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Ronald McDonald Houses Volunteers MSB Honorees

The Masonic Service Bureau's Distinguished Community Service Award was presented to all the Volunteers of RMH.



Gary Sanford, President of the Masonic Service Bureau, welcomes guests to the 69th Interfaith Brunch. Head table consisted of (from left): Laurence Feasel, Calvin Hubbard, Richard Friedman, George Nasra, Sanford, David and Patricia Anderson and Gail Sanford.



Patricia Anderson expresses gratitude to the Masonic Service Bureau and all Masons for their continuous support of Ronald McDonald Houses since their inception.

Aprons to Livingston District Grand Lodge Officers

The Annual Purple Apron Presentation event of the Livingston District was held last month. Honored were R.W.: J. Michael Grady, District Deputy Grand Master; R.W.: Dennis King, Grand Sword Bearer; and, R.W.: Roy Moses, Assistant Grand Lecturer.

The hall was rocking, partly from the good food and fun atmosphere all the Masons and their family and friends provided, but mostly from the wedding reception music in the adjacent ballroom. It did provide a challenge for some of the speakers, but did not dampen the festivities.

Following the presentation of the Aprons, R.W.: Mike Grady addressed the audience on plans for the District for his term. He thanked and welcomed Susan, Pat and Nancy, the spouses of his Team, with flowers, citing the important role they play in supporting their husbands.

A highlight of the evening was the "Charge," given to the new District Officers by R.W.: and Reverend Charles Roberts. It was continuing the tradition



R.W.: Mike Grady adjusts his District Deputy Grand Master's Apron presented by R.W.: John Gallant



R.W.: Dennis King accepts his Grand Sword Bearer's Apron from W.: Gerald Putney, Treasurer of Phoenix Lodge, of which Brother King is a member. R.W.: Robert Ossont (back), of Mt. Morris Lodge was Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

of awarding "gifts" to the Grand Lodge Officers by the District. These were humorous items relevant to the Officer's position and/or interests. More photos of the program may be found at the bottom of Page 4.

Livingston District Note

Avon Springs Lodge No. 570 now meets on the 2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Avon Masonic Hall 11 Genesee Street.

Please mark this in your directories and any other list that you may have.



Deputy Grand Master, R.W.: James E. Sullivan, a frequent visitor to Livingston District, delivered the Keynote Address.

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Operation Military Goodwill

Operation Military Goodwill was started in 2006 with the idea to send reading material and other items to our Military personnel stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. This has been a huge success generating donations of more than one thousand comfort kits and thousands of books. Many letters have been received thanking us for this effort from the Troops. The operation was started by Dennis Gellach of the Masonic War Veterans and supported by the Grand Lodge Masonic Military Outreach Program Committee and other organizations.

Our deepest thanks to all who generously supported this program with donations.

To support this Program, please send your donations marked for "Military Outreach Program" to:

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Holiday Greetings
from the staff of the **Masonic Times**

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Editor's Corner

A few months ago, I published the Big Calendar, as usual, on the back page of the paper. There was an incorrect listing...a monthly meeting on a certain night, is not held annually in this particular month. I knew that, but when I was looking over the proof the fact that it was listed in the normal location didn't trigger the red flag.

That night, a member of the organization dutifully showed up for dinner. I was here and asked him if he picked up the information from the Calendar. Much to my chagrin, he said, "Yes!"

There are half a dozen of us who read over typeset proofs of the copy submitted. It is our hope that one of us, at least, will catch a spelling error, wrong date, missing event time or location, or one of many different glitches that can occur when using a computer. It doesn't always happen and I'm amazed, when I am the final proofreader, that I am correcting or changing many items that were unknown or over-looked by my dedicated helpers.

This is not a complaint about them. Sometimes I have new or additional information to which they were not privy when they were looking over material. It is another appeal to help us out by specifically listing the dates/times or whatever else is relevant to your Organization for the articles AND the Big Calendar! Call them out separately.

What brought this to mind? The December Holidays. My assumption was there would be no activity during the week between Christmas and New Year's Eve. I eliminated anything that week that might normally be there. I also took out listings that would have occurred on Christmas Eve.

We did not receive specific notice there would not be something going on, but I'd rather have it "no" than someone show up to find no one else present!

I would also ask the correspondents, again, to speak of your most recent meeting (what happened), and tell us what is planned for your meeting(s) in the month of the issue. It may be there is a gap in coverage, but you can include the current month's events, which occurred after the deadline for the paper, in a following issue.

I will also remind here, again, that significant changes to your article should be called in to the Office. It takes us a week to ten days to assemble the final material to send to our Printer. We prefer not to publish information that a Brother is ill when, in fact, he was called Home by the Great Architect. Event dates change! Venues change! Anything that would make the article we publish incorrect, we need to know as soon as you learn the information is different. We MAY be able to fix it; we may not! If we don't know, we can't even try.

What I would like you NOT to do is copy information word for word from another source that people could readily access...just give them the reference

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By Gary Sanford

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving Holiday and was able to enjoy time with family and friends. With most family members now living in different parts of the State and country, it is nice to be able to get together and share stories about ourselves. I'm sure many of us are now looking forward to the Christmas Season, as well, when you'll be able to spend time with others not seen lately.

No matter what our individual religious beliefs are, this is usually one of the times of the year when we also assist those less fortunate than ourselves. Many have volunteered their time to help with the Red Kettle Campaign or food cupboards, while others will make a visit to one of our Masonic family not able to get around very well. There are many among us who will also make a financial donation to the charity of our choice.

Thank you for whatever your ability allows and please remember the men and women who serve in our military as many of them are not able to spend time with their families this year.

If we at the Masonic Service Bureau may help you, your organization or you would like a presentation of what the Service Bureau does, please contact us at 671-9730 and we would be glad to assist.

Support the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign

and let them look it up, if they are interested. So far, I have not had too many situations serious enough where I had to eliminate an article, or portions thereof.

I can tell you that costs are increasing, subscriptions are decreasing and it is becoming a concern that subscription rates will have to increase to keep our budget in balance. Non-essential information takes space; if I have to increase the size of the paper to cover all this, my costs go up accordingly. Please keep your articles relevant to your Organization's meetings and events.

As for the errors? If you find one, it tells me you read the paper. I've told people many times, the day I publish a perfect issue, is the day I retire! I still hope that isn't too soon.

Thanks for reading.

Benefit for Local Ronald McDonald Houses Begins January 29th at Area Malls

2011 Have-a-Heart Campaign "Families Helping Families"

By George Foehner, District Chairman

Families Helping Families

This year's Campaign will again be themed - "Families Helping Families." In other words, we want you to bring your family with you when you work the Have-a-Heart Booth at your local Mall. Make it a family outing; let's show everyone we are not only good men, but also good women with great kids who are willing to spend their time helping the Ronald McDonald House. Set the example for your children to help the community.

New Dates

Saturday, January 29th -
Sunday, February 13th
Times
Monday thru Thursdays
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
12 Noon - 9 p.m.
Sundays
12 Noon - 6 p.m.

We are working hard again this year to bring more Lodges from outside our District into the fold. Participation letters have been sent to all Lodges and Concordant Bodies early in December so they will have enough time to prepare. Thanks to Gary Sanford for getting this done early. Remember, this is a Western New York Event. Please sign up for a 3-hour shift (or more). We need plenty of help to make this a success.

Hopefully, we have done our job well and are prepared to set a new high of \$20,000, which is our goal. We have more sticky hearts, better locations and new banners that is sure to assist our volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers... It's the good men and women who give of their time to make our Campaign such a success.

Organizing this Campaign is very enjoyable when you have such wonderful cooperation from eager-to-serve Brothers and Sisters. The Committee thanks all these super people who make it such a success.

We are looking forward to seeing each and every Brother, Sister and family in February. Let's make 2011 the best year for the Ronald McDonald House.

Visit sometime and see what love built. In the April, 1990, Issue of the **Masonic Times**, a poem appeared that aptly sums up the Ronald McDonald House

The House that Love Built
This is the house where families meet,

To continue their lives, to eat and sleep,

To find their strengths and dry their tears,

To look forward with hope to better years.

This is the house that becomes their home,

This is the house that love built."

Remember Our Veterans

The Holidays are fast approaching and donations are needed. With the help from you, the Canandaigua VA Medical Center will be able to purchase and distribute holiday gifts to the Veterans who reside there. The Executive Committee purchases around \$14,000 every year in gifts. This can only be accomplished with your generous, tax-deductible donations.

With the help from you and other organizations, the committee can purchase the gifts. Many of the Veterans will not see any of their family because some are from out-of-State. During this time of the year, the committee and volunteers who distribute the gifts during the Holidays may be the only (what we call) family they will see. This may help comfort them from not seeing any of their relatives.

Kindly send your check, payable to:

**Executive Committee/135;
Memo - "Christmas or Holiday Fund"**
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Canandaigua, NY 14424

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MMRL Discovers New Treatment for Atrial Fibrillation



The Cardiac Research Institute of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) of Utica, announces the publication of a research paper in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* showing, for the first time, a potent effect of the combination of two drugs, Ranolazine and Dronedarone, to produce a safe and effective means of suppressing atrial fibrillation (AF) in experimental models of AF. The study was conducted in collaboration with Gilead Sciences, Inc. of Foster City, CA.

AF is the most common arrhythmia encountered in medical practice. It has reached epidemic proportions in the United States with over 2.5 million Americans affected. Projections indicate the prevalence will increase to 15 million by the year 2050. Because of the rapid progression of the disease and its socioeconomic impact, safe and effective pharmacological treatment of AF is considered to be one of the greatest unmet medical needs facing our society.

According to Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Senior Author and MMRL Executive Director and Director of Research, "The greatest challenge of AF therapy is to prevent the arrhythmia from recurring. As a general rule, patients who do not take antiarrhythmic medication or have ablation procedures have a 75% chance of returning to AF within one year, although this often depends on the duration and frequency of previous episode(s). It is well established that AF begets AF such that the longer one is in AF, the more



Dr. Charles Antzelevitch

difficult it is to remain free of the arrhythmia. One of the most effective agents in preventing recurrence of AF is Amiodarone.

"However, this agent has the potential to cause some very serious extra-cardiac and cardiac adverse effects. Most drug treatments used today have the potential to cause serious side effects, in many cases due to their influence on the electrical activity in the ventricles of the heart. Consequently, much of the focus in recent years has been on development of atrial-selective antiarrhythmic agents, which specifically target the upper chambers of the heart."

The concept of atrial-selective sodium channel blockers was introduced by MMRL investigators in 2007 after discovering that sodium channels in atrial and ventricular cells are very different. The combination of Ranolazine and Dronedarone takes advantage of these distinctions, thus providing potent effects to stop AF in the atria with little to no effect on the ventricles of the heart.

"These are exciting results in a field with limited treatment options," said Dr. Luiz Belar-

dinelli, Senior Vice-President, Cardiovascular Therapeutics, Gilead Sciences. "We look forward to further exploring the concept of combination therapy for atrial fibrillation."

Ronald Kamp, Director of Development and Communications at MMRL said, "This is another fine example of the pioneering work of investigators at the MMRL. It is also noteworthy that MMRL scientists are diligently studying the genetic basis for atrial fibrillation to assess the extent to which individuals are genetically predisposed to develop AF and other arrhythmias."

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is a not-for-profit institute dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for all. The Laboratory's primary mission is to conduct high quality basic and clinical research aimed at generating knowledge and information necessary for development of the medical cures and treatments of tomorrow. The Laboratory is also committed to providing education and training to basic scientists, clinical researchers and students who will perpetuate and extend the fight against.

Clinical Trials

Clinical trials are in the planning stages and are anticipated to start in early 2011. They will be conducted at medical centers throughout the country. The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory does not conduct clinical trials at its facility. Individuals interested in participating in the clinical trials of the effectiveness of the Ranolazine and Dronedarone combination as a treatment for atrial fibrillation should contact their clinician or cardiologist once the trials are announced.

Please visit www.mmrl.edu to learn more about research at the MMRL.

Mt. Morris Lodge Hosts Regional Brotherhood Fund Campaign Meet



R.:W.: Robert Stack, Chairman of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, addresses the Brotherhood Fund Campaign chairmen from the Western Region. In his article in the Fall edition of *Empire State Mason*, Brother Stack reported the results of last year's Fund Drive (slightly less than \$1 million collected). The hope this year is for a greater sum to work with, as several programs have been eliminated or placed on hiatus due to lack of funding. The need is as great as ever; please give as you are able and designate the area to which you wish your contribution directed. (Photo courtesy of R.:W.: Mike Grady.)

The W.H. Albery Society "Save Our Home" Fund

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The Masonic Ring

Those men who help my Dad
each day,
They wear those Masonic rings;
A Square and Compass set in gold,
The praise of which I sing.

And since that time those rings
I see,
On hands that help us much;
With mowing lawns and
hauling trash,
Each day my heart they touch.

They even built a house for me,
Amid our backyard tree;
Where all the neighbor kids
Would play with laughter full
of glee.

My Mom she cried from happiness,
The time the Masons came,
To aid our family in distress
Without a thought of gain.

And when I'm big, just like my
Dad,
Of this it must be told,
I want to wear a ring like his,
A Square and Compass gold.

Long years have passed since when
My Dad was in that plaster cast,
And since I swore that Solemn Oath
Which unites us to the last.

But more than that I'm proud
to say
I wear his Masonic ring;
The one Dad wore for many
years,
Until his death this Spring.

And one last time his comrades
came
To aid my weeping mother
They praised and bid a fond
farewell,
To our fallen Brother.

And after which MY son did ask,
About their Aprons white,
And of the rings upon their
hands,
Of gold so shiny bright.

With tearful eyes I said with
pride,
They're men of spirit pure,
Those men who wear those
Masonic rings
Of that you can be sure.

And before he went to bed that
night,
The family he foretold;
Someday I'll wear a ring like Dad's,
A Square and Compass gold.

Author Unknown

Frank M. Totton Essay Contest 2011 is Now Underway...

2011 Topic...

*How Can You Make a
Difference in Someone Else's Life?*

Entries must be postmarked by January 11, 2011.
(Please don't wait until the last minute!)

This Essay Contest is open to all High School Seniors who anticipate entering an accredited college in the Fall of 2011 and who is the child, grandchild or a member of the extended family of a Master Mason in good standing in New York State. Deceased Brothers are included as long as they were in good standing at the time of their death.

The Essay topic this year is "How Can You Make a Difference in Someone Else's Life?" Essays are to be postmarked by January 11, 2011. Please follow the rules on the application.

Forms may be obtained through your Lodge Secretary, District Deputy or downloaded from the Grand Lodge Website (www.nymasons.org) under Youth Committee or Netnews or *Empire State Mason* magazine Website (www.esmason.com).

The First Prize Winner is customarily asked to read the essay the first day of Grand Lodge in May.

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Where has the Fall gone? It seems like only a week or two ago we were just getting back to Lodge. Now we are deep into the Holiday Season. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with loved ones.

Recent Activities

I have completed all but one of my Official Visits as DDGM, which will conclude with Genesee Lodge on December 9th. I am looking forward to the more casual visits within and outside the District.

The Purple Apron Presentations in Livingston District on November 6th were terrific. The food was delicious and the turnout was great. It was a pleasure to have R.:W.: Jim Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, as guest speaker and his Grand Line Team in attendance.

Our current Degree Work in the District is going strong. Livonia Lodge hosted a 3rd Degree, Raising five new Brothers from four of our District's Lodges. It is always a pleasure to hold a Degree shared among our Lodges.

Another highlight in November was the Annual Table Lodge at Union Lodge in Lima. This is always a sold-out event with many laughs and great fun. If you have never attended a Table Lodge, I highly recommend looking at the Regional calendar, and finding one in the future.

Apron Presentation Continued from Page 1



Masonic Development Course

November also found the kick-off of our *Masonic Development Course (MDC)*. Our November session was at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls on November 10th. This is another great example of sharing resources and Brotherhood between Districts and Lodges. Our MDC for this year is a joint venture between Monroe, Genesee-Wyoming and Livingston Districts.

The second session will be at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen on December 8th. The final session is January 12th at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia.

Remember Family

The rest of our December is reserved for another purpose ... Family. As we run, run, run from one Masonic event to the next throughout the year, this is the season where we put on the brakes.

We often venture out on many nights, leaving our wives and family at home. Why do we do it? Because as Masons we understand we have three duties - to God, to our neighbor and to ourselves. Combining these duties into a purpose, we develop our Masonic game plan into a quest, venture and mission. That being, to make the world a better place; not just for ourselves, but for our families.

Hopefully, we can adequately explain this mission when we see the sad looks as we prepare to head out the door one more time. There is a purpose. But that purpose also includes those who we often leave at home. December is a good month to point our undertaking in the direction of those who are the closest to us. After all, they are the most important part of that great duty.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and the very best to you and your families.



Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

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

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On October 28th, W.: William Wright, R.:W.: Philip Cox and I went to Canastota Lodge in Allegheny District to assist the Master, R.:W.: William Learn at the Official Visit of DDGM, R.:W.: John P. Mc Henry. It is great to cross borders, renew friendships and exchange thoughts.

Another happy time was the Purple Apron Presentation to our leaders: R.:W.: Michael Grady, R.:W.: Dennis King and R.:W.: Roy Moses. A special treat was seeing and hearing our Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: James Sullivan. He knows this District well and it is good we have such a friend in Grand Lodge. Thank you.

(Ooops!

My apologies to R.:W.: Ed Dickson. I somehow added an extra syllable to his name in the Lodge logo last month. I'm glad he brought it to my attention, it has been corrected this month and I am watching for those gremlins. SW)

Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays
7:30 p.m.



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By Gordon Bell, Secretary

The Master and Officers of Eunice Lodge wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our attendance has been low, BUT we have had some very interesting meetings this Fall. R.:W.: Michael Grady and

R.:W.: Mike Grady acknowledged R.:W.: Edwin Dickson (far left). The nonagenarian is serving as Master of Nunda Station Lodge again for the 2010-2011 Masonic year. Left, R.:W.: Dennis King addresses Brothers, family members and friends in attendance. R.:W.: Richard Trescott presented Assistant Grand Lecturer's Apron to R.:W.: Roy Moses, who is serving another. Below, Chuck Roberts distributes "gifts" from the Livingston District.

Union Lodge No. 45

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

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I trust everyone had a pleasant Thanksgiving, filled with family, friends, good food and your football team "winning." The Gallant household always has a full house with this Holiday and we enjoy visiting with our guests from all around.

Congratulations, R.:W.: Mike Grady, R.:W.: Dennis King and R.:W.: Roy Moses on a very successful and inspiring Apron Presentation last month. The event was well attended and all the speakers, especially our Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: James Sullivan, were very informative. I know that with these three Officers, our District is in very good hands.

Our special event at the meeting last month was the Official Visit of our DDGM, R.:W.: Mike Grady. I thank all members of Union Lodge who were present. Mike did another outstanding job presenting the Grand Master's Message. His additional message on working to make our interactions with our communities more "FIT" was very insightful.

Our last meeting occurred on Veterans Day and I personally thanked the Veterans in our Lodge: R.:W.: Howard Sexton, Dave VanBlarcom, James Dunne, Jerry Kleehammer, Doug Morgan, W.: Ron Manning, Craig Bailey, Tom Mattozzi,

R.:W.: Dennis King presented a very informational program at the Official Visit. This was preceded by a delicious dinner prepared by Rick Lafave and Floyd Manley. Thanks, fellows.

Holiday Party

On December 12th we will have our Annual Holiday Party with fellowship starting at 1 p.m. followed by a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings at 2 p.m. All members and their families will be guests of Eunice Lodge.

R.:W.: Roy Moses and R.:W.: James Slocum. I am sorry I did not write down their specific Branch of the Service, but I recall that some spent time under the water, on the water, over the water and running their toes in the sand on the beach.

December 9th is our only meeting this month; it is our Annual Meeting. The Official Summons and Dues Notices should have already gone out. I am looking forward to having all our members at this meeting so we can go over the annual business of the Lodge.

Our next "Fellowship, Facts and Food" dinner will be preceding our Annual Meeting. I am sending out an "Invitation" to all our members to join us for dinner. If you would like to assist our chefs with bringing a dish-to-pass, please let us know. The scheduled Masonic presentation will be: "Long Form of Changeover." These presentations are turning out to be very interesting and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Masonic Development Course

The Tri-District *Masonic Development Courses* will be continuing this month. The second meeting, discussing the Fellowcraft Degree, will be December 8th at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen. I thank all Brothers who attended the Entered Apprentice class; as a result we have a strong contingent from Union Lodge.

I hope that Masons, their families and friends around the country, across the State and in the neighborhoods all have a Happy Holiday and safe New Year. I am looking forward to 2011 with a good degree of anticipation. This last year went well for my wife and I and we expect next year will continue with this trend. I wish for all of you, and in all you do, the same levels of success this New Year.

Remember, if you have trouble climbing stairs, the chair lift now works.

Dues are Due!

Have you paid your 2011 Dues yet. They are now owing.

Brotherhood Fund

Remember the 2011 Brotherhood Fund. As of this date, we have had 62% of our Brothers contributing.

See you in Lodge ... We are located on the Circle in that big stone building in Caledonia.



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I am pleased to report that upon starting Official Visits in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, I have been impressed with the level of activity I am observing within the Lodges.

Recent Happenings

We have Degrees scheduled in four Lodges this month, with many Petitions received.

On October 2nd, Geneva Lodge celebrated its 90-year Anniversary with a well-attended dinner at the Sons of Italy in Geneva. A brief history of the Lodge was given.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held at Milo Lodge in Penn Yan on October 4th. The Second Part of the 3rd Degree was covered. Approximately 40 Brothers were in attendance. I thank Milo for the great dinner and their hospitality.

On October 8th, the Annual O/S/Y Masonic District Recognition Dinner was held at the Sons of Italy in Geneva. Our guest speaker was R.:W.: Dennis Brehany, who gave us a very inspirational message.

Canandaigua Lodge received the Youth Award. The Brotherhood Achievement Award was earned by Eagle Lodge. Brothers Leland Durkee of Eagle Lodge, W.: James VanWyk of Milnor Lodge and Roger Wadsworth of Seneca Lake Lodge were DSA Recipients. Our new AGL, V.:W.: Jed Brandow, of Ark Lodge, received his Apron. R.:W.: Lance Ward of Ark Lodge was presented with his Apron and Certificate to serve as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Guatemala. The Grand Steward's Apron was presented to R.:W.: Fredrick Newton of Pocahontas Lodge. The Junior Grand Deacon's Apron was presented to R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge.

A special District Award - The E. Platt Soper Fellowship Award - was presented to R.:W.: William Valois. This prestigious award is presented to a Brother who is recognized as having a thorough knowledge of the Tenets of the institution, who is committed to the ideals and principles of Freemasonry, who is a builder of men and who is always available to the Fraternity and lives his life by those principles and ideals.

On October 10th, several from the O/S/Y District attended the Reception and Dinner Honoring R.:W.: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and Honoring R.:W.:

John Krupp, R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles and R.:W.: John Dwyer at the Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel in Niagara Falls. This event was attended by approximately 325 people and was a very special evening.

The next day R.:W.: Fred Newton and I attended a Public Relations seminar in Lockport. This meeting was well attended by about 80 Brothers and many ideas were presented and shared.

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What a beautiful Fall it has been this year with all the different colored leaves and the mild weather we have had so far. Christmas is right around the corner. I wish all the Brothers and their families a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy New Year; may we all have good health in the coming New Year.

Holiday Activities Ringing of the Bell

In the next couple of weeks, we will be calling upon Brothers for help in the Ringing of the Bell for the Red Kettle Fund. Brother Ernie Day will be Chairing this event. We will also be delivering Poinsettias in the coming weeks to our Surviving Spouses. If there are any Brothers who would like to help in delivering these, please feel free to give me a call.

Brotherhood Fund

Remember it is the Season of the year for giving and I remind you all about the Brotherhood Fund. Brother Stephen Durso, Jr. is this year's Brotherhood Fund Chairman.

I thank all the Brothers who helped in cooking and working the dining room at our October Pork Chop Dinner. Also, a special thanks to Brothers Ron Galens and Ken Gibbs for Chairing this Dinner. Once again, we were very successful. "Many hands make light Work." It was a wonderful meal. Thanks again, Job Well Done!!!!

Upcoming Events

December 7th - Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited, just bring a dish to pass and come and enjoy.

December 3rd and 17th - Game Nights for December; starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and come join in the fun.

December Birthdays

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

December Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in December:

1947 John Record
 1952 Frederick Gifford
 1956 Howard Burgess
 1960 Bernard Dell
 1962 William Goodman
 1969 John C. Carney
 1975 William Tatro IV
 1978 Charles Anderson
 1986 Craig Andrews
 1990 John Sherman
 1994 Perry Adams
 1995 David Smith

May God Bless each of you. ☺

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Congratulations to several Brothers who have reached milestones in Masonry in 2010:

60 years George Schrader
 55 years Jack Cretokos
 50 years Donald Raw
 Gordon Schrader
 G. H. Gilbert
 Bruce Walters
 Clayton Barnard
 Duane Culver
 H. Carl Stewart
 Roger Hawkins
 Donald Eddy
 Richard Roberts
 John Purdy

45 years Delbert Markham
 Ronald Baylor
 Elias Tonias
 Ronald Eckler

40 years Lanny Hotelling
 35 years Thomas Bomeline
 30 years Norman Smith
 20 years Joseph Schepisi
 15 years Randall Henry

10 years Collectively, these Brothers represent 865 years in Masonry.

Mark Your Calendar

We have a Candidate for membership. The Degrees will be done as follows:

January 27th - 1st Degree
 February 24th - 2nd Degree
 March 25th - 3rd Degree
 Brothers, brush up on your Degree Work.

Once again we will be honoring our surviving spouses with Poinsettias for the Holidays. ☺

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Happy Holidays from District Staff and me!!

The Official Visits are going well. Wayne Lodge was in September; Sodus Lodge in October; Drumlin Square Lodge and Newark Lodge were in November; and North Rose Wolcott Lodge and Pultneyville Lodge are this month.

Note Date Adjustments

In October, we had our first Masters and Wardens Meeting. R.:W.: DeWispelaere gave a lecture on Masonic Etiquette to the Brethren. A note to our Brethren... we moved our Masters and Wardens meetings from the 4th Thursday of each month to the 2nd Tuesday due to the Holidays. In January, we will be back to our regular schedule. On those nights, we meet at Wayne Lodge for a dinner, which is followed by the meeting. Any Brother is welcome to join us.

The following Brethren were recognized for their 50 years of service to the Masonic Fraternity: R.:W.: Harvey Dehond, Brother Richard Carson, Brother Roger Hermanet of Sodus Lodge; in Newark Lodge Brother Ralph Whitney, Brother Harold Glerum and Brother Donald Stratton.

Your DDGM and Masters of the Lodges presented the 50-Year Apron which is a gift from the Grand Master. Other Masons recognized for their services were W.: John Krest of Drumlin Square and Brother C. J. Guenther of Sodus Lodge at the Scottish Rite Symbolic Blue

Lodge Awards held at the Damascus Shrine Center.

Our AGL, R.:W.: Richard Brewer is busy with the Degree Work throughout our District. Wayne, Sodus, Newark and Drumlin Square had their "Bring-a-Friend Night" at their Lodges and the results are promising. Sodus and Drumlin Square have started their Degree Work with the new Candidates.

Once again, to all the Brethren, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May our Great Architect of the Universe keep you safe and Bless you all. ☺

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Seasons Greetings to all my Brothers and to your families; the joys of the Holiday Season are upon us.

The year is moving fast, and once again it is time to say goodbye to one year and hello to another. As we look back on the past year and consider all we have done, and perhaps what we could have; it is now time to look to the future. Let us move into the New Year with a refreshed outlook.

Membership

Consider all the family and friends you encounter over the Holidays and ask yourself is there a brother, grandson, nephew, cousin or old friend who may make a good Mason. Maybe they are waiting for you to talk with them about the Craft. Who better to have in the Lodge with you than family? How much pride would it give you to Raise them into the Craft? Sometimes all it takes is starting a conversation on the topic. If you have an interested individual, let me know, and we will hold another Brother Bring-a-Friend Night for them. Let's make 2011 a year of growth and renewed wonder in the Craft.

Recent Happenings

In October, I had the honor of attending the AASR Symbolic Lodge Awards where W.: Brother John Krest received the Award for his hard work around the Lodge. Congratulations, W.: Brother Krest.

R.:W.: William C. Benedict, DDGM of Wayne District, made his Official Visit on November 3rd. There was a nice turnout and all of the Officers did a very nice job with the Ritual.

Upcoming Events

With the coming of December, also comes our Annual Holiday Auction. The Auction will be held on December 15th, Social at 6:30 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m.; the Auction is to begin at

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7:45 p.m. Please bring a wrapped gift marked for a Lady or a Gentleman to be auctioned off. The gift should cost no more than \$10. For the dinner, please bring a dish-to-pass. If you know of someone else who is going to be attending, please give them a call to see what they are bringing so we end up with a well-rounded meal. I will put a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the Lodge as well. If everyone indicates what they plan to bring for dinner, this will

help as well. Please try to attend this event. It is a lot of fun and the money goes to the Lodge's Surviving Spouses Program.

In the Spring, we will be contacting the Surviving Spouses from the Lodge and invite them to lunch to show we are still thinking of them and appreciate all they did for the Lodge and the Craft in the past.

My Brothers have a safe and Happy Holiday Season. May your travels be safe and your hearts filled with the warmth of the Holidays. As always, I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

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The leaves have changed color, fallen off the trees and even some traces of snow have been seen floating throughout the air. This can only mean we are deep into the Fall Season and staring Winter right into the face. Hopefully we still have a little time before any of that white precipitation stays with us for awhile.

Be Thankful!

By the time this article reaches most of our mailboxes or doorsteps, we will have celebrated Thanksgiving. It is a special time for my family since my oldest daughter was born the day after Thanksgiving 11 years ago. I'm sure all my fellow Brothers can find something special in their own lives they are thankful for again this year.

Salute to Veterans

I would be remiss if I didn't feel thankful for all the Veterans we honored on November 11th. I did not serve in the military myself, but have many family members and friends who took it upon themselves to serve our Country on the largest stage. We might not enjoy the freedom to be Masons today if it were not for these Veterans who fought and are still fighting to keep our great Nation free and safe. Many times we get so caught up in our own lives and personal issues, we forget about all that has been done and continues to be done to allow us to live in the greatest Nation in the world. Hopefully, we all took some time on this day to think, thank and pray for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Oakland Lodge was very close to capturing a Pott's Award at the Grand Lecturer's Convention in October. We were just two Officers short from obtaining this Award. Hopefully, we will not encounter the same hurdles this year and once again bring this Award back to Oakland Lodge. This Convention was, once again, very informative and even some of us tenured Masons still learned something new. The work of the evening was the First Section of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Congratulations to the Officers from Warsaw Lodge who filled the chairs and did a wonderful job in performing the Ritual flawlessly.

An old face has reappeared once again at Oakland Lodge. I'm pleased to announce that Brother Bud Hoffmiester has re-affiliated with Oakland Lodge. Welcome back, Bud, and it's great to see you at Oakland Lodge again.

I congratulate all the Brothers who were Raised or affiliated with Oakland Lodge during the month of November:

1980 - William Massett
 1969 - Robert Robinson and Donald Robinson, Jr.
 1995 - Kenneth Smith

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign has kicked off and some early donations have already started to come in. The best place to make these donations are at our scheduled Communications, but if you are unable to attend and would still like to make a donation, please forward your donations to Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. Once again, if you are sending your donation directly to me, please designate on your check or with a note what area of the Brotherhood Fund to which you would like your donation to be credited.

I hope this article finds all my fellow Brothers and their families celebrating a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

May the blessings of Heaven fall upon all my fellow Masons and their families wherever they may be throughout the world.

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By Doug Poole

Once again, the year-end Holidays are here. Here's hoping you get everything you want for Christmas. More importantly,

we need to remember to help those who won't be getting gifts. Whether you still live in our local area, or a thousand miles away, help out a food pantry. Please consider giving more than just food. Donate your time.

Christmas is very closely followed by New Year's Eve. It's a night to celebrate and remember the events of the past year. Start to plan for 2011, which is the 200th Anniversary of Olive Branch Lodge receiving its Dispensation from Grand Lodge. We didn't receive our Charter until 1813. The paperwork disappeared several times between here and Grand Lodge.

Handy, Man?

Now we are having work sessions on Saturdays. Your help is

needed to remodel our building. If you can spare some time, please contact our Remodeling Committee Chairman, Don Keys, or Jack Flint. Even if you don't belong to Olive Branch, feel free to help.

In December, we have only one Birthday - Brother Jim Nielsen celebrates on the 16th. We hope you have a very happy one.

There is no news under sickness or distress.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of Olive Branch Lodge, we wish everyone a wonderful and Joyous Christmas Season. May the great gifts from Heaven Rain down on all the world, and Peace be known in all lands.

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Nothing has been more rewarding in my Masonic career so far than traveling around to the Lodges; talking to the Brothers around the District, getting to know something about each one and listening to thoughts and ideas for improving our Fraternity. Many shared how to make it more fun, more interesting and as relevant today as it has been in the past.

