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2010 Have-a-Heart Campaign Results

By George Foehner

Another Have-a-Heart Campaign is completed and my congratulations to all the Brothers and Sisters who braved bad weather and a terrible economy to raise \$18,000 for the local Ronald McDonald Houses.

The outcome to raise as much as we did last year was in doubt until the last day of the Campaign. But on the last day at Marketplace Mall, the Brothers of Union Star Lodge gathered to raise \$900 in six hours to push the Campaign over the top. Contributions during the week were down from last year, but a good job on the weekends made up the difference.

Another reason for the success is what I call the sticky heart approach; which means getting out from behind the tables and mingling with the crowds to pass out hearts (30,000) and explain to passing patrons just what was going on and the main reason for being there - donations for the Ronald McDonald House.

We will be presenting the check from our 2010 Campaign to a representative of the Ronald McDonald House charities on April 10th at the College of Freemasonry. Hopefully the new Di-



George Foehner, Campaign Coordinator and Derek Van Houten, District Deputy Grand Master with Ronald McDonald.

rector of the Ronald McDonald House will be there to receive it.

As always, our thanks to our Commercial Partners - Eastview, Marketplace and Greece Town Malls for their excellent locations and help. What would we do without Lableworld U.S.A. for the 30,000 sticky hearts. A special

thanks to Steve Whittaker and Monroe Litho for making time to supply more "Red" paper hearts.

This year, our Annual "Hero" Awards go to Steve Phillips and Oatka Lodge who were at Marketplace Mall six days (forty hours) and raised \$2,700 or 35% of Marketplace's total; to Jan Porter for organizing our Eastern Star Chapters for an all-out effort at Greece Ridge; to ERAC Lodge for a great opening day turnout, the largest one-day total at Eastview Mall.

Last, but not least, my Have-a-Heart Committee and Mall Chairmen, who filled all my duties while I was laid up. Eastview Chair, Gary Sanford; Marketplace Chair, Mark Hutton; Greece Town Chair, Eugene Crews and Committee members Jan Porter and Frank Habitzreuther. A special thanks to my daughter Kerry, for not only taking care of me during my convalescence, but also for filling in for me at the Malls.

I would certainly be remiss not to thank the patrons of the Malls who, once again, agreed that the Ronald McDonald Houses are a very worthy cause and we are very proud to be part of it. See you next year. »

Happy Easter!



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Thursday, June 17th

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Charity Grants and
Education Assistance
Awards**



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Apron Presentation Dinner

Monday, June 7th

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Damascus News see page 9



Editor's Corner

W.: David King has resigned. It is with profound sadness that I write that sentence. His respiratory ailment has put him on the disabled list ... physically unable to perform. While the mind is willing, the body is too weak.

For more than seven years, I've had a great team helping with the publication of the monthly issues of the **Masonic Times**. Not the same crew every month, but dedicated individuals who show up to handle a variety of tasks, as they are able.

David will tell you that he breathed a sigh of relief when I spoke with R.: W.: Vern Goodrich, Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau, and offered to help with the editorial and production operations of the **Masonic Times**. Brother Goodrich had attended our Lodge meeting the night before and mentioned that R.: W.: Donald Brugger was retiring after eleven years as Editor of the paper and Worshipful Brother King had accepted a request to step into the position. He was quick to say, "You can be the editor; I'll be your assistant."

I changed his title to Associate Editor when he took on the responsibility of producing the photographs for reproduction, using the *PhotoShop* program. Here was an individual who did not own and had never used (to any extent) a computer. His background in the graphic arts industry gave him the knowledge of what was needed to publish a decent image, so it was trial and error until he was able to achieve that standard. Many times he made a "silk purse out of a sow's ear!" Some supplied images left an awful lot to be desired, but through his efforts and developed skills we were able to come up with a printable image.

He was responsible for one of the most popular features we added over the years ... the collage of photographs that appeared occasionally to give maximum exposure to some organization's event. One of my goals has always been to feature the membership in photographs as often as possible. I want you recognized for you support of the Fraternity, in whatever form it may be. It was the only negative comment on our submission to the Shrine newsletter contest a few years ago, but the feature that we have received the most compliments on from you, our readers.

I will continue to attempt to configure these collages, but they won't be quite the same. I don't have the talent or the touch that David has to put into creating each page.

Another individual will come in and assume the duties, and the publication will continue. It will not be the same. I, and we all do and should, thank Dave for his tremendous talent and experience he has contributed to your **Masonic Times**. We also hope his health improves so he is able to get out and about again in the coming years.

Thanks for reading.

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Charity Grant Program

Another of the items that the Masonic Service Bureau has been providing to those within the Greater Rochester area is what we call the Charities Grant Program. This is where a monetary award is provided to help support a non-profit community program that assists those

in need. Some of the areas that have received assistance in the past are homeless shelters, hospice service, youth activities, meal centers and others that help improve the way-of-life for those less fortunate.

For an organization to be considered, an application must be completed in full and returned to the Masonic Service Bureau. These applications must also include a financial statement detailing income and expenses. We do follow up on how the award was used along with its associated documentation. This year, these will be presented on Thursday, June 17th, along with the Education Assistance Awards. All those receiving a Charity or Education Assistance Grant need to be represented and provide a short talk on where used and how this will help them.

If you would like a presentation of what the Service Bureau does please contact us at 671-9730. We would be happy to schedule one for your organization.

Herman W. Sarachan Memorial Library Committee Being Formed

By Bruce Katz

Recent conversations in Lodges and articles in the **Masonic Times** have shown there is sufficient interest to explore opportunities to make some of the books available for Masons in our area.

A committee is being formed to recommend to the Service Bureau's Board of Directors options to make the resources of the Library available.

If you are interested in participating on this committee, please send an email to Bruce Katz,



brucek8189@aol.com, including "Masonic Library," in the subject line. Include your day and evening contact information.

Please call me 227-5553 (Home) or 422-4145 (Work) if you would like to discuss this.

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By Ted Powley

Fellow Woodsmen, we will assemble again on April 28th at 7:30 p.m.

I apologize for not being at the February meeting. Business called me to Arizona that week and I was in the air at the time of our meeting.

Arizona was twenty degrees cooler than normal for February, but the green grass was gorgeous. Landscaping was remarkable along miles and miles of highway. I am sure it is all required by building codes so that tempered my enthusiasm a bit.

My own lawn is covered by crushed stone and sand sprayed by the snowplows this Winter. Looks like I will be spending a considerable amount of time building my muscles while raking down to the grass again. I guess this is one of the challenges of living in an area with snowplows. However, I felt blessed to have snowplows after hearing a friend recently talk about his Washington area relative clearing his driveway with a school lunch tray because they don't normally sell snow shovels in the area.

Hope you're enjoying the transition to Spring ... more sunshine, lighter clothing, warm breezes in your face.

Mark your calendar, April 28th, and join us!

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Great Architect Calls Robert Anderson

By Janet Porter

On March 15th, Heaven was blessed with our friend Robert Lennarth Anderson, a very special Mason who touched the lives of so many while on Earth.

Exemplary Mason

In his 84 years, Robert's dedication to Masonic Bodies, his church and community organizations was exemplary. He was a Past Master (1960) of Frank L. Simes Lodge (now Valley-Simes Lodge), Past Potentate (1970) of the Damascus Shriners and was active in other Masonic organizations. Bob also served on the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Erie.

Country & Community

Robert served his country in World War II, a Veteran of the Army Air Corps. He was active in his community serving on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army; Board of ABVI; and former President of Airstream-Southeast FMCA. He was a member of the Webster Presbyterian Church where he served as Trustee and Treasurer.

Family

Robert loved his wife of 63 years, Alicia Betty Parker Anderson, and their six children; 19 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren who will treasure his memory. He loved just about every sport there is - football, baseball, basketball, hockey, soccer, ping pong! (Did anyone ever beat him?); boating, RVing, swimming, just walking and



Robert L. Anderson File Photo

Coca-Cola! He shared these loves with everyone.

Camp DeMolay

Special to the Masonic Service Bureau, was his generous support to Camp DeMolay at Sodus Point, on the shore of Lake Ontario. Not too long ago, when we were dedicating a new recreation building at the Camp, Robert reminisced from his memories of the property and jotted them down for all to know. He had a love for the Order of DeMolay, an organization for boys to form the principles of Masonry as they became young men. Some interesting points Bob shared follow ...

Camp DeMolay was originally Camp Beechwood, due to the abundance of Beech trees and was purchased in the early 1930s.

The Order of DeMolay in Rochester ran dances called "Collegiate Club" at the Masonic Temple on Friday nights. They

used local bands, except for once a month when they would hire a traveling "Big Band" to play.

This was a money-maker for DeMolay, which at one time had over 250 members in Rochester Chapter. With profits from these dances, Dr. Elmer G. Seel, who was District Deputy for Western New York DeMolay, and his good friend Lennarth C. Anderson, who was Dad for Rochester Chapter, purchased the Camp for Rochester Chapter.

Prior to World War II, many DeMolay members spent Summers at the Camp and worked on the grounds and buildings. There was a lodge at the East end of the Camp called "The Old Folks Home" where the men cooked their meals, mostly on a grill, and rested afterward, playing nickel

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Bob Anderson speaking at the Dedication Ceremony for the new Valley-Simes Recreation Building in June, 2008.

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Grand Matron's Official Visit

Saturday, May 15th

The Brookwoods Country Club, Ontario; Lunch - 12:30 p.m., Meeting - 2 p.m.

Other Important Dates

Tuesday, April 20th - 7:30 p.m. Tri-Star Chapter, Palmyra, will hold a Neighbors Night. This will be an open meeting that anyone may attend. Plan to join in an evening of fun and fellowship. If you know interested non-members, please bring them along.

Sunday, May 23rd - Humanity Chapter will celebrate their 100th Anniversary. A luncheon is planned. The Grand Matron and Grand Patron plan to attend this event and your attendance will be appreciated also.

Canandaigua Veterans Administration Hospital

The Canandaigua VA Pizza Party was held on March 6th in Building 3 of the VA Campus. Twenty-seven Veteran patients joined in the party. This is an increase of about ten over the declining numbers we have had the last few years. As always, the Veterans enjoyed the comfort food and we enjoyed the time spent with them. This is one small, but very rewarding, way we try to thank our servicemen and women for their sacrifices to our Country.

Official Visits

Your attendance is the reward each Chapter receives for all the hard work in preparing for a Visit. Please try to support your sister Chapters and make each Official Visit special.

Tuesday, April 6th (New Date) - Humanity Chapter, Lyons, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14th - Sodus Chapter, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21st - Richards Chapter, Marion, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 26th - Williamson Chapter, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18th - Tri-Star Chapter, Palmyra, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 22nd - Draper Chapter, Wolcott, 2 p.m.

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Ain't dat absoid

Da little wings is on da boid

A. Nonny Mouse, Author

That little poem expresses our faith that the seasons will turn and we will be greeted by the verdant, lush climate we are blessed with here in Western New York. "The sun will come out tomorrow!" sang Li'l Orphan Annie. Our Sisters and Brothers are filled with hope and joy as we greet the new season.

At our March meetings, our Snowbirds began to flutter home.

Some, like Jane LaPree, landed a little hard, but we were all glad to see her in the Chaplain's chair again. Jane's report included Tracy Dalykas' surgery and recovery. And the death of Dorothy Estes' husband. We will pray for all whom she mentioned.

Matron Jean Stewart had us planning our birthday party. It doesn't seem like ten years since Nola and Oatka joined forces. The men volunteered to feed the crowd at the party, but the ladies decided it would be safer and saner to get a caterer. Look for more details later, and put a "save the date" for the September meeting. We would like to get as many of our members there as can physically make it. Remember, we can give you a ride if you don't want to drive all alone. If you haven't been to a meeting, this would be the absolute best time.

Be sure to call the Matron or Secretary, Carol Wynings, before you come to our April 20th meeting. We are planning to go to Starlight Chapter's Official Visit that night!

If you haven't already received our tea party invitation, look for it soon in the mail. Then while you read it and follow the instructions, send us a note telling some story of your experience in OES. Happy or sad, I'll try to include some in the next article. But funny would be great!

Do you remember the beautiful painted glass plates we raffled off last year? Well, we are going to do even better this year. We have been given a spice rack made up of little china cottages and a potpourri surrounded by little snow people. We will be selling tickets all around Rochester. Even Sisters out of State can participate. Nolatka can ship it to you if you win!

We will have a Knott's Berry Farm breakfast gift box including pancake and muffin mix and syrup as a raffle this Spring. The snow folk and the spice cottages

winners (there will be two winners) will be drawn at the Birthday Bash. Our May article will have photos.

Don't forget, Sisters and Brothers of Nolatka, we are looking forward to hearing from you!

Corinthian/ Fellowship

Chapter No. 322

Order of the Eastern Star

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

7:30 p.m.

W. Marilyn Israel, Matron

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461-3254

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By Marilyn Israel

March turned from a lion to a lamb in one week.

Barbara McMinn had surgery and is recuperating well. That means we are on schedule for Installation of Officers on March 24th.

Upcoming Events

Official Visit

We will join Etolian and Leah Chapters for our Official Visit April 19th at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. It was a successful arrangement last year, so we're doing it again.

Our Regular meetings in April are the 14th and 28th.

Keep our Brothers and Sisters in your prayers; phone calls and cards are always welcome.

April Birthdays

Lynn Jacobs (1st), Norma Lee (5th), Norrairie Voegtle (6th) and Bob Crystal (28th).

Happy Easter!

May God make safe to you

each step,

May God make open to you

each pass,

May God make clear to you

each road,

And may He take you in the

clasp of His own two hands.

- Garmina Gadelica

Veterans Committee Events



Veterans Recognition Night

A wonderful evening at Warsaw Lodge honored Lodge Military Veterans. In attendance were 40 Brothers, of whom 15 served in different Military Operations from World War II to Vietnam. W.: Walczak requested R.: W.: Thomas Paglia speak about the Military Outreach Program.

Each Veteran received an American Flag and a Pin for their service. This Pin was designed especially for our Masonic Veterans and Canandaigua VA Hospital resident Veterans. Included was a personal letter of appreciation from the Military Outreach Committee, an explanation of each fold of the American Flag as done at a funeral and an explanation of what the various objects on the Missing Man's table represent. Usually, the Masonic War Veterans participate, but they had another commitment that evening.



Canandaigua VA Executive Meeting

The Executive Committee meets monthly to analyze and discuss various programs for the Canandaigua VA residents. It takes months of advanced planning to implement them. In the above photo are members of the Board (l-r) Jim McDermott (Vietnam), Sue DeRosa (WAVES), Virginia Robbins (American Legion Auxiliary) and Larry Hood (Committee). Funds are solicited the year before they are actually needed.

Christmas Fund Donation

A \$250 check from the Masonic Service Bureau was presented to Mrs. Patti Ciancaglini, Canandaigua VA Volunteer Program Specialist - Recorder. In photo below (l-r) Tom Paglia, Larry Hood, Marge Hood, Patti Ciancaglini, Cora Paglia and Jim McDermott, full-time volunteer/greeter. This check helps purchase holiday gifts for Veterans. Contributions to this fund are appreciated. Send your check (no cash) to Thomas Paglia, 84 Grand View Lane, Rochester, NY 14612.



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I must apologize for not submitting an article for the March issue of the **Masonic Times**, but my home computer crashed the weekend before the March deadline. One of my goals each year is to try to get an article in each month so our out-of-state and homebound Brothers can keep abreast of what is happening at Oakland Lodge. Unfortunately,

I can't always control the circumstances that allow an article to get submitted.

In Remembrance

It saddens me to report the recent loss of one of our finest Brothers. On January 17th, Brother Fred Hance passed to that house not made by hands eternal in the heavens. A member for over 40 years, Brother Hance was Initiated on March 19, 1968, Passed to Fellowcraft on May 7, 1968, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 21, 1968. Although he never ascended to become the Master, his service to Oakland Lodge and the Fraternity was endless. He was the acting Treasurer of the Lodge since 1976 and was called upon many times to fill a chair left vacant by an absent Officer.

I had the pleasure of knowing Brother Hance on a personal and Masonic level. He was a very close family friend who

traveled many nights with my father for Masonry and the American Legion. He was also my boss for many Summers as I mowed his lawn and trimmed the bushes. Brother Hance was a remarkable man and Mason whom we will never be able to replace. We can only hope the Brothers can fill the large shoes he left behind. From my personal experiences with Brother Hance, I'm a better person by knowing him and truly honored to not only have been able to call him my Brother, but also my friend. My heartfelt sympathies go out to the family and friends who are still dealing with the loss. Rest assured, Brother Hance is lost for now, but the memory of the great man will never be forgotten.

