundation."



There will be a dinner provided that will be free for your guests and their ladies as well as for you and your Lady. We are pleased and honored to have R.: W.: Tim McMullen as our guest speaker. Tim currently is the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and he is a Past Potentate (2004) of Kulurah Temple.

Damascus Day

The second event is going to be held on **Damascus Day**, which is May 9th. I'm calling it **Damascus Day** because we will be at the Lilac Parade in the morning, which is a "call-out parade" showing the Rochester Area that Damascus is bigger than ever.

That afternoon and early evening we will be holding the Spring Ceremonial at the Shrine Center. This will be an event you won't want to miss. Besides the numerous Masons who will become Shriners, there will be a host of other exciting items on the agenda. This Class will be named the "John G. Wihlen Class" after the Patriarch of the Wihlen Family. In addition to having two sons and three grandsons, as well as a granddaughter's husband, belonging to Damascus Shriners, John's GREAT-GRANDSON, Matt Wihlen, will be made a Shriner in this Class.

The month of May is a special month for John G. Wihlen. It was in May, 1949, that he became a Shriner. May is also the month that John and Eve will be celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary.

The day will feature the "new" Ceremonial that was originated and written by members of Damascus. It is referred to as the "Knickerbocker Degree" and tells the history of the Shrine in three skits. Other events in the day will be the awesome Fez Presentation given by the R.: W.: Paul R. Gleason. What makes this unique is that this is not a written piece of Ritual that Paul has memorized. Because Paul is the special person that he is, he gives this speech differently each time, from his heart, with the guidance of his mentor, the Great Architect of the Universe. This presentation alone is worth your time.

We will also be presenting a Red Rose Ceremony, which is for the Ladies who will be attending in support of the new Nobles.

We will be honored to have Megan and her family with us. Megan is a local girl who will tell us about her experiences as a patient with Erie Hospital. It is my sincere hope the reservations are so many that we once again are forced to rent a huge tent to accommodate the crowd. I would suggest you make your reservations NOW as the Wihlen Family alone will put a welcome strain on the building's capacity.

**Re-Energizing Some Units
Damascus Band**

There is an effort to re-energize some of the Units that have fallen by the wayside. There is a strong possibility that the **Damascus Band** will be returning and that excites me. I have never been a part of Damascus when it has had a band and it would be great to see that change come about. Noble Frank Russell is spearheading this effort and the Divan contact, Sean Noonan, having been a part of a Drum and Bugle Marching Band since the age of 7, is the natural choice for the contact. If you want to know more or have an interest in joining this effort, please contact Sean.

Hillbillies

This year Bob Curtis, with the assistance of Don Dill and Lance Ward are also going to bring back the Hillbillies. This is a fun group with some secrets and rituals that are all about fun and frivolity, which may appeal to some of our Nobles and their Ladies. If you want to hear more about this fun group, either contact Bob Curtis or the Divan Representative for this effort, Oscar Wilson.

Yacht Club

The Yacht Club has been dormant for a couple of years, but we have some Nobles who have purchased boats and may be interested in getting together in an appropriate setting three or four times a year to share their common interests. We also still have a large model ship in the basement of the Shrine Center that this Unit could use to show their existence in the parades. If you have a boat or an interest in boats and would like to hear more on this effort, contact me and I will fill in the details to date.

Classic Cars

Finally, we have the Classic Cars. This group will consist of Nobles who own a car that may be different and would look good in a parade. From old to new, most any car that is shiny and attractive will fill the bill. PP Charles Frear wrote to

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Damascus Shriners Noble Bring-a-Friend Night Saturday, April 4th

**at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster
Registration begins at 4 p.m.
Social Hour and Dinner Following**

This event is open to both Masons and non-Masons alike. It will explain what the Shrine is all about and Masonry, in general.

Call to Action

If you have a Lodge Brother or a friend whom you would like invited to this event, call the Damascus Shrine Office at 671-7701 during normal business hours or email: membershipchairman@damascusshriners.org and provide the Candidate's name, spouse's name, address, phone number and email address (if available) so an invitation can be sent. Refer questions here, also.

The potential Candidate and his spouse, as well as the referring Brother, will be the guests of Damascus Shriners for dinner. All others wishing to attend will be at a nominal charge of \$5 per person.

Don't wait ... get the potential Candidates contact information in right away so invitations can be sent to them and reservations confirmed.

Dress Code: Suit or jacket and tie for men; Dresses or pant suits for Ladies.

Reminder ...

Orientation and Ceremonial for the John Wihlen, Sr. Spring Class will be Saturday, May 9th

Bruce Chilton
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me and said he has a 1993 Mercedes with 15,000 miles that he would love to showcase in a Damascus Parade. This group could also be an active participant in the "Cruise Nights" that will begin in May at the Shrine Center and continue every Friday night throughout the Summer, weather permitting. Proceeds from the "Cruise Nights" will benefit the Shriners Hospitals. The Divan Representative for this unit is Tom Vasile.

Speaking of Tom Vasile, he has been busy trying to schedule fun events as well as fundraisers for the Temple and he has accomplished both. On March 21st there will be a Monte Carlo Night at the Shrine Center. There will be a dinner and a professional group running the event. The evening will cost \$25 per person, which includes dinner and \$1000 in "play" chips. There will be three cash certificates as well as other prizes given for the winners. Due to space limitations, only 150 tickets will be sold. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. This event is meant to be a break-even fun night for our Nobles, Ladies and guests. Come out and try your skill and have a good time with your fellow Nobles.

On September 20th, Tom has made arrangements for a comedy act that will be coming in from Las Vegas to perform at Carrie Lake in Penfield. The comedian, a friend of Tom's who has a deep respect for the Shrine of North America, has gone way out of his way to assure us this event will be a success. Keep the date open and we will provide more details as the date approaches. This is open to the public and will be a fundraiser for the Temple.

Teddy Bears for Kids

The First Lady of Damascus, Sandria Kuehne, wanted me to remind you of her effort for the Hospitals. She is asking you to donate NEW Teddy Bears that are 9-inches or less in height. They can be taken to the Temple or you can call Sandi and we will make arrangements to pick them up.

And There's More ...

Other events in the wind are a tentative Gold Tournament on June 20th and a yet-to-be-scheduled Square Dance. Details to follow.

As I am obviously very excited about the endless possibilities and accomplishments already by YOUR Divan, I could write for a couple more pages but I'll save some of the news for the next column. I hope to see you as I visit the Clubs and Units; until then, God bless our kids!

DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom

The Directors Staff Unit was approved for all Shrine Centers at a meeting in Chicago in 1919. Did you know, it wasn't until December, 1951, that the Directors Staff was established as a Unit at Damascus Shrine Center?

The Directors Staff is responsible for the Initiation Ceremonies for new Candidates to receive a proper welcome into the Nobility. The Directors Staff also prepares the Shrine Room for meetings and returns the room to its original condition.

The Director, Lee Coller, maintains a fifty-year-old fire truck, which we use when Damascus Shriners participate in parades. The Directors Staff also has a National Convention coming up in Columbus, Ohio, March 25th-28th. The Convention is a great place to meet other Shriners and see some of the latest skits produced at other Shrine Centers.

New Nobles are invited to come out to our dinner meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Enjoy the good food and fellowship and find out more about this Unit.

The Directors Staff did not have a meeting in January due to the seven to ten inches of snow that fell during our meeting day.

Our next meeting will be March 25th, at Cheap Charlie's, 8 Elm Street in Bloomfield. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.; everyone orders off the menu. All Nobles and ladies are invited. (Directions to Cheap Charlie's: Go south out of Victor on Maple Ave. also Route 444, for 5.6 miles. Cheap Charlie's is on the East side of Rt. 444, which turns into Elm Street in Bloomfield).

Until next time, God Bless.

DONOR RELATIONS

Each month I receive from the Shriners Hospital for Children—Chicago, a one-page newsletter from their Director of Giving, Noble Robert Cotner, that covers noteworthy events from the Chicago Unit. Every so often some amazing stories of giving are mentioned and I want to share some of them with you.

The 14 Shrine Centers that serve the Chicago Unit gave, for all of 2008, \$226,639,918, which is attributed to Wills, Bequests, outright gifts and the generosity of their Nobility and friends.

In December, there was a NASA (National Auto Sports Association) car race in California called "The 25 Hours of Thunderhill." The winning team gave a gift of \$24,000 to the Chicago Unit. You can access the team's website at: fall-linemotorsports.com.

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Help Bring a Smile to a Child's Face

The 2009 First Lady of Damascus Temple, Sandria Kuehne, is collecting Teddy Bears to give to the Kids at Eric and Springfield Hospitals. The bears should be new and 9-inches tall or less. They can be left in the Office at the Damascus Shrine Center, or contact Sandi at (585) 334-9635.

Send A Teddy Bear

Shriners Hospitals for Children



By Ken Pollard

The activities at the Shriners Hospital are progressing well. I was interested in determining the number of children who are currently being treated at both the Erie and Springfield Shriners Hospital. We currently have 14 kids being treated at our two hospitals. As much as we would like, we cannot give names or situations to the public because of the current HIPPA laws. However, the patients come from at least six counties around the Damascus Shriners territory.

Plans "On Hold"

Our Galveston Hospital has not reopened because it suffered so much damage from the hurricane last September. Because the cost of bringing it up to operating standards is so high, the hospi-

tal repair work is currently "on hold." Also, the plans for two new hospitals that had been planned are also "on hold." This is because of the shape of the national economy at this time.