During my Official Visits, you heard me talk about a Chinese proverb which some have referred to as a "Chinese curse" and others as "an opportunity." The alleged Chinese saying is "May You Live in Interesting Times."

My comments centered around the fact that we, as Masons today, are living in interesting times. We have a responsibility to inform others around us of who Masons are and what Masons do. While Masonry is being portrayed in the media, sometimes in a positive light, other times in less-than-positive, Masonry should be evident in everything we do and in our daily interactions with people.

We should always remember who we are; in our daily actions, our demeanor in public, our work ethics, our speech and especially when others cast doubt or make derogatory comments about our Fraternity. How we comport ourselves around others is the best publicity, and each one of us is an Ambassador of Masonry in our communities.

Many of you are busy preparing to open your Lodge room doors for new Candidates in Masonry. On October 26th, I had the privilege of traveling with R.: W.: Richard Friedman to the Tottenville Masonic Temple and witnessing the confer-

ral of the 1st Degree of Masonry on two Candidates who were joining Staten Island Lodge. The Degree was designed by W.: Thomas Braniff to enhance the experience of the Candidates through the judicious and careful use of light and music. This is carefully chosen and inserted at critical times to emphasize the message within the Ritual. Needless to say, I was very impressed by this whole experience and I would invite each Master and Ritual Director to think about how you can go beyond recitation to ensure the Degrees we confer have a stronger impact and make a lasting impression on our Candidates and our Brothers.

In thinking about this, remember that Masonry is an initiatory society, and the 1st Degree is symbolic of birth. A Candidate symbolically leaves behind all his earthly possessions. He places his trust in God and follows a conductor who leads him into the Lodge room. His left breast is naked and his heart is open to receive the first instruction as he enters a Lodge of Freemasons. He is not being admitted into Masonry, but rather he is Initiated.

This experience marks the beginning of his new life as a Mason. Once we understand this concept, we will realize how important the preparation of the Candidate is to this whole experience. Make sure your Lodge has a Preparation Room, and that it is clean, quiet, free of clutter and conducive to a reflective atmosphere. That the Secretary takes his time to read the instructions to the Candidates slowly and makes sure they understand them as well as the questions being asked of them. Make sure the Degrees are conferred with the Candidate's experience in mind.

On November 6th, I went with the Grand Lodge Officers to Livingston District to honor and lend support to R.: W.: J. Michael Grady, R.: W.: Dennis King and R.: W.: Roy Moses on the occasion of their Apron Presentation. It was great to see so many Brothers in attendance from all over the Western Region and hear the message of R.: W.: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, who emphasized the importance of collaboration among Brothers and the

need to learn more about the history and teachings of our Craft in order to convey that message to others around us. Congratulations, again, my Brothers.

Website

Keep your eyes on the Monroe Masonic Website hosted by the Masonic Service Bureau and provide your feedback as we are trying to update and improve on the format and content of the site. The address is:

www.monroemasonic.com

Thanks to the Service Bureau for their effort in working with the Leadership Team of the District on updating the website. My hope is that this will become a place for every Mason in Monroe District and the Western Region to check out events and happenings to improve collaboration and attendance at meetings and events within the District and the Region.

Also remember that the District has a Facebook page. If you have access to Facebook, you can search for Monroe Masonic District and ask to join. If you are already a member, please contribute comments and post events from your Lodge, thoughts you may have, or links you think other Brothers may be interested in checking out.

Awards

Congratulations to all who were recognized by their Lodge during the Symbolic Lodge Award Night, which was organized by the Valley of Rochester, AASR. I can't think of a better honor than to receive such recognition by your peers and congratulations for a job well done. I thank the organizers of the event and the Brothers who came out and made it possible for this year's event to have attracted the largest number of Masons to date. Your Brothers needed your support, and you answered the call.

Brotherhood Fund Challenge

Finally, remember the 100% participation challenge, my Brothers. During my Official Visits, I mentioned that each one of us individually has a responsibility to make Freemasonry stronger. I also mentioned there is no room for apathy in Masonry. I spoke of the need for optimism; that the best days of Freemasonry lie ahead and not in the past. I appealed to you to take action and renew your commitment to the Craft. I spoke of our duty to contribute to the relief of Brothers in need. The fact is that our Fraternity is in need of our aid and sympathy at this time.

The 100% participation challenge is my appeal to every Ma-

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son in Monroe District to invest in his Fraternity by contributing whatever amount of money is within his means to the Brotherhood Fund this year - especially to the Masonic Care Community in Utica. There is no amount of money that is too little or insignificant to contribute. It is the 100% challenge because we all should participate and no Mason should opt out. One Brother may find himself able to contribute \$1 and another may be able to contribute \$1,000. This is not a competition, rather the pride is in participation. Both those Brothers have answered the 100% participation call and both will have discharged their duty to our Fraternity.

Remember, as you receive your Brotherhood Fund envelopes this year, do not allow apathy to tarnish your passion. Invest in your Fraternity, reclaim Freemasonry as your own and do your part in the 100% challenge - Especially our beloved Masonic Care Community in your donation.

May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over and protect you always.

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By R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz

In last month's article, we invited you to go to the Masonic Service Association Website: msana.com. There you would have found a link to the Twain Award, and the white paper titled, "It's About Time: Moving Masonry into the 21st Century." This white paper stresses the importance of Masonic awareness. Masonic awareness is a concept that applies both within the Lodge, and in our community-at-large.

What is Masonic Awareness?

According to the sponsor of the Twain Award, Masonic awareness is two-fold. First, what does a Lodge do to heighten Masonic awareness in the community by communicating traditional Masonic values; and two, what does a Lodge do to provide camaraderie, build enthusiasm among members and create an environment of mutual respect?

We believe many Lodges are already engaged in these activities; but what concerted effort is there to communicate that energy outside the Lodge?

There once was a time when Freemasonry was so well known in our community that our influence on society was a given. According to Barry Moreno, a New York historian and author of *The Statue of Liberty Encyclopedia* (Simon and Schuster, 2000), "the Freemasons played an important role in the Statue of Liberty's development."

"First, Liberty's sculptor, Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi, was himself a Freemason, having just finished the Alsace-Lorraine Lodge in Paris in 1875.

Liberty's own name, Liberty Enlightening the World, was probably derived from the Masonic idea of illumination and enlightenment. Several powerful Freemasons were members of the French Committee (particularly the celebrated historian Louis-Henri Martin). Not surprisingly, the Masons were just as influential on the American side. Nearly all the major figures raising funds for the pedestal were Masons, including the architect Richard Morris Hunt." (Source: <http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/07/01/answers-about-the-statue-of-liberty/>, last viewed November 7, 2010).

Locally, that influence was just as important. There is a cornerstone located at the old City Hall on Broad Street. That cornerstone has a square and compasses on it. It turns out it was laid in Masonic form by M.:W.: Christopher G. Fox, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, on May 28, 1873. Contained inside that cornerstone was a time capsule. Placed inside that time capsule

were many Masonic Documents that attest to influence and importance Freemasonry had in Rochester. For a look at what was placed inside this capsule, check this link: <http://www3.rmssc.org/capsule/pamphlets.html> (last viewed November 7, 2010).

Those are just two examples on the influence that our Craft had on society, internationally, nationally and locally.

While we may not be laying physical cornerstones, don't we lay down symbolic cornerstones in what we do? Be it raising money for the Ronald McDonald Houses, or helping someone in need within our own Brotherhood.

The Twain Award is an opportunity for every Lodge to exemplify what it means to be a Mason. To obtain this Award requires a commitment ... a commitment to devote that amount of time that is necessary to compete for this Award.

For any Lodge to obtain this Award is a remarkable achievement. It says to the Craft throughout North America;



here is a Lodge that strives to achieve and maintain Masonic awareness.

We wish you and your family a joyful Holiday Season.

To be continued

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By R.:W.: Mike Nohle

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held on October 18th. The Convention is an opportunity for our Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: Charles E. Toombs, to visit our District and observe our Ritual Work and also provide a forum to further

teach the Ritual to those Brothers present. We thank Fairport-Flower City Lodge for hosting the Convention and providing an excellent meal. Thanks also to ERAC Lodge for presenting the Work of the evening.

The attendance for the Grand Lecturer's Convention was very close. The top three Lodges in attendance were ERAC, Fairport-Flower City and Wakan-Hubbard. And the winner of the 2010 Grand Lecturer's Attendance Banner is Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. Congratulations and thank you to all who attended. There were 110 Brothers in attendance. Unfortunately, after verifying attendance, there will not be a Pott's Award given this year. A few Lodges were just one or two Officers short.

Mark Your Calendar

The next School of Ritual is on Monday, January 31st, at Webster Lodge Hall. The work of the evening will be the Drama Section of the 3rd Degree.

We hope you have a great Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you around the District.

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By R.:W.: Don Tubman

Happy Holidays! But, think that the Masonic Safety ID Program should be on your program in this festive Season!!!

I ask each of the Masters and leaders of Concordant Bodies to really think how you could utilize the equipment at any of your public events. We keep finding that good men are drawn to our Fraternity because they see us doing these events. They realize that Masons are trying to get out into the communities where they live and work and do something very positive.

We would like to make greater use of the ID equipment by hav-

ing events supported by each Lodge. We want to process identification kits for over 2000 folks!!! It is possible with your support and help.

We are looking for Master Masons and others who have American Sign Language skills so we can have some successful programs with the deaf community in December.

Representatives of the National Missing and Exploited Children's Center in Rochester will provide speakers for any programs you might want and they will provide literature at ID events on a wide range of topics regarding child abuse and abductions. Contact me for more information.

Contact Information about the Masonic ID program is available online at:
<http://nynchip.org/>

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the program and involvement from your Lodge!!!

We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at: datubman@yahoo.com; rcdowns@rochester.rr.com; or seanb218@yahoo.com.

CHIPS Training Coordinator Sean Brown, Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, can schedule an event for you as well.

You can contact Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you have questions or suggestions.

At our October 28th meeting, we had four Recipients present to receive their Years of Service Awards. They were R.:W.: Don Krech, 60 years; R.:W.: Bob Avery and Brother Tom McCullough, 50 years; and W.: Oscar Reber, 35 years. Congratulations to these Brothers. The meeting was preceded by a wonderful pot-luck dinner. Thanks also to all the ladies and guests who helped make the night so special.

Due to the Christmas Season, we only have one meeting in December. It will be Thursday, December 9th. It will be our Annual Meeting and also a Christmas Party. Naturally, the ladies

are invited. It will be preceded by a Steak Dinner. Also, this is a good event to bring a friend and his lady who might be interested in joining our Lodge.

Our first meeting in January will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. It will on Thursday, January 13th. Keep this in mind if you want to see our Lodge survive.

Well, that's all for this month. Remember that many hands make light work. See you in Lodge.


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Happy Holidays to All!

Wishing you and your families all the best this Holiday Season!

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all our Brothers who celebrate their birthdays in December. Happy 374th Birthday to the National Guard (America's Oldest Armed Force).

National Guard

The United States is a relatively young country, but four of the oldest military organizations in the world are in our Country's National Guard.

The National Guard is celebrating its 374th birthday this year. On December 13, 1636, the Massachusetts Bay Colony divided its citizen-soldiers, or militia, into the North, South and East Regiments. The Massachusetts Bay Colony was seven years old in 1636. About 5,000 men, women and children had made the two-month voyage to the New World, leaving the relative comfort and safety of England behind.

In Massachusetts, they confronted a wilderness of dense forests, wild animals and suspicious Indians. The Colonists needed a military force for protection, but they had no money to hire a mercenary army, which was common practice in Europe at the time. So, they turned to the English tradition of the militia - citizen soldiers who gathered for military training and who could fight when needed.

In Massachusetts, all able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 60, were required to join the Militia and have their own equipment. By 1636, the Militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony was large enough to be divided into three separate regiments.

Today, the military lineage of these 1636 Regiments is carried by the 101st Engineer Battalion, the 101st Field Artillery, the 181st Infantry and the 182nd Cavalry, which are all still part of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. These four units, in one form or another, have been in continuous service since 1636, and are the oldest units in the U.S. Army. Not many military organizations can claim 374 years of unbroken history. The Swiss Guards, who protect the Vatican, are older (1512), and so is London's Honorable Artillery Company (1537), a unit

of citizen-soldiers that is the oldest in the British Army. Amazingly, considering how much older Britain is than the United States, only one other regiment of the British Army, the Royal Scots (1633), predates our National Guard's oldest units.

Much has changed in this country since 1636, but one thing has not ... citizen-soldiers still gather to train and deploy as they have for 374 years.

Remember ...

As the Holiday Season is upon us and people are racing hectically from place to place, remember to stop, take a deep breath and appreciate the things you have. Happy Holidays and God Bless!


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"Life is Good"

We've all seen the shirts and hats. We've seen the little white stickers of the happy stick figure on the back windows of cars. In his hands he's got a fishing pole, football, or a baseball bat and he's smiling from ear to ear. He's always at play. "Life is good." But, why doesn't he have a frying pan, or a jackhammer or something else that might represent "work?" Isn't work good? Isn't work part of life, too?

Now you're wondering how this ties to Freemasonry. Well, it's simple. Everything we do to support one another, or a charity, is work. We all know that. Those Brothers who work so diligently on the monthly Spaghetti Dinner will vouch for that. It's work, hard work, but it has a great payout. That payout is, of course, the monetary support we help provide to a local organization.

Is that what makes it "good?" Perhaps. Now, compound that aspect of work with Masonic work and you've got a winning combination. Those things we do for each other, the Lodge building or putting together various events are all aspects of Masonic work. They all have a great payout, too - friendship and Brotherly love. You can't get better payout than that.

So, I guess the saying, "life is good," should be revisited for those of us in the Craft. Maybe it should be "Masonic life is good." I think it is.

A Charitable Idea at Work

A Brother recently informed me of the little-known results of some Masonic work. He told me how he and a few other Brothers, approximately twenty years ago, got together and worked

out a food basket system between Hegedorn's Grocery Store and the Webster Food Cupboard. It works like this. When you're shopping at Hegedorn's, you can purchase an extra can or two of beans. As you go to leave, you simply drop those extra cans into a couple of baskets which are to the right of the main entrance. Periodically, a representative from the Food Cupboard collects the contents. Naturally, the contents are then shared with those who, for whatever reasons, can't provide enough of such food items on their own. How's that for a great idea?

A little effort from so long ago is still producing results today, and with minimal exertion of energy, too. How's that for Masonic work? Naturally, my Brothers, it would be excellent if you could keep this food basket in mind the next time you run into Hegedorn's. Also remember that all members of the human family (not just Masons) are subject to the occasional need of a helping hand.

Upcoming Events

December 2nd - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We'll have a few Brothers present a few fine aspects of the Craft to our guests. Then enjoy some refreshments immediately after. Come down to Lodge and meet some gentlemen who may soon become your Brothers.

December 3rd will be a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Webster Youth Hockey Squirts. (Note: Nick Haldoupis informs me that the Webster Museum, last month's recipient, received \$1,130. Pretty good. But keep in mind, four Brothers worked from 9 a.m. 'til 9 p.m. for the monetary benefit of the Museum and the non-tangible benefit of the Craft. Lets see if we can lend a hand once in a while. They've earned it.)

December 9th - The Fellowcraft Club meeting.

December 10th - The Webster Fellowcraft Club will be having a Christmas Dinner on December 10th at Streppa's Bistro, 30 East Main Street, Webster. This is something for all Webster Brothers and their significant others. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Due to the assumed number of over 30 people, it will be a buffet-style dinner for somewhere between \$12 and \$15, plus tax and gratuity. For reservations, contact Bob Passino or Mark Fenton. Hope to see you there.

December 16th - Our Fall 3rd Degree, with yours truly in the East.

December 24th - Our Annual Poinsettia delivery. Those of you who are able to make it, please do. It's an excellent opportunity to get together for a good thing before the Holidays.

Till next year, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God Bless.

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Seasons Greetings to one and all! I hope this Holiday Season finds you in good health and spirits.



V.W. Dan Walker (center), Master of Fame Lodge, presented Service Awards to Brothers (from left) Donald Krech, Robert Avery, Oscar Reber and Thomas McCullough.




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I can't remember a time in our recent history when our Brothers have been so busy with their personal lives, new jobs, new families, new business adventures and yet they're able to put on an outstanding Degree. As we all know, this takes a lot of time and effort and I thank the Brothers, and especially their wives, for their commitment to our Lodge.

The Holidays are rapidly approaching. In addition, we are feverishly getting ready for our 3rd Degree. We are also preparing what should be some very enjoyable programs.

As always, Oatka Lodge is moving forward and growing. Hope to see you at Lodge.

