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Saturday, May 23, 2009

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

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2009

Location: Perinton Park on 31-F in Fairport

Time: Check-in begins at 9:30 AM

Walk begins at 10:30 AM

Family Picnic: 11:30 AM

Course: 3 miles along the scenic Erie Canal

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

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



Gordon Lightfoot in Concert 50th Anniversary Benefit for MMRL June 25th

Gordon Lightfoot, an icon and legend in the music industry, will perform at the 50th Anniversary Benefit Concert for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) at the Stanley Theatre on June 25th in Utica, NY. David Schneeweiss, MMRL President said, "Mr. Lightfoot is internationally revered as a talented singer and song writer and we are absolutely delighted that he has expanded his tour to include a stop in Utica. Residents of the Mohawk Valley and members of the Craft are going to be treated to an outstanding and engaging artist."

Lightfoot first hit the Canadian music scene in the early 60s. As folk music grew in popularity, several of his original songs were sung by Peter, Paul and Mary, Judy Collins, Johnny Cash, Elvis and Bob Dylan, to name a few. The music of Bob Dylan inspired Lightfoot to take

composing and lyrics much more earnestly and the body of work that followed shaped his identity forever. It did not take long before his songs climbed the international music charts followed by music awards and recognition. He has received five Grammy nominations, 24 of his albums have gone gold, platinum or double platinum. In his native Canada, Lightfoot has been honored with 17 Juno awards (the Canadian version of the Grammy) for best folksinger, best male singer and composer of the year. In 1970, he received the prestigious Order of Canada; in 1997 he received the Governor General's award - the highest official Canadian honor; and in September, 2001, he was inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame.



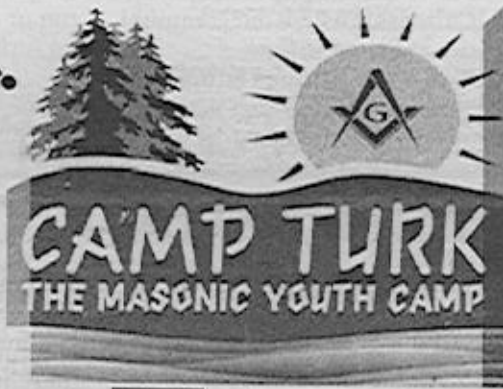
Gordon Lightfoot has built and sustained a loyal fan base over the years by evolving from a country/folk sound, to folk/rock, pop and adult contemporary styles. Yet he is always able to move back and forth among the styles, performing his clas-

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Act Now!



Camp Turk ... Applications Due By May 1st

By Mollie Denslow

Many parents don't have Summer vacation, but their school-age children do. How about sending them to Camp Turk, a Summer camp for children between the ages of 9 and 16 years old?

Benefits of Summer Camp

When you think about hiring a caregiver for your children this Summer, consider sending your

child to a Summer camp in the Adirondack Park where they would have the opportunity to enjoy many activities like tubing, wakeboarding, sailing and kayaking on a private lake; hiking and biking on maintained trails; playing tennis, basketball, soccer and volleyball; and more. Consider the amount of

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With the return of pleasant weather, so also return the visitors to Camp DeMolay. If you are not familiar with what the Camp has to offer, please consider visiting on Saturday, May 2nd, when the official opening and sprucing up will begin at 9 a.m. Please call the Service Bureau at 671-9730 to let us know how many will be in your party so refreshments can be arranged. Volunteers are much appreci-

ated for the maintenance/improvement of the Camp. If you enjoy being outdoors in a quiet, scenic setting, you might consider volunteering for a day during the Summer. Schedules are flexible, and the company is congenial. You need not have great mechanical skills to be appreciated, but those with plumbing, carpentry or painting skills are much in demand.

Individuals or groups can volunteer to assist. Please contact Ralph Jurgens (Cell - 208-7106) for further details.

Don't Miss It! ...

44th Annual

Ox Roast Dinner Saturday, May 2nd

Serving 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

at Clio Lodge
287 East Avenue, Hilton

Adults - \$11

Seniors - \$10

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9th Annual

Social and Community Awards Dinner

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May 29, 2009 - 6p.m. Social; 7p.m. Dinner

Whittier Party House

88 Whittier Road, Rochester, NY 14624

TICKETS - \$35.00 PER PERSON

Call JD Jackson (359-0344) or William Davis (266-4501)

Damascus News see page 11



Editor's Corner

I have grumbled in past issues about authors who do not re-read their copy or email message before pushing the send button. Last month, yours truly should have done the same.

One of the final operations in assembling the *Masonic Times* each month is typing headlines and captions. As we paste up articles, we can determine how much space will be available for these items, which we then fill with a different font, larger type size or extra text.

We have a winner!

Actually, there were nine winners! The first call I received was from a Lodge Chairman of their Widows Luncheon Committee. He was set to mail letters to widows that indicated the date was April 25th, when the headline in the paper said the date was the 18th. Fortunately, he did read the article which also said the 25th, but he wanted to be sure.

There were several other calls, a couple of emails and even two personal visits, all of which prompted me to send out a blanket email notice to our Reminder Email List to inform them of the error and make sure everyone knew the correct date.

Thank you to those who took the time to call, write or visit. There is no prize for your efforts, but I do appreciate your astuteness. I will be in panic mode until after the 18th, when I learn that no one did, in fact, show up at the Burgundy Basin expecting us to be there.

I have tried to make sure any Lodge or Concordant Body Officer, who might be arranging for guests to attend, was aware of the error. I apologize for the confusion. When names and meal selection were called in, we reminded the caller of the date and time. Ditto, those who responded by email. We hope this reached everyone. I suppose someone, without a reservation, could have come on the wrong date. If they did, I really can't feel sorry for them.

We needed a count for the party house; we were making nametags for all in attendance, which was the dinner "ticket." If we didn't have that information, you should not have been there.

Myth Busted!

For years I have been told that no one reads bold type - the headline or the sub-heads - in an article. I never really believed it, but this was one time I was (and am) hoping!

Change

Since this is the month for Lodge Elections (and some Installations), I thank those dedicated writers who provided articles on happenings, this past Masonic year, to help keep the Brothers informed. I know the time and effort required, and for some it is more than others, to think about what to say and then try to say it! Without you, though, we have nothing. So, THANK YOU!

Please do me (and all of us here) one more favor. That is, provide assistance to your successor by passing along tips or ideas you learned during your efforts. Sharing this knowledge should make it a relatively easy transition.

Thanks for reading. ✪

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By M. Donald Darrohn

Too often we're faced with the responsibility of consoling a widow or widower of our Fraternity and it's sometimes difficult to know what to say or do. The "Surviving Spouse and Loved Ones" Program effectively identifies the important points to which we, as Masons, should always be paying attention. The following article will appear in the next issue of the *New York State Mason* magazine and it's a worthwhile read. I hope it generates some ideas and reminders for follow-up to these situations.

Who Will Be There When You Aren't?

By Kathy Contino-Turner

No one wants to consider it, let alone talk about it. I was only 42 years old when I lost my husband to a rare brain tumor. I was left with two young children to raise and was fortunate to have the support of family and friends. The death of a spouse leaves a huge void in your life and it's hard to explain if you haven't been there.

The New York State Masons have a wonderful program that extends the ideal of Fraternal love and compassion. The "Surviving Spouse and Loved Ones" Program is designed to reach out to members of the Masonic Family who have suffered such a loss. As you read on, think of your loved ones. What would they need if you were no longer there? Something that is very important to a widow or widower following the loss of a loved one, is personal contact.

Visiting the surviving spouse and expressing your concern after the funeral is critical. There is always a great deal of attention and interest during the days immediately following a death. But remembering the spouse a week or two after the funeral can be such a blessing. Visiting and talking about the deceased, remembering funny stories or just consoling the spouse by reminding her that her husband was someone who loved her and that you and his Brothers would be there to help.

The surviving spouses are hit with an avalanche of issues in a variety of areas and you could be her lifeline back to the world. She might need assistance managing her finances,

Yard Sale to Benefit Masonic Service Bureau

On Saturday, May 16th, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Damascus Shrine Center, a yard sale will be hosted by Craftsman Robertson Lodge to benefit the Masonic Service Bureau.

Would You Like to Help Us Help Others?

You can by donating items for the sale, donating your help during the sale or by stopping by and shopping during the sale.

We are asking all Lodges, Masons and friends to donate items you no longer need or use. They should be in "like new" or "good" condition and, hopefully, easy to transport. It may be items such as small kitchen gadgets and appliances, hand or power tools, toys, games or sporting goods that are going unused or possibly have a duplicate sitting right next to them. If so, you may wish to donate them to the Yard Sale. No refrigerators or clothing, please.

Everyone Benefits!

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Masonic Service Bureau. The Bureau, in turn, supports many worthwhile activities and charitable causes. You get some extra space in your closet or on a shelf and help support the Masonic Principles of Charity and Citizenship within our communities at the same time.

Tell Your Lodges & Friends

Please discuss the Yard Sale within your Lodge.

repairs to her home, or even getting the lawn mowed. She probably won't ask for help, but your caring and contact through this program would be a gift.

The "Surviving Spouse and Loved Ones" Program is the way for you to step in and assist a Brother following a loss. No one wants to think about it, but the fact is, we all must leave this earth at some time, and we will leave people we love behind to carry on. Your support and understanding of this program

YARD SALE
ONE DAY SALE
Saturday May 16th

10 a.m. — 3 p.m.
at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Delivery of Donations

Drop off your donations at the Damascus Shrine Center on May 14th and 15th between the hours of 6-8 p.m. Early deliveries may be made by prior arrangements with the Masonic Service Bureau.

If Brothers or friends are interested in contributing items for sale or are willing to help set up, run or clean up after the sale or for further information, contact:

Ralph Jurgens

Home Phone: (315) 524-3686
Cell Phone: (585) 208-7106 ✪

now will provide for the future. Your bond with your Brothers carries on beyond death. They can take comfort knowing you will be there, as you can take comfort knowing they will be there. I can't think of a better way to show someone you care than becoming involved in this important outreach.

Your participation in the "Surviving Spouse and Loved Ones" Program will answer the question, "Who Will Be There When You Aren't?" That answer is, your Brothers. ✪

Wayne Lodge
1932 Ridge Road, Ontario

Chicken Bar-B-Que
Sunday, May 17th
Serving 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. ... \$8 per person



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By Ken Milner DGL

Thank You

RW Chris Hampton and I offer our thanks to all who have been supporting our efforts throughout the District. We are at the peak of our Official Visits and we thank everyone for all the courtesies and friendship we have received along with the degrees that have been bestowed upon us. We also thank everyone for the paper goods we have received for Camp Good Days. We look forward to delivering them.

Official Visits

The final Official Visits will be May 5th at Fairport Chapter, May 18th with Etolian Chapter and May 19th at Starlight Chapter. Please join us on these visits; we love the companionship

and everyone should show Fraternal support to the Chapters.

Lilac Luncheon June 4th

Reminder ... June 4th is the Lilac Luncheon in Oriskany. We have chartered a bus and round trip tickets are now available for \$20. Your paid ticket is your reservation and is non-refundable. Tickets are available from RW Chris, RW Ken or your Chapter Secretary.

We will be gathering at **Marketplace Mall by 8 a.m.** The bus will depart at 8:15 a.m. SHARP. We will not wait for latecomers. We expect to return about 5 p.m. I have tickets at \$20 each for the bus ride which is non-refundable.

Luncheon reservations are to be made with RW Karen Leipold by May 25th. Luncheon entrée choices are Roast Beef at \$13, Chicken Breast at \$14 or Vegetable Lasagna at \$11. Your check is your reservation.

Oriskany Pilgrimage Day

It's not too late to plan on attending Pilgrimage Day at Oriskany on Saturday, July 25th. If you would like to come early, I have booked rooms at the Holiday Inn for Friday, July 24th. Again, we will be having dinner with Queens District on Friday night at the Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club. We will have a buffet dinner - \$25 per person.

Grand Sessions - Make Reservations Now!

Grand Sessions will be held in Binghamton on October 9th-12th. All room reservations

must be made through the Convention Bureau. Each Chapter Secretary along with the Line Officers who attended the Line Officers' meeting in April have Housing Forms **NOTE: these Forms must be sent in by May 2nd** in order to guarantee your room.

If any Chapter has any special events coming up and would like to have them included in the next **Masonic Times**, please let RW Chris or me know.



Annie was labeled "Lady Mischief" in this photo from the family album.

Starlight Chapter helped celebrate Annette Towle's 90th Birthday at a family-sponsored Open House. It was a crisp Spring day and more than 75 people enjoyed the camaraderie and food of the day! The sparkle in this "younger" Annie was certainly showing that day!

NOLATKA
Chapter No. 320
Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Matron
Wthy. Patricia Dalykas
429-6565
Patron
Wthy. Robert Crystal
473-0279
Secretary
Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
594-4692
Community Christian Church
2647 Chili Avenue, 14624

By Bob Crystal

For all of you who are reading this in May, just let me tell you we had a GREAT APRIL! (And the end of March wasn't so bad either.) Nolatka Sisters have shown up at almost every event in the District. If you haven't seen a Nolatka member, you had your eyes shut!

The highlight, by far, was our visit to Bergen. What a blessing they gave us by encouraging and welcoming us to use their Chapter Rooms for our Initiation. We felt like weary travelers welcomed into the family living room. The Initiation was very well done by a full complement of our members. Thanks to

Donna Laundry for serving as protem for Carol Pickworth who had a last-minute date with a surgeon. I won't list all the members of the crew here, but it was cool having MaryAnne Sovocool correcting my fake Irish accent.

Upcoming Events

We look forward to seeing our Snowbirds and new guests at our upcoming Social Visit with the DDGM and DGL. I will be announcing the winner of the drawing next month.

May 5th - Draping of the Altar
May 19th - Open Meeting ... Please, please, please ... come and bring a friend or neighbor. We want to introduce as many friends to our Order as possible.

The party and ceremonies at Oriskany are coming, and if you are not looking forward to the drive, but miss attending like you used to, consider reserving a seat on the Nolatka Bus. Twenty dollars to the Secretary reserves your seat. "C'mon, I know you want to!"

Finally, I want to welcome our newest member, Marie Rose Burio. Linda Ross and she walked the Labyrinth and now we have two sisters who date their membership to the year 2009!

Lilac Star Chapter No. 57, OES

Annual Spring Card Party & Luncheon

Monday, May 4th
Cards - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Chicken & Biscuit Lunch - 12 Noon
Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street
You may attend Luncheon and Not Stay for Cards.
Donation \$8.00
For Reservations, please call:
549-4449 or 964-2135

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

By W Marilyn Israel

Sad News

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Frank Murrer on March 17th. He was a 55-year member of Eastern Star.

Sickness and Distress

Joyce Bernhardt is doing well after a hip replacement.

Birthdays

Eugene Jutter just celebrated his 88th birthday. We send May birthday wishes to Virginia Gramse (19th) and Edna Monell (27th).

District Project

Remember to donate paper goods and individual-size snacks for Camp Good Days and Special Times.

My underlying theme ... Must there be an arc of poverty around Rochester, or any city?

I close with, "Children of all ages are known to shut their ears to advice, but open their eyes to example." Thank you for being you.

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

By Don Brugger

It has been suggested, by your new Grand Tall Cedar, that since the Humphrey House has reopened, we meet there prior to our May meeting for dinner. If you are interested in joining us, please call Don Brugger 458-6125 or email dbrugger@juno.com so arrangements can be made. We plan on gathering at 6-6:15 p.m.; we can then be at the Lodge Hall before 7:30 p.m.

Agenda

In addition to discussing important plans for the Fall Mus-

cular Dystrophy Drive, our May meeting will give each attendee the opportunity to contribute to the entertainment of the evening. We will be open to any type of entertainment you may want to perform - unusual stories, favorite songs, instrumentals, whatever. Don't be shy about this. Your new Grand Tall Cedar has already volunteered to do a little singing. Come out and join the fun, frolic and fellowship.

The two speakers from the Local Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association at our April 22nd meeting gave us much food for thought. The GTC will be investigating the possibility of our participation in the local Fall MDA Campaign. If this is not possible, perhaps we can put together a small program to raise some additional funds on our own. If you have any ideas in this area come out and give us your input. Since our annual social events, the June Sausage Roast and the Sep-

tember Steak Roast, are attended by most of our members, perhaps this would be the best place to try some new ways to raise extra contributions for the MDA Fund. Do you have any ideas?

Coming Soon

Your input about our Annual Christmas get-together is earnestly solicited. As mentioned in our last article, good places for this event are hard to find and must be booked early. Places suggested were Valencia's, Rick's Prime Rib House, Humphrey House and Golden Ponds. If you have a suggestion, or objection, please let us know.

Sickness and Distress

Past GTC, Gary Thompson, who was recently hospitalized with a blood infection is recovering in a Nursing Home for rehabilitation.

Eugene Brown was reported to have had a short stay in the hospital recently.

There is no news on Don Freeman's condition.

Lilac Luncheon in Oriskany June 4th

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

Pilgrimage Day July 25th

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

Livingston District

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BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser for Livingston District Masonic Association
 To Benefit Continued Relations with the Communities in the District

Saturday, June 13th

at Conesus Golf Club

One Pine Alley, Route 15, Conesus

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

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

Prizes, Raffles & Awards

Guests Welcome for Dinner Only - \$20

Tournament limited to first 120 paid golfers.
Registration and payment due by June 1st.

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



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derful time. There was 305 years of Masonic History represented that evening. I was truly privileged to be a small part of the ceremonies with the Brothers from Eunice Lodge. I can only hope that, in my future, I can represent our Masonic Fraternity half as well as any one of these Brethren who were honored that night.

The big event this month, without a doubt, will be our 228th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Although I have attended in the past as a sitting Master, this will be my first time attending as a DDGM. I am honored to be representing Livingston District at Grand Lodge. I am looking forward to this year's session; my wife and I will be flying to New York on Sunday and I am sure the three days will be very interesting. I know I have to be there early in the morning to gather all the "stuff for everyone," I wonder why the term "Herding Cats" keeps popping into my head.

There will be another special event in our Region that I will be attending this month. The Grand Line will be at Oatka Lodge for their Cornerstone Laying on the 16th. I had the opportunity to attend a similar ceremony by the Grand Line in Livonia for a dedication of a Monument. I expect it will be even more remarkable as the dedication is for one of our Lodges.

Don't forget that the Livingston District Association Meeting is Monday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is being held at Nunda Station Lodge. The Association Vice-President, W.: Rick LaFave, will need your attendance numbers for the dinner that will be starting at 6:30 p.m. It is important you plan to attend to learn what other Lodges in our District are doing, plus we always have an excellent dinner!

Yours in the Craft.

All four Lodges in the Livingston District - Nunda Station, Mount Morris, Phoenix and Union Lodges - have completed their 2nd Degree!