The Shrine Hospital system is dependant on income from our investments and we all know what has happened to our own retirement investments. The Shrine's investments are no different from ours - except theirs has more zeroes.

Winter Picnic was Enjoyed

The successful Damascus Winter Picnic was enjoyed by all of the approximately 60 who attended the event in the sand and sun of Port Charlotte, Florida. Erwin Newell was the Chairman, ably assisted by Wayne Engbrecht. Ken Buckland seemed in charge of the grill, but he had many assistants - Dane Tharrett, Ralph Cox, John Wihlen, Will Harris, and Bob Anderson, Sr. Several were anxious to sail on the cruise that Potentate Bruce Chilton set up, departing the following day. This list would include Terry Wihlen and his bride, Jo-Carroll. Terry should have a good report at the next Board meeting of the Erie Hospital. Another person who was very anxious to get going was Sandi Kuehne.

Think Spring and keep looking for kids who we can help lead a better, happier life after being treated at one of our Hospitals.

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March Birthdays

Harvey Anderson	Clifford Hayner	Steven Sill
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Thomas Baroodly	Sherwin Isaacs	Raymond Smith
Gary Baxter	Hugh James	Ronald Smith
Gordon Bell	Timothy Jennings	William Smith
John Bennett	Donald Johnson	Irving Spalty
Maurice Bittman	Bruce Katz	George Stanton
Chapin Blake	Murray Kellogg	Clarence Stappenbeck
Larry Blazey	Wilfred Kershaw	Mark Storm
Albert Broccolo	Neil Laundry	Richard Topel
John Bryce	William Learn	Richard Trescott
Kevin Burke	John Lee	Curt Vallentin
Hugh B. Chittenden	Albert Mann	Jeffrey VanHouten
Bruce Christopher	Thomas McHugh	Lloyd Verbridge
Robert Clark	Patrick McWhinney	Floyd Vick
Harry Coates	Richard Miles	Scott Waldeis
Eugene Cox	Kenneth Milner	Joel Walker
Franklin Davis	Ralph Myers	Philip Westcott
Roy Farnsworth	Larry Pritchard	Charles Westfall
Kevin Faro	Alfred Pulcino	Cyril White
Robert Fox	Clayton Ruggles	Eldon White
Henry Funk	Franklin Russell	Frederick Yauchzy
G. Thomas Grape	Peter Russell	Berislav Zlokovic
William Gurnett	Paul Schenck	
Frederick Hartman	Gary Shultz	

Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting Notice March 11th

at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 5:00 p.m.
Vegetable Tray - Cash Bar
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Hot Bar-B-Que Beef Sandwich
Potato Salad
Macaroni Salad
Dessert

\$8 per person

RSVP no later than
March 9th at 436-8216

SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten

At our last Shrine meeting I wandered into the Lounge area and observed a card table that had been set up with name badges for our new Officers and recent new Nobles. That, in itself, was not as noteworthy as the five glasses that were at the head of the table. These were some of the old (1905-1911) champagne glasses. I asked, more out of curiosity, why they were there and the answer was they were there for anyone who wanted them.

After I regained my composure, I mentioned that they were worth around \$100 a piece and we should put them in the Historical Cabinet. Come to find out, we have about 14 of them in either cocktail or champagne style.

I looked the glass up on Google under Syria Temple and the following should be of interest to the Nobles.

Back in 1905, Syria produced a glass for their Nobility for each of the locations in which the Imperial Session was to be held. In 1911 it was in Rochester, and on the side of the glass a photographer can be seen and he's not holding a digital camera. Some of the cocktail glasses were supported on swords with a gold hue to the glass. I believe some were hand painted. I have several at home that I purchased at antique shops and they were all in the \$100 range. So, if you come across them, they are collectable and are a nice piece of history to be admired.

Revive the Damascus Shriners Band!

By Frank Russell

Correction from the Damascus News Staff - We gave a byline for the February article to Gary Burke, who was instrumental in getting the article to us. The article was actually written by Noble Frank Russell and we hope his efforts in rejuvenating the Band will be supported.

Last month, we announced our intent to revive the Damascus Shriners Band. We continue to move forward with this endeavor and trust you instrumentalists are calling the Shrine Office (585) 671-7701 to join the band. At its February meeting, the Shriners opened up membership in the band to members of our Blue Lodges, even though these musicians may not be Shriners. Of course, hopefully they will look at the Shrine and want to join.

Available Instruments

We have some instruments at the Shrine Center, namely, four fiberglass sousaphones, five Ludwig snare drums, two Ludwig bass drums and two Ludwig tenor drums. All of these instruments are in good condition. The sousaphones just need a little valve oil and a dusting off. In the not-to-mention class is another sousaphone and a baritone horn which appear to have fought in the Civil War and lost! If you looked carefully at the picture in the February Damascus News, you saw a large bass drum and a drum major's baton. Do we have a drum major out there?

A search of the basement at the Temple was fruitful in finding a large assortment of standard marches, as well as some swing tunes, beer songs and much more. The band will have to decide what it can best play. But first, we need a band!

Lilac Festival Parade

Our Illustrious Potentate, Bruce Chilton, is looking forward to the band participating in the Lilac Festival Parade on May 9th. This is really ambitious! Let's all work to make this happen. In this regard, it is undecided whether we will walk or ride in parades. This we will determine when we know the physical abilities of the band members.

Let the fun begin!

Your Seat is Reserved

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



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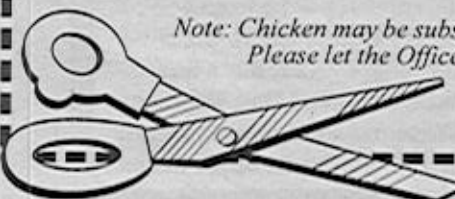
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- February 4th - Roast Pork Loin & Stuffing
- March 4th - Corned Beef & Cabbage
- April 1st - Chicken Cordon Bleu
- May 5th - Beef Stew & Biscuits
- June 3rd - Stuffed Pork Chop
- September 2nd - Baked Ham
- October 7th - Chicken Parmesan
- November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

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

By Andy Rueby



Planning Ahead ...

135th Imperial Session San Antonio, Texas July 4-7, 2009

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MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

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

JUNE

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

JULY

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

To All Shriners... From The Shrine Office

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

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State and Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

Hey, it's 5 o'clock in the afternoon and it's not dark yet! If I can keep that Mary Poppins attitude, better weather might not be far behind. Single digits can be **REALLY** cold on the spirit.

Here is hoping all of you in Florida and the like, are nice and warm. Ken Pollard is probably laughing in his "iced tea" reading this. I also heard today that Paul Schenck has the motor home rolling to the warmer climes. Gee Paul, if I had known I'd have grabbed onto the bumper.

I hope everyone had a chance to read about the plans for the Damascus Shriners for the coming year. Let's help out and find those Teddy Bears to be used at our hospitals. I sent the message on to all the Auburn Club members, either by email or a postal. Why not bring a "Teddy" to the next dinner with a necklace of can tabs? Kind of an Hawaiian Teddy Bear. It is a great idea.

January was a dinner at the Hollywood Restaurant and all the tables were full. We got the inside scoop on what was happening right from the Potentate's mouth. Tom Vasile is our contact this year and we look forward to having him at our outings.

Club Officers Installed

Our Officers were installed by our Potentate that evening. John Cambareri will be trying to fill the shoes of President, following Gerry Stanton. That is going to be tough to do. Poor Gerry managed to keep a smile on his face as he passed the torch on to John. We have no Vice-President as of yet. If you are interested, please let John know. We can always use the right "VICE." Chuck Minster has agreed to be our Treasurer for another round and yours truly will be given another chance to become a real Secretary.

The next meeting will be March 16th back at the Hollywood. This time it looks like we really will be ordering off the menu. Seems that the January meeting was so booked, the restaurant couldn't keep up with individual orders. Oh well, the family style was top notch. Our President, John Cambareri will be in charge of the program. More of that will be coming the beginning of March, so watch your mailbox or your inbox, whichever you have.

Bob Coleman was our man with the tabs in January. Haven't heard from Ken when he will return, but all of the tabs are important, so keep your contacts working and your tabs coming in.

Just a thought, but when Damascus raffles off another rifle, I'm buying a few extra tickets. Then that Groundhog better be paying attention next February 2nd!



Ted Tennant, Chaplain, gets the Auburn Officers in line for 2009. Secretary, Dave Bowman; Treasurer, Chuck Minster; and President, John Cambareri.



At the January meeting of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie, Illustrous Sir Robert Anderson (left) presented two donation checks to the Erie hospital. The first check for \$972 from the Perry Shrine Club was donated to the hospital's "Build-A-Bear" fund for the patients. The second check for \$1,800, also from the Perry Shrine Club, was earmarked for a new alarm system for the hospital's inground therapy pool. Accepting the checks was Illustrous Sir Wayne Lachut, Chairman of the Board.



Terry W. Wihlen, Sr. (left) is the newest member of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie, representing the Damascus Shriners. He is shown here receiving his Membership Certificate from Illustrous Sir Wayne Lachut, Board Chairman.