Yet another month has passed and we find ourselves welcoming Old Man Winter into our midst. We were truly blessed with a wonderful Summer and pleasantly mild Fall. One can only hope the next few months remain consistent with the past few.

October found us celebrating years of service at our ERAC Awards and Member Recognition Event. Many thanks to Brother Mike Knolla for all of his hard work and efforts planning and overseeing the evening. As always, a job well done!

On October 25th, we were honored to welcome the District Leadership Team for the District Deputy's Official Visit. Considering two of the three Officers on that team are from ERAC, I should probably say something nice about them (chuckle). Actually, Brothers, it will be very easy to say something nice as they did an outstanding job! It was indeed an enjoyable evening.

To say "a good time was had by all" at our Past Masters' Recognition meeting would be an understatement. Each Past Master was escorted to the East, given a small token of our appreciation and invited to share a story or two. The stories told that evening brought back memories long forgotten. More than a couple of them had the Lodge gasping with laughter. To the Past Masters reading this article, I would, again, like to thank you for your Stewardship of our Craft. You deserve all of our respect and gratitude.

Upcoming Events December

On December 13th, we will have the pleasure of welcoming our new Entered Apprentices to their first meeting in the Lodge. On that evening, we will be sharing with them Light from the 1st Degree and helping them continue their Journey into Freemasonry. The highlight of the evening will be a presentation of the 1st Degree Historical Lecture by one of our newer Brothers, Zacharey Taylor. Please join us for an evening filled with fun, fellowship and Light.

On Saturday, December 18th, a well-loved Holiday tradition will take place. That's the day, we will have the privilege of visiting some of our Brothers who are unable to attend Lodge. This is, without a doubt, the highlight of the Holiday Season for many of us. The day begins with a breakfast feast at the home of W.: Terry Wihlen, Jr. We then roll ourselves to the vehicles (literally) and begin a morning of fun and fellowship. Please come spend a few hours with us. You will not be disappointed. Brother Wihlen would be grateful if you would kindly let him know if you will be joining us for breakfast. He can be reached by email at twihlen@hotmail.com. If you do not have email, please call me at 730-2003 and I will forward your reservation.

January

January 10th - Table Lodge. This is a meeting you will not want to miss. I invite you all to join us for the 2011 ERAC Table Lodge! Every year our Table Lodge is better than the last. This year will be no exception. I am proud to announce we will be hosting R.: W.: Jim Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, as our guest speaker. He will be accompanied by the Deputy Grand Marshal, R.: W.: John W. Krupp. Dinner that evening will be nothing less than Strip Steak and all that ac-

companies it. Reservations are a must Brothers. Please send your RSVP to our Junior Warden, Brother John Hellaby, no later than Friday, January 8th.

Brothers, if there any among you would enjoy coming to Lodge, but do not have transportation, I have a favor to ask of you. We have many Brothers who are young in the Craft. These Brothers would benefit greatly from spending time with you. Your time in the Craft has given you a wealth of knowledge, or better yet, wisdom; knowledge and wisdom that are always better when shared. Please consider giving them the opportunity to benefit from your time in the Craft. Many live close to you and would feel privileged to be able to accompany you to Lodge. Please phone me at 730-2003.

With that, my Brothers, I wish you all the best and am looking forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Secretary's Corner

As Secretary of the Lodge, I volunteered to add to the Worshipful Master's monthly **Masonic Times** article in the hopes of penning a few words of wit or wisdom ... perhaps something beyond the normal and typical Lodge article that might be of interest to the Brothers.

This past week, I was going through some of my Dad's Masonic Memoirs and Mementos and experiencing a flood of wonderful memories of the man who, although he has been gone two years now, was and still continues to be my Hero. Many of my Brothers in Clio had the opportunity to sit in Lodge with my Dad - to get to know him as a man and a Mason.

When he welcomed me into the Fraternity some 45 years ago, he recited a poem to me. Over the years, I came to understand that he lived the words in that poem ... that poem and the principles of this Fraternity therein molded him into the man and Mason he was. In memory of my Dad, R.: W.: Harry Upham, it is my pleasure and honor to share those words with you:

You have the square, but do you have
The truth that square denotes?

Have you, within your inmost soul
The qualities that should control
Your actions, words and thoughts?

The square of virtue, is it there
You, who wear the Mason's square?

You have the compasses
But do you have, as well, that circle, due
That moral circle scribed within
Excluding envy, hatred, sin,
Including all that's true?

And in due bounds, do you then strive
To keep your passions circumscribed?

You have the trowel, but do you have
As well, that mortar, pure
Made from the recipe of God, as given in
His Holy Word
Indissoluble and sure?

And do you spread, "twixt man and man
That precious mixture, as you can?

You wear the mystic letter "G"
Ah, Brother, have a care
He whose All-Seeing eye surveys
The human heart with open gaze,
He knows what thoughts are there!

Let no profane, irreverent word
Rise to insult and offend the Lord.

My Brother, if you will display
These emblems of our art
Then let the lessons that they teach
Be deeply graven, each by each
Upon an honest heart.

Then can we show, to God and man
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Last Month

You may have noticed that my article last month was somewhat short and a little cryptic. I apologize but somehow my message got cut short from what I thought I emailed to the **Masonic Times** compared to what was published.

We completed the 1st Degree for five new Brothers on October 19th, and I thank the Brothers who participated and attended the Degree. It was well received and I think the Brothers who were in attendance enjoyed it.

I also thank Worshipful Pat Mulrooney, Master of ERAC Lodge, for doing the Historical Lecture for us. He did a great job! I also thank the Brothers of ERAC who attended our Degree, including our own Brother, Dave Upham. It was great to have you all. R.: W.: Mike Nohle was also present acting in his official AGL capacity. It was great to have him with us.

At our regular communication on November 2nd, our guest speakers were members of the Cushing's Battery Civil War Re-enactor group. The group has several Freemasons as members and they attended our meeting. R.: W.: John McHenry, the DDGM from the Allegany District, was present as a member of the re-enacting group.

R.: W.: John grew up in my hometown of Hornell and it was a pleasant surprise to see him and learn he was a member of the Craft. The Brothers of Clio Lodge enjoyed the speakers and asked many questions about the group, the Civil War and the role of Freemasons in the Civil War. At this meeting, copies of our budget were passed out for review and we will discuss it further at our December 7th meeting. I just hope the budget discussion will not be remembered as a day of infamy.

Schedule for December

December 7th - we will be reviewing and voting our budget that was handed out in November.

December 19th - at 6:30 p.m. will be rehearsing for our Master Mason Degree

December 21st - Conferral of the Master Mason Degree. It will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree at 7:30 p.m.

December 1st and 15th - Spaghetti Dinners

January

January 4th - Brother Bring-a-Friend Dinner, starting at 6:30 p.m. Please let me know if you have a potential candidate to bring to the dinner. Remember, they are our guests and will not be charged for a meal.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep R.: W.: George Todd in your thoughts as he deals with his ongoing illness.

If you know of a Brother in need, please let me know.

Dues

You should have received your Annual Dues Notice by

now. If you have not, please let Brother Sean Noonan, our Secretary, know that you need your Dues Notice

Brotherhood Fund

You also should have received a notice for this Campaign. Please consider donating any amount you are comfortable with giving toward the Brotherhood Fund. There are several worthy charities encompassed under the Fund and your donation will be greatly appreciated. If you need more information, please let me know.

My Message

After one of our meetings, I was chatting with V.: W.: Harry DeHollander and some Brothers of Clio Lodge about what it "means" to be a Master Mason. I have been a Master Mason for five years and I am still working on this question.

I think a lot of my Brothers at Clio Lodge are working on the same question. I can tell you that, as Master of the Lodge, I spend more time now thinking about this topic than I have done in the past. I can also tell you, I believe answers to the question can be found by internalizing the Ritual Work of the Lodge.

I enjoy learning and doing Ritual Work. When I first became a Master Mason, I viewed the Ritual Work as a challenge. It was something I wanted to master and prove to my Brothers I could do it and do it well. At first, I just memorized the lines so I could parrot them back in Lodge and gain some respect from my Brothers for having a good memory and being a good speaker. As I performed parts of the Ritual multiple times, it came to mind easier and I became less focused on memorizing. I began to truly internalize these parts of the Ritual and my focus shifted to trying to understand what I was saying.

As I try to understand what the Ritual means, I also try to understand how to apply the meaning in my own life. While this may not be a great revelation for some of you, when I started really thinking about the process, it was a real "ah ha!" moment for me. I know each Brother approaches his Masonic journey differently. For me, it has taken five years but I think I might be starting to "get it." For me, memorizing Ritual work leads to internalization, which leads to understanding and ultimately to application.

This is one way in which I try to answer the question of what it means to be a Master Mason. I know some Brothers are not comfortable presenting the Ritual Work. To those Brothers I say take small steps. Try to learn a small part of the Ritual and build from there. Work out your Ritual muscles and make them strong. I will support you and I know all the Brothers of Clio will support you. Don't miss out on a great and rewarding journey simply because the first steps are hard. The old saying "nothing worth attaining is easy" is true in this case but I also think it is really worth your time and effort to try it

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Recent Events

First off, my thanks to the 16 Brothers who came out to help us obtain the Traveling Gavel from Unity Lodge on October 25th. The Brothers at Unity made us feel right at home with a great meal and a night of friendship and Brotherhood. We also enjoyed watching their 1st Degree and the Initiating of five new Brothers.

Upcoming Events

December 11th - Our Lodge Christmas Party, with wives and guests, will be held at FDR's Restaurant; 3939 East Henrietta Road. We are gathering at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Come and have a great night out with your Brothers and their guests. If you're not a Brother of our Lodge, but would like to join us for the evening, we would love to have you. Reservations are required by December 7th. Contact John Williams at 533-1188. Please leave a message.

December 13th - 1st Degree. Our 1st Degree was delayed as we received a last-minute Peti-

tion. This is the second year in a row we have had to postpone our 1st Degree for more Petitions. What a great problem to have. If you missed the last Lodge meeting and plan to attend the dinner, please call or email Ken Tomaszewski at 624-9226 or ken@kjtgroup.com before December 9th so he can plan accordingly.

December 20th - Don't forget about the Fellowcraft Christmas Party. We will be playing cards, darts, pool or whatever else you can think of. It should be a fun night. If you want to include other friends, bring them along and enjoy the night.

December

6th - 1st Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

8th - Masonic Development Course at Hesperus Lodge, Bergen, 7-9 p.m.

11th - Lodge Christmas Party at FDR's in Henrietta; 5:30 p.m.

13th - Special Communication - 1st Degree at 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

20th - Fellowcraft Christmas Party, 7 p.m.

January

8th - Audit and Budget Meeting, 9 a.m.

10th - Summoned Communication; Budget, 7:30 p.m.

12th - Masonic Development Course at Eunice Lodge Hall in Caledonia, 7-9 p.m.

17th - 2nd Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

24th - Special Communication, 2nd Degree; 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

30th - Have-a-Heart Campaign, 12-6 p.m.

31st - School of Ritual - TBD at Shrine Center, 7 p.m.



Union Star Lodge Brothers travelled to Spencerport to obtain the Traveling Gavel from Unity Lodge, which W.: Rob Buchanan presented to W.: Scott May. Attending (from left) were: Gary Sanford, Frank Habitzreuther, Harold Schofield, Ron Morthorst, Tom Watson, John Burchill, Bud Ripley, Scott May, Dick Bull, Mark Armbruster, Robert Buchanan, Terry Hatch, John Williams, Troy Shouse, Mark Hutton, Ken Hecker and Andrew Cotraccia.

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December is upon us. It is important for family and religious activities. It is a time to touch base with people with whom we too seldom socialize. Sometimes we can get overcome with demands. Remember what is really important to you and yours.

There is only one meeting in December. It will be our Annual Latke Hop. W.: Bernie Lazerson will be heading things up. December 13th is the date. It will be open to family and

friends. Casual attire is the dress code for the evening.

Prior to the 1st Degree, new Candidate attire was given to the Lodge. They were made by Mrs. Irene Cone of Ontario, NY. She is the widow of W.: Richard Cone and mother of Brother Glen Cone. The attire was appreciated by the old-time members and especially by the Candidates of the last few years. Many thanks to Mrs. Cone for her willingness to make (cut, layout and sew) these fine garments.

Upcoming Events

January 10th - The 3rd Degree will be conferred on at least six young Brothers. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m.

January 24th - Table Lodge. Brian Bills' fabulous Chili will be the main course. Wine, pop or water will be available for the Toasts. There may even be Limburger Cheese for the stout-hearted.

December Birthdays

We wish the following Brothers a "Happy Birthday" during the month of December: Warren Reigelsperger (4th); Robert Robbins (5th); Harold Goodwin (6th); Alan Libgld (7th); Tom Goodrich (8th); Ellis Hormats (10th); Gary Moore, Michael Morris, Murray Russell and Dave Taber (12th); Jay Stubblings (18th); Morton Stein (19th); Harold Davis and Stanley Steinberg (20th); Irwin Rosenbloom (22nd); Scott Clemons, David MacIntyre and Peter Moore (23rd); Harold Chait and William Gerber (24th); Carl Mosher (28th); Martin Lukacher (29th); and Bernard Weltman (30th). Best wishes for a healthy and rewarding year ahead.

Happy Holidays to all and your families!

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It's been another busy month for Wakan-Hubbard. On October 14th, we had a nice dinner the Junior Warden put together with help from his Stewards. They made the dinner and meeting a success. After the dinner we

enjoyed a program delivered by Victor Polesuck called "Concepts in Medical Ethics." It put forth very interesting thoughts and situations making us all think, "what would we do?" I know the night was a success because all the Brothers got involved.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held on October 18th. There was a great turnout by all Lodges, but most of all by Wakan-Hubbard, who received the Attendance Award. It was great that we had so much support. It says a lot for the Brothers.

On October 21st, it was my honor to escort Brother John Rees, Past Master and DSA, to the Shrine to receive the Scottish Right Symbolic Lodge Award. This Award is given to a Brother who goes above and beyond. I hold John Rees by a stronger tie. He was, and still is, my mentor; he has guided and supported me all the way to the East. John is a great example of what a Mason should be. He helps with all the Degree Work, going to see sick Brothers, interviewing Brothers for proficiency and, every once in awhile, he has something to talk about. Although John talks funny, the Brothers at the Lodge, along with myself, think this is well-deserved. Over 200 people came out for the night along with John's wife and family.

Degrees

We changed the October 25th date for the 2nd Degree to give Brothers more time to get proficient. We went along with the dinner and opened the Lodge on the 3rd Degree and then dropped to the 1st so the Entered Apprentice Masons could join us. The 2nd Degree was scheduled for November 22nd.

November 8th - Sherlock Holmes came to Penfield by way of Lewis Neisner. After a Potluck Dinner the Brothers put together, they collected \$10 each to donate to a local charity. The total collected was \$130.

The Brothers are also going to do this at a later date. We are also collecting clothes that might help keep someone warm, so if you have anything that might help, please call my cell phone 698-0852 and we will take care of it.

On November 15th, a group of Brothers and I went to Transportation Lodge to see the 2nd Degree and show our support. The Brothers did a great job and should be proud.

Upcoming Events

December 13th - Annual Business Meeting

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Greetings Nobles! Wow, it's December already! While things are continuing to shape up for next year we are still enjoying many events for this year. Thanks to Oscar Wilson and everyone who worked so hard; our Noble Bring-a-Brother Night was a success. So far eight new members have joined our organization and enjoyed a Ceremonial on November 13th.

Recent Events

I thank the Ladies of the Nile for their Luncheon and Fashion Show held for Lady Debbie on October 23rd at the Burgundy Basin. The Ladies worked very hard to make that event successful. Thanks again, Ladies, for making my wife very comfortable in her position. As you know, this is her first year being involved in any type of organization like this and she is overwhelmed with the good souls around her. She has made some good friends whom she will cherish for a lifetime.

The highlight of the month was our trip to the Shriners Hospital for Children® -Springfield. We all had a great time and took lots of photos.



Illustrious Potentate Tom and Lady Debbie at Hospital Anniversary sign.

The Melha Shriners from Springfield were there to greet us and took us for a tour of the Hospital. We all enjoyed every moment and at the end the Ladies pre-

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By Imperial Sir George A. Mitchell
Imperial Potentate
Shriners International

Isn't it great to be a Shriner?

It's FEZTASTIC!

And, it was FEZTASTIC to be in Tampa recently and participate in the annual educational seminars! Of course, the Membership Seminar was most important to me personally, because – as everyone is probably aware by now – increasing membership and raising the enthusiasm and energy of our members is my top priority. It is my top priority because the future of both the fraternity and the philanthropy depend on membership growth.