Special Visitors

Oakland Lodge was blessed with some visitors at our Communication in March. R.: W.: John Cook and R.: W.: Wayne Patridge accompanied Brother Dennis Guido to our March 2nd Communication. Brother Guido made a presentation on the Relay for Life Program in which Constellation Lodge has participated the last couple of years. The program is designed to promote cancer awareness and preven-

tion. I was called away for work and thank W.: Henry Robinson for filling the Master's station on short notice. I also thank Brother Guido for the presentation and Grand Lodge Officers, R.: W.: Cook and R.: W.: Patridge for visiting us. I'm just sorry I was unable to attend the Communication myself.

Upcoming Events

We have two scheduled Communications for the month of April. I will be out of town, hopefully enjoying the warmth of the Florida sun for our April 6th meeting and will leave the reins to my Senior Warden, Brother Arthur Robinson.

Our second communication will be April 20th. The agenda for this meeting will be an initial discussion on the Officer line-up for next year.

Masonic Anniversaries

I congratulate the Brothers who were Raised or Affiliated with Oakland Lodge during the month of April:

1965 - Nathaniel Finch and Kenneth Hance

1975 - David Tallman

1977 - David Hurlburt

I hope this article finds all my Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy start to the Spring season. Always remember those who have, and are still, fighting to keep this great nation free and safe. Sometimes we all get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives and forget to think how lucky we are to live in the United States of America.

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

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As we enter the home stretch for this Masonic year, I am happy to announce that we have completed our Springtime series of Un-Official Visits. I thank the Masters and Brothers for their hospitality. Congratulations to the Brothers of Lodges who have been selected to be the District Representatives of our Sister Districts in our Region. I hope they all have an exciting term as Representatives and get the chance to visit many Lodges of the Districts they represent.

Talent Shows

Last month we had a number of successful local Youth Talent Shows in the District. I extend my kudos to Genesee, Nunda Station and Union Lodges for participating in this year's program. I remind everyone the District Youth Talent Show is being hosted by Genesee Lodge and is scheduled for April 16th at York Central High School. I hope folks will make an extra effort to attend this special event; I know it will be an evening filled with outstanding talent. I also extend my thanks to R.: W.: Jim Slocum and the Hemlock Fair Committee for inviting all the district show winners to their youth talent show scheduled in July.

District Ladies Night

Our big event this month is our District Ladies Night, Saturday, April 3rd, at Conesus Country Club. I hope all Lodges are able to participate. This is a special evening filled with presentations, a special guest and, as always, great food! This is also a perfect evening to invite our

"Surviving Spouses and Loved Ones" from the area. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Award Presentation

I am getting the chance to attend a very unique event in Masonry and Girl Scouting on April 8th. W.: Jim Smith, Master of Union Lodge, and I will be presenting a special Certificate and Pin of Commendation, from the Grand Lodge of New York, to a young lady in Lima who has earned her Girl Scout Gold Award. This is, in a small way, recognizing all the effort, the leadership skills and dedication necessary to achieve the Girl Scout Gold Award. I am extremely happy to be a part of the presentation. It is the first one I have heard of in our area. I hope that there will be many more!

Grand Lodge Session

Once again, I reiterate to the District that as we prepare for our Grand Lodge Session in May, it is critical that all Lodges send a representative. This year's session will be very busy and one of the primary duties will be to elect our new Grand Lodge Officers.

As we approach the end of our Masonic year, we have to prepare for local Elections and Installations in the District. As a reminder to all the Lodges and Masters who would like to have the Livingston College of Grand Lodge Officers assist with the Installations, please let me know when you are holding your event so I can organize the schedule appropriately.

District Association

I remind all Brothers in the District that our April Livingston District Association meeting will be on Monday, April 26th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is being hosted by Nunda Station Lodge. The Association Vice-President (ProTem), W.: Phil Cox (Phone: 468-2573), will need your attendance numbers for the dinner which 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 for the next couple of months.

Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

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

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Just a Reminder

The Installation of Officers for Nunda Station Lodge will take place on May 18th. We will have a Steak Roast beginning at 6 p.m., with the meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: John A. Gallant, will preside. For Brothers who haven't attended meetings in some time, it would not only be a chance to get back in the swing of things but also a chance to meet your new Officers. Put May 18th on your calendar because it will be here before you know it. I will remind you again as we get closer to the date. It is customary to bring a dish-to-pass, although the steak will be provided. To do this, please contact R.: W.: Ed Dickson or W.: Bill Wright. Until next month ...

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Wednesdays



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By W.: M.: Ronald Baylor

Fraternal greetings from Livonia Lodge. This has been a successful year with the Raising of three new Brothers so far.

A Brother's Deployment

Unfortunately we will be temporarily losing one Brother, W.: Steven Shull who will be deployed to Iraq for about 16 months. Sergeant First Class Steve Shull, Senior Warden and

Past Master of Livonia Lodge, is also a member of the New York National Guard Unit 103, Expeditionary Force, out of Webster. We will miss him; our thoughts and prayers will be with him. Good Luck Steve!

Mark Your Calendar

April 7th - Brother Bring-a-Friend Program at our Lodge.

June 19th - Our District Golf Tournament at the Conesus Golf and Country Club.

September 18th - Our Lodge Golf Tournament will be held at the Conesus Golf and Country Club. Please come and help us with this greatly needed fundraiser, as our tax assessment this year has gone up 102% from last year!

We are most proud of our new Brothers, as they have become very active in the Lodge and with our District functions. Thank you, Brothers. We hope you will always show this much enthusiasm!

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Another exciting month in the O/S/Y District! Congratulations to Milo Lodge in Penn Yan. They held their first 3rd Degree in many years and also served their first dinner in at least 15 years. Thank you, Rich Peterson, for cooking a great Corned Beef and Cabbage meal. It took a lot of help and Masonic fellowship to bring back this Lodge.

There is much Degree work happening at this time. It's great to see our District growing. We are not just getting quantity, but we are getting quality also. If any Lodge needs help with Degrees, please contact our AGs. Year-end awards banquets are starting. If you would like any of our Grand Lodge Officers to attend, let us know ASAP so we can mark our calendar. As I've said before, as your DDGM, one of my favorite duties is giving out awards. Those who are receiving the awards are the Brothers who have made our Fraternity what it is today.

The Grand Lodge trip is approaching fast. I have sent out letters to those who are going and have only heard from several. Please respond soon.

Our Surviving Spouses Luncheon will be held at the Clifton Springs Country Club, Townline Road in Clifton Springs on April 10th. Please make reservations with R.: W.: Bob Ruggles at (315) 548-3573.

Seneca Lodge, Seneca Falls, is conferring a Yellow Dog Degree on April 14th. Dinner at 6 p.m. with the Degree to follow. Reservations may be made by contacting Gary Valerio at (315)

539-5403. This will be my first time seeing this Degree. Come and enjoy the fun.

My term as DDGM is drawing to an end and I am making every attempt to visit all Lodges at least one more time. I've made many new friends and had a lot of fun traveling.

Spring is here, please be careful as the kids are outside playing. Have fun and be safe and keep our men and women in the Armed Forces in your prayers.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign for 2009-2010 is drawing to a close. Please make your donations today.

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March has come and gone just like Winter, and hopefully by the time this letter is published Spring weather will be here. We completed our 2nd Degree on March 2nd, with our three new Brothers Passing to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and are all looking forward to Raising them to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 6th. I congratulate our Degree Team; they did an outstanding job conferring the 2nd Degree. A special thanks to R.: W.: Bob Ruggles for sitting in the East and doing the Middle Chamber Lecture and R.: W.: John Walti for doing the Charge.

Our schedule for the 3rd Degree hasn't changed. The 3rd Degree will be April 6th with Lodge Opening at 5:30 p.m. for the First Section. There will be no potluck dinner as we will be having a dinner after the First Section of the Degree, and all Brothers are welcome to participate in the Degree as well as the dinner.

Annual Widows Luncheon

Saturday, April 24th, Burgundy Basin

Doors open 11 a.m.; Lunch served at Noon

Game Night

Don't forget Game Night is the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month until further notice. All are welcome to come. Just bring a snack-to-pass and join in the fun.

Sad News

It becomes my sad duty to inform all the Brothers of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge the passing of two Brothers.

W.: Robert Lannon who was Initiated October 20, 1961; Passed November 17, 1961; Raised December 1, 1961; and at Rest March 1, 2010. He will be sadly missed by all.

R.: W.: Robert Bird, 76, laid down his Working Tools on March 17th.

Let us all pray for those whose hearts are heaviest and who in this time need Thee more than ever.

April Birthdays

We send April Birthday greetings to Bobby Dorgan (7th), Todd Ruggles (8th), Jay Ford and John Roush (9th), Vincent Rozella III (12th), Norman Schafer (16th), David Mowers (19th), Robert Lash and Robert Spink (26th), Stephen Durso (28th) and James Gostley (29th).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in April:

1950 Robert Hines
1951 George Landstrom
1959 Robert Spink and Frederick Wheeler
1960 Paul Adams
1963 John Bowles
1964 John Davis
1965 Douglas Nicot
1967 John Roush

1969 Ronald VanCamp and Milton Lum

1974 Ramon Howard

1975 Dale Gelder

1983 Ernest Day

1984 Michael Klimczko

1994 Charles Bird and Scott Upchurch

2006 David Bruzee and Jerome Phillips

Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th Thursdays



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Schedule Changes

We had to cancel the meeting on February 25th because of the snowstorm. I am happy to hear that everyone stayed safe.

The 2nd Degree scheduled for that meeting was rescheduled for March 11th. Because of this change, the 3rd Degree is now set for April 8th. We are combining with Canandaigua Lodge for this Degree.

Please keep Norm Holcomb in your thoughts and prayers.

Planning Ahead

April 8th - 3rd Degree for Milnor and Canandaigua Lodges.

April 10th - The Surviving Spouses Luncheon for the O/S/Y District will be held at the Clifton Springs Country Club

See you at our next meeting.

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There are still two Lodges who have not sent the 2009 Lodge Secretary's Report to the DDGM; both have been contacted. I would highly suggest that each Lodge Master and Secretary read the Constitution, Section 313, Paragraph 8 (that was revised in 1993). Worshipful Master, it is your responsibility to see this is done. Eight Secretaries have complied with this duty in a timely manner. I hope the incoming Deputy will have better cooperation.

Maybe it's time for all Lodge Officers to be more active and participate in the Masters and

Wardens Association, and take advantage of the Road to the East Course, which our Staff Officer R.: W.: F. Edward Powley has offered the last two years and hopefully will be conducted in the future by our new Staff Officer.

In the not-to-distant future, there will be a new course called the Master's Chair. It is an accelerated course, in which the Master should conduct all business of his Lodge. There has been a pilot program run throughout the State in the various areas and good reports have come from the Western Region, as to the usefulness of it.

As stated earlier, this is a course that incorporates much information from the Road to the East and MDC. It was designed at the request of our Grand Master to better enable all Masters to run the Lodge. In this day and age it is found many have advanced to the CHAIR, in just a few years (some in only three). There is no concept as to what laws, rules, responsibilities, protocol or proper conduct should be followed. Edicts and decisions from

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Wayne DDGM

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the Grand Master or Grand Lodge are not being adhered to. Thus, there is mass confusion and many are "doing their own thing," which is not the basic concept of the Fraternity.

In years past, one went through most of the Stations and Places within the Lodge and it was a learning process of how and why things are done. My Brothers, we must all get on the "same page" if we are to survive. When this course becomes available to all, take a day (approximately 6-7 hours) and become familiar with what you're supposed to do. Many of our recycled Past Masters have become stagnant in their thinking. They have seen things done wrong thinking it was right. Thus, the need for them to become more and more involved in these programs. There is a lot more to this Fraternity than having a title. Know and understand our history and "from whence we came." Participate, get involved, visit and learn.

All Secretaries have recently received a Directive from the Grand Master concerning the Candidates for Grand Lodge Elected Office. Make sure it's read in your Lodge. It concerns the electioneering for the Elected Offices in Grand Lodge - some of which has already been started and is wrong. I myself have been solicited for support. A Candidate for an Office must be chosen for the good and advancement of our Fraternity.

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My taxes are done so April 15th means something different to me this year - it's the final session of Wayne District's Road to the East Program. We will meet at 7 p.m. at Sodus Lodge, 6 East Main Street. Come join us for an educational evening.

My term as Grand Steward is down to less than a month. I thank the Masons of Wayne District for this opportunity to meet and work with you. We have changed a bit over the past two years. We have fewer Lodges in the Eastern end, but I hear a lot of positive remarks.

Many Lodges are doing Degree work and getting Dispensations for more than five Candidates is a good problem! Remember to mentor our new Brothers. Give some attention to our experienced Brothers, surviving spouses and Masonic

families. There are so many good times to be had doing good work in our Lodges and in our communities. Share your smile with others; brighten their day.

Again, thank you for the good times we have had together these past two years. I plan to continue to be active in Masonry. I hope our paths cross often. Please support our new District Deputy Grand Master and Staff Officer. They are terrific young men and Masons. A new generation coming on board!

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Spring is surely right around the corner, as the green poking up on our lawns is showing us grass that will be cut many times in the coming months. The budding of flowers and blossoms on the trees surely tells us we are on the path towards a wonderful Summer ahead. What it all means is that GROWTH and NEWNESS is in our future.

Depending on when you receive or read your copy of **Masonic Times**, the Lodge will have Raised two new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 7th. I thank the Shrine Degree Team, led by "Mike" Grady, for their response. Thanks must also go to the Ladies of the Eastern Star for their efforts. Brothers, make some time and effort available to properly welcome those new to our Lodge and Freemasonry and give them your support in the coming months. This is GROWTH AND NEWNESS.

With the coming of Spring and the Annual Session of Grand Lodge, comes the time for Election of Officers in our Lodge. Let me know if you are interested in a position for the coming year. My email is kremac7@gmail.com or call me at 597-5060; better yet, see me at Lodge. A Public Installation is scheduled for June 2nd so mark your calendar now for this important event. Come out and show your support. GROWTH AND NEWNESS, my Brothers.

Work on the Lodge building is ongoing. The inside of the front entry has been completed. With the weather gradually improving, plans are in the works for cleaning, repairing and painting the outside of the front entryway. The upstairs of the Lodge Hall will be worked on as well. Be sure to watch for emails and postings at the Lodge for when this work will be done. Help is always needed. This is GROWTH AND NEWNESS.

Trip Cancelled

Sadly, I must announce that the trip to the Masonic Care Community must again be cancelled because of lack of interest. My thanks to W. : Andy Richardson for his efforts. Any suggestions to make this event happen in the future would be appreciated. For a free ride, a free meal and a personally guided tour of what your contributions support, it is indeed sad not to attend.

Surviving Spouse Luncheon

The Annual Surviving Spouse Luncheon is on track to be held on April 11th. Details will be fi-

nalized for this event and e-mails, calls and invitations will be made to insure that everyone will know exactly where and when this will take place.

In closing, I express my special thanks to Brother Joel Falbo for his support while I was in Florida addressing what had to be accomplished. Many thanks also to those Brothers who assisted him in carrying on the work of Drumlin Square Lodge. I am happy to report that during my stay in Florida, events allowed my marriage to my best friend and partner, Phyllis MacWhorter. GROWTH AND NEWNESS.

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Elsewhere in this publication I wrote an article on the historical material of the First and Second Monroe Districts. It was interesting (and also sad) to see what we have lost in Lodge membership (good men and Brothers), as time waits for no man. It was also interesting to see some of the programs that no longer exist in the Monroe area.

Included in the material were minute notes from the Masters and Wardens where, on any given night that they met, they had 20 or so Masters, 23 Senior Wardens and 25 Junior Wardens in attendance. Today, we sometimes struggle just to get a quorum together. W. : William Flesher needs to be complimented for his work on revamping the Masters and Wardens by running in conjunction with the Schools of Ritual.

We all know times have changed and it is a constant juggling act to fulfill our commitments. We of the District Leadership Team have worked hard these almost two years in the quarries of Masonry to assist the members of the District. We appreciate your efforts and sacrifices in learning the work, in order to give our new Brothers the best possible experience as they become members of our Fraternity. There are several Lodges that are in the process of bringing in large numbers of new Brothers. There are almost 40 men in the process within several Lodges that are transforming themselves into Brother Masons, which is enlightening for the Craft.

The other night at the Shrine Table Lodge, the guest speaker, R. W. : Dennis Breheny, stated that across the State, almost 4,000 men are working to join our Craft. This should be an inspiration to all of us to do our best in our Degree Work, to impress upon them the teachings we have all followed in becoming Master Masons.

I frequently search the World Wide Web for ideas or subjects to be included in my thought process in my articles. I found another informative website that might be of interest to the Officers of the Lodges. The site is www.masonicleader.com and it presents articles of interest to those serving their Lodges.

As an example, this month poses the question; "What is the Oldest Social Networking Site?" The answer is the Lodge Room. Topics to consider regarding your Lodge Room ... is it easily accessible can your Brothers get to it, do they need a ride, does it have a good look, is your site pleasing once the Brothers arrive and is there enough interesting content so the Brothers will want to return. These are just some of the objectives to consider in working with the Oldest Social Networking Site. All of the above can be discussed with the Officers to help create a Lodge that will prosper and grow.