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PERRY SHRINE CLUB

The January 22nd meeting was very well attended, as may be viewed in the accompanying photographs. All had the opportunity to share in our speaker, Mike Smith's, experiences as a Guard at Attica Prison during the uprising. It was a very emotional and inspirational presentation. Alice Anderson, our Social Secretary, has already sent an over-view of the program to all of those on our email list. If you would like a copy, please contact Alice.

Upcoming Events

The program at the March 26th meeting will be presented by Ken Buckley and will be about hardwood floors. Sounds very interesting. Cocktails at the Lumberyard Restaurant are at 6 p.m., with dinner starting at 7 p.m. Friends and spouses are ALWAYS welcome.

The April 23rd meeting will be presented by Frank Russell and it will be about the John Phillip Sousa Band. Should be a great musical hit. This meeting will be at BW's Restaurant at Davis's Golf course in Pavilion. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. with dinner starting at 7 p.m. Friends and spouses are ALWAYS welcome.

Caption Correction

There was a mix-up in our photographs last month. Russell Gillett and his wife Mary's names were under the picture of Howard Wood and Joyce Kelly and vice-versa. Sorry about that.

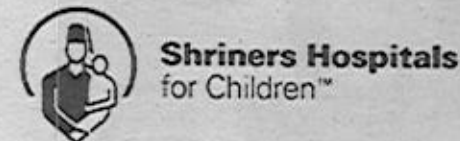
(Editor's Note: Me, too! Here are the photos again with correct captions.)



This is the REAL Joyce Kelly and Howard Wood.



Meet the REAL Russell and Mary Gillett.



Fez-Head Fred Asks ...

When should a Noble wear his Fez and where should his Shrine Pin go?

Answer to Fez-Head Fred ...

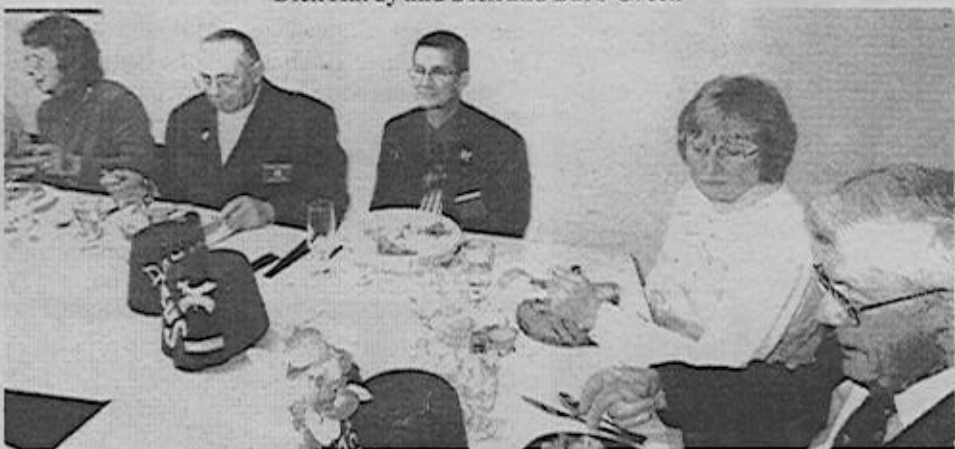
Nobles should wear their fezzes at stated meetings, ceremonials, Shriners parades, and special Shriners-related activities. The fez is not a bulletin board or advertising space. The only pin permitted on fez is one to hold the tassel in place. The fez shall be won in its proper shape, without crushing, creasing or alteration.

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Dick Hardy and Dick and Barb Green



Barb and Gerry Cooper, Gary Burke, Joyce and Phil Cox



Phil and Joyce Cox and Bill Smith



Bob and Vicky Cox, John Miller and Bob Anderson



Michael Smith, Speaker, and Ed and Mary Louise Hollwedel



Mary and Russ Gillett

Winter Picnic

Article below
Photos on facing page

By Ill. Erwin Newell

The Damascus Winter Picnic was held on February 7th at Port Charlotte Beach Park. It was a cool, breezy day, but that did not stop anyone from having a good time.

Potentate Bruce Chilton and Lady Dottie and Treasurer Terry Wihlen and Lady Jo-Carroll attended the Picnic along with six Past Potentates - Robert Anderson and Lady Betty, Art Hill, Erwin Newell and Lady Brenda, George Simon and Lady Lula, Dayne Tharrett and Lady Kathi, and Kenny Buckland and Lady Mary.

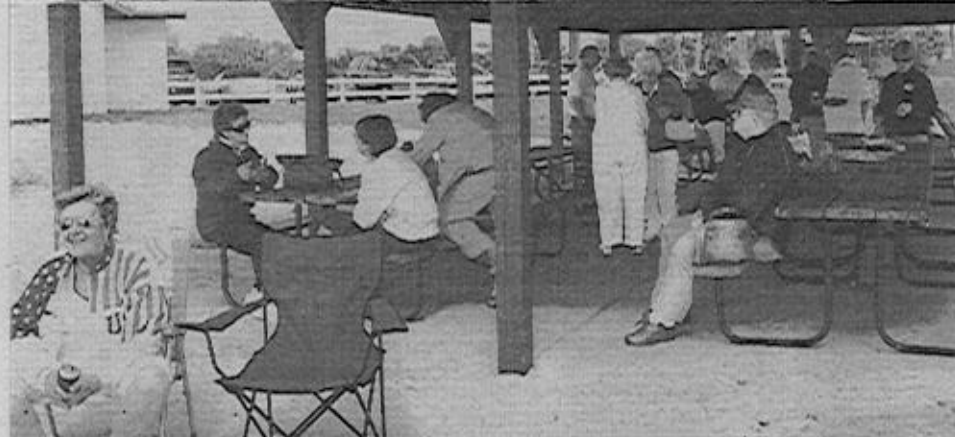
They were joined by the following Nobles and Ladies - Vickie Ball, Helen Barry, Randy Beachner and Merrie, Wesley and Ruth Beard, Ralph and Rosalea Cox, Wayne and Ginny Engbrecht, Ralph and Gloria Hansen, Marjorie Hamish, Willie Harris and Sally Farr, John and Mary Jane Henderson, Mary Kascher, Sandy Kuehne, Joe and Wilda Marshall, John and Susan Merz, Ken and Beulah Pollard, Paul and Sandy Schenck, Dale and Jean Shatzer, Dean and Joanne Smith, John and Jacqueline Tyler, Robert Vankeuren and Jane Adams and John and Sandy Wihlen.

A special thanks goes to Wayne and Ginny for all their help in securing the location, grocery shopping, etc. They sure made doing the picnic a breeze. Thanks also to Sandi Kuehne and Kathi Tharrett for serving the food and Ill. Ken Buckland (our grill master) for cooking the food.

Financial Report

After all the bills were paid for the food, beverages and re-payment to Damascus for rental of the pavilions, I am very proud to report that a check for \$50 will be sent to the Damascus Transportation Fund in the names of those who attended the picnic.





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Nunda Station

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it doesn't have to be a large donation, \$5 will make a difference.

A group of us traveled to Marketplace Mall to collect for the Ronald McDonald Houses, and people were very generous in donating to this worthwhile cause.

Apologies

In last month's article, I

thanked Sharon Buckley for the Food Preparation, but it was Nancy Pattridge who prepared the food. My apologies and thank you, Nancy.

We have had some Petitions come in, and will be doing Degree work. We can always use some help, so Brothers stop in if you can.

As always, come see what's happening at your Masonic Lodge

roe District, including four newly Initiated Entered Apprentices.

We have an Education Night planned for the first meeting in March. Bring your thinking cap. Plans will be made for the 3rd Degree.

Sickness and Distress

We are saddened by the loss of W.: Brother Kenneth Bliss who laid down the Working Tools January 28th. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations in his name.

Brothers Clayton Barnard and Kenneth Wilson are feeling better and are recovering from recent illnesses. R.: W.: Norman Holcomb and W.: James VanWyk are recovering from surgeries.

Some very good news - Brother Nick Cretekos is recovering quickly from a much needed kidney transplant.

need to coordinate more closely with each other and keep the communication flowing so we can act simply as Masons in the Geneva Area, not as two separate entities. Where that takes us we'll let time and opportunity decide. The days of looking out only for the welfare of your own Lodge are long gone. In the words of Benjamin Franklin in the Continental Congress, 1776, "We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately."

March Anniversaries

1970 - Robert Schwarting
1981 - James VanHouten
1987 - Christopher Spina
1991 - Howard Keeney II
2003 - Michael Baroody, Thomas Baroody, John Girard, John Malyj, Horace Riddle, Richard Rockefeller and Thomas Smart

Email List

Slowly our list of email addresses for Brothers is growing. Please send a note to me at tsmart5276@aol.com so your email can also be added to the list.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the Spring as weather frees us up for more travel and activities. Be safe - do good works.

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At our February 3rd meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming R.: W.: William Valois, Grand Director of Ceremonies, for his Official Visit. He was accompanied by our DDGM, R.: W.: Ronald Galens. A fine Pot Luck Supper was enjoyed prior to the meeting.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is well under way. If you have not made a contribution, please make an effort to contribute to this great cause.

March will be a busy month for the Lodge. We have scheduled our Pork Roast Dinner for March 21st. Dinners are \$8 with a full menu and dessert. If you are asked to volunteer, please help. We will be calling some of the Brothers whom we have not seen in Lodge for awhile. These dinners take a lot of preparation and work to be successful and your help is needed. We always have a good time at these functions.