I want every Shriner to realize the countless FEZTASTIC reasons there are to be part of our great Fraternity – and its philanthropy, and to be so enthused they can't help talking about it to everyone they meet.

By the way, when you leave your house every morning, do you make sure you have a Pocket Petition with you? If you don't, that might be something to think about!

During the Membership Seminar, I shared some thoughts on the Membership Hall of Fame program, which acknowledges Temples that achieve a net gain in membership in a calendar year, as well as their leadership. These Temples are recognized as having Gold status and are inducted into the Membership Hall of Fame. Nineteen Temples were recognized for this milestone at the Imperial Council Session last July. In addition, 45 Temples were recognized for achieving Silver status (an overall improvement in membership over the previous year of more than 2 percent), and 48 for Bronze status (an overall improvement of less than 2 percent). One temple received a Rising Star award for maintaining membership – with no loss or gain for the previous year.

I personally congratulate Kem Shriners in Grand Forks, N.D., for 10 consecutive years of membership gains.

I challenge each one of you to make a special, strong effort in the next three months to bring the membership of your

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Geneva Shrine Club 2010 Christmas Party

Annual Christmas Party

Saturday, December 18th

All Welcome

For All Shriners, Masons,

Their Ladies and Their Guests

Club 86-Avenue E- Geneva

5:30 PM Hors D'Oeuvres - Personality Adjustment

7:00 PM Dinner Served

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All dinners include soup, salad and dessert
Coffee and Service

8:00 - 11:00 Music and Dancing with the great:

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14-Piece Band

10:00 PM Venetian Table

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Please Specify Your Dinner Choice

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Reservations by Tuesday, December 14th

Accommodations Available with Special Prices for Shriners

Ramada Inn Lake Side, Geneva 315-789-0400

\$ 65.00 per night with transportation
provided to and from the party

Installation of Officers for Damascus Shrine

On behalf of the 2011 Leadership Team, we invite you to attend our Installation on January 5th. We will also be Installing Club and Unit Officers on the same night.

If you have never attended a Shrine Installation of Officers, it is unique and always a fun event. This will be an Open Meeting, so bring your Lady and we'll have a great time. My understanding is that the Installing Team has some tricks up its sleeve. That, frankly, is a little scary!

There will be a Prime Rib Dinner for \$13 per person, cooked by the Famed and Fabled Fairport-Flower City Meat Crew. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and the Installation will begin at 7 p.m.

We are planning a very exciting year at Damascus; a well-attended Installation would be a great way to support our Team!

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, January 5th

Damascus Shrine Center

6 p.m. – Dinner; Ceremony immediately following

You can make your reservation by calling the Office at:

(585) 671-7701 or online at: damascusshrinemasons.org/installation

LET'S DO IT!!!



Damascus Potentate

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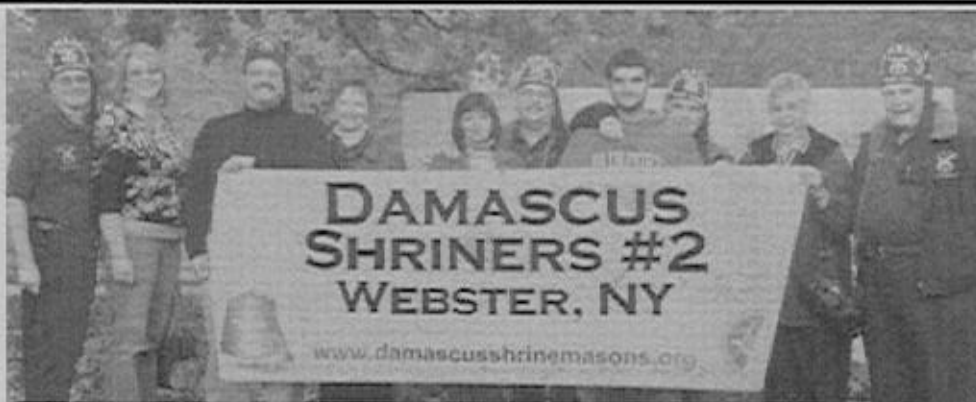
sented the Hospital with a donation from Damascus for \$2000, which was the proceeds from Lady Debbie's candy sales.

We were also lucky enough to visit the Melha Shrine Center. They have a great facility and even have separate rooms for each Club and Unit. I thought that was interesting on how they keep everything under one roof. I won't mention the Potentate's Office and private bar. ☺

The group satisfied the Potentate by taking us to an Italian Restaurant on Saturday night. We had a great meal and,



Uncle Fester



as you know, the next day was Halloween. On the way out of the restaurant, the hostess noticed we had a movie celebrity with us that fit right in with Halloween. She looked at Norris Shapiro and said, "Wow, it's Uncle Fester!!" As you can see from the enclosed photo, Norris looked his best after that fall he had at the Shrine Center. When you see Uncle Fester, AKA "The Boss," see if you can get an autograph.

Upcoming Events

Christmas/Holiday parties are coming up soon. I noticed that some of the Clubs and Units are having their parties on their meeting nights. I will try to make some, but most of them will have a Divan Representative at them.

God has blessed me over the past three years. He has led me through the toughest times of my life. I have always stuck to one verse in the bible that says, "My

Grace is Sufficient and My strength is made perfect in time of weakness." He has placed the best people in my path over these years that have shown me love, support, joy and peace.

Thanks to All

I thank you all for your confidence in me to be able to lead a great organization as we have. I will forever remember my friends who have stuck by me and assisted. Most of all, I will pray for all of you - no matter what. I thank God for all you do and all we accomplished.

I will continue to be involved in our Craft and always follow one of the Lord's precious commands, to Love thy neighbor and treat others as you would like to be treated. I think for the most part we accomplished that this year.

Until next time, may God Bless you all and keep you in His care. 🙏



Lady Debbie's Candy Sale proceeds were presented to Erie Hospital.

Imperial Sir Mitchell

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temple up to the next level - bronze, silver, or gold! You have to believe it's possible!

Deanna also talked about her program, Membership - The Heartbeat of the Shrine at the seminar. I'm SO PROUD of her - and of everyone who is working with her. I especially want to acknowledge Wanda Dunwoody, who is doing such a great job coordinating sales of the ties and bracelets in support of the program. They've already sold out of the bracelets and had to re-order them!

New and Innovative Membership Efforts

Does everyone know what MDS spells? It spells "Success." Our 30 Membership Development Specialists truly understand the urgency of increasing our membership - they know the last year overall membership in our great fraternity increased was 1978! The MDS team has been recruited and trained to help your temples. The MDS team members are passionate about increasing membership, BUT, they can't be part of the solution if they aren't given a chance! Invite them to your temple, and see what they can do.

Technology is also part of the solution - although technology is not a magical or miraculous solution, it can certainly help us. We can use new, emerging technologies to deliver better programs, bring in more members and care for more kids. What could be better?

I am ABSOLUTELY ECSTATIC about the launch of modern new tools

designed to make membership in Shriners International more enriching, such as Shriners Village, and more enticing, such as beashrinernow.com. These new developments give me even more reasons to want to share my long-time slogan, "Isn't it great to be a Shriner? It's Feztastic!" I plan to share this theme every chance I get, in hopes I can motivate others to become more involved. With enthusiasm and hard work, I know we will expand our Fraternity and continue our good deeds for many years to come.

International development is another area where we are working hard to increase membership. As you know, two new temples - one in Puerto Rico and one in the Philippines - received charters at the Imperial Council Session in July. There is growing interest in Shriners International in several parts of Europe, Australia and Central and South America. Imperial Sir Nick Thomas is chairing the International Development Committee and we are very excited about these efforts.

The MDS program and beashrinernow.com are just two of the new initiatives being implemented to increase membership. We are planting seeds for the future that will, one day - if we are patient and diligent - yield great results. We have to remember the story of the planter of bamboo shoots who watered the ground for five years before the bamboo he planted would grow at all - but once it started growing - that bamboo shot up to more than 100 feet tall in just a few weeks!

Now, I'm not saying it will be five years before these long-term efforts - in-



Potentate Tom posed with pumpkin outside the Yankee Candle Museum.

cluding international development of Masonic relations, beashrinernow.com and Shriners Village impact membership. In fact, we are already seeing results. I am saying we need to realize there are short-term and long-term results, and we need to be patient and diligent - and positive.

Third-party pay is another program that is going to take time to implement and develop - it is a long-term project, and the results we anticipate won't be immediate. But, again, we need to give it the time it needs to flourish.

We are all aware of our deep, rich and wonderful past - but that's exactly what it is - past history. It's time now to be forward-thinking, use the new tools we have and be positive about our future. I believe it was President Thomas Jefferson who said, "I like dreams of the future better than history of the past."

We need to believe in the efforts of all our leadership - in the fraternity, at headquarters and at the hospitals - and give their visions, ideas and programs time to take hold and develop. Our leadership deserves our full support - and if I might give you a simple reminder that I'm sure all of us grew up learning - if you can't say something nice (or positive), don't say anything. We need to emphasize a positive atmosphere - and culture, stop the pettiness that we all know goes on every day, reduce the influence of internal politics and respect one another. We are all here because we love our fraternity and its mission of caring for kids.

While in Tampa, I also attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the local hospital. Everyone had a great time; I had

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a lot of fun meeting the kids and spending time with them. Spending time with our patients is always so rejuvenating and uplifting, and a perfect reminder of one of the main reasons for becoming a Shriner - to help the kids who need us. I also recently visited Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Mexico City. I was really impressed with everything there - and everyone. That hospital is a tremendous monument to our efforts; it embodies everything we're trying to do for kids and families. On the day I was there, nearly 100 children were seen in the clinic, and appreciative parents were everywhere. I'm always positive and hopeful, but, even for me, visiting that hospital, and seeing all the activity, was encouraging and inspiring.

I encourage you to continue doing everything you can to help the patients and families of Shriners Hospitals for Children®, and to keep having fun and enjoying the brotherhood you joined. As Imperial Sir Jack Jones would say, "UNITY WINS, and together we can achieve our goals." I also ask you to carry my theme with you everywhere you go, and help me get everyone on their feet and excited about who we are and what makes membership in this organization so FEZTASTIC!!

And every day, remember that it is a GREAT DAY TO BE A SHRINER. 🙏

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

Things are heating up as the weather is cooling down. Our October meeting was a buffet dinner at Brenda's in Port Byron. Kathy Contino-Turner, Director of Communications and Marketing for the Masonic Care Community in Utica, was our guest. Many questions were answered before, during and after dinner. We had a great turnout - 40 Shriners and their guests. So don't look for a listing here; I only get a certain amount of room.

Kathy told us about all that's going on at the Masonic Care Community and it is a lot. Coming up in December is a Holiday Light Show on the Grounds; you can walk or drive through. Check the website for specific dates and times. It sounds beautiful.

If your Lodge, or a few Lodges would like a bus trip, Kathy can set it up. Free transportation, free food and a free tour - that makes free for three (punny, I know).

Mark Your Calendar

You might want to mark your calendar for this year's St. John's Weekend. It will be the 100th anniversary of the Tompkins Chapel. It's named for Daniel Tompkins, former Governor, former Grand Master and for whom Tompkins County is named. There will be a HUGE ceremony (no, it's not a car sale), but Kathy said it will be HUGE.

Name Tags

Do you need a tag? Contact me. I'll get to the proper elf, and poof, a tag.

Ringin' Bells

Ringin' bells for the Salvation Army

- Saturday, December 4th from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. We'll schedule one-hour blocks. Pick a time to help and call me at (315) 253-3947, or email:

dp49b@verizon.net

and help fill in the chart. No restrictions - bring a friend. We will be at Walmart that day.

A little special info from the Masonic Care Community. We have our own Kidney Center with eight chairs. That's more than most towns. We are adding seven beds and ten more chairs in the near future. This is so we can even help with the outside community needs. Of course, our Masons come first.

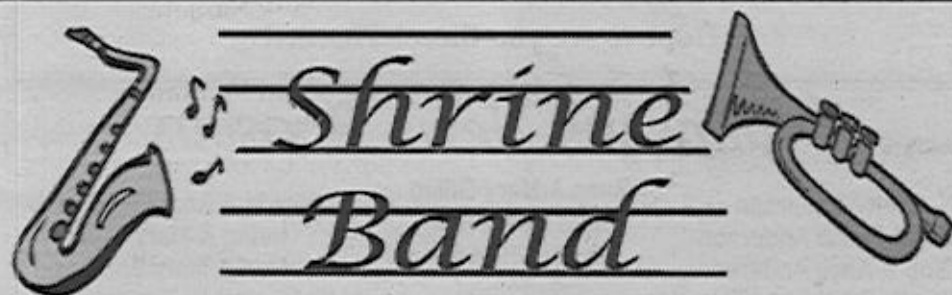
Other Information

The Masonic Care Community began in 1893. Auburn was in the running, Utica won, but we have the oldest continuous Shrine Club! The last orphan left in 1982. One thousand children were raised in the Community. We are in the process of building 75 more units for independent living and 97% of the residents are Masons.

Club Christmas Party

If you want to put the Christmas Party on your Calendar, it should be December 18th at Club 86 in Geneva. You should have received a flyer or email about it in November. Personally, I'm looking forward to seeing Ken's wife's new dress. Come on Ken, you're the one who forgot!!

May your Holidays be warm, comforting, and memorable.



By Frank Russell, Band Master
(315) 331-7621

The Shriners Band has continued to increase in numbers since it re-started a little over a year ago. We now have 25 musicians on the roster and a couple more whom we are contacting. It is a fun bunch of men who meet to play familiar music.

We continue to look for more members and I urge you to encourage any Shrine Mason or Blue Lodge Mason to contact the Band about joining with us. We recognize that occasionally a member has a work or family conflict and we need to have a sufficient membership so as to easily accommodate these other necessary matters. When we play at informal gatherings at the Shrine Center, the Bandsmen are encouraged to invite their Ladies to join in, as well as the Ladies in our Sister Masonic Organizations.

What few rehearsals we have are on a Sunday afternoon, as this seems to be

the time when there are the least conflicts. At the next rehearsal, I plan to introduce "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine March," a march composed by Shiner John Philip Sousa in 1923 and dedicated to the Shriners. Also, I plan to introduce "Tiger Rag," a fun selection that many may remember from college days.

I am looking for a strong male voice to join with the Band for special numbers on certain occasions. I need an operatic type voice, as differentiated from a night-club-type singer. If such a person exists in the Shrine or one of our Blue Lodges, please let me know.

As we look to 2011, there are several Masonic Organization Ceremonies for which the Band has been asked to play. Also, the Band has been invited to play at the Sodus Point Lighthouse Sunday Concert Series in August, with a substantial donation being made to our Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Calendar Winners for October

DAY	NO.	WINNER	DAY	NO.	WINNER
10/01	341	John Patterson	10/17	933	Martha Fisher
10/02	711	Jean Tallada	10/18	359	Damascus Shrine
10/03	496	Damascus Shrine	10/19	554	Gerald Hussong
10/04	884	Ron Godin	10/20	161	Janet Carlone
10/05	583	Geoffrey Davis	10/21	276	Damascus Shrine
10/06	108	Bill Kinch	10/22	849	Damascus Shrine
10/07	528	Michel Pollard	10/23	416	Damascus Shrine
10/08	043	Damascus Shrine	10/24	154	Alex Tahou
10/09	842	Damascus Shrine	10/25	221	Damascus Shrine
10/10	701	Damascus Shrine	10/26	654	Richard Dickinson
10/11	329	Mac Gath	10/27	372	James Starkey
10/12	365	Richard Wilson	10/28	100	Lance Ward
10/13	184	Kyle Hotchkiss	10/29	652	Stephanie Voak
10/14	060	Fred Alchowiak	10/30	372	James Starkey
10/15	528	Michel Pollard	10/31	384	Damascus Shrine
10/16	684	Damascus Shrine			

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Alice Anderson

Don't forget ... we meet on
WEDNESDAY, December 15th
at the National Hotel in Cuylerville
I need to have reservations
by **December 10th**
for this dinner so either email:
randers1@rochester.rr.com
or call me 585-388-1706
Please let me know so the hotel
won't be overwhelmed. We will be
having a raffle to raise money for
Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie
and the donations will go to Timmy's
Day Out which is such a successful
event for the children - some of whom
never get out otherwise due to their
disabilities. What a fantastic way to
help someone!!!!

We met at The Hole in the Wall on October 28th and everyone enjoyed their meal.

Past Potentate and member of the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, Board of Governors, Bob Anderson, gave a presentation on the current status of Erie Hospital's changes and the system's implementation of third-party pay. He pointed out that the Erie Unit is well on its way to implementing its change to an Ambulatory Care Facility. When this occurs, the Erie Facility will continue the mission and preserve the identity of Shriners. Exceptional care of the kids, without regard to their ability to pay, will always be foremost at Erie.