In my first year as your DDGM, my writing media was to travel on an imaginary train and I found it to be an easy way to communicate with you. Now that my term is almost over, I can hear in the distance our transportation to our next destination. While I'm waiting for it to arrive, there is a sense of anticipation as we - R. W. : George Todd, R. W. : Mike Nohle and yours truly - complete a successful 24 months of service to YOU, my Brothers. As the mighty engine pulls into view it has a lot of cars attached, so there must be a lot of folks who are either on it, or will be arriving, for the next part of this journey.

Next month we will find out where we are going and who will be coming with us. One thing is for sure, it won't be dull.

Grand Steward

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The closer we come to May, the sadder I become. Why? Because our two years as District Staff Officers will come to a close. It has been a great learning experience for me. I sincerely hope

you have enjoyed our company as much as I have yours during our Official Visits. A word to the incoming Staff Officers ... yes it's a lot of work, but guess what? It's a lot of fun also.

Not that I don't believe anyone but the Brethren read our articles religiously. Trust but verify is one of my mottos. Therefore, call or email and tell me which month and year the following was written in my **Masonic Times** article:

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

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

3. A Warm Masonic Tale: a tale of Masonic men surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently and finally spoke up, "I can tell you more about Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everybody stand up and gather in a circle around the campfire." They did just that. "Now everybody hold hands with the man next to him." They did that, too.

"Now what do you see looking ahead?" The face of a Brother through the flames. "What do you feel in front of you?" The warmth of the fire and the comfort it brings on a cool night. "What do you feel at your side?" The warm hand of a Brother. "OK, now drop the hands and turn around." They do so.

"Now what do you see looking ahead?" Complete darkness. "What do you feel, looking ahead?" A sense of loneliness, of being alienated. "What do you feel at your side?" Nothing at all. "What do you feel on your backside?" The warmth of the fire. "So it is with Masonry," said the old man.

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

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

Thanks for all the get well cards I have received from Lodges and Brothers around the District. I am feeling good. I haven't had any real issues with the Chemo. On occasion, my white blood cell count has been low, forcing me to limit my exposure to the general public. Until next month, see you in the Quarries.

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Regional Road to the East
In February of this year, the

Genesee-Wyoming, Livingston and Monroe Districts teamed together, once again, to deliver the *Road to the East* Leadership Training Program. It was held at Oatka Lodge Hall in Scottsville, on three successive Saturdays. Twelve Brothers from the three Districts successfully completed the training.

The District Leadership Teams R.:W.: John Cook, DDGM and R.:W.: Wayne Patridge, Grand Steward from Genesee-Wyoming District; R.:W.: John Gallant DDGM and R.:W.: Joe Shanks, Grand Steward from

Livingston District; and R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, DDGM, R.:W.: George Todd, Grand Steward, and R.:W.: Michael Nohle, Grand Steward from the Monroe District, pulled together to present a quality program which is certain to result in stronger leaders in our Lodges going forward.

Those who participated or contributed to the content are too many to mention here. Congratulations to the graduates. "May you lead your Lodges with wisdom and integrity!"



1st row (l-r) R.:W.: Michael Nohle, R.:W.: Bruce Chilton, Brothers Ronald Bell, Roy Guess, Richard Smith, Rob Buchanan, and R.:W.: Wayne Patridge. 2nd row (l-r) W.: John Jamele, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, Brothers Mark Roberts, Hugh TenHagen, Jason Gartland, Stephen Phillips and R.:W.: Rich Friedman. 3rd row (l-r) R.:W.: John Gallant, Brothers Donald Keys, Roger Lynch, John Wiktorowski and Chris Cameron. (Attendees missing from photo - R.:W.: John Cook, R.:W.: Joe Shanks, and Brothers Michael Zientek, Jim Allan, Erich Avedisian and Brian Dietz.)

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February was a bit of a boring month for the New York Masonic Safety Identification Program (NYMSIP) because YOUR LODGE did nothing ... we are still waiting to hear from YOU!!! Several Lodges have not provided me with a Lodge Coordinator.

Ian McNelly, on the other hand, had a very exciting and busy time organizing and working on three Masonic Safety Programs and is that much closer to achieving his Eagle Scout Award.

On February 13th, assisted by Scouts Owen Flass, Mark Repka, Tyler Eaton, Spencer Haynes, ERAC Coordinator, Tim McNelly (father) and Carol McNelly (mother), Ian and his crew processed 35 children. The venue was the Rush United Methodist Church, in conjunction with the Cub Scout Pack 134's Pinewood Derby.

Again, on February 24th, Scouts Joey Schutt, Donald Taylor, Benjamin Taylor, Mike and Rebecca Taylor, Dylan Campbell, Danny Ayotte, Cindy Ayotte (Scout's mom), Carol McNelly (mother) and Ian managed Identification of 20 children at the Leary Elementary School in Rush, in conjunction with the school's "Art Fun Night."

In association with Cub Scout Pack 140's Pinewood Derby at Wheatland-Chili High School, on February 27th, ID processing of 20 children was accomplished by Ian and a crew of Scouts - Ben Czaporanski and Mike Lambert from Troop 372, and John Hallaby (Scoutmaster and ERAC member) and Cub Scouts.

Additionally Ian has translated the permission slips and some other materials into Spanish. Ian is working on making this available electronically to the Masons so the Masonic Safety Child ID can be brought to the Hispanic communities where many parents are not fluent in English or it is not their first language.

Ian may hold one more event, possibly in the City of Rochester

so we can reach out to the Hispanic community. Are any of you willing to get involved?

Contact Information about the Masonic Safety Child ID Program is available on-line at <http://www.nychip.org/>. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the program.

We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at: datubman@yahoo.com or rcdowns@rochester.rr.com

You can also contact Sean Brown, CHIPS Training Coordinator, member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, email: seanb218@yahoo.com

who can schedule an event for you, as well.

Contact Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you have questions or suggestions.

Express Yourself ... With the Brotherhood Fund

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With two months remaining in the 2009-2010 Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign, perhaps not all voices have been heard; perhaps not all votes have been counted.

Please, if you haven't already done so, consider contributing now. No contribution is too small, and the need is great. Remember, our Masonic Brotherhood Fund operates without professional fundraisers, so virtually all of your contribution goes to support the Masonic program(s) you select.

No fundraiser fees here; this is charity at its best. The success of this drive depends upon each of us doing what we think we should to support and further

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

A sincere "Thanks" to all those who have already contributed and to those who are about to do so. By doing so, we stand tall as Masons in the support of Masonic charity.

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Artifacts

R.:W.: Derek VanHouten

For historical items I usually write a column for the Damascus Section of the paper. Having said that, a very special opportunity arose recently that was of Masonic origin and I felt it would be suitable to make a note of it in the body of the *Masonic Times*.

I recently received a call from Brother Larry Kilmer. He was downsizing (as we all do as we move on through life) and he had a few items that might be of interest to me. I'll go most anywhere there is material of historical nature that might benefit the Craft. Besides, I'm always looking for good story material to share with you.

As I sat in his kitchen he brought out the Aprons his Father used in 1969 as Master of Ancient Craft Lodge and his DDGM Apron when he was the Deputy for the First Monroe District. We made arrangements to present these at a recent ERAC Lodge meeting. He also brought out a book that was over three inches thick, which were the records of 1970 for the First Monroe District.

My thanks to the Kilmer Family for allowing us to receive these items as they are important artifacts of a bygone day of our Fraternity.

It has taken me more than two weeks to go through the material contained in the book. There are correspondence from the Masters and Wardens, notes on Official Visits, news articles from the *Masonic Times*, letters from the Bureau of Masonic Education, also included were the articles R.:W.: Kilmer wrote for the *Masonic Times*. Basically, everything that concerned a DDGM for his term is in the book and all broken down by subject matter.

As a brief example, on October 29, 1969, a Testimonial for R.:W.: Herman Sarachan was held in Gothic Hall at 875 Main Street East. In attendance were Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: Howard Potts, (Potts Award) escorted by W.: Mat Gingold; M.:W.: Clarence Henry, Past Grand Master, escorted by W.: Fred Nielsen; R.:W.: Robert P. Zabel and R.:W.: Ernest Purton were the escorts for R.:W.: Herman Sarachan. Truly a magnificent piece of work and so much more. All this and to think that today most of it could be put on a zip drive or burned to a CD!

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Well Brothers, the Lodge membership is growing by leaps and bounds. March 10th saw four new Brothers being passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. It was a very instructive evening with W.: Mike Grady, from Livonia, giving the Middle Chamber Lecture. The new Fellowcraft Brothers commented on the presentation of the Lecture and how powerful the message was. These new Fellowcraft Brothers will be receiving the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 14th. If you are in the area, please try to attend, as these Brothers are very keen on learning as much as they can about our Craft.

The last meeting in February was also an exciting evening as I had the pleasure of presenting the Dedicated Service Award to Brother Tom Nersinger. Brother Tom has been very instrumental in keeping the Lodge building clean and the maintenance up-to-par. During the Summer, Brother Tom mows the lawn and trims the shrubbery, for which we used to have to pay an

outside contractor. Furthermore, Brother Tom looks after the snow removal from the sidewalks during the Winter months.

Brother Tom's DSA Apron has been ordered and as soon as it arrives, we will hold a public ceremony for the presentation. Look for pictures of the event in a future issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Brother Chris Cameron is starting to make plans for a chartered fishing expedition on Lake Ontario for sometime in April. To place your reservation, please call Brother Chris at 317-3522 or email him at

ccoffero@gmail.com

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication is May 3rd and 4th this year. The election of the Grand Line is the main order of business. As I receive more information on this event I will pass it along here, in the *Masonic Times* and in our Oatka Newsletter.

Speaking of the Newsletter, I will be sending it out electronically to all of you with email addresses. This is an effort to reduce the postage expenses and a further attempt to go more green by not having to "kill trees" to print the letter. For those of you for whom I have email addresses, the Newsletter will be in an Adobe Acrobat file format. If you do not have the Adobe Acrobat, you can download the Adobe Reader free from the internet at get.adobe.com/reader/. Additionally, if you are still receiving the Newsletter in the mail and wish to get the email version please send your email address to me at:

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Sad News

It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of R.W.: Robert Anderson on March 15th. His dedication and love of the Fraternity was model and we will miss him. Our prayers and condolences go to his family in these days of mourning.

On March 9th, there was a Summoned/Stated Communication. Letters went out via snail mail to every member of the Lodge explaining the format and requesting their attendance. However, only 22 Brothers decided to attend. There was lots of discussion as to what we should do, how to do it and when to do it. All those who spoke were vocal and upbeat and the result was that the Lodge voted to form the necessary committee to go forth and do the work required. They will report back in due time.

Mark Your Calendar

April 13th - Move-up Night.
May 11th - Annual Meeting with reports

June 8th - Installation of Officers. There will be a social hour and dinner prior to the Opening of Lodge at 7:30 p.m.; followed by refreshment after Lodge. As we have done in the past, your cost for dinner is \$5. How can you beat that?

At the last several meetings, it was noticed there is a lack of attendance. This was especially noted for the 1st and 2nd Degrees where we had very few Brothers to form the Symbolic Lodge. My Brothers, many of you have stepped up to take a part in the Degrees. However, we need Brothers to support the Lodge by their attendance. Brothers performing the various parts as well as the Brother who is on the receiving end of the Degree would like to see you there. I am sure our new Brother is thinking, "where are the members?" Any Questions???

Brotherhood Fund

Have you made your contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund for this Campaign? If not, why not do so now. Mail it to the Lodge at the address in the logo above, to the attention of Mike Hueston, Chairman. Your check in the amount of \$1 or more is appreciated. Of course, it would also make the numbers look better. Let us hear from you. It would be great if everyone would make a donation.

Dues

As of this writing, the good news is that our Secretary has mailed out 93 Dues Cards for 2010 Dues. Which means, only 28 Brothers have not paid 2010 Dues. Also, we have eight Brothers who have not paid their 2009 Dues. My Brothers, let's check those Dues Cards in your wallet and get current.

April Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Brothers who are celebrating their birthday in April:

Adam Jurzyniec (1st), Jeffrey Miller (6th), George (Tim) Gray (7th), Charles Skopinsky (11th), Carl M. Robinson (14th), David Clarke (15th), Harold Silvis (17th), Robert Anderson II (18th), Sion (Ted) Honea (21st), Roland Butler (25th), Guy Clark (26th), John Rogalski (27th), Isaac Taylor and Richard Vaughan (30th).

Masonic Anniversaries

For the month of April, we wish our Brothers congratulations on being a member of Valley-Simes Lodge and our Masonic Fraternity:

56 years - Gordon Kotzin

51 years - Richard Beyer

50 years - Irving Spalty

40 years - Robert Peace

30 years - Joseph Holt Jr. and Douglas Spencer

5 years - Frank Sackett

Reservations for dinner, as always, are requested. Remember ... "A reservation made is a reservation paid." Your contact for reservations is Mike Hueston Ph: 509-0606 or email: mph0523@frontiernet.net.

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Spring is in the air as I write this note. The sunshine, warmth and sounds of geese flying overhead are good signals for the coming weeks.

Several Brothers attended a Table Lodge at the Shrine Center on March 3rd, which was well attended and we were served an excellent Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

We are working on several new initiatives for fundraising, one of which is a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner held on March 13th.

Our Lodge completed the 1st Degree for two Candidates and our Fellowcraft Degree was scheduled to be completed on March 16th.

As a community project, our Lodge Brothers will be assisting the Hilton Rotary Club in serving a Senior Dinner at a local church on April 15th. Our Senior Warden, Mike Postilli, who also is the Rotary President, is the event Coordinator.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to W.: Sean Noonan who is a 2010 Monroe District DSA Recipient and many thanks for his outstanding contributions to our Lodge and Craft.

Also, much appreciation is deserved to those who worked the Have-a-Heart Booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge to benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses (Clio Lodge, Leah Chapter and Triangle Girls). The generous public and our dedicated purpose made this event a huge success.

With good participation by our Lodge at the last School of Ritual on March 31st we could earn bragging rights for attendance and have learned a bit more about Ritual precision.

Ox Roast

Tickets for our annual OX ROAST on Saturday, May 1st

are available; contact W.: Sean Noonan, Secretary.

Upcoming Events

April 6th - Regular meeting
April 10th - College of Freemasonry

April 14 - Spaghetti Dinner
April 20th - Master Mason Degree

April 28th - Spaghetti Dinner
May 1st - OX ROAST

Sickness and Distress
We are hopeful the health issues endured by our Brothers will lessen in the months to come and be assured that our continuing support and well wishes are with R.W.: George Todd, W.: Jeff Ross, W.: Dave Goodrich, W.: Gordon Smith, W.: Robert Pederson and Brothers Alvin Metcalf and Gus Neidrich. ✕

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



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My Brothers, April has arrived and by now ERAC has held the 3rd Degree for their new Candidates. They had hoped to use our Lodge for that purpose, but we had erroneously booked two Masonic Bodies for the same day. I humbly and publicly apologize to W.: Pat Nicholson and to the entire ERAC Brotherhood for this unfortunate incident.

On March 8th a Special Meeting was called to specifically discuss the remodeling and repair of the exterior of our 80-year old building. The meeting was informative and detail-packed and, while not contentious, quite lively and animated. The upshot is that no vote could be carried out that night and a further mailing had to go out to the general Brotherhood. It is hoped that by the publication of this Communication, we are well on our way to moving forward with this huge project.

My Brothers, a Fraternity can endure for centuries, we mere mortals for decades, but brick and mortar requires periodic maintenance. That maintenance must be performed, just as our own bodies require nourishment and rest. We cannot avoid the inevitable.

On a happier note, March was a very busy month for Fairport-Flower City Lodge. Three Brothers became Fellowcrafts. This was accomplished on March 22nd with W.: Bernie Lazerson in the East and the incomparable Ill.: Mike Morris, 33°, delivering the Middle Chamber Lecture.

April 12th will see these Brothers Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, with W.: Tom Goodrich in the East.

April will also be a time of renewal to the Brotherhood. On April 26th, we will bid farewell but not forgotten to those whom we have lost in the preceding year. We will also re-dedicate ourselves to the spirit of Freemasonry and commitment to our Lodge. To accomplish this, I urge all of you to attend on the 26th and to attend the College of Freemasonry on April 10th at the Damascus Shrine Center. For a few dollars, you will re-

Annual Widows Luncheon

Saturday, April 24th, Burgundy Basin
Doors open 11 a.m.; Lunch served at Noon

ceive a Baccalaureate Degree in Masonic Light, by virtue of some outstanding scholars in their respective fields of study. Regrettably, I will not be there Saturday. I will be in Albany, speaking my mind (or what I have left of it) at the Empire State Grotto Association Spring Convention. Nonetheless, the preceding Friday night, April 9th, I will be there, shoulder to shoulder, with W.: Tom Goodrich - helping him prepare the repast of the year for the Scottish Rite attendees to the College. I know we will enjoy it.