We hopefully will have a 1st Degree in the next few months. As of now, we have two Candidates in waiting.

Work in the Lodge Hall continues as there is still much that needs to be done. Hopefully, we can get it all taken care of in the next couple of months.

I have had several Brothers say to me they were going to try to make a few meetings this year. There is no time like the present; why not come to a Lodge Meeting and maybe talk to someone you haven't seen in awhile, or never met. Meetings are usually short and refreshments are served afterwards.

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, with the 1st meeting of the month being Pot Luck. Just bring a dish-to-pass; supper starts at 6:30 p.m. with meeting beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you in Lodge.

Garoga Sincerity was the host for the O/S/Y Table Lodge on January 29th. R.: W.: James Rice, of Canandaigua Lodge, served as Master. R.: W.: Ronald Galens, O/S/Y DDGM, was Senior Warden and R.: W.: William Valois, Grand Director of Ceremonies, was Junior Warden. R.: W.: James Sullivan

was the speaker for the evening. The evening was a sell-out. As usual, the Royal-Garoga Eastern Star members prepared an excellent meal. Thanks to all who participated and attended the meeting.

From the Secretary
By Clayton Ruggles

March Birthdays
We send March birthday greetings to Roy Farnsworth and Robert Taylor III (7th), Charles Anderson (22nd), Ramon Howard (22nd), Garry Clock (23rd), Clayton Ruggles (23rd) and Howard Burgess (31st).

Masonic Anniversaries
The following Brothers were Raised in March:

- 1954 - Nelson Gulvin and Robert Lash
- 1972 - Norman Schafer
- 1981 - Stephen Phillips
- 1989 - Robert Patrick, Jr.
- 1998 - Vincent Rozella III
- 2003 - Kenneth Gibbs and Shawn Grube

Sad News
We note with sorrow the passing of Howard W. Smith, on February 4th. Howard was a past member of Garoga Lodge No. 300. He served as High School Principal and School Superintendent at Clifton Springs High School.

Reminder
I remind those Brothers who have not done so, to remit their Dues.

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2nd & 4th Thursdays
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For those who have never had the privilege of writing an article for a monthly publication, it can be somewhat of a challenge. The article must be timely for March, however, we are still planning for events in February.

I must publicly thank all who participated in the 1st Degree in January, including the Brothers of Milnor Lodge, and R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles, R.: W.: Raymond Howard, R.: W.: Robert Bird, V.: W.: Lowell Falkey of Garoga-Sincerity and R.: W.: William Valois of Pocahontas Lodges. That evening we were honored by visitors from John Hodge and Canandaigua Lodges of the O/S/Y District and members of Craftsman Robertson Lodge from the Mon-

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It's been a long, cold Winter. Before those of you in Florida start with the "I told you so ...," I want you to know that my daughter, who lives in Orlando, has let me know on numerous occasions that it's not been so great down there all the time either! March is here, however, and with it comes nature's renewal and promise of better things to come. I've always figured that Valentine's Day was the break point when we tend to get more warm days than cold. Those Crocus bulbs are pushing up through the ground and left-over snow, seeking the sun and brightening our days.

Degree Work
Our January meeting was dedicated to conferring the 2nd Degree. The Lodge Room was packed with over 30 Brothers from Ark and other Lodges as three Entered Apprentices were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. The District Deputy had very complimentary comments. Thanks go out to all who took part in the Degree work, especially the following Ark Lodge Brothers: Charles Rouse, Bob Mattick, Tom Abraham, Steve Goebert, Lance Ward, Howard Colegrove and Anthony Khoury. Special thanks to Jed Brandow, who sat in the East and did a spectacular job. John Keeton and Peter Einset did the Q's and A's. David Locke was spellbinding with his Middle Chamber Lecture.

If you are in the area, please try to come to our March 18th meeting for a renewal of sorts and watch the Shrine Degree Team Raise four Brothers to the Master Mason Degree. It should be a great evening.

Geneva & Ark Lodges
Members of Ark and Geneva Lodges got together on January 18th to discuss areas of mutual concern. Topics ran the gamut from location of Lodge rooms to coordination of projects with many sidebars in between. With all the changes and challenges facing Lodges today, the consensus was that at this time we

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It's great to get a taste of Spring as we had in February, but as you are reading this in March, Spring is just around the corner. In February we shared Valentine's Day with loved ones. In March we share St. Patrick's Day with our friends who are Irish or Irish for the Day. Have a fun, safe St. Patrick's Day.

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Cautionary Reminders
At this writing there are still three Lodges in Wayne District who have not sent the Lodge Secretary's Report to the DDGM. Would those of you who receive this publication please remind your Secretary this was due on February 1st? Hopefully, the Annual Return to Grand Lodge has been sent, as it was due also on February 1st. Again, I remind you the Grand Lodge Per Capita Dues

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Thank You
On February 9th, Brothers from our Lodge donated their time to the Have-a-Heart Campaign to benefit the local Ronald McDonald Houses by working the booth at Eastview Mall. Thank you to all who showed your support to this great cause by being there.

Upcoming Events
On March 10th, Eagle Lodge will welcome R.: W.: William Valois, Grand Director of Ceremonies, on his Staff Officer Official Visit. Dinner before the meeting will be at 6:30 p.m.

Our monthly Spaghetti Dinner is on March 19th. This is the best deal around at only \$5! If you are in the area, stop in for dinner. Serving is from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

On March 24th we will be having a 1st Degree. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by our meeting at 7:30 p.m.

On April 14th, we will have an Open Meeting for Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Think about those around you who might be interested and bring them with you.

Our Brotherhood Fund Drive is going well. Thank you to all who have contributed and we look forward to hearing from those we have not heard from yet.

are due to Grand Lodge no later than March 16th. If either one of these are not complied with in a timely fashion, it may result in the Lodge's name being read at the Annual Communication and the possibility of the Deputy being instructed to pick up the Charter in June or July. This can be embarrassing to the Lodge membership and create unnecessary work for both Grand Lodge and the Lodge.

Masonic Education
I congratulate those Brothers who completed the *Masonic Development Course* training at Sodus Lodge. I look forward to the Brothers in or around Wayne District who are about to either take, or participate in, the upcoming *Road to the East Course*. My Brothers, this Course will include a great deal of knowledge required to "rule and govern" a Lodge. It also requires a lot of work from not only R.: W.: F. Edward



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This is a follow-up on the January story on the history of the Masonic "Goat" ...

Our very own outgoing Grand Monarch, Charles M. Colton, reported on the Supreme Council Session in Syracuse, in October, 1907. The members of Zem Zem Grotto of Jersey City, NJ, who had been the chief among the

fun-making contingents at the Convention, brought "Billy" the Jersey goat who marched ahead of the Zem Zems in the parade. He didn't seem to like the atmosphere in Syracuse on Tuesday (at least that was the report of the Grotto's "Goat Committee") and, in view of that fact the Grotto members thought it would be fun to turn him loose in the street, letting him become the property of whoever happened to catch him.

But "Billy" behaved so well in the parade and showed such a disinclination to be parted from his friends when he was taken to the stable that night, it was decided Jersey City was the better place for him. So "Billy" "Is going home again."

This was reported in the *Syracuse Herald* on October 2, 1907: While there was always talk about a "Goat" among members; this may have been one of the few Grottoes that had a goat as a mascot.

So it was, one hundred years ago, in a less eventful time and place, when the Grotto Candi-

dates were taunted with the threat of being blind folded and made to ride a goat in the Initiation Ceremonies, for the amusement of the Prophets. *

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

Sickness and Distress

Our Monarch, James Toogood, fell recently and injured his hip. After hip surgery, he is continuing to recover at Unity Hospital. Jim would welcome phone calls and visits.

Inside Sentinel, Franklin Ghysel, fell and broke his hip. Following surgery, he is at the Friendly Home, 3156 East Avenue, Brighton, for rehabilitation.

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

Master of Ceremonies, Bernie Lazerson, is covering Jim's duties while he is recovering.

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Bernie was, again, doing double-duty behind the scene.

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Out-of-Town Activities

March 14th - Farrah Grotto's Monarch's Ball at Holiday Inn, Warren, PA. Reservations (814) 726-3000; \$80 plus tax. Dinner menu - Herbed Stuffed Chicken Breast, cost \$25 each. Reservations by March 3rd Elwood Beck, (814) 563-9214

The E.S.G.A. Spring Meeting at the Holiday Inn, Batavia, will be held on April 17-18, and hosted by the Past Presidents. The Chairman is Brad Mangel.

For early reservations, phone him at (814) 368-8311. Flyers are on the Monarch's desk.

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

Attend Grotto Meetings

February 2nd
Board of Governors
Meeting - 7 p.m.
Shrine Center

February 14th
Zafar Grotto's Rafaz Club
Sweetheart Dinner
Cocktails - 5 p.m.
Dinner follows
\$20 per person

February 18th
Grotto Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Shrine Center

February 20th & 21st
Sweetheart Weekend
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DDGM Wayne

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Powley, Grand Steward, but time from various Brothers who will be needed to assist in the proper teaching of the individual segments throughout the Course. For those who may desire to become a Grand Lodge Officer, in the future, the need to take this course is required.

District Communication

The former website for the District is no longer available. It has been replaced by a monthly newsletter that will be directly emailed to a list of all Wayne District Masons or any Masons from other Districts who are interested in receiving this publication. Contact me if your name isn't on the list. I will gladly include your email address. It will appear in PDF format the first week in each month.