This change in care at the Erie Facility will not change the care of the

kids by the unit. The only change will be that inpatient surgeries will be accomplished within the facilities of its partner hospitals by Erie doctors. All other care will continue to be given at the Erie Facility. This will free up our second floor to house additional pediatric sub-specialty care, for which the Erie community is in desperate need. Office space and operating room time will be leased to our partner specialists. This will greatly increase the utilization of that area. The Shriners mission of orthopedic and specialty care will continue and expand to meet the needs of our patients.

Third-Party Pay

Since July of 2009, the Shrine system has attacked the chore of implementing "third-party pay." This has been a challenge and the first billing was placed in June of 2010. This was considered an extraordinary feat within the industry.

As of now, we have six hospitals on line. Erie will be in the last group brought on line at the end of 2011. Of course, Erie will continue its move toward this goal with the assistance of our consulting physicians. For 2011, the system should generate enough revenue to cover its start-up costs, with significant additional revenues expected in 2012 and beyond.

To sum up, Erie will continue to provide outstanding orthopedic care to kids while enhancing the efficient utilization of its facility by leasing space to other pediatric subspecialties.

Don't forget, WEDNESDAY, December 15th is our Christmas Party at The National Hotel. See you there.

WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Frank Russell, Vice-President

On October 28th, the Wayne County Shrine Club met for dinner with their Ladies at the Red Rooster Restaurant in Fairville. It was the usual evening of fun, frivolity and good food. Lee Coller, as is customary and appreciated, gave the blessing and benediction. Sylvia Day won the 50-50. Some business was even conducted.

President, Gerald Rohrer, reported that the Nominating Committee proposed the following for next year's Officers: Gerald Rohrer (President), Frank Russell (Vice-President), Pete Adams (Treasurer) and Ernie Day (Secretary).

Gerry announced that the Christmas Get-together would be Thursday, De-

cember 16th, at the Quality Inn in Newark. Dinner will be ordered from the menu.

Jim Miller represented the Divan and reminded all of the Fall Harvest Dinner in November, and the Rat Pack performance at the Auditorium Theatre on Thursday, February 17th. He also stressed the need to increase membership in the Shrine and asked for the help of all in this most important matter.

A brief program was presented by Frank Russell. He posed several questions regarding Masonic history and recounted the life and activities of the known traitor to the cause of independence, Dr. Benjamin Church, Jr. The story of Dr. Church, a Mason, is detailed in the Fall, 2010, issue of the *Royal Arch Mason*.

Directors Staff Holiday Dinner

Thursday, December 22nd
Yellow Mills Diner

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Order off the Menu

Social Time - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Bring your Lady and FEZ; Casual Attire
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Call Vance Collom (585) 217-9817 vcollom1@rochester.rr.com
with any questions or to make reservations

MEMBERSHIP

By Rich Friedman
Chief Rabban

I am writing to explain an important Membership Program that will occur in 2011 and, more importantly, to gain your enthusiastic support. The program is called the Potentate's Passport Program and here is how it works.

We are in possession of a list of Master Masons who are not yet Shriners. This list exceeds two thousand in our catchment area. In New York State, only 11% of our Masonic memberships are Shrine Masons. With YOUR help, Damascus is going to change that number.

The plan is to send a Potentate's Passport to each of these Brothers that will invite them to experience the Shrine for one year at no expense to them. They will be allowed to attend any approved, non-tiled, Shrine event as long as they bring their Passport to the event. This would include Shrine events, Club and Unit meetings and social functions.

Think of the possibilities. Masons in your area can come to your events without risk. They will have the opportunity to expand their Masonic experience, make new friends, have fun and be exposed to the "World's Greatest Philanthropy;" Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

There will be two, first-class Noble Bring-a-Brother Nights during 2011. We will also introduce the idea of supporting Clubs and Units in doing their own Bring-a-Brother Nights in their own backyard. I am committing to bringing the Ceremonial to Clubs and Units who are bringing in five or more new Nobles. In short, our Brother Masons will have more than an ample opportunity to become Shrine Masons.

At the very least, this will create goodwill towards the Shrine. Our hope is to bring in as many Masons as we can with this effort.

To that end, I have set up what I believe is an excellent string of programs during the year. We plan on communicating regularly with you in a variety of ways. My goal is to not have one Shriner who can claim, "he did not know" about any events or Shrine news. As well as other venues, all events will be listed on our website:

www.damascusshrinemasons.org. They will be announced in the **Masonic Times** and with a special surprise that will hit your mailbox near the end of December.

If one of the Passport Masons attends your Club and Unit, have the Secretary send the Office the Name and Serial number of the Mason attending. Your Office will then reimburse the Club/Unit accordingly. If that is not a viable option, we can work through your Divan Representative and he will be reimbursed directly.

What is in it for You?

- If you top-line sign **three** new Shrine Masons your Dues will be paid for the year.
- Your Club and Unit can grow and become stronger, enabling you to have more fun with more people.
- You will be doing your part to make sure that Shriners Hospitals for Children® will survive beyond all of our lifetimes.

How Can You Help?

- Talk it up at Lodge, send in the names of Masons who might have been missed in our database, invite every Mason you know to all of the Shrine events you can.
- Step up to mentor new Nobles during their first year of membership.
- Plan great events during the year. Make every time you get together a first-class experience. If you need help or ideas just get a hold of your Divan Representatives or me personally.

We all must have a personal sense of urgency in our membership efforts. Let the bells and whistles or warning start ringing in your head and heart. With our **average** age at 68 years old, it is imperative we act now to insure the future of Damascus Temple and our ability to help the kids.

Every one of us has to take new membership personally. I know that if you are reading this letter, you love the Shrine and it's calling to help children who cannot help themselves. By adding good men and Masons to the Rolls, you will have had a personal hand in helping our kids beyond our own lifetimes so that our mission continues for another millennium!

If you have any questions about the Program, please call me directly at (585) 271-2775 or (585) 739-6980. You can also email me at:

richddgm@frontiernet.net

You can also call the Office during working hours to get as much information as you need or to have new cards issued.

I hope and pray you will join your Divan and Membership Team in the insuring of a positive future for Damascus Shrine.

Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles:

Donald R. Jenks
October 29, 2010

Thomas J. Bryan
October 30, 2010



Next Meeting - January 5, 2010

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Installation of Officers, Clubs & Units
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Name of Your Shrine Center _____

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Hope to see you there! Thanks!

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SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten, PP

Noble Richard Lippencott passed along another little treasure to me the other day and I found it most interesting.

A small Masonic Trowel that had the working Tools engraved on the face of it along with these words; Jennie Wade House, Gettysburg, PA. Upon further exploration, I found out that Jennie Wade was the only civilian killed during the battle at Gettysburg.

She would often pass out water and cookies to the Troops who passed by her house. A stray bullet came through the kitchen door and killed her. There are reports today that her house was a Masonic Lodge at one time and it's also reported it's been haunted in the past. I don't plan on visiting any time soon, but thought this story might be of interest to some of you.

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Attention Ladies of the Shrine!



I'm planning ahead ...



As part of my fundraising efforts for next year as First Lady, I will be putting together a

"Ladies of the Damascus Shrine Cookbook"

I would love to include your favorite tried-and-true recipes. Our objective is to print the book and sell it with all proceeds going to Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Please submit your recipes to my e-mail address:

joeyleftch@frontiernet.net

I will be gathering the recipes over the next several months and hopefully will have enough to go to print by December 2011.

The Cookbook will include recipes in all categories, i.e. Appetizers, Soups & Salads, Main Dishes, Vegetarian Dishes, Desserts, etc., so please submit as many as you would like in any or all categories. Also, please include your name so it can be printed in the Cookbook with your recipe(s).

I am very excited about the Cookbook, as well as my upcoming year as First Lady, and I thank you in advance for your help.

I so appreciate your participation in this project and for all the support I've received already - not just with this endeavor, but also with your kind words of encouragement and friendship.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday Season!

Joanne Friedman



December Birthdays



David Benda	James Harding	F. Murray Russell
Clarence Bogardus	David Hatch	Robert Selbert
Mark Broyles	Harold Herman	James Showman
Geoffrey Buell	James Holman	George Simon
Stephen Campbell	Paul Kolacki	Timothy Slater
Dennis Carroll	Daniel Lewis	Dean Smith
Philip Cox	Henry Libera	Fred Smith
Robert Cox	Richard Lippincott	Frederick Stahl
Allan Cragg	David Locke	David Taber
Raymond Crandall	Frederick Ludwig	David Upham
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Roy Hamilton	Charles Rouse	J. Peter Yendell

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Orlando to Host East-West Shrine Game in 2011

The 85th East-West Shrine Game to be played at the Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium at 4 p.m. EST on January 22, 2011

By Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske, Chairman
 East-West Shrine Game Committee

We hope you are as excited as we are about the upcoming 86th East-West Shrine Game®! Kick-off time is 4 p.m. EST on January 22, 2011, at the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla., and the Game will be televised by the NFL Network.

I'm request your help in spreading the word and getting Nobles energized about the 86th East-West Shrine Game. More importantly, help us get everyone to join in the celebration of another year of great football for a great cause.

I wish everyone could attend the Game. I know that is not possible, but I

still want everyone to enjoy this event. We are suggesting an idea might be to create a great watch party for your Temple? I

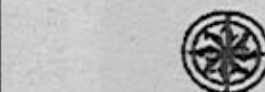
All of the information about the 86th East-West Shrine Game at:

www.shrinegame.com

The site has details about players, events, travel, hotel accommodations, tickets and more.

Thank you for your support and assistance in promoting the 86th East-West Shrine Game. If you have any questions, please contact the East-West Shrine Game Office at (813) 281-8686.

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JANUARY



5th

Open Shrine Meeting, Installation, 7 p.m.; Prime Rib Dinner for \$15 per person, 6 p.m. Bring your Lady for a fun night. The Installing Team has some tricks up it's sleeve so make sure you come out and support your new Divan Officers.



8th

Orientation of Clubs and Units; 9 a.m. - Divan Breakfast

FEBRUARY



2nd

An Old-Fashioned Square Dance. Caller Mike Callahan will lead the party! A delicious BBQ meal catered by the Char Broil will be served for \$12 per person. Dinner at 6 p.m.; Square Dance starting at 7 p.m. Bring your Lady and do si do!



2nd

A Damascus favorite is back! The Shrine Table Lodge will be a "Grand Event" as R.W.O. Tim McMullin, our Senior Grand Warden and Past Potentate of Kalurah Temple will be our guest speaker. A Corned-Beef and Cabbage Dinner with all the trimmings will be served for \$13 per person. **This is a stag event.**



2nd

APRIL



6th

Hospital Awareness Night



9th

Welcome to a very special Noble Brother Bring-a-Friend Night with special guest Noble Dan Caro. You will NOT want to miss this one! The Shell-a-Buck Dinner will be served with Fairport-Flower City Lodge and their amazing Grill Crew will be serving you steak with all of the trimmings!

Lodge News

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Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.

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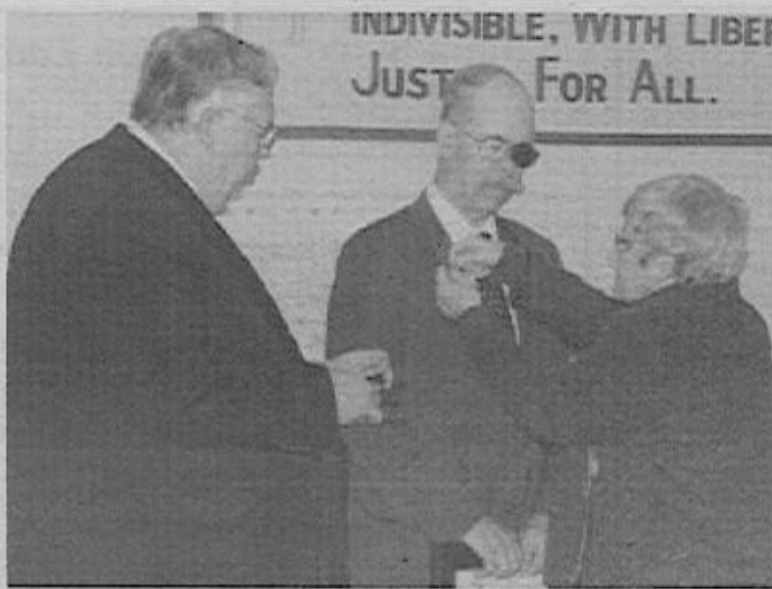
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First, I acknowledge the hard efforts by our Junior Warden, Brother Scott Rice, in helping to plan for our recent Joint Table Lodge with Valley-Simes Lodge on November 9th at the Shrine Center. He has been a huge help to me and I heartily give him a tip of the Master's Hat for a job well done. I know from experience that all Junior Wardens serve their Lodges with zeal and help their Lodges with a lot of details in planning social functions and the refreshments of a Lodge. Trying to balance this with daily jobs and the demand on their time shows their commitment to the Craft. We thank them for what they do for all our Lodges.



R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, Master of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, presents a framed 50-year Certificate to W.: Clifford Hayner II.



R.: W.: Derek VanHouten invited Elizabeth Hayner to the East to affix the 50-year Pin to her husband's lapel.

We were pleased to award W.: Cliff Hayner his 50-year Certificate at the November 2nd meeting and how touched he was in receiving it. A dinner preceded the ceremony. Certificates will be delivered or mailed to Gary LaShomb, 55 years; and Russell Rines and Ronald Sterling, 50 years.

On November 9th the Brothers of Valley-Simes, Wakan-Hubbard and Craftsman Robertson sat together at our first "Annual" Table Lodge at the Shrine. There were 46 Brothers in attendance along with the R.: W.: Tim McMullin, Grand Senior Warden. We were so happy to have him attend and partake of a great evening of Brotherhood and Fellowship.

On November 16th, we completed the 1st Degree with the Whys and Wherefores by W.: Pat Mulrooney and R.: W.: David Jones doing the Lantern Lecture. We thank each of them for helping us out and for giving up their own time to assist us.

December Birthdays

Birthday Greetings are extended to: Eugene Smith, Jr. (4th); John Smith (18th); Richard Gundry (23rd); and John Auer (30th).

Upcoming Events

W.: Mike Hueston, Master

ize over dinner off-the-menu, Dutch treat. Coming from Sodus, I am still getting to know my fellow Tall Cedars, so I enjoy these times very much.

Note Date Change

Our Annual Christmas Party will be on **December 2nd**. Tall Cedar John Zabel has recommended Mulconry's Irish Pub and Restaurant for our Christmas dinner. Mulconry's is located at 17 Liftbridge Landing East, Fairport. Our party will be on the second floor beginning at 6 p.m.; eating at 7 p.m. We will only need a headcount as we will be able to order from the menu this year. Please call (315) 483-2745 and leave your name and number attending.

We have agreed to open this gathering up to our Masonic family this year, so please **feel free to invite others from Concordant Bodies** to join us

of Valley-Simes Lodge, has invited us, and our Ladies, to participate in their Holiday Party on December 14th. Happy hour will start at 6 p.m., with Dinner following at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person, but Ladies who bring a new, unwrapped toy will receive a free dinner. These toys will be sent to the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Entertainment is planned by the Webster School Choir. Come early and join in the sing-along. The telephone committee will be contacting you for your reservation.

Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.

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R.: W.: Herbert Spencer
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Seasons Greetings from the East to all Brothers and families of our great Fraternity. The past

for this festive dinner. Please note the date change from last month's message. I checked with Mulconry's and December 2nd is the correct date. Change your calendar to **December 2nd** for our Christmas dinner with our wives and friends.

Tall Cedar, Joe Olelgoetz, has reported that his change in profession is requiring schedule changes in his life and attending our meetings is a difficult task. He has asked to step down from his post of Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar for the near future. So we will be in need of another Tall Cedar to step up when elections occur for 2011. Our best wishes for success, Joe.

Lady Marilyn and I look forward to seeing on **December 2nd** at our Christmas Party and wish you and yours the happiest holidays ever. May God bless you and the United States of America.

NOTE: Woodsmen, I apologize. Your Grand Tall Cedar did his job; I didn't do mine. Ted submitted a column for the November issue. My staff and I proofread the text, but somehow I managed to overlook it while assembling the pages. We try to avoid this, but every once in a while the Gremlins get us. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Skip Waterstreet, Editor

couple of months have been very busy and I thank the Brothers who attended the 69th Interfaith Service and Brunch. It was a great event.

On November 9th, Valley-Simes Lodge hosted a Table Lodge with assistance from Craftsman Robertson Lodge. This event was well attended and a lot of fun for everyone. If you missed this Table Lodge, stay tuned for more information regarding the Monroe District Table Lodge in March, 2011. A big thank you for those Brothers who helped setting up and cleaning up for the Table Lodge it was most appreciated.