Also, there is still time to donate to the Brotherhood Fund! I congratulate R.W.: Dwight Turner, who received his 50-year Certificate, while still recuperating at his home. He is a man among Masons and certainly one of my life role models.

Thank you for your kind attention and see you in Lodge. ✕

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Sad News

We have lost another Brother to that house in Heaven not made with hands. Brother Leslie C. Moore, Jr. laid down the Working Tools of life on March 2nd. He received his 60-year Certificate and Pin in January to recognize his dedicated service to the Craft. He was an active member and was always there to support the Lodge when there was a job that needed to be done, sometimes helping above and beyond. We extend our sympathy to the family. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and his Masonic Brothers. Rest in peace, Brother Les.

Good News

I cannot tell you how proud I am of our Lodge members. Our Degree work this year has been simply amazing. We have had several new and old Brothers step up this year. Thanks to one and all. We currently have four new Fellowcrafts scheduled to take their 3rd Degree on April 12th. I welcome any Brothers wishing to attend our Degree to join us for the evening. We are having a dinner prior to the De-

gree. If you wish to join us for dinner, please call or contact me at 624-3959 or email: scott.may@frontiernet.net

before April 8th so we can plan accordingly.

Upcoming Events April

5th - 3rd Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

12th - Special Communication, 3rd Degree; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Degree - 7:30 p.m.

24th - Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin, 12 p.m.

26th - Fellowcraft Meeting, 7 p.m.

May

10th - Summoned Communication - Election and Installation, Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Degree - 7:30 p.m.

24th - Fellowcraft Meeting, 7 p.m. ✕

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



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Sad News

Brother Donald Dreher, who had been a Mason in good standing for 68 years, died on March 6th. Brother Dreher was born on October 30, 1910; Initiated November 3, 1942; Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on November 17, 1942; and Raised to Master Mason on December 15, 1942 - all in Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge. A Masonic Funeral Service was held on March 10th; W.: Tom Michielsen officiated. Brothers from Unity and Webster Lodges were in attendance.

Recent Events

We had a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage on March 8th, prepared by the ladies of Etolian Chapter, OES. We conferred the Master Mason Degree Raising two Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. This was our "Grand Master Edict" Degree for this year and was observed and evaluated by V.: W.: Harry DeHollander. The new Master Masons are Brother Mathew Cryer and Brother Vincent

Lodge News

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Don't Miss It! ...

45th Annual

Ox Roast Dinner Saturday, May 1st



Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

April 2010

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TOM VASILE
POTENTATE

Sad News

As I begin to write this article, I am remembering the outstanding dedication I have seen in the past by Noble Frank Ghyzel. As you all know, Frank passed away on February 18th. Frank was always ready to help in any way he could. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with his family.

2010 Circus Report

I regret to report that, as far as the overall finances are concerned, we lost money on the 2010 Circus. Preliminary amounts are reported to be in the area of \$13,000 - \$15,000. However, the venue was very user-friendly and the Dome enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed being there. There were many friendships renewed and the fellowship was excellent. There are numerous people to thank and I would not even begin to name each one. With that said, I personally thank everyone who helped make our Circus a success in every way for which we had control. God willing, if the decision is made to attempt this again next year, I'm confident everyone will step up to assist once again. We will move forward, review all aspects of the Circus and bring this discussion before the Nobility sometime in the future.

Table Lodge

During our March 3rd meeting, our Chief Rabban, Rich Friedman, put together an excellent Table Lodge. Thanks to Rich and his hard work, great fellowship, food and cheer were enjoyed and a renewal of our camaraderie made the night an exceptional event. Thank you, Rich, for making this yearly event worthwhile. I also thank Norris "The Boss" Shapiro for his hard work in keeping everyone's belly full with fine food, and our High Priest and Prophet, Oscar Wilson, for supplying the wine. Great work guys!

A Sweet Idea

Lady Debbie and I have formulated plans for a Hospital Fundraiser this year. After some research we have decided



Robert Lennarth Anderson
Past Potentate 1970
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to sell the "World's Finest Chocolate." The company will be printing wrappers for the candy bars with the Hospital logo on it and advertisement of our Shriners Hospitals for Children®. As soon as we receive permission from Tampa, we will be ordering some boxes of candy and begin reaching out to everyone to lend a hand with this fundraiser for our Hospital. More information will follow. If you are interested in selling some of this candy for our cause, please contact me on my cell phone at (585) 329-1626 or email me at tvasile@rochester.rr.com.

Recycle Project

Noble Bruce Christopher's daughter-in-law works for a local recycling company and they have agreed to set up accounts for anyone who wishes to donate all or part of their return deposits for recyclable cans to the Shrine Hospitals. This has been approved by Tampa and the company will set up an account for each individual who is willing to participate. They will keep track of the amount donated and give each person an itemized account of the donation at the end of the year for tax purposes. Meanwhile, they will donate all the proceeds to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

To show our appreciation, Bruce and I have agreed to plan a "Shrine Hospital Day." We have set a date for the Auburn Shrine Club "Shrine Hospital Day," which will be held on August 8th. We are still planning the details of the event, but preliminarily we intend to gather at the recycling company and have a cook-out with Clowns, members of the Divan, maybe some motorcycles and other activities open to the public to show our support for their efforts. Everyone who brings recyclable cans that day will receive a free lunch. Mark the date and stay tuned for additional information.

Please make sure you keep an eye out for ALL the advertisements on upcoming events in our *Damascus News*. Remember, if you have an event scheduled, please make sure you get your ad-

Frank Preble, PP, New Board Chairman, Shriners Hospital - Springfield

Shriners Hospitals for Children® in Springfield, Massachusetts, welcomes Frank R. Preble, PP, as the new Chairman of the Hospital's Board of Governors. Mr. Preble of Auburn, Maine, has been a Board member since 2003 and most recently served as Vice-Chairman from 2007 through 2009. Mr. Preble, who has been a Shriner for 25 years, will serve a three-year term as Chairman. The hospital's Board members are made up of Shriners from 17 Shrine Centers located throughout New England and Upstate New York.

Mr. Preble is a member of the Kora Shriners of Lewiston, Maine, and served as its Potentate in 2001, thirty years after his father served in the same capacity. He joined Kora Temple in Lewiston, Maine, in 1985 where he became one of the founding fathers of the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic. Frank continues to serve Kora as its Treasurer and as a member of its Executive Committee. He has also been a member of the Imperial Sports Committee for a number of years.

Masonic Information

His Masonic career began in 1984 and in 1992 he served as Master of his Blue Lodge. Additionally, he served as an Officer of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 2002 and 2003.



An active Scottish Rite Mason, he headed several Bodies of the Rite in the Valley of the Androscoggin and was bestowed with the honorary 33rd Degree by the Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 2002.

Frank has two children; Jacob, a 2009 graduate of Springfield College, and Eliza who is currently pursuing a degree from the New England Culinary Institute. He is Owner/President of Landfall Custom Tours in Auburn, a diversified travel company.

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

Spring is here, the daylight is longer, the clouds are fewer and the possibility of flowers is upon us.

Our Valentine Party was held at the Springside Inn. It was a great time with all the ladies in attendance receiving a beautiful set of gifts chosen by Bob Coleman's lovely wife, Marilyn. How she is able to pick out such lovely gifts is beyond me. Ted Tennant had the place rocking with his stories.

We are looking forward to our March 15th meeting at Devaney's. The "act" for the night will be the Shrine Clowns, led by Oscar Wilson. We hope we will be able to return.

This reporter has heard, through the grapevine, that Lew Hares is back and active again. That is great news! We are looking forward to seeing you at dinner again.

John Cambareri reports the Table Lodge at the Shrine Center was as good as advertised. Maybe that is something we can put on our docket in the future.

Coming up on April 19th, we will be meeting at the Old Erie Restaurant. Ken Pollard ought to be back North by then and promises us a program to remember. We are sure of that. Let's fill the room and celebrate the fact we all finally have our taxes in and the leftovers are ours.



Ted Tennant holds court with the ladies at the Auburn Shrine Club's Valentine Party held at Springside Inn, Auburn.

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Calendar Winners for February

DAY	NO.	WINNER	DAY	NO.	WINNER
2/1	816	Karen Radecker	2/15	697	Dan Burkhardt
2/2	509	Diane Waterstreet	2/16	984	Carol Bishop
2/3	772	Shrine Center	2/17	485	Shrine Center
2/4	590	Shrine Center	2/18	166	Shrine Center
2/5	780	Connie & Glen McClary	2/19	302	Shrine Center
2/6	205	Thomas Swan	2/20	527	Marie Peets
2/7	056	Roger Cox	2/21	892	Shrine Center
2/8	624	Shrine Center	2/22	681	Shrine Center
2/9	688	Dan Lynch	2/23	687	Steve Venturino
2/10	060	Fred Alchowiak	2/24	166	Shrine Center
2/11	201	Shrine Center	2/25	201	Shrine Center
2/12	280	Shrine Center	2/26	214	Shrine Center
2/13	971	Shrine Center	2/27	910	Shrine Center
2/14	136	Cindy Raymond	2/28	945	Shrine Center

Damascus Shriners!**Clip and Save!****2010 Dinners for the Wednesday Night Shrine Meetings**

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

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

Call Shrine Office - (585) 671-3565 (Reservation Line) or (585) 671-7701

by Noon Monday

Dinners include Salad, Coffee and Dessert

May 5th - Baked Stuffed Pork Chop

June 2nd - Chicken Parmesan

September 1st - BBQ Chicken & Ribs

October 6th - Baked Ham

November 3rd - Roast Pork Loin

& Dressing

December 1st - Chicken Cordon Bleu

Note: Chicken may be substituted for those not eating the pork entrées.

Please let the Office know when you are making the reservation if you want chicken instead of pork.

By Norris Shapiro



What's New in Erie!

Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Shriners Hospital Name Now Registered Trademark

The name and logo of Shriners Hospitals for Children® is now a registered trademark. This means that anytime the complete hospital name is used in writing, the trademark symbol ® must appear after the word "Children." In conjunction with a hospital location, such as "Erie," the name should appear as: Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie. The word "unit" is no longer being used to describe hospitals (such as the Erie Unit).

New Smoking Policy Announced at All 22 Shriners Hospitals

Shriners Hospitals for Children® Corporate Headquarters has announced that beginning Monday, April 5, all 22 Shriners Hospitals will become totally smoke-free. This means smoking of any kind will be prohibited throughout the properties of the hospitals (including parking lots) as well as Corporate Headquarters in Tampa. The Erie Shriners Hospital has established a staff committee charged with putting policies, procedures and practices in place to prepare employees, visitors, families and Shriners for the April 5th implementation of this new mandate.

Erie Hospital Day Sunday, June 6th

Be sure to mark Sunday, June 6th, on your calendar. That is the date for this year's Annual Hospital Day celebration at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie. Events will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the hospital grounds.

As in past years, a wide variety of activities are being planned, including an antique and classic car show, entertainment and plenty of food to enjoy. The formal Shrine Ceremony will begin at approximately 12:45 p.m. Hospital Day is a wonderful opportunity for Shriners and the general public to come together to celebrate the work of the Erie facility. All of the activities are free-of-charge. Food and gift items are available for purchase.

If you would like more information on Hospital Day, please call Bob Howden at (814) 875-8782. See you on Sunday, June 6!

Pennsylvania DEP Secretary Plans Visit to Erie Hospital

John Hanger, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, visited the Erie Shriners Hospital to learn how the hospital was using the \$250,000 Energy Efficiency Grant it received in December from the DEP. That grant, which was made possible through the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (federal stimulus grant), is being used to improve the hospital's lighting, air handling and boiler systems and is expected to save the hospital about \$64,000 a year in utility costs. Work on this project was expected to begin last month.

In addition to touring the facility, Secretary Hanger held a news conference in the Hospital Auditorium.

Shriners Spring Class Ceremonial & Hot Sands

By Gary Burke

Spring Class

Ceremonial & Hot Sands

Saturday, May 22nd

Social hour 5 p.m., Dinner 6 p.m.

Ceremonial & Hot Sands 7 p.m.

Get your Petitions in NOW!

We will again be doing the Knickerbocker Degree and a Hot Sands for this Spring Class of new Nobles. Because of this, it will be a men-only event - NO Ladies.

We also invite those Nobles who have joined in the past two years, who have not partaken in a Hot Sands Ceremony, to join in with this Spring Class, and enjoy the fun.

If you are bringing a new Noble into this Spring Class or a Noble wanting to partake in the Hot Sands for the first time, you must RSVP to the Records Office at (585) 671-7701 with a reservation, so we can plan accordingly. No reservation - NO dinner!

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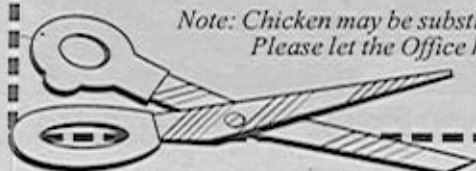
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DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

By John R. Faro, Commander
Sad News

Legionnaires, it is with heavy heart that I report that we have lost another Past Commander to the Black Camel. PC "Frank" Ghyzel passed away February 18th. Frank was Commander of the Legion in 1992. He was a WWII Veteran who landed on Omaha Beach three days after D-Day after which he fought his way across Europe. He will be sorely missed by his fellow Legionnaires and especially his pal and fellow Legionnaire, Joe Minas. He will ever be in our thoughts. The Legion sends its regrets to his family.

In March our guest speaker was Legionnaire John Zabel, who presented an interesting talk on military pay practices. All present enjoyed his talk along with the delicious fish-fry prepared by Chef Charles. I thank my companion, Rose, for the great coleslaw, which accompanied the baked potato and fish. I would be remiss if I did not mention the excellent coleslaw prepared in the past by Annette Shapiro. As a coleslaw buff, I find these two styles incomparable anywhere and hope they both continue providing the slaw at my request. If you are not attending the meetings, you are missing some great meals and fellowship among fellow Veterans.

Don't Miss This Meeting

In April, our speaker will be Legionnaire and Chief Rabban, Richard C. Friedman, who will give a talk on Freemasonry in Nazi Germany during World War II. I have heard this presentation before and found it very interesting. I am sure you will also. The menu that evening will be Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, vegetable, roll and butter and dessert. Chicken will be an alternative menu choice. Of course, there will be an appetizer beforehand. Price is \$9. You can't go wrong. Entertainment, fellowship and a good meal for nine bucks. Hope to see you there.

More in the next newsletter, but the Past Commanders' Night, a BLACK TIE affair, will be held in May on our regular meeting night. The menu is Prime Rib with all the goodies for \$15 per person. Remember, BLACK TIE FOR MEN, GOWNS OPTIONAL FOR THE LADIES. No black tie? A dark suit will work.

I don't want to take up any more space in the paper so I will end this now. If you want to find out what's in store for the future, c'mon out, have a meal and enjoy the companionship of others who have served this glorious Nation.

WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Frank Russell

On March 18th, the Wayne Shrine Club met at the Red Rooster Restaurant, in Fairville, for its regular dinner with the Ladies. As always, the meal was delicious and plentiful; the servers most attentive. We were pleased that our Potentate, Tom Vasile, was able to dine with us. He encouraged participation in upcoming Shrine events. Our President, Gerald Rohrer, was vacationing out-of-state so Vice-President, Frank Russell, presided.

Frank also presented the program. He referred to a recent publication "Masonic Quiz Book," which is a book in question-and-answer format, containing 38 chapters broken down by Masonic historical periods starting with the Colonial Period. Frank selected questions from the book that would have some familiarity to all, such as why the color blue, what U.S. Presidents had been Grand Masters of their State Lodge, and what was the ori-

gin of the title "Tiler"? The discussion touched on the Boston Tea Party and, of course, the founding of the Mystic Shrine and the second Shrine Temple.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was mentioned and several attendees related some anecdotes of their visit to the site. A brief discussion ensued on the historical relationship between the Knights Templar and the Freemasons.

Frank also presented facts on Freemason Mohawk Chief Joseph Brant and his rescues of Cpt. John McKinstry and Lt. Thomas Boyd during the Revolutionary War. Lt. Boyd is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Frank based these remarks primarily gleaned from Michael Karpavage himself, the author of "Crown of Serpents." This book was advertised in the March, 2010, *Masonic Times*.

As usual, it was an enjoyable get-together and we look forward to our next meeting in May.