Email Addresses Needed

Of more than 140 members who received the February Issue, four were returned as bad addresses. Either some had changed

email addresses or I typed them in wrong. I need your input, suggestions, criticisms and news from each Lodge as to your upcoming events. This is your publication - it is up to you to utilize it, plus there is no cost involved to the District.

Upcoming Degrees

Many Lodges have started Degree work, with Wayne Initiating a first class of seven in late January and a second Initiating class in early February. They will have Passed a large class in late February, and will Raise 15+ on March 28th. The Raising of these new Brothers will take place at the Shrine Center, with the permission of R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, DDGM of Monroe District, and the Potentate of Damascus Shrine Center, the R.:W.: and Ill. Bruce Chilton. The Shrine Degree Team will Confer the Master Mason Degree. All classes have received the proper Dispensations from the Grand Master and the work done in accordance with what the Dispensations will require. *

come a seven-days-a-week activity. The Leadership and Education Committee recommends that the course be twelve hours in length to be considered completed. When discussed at the last Masters and Wardens meeting, it was suggested that Masters and Wardens' time be considered an opportunity to offer a portion of the Course to those who wish to participate in RTTE. I consider that a wonderful offer and accept. Thank you.

Another requirement of the Course is that each participant be in possession of a copy of the "24-Inch Gauge," 2006 or newer version. I have received permission from the Chairman, R.:W.: Marino Cesarini, that a Brother may use his Lodge's copy of the "24-Inch Gauge" or purchase his own copy for \$51 plus shipping from Grand Lodge Services.

I propose that the Course be held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of March, April and May from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. The 2nd

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January is behind us and I apologize for the lack of communication in February. Plans for making a trip to Florida, among other events, caused a lack of oxygen to the brain that allowed me to miss the cut-off date for submission of the newsletter. A dumb thing to do on my part. Phyllis and I are currently in Clearwater, Florida, and after several days of freeze warnings, the SUN is shining and we are enjoying moderately warm weather.

The Trustees to the Temple Association were instructed to present a motion to dissolve the Association. The motion was made and tabled until the next meeting. A motion was made

Thursday at the host Lodge of Masters and Wardens and the 4th Thursday at Sodus Lodge. You can call me at (315) 483-2745 to register and tell me whether you already have a copy of the "24-Inch Gauge" or if you would like me to order you a copy for \$51 plus shipping.

The March 12th meeting of the Wayne District Masters and Wardens Association will be at Sodus Lodge. Dinner will be at 6:45 p.m. and Chef Mike Boone will feature game and domestic meat choices, followed by a Meeting at 7:30 p.m. RTTE will convene in the Dining Room at 7:30 p.m. as well. Dinner reservations to Ted Powley at (315) 483-2745 or email at

soduspowleys@msn.com. *

and carried to proceed in the acquisition of property in Macedon for future construction or resale, dependent on our decision of what to do with the existing Temple Building. The state of the economy has to be uppermost among the considerations for any decisions to be made.

The Palmyra Community Center has offered us an 8" x 8" Memorial Brick of our design as a token of their appreciation for our donation of exercise equipment and several were submitted and hopefully one will be approved shortly. Many thanks to Brother Weimer.

That pretty much covers the January meeting other than an excellent presentation by Palmyra Eagle Chapter who covered the aspects of the Degrees within that Masonic Body. I believe at least one Petition was obtained.

The outstanding currently elected Officers and Brothers of the Lodge would welcome and deserve your support, not only during my absence, but throughout the year. If a ride is needed or any other assistance is required, contact a Brother and I'm sure we will welcome your presence at Lodge. *

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Congratulations to all Brethren who participated in our *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* in Wayne District. By the evaluations (and no one taking me up on the "money-back guarantee"), everyone thought the time was well spent and they learned more about Masonry.

I have had trouble scheduling the *Road to the East (RTTE)* Course for the Spring. Masonry has, as many of you know, be-



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By Christina Hampton, DDGM

Now that the School of Instruction is over, we thank all who participated and hope each came away with a better understanding of the Ritual.

Official Visits

Now it is time to begin the Official Visits:

March 7th - 8 p.m.; Combined Visit of Rochester, Leah and Corinthian-Fellowship Chapters

April 1st - 7:30 p.m.; Lilac Star Chapter

April 14th - 7:30 p.m.; Mary Jane Holmes Chapter

April 21st - 7:30 p.m.; Nolatka Chapter, Social Visit

May 5th - 7:30 p.m.; Fairport Chapter

May 18th - 8 p.m.; Etolian Chapter

May 19th - 7:30 p.m.; Starlight Chapter

Mark your calendar and plan to attend and support these Chapters. It would be great to see

lots of sideliners at these Visits!

A Winter Break

RW Ken Milner and I were able to escape the cold weather for a little while. RW Ken and his wife RW Elaine went to Florida. I, along with RW Beverly Murray, RW Roger Lynch and his wife, RW Nancy, went on the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's cruise to the Panama Canal and Southern Caribbean.

Grand Matron's Official Visit - April 24th

The Official Visit of the Grand Matron, Grand Patron and their Staff of Grand Officers is fast approaching and RW Ken and I are busy making plans for that. Your Chapter Secretary will be receiving all the information to pass on to you.

Tri-District Event

The Annual Tri-District Event will be held on March 31st in Batavia. The Chapters participating in this are Batavia, Pond and Starlight Chapters. Those of you who have attended this event know what a wonderful evening this is, so please mark the date on your calendar. This year the Point of Ruth will be honored.

District Project Camp Good Days ...

We remind everyone that along with monetary gifts for the District's Special Project, Camp Good Days and Special Times, we will also accept and appreciate donations of paper goods and individual-size snacks for the Camp.

We look forward to seeing many of you as we travel through the District. *May we never miss a rainbow or a sunset because we're looking down.*

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star

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

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Patron

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Secretary

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings

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Community Christian Church
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By Robert Crystal

Question ... What is green, filled with holes and exemplifies a yellow ray's motto?

Answer ... A Nolatka gift bag to a mother leaving emergency housing.

Nolatka has already made up six gift bags for our Sister Tracy Dalykas to give away to mothers leaving the VOA Emergency Homeless Shelter to permanent housing. They include a green mesh bag filled with paper towels, spray bottles of cleaner (like 409 or Windex), sponges, scrubbers, a toilet brush, rubber gloves, laundry detergent and a laundry basket. Little things to us, which we can get at

a quick trip to the store, but a real Sisterly gift to someone we may never know who, like Ruth, was desolate and disadvantaged. How blessed we are to be able to offer this inexpensive token of the Sisterhood we represent under the Fatherhood of God!

What Else?

We are having fun, too, with Valentines for the kids to exchange while they are at the shelter. Some Sisters brought in stuffed animals, classroom-type Valentine cards and candy. It's almost as good as being young ourselves!

Sister Jane LaPree continues to send cards and letters to the shut-ins and those who cannot come to meetings because of distance, frailty, night vision or transportation problems. She sent some cards with "singing chips" in them and got some delighted responses. Keep up the good work, Jane!

Our new Chapter Room is almost fully accessible. The door to the building has less than a one-inch lip, and it is flat from that point on. The only problem is the five steps up to the restroom. But Worthy Pat Dalykas has helpers for that all arranged. We are starting our meetings at 7 p.m. now, so in a month, we may be meeting

in sunlight! Always call for a ride, especially if it means having you with us. We'll do everything we can to make it happen.

Recipe Surprises

Did you ever want to try to share a new recipe? RW Sister Carol Wynings is still doing that. Every meeting has a "guess the mystery ingredient" table. Cupcakes with ketchup in the batter, swiss chard cookies - you'll never guess what it is. But Carol makes sure there is no YECHH factor. The food always tastes good.

We are all going to have a chance to show off our cooking skills. We are having an Irish-themed Pot Luck Supper for the March 17th meeting. "It will be a GRRRRAND event," says our resident leprechaun. Boiled potatoes, anyone? Don't forget the parsley!

Worthy Matron, Pat Dalykas, showed us the prizes for the April 21st drawing. Beautiful painted glassware, including a glass wind chime! If you cannot make it to a meeting before the drawing, check your mailing from the Secretary, and get your entry in to her. Someone will get a great gift, just in time for Spring.

May the sun rise up to meet you and the wind be always at your back!

More Than an Organization!

By MW Sharon Haase, Grand Matron

On the recent OES Grand Matron's Cruise, RW Linda Riha suffered a heart attack. She was taken off the ship in Columbia and admitted to a hospital. RW Charles Bunton accompanied RW Linda and RW David Riha to the hospital.

Grand Secretary MW Lois Carlsen made arrangements for a grant to be sent to David from the Emergency Relief Fund to assist in meeting medical bills. While insurance reimburses expenses later on, all medical expenses must be paid immediately.

In addition, MW Lois contacted General Grand Chapter and obtained contacts for RW David to assist in translations.

Masons Also Helped

Upon reading of this situation, M. W. Neal Bidnick contacted the Deputy Grand Master in Columbia, the Master of a local Lodge and others who swiftly went to visit David and be of assistance. OES members took the majority of their luggage to ease that burden and the offer of support has been overwhelming.

RW Linda was taken by air ambulance to New York where medical treatment has continued.

We are fortunate to belong to such a wonderful organization and have such strong Fraternal bonds worldwide.