Upcoming Events

December 14th - Valley-Simes/Craftsman Robertson Holiday Party at the Shrine Center; Happy Hour starts at 6 p.m. and dinner will start at 7:15 p.m. This meeting is an Open Meeting, which means please invite your wife, children, girlfriend or significant other to join in the celebration. The Webster School Choir will be joining us before dinner to sing Christmas Carols. Please come early and sing along. The cost will be \$8 per person and if your wife/significant other brings a new unwrapped present, her dinner is free. The Damascus Shrine Potentate will be joining us and the Lodges will make a presentation of the gifts to benefit the children of the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

January 11th - This meeting will be a Stated Communication to finalize consolidation plans, please mark this date down. The Lodge will be sending out a notice to inform each member of this very important night.

January 18th - Valley-Simes and Craftsman Robertson Lodges to confer the 2nd Degree on the newly Initiated Brothers

from both Lodges. Please join the Officers for a dinner before the Degree.

Dues

As of this writing, we still have several Brothers who are up for NPD (Not Paying Dues). If you have a hardship and need help paying your Dues, please notify the Master or the Lodge Secretary and we will be glad to help if possible. Please send in your Dues for 2011 if you have not paid and for those Brothers who have paid, Thank You!!

Brotherhood Fund

Please make a contribution, as little as one dollar helps. If you have any questions, please talk with the Master, Michael Hueston, who is the Brotherhood Fund Chairman for Valley-Simes Lodge.

December Birthdays

Richard B. Lippencott (8th), James W. Moore (10th), David W. Mura (14th), Frederick A. Stahl (24th), Michael A. Robinson, William E. Miner, Jr. and Joseph H. Gingold (31st). Please take a minute and call or email these Brothers to wish them a Happy Birthday!!

Masonic Anniversaries

55 Years Roland G. Butler
45 Years James W. Moore
Guy T. Clark

35 Years Harry C. Coates
Congratulations, Brothers, and thank you for your years of service to our Craft.

Sickness and Distress

Please take a moment and say a prayer for two of our Brothers - Mat Gingold and Richard Giedd. We have missed them at Lodge and hope to see them real soon.

I hope this Holiday Season is joyous for everyone and the miracle of Christmas is felt in your heart. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to All!

Grotto fundraiser. Each person brings a \$5 gift, marked "His," "Hers" or "Either," to be auctioned off. Dinner will cost approximately \$10 and start at 6:30 p.m. We are hoping for some surprises.

The thing that we have been pushing for the past several months is our need to bring in new members to enhance our abilities to form a large color guard, marching unit and build membership. We are extremely proud of the things we have been able to accomplish with the few working members we have. Now we are going to have to expand or stop. None of us want to do the latter.

Qualifications to Join

- 1) Be a Mason
- 2) Be a Veteran
- 3) To have worn the uniform of our Ally and be a Mason

You do not have to have served during wartime. If you are interested, you can talk to any Masonic War Veteran and ask for an application, or just call one of the following:

Commander, Jacob (John) Ponshock (338-2998);
Adjutant, Vance Collom, Jr. (217-9817);
P.C. Chaplain, Emil Schirano (265-3932) or
Past Commander, Brian Bills (388-0913).

My best wishes to all for a safe, Happy Holiday Season and remember to always keep the faith with all Brothers.

Rochester Forest No. 133

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Donald C. Bell, Scribe
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Fellow Woodsmen, we will not have a business meeting in December because of the Holidays. We will assemble again on Wednesday, January 26th at 7:30 p.m. For those who can, we will meet at the Duchess Restaurant, corner of Routes 250 and Route 441, at 6 p.m. and social-

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The James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post of the Masonic War Veterans will start off the month of December with the Pearl Harbor Wreath Ceremony on Tuesday, December 7th, at the Yacht Club Marina at 6:30 - 7 a.m. Breakfast to follow at the Dorsey Road American Legion Hall.

December 15th will be our Birthday Visit to the Canandaigua Veterans Facility. We will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Villager Restaurant on Main Street and then proceed to the Facility around 2 p.m. This month, Vance Collom will pick up a Carrot Cake, which goes over very well.

Our Holiday Christmas Party with the Grotto will be held Saturday night, December 18th, at Fairport Lodge Hall. It's a joint Masonic War Veterans and

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2011 Grand Officers at the recent Monroe District Grands Reception, front row (l-r) R.W. Elaine Milner, R.W. Mae Bauer, M.W. Janet Siano and M.W. Wanda Williams. Back row (l-r) R.W. Kenneth Milner, R.W. Robert Crystal, M.W. John Whitney, R.W. Mark Fenton and M.W. Neil Laundry.



R.W. Mac Bauer, DDGM, (left) and R.W. Mark Fenton, (right) with Grand Matron, M.W. Janet Siano, at Grand Sessions.

By Mae S. Bauer

Another year is taking shape. Grand Sessions were held in Binghamton and were well attended by approximately 35 people from Monroe District. During the time spent there, much shopping and socializing was done with old and newly acquired friends.

On October 16th, the 2011 Grand Officers of Monroe District were installed:

Grand Chaplain

Elaine Milner

Grand Marshal

Kenneth Milner

Associate Grand Sentinel

Mark Fenton

District Deputy Grand Matron

Mae S. Bauer

District Grand Lecturer

Robert Crystal

We are all looking forward to working together this coming year on many projects.

The Grand Matron, M.W. Janet Siano, has elected to have "Alex's Lemonade Stand" as her special project. This was started by a four-year-old young lady who had childhood cancer and after her treatments decided to sell lemonade to help other children in the same situation. During the next four years she raised over a \$1,000,000 for childhood cancer research before her cancer came back and took her home to our Heavenly Father. R. W. Mark Fenton will be discussing and talking about this during his speeches for the coming year.



R.W. Mark Fenton, presented a model of "Alex's Lemonade Stand" to M.W. Janet Siano, Grand Matron.

Grand Officers Reception

The evening of November 12th was a celebratory event for the five Grand Officers of Monroe District. More than 150 people from around the State came to honor our new Grand Officers. Four Chapters joined to provide the pomp and circum-

stance, degrees, food and beverages for a memorable evening. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this "grand" event.

District Christmas Party

Don't forget the District Christmas Party on Sunday, December 5th, 1 p.m. at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport.

Official Visits to Monroe District Chapters are currently scheduled as follows:

Fairport - April 5th

Starlight - April 19th

Nolatka - May 3rd

Mary Jane Holmes - June 14th

Lilac Star - June 15th

TBA - Joint Visit with Corinthian-Fellowship, Leah and Etolian

The Grand Matron's Official Visit will be Saturday, May 14th starting at 12 Noon at Burgundy Basin, 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford. We will be hosting this event with Wayne District.

From the District Lecturer...

Greetings from your new District Grand Lecturer. You will be hearing most of your news from Right Worthy Mae Bauer. I hope to escort her to a myriad of events, not the least of which will be our Official Visits. I look forward to greeting each and every one of my Sisters and Brothers in person.

Our new Grand Matron, M.W. Janet R. Siano, and Grand Patron, M.W. John J. Whitney, are running a "sock tree" for the Oriskany Head Start Program and Veterans Outreach Center. Contributions of more than 160 pairs of socks were collected and sent to Oriskany. Whenever there's

a request from our Oriskany Campus, the response is always overwhelming.

Further to the District Deputy's information about the "special project," I invite you to start planning now for a real fun activity for the Summer of 2011. We are planning "fun-raising" for Alex's Lemonade Stand®. This is a charity that has raised money for research into childhood cancer, and a travel fund, which helps families with travel expenses around treatment.

www.alexslimonade.org

We have some really inventive people in our District, and I hope we can create an event that will raise lots of money for this worthwhile Foundation, while at the same time be fun to do and may even get us some air-time or ink.

Share Your Ideas

Our Grand Chapter Officers have been challenged and challenge us, in turn, to be innovative. The Joint Official Visits were complimented and we were encouraged to think of other new ways to accomplish old tasks.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions and I will be glad to consider them and discuss them at the District level. One suggestion I have heard is for us to submit photos to M.W. Ron Charron's internet newsletter. If you have a group photo or an activity photo, send it to me and I will forward it to him. Of course, The **Masonic Times** Staff is also asking for photos, so please share with them, too!

Don't Forget ...

O.E.S. Monroe District Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 5th
1 p.m.**

at Spencerport Lodge Hall
133 S. Union Street

**Cost \$10 per person
for Hot Turkey Luncheon**

**Pre-paid Reservations were due
to R.W. Jean Stewart
by November 27th ... if you missed the
information at a Chapter meeting and
want to go, call her immediately
at 494-1056 for availability.**

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star

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

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Patron

W. Robert Crystal

473-0279

Secretary

R. W. Carol Wynings

594-4692

Community Christian Church

2647 Chili Avenue, 14624

By Robert Crystal

As I write this, early in November, Christmas decorations are going up in the stores. I wish I could be prepared 50 days in advance for anything. I was just reminded that our Annual Meeting will also include the Constitutional Amendments for the Grand Chapter. I am not prepared for that. Sisters, we who will be voting on that hope you will appreciate our labor in voting on your behalf. We will probably be reporting the results of all the November votes. This is not like the political elections where everyone finds out the next day. Who said "Our mills grind slowly but exceeding fine?"

Our Associate Matron is planning an active year. A few of us are starting the fiscal year by filling the roles of kitchen wenches and serving knaves for our hosts, the Community Christian Church, as they have their Madrigal Dinner. It is a fascinating dinner theater production, and Nolatka cooks for them.

"Basic needs" is the continuing theme for the month as we bake pies for the Salvation Army shelter and collect hats, scarves, mittens, socks and underwear for the needy. We also will be collecting comforters and blankets for the women's shelter, so look into your linen closets for items you haven't used in a while and give them to us. I hope Pat Dalykas has a carful of our contributions after every meeting. Her daughter, Tracy, will

make sure any and every donation finds its way into the hands of someone who needs it.

Look to this column for more information in the coming months. Eastern Star has a reputation for helping others on a small, personal-scale level and doing large things by that. Let's look around for ways we can make things better.

Our Chapter Holiday Party will be at the Elmgrove Family Restaurant on December 14th, starting at 6 p.m. Look for me there at 5:30 p.m., relaxing and reveling. Please plan to come. It will be good to eat and sit and eat and talk and eat and reminisce and eat and catch up. And then we can eat. When I joined the Star, my Sister, Colonel Jeanne Chudy, US Army (ret) commented, "Well, they will make a substantial citizen out of you!" And all my Sisters have been working on achieving that. Last year I was asked to be Santa. Maybe that will be type-casting in the future.

If we don't see you before Christmas, have a safe, happy day, and remember the "Reason for the Season!"

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Order of the Eastern Star

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805 Blossom Road

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By Robert Crystal

Merry Christmas, Sisters and Brothers! I hope all is well in your homes at this time of generosity and gratitude. The Star in the East that the Magi followed is shining to lead you, too. Please open your hearts and arms for someone who needs to know that she or he is loved.

Upcoming Events

That feeling of belonging and being welcomed is why I enjoy our meetings. If you haven't been

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Commander-in-Chief**

By K. Rick Howe, 32° DSA
1st Lt. Commander

Symbolic Lodge Awards

On October 22nd, the Valley of Rochester hosted the 25th Annual Symbolic Lodge Awards at the Damascus Shrine Center. Seven Districts were represented and 211 people were in attendance. R.:W.: James E. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, attended and was accompanied by his Line; Deputy Grand Marshal, R.:W.: John Krupp; Junior Grand Deacon, R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles; and Deputy Grand Standard Bearer, R.:W.: John Dwyer. There were also five Active and two Active Emeriti members of Supreme Council in attendance.

The night was organized and hosted by the Lodge of Perfection and Thrice Potent Master, Frank Habitzreuther, 32°, served as Master of Ceremonies.

The Illustrious Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for the State of New York, was escorted in by the Deputy's Representative, Illustrious Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Honorary Member to Supreme Council. Brother Samiec was given Grand Honors and took his seat on the dais.

Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: James Sullivan was escorted in by Deputy Grand Marshal, R.:W.: John Krupp, was given Grand Honors and took a seat on the dais.

The Invocation was given by the Illustrious and Reverend Charles Roberts, 33°, followed by a pledge to the flag. Brother Habitzreuther introduced the 1st Lieutenant Commander, who welcomed everyone on behalf of the Illustrious Joseph Bourcy, 33°, Commander-in-Chief for the Valley of Rochester. Brother

Bourcy could not be in attendance due to health issues.

The 1st Lieutenant Commander presented a brief history of "The Symbolic Lodge Award."



**Rick Howe, 32° DSA, acted as
Master of Ceremonies**

The "Symbolic Lodge Award" was the brainchild of the Illustrious Robert Pettit, 33°, Commander-in-Chief in 1985. The Award was born from the knowledge that many of our Symbolic Lodge Brothers give much to the Craft in time and energy. While they may not aspire to lofty heights, such as Lodge Office, District Office, or Grand Lodge Office, they are, however, always working in the quarries, i.e. doing repairs on the Lodge, mowing lawns, working at spaghetti dinners, barbeques and such.

Brother Pettit recognized there should be an award to direct attention and show our appreciation to these Brothers, for their service. The Symbolic Lodge Award was created for that purpose.

Each Master is encouraged to appoint a Brother who fits the criteria. The Worshipful Master would then have the privilege of accompanying his nominee to the annual presentation and then would have the honor of escorting him to the East to receive his award, recognizing him for his service in the presence of the Brethren and guests.

After the history was discussed the 1st Lieutenant Commander acknowledged the District Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. The recipients were escorted to the East. As each District was announced, the respective DDGM was asked to accompany the Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: James Sullivan, and the Illustrious Peter Samiec, 33°, Deputy for the State of New York to receive the honorees as they were presented with a framed Certificate of Appreciation.

After the Symbolic Lodge Awards, a special award was



Illustrious G. Michael Morris, 33° Active, was presented with a special gift by the Valley of Rochester to honor his election to the Supreme Council. His wife, Ruth, holds the Swavorski Eagle. Below, he was also presented his Purple Cap by Illustrious Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Deputy for the State of New York.



presented to the Valley's past Commander-in-Chief, the Illustrious G. Michael Morris, 33°, Active. Brother Morris had been elevated to the status of Active Member of Supreme Council at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, and is only the fifth member of the Valley of Rochester to receive this honor in its 143-year history. Brother Morris was presented with a glistening Swavorski Eagle and then was presented with his Purple Cap (the badge of an active member to Supreme Council).

After the presentations were made, the Illustrious Peter Samiec, 33°, stepped to the podium and gave remarks about the Fraternity. Brother Samiec then introduced the Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: James Sullivan, who spoke on Masonic values as espoused in the "Cowboy Code" by two Cowboy heroes; Brothers Gene Autry and Roy Rogers.

After the program ended, everyone retired to the dining area for pizza, wings and beverages. By all reports, a good time was had by all.

Rite on the Road

On October 22, the Valley of Rochester trekked to Hornell to present another "Rite On The Road." This was the third time the Valley has taken our Brother Bring-a-Brother Program out into the Districts. It's part of our ICE initiative. ICE stands for Inspiration, Convenience and Enjoyment.

This particular program was done in conjunction with the Valley of Corning. A convivial social hour was followed by a delicious Chicken Dinner, which was provided by the Brothers of Hornellsville Lodge.

After dinner, all were treated to a play called, "The Last Full Measure", followed by a DVD presentation on Scottish Rite for the 21st Century. Traditionally, a Brother who has just recently

Hancock, 33°, Deputy's Representative for the Valley of Rochester. He spoke on lessons in Scottish Rite and how they apply in life. The Valley Leadership undertook this program to introduce Scottish Rite Masonry into the Districts as a convenience to our Brothers. It presents an opportunity to bring a Brother to witness a presentation on Scottish Rite without having to drive many miles.

The Public Degree, featuring John Lemke, 32°, as Abe Lincoln; Adam Janud, 32°, as Warrie Blair; Sy Kopen, 32° MSA, as James Smart; and Rick Howe, 32° DSA, as Captain Carter Hampton Blair, is set during the Civil War at the time of the Gettysburg Address. It is structured to be presented in a public forum. The play exemplifies how Degree work is done in the Scottish Rite. The play is followed by excerpts from a DVD called Scottish Rite for the 21st Century. It's an inspiring presentation and I would encourage our Brothers to take advantage of this opportunity when it comes to a Lodge near you.

Our next program will be at the Perry Lodge Hall on January 22nd.

Explore the Rite Night

On November 6th, the Valley's Membership Team again



Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: James Sullivan spoke on the "Cowboy Code" of Brothers Gene Autry and Roy Rogers.