April Birthdays

Jason Appel	Bobby Dorgan	John Manning	Harold Roxburgh
Robert Banker	James Gostley	Kenneth Martens	Norman Sandle
Wesley Beard	Frederick Halik	Carl Mason	Wellington Sanger
Charles Blazey	Richard Heidorn	Frederick McKinley	Carmen Santaferrara
Stuart Bobry	Edward Heselton	John Merz	Frank Sassone
Joseph Bourcy	Robert Heselton	Bruce Miles	Carl Scarpulla
David Bower	Franklin Higgins	Evar Miller	Lance Seeber
Jed Brandow	Reginald Higgins	Jeffrey Miller	Charles Skopinsky
Thomas Bryan	Bruce Huie	Patrick Mulrooney	Raymond Smith
Mitchel Buchinger	Ivar Hultman	George Nasra	William Spencer
Thomas Burrall	Milton Jefferson	Erwin Newell	Kenneth Stafford
Frank Churnetski	Bruce Kennedy	Joseph Oelgoetz	Ronald Sterling
David Clarke	Robert Kimmel	Arnold Palmer	Pedro Ugalde
Raymond Cody	Seymour Kopen	Gordon Palmer	Frank Valente
Michael Cowley	Howard Kyper	Keith Palmiter	Peter VanVlack
Robert Crystal	Donald Lacy	Sante Panella	Lloyd Vandeviver
James Davenport	Michael Lewis	Dale Polmateer	Derek VanHouten
Phillip Dean	Herman Lyman	Richard Randolph	Robert VanLare
Harry Dehollander	Roger Lynch	Andy Reynolds	Richard Vaughan
Angelo Dicataldo	Mark Malchoff	John Rogalski	Raymond Zieman
Daniel Dixon			

Damascus Legion of Honor Wednesday, April 14th

at Damascus Shrine Center

979 Bay Road, Webster

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

Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
(Chicken for those who choose)

Vegetable * Rolls & Butter * Dessert

\$9 per person

RSVP no later than April 12th at 436-8216

Meeting to follow and will feature Richard Friedman, speaking on Masonry in Nazi Germany

By order of the Illustrious Potentate...

You are hereby invited with your Ladies
To the Shrine General Meeting on May 5th
at the Shrine Center

Special Program Featuring
Investigator Sergeant and Author

Patrick Crough

of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit
Sergeant Crough is the author of the book
The Serpents Among Us

Crough was the lead investigator into the disappearance of Kali Poulton of East Rochester in May, 1994.
Sergeant Crough's program gives us instruction on how we can protect our children and grandchildren from child predators.

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Members Meeting at 7 p.m.

Sergeant Crough's presentation - 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome including wives, ladies and adult children!

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!

Please make your reservations prior to April 30th by
calling the Shrine Office at 585-671-3565 or email
office@damascusshriners.org

Zama Temple No. 14

Queen Nancy Lynch

meet new ladies and learn about the Daughters of the Nile. This time will also serve as a time to learn about other ladies' organizations, whom we are asking to have a representative present.

As we all realize, there is a need for new members and leaders in all Fraternal Organizations. If we all work together, this can be achieved. Let us all share "Who We Are and What We are All About."

Please contact either Betty Nohle, (585) 787-4365; email:

psq92betty@aol.com

or Ellie Canfield, (315) 524-8729; email:

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Until next time, I leave you with this thought ... To handle yourself, use your head; To handle others, use your heart.

By Ellie Canfield, PQ

Queen Nancy Lynch has had a busy year as Queen of Zama Temple. She traveled to Supreme Sessions in London, Ontario, Canada; visited many Temples; traveled to North East Days and, most recently, traveled back to London for the Supreme Queen's Homecoming. It's been a great year, Queen Nancy. As you said from the beginning "Imagine It, Believe It, Achieve It." YOU DID IT.

Zama Temple Membership Committee extends an invitation to all "women's organizations" and any other ladies who are related, by birth or marriage, to a Shriner, Master Mason or Daughter of the Nile, to a social evening on Wednesday, April 28th at 7:30 p.m. at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster. It will be a time to visit, enjoy refreshments,



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Sunday, April 18th



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Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles:

Robert L. Anderson, PP
March 15, 2010

Donald A. Dreher
March 6, 2010

Franklyn H. Ghyzel
February 18, 2010

Louis W. Kiesewetter
February 20, 2010



The Soapranos

Tony Soaprano's Comedy Retirement Party



June 19th - \$25 per person
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BAND

By Frank Russell

Hopefully the Masonic Community,
and others, enjoyed hearing the new
Damascus Shrine Band before each of
the evening performances and the late
Sunday afternoon performance of the
Shrine Circus at the Dome Arena.
These were the Band's first appear-
ances outside of the Shrine Center.

The Band was started just seven
months ago, after more than a 14-year
absence as a Shrine Unit. Currently,
the Band has 21 members and is anx-
ious to add more.

Open to All Masons

While most Band members are
Shriners, the Band is open to any Ma-
son. Thus, this is an appeal to all Ma-
sons who play an instrument to con-
tact the Band Leader, Frank Russell, at
(315) 331-7621, or the Damascus
Shrine Center at 671-7701.

If your Blue Lodge is processing an
applicant who would be interested in the
Band, perhaps he can join it at this time.
It may spur his interest in Masonry.

While the Band is in the marching
band category, it plans to ride on a
flatbed truck for parades. The Band re-
hearses once a month at the Shrine
Center. Currently it is expanding its
musical program and is putting to-
gether a schedule of events for the
year. To some extent this takes into
consideration other commitments of
Band members.

**Directors Staff
Dinner Meeting**
Wednesday
April 28th

Yellow Mills Diner

2534 Route 31, Palmyra
Order off the Menu
Social Time - 5:30 p.m.
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Program: Robert Anderson PP
"Erie Hospital Changes"

Bring your Lady and FEZ
New Shriners are welcome!

Call Vance Collom (585) 217-9817
vcollom1@rochester.rr.com
with any questions or to
make reservations

As an aside, an interest has been
shown in reviving the Shriners Bagpipe
Band of yore. To any of you who are
pipers or drummers, and who might be
interested (no commitment at this time),
contact one of the numbers above so
we can see if this can become a reality.

Consider getting on the Bandwagon;
let's just have some fun!



Imperial Session 2010 Toronto, Canada July 4th through 8th

Damascus Shrine is preparing an
overnight bus trip to Toronto on July
6th. A bus or buses will be available,
at the Shrine Center's expense, to
leave the Center on Tuesday morn-
ing, July 6th (Parade night), and
return Wednesday night, July 7th.

Before any arrangements can be
made, we are polling the mem-
bership to see how many Nobles are
interested in going on this trip. If we
have enough people, we will suggest
one hotel where you can make your
own reservations and stay together.

Also, we have a limited number
of rooms available at one of the
Headquarter Hotels for those who
plan to go for the entire Session.

Remember ... everyone going
on either option will require a valid
US Passport or an Enhanced New
York State Operator's License.

Please call the Office to submit
your name and how many will be
going and for which option. When
calling the Office, please leave your
email address so we can keep you
updated on the progress.

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If you need immediate communication
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Frank Sassone at:
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and he will be happy to help.

April 18th is the Casino Day at Ni-
agara Casino Bus trip! (RESERVA-
TIONS NOW BEING TAKEN IN THE
OFFICE.)

Hopefully, we will get some good
weather soon. I'm sure you all looking for-
ward to Springtime. Until we see each
other again, may God bless you and your
families and keep you all in His care.

Unity Lodge

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French. Congratulations! Thanks to all who participated in the Degree and the drama for a job very well done. The lively performance of R.: W.: Gene Brendel as Hiram Abif in the drama was particularly exciting.

We still have one Fellowcraft whose Raising is pending.

Prior to the Conferral of the 3rd Degree, we balloted on five Petitions upon which our committee had reported favorably. A 1st Degree for Initiation of these five Petitioners was scheduled to be held on March 22nd.

Upcoming Events

The Widows Luncheon will be on Saturday, April 24th, at 11 a.m. at Burgundy Basin. Reservations must be made through the Lodge. Contact Joe Privitera at 392-5583. He will need to know how many in your party, the name of each and the choice of entrée for each. Choose between Chopped Sirloin Steak or Stuffed Chicken Breast.

Sickness and Distress

It was a distinct pleasure to see Brother Orlo Noxon in Lodge at our last meeting. Orlo is still in pain, but improving, and he assured me he would be in Lodge more often in the future.

I know there are other cases of sickness and distress out there, but we have not had any specific reports recently. Nevertheless, we do wish speedy relief to all those who may be suffering at this time and urge them to contact the Lodge with information about their conditions.

April Birthdays

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

Gary Cornelius (1st), Charles N. DiPilato and Arthur A. Rogers (2nd), Raymond H. Cody and Derek E. VanHouten (3rd), Robert P. Kennedy (4th), Clarence R. Dinger (5th), William W. Stoddard, III (6th), Earl N. Lenhard (7th), Richard D. Bean (10th), Rick Randolph (12th), Cedric W. Lodge (18th), Franklin D. Higgins and Jerry F. Luedemann (19th), Dale C. Bond (20th), Donald L. Grapensteter (22nd), Richard M. Fisher (25th) and Robert E. Crystal (29th).

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to these Brothers Raised in the Month of April:

1949 Robert W. Judd
1952 Septimius DiLauro
1953 Edward Hogle
John H. Lont
Arthur A. Rogers
1954 Norman Weinreber
George R. Reiber
1956 Richard Spangenberg

1958 Raymond Burroughs
James M. Simmons
1960 William Allen
Donald A. Walzer
1975 J. Edward Gillott
Bruce W. Peckham
2000 Thomas E. Riddle
Keith A. Freeman
2005 Mathew Henshaw
Timothy J. Hull

Andrew J. Tascione III
Brothers, if you know of any Brother in sickness or distress, please communicate that information to me.

Please keep those Dues and Brotherhood Fund contributions coming. Thank you. *

NORTHFIELD

Lodge No. 426

Instituted March 1857

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



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By Erik Loepker, Sr. Warden

I recall watching the movie, "Shakespeare in Love." Yes, it's a romantic comedy, but I think it was rather well done. The reason I bring it to mind now is a phrase that one of the characters of that film uses throughout, "I don't know. It's a mystery." This character, Philip Henslowe (portrayed by Geoffrey Rush), applies this philosophy when under extreme duress - such as when trying to put together an impossible play in an impossibly short amount of time, despite seemingly insurmountable odds. The character is confident they will succeed, but when asked how this can be, he simply replies, "I don't know. It's a mystery." Yet, it turns out as he says it will.

Wrapping It Up

As we slide into our final countdown, six regular Communications before we go dark, we note a certain level of anxiety amongst the Brethren. Have we enough time to accomplish all that we set out to do this year? Goodness, it seems it can hardly be credible we'll succeed. We have a Master Mason Degree for six Fellowcrafts, the Grand Communication, Move-Up Night, Awards Night, Elections, Membership Survey, Adopt-a-Highway and Lodge fundraising.

That's just stuff off the top of my head, without referring to the Trestleboard. This doesn't even cover the fact that we've had three Brothers lay aside the Working Tools of Life. They will be sorely missed, but our silver

lining is that we are also gaining six new Brothers. Plus, best of all, a Brother has just added a new birth to his family (perhaps a future Freemason?). A lot to take in, right? But, yes, I have no doubt we will succeed. How? I don't know. It's a mystery.

I do know we have a strong and flexible staff of Officers. Our membership is expanding with new Brothers who show sincere interest in the Craft and a desire to help enhance it as they themselves are enhanced by it. So, stay tuned! More will be forthcoming!

In the meantime, let's have some light news. We have six Brothers who are celebrating their birthdays in April. The Officers and Brethren of Northfield Lodge extend a very warm wish for a Happy Birthday to each and every one of them. Each brightens the world by his mere presence. So, our hats are off to Brothers Fred Halik, James Knapp, Gregg Moore, John Parker, Pedro Ugalde and John Zona.

We extend a sincere invitation to anyone who would like to join us for our 3rd Degree on April 15th. We have six Fellowcrafts coming up and extra hands are always very warmly accepted. If nothing else, it enhances the experience for those undergoing the Degree to know there are so many people interested in their individual advancement and deportment. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and is \$10 if you'd like to come. Please contact our Master of the Lodge, W.: James Deasey III; Secretary, W.: John Dudley; or Junior Warden, Mike Zona, for details and reservations.

Speaking of invitations, the Brothers of Northfield were invited to attend the Yellow Dog Degree at Seneca Lodge on April 14th. It promises to be a fun time and we look forward to seeing several Brothers in attendance!

Lastly, a reminder ... nay, a nudge, a mere wink and nod, is being sent out to Brethren to remind them that Dues are due. It sometimes can be overlooked, so we thought a subtle poke might help.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact our Officers, visit our website at www.northfieldlodge.org, or call our information line at 586-2976. *

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Spring is here, Brethren, and as my year in the East speeds to the end, I find myself contemplating all that has occurred since June. We have had quite a year, from the Scholar Picnic; Brother Bring-a-Friend; Table Lodge; Christmas Eve at Ronald McDonald House; Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army and Have-a-Heart Campaign to Lodge meetings with GREAT round-table conversations and camaraderie.

We enjoyed many great speakers including:

R.: W.: James Sullivan;
M.: W.: Neal Bidnick, Past

Grand Master of NYS; Custodians of the Work, R.: W.: Peter Kermani, W.: George Nasra and R.: W.: Rich Friedman to debrief our new Brothers about our Degrees.

We've lost some Brothers this year and their physical presence is missed. However, I've learned something important which may not be news to anyone but me. The secret to Masonry, and to our continued success is, fellowship. Surrounding ourselves with motivated and positive men who care about the world around them and are driven to leave a mark is the key. I've found this in our Lodge and around the District, as I've come to know more people this year. Really, what a pleasure this year has been. Sometimes crazy—but so worth it!

As of this writing, we've just held our Annual Ladies Night, and it was another great success! We did not have our usual high numbers, but those who attended enjoyed a classy, intimate and fun night! Junior Warden, Mike Knolla, and crew – Senior Warden Patrick Mulrooney, Brother Matt Muller, did a fantastic job of setting the mood with perfect decorations, lighting and music. The main entrees of Chicken, Eggplant and Portabella Mushroom Parmesan were prepared by Brother Bruce Katz and were delightful. Other additions such as the chocolate dipping fountain with lots of delectable fruits, cookies and treats were great touches! Another outstanding effort Brothers! Well done!

As we are wrapping up our Degree work for the year, we've worked hard at giving the best Ritual possible, and our Officer Line has continued to step up at every call. We set a goal at the outset of the year to practice what we preach, as they say, and I believe we have done well reaching that goal.

Upcoming Events

April 12th - R.: W.: Rich Friedman will speak to the Symbols and Allegories of the 3rd Degree Ritual.

April 26th - Presentation of the Douglas MacArthur and Daniel Carter awards

Masonic Anniversaries

1948 Jack D. Michie
1953 Roger E. Fingar
Norbert F. Holderle
Richard S. Walter
1955 Wesley W. Hyde
Frank L. Voegtle
1958 Edward C. Miller
1959 Ralph E. Smith
1960 Charles I. Bearse, Jr.
1980 Vincent C. Cropp
Richard F. Griswold
Howard M. Travis
1985 Kenneth S. Bumpus
Larry L. Hillabrandt
1995 Patrick J. Mulrooney Jr.
Terry W. Wihlen, Jr.
2005 Albert A. Broccolo
Geoffrey S. Buell
David M. Ferguson
Tony Ghaemi
Jeffrey T. Parker
Timothy A. Slater
Joseph K. Spinell

A final brief thought ... my wife, Michelle, is scheduled to deliver our second child by April 1st. We don't know if it's a boy or girl, but are ready to welcome this addition to our family. I include this information because it pleases us to share this with my Masonic Family and to know that my world, and that of my children, will continue to feel their presence going forward. *

Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

Let's start off this month with an opportunity. At the March 16th meeting, the Brothers voted to cancel their Lodge meeting on April 6th. Instead, we will travel to Spencerport and attend the Master Mason Night Program of Starlight Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. This will be a new experience for me and, I'm sure, many of the Brothers.

It should be a very educational evening. Worthy Matron, Janet Porter (who just happens to work with me in the Masonic Service Bureau), extended an invitation to all Masons in the District to attend this event. Ordinarily, we would not be able to go because they meet the same night we do. Through the grapevine I have heard that some of these sessions do not receive the response the Ladies would like. I know there are conflicts (as in our case), but sometimes it is just too much to add to everyone's busy schedules. Here we were going out anyway, so we just changed the location.

By the way, it is an Open Meeting, so everyone is invited ... friends and relatives, males and females. You do not have to be a Mason or a Sister of the Eastern Star to be there. What I do ask is you call our Junior Warden, Brother Richard Smith, immediately to let him know you are coming and how many. The Calling Tree should have contacted Brothers who are usually involved in our programs. Reservations were due March 31st. However, if this event appeals to you (and I hope it does) and you were not called for one reason or another, please call him at 703-0039 and we will add you to the list.