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334-7768

By Don Brugger

Old Man Winter snookered us again. Because of the hazardous road conditions on the night of January 25th, we were forced to cancel our Installation of Officers. Consequently, we are still functioning with the 2008 Officers at the helm.

I'm sure most of you Woodsmen have had enough of this "Winter Wonderland" stuff. Never fear, the days are getting longer and before you know, it will be time for that perennial event, our Annual Sausage Roast. This year the Roast will be on June 24th, 5 p.m. at Kiwanis "Camp Smile" at the end of Shangri-La Lane, Webster.

Our Annual Steak Roast is scheduled at the same location on September 23rd. More details about that at a later time.

Membership

Our social functions are great opportunities to acquaint new Brothers with the Tall Cedars and each prospective member and spouse will be our guests. So, start looking for those prospects.

Although our Degrees will be conferred in the Fall, we can always Obligate a new member in

short form at a regular meeting. If you need a Petition, just call 458-6125.

Note

We wish to note there were a couple of billboards in the area with Jared Wright's picture on them. There is one, West facing, on West Ridge Road; on the North side by Auto Depot. The ad is for University of Rochester Health Center.

Sickness and Distress

George Springett had a fall, which did not help his condition. George expects he will need surgery to alleviate his neck problem.

Don Freeman is about the same and still at Hill Haven.

Gene Brown's wife, Martha, passed away unexpectedly in November.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to these Brothers and their families. I'm sure the family would appreciate a call or card. If you know of a Woodsmen or Cedarette in need or with health-related problems, please call the Scribe, Don Bell, or me.

Listen up!

We are still looking for a few good Woodsmen to volunteer for our Communications Committee. The Forest needs you for this important service. The task would only involve making 3 - 5 calls a month. We now have three Brothers on our Calling Committee, but we could use more help. Why don't you join us?

"REMEMBER" Rochester Forest; it is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need Candidates!

O/S/Y District OES HiLights

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The Past and Present Grand Officers, Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, met on February 22nd to assist in planning the Grand Official Visit, scheduled for April 25th. They also commenced planning for the Pilgrimage Day events in July.

Official Visits

Four District Official Visits are scheduled in March. We will start at Seneca Lake Chapter in Dresden on Thursday, March 12th; then it's on to South Seneca Chapter in Interlaken on Monday, March 16th. Tuesday, March 24th will find us at the Guy-A-Yan-Duk Chapter meeting at the Bloomfield Congrega-

tional Church, followed by Eagle Star Chapter in Honeoye on Thursday, March 26th. The final Official Visit will be at Royal-Garoga Chapter in Phelps on April 14th.

DDGM, Mary Ruggles, is raffling baskets at each visit to help with the District Project of giving financial support to the Comfort Care Facilities in the District and the Eastern Star Foundation. DGL, Clayton Ruggles, has started selling chocolate candies in the forms of Masonic and Eastern Star Emblems and chocolate bars with the logo, "Maximum Fraternal Responsibilities Create Respectful Results" printed on the wrappers. Sister Marilyn Bird, member of Royal-Garoga Chapter and proprietor of the Country Corner Store in Phelps, makes the homemade chocolates.

The O/S/Y OES Association will be selling geraniums once again this year. The variety of geraniums sold blooms prolifically. Red, white, and pink are all available. Deliveries to the Chapters will be May 9th, the day before Mother's Day.

Know a man who'd make a good Mason? Too shy to ask him? Hand him one of these "bumper stickers." The Masonic Service Bureau has a limited quantity available. Call us if you are interested.



Remember the Brotherhood Fund

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.



Scottish Rite NEWS

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Chapter Rose Croix
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Lodge of Perfection



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

Have-a-Heart Campaign

On February 12th, Scottish Rite members and their families were out in full force to staff this year's "Have-a-Heart" Booth at Marketplace Mall. Have-a-Heart volunteers included: Derek Van Houten, Steve Whittaker, Michael Morris, Michael McBride, Frank Habitzreuther, Jim Miller, Garry Cranker, Craig Wright and Rick Howe. And where would we have been without a whole bunch of clowns: Eric Lubberts - "Looby"; and the Collier "Clown Family" Tom Collier - "Digger," Joyce Collier - "JJ," Julie Collier - "Sparkles," Tia Collier - "Tizzy," Megan Collier - "Giggles." Special thanks to all these Brothers and their families for their commitment and support for this important and worthwhile community fundraising event!



Date Change!

Camp Morris Clambake and Steak Roast is Saturday, July 11th - Brethren, we found we had a major schedule conflict with our original date of June 27th! The conflict is with St. John's Weekend in Utica, which is scheduled for June 26th-28th.

So, mark your calendar and come join the country fun and fellowship at Camp Morris on Saturday, July 11th. More details will follow.

As always, if you know of any of our Brothers in sickness or distress, or in need of our help and support, please let us know.

"Explore the Rite" Night

Our second "Explore the Rite" (or Brother Bring-a-Brother) Night on February 19th at the Shrine Center was well attended. Valley of Rochester members, prospective members and their ladies were invited to the event. Dinner that evening featured Chicken Cordon Bleu with all the trimmings.

The AASR Public Degree was under the direction of Gary Sanford, 32°, and Gary Burke, 32° MSA. The Public Degree,

"An Introduction to 32° Masonry," is designed to give our prospective members a glimpse into various Scottish Rite Degrees that will be conferred during the upcoming year. The cast did a wonderful job in the Degree presentation.

Cast members for the Public Degree were Joseph Bourcy, Larry Canfield, John Faro, Tom Grape, Charles Hancock, Rick Howe, Phil Hurwitz, William Jones, Seymour Kopen, John Lemke, Michael Morris, Robert Pedersen, Charles Roberts, Gary Sanford, Donald Tubman, Derek VanHouten, John Williams and John Zabel.

In addition to the Public Degree, parts of a newly released DVD, produced by the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, were shown. This provided an excellent overview of the Scottish Rite - its history, organization and charitable activities. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the event a success!

Impressive 18th Degree!

The 18th Degree - Knight of the Rose Croix - was conferred on Saturday, February 21st. Mike Dox and Joseph Bourcy served as Degree Directors. The Cast and Directors did a great job conveying the message and meaning of the Degree!

Cast members were Joseph Bourcy, John Faro, Donald Fox, Tom Goodrich, Frank Habitzreuther, Rick Howe, Bernie Lazerson, Eric Lubberts and Jim MacConnell. Staging and Lighting was provided by Rick Howe, Jim Slocum and John Zabel; Costumes and Properties by Joe Bourcy and John Zabel.

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

Upcoming Events 4th and 12th Degrees

March 19th - The Conferral of the 4th and 12th Degrees at the Shrine Center. Social hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Degree Conferral begins at 7:30 p.m. Joseph Bourcy, 32° DSA, and John Zabel, 33°, will serve as the Degree Directors for the 4th and 12th Degrees respectively. A Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner will be served for \$12; reservations are required by Monday, March 16th.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb

March 22nd - The Scottish Rite Feast of the Paschal Lamb is a Memorial Service for our departed Brothers, who have laid down the Working Tools of life and re-united with the Great Architect of the Universe. It will be presented by the Officers of Rochester Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix on Sunday, March 22nd, at the Shrine Center.

This is the most impressive Scottish Rite Ceremony open to the public! Bring your family, friends and neighbors and share in this inspiring and meaningful experience. Sy Kopen, 32°, will be serving as the Director for the Ceremony.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. Following the ceremony, hors d'oeuvres will be served, followed by Chicken French dinner at 5 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. Reservations are required by Monday, March 16th.

2009 Abbott Scholarships

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

Eligibility Requirements

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

Applications must be received by **April 1, 2009** and must be complete for consideration.

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

Valley of Rochester, AASR
Attn: Valley Scholarship Chairman
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Rochester, NY 14618-4617

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Valley of Rochester 2009 Spring Program

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

Dinner Reservations Required

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

Program - 3 p.m.; Dinner - 5 p.m.

Dinner Reservations Required

April 16th - 14th Degree at Shrine Center

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

Dinner Reservations Required

April 17th - 16th Degree at Shrine Center

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

Dinner is No Charge - Picnic Fare

Dinner Reservations Required

April 18th - 18th, 26th, 31st and 32nd Degrees at Shrine Center

Continental Breakfast - 8:15 a.m.; Program - 9 a.m.

Lunch - Approximately 11:30 a.m.

Rest of Program - Approximately 12:30 p.m.

Reservations Required

May 1st - Reunion Banquet at Penfield Country Club

Dinner Reservations Required

May 21st - Elections and Installations at Shrine Center

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

Dinner Reservations Required

May 23rd - Learning Center Walk for Dyslexia at Perinton Park

Light Luncheon Follows the "Walk"

July 11th - Scottish Rite Clambake and Steak Roast at Camp Morris

Make your reservations On Time!
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity
(585) 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320
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Don't be Late!
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Scottish Rite

ROTC/JROTC Awards

Northern Masonic Jurisdiction



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

JROTC

Scottish Rite Junior ROTC Program for High Schools

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

ROTC

Scottish Rite ROTC Program for Colleges/Universities

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

For Information

To nominate a cadet, visit the Supreme Council Website at www.supremecouncil.org and click on ROTC and then "submit this form."