Upcoming Events

May 17th - Communion Breakfast at the Mount Morris Church. The Junior Grand Warden, Thomas M. "Tim" McMullin, will be our guest speaker.

May 28th - Union Lodge 3rd Degree. Let's see if we can pack the house for the new Brothers.

My thanks to the Brothers of Livingston District for their support. With my Commission half over, I am looking forward to my second year to serve you Brothers.

As we enter the homestretch for this Masonic year, it is great to see the activity within the District picking up speed. There are four sets of Degrees in progress and it is spectacular to see all the Lodges working together toward the common goal of bringing good men into our Fraternity!

Degree Work in Progress

In last month's column I mentioned the special connections of the Candidates at Union Lodge. Now that I have more details, I get to extend the proper congratulations to Union, Phoenix, Mt. Morris and Nunda Station Lodges for conferring their Degrees. Congratulations also to the Lodge members whose sons and grandson were Initiated to the Entered Apprentice Degree. I can truthfully say that last month there were quite a number of very proud Masons in Livingston District!

With all these Entered Apprentice Degrees completed, the District is now preparing for our Fellowcraft Degrees. I ask all the Brothers to please continue their support of these Lodges as they plan and fill their Degree Teams. I know we can present to these new Brothers the same wonderful experiences that were started just a few short weeks ago.

The Annual Awards Night at Eunice Lodge was amazing. My wife, Debbie, and I had a won-

Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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E. Plat Soper, in whose memory the O/S/Y District E. Plat Soper Award was created. We shared a lot of information and laughter.

Degree work in our District is still going strong. It's great to see all the Brothers helping different Lodges do the Degrees. Congratulations to all the new Brothers who have been Raised this month.

The Yellow Dog Degree was last month and all went well. I apologize for not being there. Unforeseen circumstances arose and I was unable to attend. I have been told that all went well and it was a fun evening. A special thanks is extended to M.: W.: Bruce Widger and company who presented the Degree.

Our Grand Lodge Trip is underway and I will report in the next article.

Annual Memorial Service
 The Annual O/S/Y District Memorial Service for our de-

Brethren, a lot has been happening in our District in the last two months. The GDC, R.: W.: William Valois, and I went to Niagara Falls for training and updates in the Fraternity. There are a couple changes in things we do and we will be bringing them to your attention in our visits.

The O/S/Y Study Group met in March. The topic of discussion was our departed Brother

parted Brothers will be held at 2 p.m. on May 17th at the Clifton Springs Methodist Church. The service will be conducted by Rev. Lynn Spence of Clifton Springs and the Memorial Address by R.: W.: Jose L. Valencia, Jr., Grand Chaplain. R.: W.: Ronald Galens, DDGM, will read the list of departed Brothers. The Master of his Lodge will light a candle in memory of each departed Brother. Please plan to attend this moving ceremony. Thank you to the Finger Lakes Council 40, Allied Masonic Degrees, for organizing this Service.

Upcoming Events May

- 2-6th NYC Trip
- 9th Dundee Awards Ceremony
- 11th O/S/Y Meeting, Naples
- 17th Memorial Service @ 2 p.m., Methodist Church, Main Street, Clifton Springs
- 21st Investiture Service @ Garoga-Sincerity

June

- 11th Milnor Awards Ceremony
- 27th St. John's Weekend
- 30th O/S/Y Masonic Study Group; 7 p.m. - ALL ARE WELCOME at Garoga Sincerity in Phelps; refreshments will be served. The topic is "Mormons in Masonry."

Grand Steward Livingston District



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By the time you read this article the 228th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be underway. There's not too much going on this year, but next year it will be interesting!

O/S/Y District Annual Memorial Service

Sunday, May 17th

2 p.m.

United Methodist Church,
 Main Street, Clifton Springs

Service Highlights ...

- Memorial Address ~ R.: W.: Jose L. Valencia, Jr. Grand Chaplain
- Calling of the Role ~ R.: W.: Ronald B. Galens, DDGM
- Lighting of the Candles ~ Masters of the Lodges
- Benediction ~ Reverend Lynn Spence

All Brothers, family and friends are invited to attend this important Memorial Service. This service is made possible by the work of the Finger Lakes Chapter 40, Allied Masonic Degrees.

Eagle Lodge No. 619

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
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As I write this, Spring is officially here, but so far the weather is not cooperating. By the time you read this I hope it really looks and feels like Spring.

Loss of a Brother

We recently heard that one of our Brothers laid down his Working Tools and has moved on to the Celestial Lodge. Brother Vincent Rowley, Past Master of Eagle Lodge, has been living in Florida. I know there will be a Memorial Service in Honeoye, probably at

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the beginning of May, but I don't have details at this time. As I learn more, I will be sure to let everyone know.

Search for New Brothers

We are looking forward to having three new men take the 1st Degree. These men had attended our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night where we had displays, a video and presentations. The presenters did a great job - thanks to you all.

Upcoming Events

May 12th - Election of Officers
 May 26th - Installation of Officers
 June 9th - 2nd Degree

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Spring has finally sprung and the weather has gotten a little milder.

The month of April was a very busy month. We had two successful Pork Roast Dinners and a 2nd and 3rd Degree.

New Brothers

We had the pleasure of Raising three Brothers at our April 7th meeting. Brother Jason Sennett from Garoga-Sincerity was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, as were Brothers Ronald Leistman from Milnor Lodge and Brother Keith Woodard from Dundee Lodge.

Thank You

Thanks to the Masters and Brothers from these Lodges for

their help and support. My thanks go to R.: W.: Bruce Huie, AGL from the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, for his help with this Degree. I also thank our District Deputy, R.: W.: Ronald Galens, for doing a fine job as Senior Deacon. We had 53 Brothers in attendance. A fine meal was prepared by Royal-Garoga Eastern Star Chapter. Thanks to Worthy Matron Donna Gibbs, Jean Day, Marcia Sherbyn, Linda Leight and all the kitchen help for preparing a wonderful dinner. It was well planned and very well organized.

Thanks to all the Brothers who have donated to our Building Fund. We have received quite a few generous donations. We are still in need of small tools such as shovels, rakes and other miscellaneous items. Work continues in our dining area as we continue to move materials from our pool table area to the new storage facility. Have a wonderful Spring and don't forget to attend your Lodge meetings. The first Tuesday is Pot Luck, so bring a dish-to-pass and I'll see you there.

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Brothers David Retchless (5th), Michael

Patrick (9th), John Davis (10th), Ralph Adams (18th), Gordon Campbell (20th), Dale Gelder and William Smith (22nd), Glen Webster (27th) and Donald Sabin (30th).

Masonic Anniversaries

These Brothers were Raised in May:

- 1950 - Albert Kamm,
 - 1954 - Ralph Adams
 - 1956 - Kenneth Pedersen and Donald Tiffany
 - 1961 - F. Lee Walters and Glen Webster
 - 1962 - Robert Kloepfel
 - 1970 - Robert Bird, Ransie Brooks, Otis Davis and Richard Kauder
 - 1971 - Stephen Leroy
 - 1972 - George Durkee
 - 1973 - Thomas Hudson
 - 1975 - Bobby Dorgan
 - 1977 - Bruce Andrews
 - 1980 - Chris Howard and Timothy Piper
 - 1981 - Garry Clock and Gary Curtiss
 - 1986 - Ernest Bishop and Donald Henning
 - 1993 - James Allen
 - 1996 - Richard Hamelinck
 - 1998 - John Walti
 - 2006 - Michael Patrick
- Congratulations and best wishes to these Brothers.

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newest Master Masons are Anthony Constable and Richard Motzer.

April's meeting was again devoted to the Entered Apprentice Degree work for another Candidate to Ark Lodge.

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in May:

- 1947 Ray Allmond
- 1953 Anthony Khoury
- 1956 Joseph Smith
- 1960 Gordon Johnson
- 1972 Stephen Goebert
- 1976 Thomas Abraham
- 1980 John Venuti
- 1982 Howard Johnson and Jeffery VanHouten
- 1986 Terry Trenchard, Jr.
- 1994 John Keeton
- 2004 Eugene Cox
- 2006 Michael Fultz and Victor Nelson

Next month I will have further news of our Summer get together for Service Award presentations. Until that time, remember to do good work.

Remember, all you Snowbirds, our meetings are the third Wednesday of the month. We hope to see you at a meeting.

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There will be only two Lodges in Wayne District represented at the 228th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge May 4th and 5th. This is sad to note, with so many proposals of Amendments being either read for the first time and/or to be approved or rejected at a second reading.

A Time to be Heard

My Brothers, these proposals and amendments affect your Lodge and Masonry as a whole in New York State. In the past, I have heard comments made that Grand Lodge forces us to do various things. It is your voice (or lack thereof) which forces us

to do things we may not want. Like any other situation that requires a vote, it is your duty to not only represent your Lodge, but to vote in accordance with how your Lodge directs.

Any time something is unsatisfactory to you, do you know that you can propose an amendment? There is a procedure and a proper timeframe in which to do it. You will have to research the "Handbook of Masonic Law," plus talk with those "in the know," to learn how to do it, but it can be done. If you elect not to take action, then you have no recourse and should not complain. Your proposed amendment may not pass, but it will give you the satisfaction of having tried. There is the possibility someone from another part of the State will pick up on it and change it in a small way so it may later become law.

I would hope in 2010 Wayne District has a better representation. I realize the economy has taken a big bite out of our own personal funds, as well as that of our Lodge. Let's look ahead for next year, plus be there to show support for our new DDGM and Staff Officer, which will at that time assume the role as

Wayne District leaders. It's not too early to start planning for the ensuing year.

Congratulations are in order to Wayne Lodge No. 416, for Raising nine new Master Masons a few weeks ago. They still have one Fellowcraft waiting to take his 3rd Degree. In all probability, he will do so later this month or in June when two other Lodges in the District, Pultneyville and Sodus, are planning to confer their own 3rd Degrees. Look to the Wayne District Monthly Newsletter for an exact date, once they are confirmed.

Lodges Merging

The final paperwork is being completed to consolidate the merger of Rose 590, and Wolcott 560 Lodges to be known as North Rose-Wolcott Lodge, (number to be assigned by Grand Lodge). The place of meeting will be the Masonic Hall in Wolcott. Hopefully, this consolidation will be approved at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. With this merger, Wayne District will be down to 10 Lodges and 711 members as of March 11, 2009.

New Officers

I remind all Lodges that the Election of Officers will be taking place in May, after the close of Grand Lodge. All are required to notify the Grand Secretary's Office, as well as the DDGM, of the new Officers in a timely manner. I am assuming by the time this publication is received, all Lodge Secretaries will have received the necessary forms for both notifications.

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Lodge, with 11 Brothers from Milnor Lodge on the sidelines. V.: W.: John Walti, Master of Garoga-Sincerity, and the rest of the members of the cast, performed an excellent Conferral of the 3rd Degree. Members of Royal-Garoga Chapter of the Eastern Star served a delicious roast pork dinner, which was enjoyed by all.

Our new Brother was led by W.: Phil Trautman on a "Walk About" of the Lodge on April 9th. Brother Trautman does a great job with this program and truly introduces a new member to his Lodge.

Dues

Nearly 20% of our Brothers have not yet paid their Dues. If you are one of these Brothers, please pay your Dues now. If you are unable to pay, or have another reason for not paying, please contact the Secretary or me and we can address the situation.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Richard A. Sitts, who was Raised November 10, 1955, was called home March 26th. Brother Sitts was a former Victor School teacher and Brother Bud Peglow was one his former students.

Change of Plans
 After much consideration, the Annual Turkey Dinner has again been postponed. We originally moved the dinner from the first Saturday in February to a date in May, which has conflicts. The new date agreed upon is September 19th. This will allow ample time for organization and advertising.

Newly Raised Brother

The Brothers of Milnor Lodge welcome Ronald Liestman, our newest Master Mason. May he have a long, healthy and productive Masonic career. Brother Liestman was Raised April 8th in Phelps at Garoga-Sincerity

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R.: W.: William C. Jones, DDGM, and I have concluded our third training program as your Grand Lodge Officers. I commend those Brothers who attended the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* last Fall, those currently finishing up the *Road to the East Course* and our young Brothers who have jumped in and taken a reading course through the Robert L. Livingston Library.

Grow in Masonry

Now I turn to YOU and ask, "What have you done this year to grow as a Mason?" There is

still time to advance in your Lodge's Line of Officers as an Elected or Appointed Officer. Past Masters, you don't have to be shy, you're still very welcome in the operation of your Lodge. We don't see you enough. Come as often as you can!

I am pleased to see some new interest in the Masters and Wardens Association. The Wayne District Grand Lodge Officers Association recently met to discuss the selection of our next

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Grand Lodge Officers in the District, nominations for a Grand Representative and the future of the District.

Wrapping Up

I look forward to seeing as many Lodge Installations as I can in May and June. If I can assist in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me. In looking forward to winding down, don't forget that M.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Master, has directed Lodges to recog-

nize their surviving spouses. If you haven't done so yet, now is the time to start planning one for Summer or Fall. Again, don't hesitate to ask for help. Remember our DDGM is the State Chairman of this Program and wants it to succeed.

St. John's Day

Mark St. John's Day, June 27th, as a day to visit the Masonic Care Community in Utica. It's a family-type day, so bring the whole family.

Please keep the Grand Master in your prayers and may God bless America. x

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Important 45 Days

Your support of the Lodge is sorely needed during the next 45 days ... Election of Officers for 2009/2010 will follow the Annual Grand Lodge meeting; an upcoming vote on the proposed increase of Dues; Installation of YOUR selection of those whom you have chosen to carry the Torch of Masonic Teaching and Brotherhood for the upcoming year; and lastly, recognition by our Grand Master of the many years of service by our Brothers.

These coming 45 days are the most important of the year and warrant your presence and support. Come to Lodge and enjoy the fellowship that awaits you. Any questions you may have

concerning dates, transportation or whatever, please call. Any concerns regarding signs and/or passwords can be resolved prior to the opening of Lodge.

Tour of MCC

The 26th of September has been set aside for Wayne District to visit the Masonic Care Community in Utica. Many have visited over the years on their own and at their own expense. This is an opportunity to receive a guided tour of the Campus and visit the facilities - both the new and the remodeled. Not only will you be impressed by what the Trustees of the Masonic Care Community have accomplished and what they have planned, this trip includes free transportation to and from Utica and a very nice lunch.

We will leave from Humanity Lodge in Lyons at 8:30 a.m. and return at about 5:30 p.m. This trip is open to all Masons in Wayne District, their families and friends. As you may or may not know, YOUR Masonic Care Community is also open to non-Masons, demand permitting. We need a group of 25 to 30 to take the tour, so please make your reservations NOW. Call me to reserve YOUR seats.

Take care, my Brothers. SEE YOU IN LODGE x

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the cookies my mother made came to mind. Shelle bakes these in large quantities for the members of the Lodge to consume prior to or after Lodge. Little did I know then, that at the School of Ritual, held on March 31st, she would outdo herself in baking about 130 mouthwatering "chip" cookies for the 102 Brothers who came for the School. Maybe the word had gotten out and they came for the "cookies."

School of Ritual

March 31st was a great night for Masonry in the Monroe District as 103 Brothers attended the last School of Ritual at Oatka. Under the direction of V.: W.: Harry DeHollander and V.: W.: Hugh Woodside we all had the opportunity to learn and understand important aspects of our beloved Craft. As they have traveled around to the Lodges in the District, they have seen some incorrect procedures they brought up for discussion and explanation. In addition, the large turnout was to encourage Lodges to qualify for the Attendance Banner which has resided at Unity Lodge in Spencerport for many years. Unity had 27 Brothers in attendance, followed by 22 Brothers from Webster.

Masters & Wardens

The turnout for Masters and Wardens is a major problem. The current President, W.: Bill Flesher, from Oatka Lodge, and this writer are concerned, as valuable information, fellowship with your counterparts, plans for upcoming events and plans for the Grand Lodge Communication are being missed by those Masters and Wardens who do not participate in this forum.

W.: Bill has prepared venues at different Lodges this year and

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In the month of May, growth in nature continues and also in our Lodges. I have attended many Master Mason Degrees and have been a part of some of them. I am impressed with the effort being put forth by the various Officer Lines to confer solid Degrees. The hard work is apparent by the quality of the Ritual and Ceremonies being presented. It seems obvious to me that Masons in Monroe District are fired up! This is surely a reflection of the inspiring leadership of our District Deputy and the enthusiasm of our Assistant Grand Lecturers.

The School of Ritual held at Oatka Lodge on March 31st was awe-inspiring with 103 Brothers in attendance. Pride in our Fraternity and our Craft was abundant and you couldn't help but

leave feeling very positive about the future of our Lodges and District. We must stay this course so the momentum we have generated can continue. As always, your District Leadership Team is here to help and support our District and each and every one of you, our Brothers.

Masonic Development Course

We continue to work on scheduling a MDC for this Spring. The details are forthcoming. I will be attempting to contact every Lodge and new Brother to promote this event. I need the Masters and Secretaries to help promote this important training as well as provide me with the contact information for new Brothers and any other Brothers interested in attending.

Key Word - Harmony

The word Harmony (noun) according to the *Encarta Dictionary* means a situation in which there is friendly agreement or accord. It is essential that harmony be maintained in our Lodge rooms. The following of proper etiquette is necessary in order to maintain harmony.

For example, every Brother who wishes to be heard in Lodge should rise at a proper time and come to the Sign of Fidelity. He should then wait to be verbally recognized by the Worshipful Master. All comments should be

added a couple of different items to the agenda in order to make it more interesting. One of those items was adding a couple of Sections of the Constitutions and By-Laws at each meeting. How many Lodges out there have the "Blue Book" in their respective Lodge, yet never venture inside?

For March, he included two ... **Section 769 Libraries** and **Section 980** that states "Permitting Work to be Done by a Qualified Brother." Basically, it says the Master may call upon any qualified Brother in the Lodge to fill the place of any Officer that is temporarily absent. It is his prerogative to delegate to any person whom he desires the performance of any particular part of the Work. As an example, if the Master feels uncomfortable, for instance, doing balloting, he can call upon someone to do it for that segment of the program. As we have indicated before and in the *Road to the East*, the Master of a Lodge has many prerogatives upon which he can act. It is the Master's exclusive right to do so.

As we crisscross the District, we meet and get to know many great Brothers. A couple of weeks ago, I volunteered to help the Brothers of Clio Lodge clean out their boiler room and in the process had a chance to talk to Brother Stu Brickman, also a Past Master of the Lodge. In our discussions, as we were packing up unused china, he mentioned he was a potter and had a booth at the Antique Co-Op on West Ridge Road. He mentioned he will do custom work, so stop in and see him sometime.