Fellowcraft

The busy month of April includes our Annual Fellowcraft Dinner at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road. Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and we plan to eat at 6:30 p.m. Your choices are Prime Rib or Orange Roughy. The \$26 price includes your Annual Dues to the Fellowcraft Club. W.: Tom Benson and/or Brother Bob Hughes are making the telephone calls on this event. Call them, if you haven't heard - 288-2661 for Tom; 227-4766 for Bob. Any Brother is welcome to join in our fun!

Widows Luncheon

April 24th will be the Annual Widows Luncheon, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau. I know our Secretary, W.: Ralph Jurgens, has sent letters to our Widows list inviting them to attend. We find that, sometimes, individuals are overlooked, and apologize if our records aren't the most accurate. If you find you, or someone you know, did not receive this correspondence, please contact

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W.: Jurgens at 208-7106, so he may correct our information.

Sickness and Distress

W.: David King continues his battle with respiratory problems. He has resigned as Associate Editor of the *Masonic Times*, as his condition severely inhibits his ability to get around. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

We have learned that Sue Kendig, wife of our late Secretary, W.: Tom Kendig, has incurred another setback in her ongoing battle with health issues. Please add her to your prayer list, as well.

March Business

At our March 2nd meeting, two important announcements were made. The first was with regard to the Master of the Lodge for the 2010-2011 Masonic year. R.: W.: Derek Van Houten will be the Candidate for this Office; W.: Thomas Benson will not run for a second consecutive term. Brother Derek has been, and will be, in touch with potential Line Officers to assist in his administration.

The second was in reference to consolidating with another Lodge. After some discussion, a Committee was appointed consisting of the Worshipful Master, Treasurer, Secretary, a Trustee and another interested Brother. The form has been sent to the Grand Lodge Committee on Charters through the Grand Secretary's Office at Grand Lodge. Since we are approaching the Annual Grand Lodge Communication and there is much work to be done for that event, we are not sure how soon we will receive the packet containing the rest of the paperwork and instructions on how to proceed. We will keep you posted. In addition, if you have any thoughts or comments, feel free to express them to the Master, the Secretary or me.

May Happenings

Coming up in May will be the Officers' Meeting on May 11th. We will probably have a dinner again, and then discuss the 2010-2011 Officer Line, Annual Reports and Budget for the ensuing year. On the 18th, we will hold our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Reports will be submitted for approval at that time.

R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, W.: Tom Benson and I expect to be in New York City for the Grand Lodge Sessions on May 3rd and 4th, and will miss the first meeting. More information on what will transpire that evening should be available in the next issue. There will also be reports on the Grand Lodge Session at a future meeting.

Celebrations

Happy April Birthdays to the following Brothers: Derek VanHouten (3rd); Earl Martin and Ronald Sterling (6th); Mark Jacobs and Robert W. Hughes (15th); Scott Mason (17th); and Richard Militello (23rd). We hope you have a wonderful day!

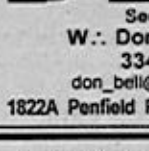
See you in Lodge.

Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154

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



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I enter into Spring with mixed emotions. It is with sadness that I am nearing the end of my term as Master of the great Wakan-Hubbard Lodge of Penfield. I am, on the other hand, excited to see the many signs of Spring within the Lodge – and the promise of new life! First of all, our Senior Warden, Fraser Ritchie, is already poised to make next year even better and stronger than this one. He has his Trestleboard all ready to go and a FULL LINE OF OFFICERS!! I can't remember the last time this has happened without relying on a large number of Past Masters to fill the Chairs. This will be an exciting time!

Another sign of Spring is the many new members who are coming into our ranks. It has been a joy watching them take part in the Degree work already, doing the Questions and Answers, the Working Tools and more! They have performed exceedingly well and with strong, confident voices. With this combination of a strong program, Master and Officers, I cannot see how next year can be anything less than FANTASTIC!!!

I have made plans to attend Grand Lodge Sessions in New York City the first part of May and, as luck would have it, my wife's best friend from her homeland in Scotland will be in New York at the same time with her husband for an Annual Meeting of his company! So, while I am relishing the pomp and circumstance of Masonry, she'll be able to go off shopping with her friend and get re-acquainted and spend some money! Hopefully, she won't be spending TOO much!

We took an Entered Apprentice (who often works out of town) to Clio Lodge on March 16th to receive his 2nd Degree. This will be a big help to us and will help him stay on track for his 3rd Degree in April. I thank V.: W.: Harry DeHollander for helping arrange this and W.: Frank Cellona and his Senior Warden for allowing us to do this.

We will have performed two 2nd Degrees in March and are planning two 3rd Degrees in April! Again, this is exciting stuff for our Lodge!

We are also looking forward to the School of Ritual at Oatka Lodge Hall on March 31st. Wakan-Hubbard Lodge is in contention to win some big award, I hear. So, we hope to be able to carry home the spoils of the victor. At any rate, I am sure the evening will be enlightening to all in attendance.

Save the Date

May 8th – 9 a.m.; We will meet at Dunkin' Donuts on Penfield Road (near the Lodge) for our Highway Cleanup Day along Whitney Road in Penfield.

May 10th – The only meeting in May. We have re-scheduled our Financial Advisor to come to the Lodge and answer any questions the Brothers may have about our investments. It should prove to be interesting to hear of some of the things our wonderful Trustees have been working on in conjunction with Forte Capital.

Sickness and Distress

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of our good friend and Brother, Frank Rechlin, on March 5th. He originally was Raised in Kenmore Lodge in the Erie District and affiliated with Wakan-Hubbard about 10 years ago. He was a very faithful and dedicated Mason. He was delighted to receive his 55-year Pin a couple of months ago. Our condolences go to his daughter, Eileen, her siblings and Frank's entire family. A Masonic Service was conducted at Crawford Funeral Home and two Brothers from the Buffalo area were able to make it to the service.

A group of Brothers went to see W.: Gene Brown in the Canandaigua VA Hospital and had a good visit with him. W.: Gene is struggling with some serious health issues. We continue to wish him well.

W.: Chuck Spiegel is continuing to undergo a series of tests in Georgia to try to find the source of his health problems. Our thoughts are with him and his wife, Elaine, as they journey through this process.

WEBSTER LODGE NO. 538

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



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First of all, my apologies to W.: Brad Lewis for incorrectly stating that his program was about Signs and Symbols. It was that and more, but centered on the many that appeared on some of the Major Buildings in our Nation's Capital.

For those of you from other Lodges who may read our column, it would be a good topic to schedule for one of your Communications, seeing that he will have some time on his hands next year. I can't help but "Bust My Buttons" for the excellent portrayal of our recent 2nd Degree upon eight new Fellowcraft.

Should you receive this publication before the Master Mason Degree, scheduled in two parts – April 1st and 8th – you can rest assured the portrayal will be equal to what just transpired. W.: Brad Lewis' Middle Chamber Lecture was "letter perfect." Marshal Patrick Andrew's Perambulations and his Presentation of the Working Tools was the best I've ever seen in my 50 years. As usual, Brothers Joe Lewis and Allyn Burrino's Lecture never missed a beat!

Annual Widows Luncheon

Saturday, April 24th, Burgundy Basin

Doors open 11 a.m.; Lunch served at Noon

I can't personally testify to the success of the Table Lodge as I was nursing a 102° fever. However, as I was informed, 50 of our Brothers, Entered Apprentices included, enjoyed a great feast created by Brother Jim Clancy and wife, Julie. Senior Warden Bill Gross, I'm sure, will be glad to see his responsibilities come to an end with the final "Corraling of the Troops." He has done a magnificent job of coordinating! To all of which, and I'm sure W.: Brad Lewis will concur, this has been one wonderful year for Webster Lodge.

Attend Lodge Again

For those of you who, for some reason or another have not been in attendance, didn't experience what has transpired in Webster Lodge this year. That includes some 80 members who could attend, but missed recent Masonic Events previously not equaled here.

We are fast approaching our 150th Anniversary and Lodge attendance is equal to what transpired following World War II. The age of our newer Brothers is below what we have seen in the past 25 years. Masonry is alive and growing in Webster Lodge. Our Officers Line is secure for the foreseeable future and, properly done, many of our "newly Raised" Brothers will carry us into the next decade.

Spaghetti Dinners

Thanks to V.: W.: Nick Hal-doupis and the Brothers who make our Spaghetti Suppers so successful and in the eye of the Community by donating the profits to worthwhile Community Organizations. Webster Lodge has been recognized as one of the Prime Contributors to the betterment of such. This month's profits go to Webster Comfort Care.

Upcoming Events

The rest of the year, following the 3rd Degrees, will be probably less hectic. W.: Brad's Trestleboard for the balance of his term is as follows:

April 1st and 8th – 3rd Degrees; I believe all will be invited to a supper April 1st.

April 15th – Awards Night
May 6th – "Stink Night" and Past Masters will run the show
May 13th – Past Masters Dinner

May 20th – Annual Meeting, Summoned Communication, Committee Reports and Election of Officers, boring but necessary

Sad News

I also must relate the passing of Brother Don Dreher, whom I didn't have the pleasure of knowing. Active in the Shrine, American Legion and many other worthwhile causes, his passing will leave many of those organizations minus one who contributed much to the causes they served.

In closing, I'm sure I've left something undone, but let me know and I will add it to next month's report. It's also nice to hear that my music is being enjoyed. Been tough to tame the organ we have, as my own virtually does it by itself. So until next month on behalf of W.: Brad Lewis, "See you in the Quarries."

Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen

It's April, and you're once again burning the midnight oil, poring over stacks of paperwork or small pieces of paper with little or no explanation on them, trying to file your Income Tax Return on time. If you're rushing to complete your Return, you may be making costly mathematical errors, overlooking important deductions or missing tax credits you might qualify for. Yes, you might be one of those people in the TV ads who overpay their taxes each year. Why are we so stupid to subject ourselves to this torture year after year? Each year we tell ourselves and our spouses that next year will be different but we do nothing to make our lives easier.

Taxpayers nationwide have until Thursday, April 15, 2010, to file their 2009 Returns and pay any taxes due.

If someone else claims you as a Dependent, you may still be required to file your own Tax Return.

Whether or not you must file a Return depends on several factors, including the amount of your unearned, earned or gross income, your marital status, any special taxes you owe and any advance Earned Income Tax Credit payments you received.

If you are a Dependent, you may not claim an exemption. If someone else – such as your parent – claims you as a dependent, you may not claim your personal exemption on your own Tax Return.

Your Spouse is not Your Dependent

On a Joint Return, you may claim one exemption for yourself and one for your spouse. If you are filing a Separate Return, you may claim the exemption for your spouse only if they had no gross income, are not filing a Joint Return, and were not the Dependent of another taxpayer.

If You have Tots and Teens

Got Kids? They may have an impact on your tax situation. Listed below are things for you to consider if you have children.

1. Dependents - In most cases, a child can be claimed as a Dependent in the year they were born.

2. Child Tax Credit - You may be able to take this credit on your Tax Return for each of your children under age 17. If you do not benefit from the full amount of the Child Tax Credit, you may be eligible for the Additional Child Tax Credit. The Additional Child Tax Credit is a refundable credit and may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax.

3. Child and Dependent Care Credit - You may be able to claim the credit if you pay someone to care for your child under age 13 so that you can work or look for work.

4. Earned Income Tax Credit - The EITC is a benefit for certain people who work and have earned income from wages, self-employment or farming. EITC reduces the

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# York Rite NEWS

York Rite College  
Judas Maccabeus

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



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### Upcoming Events

April 21st - Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Northfield Lodge Hall, Pittsford. If there's a dinner prior to this meeting, John Dudley will send an email.

### Get Involved

Election of Officers is upcoming and it's an opportunity for you to become part of the team. If you are interested in becoming an Officer, call R.I.: John Dudley at 586-6426. He will let the Nominating Committee know of your interest. We need members with new and exciting ideas.

Attention Snowbirds who are back ... we would like to have your company. We would also like to see members of other Councils in attendance.

### 150th Anniversary

It is getting close to our 150th Anniversary Party. Companion John Gallant will have more to tell us about the event. If you wish to be part of the anniversary activities, call him at 624-9629.

### Sickness and Distress

I.: George Springett is in therapy, as he is recovering from major neck surgery.

R.I.: Norm Austin's wife, Linda, is struggling with a serious health issue.

M.I.: Arnold Palmer came down with bronchitis while at Grand Chapter in Albany.

M.I.: Ray Beardsley's wife, Lila, is recuperating after a bout with the flu.

several Brothers who need the Holy Royal Arch Degree and there are Brothers who are just starting on their journey in the York Rite.

The Rite is a journey that has been designed to help a Mason build upon the lessons of the first three Degrees. Our Ritual, ceremony and historical lessons of the Rite are intended to be the completion of the 3rd Degree. Or that is the intent. There is much to be learned about the development of the Holy Royal Arch Degree and its prerequisites, the Mark Master Mason, Past Master and Most Excellent Master.

When the Royal Arch was originally developed, it was intended to be conferred after the 3rd Degree. The Ancient Grand Lodge of England was the first Grand Lodge to accept the Royal Arch Degree. The Modern Grand Lodge did not approve of conferring the Degree in its Chartered Lodges, so it agreed to the development of a separate Grand Chapter. The Ancient Grand Lodge approved of the Royal Arch being a part of the workings of a Lodge.

This was a point that needed to be resolved when the Modern and Antient Grand Lodges decided to consolidate. The final solution was the statement in the United Grand Lodge constitution stating "ancient Craft Masonry consists of three Degrees only, including the Holy Royal Arch." Now this is a conundrum that every Companion should consider solving for themselves, or at least investigate.

It is interesting the Masonic historians know more about the development of the Scottish Rite, or the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as it is known in England, than they know about the development of the York Rite and its Degrees. This means there is more work to be done to develop the history of the Rite. Therefore, there is more to our Rites than meetings and Ritual. We should all get to work to learn more about the Rite.

Let us hope that Spring is here and the weather is improving. Companions, enjoy Spring and attend Chapter meetings to share our personal experiences with the Rite.

### Upcoming Events

Our Easter Observance is scheduled for Monday evening, April 19th. There is a correction from last month's article. There will not be the Election and Installation of Officers at our Conclave in April. Both the Election and Installation of Officers for the 2010-2011 Templar year will occur at our May Conclave. With that said, the plan for our Easter Observance is to begin the celebration of our risen Lord promptly at 7:30 p.m. The observance will be followed by fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass.

On May 17th, we will hold Election and Installation of Officers for the 2010-2011 Templar year. For those current Officers, please let our Captain-General, Sir Knight Bill Fleisher, 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 Sir Knight Fleisher know if you would like to begin your "pilgrimage" in the Officers line. Sir Knight Fleisher can be reached via e-mail at:

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or via telephone at 278-7389.

### Templar Eye Foundation

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

Cyrene-Monroe will be running it's campaign from now until the end of the Templar year. Please keep this in mind for your annual giving. Please make checks payable to Knights Templar Eye Foundation and forward all donations to our Recorder, Sir Knight Charles Roberts, 158 Meadowbriar Rd, 14616. Contact him at: (585) 621-3796; or cell at: (585) 259-3796; or email him at: [cholyone@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cholyone@rochester.rr.com)

### The Council of Troyes

By Alan Butler

We have only scant and sometimes contradictory accounts as to the actual "founding" of the Poor Knights of Christ and the Temple of Solomon. The evidence put forward by Guillaume de Tyre, a later commentator, suggests that it was in the year 1118 that Hughes de Payen, a member of the lesser nobility from Champagne, presented himself, with a number of companions, before the throne of Baudouin II of Jerusalem. After 1118 comes the mysterious period, about which we know so little. What was the embryonic Knights Templar doing in Jerusalem? Were they really intent on keeping the roads clear for pilgrims and if so, why were there only about a dozen of them? Is it possible that they had some other reason, such as digging below the Temple Mount? This is speculation and represents possible intrigue covered in other articles and it is fair to say that the first genuine date we have for the

Templar Order is that of 1128, at which time the Templars officially came into existence.

It is suggested that at some period prior to 1128, Hughes de Payen wrote to Bernard, later St. Bernard of Clairvaux, by this time the leading light in the Cistercian Order and a force to be reckoned with in the Catholic Church. Hughes is supposed to have asked St. Bernard if he would consider sponsoring the embryonic Order and perhaps create a "Rule" for what would be essentially an institution of Holy Knights.

Bernard of Clairvaux, the shining star of monasticism, was prevailed upon to take the embryonic Templar Order under his wing, to regularize it and to seek an official recognition by the Pope. In preparation for the event, Bernard penned a long document entitled "In Praise of the New Knighthood."

Bernard's championing of the Templars was not without opposition. Cardinal Harmeric, a man close to Pope Honorius II, wrote to Bernard saying "It is not fitting that noisy and troublesome frogs should come out of their marshes to trouble the Holy See and the Cardinals." With customary humor, Bernard defused the critics by a show of humility, virtually demanding that the Cardinal "order" him to stay out of papal affairs. By so doing, he made the Cardinal look rather stupid and, on the way, gained the attention of the Pope. Beneath the humility, there was a barbed threat. Bernard was close kin to the ruling house of Champagne - a powerful elite with whom the Pope would not wish to provoke an argument.