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Bus Tours to the Masonic Care Community



By Kathy Contino-Turner

The Masonic Care Community welcomes thousands of New York State Masons and their families to our Campus each year. The visit gives Brothers an opportunity to see what the Masonic Fraternity has built over the last 116 years. Many who have visited the Campus say there is nothing like coming here, and experi-

Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!
 By Thomas Michielsen

The "Wearing O' the Green" is prevalent and I see Leprechauns everywhere. Even the streets are putting on the green. The aroma of corned beef and cabbage is in the air.

About Identity Theft

1. If you receive a letter or notice from the Internal Revenue Service which leads you to believe someone may have fraudulently used your Social Security Number, respond immediately to the name and address or phone number printed on the IRS notice.
2. If you receive a letter from the IRS that indicates more than one Tax Return was filed for you, this may be a sign that your Social Security Number was used fraudulently.
3. Another sign that you may be the target of identity theft is an IRS letter indicating you received wages from an employer unknown to you.
4. The IRS has a department that deals specifically with identity theft issues. The IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit is available if you have been in contact with the IRS about an identity theft issue and have not achieved a resolution.
5. You can contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit by calling the Identity Theft Hotline at 800-908-4490 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. local time (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific Standard Time).
6. The IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit is also available if you believe your identity may be at risk of being stolen due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet or due to questionable activity on your credit card or your credit report.

7. The IRS never initiates communication with taxpayers about their tax account through emails. If you receive an email or find a website you think is pretending to be the IRS, forward the email or website URL to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.

8. The IRS has many more resources available to help inform taxpayers about identity theft on the IRS website at IRS.gov. On IRS.gov, you can access information on how to report scams and bogus IRS websites. You can also visit the IRS Identity Theft Resource Page, which you can find by typing Identity Theft Resource Page in the search box on the home page.

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2. **Direct Deposit is convenient.** The money goes directly into your bank account. You won't have to make a special trip to the bank to deposit the money yourself.
3. **Direct Deposit is easy.** When you're preparing your return, simply follow the instructions for "refund" on your return. Just make sure you entered the correct bank account

and ABA bank routing numbers on your tax form and you'll receive your refund quicker than ever. You usually receive your refund in less than ten days with direct deposit.

4. **Direct Deposit offers options.** You can also electronically direct your refund to multiple accounts. With the "split refund" option, taxpayers can divide their refunds among as many as three checking or savings accounts and three different U.S. financial institutions. A word of caution — some financial institutions do not allow a joint refund to be deposited into an individual account. Check with your bank or other financial institution to make sure your direct deposit will be accepted.

For those who have to pay additional taxes or are required to pay quarterly estimated taxes, you can arrange to have those payments electronically withdrawn from your bank account on or before the due dates. That way you won't forget to make the payments. A big word of caution when paying electronically is make sure there are sufficient funds in the account on those due dates or your payments will not be made and you could incur penalties.

Upcoming Due Dates

- March 15th - February Payroll Taxes
 - March 15th - Corporate Tax Returns
 - March 20th - December thru February Sales Tax Returns
 - March 20th - Annual Sales Tax Returns
 - March 31st - Electronic W2s and 1099s must be forwarded
 - April 15th - March Payroll Taxes
 - April 15th - Individual Tax Returns
 - April 15th - Federal First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations
 - April 15th - Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals
- If you have any tax questions, please forward them to: tmichie1@rochester.rr.com

encing, first-hand, this cutting-edge facility that is home to more than 500 individuals.

Your day will begin with coffee and a short presentation in the Administration Building. Every member of your group will be given a packet of information to take home.

Next, we are off to tour the Health Pavilion (a skilled nursing center) and Wiley Hall (a residential adult care facility).

At noon, we get back on the bus and head to Acacia Village for a spectacular lunch. A tour of that independent retirement community follows and we return to tour the Chapel and Museum.

If your group is interested, tours of the Masonic Research Lab can be set up following the visits to the Chapel and Museum.

There is no cost to your Lodge or your Brothers for this tour. The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home pay for the bus and lunch. You will be escorted around the Campus by several of our Masonic Staff. A visit to your Masonic Care Community is an opportunity you won't want to miss. These individual tours can be conducted Monday through Saturday and are coordinated through Brother Rob Lauducci at (315) 798-4828 or Kathy Contino-Turner at (315) 798-4768.

The Wall of Honor: A Legacy of Service

By Ira Cooperman

For generations, thousands of adults and children have had their lives transformed at our special "home" - the Masonic Care Community. Now there exists a place to recall lives past, as well as to honor the legacy of service of our Masonic Brethren.

In the three years since the "Wall of Honor" was created in the lobby of the Masonic Care Community's new Health Pavilion, many donors have chosen to bring friends and family to see how they have been honored with an attractive plaque in their name on the Wall. Measuring 27 feet in length by 4 feet in height, it has become a dignified place to meet and gratefully recall memories of loved ones.

The Wall of Honor was designed for you and other members of the Masonic Fraternity. It was created out of a clear vision of what was to be represented ... a sense of our community, and the pride with which our past is to be remembered.

The character of the Wall is reflective, contemplative and it harmonizes with its surroundings — the new glass-enclosed Lobby of the skilled nursing care Health Pavilion. As part of

the dedication ceremony of its distinctive plaques, the Wall has inspired visitors to represent their own expressions of remembrance.

The next time you visit the Masonic Care Community in Utica, stop and take a look at the names — and the memories they represent — on the Wall of Honor. It has become an accepted way to recognize donations starting at \$1,000 made in honor or in memory of someone.

Thanks to our Fraternity and the generosity of many families, the Masonic Care Community has a history unlike any long-term healthcare institution in New York State. With the charitable contributions of members of the Masonic family, the Masonic Care Community will stand for the future as it has for the past. Your tax-deductible donations will insure the doors to quality healthcare will remain open to all.

For more information about how you can link your name with ours on the Wall of Honor, please contact Brother Ira Cooperman at the Masonic Care Community, (315) 798-4703, or toll-free at (800) 593-3353.

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York Rite NEWS

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Companions, last month we exemplified the Royal Master Degree to keep in practice. In March we will be doing the Select Master Degree. There is a Companion from Hornellsville Council that needs this Degree. I have invited them to bring him here to receive the Degree.

I am trying to finalize things for us to have a Table Council meeting at our April Assembly. Anyone with ideas, please let me know.

Hopefully the weather will start improving soon so more Companions will attend our Assemblies.

Hiram Chapter No. 62



2nd & 4th
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What's Happened

Companions, it's been awhile since I wrote an article for the *Masonic Times*, but as your newly installed High Priest, I felt it was time to get back into writing articles and keeping the Companions of Hiram Chapter informed.

We started January with the Installation of Officers with R.:E.: and Rev. Charles Roberts, DDGHP, as the Installing Officer. It was a special evening and respectfully attended, given the weather.

At our second meeting, we went through the book, *Allen's Ritual*, by Avery Allen. It was written in 1860 and discloses all the Degrees of Masonry at the time - the first three, all of the Royal Arch Degrees, Council and Commandery, the Scottish Rite

Degrees of the time and the Odd Fellows Degrees. We reviewed the Mark Master Mason Degree and compared it to today's Ritual. It was great fun.

In February we discussed the Three Veils and how the names and symbols may have been chosen. We are working to make sure there is much more than just business at our meetings. There is so much to the Royal Arch and its Degrees that programming should be fun.

As we enter March, members of the Chapter will be going to Albany to attend Grand Chapter Session and the anointment of newly elected and installed High Priests, like me. Grand Chapter should be a good experience, as I do know several members of the Grand Line from other parts of Freemasonry.

The remainder of March will be the commencement of our Degree cycle. We will be Confering the Mark Master Mason and the Past Master Degrees. We have decided to do each Degree on its own evening. This will allow the Chapter to discuss the placement and meaning of the Past Master Degree. There is more to it than the Ritual addresses and we hope to have a very good discussion after the Degree (it's short and leaves time for discussion). Discussing Masonry can be fun and a mutual learning experience for all in attendance.

I am always on the lookout for program ideas. If you have an idea, please let me know. You do not have to be the presenter, but can point me to a Companion who can present an interesting program - Masonic or otherwise. I believe our Companions would love to attend meetings where there are interesting and enjoyable programs. To my mind, it shouldn't take too much effort to exceed what is presented in other media for entertainment. Our Companions may even learn something new and interesting.

I might be rambling a little as our program is in flux until after Grand Chapter and even then there may be changes. I will work to keep the Companions of Hiram Chapter informed of meeting programs, etc. Check out our website at:

www.hiram62ram.org

It is a simple site, but we will keep it up-to-date with what's happening in the Chapter.

I can be reached on my cell phone at 576-4864 or by email: highpriest@hiram62ram.org

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Upcoming Events

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery Inspection is planned for March 16th. Our Inspecting Officer is Eminent Sir Knight Fredrick Beitter, Grand Warder. His traveling companion for that evening will be his Lady Ruth.

In their honor we are planning a wonderful dinner of Roast Beef (Chicken as substitute) with all the fixings. Please invite your Ladies as we have a wine tasting program planned for their enjoyment while we Knights are at duty in the Asylum. Cost will be \$10 per person and dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m., with Opening of Commandery promptly at 7:30 p.m. **This is a reservations-only program; no walk-ins, please.** Please forward all reservations to me as soon as possible at email: jfo3@mac.com or joe.oelgoetz@sentrysafe.com; or call 203-4316.

Easter Events

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

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

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

the Officers' Line.