Again, all of us on the Leadership Team are here to assist you and your Lodge. With Installations coming up, give us advanced notice and we will be happy to help you out. As you receive this, several of us will be traveling to Grand Lodge in New York. We will report through this venue upon our return.

As Brother Red Skeleton always said in his closing, "May God Bless." x

directed to the Worshipful Master only. There should be no cross talk and no other Brother should be addressed unless the Worshipful Master grants explicit permission. The Master must maintain this etiquette and not allow any variation from it.

Another example of maintaining harmony is to use constraint with regard to making derogatory comments about others or being openly and outwardly critical of others. Our Ritual teaches us to whisper wise cautions in the ear of an erring Brother and warn him of approaching danger. This means to offer advice or guidance privately and not to publicly demean and/or belittle them.

There are many other examples of where harmony may be disturbed. I suggest you ask yourself this question; what is the Masonic thing to do? The answer you come to will almost certainly lead you down the correct path.

For Worshipful Masters ... please remember, you have the power and responsibility to maintain harmony and you have an important tool to help you do this. That tool was the subject of last month's key word, the **Gavel**. Please remember always that **Harmony** is the support of all institutions, especially this of ours. x

Grand Steward

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By the time you read this article Easter has come and gone. Dody and I hope everyone had a blessed Easter. We are spending the week prior to Grand Lodge in Virginia Beach. I truly need the warm weather. As some of you know, since losing all the weight, I have become "cold intolerant." Or maybe it's just old age.

The 228th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York is convening May 4th. It would be great if all of Monroe District attends. Ask John Zabel about the power we in Upstate New York would have, if only we would show up at Grand Lodge.

Calling Masters & Wardens!

I am sending out a call to all the Masters and Wardens of the Monroe District ... do you know the dates, times and locations of the Masters & Wardens meetings? If not, please contact Worshipful Bill Flesher of Oatka Lodge. His email is:

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Turnout for the meetings, to say the least, has been terrible!
Take One Day at a Time
The most useless thing to do ... WORRY;

The greatest joy ... Giving;
The most satisfying work ... Helping others;
The most crippling failure disease ... Excuses;
The most endangered species ... Dedicated leaders;
The most prized possession ... Integrity.

We Can Help

As always, if we as District Officers can be of assistance to you or your Lodge, feel free to contact any one of us. We are willing to attend your programs, Lodge meetings, etc. We only ask for advance notice. Don't 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. ✕

able and the Master should not allow it; and he should instruct his Lodge as such.

(Sidebar note ... Whatever changes are made to our Ritual is governed by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge as recommended by "The Custodians of the Work." If accepted, it is then passed on to the Grand Lecturer and his AGLs by the Custodians and imparted by the said Grand Lecturer and his AGLs to the Brethren.)

R. W. John Zabel, Past Monroe AGL and DDGM and presently appointed Monroe District Etiquette and Protocol Representative was at the School of Ritual and concurs with the information given then and now as to leaving and entering a working Lodge.

On April 4th I talked by phone to the Grand Lecturer, R. W. Charles Toombs. I have found our Grand Lecturer to be a quiet and somewhat laid-back fellow who gives his opinions or directions in the same manner. He had been "traveling" in the New York Metro Area for the past five weeks and wanted to know what was happening in our Area. I explained the above-mentioned Senior Warden/Junior Warden item and asked for his opinion so I could put it in this article. I must have pushed a turbo-boost button because his voice went up an octave or two and he said, "Harry, we can't let this type of thing happen. Our Ritual must stay intact, protocol and etiquette has to adjust itself around our Ritual; if we lose the Ritual we have no future as a Fraternity." The turbo-boost somewhat burned itself out and I had to explain why our AGL Annual Report had not been sent to him.

Bottom line here, Brothers, if you need to leave a "still at work" Lodge meeting (read between the lines here), and the Master is busy, just quietly go to the Junior Deacon and have him let you out. Also, avoid shaking hands, and so on, along the South. Just leave quietly. If returning to the meeting, a Tiler knowing his job, will sound the usual alarm and you would re-enter in the normal fashion, or he will quietly let you back in; if, for instance, it is during a Degree or Lecture without an alarm.

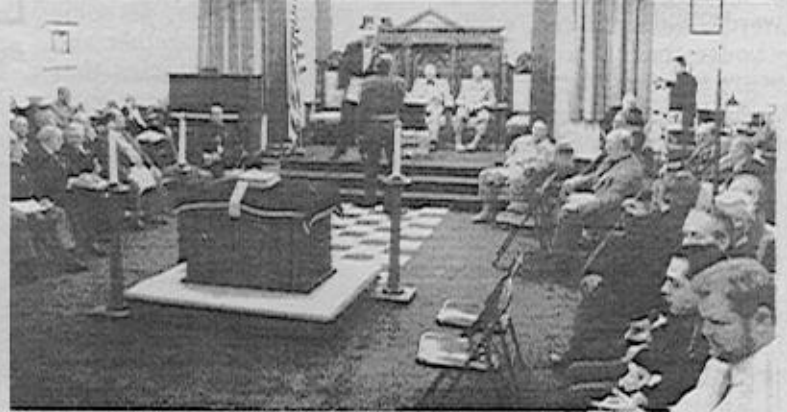
Joint Investiture Service

Our Joint Investiture Service will soon be here. To attend this Investiture Service, you must be a Worshipful Master, a Master-elect or a Past Master. It is scheduled for Friday, May 29th at the Fairport Masonic Hall, 87 South Main Street. Make your reservations by Wednesday, May 27th, for the Steak Dinner, which will be served at 6:30 p.m. The dress code for the evening should be Grand Lodge attire - tuxedo or dark suit; all should wear a jacket.

Make a reservation by email to Hugh or me at the above addresses; by phone, if necessary. Be advised, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Masters, please note ... we need the names of your Past Masters attending and the name of the Master-elect, no lump-sum number. Also, you need to bring a Bible and Square and Compasses.

We will have Proxies for the Worshipful Masters attending to sign at the Service giving the AGLs permission to do the work. If the Master-elect is attending with other than the Master, a Proxy signed by the



Two photos showing Brothers participating in the School of Ritual at Oatka Lodge Hall.

Worshipful Master giving permission to the AGLs to do the Investiture work will be needed. The Service starts at 7:30 p.m. under the leadership of our DDGM, Grand Lodge Officers and AGLs, assisted by members of the Monroe District Purple Club under the guidance of R. W. John Zabel, Vice-President of the Club.

Our guest speaker again this year will be R. W. Jim Sullivan, Past Grand Senior Warden and Grand Lecturer. R. W. Jim grew up in the Fairport Area, attended Fairport schools and is an Honorary Member of Fairport-Flower City and Wakan-Hubbard Lodges.

So mote it be. ✕



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By V. W. Harry DeHollander

The School of Ritual Attendance Banner will stay at Unity Lodge in Spencerport for another Masonic year. The banner will be presented to Unity Lodge by the Grand Lecturer, R. W. Charles Toombs, during his scheduled Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 23rd at Fairport Masonic Hall. The attendance at this year's three Schools has been outstanding; they have been at least equal to, or greater than, the last several four-a-year Schools.

On March 31st, at Oatka Lodge, according to the attendance sign-up sheets, there were 103 Brothers present. A short breakdown showed we had 10 of our 13 Monroe District Lodges present with 7 Masters, 49 Lodge Officers, 42 Monroe Brothers and 5 visitors from Livingston District.

My partner AGL, V. W. Hugh Woodside, and his family left the very next morning, driving to Florida for a much-needed two-week vacation. Hugh is our record keeper so a more detailed report will not be available until his return.

The record does show that less than four points separated Unity from Webster and a half-point separated Webster from Oatka.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the following attendees: DDGM of the Monroe District, R. W. Derek VanHouten; our two Grand Stewards, R. W. Mike Nohle and R. W. George Todd; DDGM of Livingston District, R. W. John Gallant; Livingston AGL, R. W. Roy Moses; Grand Lodge Membership Chairman and Potentate of

Damascus Shrine, R. W. Bruce Chilton; Grand Representative of Rio Grande do Norte of Brazil, R. W. Skip Waterstreet, Editor of the *Masonic Times*; and several active and past Grand Lodge members and DSAs.

What an outstanding evening! Over 100 Masonic Brothers shoulder to shoulder in that beautiful Lodge Room; I hope the photos taken can do justice to this gathering.

A little more than half the work Hugh and I had to discuss and exemplify was completed. There was just not enough room in the Lodge to do some of the scheduled work. Schools of Ritual most always raise some questions and sometimes controversy, which I feel is a good sign. It shows the Brothers are thinking, caring and interested in the Ritual, short for "The Standard Work and Lectures."

Of the many items we covered, there were two that seem to raise some interest. One item involves one word, of which we are researching the true Masonic history pronunciation. We will report our findings in a later article and at a future School of Ritual. Our preliminary research indicates to us it is pronounced as we instructed at the School.

The second item was a Brother's use of the Senior Warden or maybe even the Junior Warden when leaving a working Lodge if the Master is busy with other business. I said at the School of Ritual that this practice is not acceptable and should not be practiced. There is nothing in our Standard Work and Lecture Ritual Book that explains this custom. In sum and substance, a Brother is to step to the Altar, greet the Master and do the same upon exiting if the Lodge is still at work. This Ritual is explicitly explained by the Worshipful Master during the Altar work of the 3rd Degree.

The blue book of Masonic Law of New York also tells us we are not to add to, subtract from, alter or change the Ritual in any way. Any custom or habit or even protocol within a Master Mason Lodge that does so is not accept-

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Mark Your Calendar

Just a reminder ... there will not be a meeting in May. Our last meeting of this Masonic year will be on June 30th at Union Star Lodge, located at 3 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls. This meeting will provide an opportunity



By Erik Loepker, Chairman

My hat is off to the Brethren of Oatka Lodge ... or I should probably write, "Fort Oatka." They have jumped into the spirit of the Traveling Gavel with both feet, seized it by the horns and wrestled it into submission!

On Wednesday, April 8th, I visited their Lodge with a few of my fellow Brothers from Northfield Lodge - Brothers John Dudley, Jonathan Buck and Mark Edgecomb. My primary purpose in going was two-fold - primarily, I wanted to visit a new Lodge and spend an evening with some Brothers, both old and new, and secondarily, I wanted to see for myself a rumored defensive emplacement that had been erected before the Traveling Gavel by our military

Brethren. I'll talk more about that in a moment.

A tertiary reason for going was an attempt to reclaim the Gavel for Northfield Lodge, but alas, we failed to provide a sufficient number of Brethren to do so.

Our failure to do so produced a good-natured chuckle from our host Brethren, as they congratulated themselves on the fearsome qualities of their fortification. (See the photograph to view our thwarted attempt.)



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Traveling Gavel

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Let me emphasize once more, however, that obtaining the Gavel is just the icing on the cake; the real meat of the matter (to mix a metaphor) is to visit new and exciting Brethren, whom are often housed within old and interesting structures.

Oatka Lodge exemplifies this. The Brothers there are very approachable and embody a hearty Fraternal spirit, while the Lodge itself is a veritable treasure trove of history, with enticing knick-knacks, a functional bell-pull and an antique, hand-carved, mahogany awning over the East (supported by four, hand-carved pillars), among other items.

Our chagrin at failing to capture the Gavel was momentary, but was completely alleviated when we finally were able to admire their wily snare. The Brethren of Fort Oatka have placed a fox trap in front of the Traveling Gavel, which reclines

against the podium in the East. It's a small delight, but the very thought of doing something like that, not to mention the manner in which they liberated it from Union Star Lodge (10 smartly-uniformed soldier-Brothers escorting their Worshipful Master), fills me with a simple joy. Here are Brothers who are serious about having some fun; they want to get out and meet you and are more than ready to open their doors to you in return.

Do yourself a favor - get some of your Brothers together and overcome the obstacles that Fort Oatka places in your path. Even if you don't claim the Gavel, it's an amazing experience to reinforce the bonds of Fraternity while having fun along the way.

Fort Oatka...er, I mean Oatka Lodge, is located at 5 Browns Avenue, Scottsville. Their Communications meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. For further information, contact W.: Bill Flesher at phdoc007@yahoo.com. ✕

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By R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet

Brother Warren Doerrer was surprised to hear Eminent Joseph Oelgoetz ask the Worshipful Master, Kenneth Schumacher, to have the Marshal escort him to the East. Once there, Brother Oelgoetz presented him with the Gold Honor Award from the York Rite College of North America. It was given in recognition of his service and dedication over the years to the Lodge.



Eminent Joseph Oelgoetz presents Certificate and Pin to Brother Warren Doerrer.

3rd Degree

It was an exciting day for Craftsman Robertson Lodge on April 7th as we received three new Master Masons into our midst. Brother Aaron Hughes, Brother Robert Hughes (cousins) and Brother Eugene Smith, Jr. were Raised by the Shrine Degree Team.

Lodge opened early and recessed for a delicious Roast Beef Dinner served by Joy Woodley and her grandson, Nick Auclair.

At the sound of the gavel in the East, labor resumed and the Shrine Degree Team entered. Following introductions, the team assumed Chairs vacated by Craftsman Robertson Lodge Officers and proceeded to confer the Degree.



W.: Glen Ide attended Fellowshipcraft dinner with Brother Scott Rice.

Nobles who participated that evening were: William Combs; Harry DeHollander; Myron Dox; John Faro; Kevin Faro; J. Michael Grady; G. Thomas Grape; Ralph Jurgens; Donald Krech; Patrick Mulrooney; Michael Nohle; Donald Tubman; Charles Waterstreet; Oscar Wilson; and Derek VanHouten. In addition, several visiting Brothers and Lodge Brothers helped in the dramatization. Cake was served at the reception following the Degree.

Sickness and Distress

It was reported that Worshipful William Hook was recuperating at home, but that is untrue. As of April 16th (when I corrected this article) he was still in Hill Haven, still not able to walk without assistance. The new target date to go home was April 21st.

Sympathy of the Lodge is extended to the family of Brother David Lerner who died at the age of 94 on April 7th after a brief illness. Raised in Downey, California, in 1972, Brother David affiliated with our Lodge when he returned East in 1990.

It is with heartfelt sadness that I report the passing of Jayne Ogden, wife of Brother Robert Ogden. Bob was the long-time Secretary of Craftsman Lodge and assisted with many duties in the Lodge following our merger. Not too active in recent years due to his and Jayne's health issues, he remained loyal to the Craft and devoted to Jayne as illness riddled her body. A great lady has been called Home.

Fellowcraft

Celebrating the climax of the Masonic year, there were twenty-two Brothers who attended the Annual Fellowshipcraft Dinner at Rick's Prime Rib House. This pure social event is a great opportunity to have informal discussions without the concern of Lodge business.

President Ken Schumacher opened the nominations for new Officers. In typical Masonic fashion, Brother Robert Hughes (the elder) was unanimously elected President. No nominations were received for Secretary/Treasurer, to replace our late Brother, Leon VanHuben. After a long pause, Brother Tom Benson volunteered to serve in that capacity and was subsequently elected. These are one-

year renewable terms.

R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, District Deputy Grand Master and member, read from an article he downloaded from the Internet. It was the proceedings of a Celestial Lodge Meeting. Some of the names were surprising to the listeners.

Going around the table, Past Masters were asked to indicate the year(s) they served as Master of the Lodge. Reviving a tradition, dormant for a few years, a 50-50 raffle was held. Brother Tom Benson was the lucky man, and donated his winnings to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund.

Birthday Greetings

I keep trying to find a way to be unique in this portion of the column, but all I come up with is, "Happy Birthday!" We acknowledge this month: Edward Start and George Wilkinson (4th); one of our newest Brothers, Robert M. Hughes (10th); Paul Robertson (11th); Matthew Walicke (13th); John Steinkamp (18th); Terry Ramsey (21st); and Charles Freida (26th). All your Brothers wish you a joyous celebration on your day.

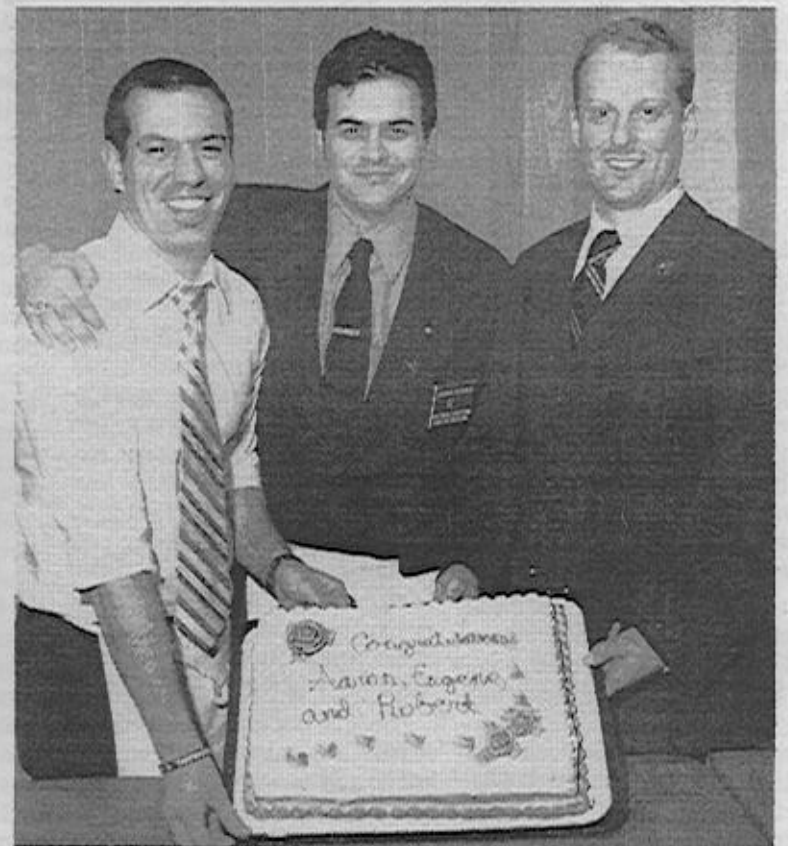
Merry Month of May

Such an exciting month! I believe that Worshipful Ken Schumacher will be in New York City for Grand Lodge Sessions. That means our meeting on the 5th will be a Move-Up Night for our Junior Officers. Come out and see how they do.

On the 12th, we will have our Officers Meeting and Steak Dinner at the Nutcracker. The price is \$15...nothing is getting any cheaper! The Calling Committee will be taking reservations; come one and all. Don't let the term "Officers Dinner" keep you from attending. It has always been an open meeting for all Brothers and is where the nitty-gritty of Lodge business gets hashed over before the Annual Meeting, which keeps that relatively short and sweet.

Then the big day - May 19th - when we will elect a new Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary. We will also approve the Annual Reports and a budget for the 2009-2010 Masonic year. We need you to come out to this meeting, learn what is going on, make your comments and suggestions and vote approval of the business.