As in all matters to do with the creation of the Templars, there are more questions than answers, but it is a fact that the Pope convened a Council in Troyes, the capital city of Champagne, in the year 1128. The purpose of this Council was to settle disputes regarding the Bishops of Paris and to deal with other Church matters relevant at the time. Bernard high-jacked the Council, using it for his own purposes. How was he able to do this? Almost certainly it was quite easy, since the Council was being held in the heartland of Champagne, only a few miles from Bernard's own flourishing abbey of Clairvaux. The Pope simply could not avoid listening to what Bernard had to say without directly insulting the Count of Champagne.

Bernard had been busy converting the rule of St. Benedict, already adapted for the Cistercians themselves, to a form that would fit the Templar Order. By the time the Pope sat down to convene the Council of Troyes, he was faced with a fate accompli. He simply could not risk offending the rulers of Champagne, who were also blood tied to the kings of Jerusalem. In addition, the apparent intention of the Templar Order probably impressed the Pope, since this armed group of knights, which would certainly grow exponentially, as the Cistercians had done, would be responsible "only" to the Pope. With an eye for the future and living in dangerous times, Honorius II might have consid-

ered the formation of what amounted to his own private army no bad thing.

As Bernard of Clairvaux was to do on many occasions during his life, he had "stitched up" the papacy, ensuring that the Templars would not simply exist, but that they would be headed by factions drawn directly from Champagne and from his own family. The rest, as they say, is history. When Honorius II died in 1130, against all the odds, Bernard managed to have Gregorio Papareschi, a man with a dubious claim at best, elected as Pope Innocent II. This Pope, and his successors, was deep in debt to Bernard, who left no stone unturned to have more and more papal declarations made to consolidate and promote the Templar Order.

However, the Council of Troyes of 1128 was the turning point of early Templar fortunes and could be considered amongst St. Bernard of Clairvaux's greatest victories.



Zone 11  
News

Zone Commander  
SK Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

### Zone 11 Happenings Commandery Events

**Cyrene-Monroe No. 12** - Pittsford Masonic Hall:

- Next conclave is scheduled for Monday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. The Easter Celebration will begin at 7:30 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments (asking all to bring a dish-to-pass) will follow the observance.

- Monday, May 17th - Election and Installation of Officers for the 2010-2011 Templar Year. There will be a dinner preceding (6:30 p.m.) the Opening of the Conclave at 7:30 p.m. Cost for dinner will be \$10.00. Make your reservations with Sir Knight, Bill Fleisher, at 278-7389 or email: [phdoc007@yahoo.com](mailto:phdoc007@yahoo.com)

**Sagoyewatha No. 17** - Phelps Masonic Hall:

- Next conclave is scheduled for Saturday, April 17th Opening at 9 a.m. (breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant, Phelps - 7:30 a.m.)

- Inspection - Saturday, May 15th (with Salem Town); 10 a.m. (breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:30 a.m.). Inspecting Officer - Sir Knight George Emmons, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer. Refreshments will be served after the Conclave.

**DeMolay No. 22** - Hornell Masonic Center:

- Next conclave is scheduled for Thursday, April 15th. Opening at 7:30 p.m.

- Inspection - Thursday, April 15th. Inspecting Officer - Sir Knight Richard Kerimoglu, Eminent Grand Warder.

Sir Knights, if at all possible please support our other Commanderies by visiting them during their events.

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### What Happened?

Over the weekend of March 6th, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of New York met. A new Grand High Priest was elected and installed. The Most Excellent Jeffery Williamson is our new Grand High Priest. We will inform all the Companions of significant actions taken by Grand Chapter at its Convocation.

We did have to cancel our Convocation for February 25th due to black ice conditions I experienced driving through Pittsford on my way home from work. We will be attempting to keep the Chapter Program on track throughout the year.

### Musings, etc.

The Chapter has Candidates for all of the Degrees. There are

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### He has Risen!

Blessings to you and your families. This month marks the most important celebration in Christendom - the remembrance of our Lord's victory over death and sin. He has Risen and with this the cornerstone of our Christian faith was established. I wish each and every one of you and your families a wonderful and blessed Easter season. Happy Easter!





# Scottish Rite NEWS

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Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection



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

## Degrees Conferral

The conferrals of the 4th Degree, Master Traveler; 6th Degree, Master of the Brazen Serpent; 14th Degree, Grand Elect Mason; and 16th Degree, Prince of Jerusalem were held on February 20th at the Shrine Center. I extend special thanks to all the cast members – you did a terrific job conveying the message and meaning of the Degrees!

Joseph Bourcy, 32° DSA, served as Degree Director for the 4th and 14th Degrees; Eric Lubberts, 32°, served as Degree Director for the 6th Degree; and Evar Miller, 32°, was the Degree Director for the 16th Degree.

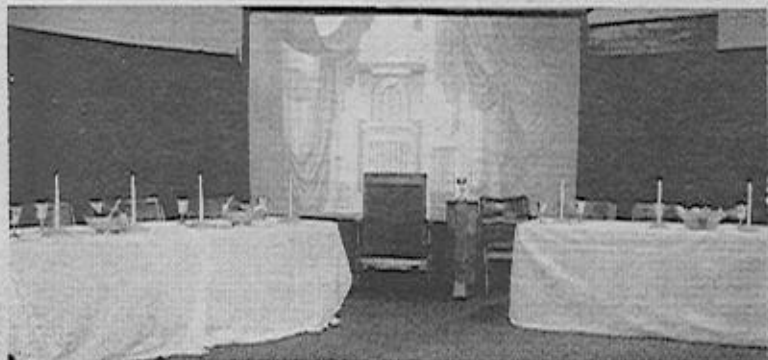
Cast members for the 4th Degree were: John Zabel, Pat Mulrooney, Phil Hurwitz, Don Tubman, Bernie Lazerson, John Lemke, Tom Grape, Rick Howe, Gary Burke, Jim Miller, Tom Goodrich, John Faro, Craig Mollen, Joe Bourcy and Glenn Stahl.

Cast members for the 6th Degree were: John Faro, Adam Palermo, Frank Habitzreuther, Scott May, James Champagne, Ryan Rhys, John Hart, Jim Miller, Marc Ocke, Ron Smith, Jim McConnell, Matt Muller, Bernard Skopinsky and Frank Gabriel.

Cast members for the 14th Degree were: Mike Morris, Scott May, Joe Bourcy, John Lemke, Gary Burke, Tom Goodrich, Tom Grape, Gary Cranker, John Faro, Phil Hurwitz and Rick Howe.

Cast members for the 16th Degree were: Jim McConnell, Joe Bourcy, John Zabel, Sy Kopen, Evar Miller, Brian Bills, Greg Ludwig, Phil Hurwitz, Tom Goodrich, Eric Lubberts, Don Tubman, Frank Habitzreuther and John Lemke.

Wardrobe support was provided by John Zabel and John Faro. Staging and lighting support were provided by Rick Howe. As seen in the accompanying photo of the staging for the 16th Degree, the new scrims and rear-projection display system developed by Rick Howe, 32° DSA, are working out beautifully! Thanks, Rick, for all that



Staging for 16th Degree developed by Rick Howe, 32° DSA.

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Orator: Sy Kopen, 32°  
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Ill.: Rodney Rittenhouse, 33°, addressing new Sublime Princes from his 2009-2010 Class of the Valley of Rochester, AASR.

you have done to improve and enhance our Degree conferrals.

Members of the Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Class are shown in the accompanying photo. On behalf of our members and this year's class, thanks again to all cast members and people behind the scenes for a wonderful day, and for the time, attention and care you took to prepare for your parts in the Degrees! Your dedication and efforts are greatly appreciated!

### "Hats Off"

My Brothers, I am pleased to announce that we will be adding 31 new Sublime Princes to the Valley of Rochester's roster this year, which is *ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC!* "Hats Off" to all the First-Line Signers on this year's new-member applications! First-line signers for the members of the Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Class included: John Faro, David Hardy, Angelo DiCataldo, James Champagne, Joe Bourcy,

Eugene Hill, Adam Palermo, Rick Howe, John Lemke, John Zabel, Jack VanElzakker, Sy Kopen, Derek VanHouten, Phil Hurwitz, Bill Jones, Eric Lubberts, Don Tubman, Phil Cox, Marc Ocke, Tom Goodrich, Stephen Whitaker and Mike Morris.

In total, we have 28 members in this year's Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Class; three (3) new affiliations; and four (4) with paid petitions, which will be held over until next year. As a token of appreciation, each first-line signer will receive a Scottish Rite Double-Headed Eagle baseball-style cap. On behalf of the entire Valley of Rochester membership: "Thank You First-Line Signers!" It is through your energy and dedication that the Valley of Rochester will continue to thrive and bring I.C.E.



Participants at 2009 Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center Walk for Dyslexia

## Valley of Rochester 2010 Spring Fever Program

April 9th - College of Freemasonry  
5:30 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
Members Evening - Entertainment and Dinner  
Reservations Required

April 10th - College of Freemasonry  
8:00 a.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
Public Program - Continental Breakfast and Lunch  
Reservations Required

April 15th - *Light from the Rite Series*,  
"Dyslexia and the 32° Learning Center"  
Damascus Shrine Center  
Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required

April 17th - 24°, 25°, 31° and 32°  
Continental Breakfast and Lunch  
Damascus Shrine Center

April 30th - Reunion Banquet  
Penfield Country Club

May 8th - Learning Center Walk for Dyslexia  
Perinton Park  
Public Event

May 20th - Election & Installation of Officers  
Damascus Shrine Center  
Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required

### Summer dates you will want to save

July 10th - Clambake at Camp Morris

August 15th - Canandaigua Lady Dinner Cruise

### Make your reservations On Time!

At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity

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### Don't be Late!

Late Reservations may have to be accepted  
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Why not sign up on our Permanent Meeting Meal  
Reservation List?

– Inspiration, Convenience and  
Enjoyment – to our Masonic  
fraternity.

And now ... looking to next  
year, our goal is to add another  
50 new members to the Valley  
of Rochester! Remember, my  
Brothers – Membership Development (and Retention) is a  
"Contact Sport!" So, ... "Who's  
on Your List?"

### Upcoming Events

#### College of Freemasonry

This year's College of Freemasonry, on April 9th and 10th, is shaping up to be another signature event! The theme for the event is, "Freemasonry: the Ancient Landmarks, the Symbolism and the Vision of our Craft." Bill Edwards, 32°, Chairman, together with the other members of the CFM organization committee, have put together an excellent program. We will kick

things off with a special event for Scottish Rite members on Friday, April 9th – "An Evening of Jazz," featuring Madeline Forster, a local (Eastman School of Music-trained) jazz vocalist and her jazz quartet. She has a beautiful voice. This will be a treat – guaranteed! To get you in the mood, check out her website at [www.madelinforster.com](http://www.madelinforster.com) to enjoy some audio clips of her music.

The College of Freemasonry (CFM) main program will follow on Saturday morning, April 10th, at the Shrine Center. The CFM program on Saturday is open to all Masons, non-Masons, friends or families. Light refreshments and coffee: 8:00 a.m.; CFM Program: 9:00 a.m.

Featured speakers this year include: Christopher Hodapp, author of the book *Freemasons*



for Dummies, and Editor in Chief of the Journal of the Masonic Society; R.: W.: Tom Savini, Directory of our Grand Lodge Library, and Trustee R.: W.: Bill Thomas. R.: W.: Brothers Savini and Thomas will speak about the library's recent acquisition of the *Processus Contra Templarios*, the Trials Against the Knights Templar. These parchments are a replica of the papers that were recently uncovered in the Secret Vault of the Vatican.

R.: W.: Manfred Liehs will speak on the New York State Masonic Museum and the importance of preserving Masonic artifacts and our heritage. R.: W.: Tom Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Book Review editor for the *Northern Light* magazine, will also be on hand for the presentation of the Valley of Rochester's Thomas Jackson Masonic Education Award®. The Jackson Award recognizes individuals who have taken the message of Freemasonry and transformed it into an educational inspiration at a state, regional or national level.

As a special note, we extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to the following Masonic Bodies for their generous financial contributions to this year's College of Freemasonry: York Rite Bodies; New York Council of Deliberation, AASR; Damascus Shriners; Lalla Rookh Grotto; and the Valley of Rochester, AASR. Additional contributions are still coming in, and donors will be listed in the CFM program.

**Note:** Reservations are required for both the Friday evening and Saturday morning programs.

"Evening of Jazz" – Social: 5:30 p.m.; Dinner and jazz: 6:30 p.m. Cost for dinner and entertainment: \$30 per person or \$50 per couple.

CFM program – 8:00 a.m., Continental breakfast and coffee; 9:00 a.m., College of Freemasonry program; 12 noon, lunch. Cost for CFM program (includes Continental Breakfast and lunch) is \$20 each. Reservations by noon on Monday, April 5th.

#### Learning Center

Our stated meeting, on April 15th, will feature a special presentation on "Dyslexia and the Rochester Learning Center" by John Paul, Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. This is your opportunity to hear – first hand – about the impact that our Rochester Center is making on the lives of the children in our community! This will be the fourth and last presentation in our four-part "Light from the Rite" Masonic Education Series. Hope to see you there! Social hour: 5:30 p.m.; Dinner: 6:30 p.m.; Program: 7:30 p.m. Dinner price: \$15. Reservations by noon on Monday, April 12th.

#### Spring Reunion

The 2010 Spring Reunion will take place on Saturday, April 17th, at the Shrine Center. Four Degrees will be conferred that day: 24th Degree, Brother of the Forest; 25th Degree, Mas-

ter of Achievement; 31st Degree, Knight Aspirant; and the 32nd Degree, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. Degree Directors will be: 24th, Joe Bourey, 32° DSA; 25th, Joe Oelgoetz, 32° DSA; 31st, Rick Howe, 32° DSA; and 32nd, Ill.: John Zabel, 33°.

Lunch (approximately 12 noon): "Roast Beef on Weck" sandwich and salad, \$7. Lunch reservations by noon on Monday, April 12th.

#### Reunion Banquet

Friday, April 30th, is the Reunion Banquet welcoming the members of the 2010 Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Class to the Valley of Rochester. Penfield Country Club is the setting with: Social Hour, 5:30 p.m.; Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Program, 7:30 p.m. This is a special evening with our ladies to honor the Class of 2010. At the banquet we will also be announcing the recipients of the 2010 Ill.: John B. Mullen, 33°, Dedicated Service Awards. Menu choices at the Banquet are currently being finalized but choices will include either a New York Strip Steak or Prime Rib, a Chicken dish, or Stuffed Sole. The price for the dinner is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. No charge for members of the Rittenhouse Class, and their Ladies, as they are guests of the Valley that evening. Dinner reservations are required by noon on Monday, April 26th. Dress for the Banquet is semi-formal or tux.

#### Reservations

For reservations for all events, please call or email the Valley Office by the date indicated in the text for each event

- phone: 264-1160; email: [secretary@valleyofrochester.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofrochester.org). **WALK So They May Read!**

Mark your Calendar, Lace Up Your Sneakers, and join the fun! This year the annual "WALK To Help Children with Dyslexia" and Family Picnic are scheduled for Saturday, May 8th. Check-in, 9:30 a.m.; WALK, 10:30 a.m. at Perinton Park in Fairport.

The WALK and Family Picnic are being held to raise funds to support the tutoring program at the Rochester Learning Center and to raise awareness in our community of the problems children with dyslexia encounter. With greater awareness, more children can be diagnosed and treated. Our goal at this year's WALK is to raise \$10,000, and with your help and support, WE CAN DO IT!

The Center provides free tutoring for children suffering from dyslexia, a neurological disorder that impedes reading and writing. As the children gain the skills to overcome their reading roadblocks, their self-esteem is restored and they can succeed in the normal classroom setting. 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 for this important program!

#### Election and Installation

The Election and Installation of the 2010-2011 Valley of Rochester Officer Lines will take place at our Stated Communication meeting on May 20th at the Shrine Center. Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.; Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Program, 7:30 p.m. The price is \$15 per person and the menu will be grilled Steak, Baked Potato with Sour Cream or Butter, Green Beans, Salad with Crumbly Bleu-Cheese Dressing. Dinner reservations are required by noon on Monday, May 17th.

#### Dates to Remember

Summer will be here before you know it! So, mark your calendar and come join the country fun and fellowship at the Camp Morris Clambake and Steak Roast on Saturday, July 10th. A great time guaranteed for all!

#### Canandaigua Lady

On Sunday, August 15th, come cruise and dine with your Brothers and their Ladies aboard the Canandaigua Lady on scenic Canandaigua Lake. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early!

More information will follow on the Camp Morris Clambake/Steak Roast and the Canandaigua Lady Dinner Cruise as we get closer to the dates.