Summer Operation

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

Knight Templar Eye Foundation

"That Others May See" ... The Mission of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is to provide assistance to those who face the loss of sight due to the need for surgical treatment without regard for race, creed, age, sex or national origin, provided that they are unable to pay or receive adequate assistance from current government agencies or similar sources and to provide funds research in curing the diseases of the eye.

Cyrene-Monroe will be running its Campaign from now until the end of the Templar Year. Please keep this in mind for your annual giving. Make checks payable to **Knights Templar Eye Foundation** and forward all donations to our Senior Warden - Sir Knight William (Bill) R. Flesher. His contact information is: Phone 278-7389 or email: phdoc007@yahoo.com.

Chinon Parchment

As most of you are aware, a document known as the Chinon Parchment was "re-found" in the secret archives of the Vatican by Dr. Barbara Frale. Additionally, the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York purchased a Limited Edition Replica of the document to which those who attended Grand Commandery this past year were treated.

The Chinon Parchment is the result of an investigation that was carried out by agents of Pope Clement V to verify claims against the accused Knights Templar.

If you are interested in learning more about this document, you can check it out on the website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinon_Parchment.

Maybe you have a small repair job and don't know who to turn to. This register would be able to assist you determining what talent could be utilized to help. If you have a craft or expertise, Steve and I want to hear from you, so that we may assist each other in these economic challenging times.

By Steve Phillips

As a young man growing up, I was told that Masons were honorable men, leaders of our communities in businesses both large and small. The Masons were men who would rise up when called to meet any challenge or crisis head on. Now as an adult and a Ma-

son, I have seen for myself that these things are true.

In these tough economic times, it would be nice to help those who have helped so many by supporting those businesses owned by our Brothers. However, in order to do that, we need to know what those businesses are.

Whether the owner of a printing shop or a plumber, we would like our Brothers who own businesses to tell us what they do and how to contact them. This way, any Brother who needs work done and would like to help a fellow Brother's business can do so. We exist not only to help those in need, but also to help keep people from needing.

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



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Sir Knights, I don't have a lot of new information for you this month about Knights Templar.

Annual Inspection

We are still preparing for our Annual Inspection on April 18th at 10 a.m. We are trying to teach everyone the new floor movements for SK James MacConnell's Inspection. We have been told we can do the Sword Manual as we have been doing it. Several Knights have told me they are having trouble with the new sword movements and body positions.

We are still collecting aluminum for our Annual Donation to the Eye Foundation.

No new developments on the Easter Service in Alexandria, VA. Keep your eyes open for the latest in the *Knights Templar* magazine.

Certainly a lot is happening around us in these uncertain economic times. It has changed the lives of several in our family.

Two sons have been laid off. My youngest brother's job evaporated due to the Bernard Madoff Scandal. He was given one day's notice about his job and a week to vacate the house that was part of his salary package. Yet life goes on.

I have a brand new grandson in Mechanicsburg, PA, whom we were able to visit and hold when he was only seven days old. He's beautiful and it was a joy to see my son as a new father. I hope you, too, have some positive events to share at our March 21st Conclave. Breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:45 a.m.; meeting at 9 a.m.

Genesee York Rite College No. 25



Pre-Eminent Governor
Tom Paglia

Invites All York Rite College Companions to a Meeting

at Palmyra Lodge

March 14th
at 2:30 p.m.

Bring a Dish-to-Pass

To make this a success, we need your participation. If it has been some time since you have attended, now is the time!

Make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

All of us would love to see you there.

Share Your Trade

By R.:W.: Derek E. VanHouten

Requesting Your Thoughts

Brother Steve Phillips, a member of Oatka Lodge and a carpenter by trade, has suggested we create a register of available talent such as electricians, carpenters, computer specialists, etc. We know there is a wealth of talent in the thirteen Lodges of our District - everything from carpentry to computer expertise to tax help and legal assistance.

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United Supreme Council A.A.S.R. PHA Northern Jurisdiction Annual Session to be held in Rochester

By Jim Ghent

The One Hundred Twenty Eighth Annual Session of The United Supreme Council will be held at the Hyatt Regency Rochester, starting Friday, May 22nd and concluding Tuesday, May 26th.

Golf Outing

One of the highlights of this event will be the Second Annual Golf Outing, which will be held on Friday May 22nd. It is sponsored by the Supreme Council Benevolent Foundation, Incorporated. The shotgun start is at 2 p.m. at the East Course of Webster Golf Club. Advance Registrations are needed.

Webster Golf Club will provide the challenge for a Team Best-ball Scramble with all teams playing 18 holes, vying for trophies and/or prizes.

Participants are urged to bring a team of three or four golfers to this year's event. Individuals without affiliation will be placed on teams needing additional players.

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On Sunday, May 24th, a morning Worship Service will be held at 10:45a.m.; an Annual Memorial Service will be held at 7 p.m. Both events will take place in Empire Hall South of the Rochester Convention Center.

Ray, Doris E.

On January 24th, the Lord took the hand of Doris E. Ray, 90, and led her to Heaven, leaving behind 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Doris was a member of Nolatka Chapter, OES. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Bliss, L. Kenneth

At the age of 82, Merrill Baker entered Eternal Rest on January 28th. Survivors include his wife, Elaine, 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Ken was a member and Past Master of Milnor Lodge and Damascus Shriners. He was a Veteran of World War II. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Widows to be Remembered

Busack, Shirley, widow of Carl Busack (member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge) passed away February 11th.

In Memoriam

Macauley, Donald M.

Donald M. Macauley laid aside his Working Tools on January 29th, leaving behind his wife, Dorothy, 2 children, 4 stepchildren, 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren to remember him. Donald was a member of Unity Lodge. He labored hard for those he loved, and then left us to remember.

McCann, James A.

At the age of 71, James A. McCann met his maker on February 1st. Survivors include his wife, Catherine, 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He was a member of Unity Lodge and the Valley of Rochester, AASR. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

Caplan, David

January 30th was the day David Caplan departed his Earthly family, leaving behind 2 sons. David was a member of ERAC Lodge, and a Veteran. There is a link death cannot sever; Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

Smith, Howard W.

On February 4th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced Howard W. Smith, 88. His 3 children and 6 grandchildren will miss him greatly. He was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, an active Rotarian and Administrator in several School Districts. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

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BIG CALLENDAR - MARCH 2009

Gem - Aquamarine
Flower - Jonquil

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	LIV - Bow-a-Thon for Teresa House, 1:00 p.m. Mt. Morris Lanes	2 Canandigua-Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto, Board of Governors, 7 p.m., Shrine Center Damascus Shrine Divan Shrine Lunch Club	3 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castle OES - Fairport, N. Dakota, Starlight	4 Durham Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Llac Star OSY Meeting - Canandigua	5 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite ----- RAM Grand Chapter Convocation - Albany ----->	6 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult, \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street	7 OES - Line Officers, 9 a.m. OES - Rochester Chapter - Spencerport, combined Official Visit with Corinthian-Fellowship and Leah Chapters, 8 p.m.	
8	Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wed 11th and 25th 287 East Avenue, Hilton	9 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Lower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls, 2° Unity - Spencerport, 3° Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield AARP Save Driving Course, Shrine Center - Noon Shrine Lunch Club	10 Eagle-Honeoye (GDC OV) Seneca - Webster Valley-Smes Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes-Brookport	11 Oaka - Scottsville Webster - Felkocraft Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting AARP Save Driving Course, Shrine Center - Noon OES - Corinthian-Fellowship	12 Fame, Shrine Center Minor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Felkocraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron - Executive Council WYN - Masters and Wardens - Sodus	13	14 Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temy (2-Fairport Northfield - Pittsford, Lodge Work Day Genesee York Rite College - Palmyra	
15	Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner March 19th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye	16 Canandigua-Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford, Inspection Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club-Ladies Day Auburn Shrine Club	17 Clio - Hilton, 2° Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - N. Dakota, Starlight	18 Ark - Geneva, 3° Durham Square - Palmyra Livonia RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto, Shrine Center	19 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford, 2° Webster, 2° Seneca Lake - Dresden Scottish Rite - Shrine Center, 4° and 12° Lalla Rookh Caldron	20	21 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Damascus Shrine - Monte Carlo Night, Shrine Center, 6 p.m.	
22	Scottish Rite - Shrine Center, Feast of the Paschal Lamb	23 ERAC-Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City, 2° Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield, 3° LIV - District Association, Mt. Morris, 7:30 p.m. Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Shrine Club	24 Eagle-Honeoye, 1° Seneca - Webster RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	25 Oaka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon Directors Staff - Cheap Charles	26 Fame, Shrine Center Minor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Felkocraft RAM - Hiram James A. HardWayne Charter Post No. 12 Perry Shrine Club - Lumberyard Restaurant	27	28 Northfield - Pittsford, Field Hockey Family Event Wayne Lodge, 3° - Shrine Center (Shrine Degree Team)	
29	30 MONROE Masters and Wardens, Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street, 7 p.m. Unity Lodge - Blood Drive, Ogden Community Center Damascus Shrine Divan	31 MONROE - School of Ritual, Oaka Lodge, 7:30 p.m. OES - Tr-District Event, Batavia	April 1 Durham Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Llac Star	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Deadline for the Masonic Times is March 10</p> </div>				Events at Shrine Center or Shrines' Events in this typeface. See Damascus News section for details.

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