I hope I'll see you there! ✕



New Brothers Robert Hughes, Aaron Hughes & Eugene Smith pose with celebratory cake.

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By Jon P. Getz

As Memorial Day and the unofficial start of Summer rapidly approaches, we look forward to taking advantage of the soon-to-be nice weather and plan some great events where Brothers can join in fun and fellowship. In addition to some future improvements to the Lodge, we hope to have a number of social events that will be enjoyed by all of the Brothers.

Lodge Happenings

Congratulations to all of the newly Raised Brothers and welcome to our Lodge. On behalf of W.: Lalik, the Lodge welcomes Brothers Richard Arrowood, Christopher Paul Bowles, Daniel James Switkowski and David A. Wilkinson.

To all who participated in the Raising of our new Master Masons, great job! If you weren't able to join us, you missed a delicious meal and a great Degree. Thanks to all who participated or assisted, with special thanks to R.:W.: Jim Sullivan who traveled from Lockport and

R.:W.: Mike Nohle from Webster. Jim and Mike are Honorary Members of Wakan-Hubbard who never miss an opportunity to join us for Degree Work, and their assistance is always offered with a smile.

It was also nice that the father of one of our new Brothers came from West Virginia to see his son's 3rd Degree tonight, which was special for everyone.

Sad News

It is with sadness that we report on the passing of Brother Robert S. Wetmore, March 12th and who is now with the Great Architect. Robert was a 50-year member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge and belonged to Scottish Rite and Shrine. On behalf of W.: Lalik, a special thank you to Brothers Mike DiCataldo, John Zabel and Don Bell, who officiated at the Masonic Service.

On behalf of all of the Brothers of Wakan-Hubbard, we express our condolences to the Blystone family as well as the Ruggieri family, who have recently lost loved ones.

Building News

We are hopeful that our new tenant will be in place soon. It is understood that the Town has granted the tentative tenant the sign application. We will continue to keep you updated on this important building news.

Upcoming Events

June 8th - Strawberry Shortcake and Sports Shirt Night

If there is any information a Brother would like to pass along, please do so. We still look for photos and stories as it is a valuable way to keep fellowship with Brothers who are not able to make the Lodge meetings. ✕

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This article will be short, because I told you most of what had happened in the last article.

Sickness and Distress

I don't have anything new under sickness and distress. Brothers, if you're injured or having health issues, please let us know. Call or drop Herb Spencer or me a line, even if you're feeling good and haven't had a chance to get to Lodge, just to say hello. We'd be glad to hear from you! Brothers, please help us with phone calls, visitation to those Brothers you know, and communicate back to the Lodge.

Officers' Meeting

Our Officers' Meeting was last week at the Ale House - I was very disappointed that only five of us were there again. Officers and Committee Members, we need your assistance (interested members are also welcome) - please be at the next one and please come when called for other events! See below for details.

I will not be at the May meeting. W.: Nelson Bertch will fill in for me in the East. Thanks, Nelson! We will be voting to send R.: W.: Richard Snyder to the Annual Meeting at Grand Lodge in New York. Thanks, Richard!

Our own Master Chef, Brother Chuck Skopinsky, will be cooking a meatloaf dinner for the next meeting. Be sure to be there. I'm sure it will be great!

Upcoming Events

May 5th - Officers' Meeting at the Ale House in Irondequoit; 6 p.m. - dinner, 6:45 p.m. - Meeting. Officers and Committee Members, we need your assistance and support (interested members are welcome also) Please be there!

May 12th - Annual Meeting - Reports, Nominations and Elections of Officers for next year. This is a Summoned Meeting.

Please join us for these important events. Call for more information and reservations: Michael Hueston, Cell-509-0606, or email: mph0523@frontiernet.net or Mike McBride, Home: (315) 904-4024; Work: 722-7714; Cell: 747-4978 or email: michael.c.mcbride@kodak.com.

Hope to see or hear from you all soon!

From the Secretary
Herbert Spencer

Annual Meeting

May 12th is a Summoned Meeting and we will have reports from the Treasurer, Secretary and the Trustees. We will have nominations and we will elect next year's Officers. The 2009-2010 Budget will be presented. In addition to taking care of serious business, we can also have a wonderful night of Brotherly love and social ability. Mark your calendar and come out for a great night. I will be looking for you.

Brotherhood Fund

As of this writing, the Lodge has contributed a little over \$3920 from 30 Brothers. My

Brothers, there is only one month left to this Campaign. I realize things might be tight for some, but this is a great and wonderful way to support our Fraternity in its charities. Send your checks in the amount you can afford to either me or directly to Grand Lodge. Don't forget to mention the charity to which you wish to give. Last year Valley-Simes was Number One in the District for dollars, but nowhere near the top in contributors. Let's do it. Checks should be made out to the "Masonic Brotherhood Fund."

Dues

I am glad to report that we only have 23 Brothers who have NOT paid their 2009 Dues. Don't get me wrong my Brothers; I think having only 23 Brothers in early April is good. NOW check your Dues cards and get current.

Birthday Greetings

Congratulations to the following Brothers who are celebrating their Birthday during the month of May. If you have any contact with these Brothers don't forget to wish them a very Happy Birthday.

Raul Fernandez (3rd), Andrew Bauridel (6th), Gordon Kotzin (14th), Robert Knyrim (22nd), Michael Houston (23rd), Timothy Babcock (24th), Gary Burke (26th), Daniel Miller (27th) and Russell Garrison (29th).

Masonic Anniversaries

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

- 1946 Russell Garrison
- 1950 Harry Steinorth, Jr.
- 1957 George Stear
- 1958 Raymond Sterling
- 1960 Donald Johnson
- 1961 Richard Lippincott
- 1965 Gary Lind and Wesley Warren, Jr.

- 1973 David Long
- 1976 William Babcock Jr.
- 1979 Michael A. Robinson
- 1980 George Bundoc
- 1981 Joseph Gingold
- 1982 Timothy Babcock
- 1983 Richard DeCroce
- 1985 Edward Schmitt
- 1987 Michael McBride and David Ogden

Come to Lodge and let us break bread together. *

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Don't Miss the Ox Roast!

By Sean Noonan, Secretary

Greetings, Brothers and friends. Hopefully you'll get this issue before our 44th Annual Ox Roast Saturday, May 2nd. We'll be serving from 4 - 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

On March 17th, we held our 2nd Degree with R.: W.: Don Wright in the East. It was noted by R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, DDGM, who was in attendance that it was one of the best 2nd Degrees he has seen in awhile. In addition to our regular Of-

ficers who took part, R.: W.: George Todd presented the Working Tools and V.: W.: Harry DeHollander was in the South. W.: David Upham presented the Middle Chamber Lecture, which was outstanding.

New Brother

On April 21st we Raised our new Brother, Aaron Chasen, with yours truly in the East. Brother Mike Postilli, our Ritual Director, did another great job setting up this Degree and filling all the Chairs and parts. Brother Patrick Purcell assisted in Raising his good friend, Brother Chasen.

Spring Cleaning

We held a Lodge clean-up day in March with many Brothers helping out. One of the first to arrive was R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, DDGM, who pitched in along with everyone. Thanks, Brother Derek. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Grand Lodge will be in session as you read this issue. Our current Senior Warden, Brother Frank Celona, is representing Clio Lodge and his report will be in the June issue.

Upcoming Events

Our Nominating Committee will report Elections for the ensuing year at the May 5th meeting. Annual Election of Officers will be at our May 19th meeting.

The Monroe District Joint Investiture is May 29th at Fairport Masonic Hall, 87 South Main Street, Fairport. A steak dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and reservations are a must. Call me at 261-6311 if you are a Past Master and want to attend and support our new Master.

Installation of Officers will be held on June 2nd. More details to come.

Our last meeting of the season will be a Table Lodge presented by Junior Warden, Mike Postilli. More to come on this also.

Spaghetti Dinners

Remaining Spaghetti Dinners are May 13th, May 27th and June 10th.

For a Special Lady

In closing, let me relate what happened at our March 25th Spaghetti Dinner. In attendance was Ms. Doris Taber (mother of Sister Nancy Taber) who celebrated enrollment into the Century Club earlier this year. The spaghetti benders presented her a huge birthday cake and sang "Happy, Happy Birthday Baby" to the delight of all. When asked what keeps her so young she replied, "Keeping tabs on all the kids, especially Nancy and Bob." *

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It will be my good fortune to represent this Lodge at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in New York City the first week in May. I hope to bring back a good report at our first Communication on May 11th.

The meeting on May 11th will be a Summoned Meeting for the purpose of Election of Officers for the ensuing year. Annual Re-

ports and routine business will also be conducted at this time. Summons have been mailed out.

The Trestleboard can change almost without notice. The Lodge of Reflection Program had to be changed. The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was not available to be exemplified according to Scottish Rite Ritual. We did use a time-honored service. The 3rd Degree was conferred on April 20th with W.: Brother Thomas Goodrich, Master, in the East. This change of date was to accommodate the Candidates' schedules. Thank you for everyone's cooperation.

Sickness and Distress

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

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.

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

May Birthdays

The following Brothers will celebrate birthdays in May:

- Reed Patterson (1st), John Leonard (3rd), David Green and John Harris (6th), Bruce Budd (9th), Brett Shulman (10th), Alan Weinberg and Roy Forest (11th), Carl Dattel (16th), David Mawhiney and Craig Carey (17th), R. Clinton Emery and Jonathan Kirwan (19th), Kermit Moyer (28th) and Irving Katzman (30th). Happy birthday to all and wishing you a healthy year ahead.

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to our Brothers who were Raised during the month of May:

- 1944 Bill Cobb
 - 1951 Hugh Chittenden
 - 1954 Leonard Fulmer
 - 1956 Stanley Friedman
 - 1957 Harold Chait
 - 1959 Seymour Margolis, Philip Neivert and Alan Weinberg
 - 1960 Lee Rosenthal
 - 1969 Michael Marks
 - 1971 Frederick Edgecomb and Thomas Green
 - 1972 Philip Kaplan
 - 1973 Scott Clemons and Murray Russell
 - 1974 Daniel Barish, Thomas Goodrich, Gerald Greenberg and Robert Vandebush
 - 1976 Cyrus Kloner
 - 1977 Bernard Lazerson and John Lenzi
 - 1978 Allen Fowler and William Hockenerger
 - 1979 John Byam III
 - 1997 Scott Pellegrino
 - 1998 Stanley Chizuk
- I hope to meet with you around the Altar. *

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Congratulations to new Brothers Mark Armbruster and Brian McMukrough on being Raised to Master Mason on April 13th. W.: Scott May was in the East along with a full line of Union Star's finest. R.: W.: John Gallant, District Deputy of Livingston District, did the Historical Lecture. Thank you, John. The drama featured R.: W.: Gary Sanford as King Solomon and W.: John Williams as Hiram, King of Tyre. We at Union Star are very lucky to have so many talented actors. The Degree was preceded by a Chicken Dinner and a good time was had by all.

On April 19th, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., we held our First Pancake Breakfast. Food was plentiful and fellowship abounded. Special thanks to W.: Scott May and W.: Frank Habitzreuther for this great idea and hard work putting on such a special event. I know all who attended were treated to a great time.

A few thoughts with this being my final article as your Master. First let me say that being your Master has been an honor and privilege, the past two years. Most of the items on my agenda were accomplished and I feel I leave Union Star in a good state of affairs, but there is still much more to be done. I hope each and every one of you throw all your support behind W.: Scott May as he builds upon your record of the last two years. I say *your* because no man is an island and I could not have accomplished anything without your help.

Again, I thank you for the honor of being Master, and wish nothing but the best for you and Union Star in the future. *

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Installation of Officers
 Looking ahead to June, plan to attend an Open Installation of Officers on Thursday evening, June 4th. It is an opportune time to introduce a friend to Masonry and, in particular, to let people see why you're proud to be a Mason!



45-year Service Award being presented to Brother Wilbur Hinkston.



W.: Brother Paul Krueger receiving 30-year Service Award.



Brother James Pray receiving 20-year Service Award.

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New Brothers

Oatka Lodge has two new Master Masons, Brother James Mercado and Brother Steven Vachon. They both come to us from the U.S. Army Recruiting Command here in Rochester. These new Brothers will boost



Brothers James Mercado and Steven Vachon with the Brothers of Oatka Lodge.



W.: Bill Fleisher with newly Raised Brothers James Mercado and Steven Vachon.

our active membership to 83 members and we are not finished yet.

Support Degrees

April 8th was the Initiation of two new Candidates who hope to become Master Masons before the Lodge goes dark for the Summer. Their 2nd Degree will be May 20th, at a special Communication; and the 3rd Degree is scheduled for June 10th. Good luck to them. I am sure they will find the friendship and Brotherly love at Oatka to be what they expected.

April has been a very busy month for the Lodge, too. Brother Steve Phillips and the Lodge work party are getting back on schedule to finish the renovations in time for the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. Brother Tommy Nersinger, who is finally home from his vacation, has returned to keeping the Lodge looking good both inside and out. We really missed you, Brother Tom, while you were gone.

In case you haven't heard about the fantastic turnout on March 31st for the last School of Ritual held at Oatka Lodge, there were 103 Masons in attendance. We were in contention for the School of Ritual Attendance Banner, but missed the prize by a mere four points. Next year we will try harder to get this banner from its seemingly permanent home at Unity Lodge. Many of the veteran Brothers of Oatka came out to the School to help support our cause. Thanks to Brothers Ron Downes, Burt Brown and Lester Freer, to name a few. I know we were all concerned if our old school building could handle such a crowd in the Lodge Room, but she never even groaned when all were amassed for the School.

Cornerstone Laying

R.:W.: Don Tubman is proceeding with the plans for the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony on May 16th, but we believe the Grand Master will not be at-

tending due to complications following his open-heart surgery. While our thoughts and prayers are with the M.:W.: Brother Gilbert during his recuperation; we want him to know he is always welcome to come to Oatka any time he would like, even if it is just to see our gorgeous East.

I, however, do have some good news on the Ceremony Day itself. Last month I spoke to the Junior Grand Warden, R.:W.: Tom McMullen, and he told me that many of the Grand Line Officers are coming to the Ceremony along with the possibility of a Past Grand Master. Overall, it should be a great day.

Spaghetti Dinners

The Spaghetti Dinners have been enjoying greater and greater success. Our next dinner is May 30th and the last dinner for this Masonic Season will be June 27th, serving from 5-7 p.m. While the spaghetti will not be flung against the wall (alright it doesn't sound good, but it's the true Italian way of testing if is *al dente*) over the Summer, we have other events planned for July and August.

Summer Events

July will feature a Bar-B-Que of Ribs and Chicken for takeout or eating at the picnic area by the Lodge.

Of course, Scottsville Summerfest is the event for August with W.: Brother and Master Chef Larry Blazey cooking up his mean Chicken Bar-B-Que for the folks.

As an added happening, there are plans to hold a Masonic Garage Sale in front of the Lodge that day as well. Brother Brennan Coon will be organizing this fundraiser. The idea is to have the Brothers bring items to sell in front of the Lodge. The Lodge would get 10% of the proceeds. Each Brother would still make some money at the sale and the Lodge can benefit from the sales, as well.

MORE LODGE NEWS ON PAGE 17

We extend our gratitude to W.: Richard Shellman (Questions and Answers) and W.: Ray Crandall (Middle Chamber Lecture) from Seneca Lodge for their assistance in passing our newest class to the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 19th. It was an extraordinarily fine Degree by all measurements. My sincere thanks to all participants.

Accolades to the 22 Brothers from Webster Lodge who attended the School of Ritual at Oatka Lodge on March 31st. Unity Lodge felt the pressure as only four points separated the top three contenders. We were in the top three, but Unity managed to retain the Banner for another year.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Ridgecrest Community Center was the beneficiary of our Spaghetti Dinner Community Service Charity in the month of April. One hundred sixty dinners were served. Missing this month, from those who usually attend, were Brother Harry Brewer and his wife, Vivian. It was learned that they were celebrating 60 years of marital bliss!

The May Spaghetti Dinner will be on **Friday, May 1st.**

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be a Summoned Communication, to be held on May 21st. A dinner will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are to be made before noon, Tuesday, May 19th, through our Junior Warden, Scott Cronk, email: ssc538@yahoo.com or phone 301-5989. Please, Brothers, don't wait until the deadline to reserve your dinner!

Joint Investiture Service

Past Masters interested in attending the Monroe District Joint Investiture Service on May 29th, should inform me by May 26th, if dinner is desired on that night. The usual Steak Dinner



Brother Emil Schirano receiving Award for 30 years of Service.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
 Friday, May 1st
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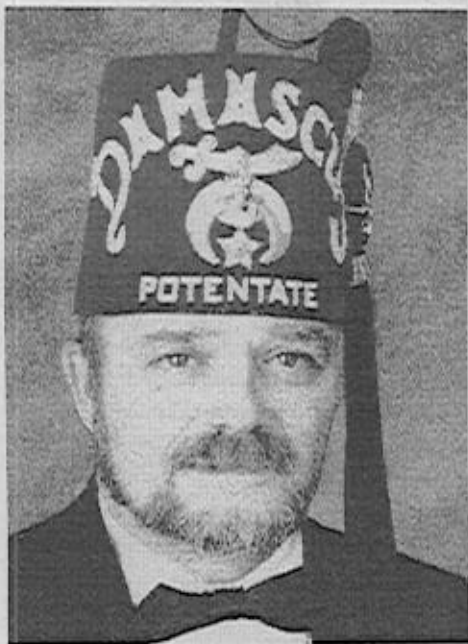
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BRUCE CHILTON
POTENTATE

New Members

I am writing this article with the anticipation that we will have a plus in our membership numbers in 2009. That's been a goal for Damascus members for a number of years and it's my hope this Divan will accomplish this feat. We are thrilled to say that, as of this writing, we have 39 Petitions in hand.

The very successful Noble Bring-a-Friend Program that was planned and executed by our Membership Chairman, Gary Burke, and the Vice-Chair, Eric Lubberts, with the assistance of the Divan, also produced 10 or more Petitions for local Blue Lodges. It was a very successful event and shows what competence and dedication can accomplish. As this article will come out very shortly before the actual May 9th Program, I'll wait until next month to report on the Ceremonial.

Circus

Your Chief Rabban asked me to announce that we will be having a Circus in 2010 in the month of February - the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. He is thrilled! We have researched this and are confident we can have a successful Circus in the new-to-us venue of the Dome Arena in Henrietta. The Circus Co-Chairmen are working on the event and will be supplying details of the Circus up until the actual date.