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

## Candid Photographs at Valentine's Day Luncheon at La-Tea-Da! Tea Room



## Members of 2009-2010 Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Class



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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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### April Antics

When that April with his  
showers soote  
The drought of March hath  
perced to the roote.

As Chaucer noted in his "Canterbury Tales," April showers pierce the drought of March to roots of the plants in the ground, causing them to stir in a beautiful bloom of life and growth. Prophets of the Mystic Order know these things. We know how the nurture of brotherhood pierces us to our very roots and calls us to action. This burst of action brings new Master Mason Brothers to our merry band of men. Yes, April will see our Grotto spring forth and grow to spread our message of fun and fellowship far and wide.

### Upcoming Events

At our April 21st meeting, we are planning a wonderful entertainment program. We will be entertained and enlightened by a group of local Boy Scouts, who will teach us all how Brotherhood and simple good deeds can improve humanity.

### ESGA Convention

April will also be the time your Monarch will be going to the ESGA (Empire State Convention) in Albany. One of the agenda items will be the possible merger of ESGA with New England or Pennsylvania. I, personally, am not in favor of such a thing. However, it is my responsibility to vote the intent of our entire group, so contact me. Give me your input, and I will convey your ideas and feelings to the General Convention.

### Chief Justice Conclave

Also there will be a Chief Justice Conclave which Jim Toogood, PM, will probably attend.

The ESGA Convention is April 9th and 10th. As you no doubt know, that is the same weekend as the College of Freemasonry, of which I am a strong supporter. I will attend the entertainment Friday night and then leave for Albany, so as not to miss the 9 a.m. Convention General Meeting. However, I urge you my fellow Prophets, to attend the Saturday learning session of the College. Some wonderful speakers are being brought in and you do not want to miss out on what they have to say.

### Sad News

It is my sad duty to inform you that our Outside Sentinel, Frank Ghyzel, will no longer be collecting passwords at the outer door. The Great Architect has made his decision and Prophet Frank was summoned home February 18th. We will miss his warm and friendly attitude; I find him irreplaceable.

No one can take his place as Sentinel, so officially his position will remain open for the balance of the year. We will honor him this Summer with a day at Frontier Field - details to follow in another communication.

Prophet Les Moore was also called home March 2nd to his eternal resting place. The funeral home was packed with Masons, Brothers and Prophets. The Masonic Service was conducted by our own Prophet Chaplain, Dick Bull. Well done, my fellow Prophets!

See you in Grotto.

## Grand Historian



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**Kenneth Hutchinson, PM**  
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This month I will whisk you back to the evening of April 18, 1775. Revealing the name of the horse ridden by Paul Revere in the poem written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1862. It started: "Listen my children and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere ....

All children still read the poem in school. Here are some of the facts you may not know. Paul owned a horse in the early 1770s, but didn't own one in 1775. On the early evening of April 18th, Doctor Joseph Warren, Master of St. Andrew Masonic Lodge, sent for Paul Revere. He gave Paul the task to ride to Lexington, Massachusetts, alerting Samuel Adams and John Hancock that the British regular troops were marching into the countryside to arrest them.

Paul had plans already in place. He assembled some life-long friends and Masonic members of the Sons of Liberty and the Committee of Safety to help execute it. Robert Newman would set two lanterns in the upper window of the tower of the Old North Church, "One light by land, two by sea." and displayed the light. (Those lanterns set the Revolutionary War into motion.) At 10:15 p.m., Paul proceeded to the Northern shore of Boston, where he kept a row boat.

Once the lanterns were seen, associates Joshua Bentley and Tom Richardson rowed him across the Charles River to Charlestown. The two-year-old chestnut mare was saddled and waiting. Revere later said "She was a very good horse." At 11:00 p.m., Revere mounted and rode west into a full-moon night, and Lexington. It was cool, (mid-forties) On the way he stopped at each house alarming the countryside, "The regulars are coming out!" Near Medford, a hard run to avoid the King's mounted infantry.

Near Lincoln, he was captured by the British and his horse confiscated to replace a tired sergeant's weary horse. To

keep my story short ... we all know the tale ... Paul was joined by William Dawes, as well as Dr. Samuel Prescott. It was said there were as many as forty riders also alerting the population.

Lest I forget, I did say I would reveal the name of the two-year chestnut mare that was loaned to Paul by Deacon John Larkin. The horse was owned by his father Samuel, who owned other horses and had a stable. The horse was never returned by the British and believed died during the war. The horse, made famous by Longfellow's poem, was "Brown Beauty," said to be the fastest in the Colonies. Her value was \$60 at 1775 prices, but that was, as you know, 235 years ago.

### SECRETARY'S CORNER

By Ken Hutchinson, PM

### Out-of-State News

A postcard from PM Mike Bell sent greetings to all his many friends. They have purchased a "guest bed" and now have a room for any Prophets who are in the area. Best to phone ahead - Mike and Doris (252) 228-0074; 3233 North Greene Street; Farmville, NC 27828-1481. Mike writes he is going to affiliate with Azusa Grotto; Charlotte, NC. We're glad to hear he will remain active in Grotto activities in the South.

Prophet Charles White writes he is involved in activities in Central Florida, but has had a bad cold. He sent several emails reminiscing about the wonderful Grotto dinners he has missed. We sent him a signed card, along with a box dinner by mail. The treat should brighten up his day in sunny Florida!

### Sad News

I sadly announce the passing of Prophet Leslie C. Moore on March 2nd. He was initiated in the Grotto on May 20, 1950. A Masonic Service by Union Star Lodge was well attended. He will be happily remembered by all who knew him.

### Sickness and Distress

Some of our shut-ins are listed and would enjoy hearing from all who have a minute to phone them. Luigi Campaniello (247-4480); Fred Cornell (352-6477); Harold Davis, PM (271-1169); Jay Riggs (544-1538); Charles White, Winter phone (352) 315-1356.

Out-of-town Members - Ken Bigelow of Eagan, MN; Eugene Melville of Sun City, AZ; Dual members - Fred Kinney of Selama Grotto, FL (727) 528-2944; Ron Dworkin of Hejaz Grotto, CT, (203) 469-4576. Just phone and say hello.

Please keep these Prophets in your thoughts and prayers. If you know of any member in sickness or distress, contact your Monarch or any Officer.

### Membership

In the coming months, you will hear more and more reminders of membership.

You all will be given two Petitions - one for the car glove compartment and one for your jacket pocket. There is a plentiful supply of Petitions in the



## Franklyn H. Ghyzel

Franklyn Howard Ghyzel, born June 26, 1921 - died February 18th.

He was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, Damascus Shrine and Lalla Rookh Grotto Initiated April 21, 1993. He was the Inside Sentinel for most of that time.

Franklyn was a gentle man who was kind, caring and loyal - loyal to his country and a Veteran of World War II. He was happily married for 59 years and loyal to his wife, Amelia "Dolly" M. Ghyzel, who predeceased him. They had

Grotto Office. All you need to do is ask, or phone me, and I will mail you several.

I hope you might learn what is possible to achieve in one's lifetime and serve our own Grotto, as well as State Organization and the Supreme Council. Ask Monarch, Bernie Lazerson, how you might do a little bit more.

Until next time, don't forget why you joined the Grotto - to have a good time. Everyone deserves the Grotto experience.

## Caldron News

By Hildegard Di James, MCO

Prior to our March 11th meeting, we had a Ham Dinner which I prepared as one of our fundraisers to help defray costs during the year. I thank those who helped in the kitchen before and after the dinner.

Following dinner, we conducted our business meeting during which the Charter was Draped for our departed Daughter, Audrey Curtis.

### Joys and Concerns

Daughter June Gudgel-Nash is feeling much better and is on the mend after having a bout with Shingles.

Daughter Merline Bueg is still fighting a painful eye infection. Congratulations to Daughter Betty Rainey and her husband,

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two daughters, Janet (Peter) Untitdt and Jean (Greg) Zink, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He never complained when he needed to take his wife to appointments or dialysis many times a week.

Frank was an avid fan of baseball. Prior to the War, he was scouted for the Pittsburgh Pirates professional baseball team. During World War II he served in the US Army in Europe, suffering shrapnel wounds in his left arm, which made him unable to follow a professional baseball career.

In 1948, Frank became a full-time firefighter and continued there for 35 years achieving the rank of Lieutenant. Afterwards, he continued to volunteer for his brothers until his passing.

Frank enjoyed life to the fullest and while it provided him with his greatest satisfaction over the years, it also provided him with his greatest frustration. He didn't like walking slower. He didn't like relying on others. He maintained his independence until the end.

His spirit never faltered. He was in control and peacefully joined his beloved Dolly for his next great adventure.

David, on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. May you enjoy the memories of years past and look forward to those in the future.

PSMCO, and current Supreme Rodeval, Beverly Murray, will start her travels throughout the USA to fulfill her duties on behalf of the Caldron. We wish her safe and enjoyable travels.

The next Caldron meeting will be held on April 8th, 7:30 p.m.

## Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, April 5th  
Board of Governors  
Meeting - 7 p.m.  
Grotto Office

Wednesday, April 21st  
Entertainment Night

April 9th-11th  
ESGA Spring Meeting and  
Chief Justice Conclave - Albany  
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## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### MAY

- 1st Ox Roast, Clio Lodge, Hilton
- 3rd-4th Grand Lodge Sessions in New York City
- 7th OES Grand Matron's Visit, Burgundy Basin
- 8th Scottish Rite Learning Center "Walk for Dyslexia," Perinton Park
- 11th Starlight Chapter, OES, Spring Luncheon, Spencerport
- 22nd Shrine Ceremonial, Shrine Center
- 28th Joint Investiture Service

### JUNE

- 7th Apron Presentation Dinner, Shrine Center; Social - 4:30 p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m., Presentation - 7:30 p.m.
- 19th Livingston District Golf Tournament, Conesus Golf and Country Club
- 25th-26th St. John's Weekend, Utica
- 29th Masters & Wardens, Webster

### JULY

- 10th Monroe OES Jell-O Museum visit, LeRoy
- 24th OES Pilgrimage to Oriskany

### AUGUST

- 14th OES District Chicken Bar-B-Que, Webster

### SEPTEMBER

- 17th Fairport Chapter, OES, Rummage Sale, Fairport
- 18th Livonia Lodge Golf Tournament, Conesus Golf and Country Club

### OCTOBER

- 14th-16th OES Grand Sessions, Binghamton
- 17th Interfaith Service and Brunch, Shrine Center

### NOVEMBER

- 4th OES District Banquet, Burgundy Basin

## Remember the Brotherhood Fund

### Robert Anderson

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Blackjack. There were more cabins constructed as time went on and an outdoor Chapel was constructed, where it is still located today, based on the design of a Lodge Room. DeMolay Degrees were conferred there upon new members of the Chapter.

After World War II, Anderson Lodge was constructed. About 1962, the original "bunk-house" was built over weekends by members of DeMolay and Frank L. Simes Lodge. Lumber was donated by Rochester Lumber Company. DeMolay Chap-

ters have used and helped maintain the Camp over the years.

The Camp was turned over to the Masonic Service Bureau in 1996. As property appraisals rose steeply in the 90s, the Town of Sodus Point re-appraised it as high-end Lakefront Property and the property taxes were overwhelming.

Camp DeMolay was a labor of love for the entire Anderson family and many families and youth groups continue to enjoy and benefit from its existence. Robert Anderson's memory lives on in the Beech trees, shoreline and waters of Camp DeMolay. God bless this wonderful man. ✕

### Taxes, Taxes, Taxes

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amount of tax you owe and may also give you a refund.

**5. Adoption Credit** - You may be able to take a tax credit for qualifying expenses paid to adopt an eligible child.

**6. Children with Earned Income** - If your child has income earned from working they may be required to file a Tax Return.

**7. Children with Investment Income** - Under certain circumstances a child's investment income may be taxed at the parent's tax rate.

**8. Coverdell Education Savings Account** - This savings account is used to pay qualified educational expenses at an eligible educational institution. Contributions are not deductible, but qualified distributions generally are tax-free.

**9. Higher Education Credits** - Education tax credits can help offset the costs of educa-

tion. The American Opportunity and the Lifetime Learning Credit are education credits that reduce your Federal income tax dollar-for-dollar, unlike a deduction, which reduces your taxable income.

**10. Student Loan Interest** - You may be able to deduct interest you pay on a qualified student loan. The deduction is claimed as an adjustment to income so you do not need to itemize your deductions.

#### Upcoming Due Dates

March 31st - Electronic W2s and 1099s must be forwarded

April 15th - March Payroll Taxes, Individual Tax Returns, Federal First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations and Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals

April 30th - First Quarter Payroll Reports Due

May 15th - April Payroll Taxes

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to:

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## In Memoriam

### Anderson, Robert L.

Robert L. Anderson, 84, departed an active life of accomplishments on March 15th. His wife of 63 years, Alicia, 6 children, 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren survive him. Robert was a Past Master of Valley-Simes Lodge, Past Potentate of Damascus Shrine, and a member of Scottish Rite and York Rite. He served on the Board of the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Erie. His Masonic Brothers and family will miss him.

### Beckley, Samuel C.

Samuel Beckley, 73, went to the Celestial Lodge on March 10th. His wife, Beverly, 3 children and 5 grandchildren will share memories of his life. Sam was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

### Bird, Robert G., Sr.

On March 17th, Robert Bird, 76, was called home by his Maker, leaving his wife, Marilyn, 9 children and 7 grandchildren. Bob led a very active Masonic life - the first Master of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge and District Deputy Grand Master of O/S/Y District. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean conflict. He was very active in community organizations and will be missed by many. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

### Breth, Emerson C.

Emerson "Stretch" Breth, 79, passed away February 18th, leaving his daughter and a grandson to remember him. "Stretch" was a member of Seneca Lodge. Remembrance is a golden chain that ties all the love and sorrows.

### Dreher, Donald A.

Donald Dreher, 91, departed his Earthly family March 6th. Left to remember him are his wife, of 63 years, Rose, 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Don was a World War II Army Air Force Veteran and a member of Webster Lodge and Damascus Shrine. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

### Ghyzel, Franklyn H.

Franklyn Ghyzel, 88, went to the waiting arms of his wife, Dolly, on February 18th. Two daughters, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild will share their memories of him. Frank was a World War II Army Veteran and an active Shriner and Mason, member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

### Kiesewetter, Louis W.

On February 20th, Louis Kiesewetter, 95, was embraced by those who walked before him in Faith. He is survived by 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Louis was a US Army Veteran of World War II, an active resident of his community and member of many organizations. He was a member of Canandaigua Lodge, Damascus Shrine and Royal Arch Masons. Your gentle spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

### Lannon, Robert O.

Robert Lannon, age 85, entered Eternal Rest March 1st. Robert was a US Army World War II Veteran. He was a member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge (a Past Master of Garoga Lodge), Excelsior Chapter, RAM, and Red Jacket Commandery. May he find peace with the Lord.

### Moore, Leslie C., Jr.

On March 2nd, Leslie Moore was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven and the waiting arms of his wife, Dolores. Leslie will be remembered by 2 children and family. He was a 60-year Mason, a member of Union Star Lodge and a longtime member of Lalla Rookh Grotto. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

### Naylor, John C.

John Naylor, 88, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord February 19th. Two sons, a granddaughter and family are left to cherish his memory. John was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Widow to be Remembered

#### Waterman, Suzanne L.

Suzanne L. Waterman, 84, widow of Clayton Waterman (Olive Branch Lodge), passed away March 2nd.



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## What are your plans this Summer?

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| Easter                                                                                              | Canandaigua - Shortsville<br>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle<br>KT - Cyrene/Monroe -<br>Pittsford<br>Lalla Rookh Grotto, Board<br>of Governors, 7 p.m.,<br>Shrine Center<br>Damascus Shrine Divan<br>Shrine Lunch Club                       | Clio - Hilton<br>Craftsman Robertson, Shrine<br>Center<br>Gaea-Sincerity, 3° - Phelps<br>Nunda Station<br>Oakland - Castile<br>OES - Fairport, Nolaka,<br>Starlight    | Dunlin Square, 3° - Palmyra<br>Livonia, BAF<br>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br>Damascus Shrine<br>OES - Lilac Star - Webster                                       | Fame, Shrine Center<br>Milnor, 3° - Shortsville<br>Union - Lima<br>Webster, 3°<br>RAM - Hiram<br>Lalla Rookh Caldron                                       | Scottish Rite - College of<br>Freemasonry, Shrine<br>Center<br>O/S/V Surviving Spouse<br>Luncheon - Clifton Springs<br>Country Club<br>RAM (PHA) Haggai<br>Chapter Awards Dinner | Scottish Rite - College of<br>Freemasonry, Shrine<br>Center<br>O/S/V Surviving Spouse<br>Luncheon - Clifton Springs<br>Country Club<br>RAM (PHA) Haggai<br>Chapter Awards Dinner |
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