The Dome Arena holds fewer people, by a long shot, but we have the potential of drawing many more for total numbers because we will be holding more shows. The downside is that we will not have

any part of the food concessions, but we will be able to sell novelties and can get a share of the parking fees. The promoter is, again, Hamid Circus. He feels he can still put a full Three-Ring Circus on for us. Our Clowns will be able to do as much as they have in the past, and we will still be able to be a part of all the rides. As the event will run for four days (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday), we will again be having the Circus Daddy Program and already have a Noble who has volunteered to run that for us.

Important Issues

Allow me to take a minute to highlight the June meeting. The Divan will be dressing down in their casual outfits, which consists of the new Divan golf shirt and black slacks. You, too, are invited to come to the meeting dressed in business casual. The program for the evening will be the issues that will be presented at the Imperial Convention in San Antonio. There is considerable talk about the possibility of closing hospitals in the system and two of the six being targeted are Erie and Springfield. There is also talk of accepting third-party payments.

The majority of your Divan, and definitely your three Representatives to the Imperial Session, will be at NYOSA on May 2nd where we will hear a lot on this topic and others because the Imperial Potentate will be in attendance. Please plan on coming to this meeting so you can tell your Representatives how you want them to vote. The three Representatives are elected by you, to represent you. They can't do that if they don't know how you want them to vote.

Parade Season

There will be upcoming emails and the Website can always be checked for the Parade dates. As of this writing, we are concentrating on the Lilac Parade, which is on May 9th; the line-up time is 8 a.m. Our new Colonel of the Units is Ed Wihlen. He has promised to have donuts and beverages available for all who show up.

This is a CALL OUT parade and, therefore, I hope to see many of you there. I saw an R NEWS Press release on this Parade. One of the things they bragged about was having the Damascus Shriners with their mini-cars in attendance, we don't want to let them down.

We have also committed to the Webster and Phelps Parades, and are considering the Clifton Springs Parade. I will notify you in the next article of all Parade dates and times.

I hope to see you in the quarries, but until then ... God Bless the Kids.

Damascus Shrine Ceremonial - May 9th

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

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

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

Highlights of the Day

- New Member Orientation beginning promptly at 2 p.m. All of our new Nobles and their Ladies will receive our "Damascus Shrine 101" so they feel comfortable with their membership. Registration for this will begin at 1:30 p.m.
 - Portrayal of the "Knickerbocker Degree" ... Damascus' very own. This will begin at approximately 3 p.m.
 - The infamous Fez Presentation by R.: W.: Paul Gleason
 - The Red Rose Ceremony for the Ladies
 - Presentation by Meghan Jensen who is an Erie Hospital patient.
 - Dinner - Baked Chicken, Meatballs in Sauce, Ziti, Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls & Butter.
 - Surprise presentations by the Potentate
- Reservations for dinner must be called into the Office at 585-671-7701 or the Reservation Line 585-671-3565 no later than Wednesday, May 6th at noon. *No walk-ins for dinner.* Cost for dinner is \$10 per person.

We expect this event will draw a large number of people, so early reservations are recommended. Don't wait and be disappointed, because space could be an issue for the day.

May 9th - A BIG Event for Damascus

By Bruce Chilton, Potentate

The count for the JOHN G. WIHLEN Class, on May 9th, is 39. That's right; 39 and we expect more!!! It's been a long time since we have seen that kind of a number and it will be an exciting day for Damascus! In the morning, we will be taking part in the Lilac Parade, so the days of a parade before a Ceremonial are back (kind of)! We even hope we may see the first of the beginning of our new Band performing in that parade.

The day will feature the Knickerbocker Degree, which we have been given permission to perform. We will also be doing the infamous Fez presentation by Paul Gleason and the ladies will Fez their spouses. The ladies will receive the traditional RED ROSE and pictures will be taken of every new Noble and his Lady for the purpose of publication in the *Damascus News*. There are other "surprises" in the works, like a Joe Shriner award.

John Wihlen is 98 years old and the month of May is significant for him. It will mark his 60th anniversary as a Shriner and also marks his 75th wedding anniversary. But near and dear to John is the fact that his great grandson, Mathew, will become a Shriner THAT day. This is a day you won't want to miss and it would be nice to see some faces who are on this email who haven't been seen. If you do decide to come, I would make the RSVPs ASAP. Since we have 39 Candidates who may bring a spouse, puts the count at 78 before we begin. Add to that the Divan, their spouses and the Top Line Signers and you can see we will fill up quickly. We do have a contingency plan and your early RSVP will help us with that decision.

I wanted to share the good news and hope to see you there!

DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collum

The Directors Staff members enjoyed a good dinner at Cheap Charlie's Restaurant in March.

Most members will receive the meeting notice by email as the Shrine is no longer sending out postcards. If you have a new email address or have not received an email about our coming activities, please send in your latest email address to the Shrine and request it be added to the Directors Staff email list. If you need a reminder of our next meeting, please contact me at (585) 217-9817.

Lilac Parade

The "Lilac Parade" will be the first parade this year to be held May 9th. Our members have a lot of fun at numerous parades each Summer. Some ride in old

cars and some ride on the Directors Staff Fire Truck. We have a place saved for you, so come out and smell the lilacs.

Spring Ceremonial

The "Spring Ceremonial Degree" is coming up on Saturday, May 9th. It starts in the afternoon and will finish after dinner. There will be no Directors Staff skits at this Ceremonial. Come and hear Meghan tell how the Erie Hospital helped her and the Wihlen family.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at a Restaurant in the Victor Area. Exact name of the restaurant to be announced by email. Social hour is 5:30 p.m. and dinner will start at 6 p.m. Ladies are welcome.

Until next time, God Bless!

Planning Ahead ...



135th Imperial Session

San Antonio, Texas
July 4-7, 2009

We have a block of 15 Rooms at the Convention Headquarters Hotel on the River Walk. A \$25 Binder Fee is required to secure a room; No Refunds.

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

My wife is still not awake and although I don't know how she can sleep through this wind, it is quiet and I can get the news out without knowing I have work to do.

A Short Story ... Feeling Good

I was working with the State Parks last night, giving a lifeguard exam for prospective Summer employees. I was explaining that if they only needed one part of the exam, we would move them to the front so they could have the rest of a beautiful day to take a walk and have some popcorn. They laughed and agreed. I said, "You can't enjoy the Shrine Circus without popcorn," and the laughter began. I said, "Have you been to the Shrine Circus?" You should have seen the hands go up! Made me feel real good.

Other things that make me feel good. The Coleman's are taking a family vacation. I'm guessing that Craig's, Steve's, and Dave's families as well. Bob said something about the beach, binoculars and girls. Paul Schenck is back in town and handing out "fireballs." Rich Nuhn is still cookin'. Joe Marshall thinks Spring is around the corner and has stopped his hibernation. Bob McManus has signed up for the April dinner. We've missed

you. I also have seen Bill Newcomb more than once this Spring and people say the groundhog only comes out once!

Ken Pollard has returned. I'm afraid he has done some cookin' himself as we have heard his bride has been under the weather. Ken, toasted cheese is not that difficult. Harry Dainty always has a smile on his face, what does he know that we ought to? Burt Ward is my favorite Shrine guy. "Why," you may ask? When Burt's there, the laughs keep coming. What a guy, we should all be as happy!

I have heard Larry Pritchard has returned to Auburn. What a trip to Florida he must have had! How many friends do you have down there? Glad you are back.

Hospital Support

I hope you have gotten a teddy bear or two to help out the Hospitals. I forgot to take mine to the March meeting. Not a great example on my part. Now, I get to look at the poor guys every day, wanting to be with a child and, instead, they are in the corner of my dining room.

May will be our Mother's Day Brunch. Look for mail in your in box or mailbox.

I leave you with this thought, is it better to hit a pothole or scrape the coldpatch off your car?

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Alice Anderson

We had another great time at the Lumberyard Restaurant for our March meeting.

Ken Buckley and Doug Wilson put on a presentation about hard and soft woods - used as floors, walls and ceilings. Everyone present was amazed at how interesting it was and I think most of us walked away with a lot of information. Ken and Doug work at Dansville Dimension, located at 10903 Route 36 South, Dansville. The parent company, Dansville Logging and Lumber Corporation, has been engaged in harvesting select softwood and hardwood trees since the Turn of the Century. This company is now in its third generation. The family owned and operated business, produces over three million board-feet a year of the highest quality lumber, veneer logs, and retail wood products in the area.



Ken Buckley and Doug Wilson were guest speakers at Perry meeting.

The DEC Officer told them they are the only one left in the State who uses only New York trees. Samples were brought for us to guess the types of wood. They included Basswood, soft and

hard Maple (hard maple also produces maple syrup), Tiger Maple, Cherry, Walnut, Ash, etc. The company ships to Florida, California and New Jersey. At one time they shipped overseas, but with the bug infestation, that has stopped.

They cut the wood, place it in the wood kiln that dries 10,000 board feet, plane it, rip saw and then chop saw to trim ends. The longest drying time is Oak wood, which takes 4-6 weeks to dry. They also do wall and ceiling coverings which are 3/4" thick - random-width solid woods are sold by the square foot. The kiln-dried hardwood lumber is 4/4 select and better grade priced per board foot.

They brought in White Pine, which is used for log cabins. They showed us a section of log cabin - it is tongue-and-groove construction with a felt strip between the logs for sealing. The grooves prevent it from warping. Lincoln logs contacted them some years ago. They also make siding that looks like a log cabin. It can be used both on the outside and inside of a house to make it look like a log cabin.

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Upcoming Events

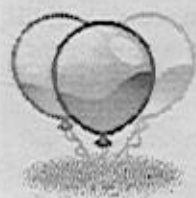
May 28th-Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant

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- Entertainment
- Shriner Bands
- Clothing and gift sales
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SHRINEABILIA

By *Derek VanHouten*

R.: W.: and Noble Skip Waterstreet approached me before the last Shrine meeting with a picture that was given to him he thought we would like. It was taken in 1925 and shows the Damascus Shrine Band on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City where The Imperial Sessions were held.

In the foreground of the picture are the 56 or so members of the band. In the background is one of the early Steel Piers and it looks like a rainy day. We will place this in the cabinet and encourage you to stop and look.

Also, this month we thank Ill. Harry Dainty for his donation of a liquor decanter from the 1983 Imperial Session in Denver, Colorado. The theme or design of the decanter is the Editorial Without Words and is a beautiful addition to our Collection.



By *Ellie Canfield, PQ*

Where, oh where, did Spring go? As I sit and write this article for Zama Temple No. 14, it's cold, gray and flakes of snow are drifting through the air. But my dear Grandma always said, "Honey, before Spring really comes it must snow on the Daffodils." OK, this has happened; let's get on with Spring.

On March 28th, Zama Temple held their 87th Annual Installation of Officers at Fairport Masonic Hall. Our new Queen is Nancy Lynch and her 2009 Elected Officers are:

Junior-Past Queen Lutgarda Houston
Pr. Royal Joan Davis
Pr. Tirzah Gail Sanford
Pr. Recorder Carol Colegrove
Pr. Banker Violet Ball

Appointive Officers are:

Pr. Marshal Donna Laundry
Pr. Chaplain Sula Baxter
Lady of the Keys Rosamond Hornung
Lady of the Gates Clara Moore
Pr. Nydia Patricia Lovett
Pr. Zuliaka Diane Muck
Pr. Zenobia Jessica Kerr
Pr. Zora Anne Mollon
Pr. Zuliema Delores Curtis
Pr. Musician Nancy Dainty
Attendants Deborah Burke & Debra Faro

Other Installation participants were:
Installing Officer Carol Colegrove
Installing Marshal Sharon Spencer
Installing Chaplain Carolyn Noble
Installing Attendant Ellie Canfield
Installing Attendant Sharon Baldwin
Installing Recorder Jean Friedrich

Our new Queen entered the Temple wearing a beautiful turquoise and beaded gown. After she was installed, Queen Nancy received flowers from her grandson, daughters and her husband, Roger. Junior Past Queen, Lutgarda Houston, signed the Bible. Queen Nancy gave her greetings and introduced her family and friends. Queen Nancy also had many members from Lilac Star Chapter

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

present and the Illustrious Potentate of Damascus Shrine, Bruce Chilton and First Lady, Sandy Kuehne. Zama's Pagantry Dancers entertained us. A reception and dinner followed at the Green Lantern Inn.

Upcoming Events

Queen Nancy has a year planned and for which there is something for everyone to enjoy and in which to participate. May 9th is our Spring Ceremonial.

The Queen's Luncheon is scheduled for May 30th at the Burgundy Basin. More information to follow. Just a little note about the Queen's Luncheon... This is a sendoff to our Queen just before going to Supreme Sessions.

Supreme Sessions are June 7th - 11th in London, Ontario.

The Supreme Queen's Visit will be Monday, July 20th at Fairport Masonic Hall, with a banquet at the Country House. There will be more information on this also.

There are other activities and fundraisers planned for the year and as the year goes on I will inform you through the **Masonic Times** or, better yet, look for Zama's Newsletter.

Speaking of Zama's Newsletter ... should you have an email address and would like to receive Zama's news on your computer, please let our Recorder, Carol Colegrove, P.Q. or our Newsletter Editor, Sharon Spencer, P.Q., know.

Remember if you do not attend Sessions, you will miss out on activities, making new friends and renewing the old.


Let's support our Queen and her Officers this year. There will be a lunch after every session. There is a schedule for every session as to who is responsible for the lunches.

Until next time, I leave you with this thought, "Youth's for an hour, beauty's a flower, but love is the jewel that wins the world." Our Queen Nancy says, "If you can Imagine it; Believe it; You can Achieve it."

**Calendar Winners
for March**

DAY	NO.	WINNER
3/1	681	Damascus Shrine
3/2	347	Barbara Marren
3/3	116	Robert Bliss
3/4	570	Damascus Shrine
3/5	722	Damascus Shrine
3/6	533	Matt Keenen
3/7	854	Catherine Russell
3/8	561	Damascus Shrine
3/9	182	Damascus Shrine
3/10	095	Michael Rusin
3/11	207	Karen Radecher
3/12	761	Damascus Shrine
3/13	857	Elizabeth Fallon
3/14	043	Mark Arlauckas
3/15	078	Damascus Shrine
3/16	018	JoAnn Crider
3/17	199	Robert Bills
3/18	308	Damascus Shrine
3/19	094	Paul Llacqua
3/20	342	James VanSlyke
3/21	913	Damascus Shrine
3/22	284	Lori Gray
3/23	183	Damascus Shrine
3/24	071	Damascus Shrine
3/25	259	Carol Bailey
3/26	246	Cindy Bodner
3/27	082	Bob Stone
3/28	091	Richard Trescott
3/29	400	Faye Pritchard
3/30	656	Damascus Shrine
3/31	173	Damascus Shrine

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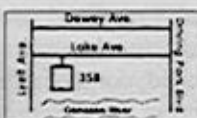
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Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

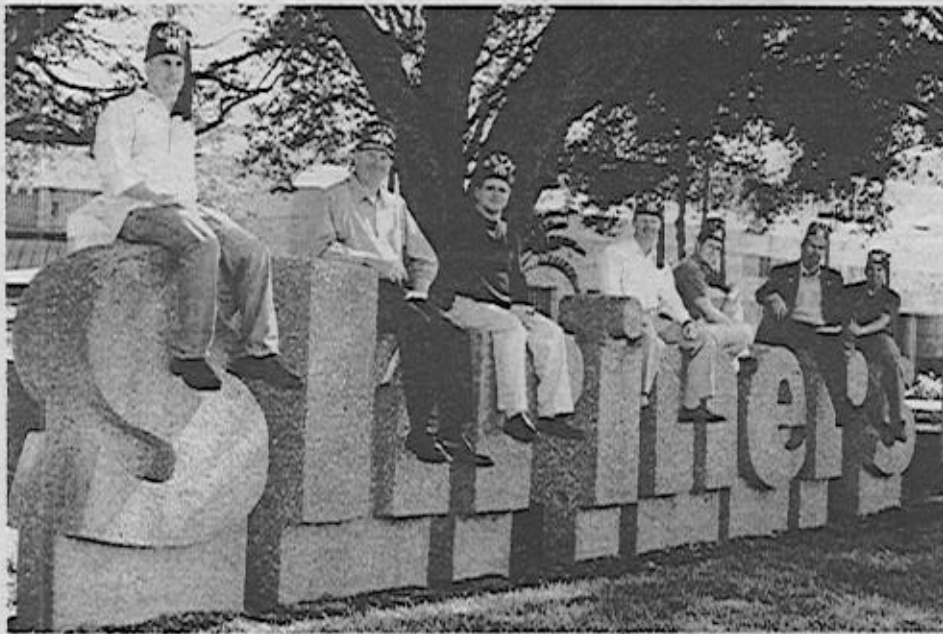
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Attire: Officers & Past Commanders should wear a Tux or Dark Suit ... and, of course, your Fez!

Shriners International Positions Itself for Membership Growth



When people think of the Shriners organization, they may think of tradition and the trappings of a 136-year-old fraternity. "Modern" and "contemporary" aren't words that come readily to mind in describing the Shriners – at least it hasn't been the case in the past.

In the last year-and-a-half, a national marketing and branding campaign has brought a new awareness of Shriners Hospitals for Children, the official philanthropy of Shriners International, to millions of people. Now it is the Fraternity's turn. Shriners of North America, henceforth known as Shriners International, is embarking on an effort to update its look and image, and the media and general public are taking notice. Recently, the *Chicago News-Tribune* noted the contemporary approach the organization is using to appeal to younger audiences, citing the Justin Timberlake

Shriners Hospitals for Children Open – the Las Vegas stop on the PGA TOUR. The tournament garnered extensive coverage from major media outlets, including Fox News, CNN and Entertainment Tonight, as well as People, In Style and Las Vegas Golf magazines.



Shriners International

New Logo for Shriners

Shriners International is now utilizing the iconic fez as its logo (replacing the scimitar, star and crescent, which has been used since 1872) to modernize the look of materials, and is developing strategies to encourage younger members to join the organization. The latter includes partnering with college fraternities to educate mem-

bers about Shriners International. In addition, temples (chapters) are offering more family-oriented activities.

Local Shriners are also being encouraged to create interest groups, or "units," that appeal to younger members. A unique example is the "Wild Fez" Unit from Maskat Shriners in Wichita Falls, Texas. Members of this group, who are mostly in their 20s and 30s, raise money for their temple by organizing an annual concert they call "ShrineFest." Units like the Wild Fezes are growing increasingly popular and help the public learn more about the Shriners fraternity. These groups also help keep younger members involved in the organization and their communities.

The Fraternity has also established a presence within several social media sites in an effort to engage younger members and potential members. Currently, the Fraternity manages a MySpace page at myspace.com/shrinershq and can be found on Twitter at twitter.com/shriners. Participation in other sites, such as Flickr, is in the works.

The decision to rename the Fraternity Shriners International was made to more clearly reflect the worldwide reach and relevance of the Shriners organization, especially with members in several countries hoping to create new Shriners temples in the near future. While the Fraternity is taking on a new look and attitude, the mission of its philanthropy remains the same – to continue to support Shriners Hospitals for Children.

For Information About Joining Shriners International

- Visit www.shrinershq.org/shrine
- Email membership@shrinenet.org
- Call (800) 537-4746



Clowns' 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt

By Rosco (Oscar Wilson)

April 5th was a beautiful day and the "Damascus Shrine Clowns" and the "Clowning for Fun" Clowns came together to host their 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Shrine Center. A total of 71 children and their parents attended the event. Of those attending, 15 children were related to Shriners/Masons and the rest of the children were from the neighborhood and came because of the sign out front. They were all treated to popcorn, cookies and refreshments which were coordinated by Schnitzel (Ron Williams).

Janine Lubberts, *Jelly Bean* (Onna Hellaby) and *Loopy* (Eric Lubberts) did a great job of registering the participants. *Daisy* (Kelly Weber) assisted the children as they colored their Easter coloring pages. *Smirky* (Gary Burke) and *Whoopies Daisy* (Sharon Peck) did a great job entertaining children with games. *Whoopies Daisy* also did a super puppet show. I thank *Country* (John Hellaby), *DeeDee* (Deanna Wihlen), and *Mismatch* (Sharon Lewis) for helping out where needed. Steve Sills provided the bagged popcorn.



Don Tubman, *Too Tall* (Tom Perrone) and Kathryn Gurnett did a great job with the Child Identification Program. They processed about 50 children during the

Damascus Shriners! Clip and Save!

2009 Dinners for the Wednesday Night Shrine Meetings

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By Andy Rueby



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event. I also thank our friends from West Webster Fire Department who brought a ladder truck and the Town of Webster Police who provided us with Officer Pete and his cruiser. The children enjoyed the chance to look at or sit in both vehicles.

My thanks to all who participated and I look forward to this becoming another successful annual event. This was a great event for the clown groups and great public relations for Damascus Shrine. Both clown groups are scheduling the 2010 Easter Egg Hunt for March 28th. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss it!!!



Photos above from Noble Bring-a-Brother/Friend Night-April 4th
Photos below from Table Lodge, April 1st Meeting

Noble Richard Friedman, Assistant Rabban, Toastmaster for the Table Lodge event at the April Shrine Meeting, enlisted the aid of Past Potentates and Nobles to make the Toasts and lead in the singing of tunes associated with the program.



Masonic Veterans Service



R. W. Thomas M. Paglia
Committee Chairman
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Support the Veterans Memorial Welcome Building

By Tom Paglia

In the *Emessay Notes*, published by the Masonic Service Association of America, it was stated that during the District meetings in Vermont, Masons who attended the meetings helped raise funds for a Welcome Building at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph Center, Vermont.

The Welcome Building will be situated at the entrance to the cemetery. The building will house maps of the cemetery, informational literature about the services of the facility and will be a welcoming point for those conducting and attending funerals.

This Spring, a stone plaque, commemorating support for Veterans, will be placed on the building at a Dedication Ceremony. Grand Master, Calvin Keyler, of Vermont said to the Brethren, "Your Grand Master sincerely thanks every Mason and the Lodges who donated to this very worthwhile project. It will demonstrate to all who enter the beautiful grounds the support of Vermont Freemasons for Veterans. It will certainly add another reason for all of us to be Proud to be Masons."

You Can Support, Too

It is my wish, as Chairman of the Masonic Veterans Service Committee and Co-Chairman of the Military Outreach Program of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, that all Masons reading this will support this project. If you wish to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor, kindly send a check, Marked "VT Vets Memorial Cemetery" to:

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Be sure to note your name, address and the Lodge to which you belong. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

May 25th
(Observed)
MEMORIAL DAY

By Tom Paglia, Masonic Veteran Service Committee Chairman
David Crawford, Co-Chairman

- Fly your Flag to Show Support for our Troops
- Give One Minute of Prayer
- If you know a Veteran, call them and express your gratitude for their courage
- If possible, visit a Veteran in the VA Medical Center near you
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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.

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Brother Erik Loepker, W.: David Adams and R.: W.: Derek VanHouten.



W Glenn Hedges, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and W.: David Adams.



W.: Donald Smith, W.: David Adams and R.: W.: Derek VanHouten.

By Erik Loepker, Jr.

Three more meetings, Brothers. Count 'em ... three! We've had a productive year; we've had some setbacks, learned some lessons, but also broke ahead in other areas. For the first time in several years, the Chairs have been filled by relatively new Brothers. It is a trend we fervently hope will continue.

It's not that we don't want participation from our experienced Brethren; in fact, guidance is always received gladly. Yet, one strong way to help good men become better is to allow them to take on responsibility and understand not only the headiness of power that comes with position, but also the sometimes onerous duties and liabilities that are part and parcel of the package.

It helps build character and fortifies the best qualities. Sometimes that burden of responsibility can feel overwhelming to someone who jumps in with both feet - that particular puddle can be a lot deeper than anticipated. But, that's when the more experienced Brethren offer their counsel. It can be just a word breathed into the ear at the right time, or maybe it requires a helping hand or more. But, all Brothers are there to help others on their journey.

Awards Presentations

And, what a journey it's been, eh? On April 2nd, Northfield Lodge held its Annual Awards Presentation Night. In attendance was R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, our DDGM, who helped in distributing awards and also gave a presentation of his own. The recipients this year were W.: Brother John Dudley, 2007 Mason of the Year (this award was neglected at last year's ceremony); Brother James Deasey III, 2008 Mason of the Year; Brother Jason C. Zona, Most Improved Ritual; and Brother Erik Loepker, Outstanding Ritualist.



Brother James Deasey III, W.: David Adams and R.: W.: Derek VanHouten.



W.: David Adams, Brother Jason Zona and R.: W.: Derek VanHouten.

Additionally, Years of Service Awards were presented to Brother Ed Rummler (45 yrs), W.: Glenn Hedges (40 yrs), W.: Donald Smith (35 yrs) and R.: W.: William D. Spillaine (20 yrs).

After the Awards Ceremony, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten presented a lecture on the Celestial Lodge. It was an interesting essay that imagined entering a working Lodge of Freemasons, staffed by influential and famous Brethren of years gone by, including Presidents, entrepreneurs, writers, inventors and more. Many an eyebrow that night cocked up in recognition of a name that many didn't know was also the name of a Brother. It was very enlightening.

We've Been Busy

On April 8th, Brothers John Dudley, Jonathan Buck, Mark Edgecomb and Erik Loepker visited Oatka Lodge to meet our Brethren there, assist them with their 1st Degree (Brother Edgecomb stepped in as a Conductor), and try to liberate the Traveling Gavel. Alas, we failed to secure the Gavel, having an insufficient number of Brothers, but the dinner was sumptuous, and the camaraderie was wonderful. We'll definitely visit them again ... Gavel or not.

On April 11th, we assembled to perform one of our tri-annual Adopt-a-Highway Road Patrols. A two-mile hike, and once again, we've contributed to the good of the community.

On a similar, but subtler note, the Brethren of Northfield contributed to the community through our annual sponsoring of the Northfield Lodge T-Ball Team. Additionally, the Brethren voted to support paying for a banner on one of the fields giving recognition to our Lodge. The banner was designed through a cooperative effort of Brothers David Adams, James Deasey III, Erik Loepker and John Dudley.

Within the Lodge, W.: Adams decided to ask the Shrine Degree Team to come to our 3rd Degree on April 16th, when Brother Stephen Mitchener was Raised to Master Mason. We feted those in attendance on luxurious offerings from Rochester's own Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, and then the Lodge, was turned over to the Team so the regular Brethren could see the Ritual done by a quality group. As usual, copious notes were made and some

ideas will be introduced into our rehearsals.

Upcoming Events

May 7th - Annual Communication and our Elections for next year.

May 21st - A blowout is being planned for our Brother Bring-a-Brother Night. We plan to run our Rusty Nail Ritual for all those who've been shying away due to faulty memory.

June 4th - Our new Officers will be installed. The Lodge will then go dark until September.

It's been a real journey. We've done it well and will continue to do it. We look forward to sharing it with you.

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First, I extend my thanks to all of the Brothers who helped with our 3rd Degree. We had Brothers from Oatka and ERAC Lodges for support and help. So, again, thank you for all you do; we have a great bunch of Brothers.

Last meeting was the "Lodge of Remembrance," which is always a sad duty, but one that really shows the level of commitment of the Brothers passed, with over 100 years of combined service.

On a positive note, we had our Annual Widows Lunch and it was a grand day and nice to meet the widows of our demised Brothers.

Upcoming Events

- May 14th - Election of Officers
- May 28th - Installation of Officers; Wear Tux
- June 11th - Strawberry Social
- July 11th - Corn and Sausage Roast at the Lake

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The year is wrapping up and we have had a great time at ERAC this year. The 3rd Degree was very well attended and six new Brothers were Raised.

A special thanks to Brother Pat Mulrooney who has been an outstanding Ritual Director. I give a big thanks to the Offic-



John (Al) Hellaby, Jr. receiving Douglas MacArthur Award from R.: W.: Charles Waterstreet.

ers who have been most supportive this year.

A very special thanks to the Stewards for their zeal and effort in supporting the dinners and preparations.

Special thanks to the Triangle Girls for their support in helping to serve and clean up for all our Degrees and special events.

Also, thanks to all the guest speakers and program MCs. A

Grand thanks to the entire sideline of Brothers who attended and supported the programs and events. If not for you, ERAC Lodge would not be able to encompass thy Brother with the friendship and Brotherly love that has been the beacon and guiding light for the foundation upon which true Masonic spirit rests. To you and all members of ERAC, I humbly say THANKS.



(Left to right) Michael Hellaby, Onna Hellaby, Candy Hellaby, Bro. John Hellaby III and John (Al) Hellaby, Jr.



(Left to right) Roland Curtis, Bro. Leon Perkins, Joyce Curtis, Janet Morse, Delores Curtis, Bro. Robert Curtis, Onna Hellaby, Michael Hellaby, Candy Hellaby, Bro. John Hellaby III, John (Al) Hellaby, Jr. and Kelly Weber.



Newly Raised Brothers of ERAC Lodge, Front Row (l-r) Kristian Reninger, Kern Haynes, Matthew Muller and John "Matt" Wihlen. Back Row (l-r) Kyle Struble, W.: James Jenerson and James Holman. John G. Wihlen (99 yrs young) was present to see his Great Grandson, John "Matt" Wihlen receive his Degree.

UNITY
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Steak Dinner. Brothers Andy Alvarez, Byron Barnes, Rob Buchanan, Dan Donovan, John Lemke and Tom Perrone, along with Helga Jamele, worked together to produce an excellent meal. Thanks to all of them. Also, thanks to John Lemke who donated the potatoes, which he raised himself. It was great to see these Brothers working together in true Masonic fashion to get the job done. We look forward to more of this type of involvement by Brothers.

There were 42 Brothers in attendance at our meeting. The program for the evening consisted of two parts; the first part was the "Walk-About" for our two new Master Masons, Daniel Donovan and Byron Barnes. R.: W.: Brother Derek VanHouten conducted them about the Stations and places, introducing them to the Officers and explaining their duties and describing their various re-

Good News

The final School of Ritual for this year was held at Oatka Lodge with more than one hundred Brothers attending. I am pleased to report that Unity Lodge, by a very narrow margin, earned the Attendance Banner for another year. The Banner presentation will be at next year's Grand Lecturer's Convention.

Recent Events

Our March 23rd meeting got off to a good start with a Swiss

Unity Lodge

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galia. I am certain they learned a lot from this experience.

The second part of the program was a talk given by R.: W.: Brother Robert Strang, Past AGL and Past District Deputy of the Genesee-Wyoming District. Bob gave us a very spirited talk about our Ritual and his commitment to it, along with some amusing highlights of his experiences at his own Raising. It was a great program enjoyed by all.

Unity Lodge sponsored a blood drive at the Ogden Community Center on March 30th. Special thanks and apologies to R.: W.: Gene Brendel who got stuck with most of the duty. We must be more careful about this in the future.

Upcoming Events

May 11th - Election of Lodge Officers

May 25th - Memorial Day Holiday, NO MEETING

June 8th - Awards Night

June 15th - Annual Picnic, 6 p.m. at Pineway Ponds Park (Boetcher Lodge). Bring a dish-to-pass; the Lodge will supply meat and beverages.

Sickness and Distress

W.: Brother Edgar Means is seriously ill with cancer. He is a Past Master of our Lodge. His address is 3522 Brockport-Spencerport Road, Spencerport, NY 14559-9709. Phone 352-1531.

Norm Gauch also is recuperating at home from his injuries related to a fall during the Winter.

Jim Toogood continues to recuperate at home. Call Jim at 594-2189.

I have no news about W.: Norman Rollo. When I tried to call him, the number was no longer in service.

Bob Spaulding is home from Florida and pretty much recovered from gastro enteritis and some other things which hit him while there.

Renee Dombrowski, daughter of R.: W.: Don and Mickey Darrohn, has had additional corrective surgery and continues in rehabilitation after her snowmobile accident.

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

Birthdays

Best Wishes and many happy returns of the day to these

Brothers who are celebrating birthdays in the month of May: Robert D. Spaulding (2nd), Charles R. Frear (4th), Abram E. Hagerman and Joseph Rittler (8th), George E. Greenauer, Sr. (9th), Edward Hogle (15th), Josue M. Traverzo and Karl R. Williams (16th), Victor R. Gundrum, (18th), William Dunn (20th), Floyd R. Holmes and John A. Page (21st), Robert W. Knorr and Thomas E. Michielsen (23rd), Harry W. Buss (24th), Randolph K. Bloechl, Thomas E. Riddle and James E. Tellinghuisen (27th), Walter P. Pagel (28th) and William C. Collister (29th).

Masonic Anniversaries
Congratulations to these Brothers Raised to the Sublime Degree in the Month of May:

- 1947 - Alfred W. Allyn
- 1949 - Francis D. Morris
- 1952 - John R. Riess
- 1957 - Howard F. Gleffe
- 1959 - Frederick J. McCullough
- 1962 - Harold W. Ketchum, Sr., Earl G. Pearce and Kenneth R. Vanderbeck
- 1964 - Charles E. Daycock
- 1967 - Leslie Armstrong, Robert W. Jones, Walter Pagel and William M. Patrick
- 1969 - Wesley M. Evans and Allen J. Widrick
- 1970 - George Simon
- 1971 - Alvin H. Ingram and Jack S. Phillips, Jr.
- 1973 - William T. Hart and Robert F. VanKeuren
- 1976 - Charles Markham and Robert C. O'Hara
- 1977 - Arthur F. Brueningsen, Joseph J. Palazzo and Darwin C. Turner
- 1978 - William C. Chapman and Norman B. Rollo
- 1979 - Michael W. Mosehauer and Karl R. Williams
- 1980 - Robert R. Owen
- 1982 - Glen A. Gardner and Derek E. VanHouten
- 1986 - Robert E. Crystal
- 1991 - David J. Adams
- 1995 - Roger D. Colten, John E. Hennessy, Jr. and Jesse Noble, Jr.

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

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



Helga serves the Brothers.



R.: W.: Bob Strang receives Unity Commemorative Medallion



Dan Donovan, John Lemke, Andy Alvarez supervise Rob Buchanan mashing potatoes.



Filling up their plates with anticipation of a great meal.

Sound Off!

By R.: W.: Derek VanHouten

I find that as DDGM of the Monroe District, there are some nights when I can't sleep because I wake up dreaming about aspects of the District that bother me. My subconscious mind dwells on the subject to the point that I wake up and have to put it on paper. One of these is the lack of interest or lack of participation of some Lodges in attending Masters and Wardens meetings.

The situation goes back several years when a few Lodges felt that the distance to the meeting place was too far. There is no place in the District that can't be reached within a 30- to 45-minute drive on the modern system of roads we have in the area. I also know that family times are precious and sometimes taking your children to different events can be problematic. But, in most cases, the meetings are posted well in advance and last no more than an hour. In 2006-2008, when we held our meetings at a specific location, turnout was marginal with the same Lodges not seeming to care about attending.

With the new Officers for 2009, we decided to move the meetings to different Lodges to encourage more Brothers to attend. It seems that those same Lodges still don't feel it's necessary to attend.

It's very frustrating to the District Leadership Team and the Officers of the Masters and Wardens that these Lodges consistently don't participate.

We hear from those who attended in the 70s and 80s how they still get together on a yearly basis to renew old friendships and talk of the days past when the Masters and Wardens was a highly motivated group who worked closely together and enjoyed their fellowship. We acknowledge that times have changed. We are all, or so it seems, busier today with less free time at our disposal.

Having said that, the M&W's Association is even more important today. With email and instantaneous communication via "texting" messages and the like, it is still important to get together to meet and greet, exchange ideas, find out what Lodges are conferring Degrees, what Lodges need assistance in Degree work, planning for the following year's Grand Lodge Trip, meeting your counterparts, forming friendships and discussing problems that would otherwise not be attended.

It would be helpful, if at some meeting, all 39 qualified Masters and Wardens would show up. We currently have about 6 - 10 participants. The Masters and Wardens Association was created for you and is a chance for you to identify with your peers on a common ground where you may work and create policy for your respective Lodges. How can this be effective if you do not participate? We miss your presence and would hope that those whom this letter addresses (Craftsman Robertson, ERAC, Fairport-Flower City, Northfield, Wakan-Hubbard and Valley-Simes) would send a representative in the future.

The hour is late and now that this writer has addressed the issue, maybe I can get some sleep. x

Genesee-Wyoming

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By Doug Poole

We are coming into a very busy and important time in the life of your Lodge. A time when we need as many Brothers to attend and help set our tone for the coming year. This is when we need your input and experience. If we don't know your ideas, how can we incorporate them?

We are in for a few changes. Rumor has it we have a very interested Candidate in becoming Worshipful Master. Our current Master, Nevin Brick, has put in several very stressful years. There were many times he could have very easily walked away. We appreciate what you have done more than you will ever know, Nevin.

New Building Status

The ongoing fight to find a new Lodge building. We have the bad luck of living in a community where real estate has stayed reasonable. Our original plans have had to be revamped due to the economic conditions in the country. The last time the Lodge moved, they didn't have anything called Zoning Laws.

We do hope to have a new home by this Fall.

We have done a bit of Spring cleaning! When you don't own the building, you have an easy job. So what we did was purchase new white aprons and dress gloves. No more yellowed aprons and disposable photo processing white cotton gloves. And we also dusted Molly off and then Hesperus came and took her to Bergen. We miss her already, might be time for a road trip!

Birthdays

I must apologize to Brother Merton Reynolds for missing his birthday on April 23rd. He turned a very youthful 91! We missed his birth date as they were recorded before the men who joined in the 1970s. The old timers are recorded as January 1st of the year of birth. If you will let me know your birthday I will record it and add you to the list.

This also shows how important the *Masonic Times* articles are to our members. If we make a mistake in our information, I know the letters and phone calls will be coming. As a cost-cutting move, we considered dropping it. Its value is far greater than the subscription cost. We have this great tool if you only use it.

Until I hear differently we have two May birthdays - our Secretary, Doug Poole, on May 5th; then on May 22nd, one of our newest members, Rob Stiles.

Upcoming Events

Speaking of May, remember the Election of Officers will be on Wednesday, May 6th. And please remember the Brotherhood Fund!

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Conferral of 14th, 16th, 18th, 26th, 31st and 32nd Degrees

During this year's Spring Reunion, six Degrees were conferred: 14th Degree - Grand Elect Mason; 16th Degree - Prince of Jerusalem; 18th Degree - Knight of Rose Croix; 26th Degree - Friend and Brother Eternal; 31st Degree - Knight Aspirant; and, 32nd Degree - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. Each of the casts did a wonderful job conveying the message and meaning of the Degrees! Many thanks to the following Degree Teams:

14th Degree

Terry Adams, Garry Cranker, John Faro, George Fohner, Tom Goodrich, Rick Howe, Gordon Hubbell, John Lemke, Michael Morris, Joseph Oelgoetz, Charles Roberts, Don Tubman and Derek VanHouten;

16th Degree

Brian Bills, Angelo DiCataldo, Thomas Goodrich, Frank Habitzreuther, Phillip Hurwitz, Sy Kopen, John Lemke, Eric Lubberts, Greg Ludwig, Jim MacConnell, Michael McBride, Evar Miller, Patrick Mulrooney, Andrew Tascione, Donald Tubman and Derek VanHouten;

18th Degree

Joseph Bourey, John Faro, Donald Fox, Tom Goodrich, Frank Habitzreuther, Rick Howe, Bernard Lazerson, John Lemke, Eric Lubberts, Jim MacConnell and Pat Mulrooney;

26th Degree

Terry M. Adams, James Deasey, Frank Habitzreuther, Rick Howe, Phillip Hurwitz and Michael Morris and Joe Oelgoetz;

31st Degree

Garry Cranker, Harry DeHollander, Warren Doerr, Frank Gray, Gordon Hubbard, Robert Kimmel, John Lemke, Eric Lubberts, Evar Miller, Jim Miller, Craig Mollon, Pat Mulrooney, Joseph Oelgoetz, Don Tubman, Derek VanHouten, Ron Weber and John Zabel;

32nd Degree

Joseph Bourcy, James De Lorenzo, John Faro, Rick Howe, Gordon Hubbell, Robert Kimmel, Seymour Kopen, John Lemke, Michael Morris, Joe Oelgoetz, James Pray, Donald Rose, Gary Sanford, James Slocum, Donald Tubman and Derek VanHouten.

Directors/Support Staff

Serving as Degree Directors were: Joseph Bourcy (14th, 18th and 26th); Mike Dox (18th); Donald Tubman (16th); Rick Howe (31st) and Charles Hancock (32nd). John Zabel, John Faro and Mike Dox provided wardrobe support. John Zabel, Rick Howe, Jim Slocum, John Faro and Garry Cranker handled Staging and Lighting.

On behalf of this year's Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Class and the entire membership, thank you for the time, attention and care you took to prepare for the Degrees and for the dedication and support you give to the Valley of Rochester!

Upcoming Events

Reunion Banquet - May 1st

The Reunion Banquet welcoming the members of the Class to the Valley of Rochester and honoring Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, will take place on Friday, May 1st, at Penfield Country Club. Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.; Program at 7:30 p.m.

We will also be announcing the recipients for the 2009 Ill.: John B. Mullen, 33°, Distinguished Service Awards. Dress for the Banquet is semi-formal or tuxedo.

Election and Installation - May 21st

The Election and Installation of the 2009-2010 Valley of Rochester Officers will take place at our Stated Communication on May 21st at the Shrine Center. Social Hour - 5:30 p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m. and Program - 7:30 p.m. The menu will be Grilled Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad with Crumbly Bleu Cheese Dressing and Cheese with Fruit Topping; \$12 per person. Dinner reservations are required. Please call the Valley Office by noon on Monday, May 18th (phone 264-1160; or email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org).

WALK - Saturday, May 23rd

Mark your calendar and lace up your sneakers! This year the Annual "WALK to Help Chil-

dren with Dyslexia" is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd, starting at 10:30 a.m. in Perinton Park, Fairport.

The WALK and Family Picnic is being held to raise funds to sustain the tutoring program and to increase awareness in our community of the problems children with Dyslexia encounter. With greater awareness, more children can be diagnosed and treated. The Center provides free tutoring for children suffering from this neurological disorder that impedes reading and writing. As the children gain skills to overcome their roadblocks, their self-esteem is restored and they can succeed in the normal classroom setting.



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

Instruction is individualized and one-on-one - a program of far greater intensity than can be offered within the public schools. This professional tutoring service costs approximately \$5,000 per child per year, and is provided at no cost to the children or their families. In addition to helping students, public and private school teachers are being trained, free-of-charge, in the Orton-Gillingham approach of tutoring at the Learning Center. These skills are transferable into the teacher's classroom.

On behalf of the children in our community, thank you for your help and support!

Clambake and Steak Roast Saturday, July 11th

The 4th Annual Camp Morris Clambake and Steak Roast is Saturday, July 11, 2009. Mark your calendar now! Then come join in the country fun and fellowship.

2009 NYS Council of Deliberation July 24th-26th

The Valley of Rochester has the honor of serving as the Host Valley for this year's NYS Council of Deliberation (COD) meeting, July 24th - 26th, at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, NY. Illustrious Brothers John Zabel, 33°, and Robert Pedersen, 33°, are Committee co-chairs.

We will need 25 Valley of Rochester members in attendance to fulfill our commitment. We need your help! Since Bob Pedersen has relocated to Florida, please contact Ill.: John Zabel and let him know if you are able to help with one or more of the subcommittees.

Subcommittees/Chairpersons

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

Help - Donations Needed - Help

As a further request, in an effort to minimize the burden on the Valley's budget, we are asking members of the Valley to consider making donations of liquor to stock the Hospitality Room. Won't you please help the Valley out by donating an unopened bottle of liquor? We will come to you to accept your donation, or if you prefer, please bring it with you to the next Valley meeting (but please do not bring the liquor into the Lodge room). Please contact Phil Hurwitz at 720.6019 or phurwitz@frontiernet.net to make your donation.

Let us know

As always, if you know of any of our Brothers in sickness or distress, or in need of our help and support, please call the Valley Office, 264-1160, to let us know.

AASR Valley of Rochester 2008-2009 Officers

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Valley of Rochester 2009 Spring & Summer Program

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May 1st - Reunion Banquet  
at Penfield Country Club  
Honoring the Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33° Class  
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner Reservations Required

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May 21st - Election & Installation of Officers
at Shrine Center
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner Reservations Required

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May 23rd - Learning Center "Walk for Dyslexia"  
plus Family Picnic at Perinton Park

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

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

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

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

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Make your reservations On Time!
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity
(585) 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320
or Email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org

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Don't be Late!  
Late Reservations may have to be accepted  
on a Standby Basis only.

## Where is Betsy Ross?



Not the Lady,  
just her flag!

By Jack VanElzakker

The Betsy Ross Flag, belonging to the Consistory, disappeared from the Preparation Room at the Shrine.

We would appreciate any information leading to her return.

Thanks for helping.



## Remember the Brotherhood Fund





# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

James Toogood  
Monarch

Legion  
Clowns  
Caldron  
Historian



## Grand Historian



Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

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We welcomed our Monarch, James Toogood, back to our Board meeting on April 6th. He still has health issues.

On April 9th, our Grotto and Ladies were guests at a dinner and an Open Meeting of Lalla Rookh Caldron in Spencerport. Mighty Chosen One, Donna Laundry, conducted a most impressive meeting and informed us of many important facts of our money system.

At our Grotto meeting on the April 15th, we were entertained by the Boy Scouts of Otetiana Council, whose program was "To Train People to be Better Citizens." It was a very meaningful presentation.

This year is moving fast, the ESGA Spring Meeting was held in Batavia on April 17th-18th. Hosted by the Past-Presidents, Brad Mangel of Orak Grotto and Bob Chapman, of Zuleika Grotto Co-Chaired and it was a big success.

Our own Color Guard presented the Colors on Saturday. Also present was President Robert J. Lorenz, Jr., PM, of the Pennsylvania Grotto Association. Also we were honored to have President Lynn B. Miller, PM of the Ohio Grotto Association. It was a weekend long to be remembered by all who were there.

As President of the E.S.G.A., I have accepted an invitation to speak at the 228th Annual Com-

munication of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New York, being held May 4th-5th. Also attending will be E.S.G.A. Secretary, Ken Milner, and our Ladies.

### Sickness and Distress

It is with great sadness that I report on the passing of Prophet Frank J. Murrer, on March 17th, a member for 59 years.

Howard H. Topel had a pace-maker put in on March 23rd and is doing well.

Charles R. White has had a seventh stent put in. He is doing well and plans on returning home from Florida on April 25th.

If you know of any sickness or distress of any of our members, please advise any of our members so we can be aware of it. ✕

## Attend Grotto Meetings

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

Wednesday, May 13th  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Grotto Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
Shrine Center

Saturday, June 13th  
Golf Tournament  
Old Hickory Golf Course  
9:30 a.m. Tee Time

Sunday, July 12th  
Day at the Races  
Finger Lakes Race Track  
12 Noon

CLIP AND SAVE!  
Information  
Hot Line

271-7446 (Bernie)

## Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

Lalla Rookh Grotto has lost a very popular Prophet, and a tie to our past. Frank J. Murrer, Jr., born February 5, 1924, died March 17, 2009, at age 85. He was a Grotto member for 59 years. Frank was beloved by all that knew him.

A World War II Veteran; member of the Masonic War Veterans, Post 12, and Past Commander (several times) of Lalla Rookh Legion of Honor. He held the title of "Prophet of the Year." He also was a 60-year member of Unity Lodge in Spencerport.

Frank worked for Wegman's Grocery Store for a number of years before retiring, then worked part-time setting up displays for Keebler's Cookies. His hobbies were golf and bowling, before his knees gave out. He loved to play Euchre and any other card game you could mention.

I started calling him Uncle Frank and it always seemed the natural thing to say. Lalla Rookh has lost yet another long-time member who will be sadly missed by all.

"Frank was a good Prophet and Mason, a fine Gentleman and a true friend." ✕

your mother.

(Answers: D= New York and L= San Francisco. You can read the city and state at the bottom of the circle surrounding the letter. Also, the life span of a dollar bill is two years or less.) ✕



## Lalla Rookh Grotto presents A Day at the Races Sunday, July 12th

Open to all Masons, their Ladies and Friends!

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### LALLA ROOKH GROTTO "Day at the Races" July 12th

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

## Lalla Rookh Grotto Golf Tournament June 13th

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

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

We use the Callaway scoring system.

Entry Deadline is June 3rd

To make your reservation or get more information, call Dick Topel at 663-2547

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

LALLA ROOKH GROTTO GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 13th, 2009  
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how it is printed and distributed and what the various features on the front and back of a dollar bill mean. It was an enjoyable evening and we hope to continue events with the Grotto.

Grand Historian, Ken Hutchinson, provided me with some additional information to what I had prepared and Master of Ceremonies, Bernie Lazerson, added other tidbits of currency information. (Do you know that the letter in a circle to the left of George Washington's face on the front of every one-dollar bill identifies what Federal Reserve Bank put it into distribution? See answers below.)

### Upcoming Events

May 7th - Rehearsal for our upcoming Ceremonial will now be expanded to qualify as a stated meeting, in order to have the prescribed number of regu-

lar meetings.

May 14th - Our stated meeting will begin at 7 p.m. (rather than 7:30) to rehearse for our Supreme Visit on May 23rd. Due to a lapse on my part to reserve the Spencerport Lodge Rooms for that visit, the Supreme Visit will be held at the Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street. The meeting will be at 2 p.m. and we will be taking in two new members. Our Canadian members will be joining us and we will be combining with Aahmes Caldron (from Binghamton). We will arrange car-pooling where possible.

Since May is the month we celebrate Mother's Day, here is a Jewish proverb about mothers. "God couldn't be everywhere, so he created mothers." A Happy Mother's Day to all, whether you are a mother, can celebrate with your mother or have fond remembrances of

## Caldron News

By Donna Laundry, MCO

### Sickness and Distress

While most of our members have been well, we had a few concerns last month. Past Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Jean Wood, had to have toe surgery. She returned the same day to Hill Haven and is progressing nicely.

Past Mighty Chosen One, Cecil Losinger, fell in the entryway of her home on April Fool's Day (no joke) and broke her nose. After a trip to emergency, she bounced back nicely and vows not to become a prizefighter.

Linda Austin will be having quadruple bypass surgery in May. Good luck, Linda.

Dorothy Merritt has discovered she has a broken bone in her foot (no wonder it hurt) and is taking it easy.

June Gudgel-Nash had an infection but is recovering nicely.

### Honoring Prophets

Prior to our April 9th Open Meeting we enjoyed a Swiss Steak Dinner prepared by Joy Woodley. It was Prophets' Night and we had four Prophets from Lalla Rookh Grotto join us for dinner and the meeting. We were pleased to have some Eastern Star and Nile guests as well. It was an opportunity to let others know who we are.

The program that evening revolved around our "paper" money ... what it is made of,



# Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen

Whew!! The Tax Season rush is over. Now we can relax and turn our thoughts to Spring and Summer activities. Let us all enjoy the good and endure the bad; change what we can and let what we can't pass as quickly as possible.

### Mistakes!

Who makes mistakes? Everyone makes mistakes occasionally! If you filed your Tax Return before April 3rd and have not received your refund check yet, you may have made one or more of the following common mistakes made by individuals this year:

- 1) Choosing the wrong filing status. For example, taxpayers often incorrectly claim the "head of household" filing status without meeting the requirements for that status.
- 2) Failing to include or using incorrect social security numbers. As stated in an earlier article, the names and social security numbers included on a Return must agree exactly with your social security cards.
- 3) Failing to put your information on the correct line of the Return. Some list their taxable pension income on the line for Schedule E income and then on the New York State Return they try to deduct that pension on the line for federal adjustments. This frequently generates letters from both governments which upsets and scares the individual.
- 4) Did you sign and date your Return? If not, it will not be accepted until it is.
- 5) Did you claim a dependent that either does not qualify or claimed themselves on their own Return? College students file Returns without talking to their parents and can cause problems for them and their parents.
- 6) Failing to check if you are liable for the Alternative Minimum Tax. More taxpayers are becoming liable for the AMT because of the changing tax laws.
- 7) Recovery Rebate Credit - Many Returns filed in 2009 have errors involving the Recovery Rebate Credit, a credit for people who did not receive a stimulus payment in 2008 or who did not receive the maximum amount. To avoid delays in tax refunds, it is critical that taxpayers know whether they received a payment in 2008 and the correct amount of that stimulus payment.
- 8) Incorrect bank account numbers for Direct Deposit - If you are due a refund and requested direct deposit, did you check your financial institution routing and account numbers?

### Roth IRA

The Roth IRA is an attractive retirement and estate planning tool that appeals to many taxpayers for several reasons. Unlike a traditional IRA, contributions may be made to a Roth IRA by taxpayers at any age. Although taxpayers may not claim a tax deduction for contributions made to the Roth IRA, retirement savings will accumulate tax-free.

The deadline for making Roth IRA contributions for 2009 is April 15, 2010, even if the taxpayer has a filing extension. There are no mandatory distributions from Roth IRAs during the owner's lifetime, unlike the traditional IRA which mandates

required minimum distributions. The significant differences between traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs include the following:

- Eligibility to contribute to a Roth IRA is subject to special modified AGI limits.
- Contributions to a Roth IRA are never deductible, whereas contributions to a traditional IRA may be deductible.
- Qualified distributions from a Roth IRA will be tax-free and penalty-free provided the account has been open for at least five years and the taxpayer is over age 59 1/2, or has died, become disabled or is using the withdrawals (up to \$10,000) to purchase a first home.
- Owners of Roth IRAs need not make required minimum distributions which traditional IRA owners must make.
- Contributions may be made to a Roth IRA at any age.
- Roth IRAs are funded with after-tax dollars, so that beneficiaries who inherit a Roth IRA receive the assets tax free. With a traditional IRA, income tax is due on the inherited money because the IRA is funded with pretax dollars.

The maximum total yearly contribution that can be made for 2009 by an individual to all IRAs (traditional and Roth) is the greater of \$5,000 or the taxpayer's "compensation" for that year. Individuals who are age 50 by the end of the tax year may be able to make additional \$1,000 catch-up contributions to Roth IRAs for a total 2009 contribution of \$6,000. A contribution to a Roth IRA above the statutory limits generates a six-percent excise tax that is imposed each year until the excess contribution is eliminated.

A taxpayer whose modified adjusted gross income for a year does not exceed \$100,000 (and if married, files jointly) may convert an amount held in a non-Roth IRA (traditional IRA or SIMPLE IRA) to an amount held in a Roth IRA. If a taxpayer converts an amount held in a non-Roth IRA to a Roth IRA, the taxpayer must include the value of the non-Roth IRA being converted in gross income (to the extent the conversion is not a conversion of basis in the non-Roth IRA).

A conversion may be accomplished by means of a rollover, trustee-to-trustee transfer, or account re-designation. Regardless of the means used to convert, any amount converted from a non-Roth IRA to a Roth IRA is treated as distributed from the non-Roth IRA and rolled over to the Roth IRA. In the case of a conversion involving property, the conversion amount generally is the fair market value of the property on the date of distribution or the date the property is treated as distributed from the traditional IRA.

### What Tax Records to Keep

You probably already keep records in your daily routine. This includes keeping receipts for purchases and recording information in your checkbook. Keeping these and other records will help you avoid headaches at tax time. Good record keeping will help you remember the various transactions you made

during the year, which in turn may make filing your Return a less taxing experience.

Records help you document the deductions you've claimed on your Return. You'll need this documentation should the IRS select your Return for examination. **Normally, tax records should be kept for three years, but some documents — such as records relating to a home purchase or sale, stock transactions, IRA and business or rental property — should be kept longer.**

In most cases, the IRS does not require you to keep records in any special manner. Generally speaking, however, you should keep any and all documents that may have an impact

on your Federal Tax Return: Bills, Credit card and other receipts, Invoices, Mileage logs, Canceled, imaged or substitute checks or any other proof of payment, and Any other records to support deductions or credits you claim on your Return.

Good record keeping throughout the year saves you time and effort at tax time when organizing and completing your Return. If you hire a paid professional to complete your Return, the records you have kept will assist the Preparer in quickly and accurately completing your Return.

### Upcoming Due Dates

May 15th April Payroll Taxes  
May 15th Exempt Organization Returns

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

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## Golf, Golf, Golf!!



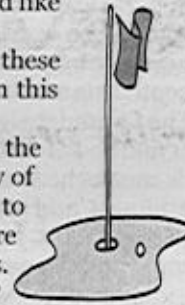
The sun is shining, the white balls are flying and now is the time to think GOLF!!! Come to Old Hickory Golf Course on June 13th and enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments on the course, food on the turn, Steak Dinner and prizes. Entry fee is only \$45 and we use the Callaway scoring system.

All Master Masons are welcome to come and "chase the ball." If you have a friend who is a Non-Mason and whom you would like to bring, he is more than welcome.

You'll be surprised who you meet at these affairs. Entry deadline is June 3rd. (See our ad in this *Masonic Times*.)

Lalla Rookh Grotto is a social organization of the Master Masons. Our purpose is to bring a quality of SYMPATHY and GOOD FELLOWSHIP not only to member Prophets, but to everyone. An atmosphere of good, clean fun and frolic prevails at all times. Our 2009 calendar has a year full of FRIENDSHIP and GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

If you have questions about the above program, please call Dick Topel at 663-2547.



## Future of Masonic Service Bureau Questionnaire

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Check all that apply)

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

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

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

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|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Assistance   | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Masonic Times</i>     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp DeMolay           | <input type="checkbox"/> Library                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |                                                   |

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

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

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

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

For example, the Monroe Masonic Directory, *Masonic Times*, and/or Website [www.monroemasonic.com](http://www.monroemasonic.com)

Yes  No  Not sure/Do not know

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

Yes  No

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for completing this survey.

Return completed survey to: Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester NY, Inc.

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# York Rite NEWS

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### Degrees

The Chapter has started the first of two Degree Cycles for the year. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred on April 23rd. Upcoming are the Past Master Degree and the Most Excellent Master Degree. These will be conferred on May 14th and 28th, respectively. Companions, we can use either your attendance at the Degrees or your involvement in the Degree as a participant - either major, minor or walk-on. The better the attendance and participation, the better the Degree's lessons are conveyed to the Candidates. If you are interested in participating in a Degree, give Companion Chuck Roberts or myself a call or email.

### Mark Master Mason

The Mark Master Mason Degree is the first of the four Chapter Degrees. In the Degree the Candidate learns about working and what can be considered as the product of his labors, metaphorically speaking. He also learns about receiving wages and what a contract for wages really means.

As part of the Degree, the Candidate is informed about the ancient tradition of a Master Mason's mark. In the Chapter the Candidate designed his own mark and has it recorded in the archives of the Chapter. The recording of the mark serves several purposes.

First, that the Master Mason has completed the Mark Master Mason Degree. Second, should he use his mark on something that can be identified as being related to the York Rite and a Chapter in particular, the Secretary of the Chapter could, by consulting the mark archive, determine who the mark belongs to and thereby return the item to the owning Brother.

Did early Masons use a mark to distinguish their work from others? Yes they did. How do I know this? Several years ago my wife and I traveled to the city of Prague in the Czech Republic. The St. Vitus Cathedral is in the City Castle, which also happens to be the seat of the Czech government. The Cathedral is open

to the public unless there is a special Mass being said. The Cathedral was started in 1344 and was finally completed, after many starts and stops, in the 1920s. While we were there, the Cathedral had an exhibit of Mason's Marks that had been found in the Cathedral over the years. The marks can be seen in the following picture.



The Mark Master Mason Degree is presented as a dramatic allegory. The Candidate takes part by following directions and instructions. The Candidate learns about work being inspected and accepted or rejected. He learns that important work may be overlooked sometimes as it may not conform to accepted standards.

The Candidate learns the correct method of receiving wages. This means he learns about being honest and truthful in accepting wages for work performed and the need to validate the identity of the wage receiver.

The Degree is based on several passages in the Bible and is built around the building of the second Temple in Jerusalem after the captivity in Babylon. It is more about the workers and less about the builders. Other Degrees talk about the builders. The Candidate is left with the task of discovering the true meaning of the Degree for himself. His meaning may be different than another Brother's, but that is the gift of Masonic Degrees.

With this short explanation of the Degree, if you are not a York Rite Mason, maybe this will peak your interest in becoming one.

### Lodge Program

As mentioned last month, the Chapter does have a program called "Fervency and Zeal," which is designed to be presented at a Lodge as a program about the York Rite and its Degrees. If your Lodge would be interested in this program (it's not long), please contact Companion Chuck Roberts or John Zabel to schedule it. The Chapter can be reached by email at secretary@hiram62ram.org or highpriest@hiram62ram.org.

Our web site is:

www.hiram62ram.org

and lists the Chapter program and other interesting information about the York Rite.

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

Gordon Lightfoot has a repertoire that is hard to match and impossible to forget. Those who attend this concert on June 25th at the Stanley Theatre will be treated to a wonderful musical blend of timeless classics as well as new tunes. See you and your family there.

Ticket prices are \$35-\$65 and may be purchased through Ticketmaster or the Stanley Theatre (315) 724-4000 as of April 1st. Proceeds benefit Cardiac Research at MMRL.

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### Upcoming Events

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

### Concern

Sir Knights, I have a real cause for concern due to the holes we have in our Officer Line. At the time of writing this article we have lost two promising Officers - one to job relo-

cation and another due to responsibilities in another Masonic organization. Additionally, we won't have a "non-past" Commander ready to take on the Commander's Mantle for another year. I have heard of no one interested in starting in Line. Therefore, we are left to fill the Chairs with Past Commanders.

### Your Help is Needed

I need your help! At a recent impromptu meeting, several of us discussed this issue. No one was willing to step up and fill the Commander's role. As I have been tapped to take on the Zone Commander's position for Zone 11, I feel strongly that I will have my hands full. We need a Past Commander to fill in for one year until our current Senior Warden can sit in the East (as Captain General), then proceed to the Commander's seat next May. We also need to dig deep and find Sir Knights who are willing to fill the seats of Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer and possibly Warder. With that said, we need someone to fill the seats of almost all Offices.

What I need from you is:

1) If you are willing to fill in as an

Officer, I need to know that now; and

2) If you know of someone who is interested in beginning his Journey through the Chairs, I need to know now.

I fear that if we do not have anyone step up and take on an Officer's role now, then Cyrene-Monroe Commandery would go dark for most of 2009/2010. We need you, now!

### Summer Operation

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

Have a wonderful Summer and God Bless!

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Sir Knights, Lady Marilyn and I are looking forward to the trip to Washington as we have made

many acquaintances throughout Western New York and enjoy seeing them again.

I thank everyone who contributed to make our Annual Inspection a success. Without the help of our sister Commanderies, Sagoyewatha Commandery would have been missing some key positions. The same can be said of elections. Without men stepping up, we regress instead of growing stronger.

I thank you all for the opportunity to be Commander this year. The changes in Tactics made for some interesting discussion. I've enjoyed working with our new Sir

Knights, Andy Richardson and John Krest. Both have jumped in and helped us in the West this year.

### Upcoming Events

Our May 16th Conclave will be the Installation of Officers. Our meeting will begin at 9 a.m. after breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:45 a.m. We will review plans for the Summer and potential candidates for the Fall.

Spring isn't really here yet and I'm writing about Fall. Boy, does time fly by!

Thank you to our Zone Commander, SK William C. Jones, for all his hard work keeping the Zone closely working together.

## Genesee York Rite College Meeting

Last Meeting Before Summer Recess!

### Saturday, May 9th

Sodus Masonic Hall

Social - 2 p.m.

Meeting - 3 p.m.

### Election and Installation of Officers

- ◆ Let's fill the Lodge Room and join your Companions before you start your Summer Vacation.
- ◆ Open to all Companions, regardless of where you live or what College you are with.
- ◆ Bring your favorite Lady with you. At the last meeting they were having such a good time, you could hear them in the Lodge Room Way to go, Ladies!

Tom Paglia, Pre-Eminent Governor

## Camp Turk

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sics from the 60s and 70s as well as material from the 80s, 90s and 2000s with equal ease. His newest album *Harmony* is a stunning collection of new and previously unreleased songs.

Treat yourself to the timeless classics such as *Ribbon of Darkness*, *Beautiful, For Lovin' Me*, *Sundown*, *Rainy Day People*, *Carefree Highway*, *If You Could Read My Mind*, *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald* and more.



# In Memoriam

### Baisch, Orren H.

Orren Baisch, 92, met his Maker on March 25th. Surviving are his wife, Frances, 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Orren was a member of Unity Lodge and Cyrene-Monroe Commandery. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

### Dutcher, Henry R., Jr.

Henry Dutcher, 85, departed from a lively life of accomplishments on April 16th. He leaves his wife, Dorothy, three children and four grandchildren to remember him. Henry was a Mason over 59 years and belonged to Seneca Lodge, Damascus Shriners and Royal Order of the Jesters. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

### Fischer, Howard O., Sr.

Wakan-Hubbard Lodge and Rochester Consistory mourn the passing of Howard Fischer, Sr., 95, on April 14th. Howard was a 50-year Mason and a World War II Veteran, serving in North Africa. His wife of 65 years, Lydia, 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren survives him. You left us with a garden of memories, sprayed with a million tears.

### Geith, Gladys D.

The Lord's heavenly home was enriched on March 26th with the passing of Gladys Geith. Gladys was the widow of Lawrence (ERAC Lodge), Past Matron of Rochester Chapter OES and member of Nolatka Chapter OES. She is survived by 3 children and grandchildren who will keep her memory in their hearts forever.

### Hill, Bruce R.

Bruce Hill, 79, passed away March 20th. He is survived by 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Bruce was a member of Livonia Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

### Hopkins, Louis

On March 26th, Louis Hopkins went Home to his Lord. He is survived by a daughter, grandson, family and friends. Louis was a 56-year Mason and member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

### Jahn, Edward J.

Edward Jahn, 82, entered Eternal Rest on April 11th. His wife of 55 years, Violet, 2 children, and 3 grandchildren survive him. Edward was a member of Union Lodge. He was a World War II Veteran, serving in Germany. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

### Katzman, Irving

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Irving Katzman, 92, April 8th. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lori, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Irving was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

### Lerner, David J.

On April 7th, David Lerner, 95, passed away leaving his wife, Beatrice, 3 children and 8 grandchildren to share memories of his life. David was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge. He was an Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II and continued in the Reserves during the Korean War. We wish you the gift of a memory whenever you need to know, the one you love still walk with you wherever you may go.

### Rowley, Vincent A.

Brother Vincent Rowley, 84, laid down his Working Tools on March 27th. Vincent was a Past Master of Eagle Lodge. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

### Sackett, Leslie H.

Leslie H. Sackett, 92, went to the Celestial Lodge April 14th leaving his Brothers of Union Star Lodge to remember his service. Three children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren survive him. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Sitts, Richard A.

Richard Sitts, 81, departed his Earthly family on March 26th. His wife of 52 years, Eleanor, 2 children and 4 grandchildren survive him. Richard was a member of Milnor Lodge. His Masonic Brothers and family will miss him.

### Gordon Lightfoot

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attention your child will receive - one counselor for every eight children, two nurses, two directors and specialized staff for every activity area plus three nutritious meals served every day.

### Financial Assistance

Camp Turk offers a scholarship program to those who cannot afford the full price of camp, which is \$1000 for three weeks. The deadline to apply is May 1st, so give us a call as soon as possible at (315) 392-2081 or email: campturk@aol.com. Many camps in the Adirondack Park cost upwards of \$4000 to attend. This is a true bargain!

### Grand Master's Family Day July 11th

Grand Master's Day/Family Day at Camp Turk is July 11th. This is a great opportunity to visit the Camp or your child if they are attending. If you're thinking about sending a child in 2010, bring them along to let them see how our program works.

Please call and make reservations for the Chicken Bar-B-Que that begins at Noon. There is NO charge for the Bar-B-Que. Happy Camping!

# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

## JUNE

Check your Lodge Schedules for special meetings this month!

- 4th OES Lilac Luncheon, Oriskany
- 10th Spaghetti Dinner - Clio Lodge, Hilton
- 13th Lalla Rookh Grotto Golf Tournament
- 18th Masonic Service Bureau Awards Night, Shrine Center
- 24th Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Sausage Roast
- 25th Gordon Lightfoot Benefit Concert, Utica
- 27th St. John's Day, Utica
- 30th Monroe District Masters and Wardens, 7:00 p.m. - Union Star Lodge, Honeoye Falls

## JULY

- 11th Grand Master's Family Day at Camp Turk
- 12th Lalla Rookh Grotto "Day at the Races"
- 25th OES Pilgrimage Day, Oriskany

## SEPTEMBER

- 24th Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Steak Roast
- 26th Wayne District-Bus Tour of Masonic Care Community

## OCTOBER

- 18th Interfaith Service & Brunch, Shrine Center
- 23rd Grand Lecturer's Convention, Fairport

## NOVEMBER

- 1st Work Day - Close Camp DeMolay

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# Widows to be Remembered

**Parchus, Leona**, widow of Michael Parchus (Unity Lodge) passed away April 1st.

**Vandertang, Hazel**, widow of William Vandertang (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge) passed away January 1st.

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# BIG CALENDAR - MAY 2009

Gem - Emerald  
Flower - Lily of the Valley

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                   | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Friday                                                                                                                                | Saturday                                                                                                                                       |
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| <p>Events at Shrine Center or Shriner's Events in this typeface. See <b>Damascus News</b> section for details.</p>                                                                                                                                              | <p>Deadline for the <b>Atlasonic Times</b> is <b>May 10</b></p>                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>1</b> Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street<br/><b>NYOSA - Lake George May Day</b></p> | <p><b>2</b> Opening of Camp DeMolay OES - Rochester Chapter - Spencerport<br/>Clio Lodge, Ox Roast - Hilton<br/><b>NYOSA - Lake George</b></p> |
| <p><b>3</b> <b>4</b> <b>GRAND LODGE</b><br/>Canandaigua - Shortsville<br/>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle<br/>KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford<br/>Lalla Rookh Grotto, Board of Governors, 7 p.m., <b>Shrine Center</b><br/><b>Damascus Shrine Dyan Shrine Lunch Club</b></p> | <p><b>4</b> <b>GRAND LODGE</b><br/>Clio - Hilton<br/>Craftsman Robertson, <b>Shrine Center</b><br/>Garoga Sincerity - Phelps<br/>Nunda Station<br/>Oakland - Castile<br/>OES - Fairport (OV), Nolarka, Starlight</p> | <p><b>5</b> <b>GRAND LODGE</b><br/>Clio (E) - Honeoye<br/>Seneca - Webster<br/>Valley-Smes (E), <b>Shrine Center</b><br/>RAM - Dansville<br/>OES - Leach - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport</p> | <p><b>6</b><br/>Dunin Square - Palmyra<br/>Livonia<br/>Olive Branch (E) - LeRoy<br/><b>Damascus Shrine</b><br/>OES - Lilac Star</p>                                                         | <p><b>7</b><br/>Eunice - Caledonia<br/>Northfield (E) - Pittsford<br/>Webster - Move-up Night</p>                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>10</b><br/>Clio Lodge<br/>Spaghetti Dinner<br/>Wed 13th and 27th<br/>287 East Avenue, Hilton</p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b></p>                                                                                                                               | <p><b>11</b><br/>ERAC - Shrine Center<br/>Fairport-Flower City (E)<br/>Union Star - Honeoye Falls<br/>Unity - Spencerport (E)<br/>Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield<br/><b>Shrine Lunch Club</b></p>                          | <p><b>12</b><br/>Eagle (E) - Honeoye<br/>Seneca - Webster<br/>Valley-Smes (E), <b>Shrine Center</b><br/>RAM - Dansville<br/>OES - Leach - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport</p>                  | <p><b>13</b><br/>Oakta - Scottsville<br/>Webster - Felowcraft<br/>Masonic Service Bureau<br/>Monthly Luncheon Meeting<br/>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship<br/><b>Shrine Legion of Honor</b></p> | <p><b>14</b><br/>Fame (E) <b>Shrine Center</b><br/>Minor - Shortsville<br/>Union - Lima<br/>Webster - Felowcraft<br/>RAM - Hiram<br/>Lalla Rookh Cadron - Executive Council</p>                                    |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>17</b> L.V. Communion Breakfast<br/>OSY Memorial Service, Clifton Springs<br/>Eagle Lodge<br/>Eagle Chapter<br/>Spaghetti Dinner<br/>May 21st<br/>4994 County Rd 36<br/>Honeoye</p>                                                                       | <p><b>18</b><br/>Canandaigua - Shortsville<br/>KT - Cyrene/Monroe (E &amp; J) - Pittsford<br/>Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor<br/><b>Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day</b><br/>Auburn Shrine Club</p>                | <p><b>19</b><br/>Clio (E) - Hilton<br/>Craftsman Robertson (E), <b>Shrine Center</b><br/>Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps<br/>Nunda Station<br/>Oakland - Castile<br/>OES - Nolarka, Starlight (OV)</p>    | <p><b>20</b><br/>Ark - Geneva<br/>Drumlin Square - Palmyra<br/>Livonia<br/>Oakta - 2*<br/>RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford<br/>Lalla Rookh Grotto, <b>Shrine Center</b></p>                   | <p><b>21</b><br/>Eunice - Caledonia<br/>Northfield - Pittsford (BBB)<br/>Webster (E)<br/>O/SY Investiture Service - Garoga Sincerity<br/>Scottish Rite (E&amp;I) - <b>Shrine Center</b><br/>Lalla Rookh Cadron</p> |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>24</b> <b>31</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p><b>25</b><br/>ERAC - Shrine Center<br/>Fairport-Flower City<br/>Union Star - Honeoye Falls<br/>Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield<br/><b>Shrine Lunch Club</b><br/>Genera Shrine Club<br/><b>Memorial Day</b></p>           | <p><b>26</b><br/>Eagle (I) - Honeoye<br/>Seneca - Webster<br/>RAM - Dansville, LeRoy<br/>OES - Leach - Hilton</p>                                                                                   | <p><b>27</b><br/>Oakta - Scottsville<br/>Tall Cedars of Lebanon<br/>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship<br/><b>Directors Staff</b></p>                                                              | <p><b>28</b> Fame (I), <b>Shrine Center</b><br/>Minor - Shortsville<br/>Union - 3* - Lima<br/>RAM - Hiram<br/>James A. Hard/Wayne<br/>Charter Post No. 12<br/>Perry Shrine Club</p>                                | <p><b>29</b><br/>MON - Joint Investiture Service - Fairport Masonic Hall</p>                                                          | <p><b>30</b><br/>Oakta Spaghetti Dinner</p>                                                                                                    |

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