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Sublime Prince Frank Habitzreuther, 32°, Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection, welcomes honorees and guests to the Symbolic Lodge Awards Program. Escorts Seymour Kopen, 32° MSA, and Gary Burke, 32° MSA, await their opportunity to present recipients for their awards.



Six Purple Caps were in attendance at the Symbolic Lodge Awards event in October. (From left) Illustrious P. Michael Nielsen, 33°; Illustrious G. Michael Morris, 33°; Illustrious Peter J. Semiec, 33°; Illustrious Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°; Illustrious Edward R. Trosin, 33°, Emeritus; and Illustrious David P. Spencer, 33°.

did a wonderful job as our first Explore the Rite Night for this year was presented to 32 Brothers and their Ladies. Following a festive social hour and dinner, the Team again presented the Inspirational Program, "The Last Full Measure." The cast did a great job as usual. Nice job, Brothers.

Several excerpts from "The Scottish Rite in the 21st Century" were then presented, followed by Brother John Lemke, 32°, and Illustrious Charles R. Frear, 33°, who spoke about what the Scottish Rite means to them.

The evening's events culminated with a short talk and thank you from Commander-in-Chief,

Illustrious Joseph Bourcy, 33°, followed by the Illustrious Charles O. Hancock, 33°, who spoke on lessons in Scottish Rite and how they apply in life.

Degrees

On December 4th we will begin our Degrees for this year. We will start with the 4th, 13th, 14th and 15th Degrees. The morning will begin at 8 a.m. with coffee and fellowship. At 9 a.m., we will start our Degree Programs. Around noon, we will have lunch and the last Degree will follow lunch. Please come and join us at the Shrine Center as our Degree Teams present these lessons to our new members. »

Valley of Rochester 2010-2011 Holiday Season

December 4th at Shrine Center
Degree Presentations (4°, 13°, 14°, 15°)
Lunch (**)

January 15th at Constellation Lodge, Perry
"The Last Full Measure" BBB
Evening Dinner with Ladies (**)
Master Masons interested in learning about the
Scottish Rite, are invited as Valley guests (**)

January 20th at Shrine Center
"Light from the Rite"
Business and Information Meeting / Dinner (**)

February 5th at Shrine Center
"Public Degree" BBB
Evening Dinner w/ Ladies (**)
Master Masons interested in learning about the
Scottish Rite are invited as Valley guests (**)

February 17th at Shrine Center
"Light from the Rite"
Business & Information Meeting / Dinner (**)

February 19th at Shrine Center
Degree Presentations (4°, 7°, 14°, 16°)
Lunch (**)

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Eligibility Requirements

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

Applications must be received by April 1, 2011, and must be complete for consideration.

The only form that can be used for 2011 submissions, are available at:

www.scottishriteonline.org

This form can be filled out online and printed for submission. Completed forms should be returned to:

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Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen

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The Holiday Season is fast approaching and everyone is scrambling to get their shopping and wrapping completed. We are attending parties and seeing family for the joyous occasion. May the Season bring happiness, joy and peace to you and your loved ones.

New Business Owners

Has the current economic crisis made you consider opening a new business? There are many resources available for individuals who are opening a new business. Here are some tax tips new business owners want to know.

1. First, you must decide what type of business entity you are going to establish. The type of business entity will determine which tax form you have to file. The most common types of business are the sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, S corporation and Limited Liability Corporation or Partnership (LLC or LLP).
2. The type of business you operate determines what taxes you must pay and how you pay them. The general types of business taxes are income tax, self-employment tax, employment tax, excise tax, franchise tax and sales tax.
3. An Employer Identification Number (EIN) is used to identify a business entity. Generally, businesses need an EIN. However, sole proprietorships might

not need an EIN unless they have employees. You can apply for an EIN online at:
www.irs.gov

4. Good records will help you ensure successful operation of your new business. You may choose any recordkeeping system suited to your business that clearly shows your income and expenses. Except in a few cases, the law does not require any special kind of records. However, the business you are in affects the type of records you need to keep for federal tax purposes.

5. Every business taxpayer must figure taxable income on an annual accounting period called a tax year. The calendar year and the fiscal year are the most common tax years used.
6. Each taxpayer must also use a consistent accounting method, which is a set of rules for determining when to report income and expenses. The most commonly used accounting methods are the cash method and an accrual method. Under the cash method, you generally report income in the tax year you receive it and deduct expenses in the tax year you pay them. Under an accrual method, you generally report income in the tax year you earn it and deduct expenses in the tax year you incur them.

The Making Work Pay Tax Credit equals 6.2 percent

of a taxpayer's earned income. The maximum credit for a married couple filing a joint return is \$800 and \$400 for other taxpayers.

After months of negotiations and delays, Congress passed the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. The new law is designed to increase lending to small businesses and create incentives for small business investment. In addition to a targeted \$30 billion small business lending fund, the Act:

- Extends bonus depreciation,
- Extends and doubles Code §179 expensing,
- Provides for 100% gain exclusion for qualified small business stock,
- Relaxes the S corporation built-in gain conversion rules,
- Allows five-year carrybacks of the general business credit for qualified taxpayers,
- Removes cell phones from the listed property rules,
- Enhances the deduction for start-up expenses, and
- Allows a self-employment income tax deduction for 2010 health care expenses.

Want to Work with Someone You Know and Trust?

Hire Your Child. Working with your own child is not only a great experience, it can be financially advantageous for both you and your child.

As the owner or husband-and-wife-owner of a business, you may hire your child anytime, for the number of hours per week you deem appropriate. Practically no age is too young.

What are the Financial Benefits?

If your business is a proprietorship, you pay no payroll taxes on your under-age-18 child's wages and your child pays no payroll taxes and zero income taxes, if the wages do not exceed the standard deduction for single taxpayers.

You will need to be sure to keep a few crucial records in order to make it beneficial to hire your child:

1. Proof that the wage is reasonable (i.e., what you would pay a third-party employee for the same hours and responsibilities).
2. A time sheet showing hours worked and tasks performed.
3. Proof of paid wages, preferably a W-2 payroll check.

Upcoming Due Dates

December 15th - November Payroll Taxes Due and Fourth Quarter Corporate Taxes Due

December 20th - September through November Sales Tax Due

December 31st - NYS Fourth Quarter Individual Taxes Due

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

Spaghetti Dinner

Clio Lodge Hall

287 East Avenue; Hilton

**December 1st and
December 15th**

Adults - \$6

Serving 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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York Rite NEWS

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What's Happening

The Chapter had a good time and turnout on October 14th at Newark Chapter for the Conferral of the Mark Master Mason Degree. The Degree was conferred by Newark Chapter. We congratulate Newark Chapter for their excellent conferral of the Degree.

The Chapter did not meet on October 28th because the Companions decided we would not meet the fourth Thursday of the month unless we had a Degree to confer. We did not have a Degree to confer so we did not meet.

Our November meeting was on the 11th, Veterans Day, where we conferred the Past Master Degree with your Excellent High Priest in the East as the Master. We hope all the Candidates for the Degree appreciated it. There was also a discussion of the Degree after it was conferred and before Past Master Lodge was closed.

Musings

In reading history of the York Rite there is much that can be learned. For example, did you know that the Royal Arch Degree was originally an extension of the 3rd Degree in England? I have been told that up to very recently, like 2004, if you were in England that explaining our 3rd Degree they would stop you at one point if there were Master Masons present who had not received the English Royal Arch Degree. This is interesting and something for the Companions to explore further.

I recently read that the Mark Master Mason Degree may be older than the Royal Arch Degree. At one time the Mark Degree was conferred by its own organization, Lodges of Mark Master Masons, at least in England.

That gets me to the topic of the chronological development of the York Rite Degrees. I do not know if the Mark Master Mason was developed prior to the Royal Arch, but they were developed independently of each other. The Most Excellent Master was most likely developed after the Royal Arch as the completion of the Mark Master Mason Degree.

I can tell you, through looking at early exposes of Masonic Ritual, the current Past Master Degree was the last Degree developed for the York Rite. My research shows the Past Master Degree was developed between 1840 and 1860. Masonic exposes prior to 1860 do not have a Ritual for Past Master, but talk about the process of constituting a Lodge and the installation of its officers.

The first Ritual I have found is very interesting and very different from the current Degree. The Past Master Ritual originally appeared to start as a play where a Lodge Master needed to leave a meeting and the Lodge needed to elect someone to serve as Master for the timebeing. Further discussion of this would make for an interesting paper on the Past Master Degree and a program for the Chapter. I will have to work on it. The Companions will be informed when I am ready to present this in Chapter.

The York Rite, as you may assume, takes its name from the English City of York. In reading a book on Masonry in York, it can be stated that operative Masonry did transition to speculative Masonry at and around York. York, however, should not be considered the center of speculative Freemasonry as there were other areas where the transition also occurred. More study needs to be done in this area.

Well, we hope all our Companions have a great Holiday Season, however they choose to enjoy December and the coming of the New Year, at least for the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

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(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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Things have been relatively quiet on the Council front this month. I plan to have scheduled for our meeting on December 15th, a Cryptic Council related program. I hope you can join us.

For those of you who are interested, there is a Yahoo Email group for New York Cryptic Masonry. If you visit this group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NYSCryptic> you can ask to be added to the email list. Currently there has been an interesting series of messages around the "Order of Judas Maccabeus" and the Texas Jurisdiction. Check it out.

Dine with us

Preceding our meeting, Joy Woodley, "chef extraordinaire," will be putting on another wonderful dinner. Each month she manages to outdo herself. I need to remind the Companions that we have to reach a minimum threshold of reservations for our dinners. The cost for the meals is still \$10 and I ask you to please let me know if you will be attending.

Companions, please continue to keep Joanne Palmer, M.: I.: Arnold Palmer's wife, in your thoughts and prayers. We wish for them continued re-

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"Family, Faith and Fun" Who You Are, Makes a Difference!

I ask you, is there any other time of year when Family, Faith and Fun are as important as this time of year? As Christmas approaches and we are out shopping and preparing for the Holidays, the first things we notice are all the decorations, lights, the music and Santa Claus at the malls.

Can you remember back when you were little and your parents took you to see Santa to tell him what you wanted for Christmas? I remember him telling me that if I were naughty, I would receive coal in my stocking. But if I were good, he would bring me a gift on Christmas morning! Boy did I make sure we left out a glass of milk and a cookie, plus a carrot for Rudolph. Who he was definitely made an impression on me. What a role model!

I propose we start a "Santa Wannabe Club." The rules are that we have to practice the spirit of being kind to others, the spirit of giving, being full of joy,

doing Random acts of Kindness to others, listening to others and getting caught up in the moment by volunteering to make a difference in other people's lives. In fact, let's make it a family project - singing Christmas carols at a nursing home, bake an extra batch of cookies for a shut-in, volunteer for the Salvation Army, buy a gift for a complete stranger, send Christmas cards to Service men and women serving our country, visit widows of Knight Templars, spend a day at a soup kitchen, make a donation to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

This Holiday Season, "put on the clothes of Christ," smile, say Merry Christmas, give a little extra, find a way to let people know you value them, be generous and appreciative. Your actions can help change someone else's worldviews. It is the little things that change people.

From our family to yours, have a Happy and Healthy Christmas Season. God Bless!



Zone 11 News

SK Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

Zone Commander

A Lesson in Humility

"O Bethlehem of Judah, you are not just a lowly village in Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the Shepherd for my people Israel." (Matthew, 2, 6)

"Now it happened in those days, that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. All went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enroll himself with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him as wife, being pregnant.

"It happened, while they were there, that the day had come that she should give birth. She brought forth her firstborn son, and she wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a feeding trough, because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke, 2, 7)

Not even a room in an inn, but, rather, a feeding trough. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, came into this world with humble beginnings. He was not born to the rich and powerful of his day. Not born in a palace full of splendor, but instead, in a feeding trough for the beasts of burden that lived in

that stable located in an insignificant little village in Judea.

Webster defines humility as "the state or condition of being humble." The definition of humble is: "marked by meekness or modesty in behavior, attitude or spirit; not arrogant or prideful".

Is this a trait that is desired in today's society? Can one be meek and modest in the competitive business environment, in politics, in academics, or even in your local church and be successful? Are today's role models humble of heart? These are tough and confusing questions. Sociologists have coined the phrase "me generation" for the definition of our current society. We laugh at (and often agree with) slogans such as "he who dies with the most toys, wins." Many, even if they laugh at such rhetoric secretly agree (or not so secretly) with this competitive stance. In addition, in order to "win" can one be meek and mild of heart; can one be humble?

However, I believe one can be humble and thrive in today's world. In fact, humility is often the entrance to a path of self-learning and growth. Humility often causes one to look at one's self and see opportunities for improvement. Humility causes one to take responsibility of one's own actions, of one's own results, of one's own life. In so

doing, one will not only set themselves up for greater success in this life, but will help to put themselves on a path of greater reward in the next life.

Jesus is the ultimate model of one who lives in humility. His very humble beginnings - being born in a feeding trough - were not just happenstance, but part of God's plan. Even throughout His life, He calls us to be humble of heart.

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11, 28-30).

"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 1, 11).

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5, 3-5).

Jesus' many messages were ones of humility, charity, and brotherly love. He taught transformation of the inner person. Humility is one of those virtues that He taught us, that would lead to ultimate reward. Love becomes the motivation for the Christian. The beatitudes (three of which are listed above) promise us salvation, not in this world, but in the next.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." "Poor in spirit" means to be humble. Humility is the realization that all your gifts and blessings come from the grace of God. To have poverty of spirit means to be completely empty and open to the Word of God. When we are an empty cup and devoid of pride, we are humble. Humility brings openness and an inner peace, allowing one to do the will of God. He who humbles himself is able to accept our frail nature, to repent, and to allow the grace of God to lead us to Conversion.

It is pride, the opposite of humility, which brings misery. For pride brings anger and the seeking of revenge, especially when one is offended.

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted." If we are humble and appreciate that all of our gifts and blessings come from God, we grow in love and gratitude for Jesus Christ our Savior. However, this can only produce mourning and regret over our own sins and the sins of this world, for we have hurt the one who have been so good to us. One also mourns for the suffering of others.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." A humble person becomes meek, or becomes gentle and kind, and exhibits a docility of spirit, even in the face of adversity and hardship. A person who is meek is one that exhibits self-control. St. Augustine advises us to be meek in the face of the Lord, and not resist but be obedient to Him. Obedience and submission to the will of God are certainly not in vogue these days, but they will bring one peace in this world and in the next.

Humility is one part of a way of life that promises salvation proclaimed by our Lord. It also provides peace in the midst of our trials and tribulations while on this earth. As you celebrate our Lord's birthday this December, let His humble birth remind you of the grace gained through humility. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Toasts Around the Zone

Celebrate our Sovereign's birth with fellow Knights of the Zone by attending each Commandery's Christmas Observance and Toast. The Zone Schedule of Christmas Toasts is as follows:

- DeMolay No. 22 - Friday, December 3rd - Gathering/Toast begins around 7:30 p.m.; Hornell Masonic Hall, 34 Maple Street, Hornell
- Sagoyewatha No. 17 - Saturday, December 18th - Breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 8 a.m.; Toast begins at 10 a.m.; Phelps Masonic Hall, 67 Ontario Street, Phelps
- Cyrene-Monroe No. 12 - Monday, December 20th - Social Gathering begins around 7 p.m.; Toast beginning at 7:30 p.m.; Pittsford Masonic Hall (Northfield Lodge), 17 Church Street, Pittsford

I look forward to seeing you at the Conclaves. May our Lord and Savior bless you and yours, and once again, Merry Christmas!

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Doric Council

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laxing Holidays this Christmas Season.

I hope all our Council Companions, their families and friends around the country, across the State and in the neighborhoods all have a Happy Holiday and Safe New Year. I am really looking forward to 2011. This last year went well for my wife and I and we expect that next year will continue with this trend. I wish for all of you, and in all you do, the same levels of success this new year.

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Saturday, November 6th, was a very eventful day at the Pilgrimage in Hornell with a class of 19 Companions taking the Orders of Templary. The Knights of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery and our sister Commandery, Sagoyewatha, did a fantastic performance of the Order of Malta. I would like to thank all of the Sir Knights present, especially Sir Knight Chuck Roberts for keeping me on track during my part as the Prior.

Hopefully, by the time you get this issue of the **Masonic Times** we will have had a wonderful Table Commandery for the Thanksgiving Season.

Our Christmas celebration will be during the December 20th Conclave. I hope to see as many Sir Knights as possible in attendance for that august event.

While our Inspection is not until April, I would like to impress upon each of the Officers of Cyrene-Monroe to memorize their parts as quickly as possible, including yours truly. We will need to set aside some time to go over and practice the Sword Manual before that date as well.

Believe it or not...

A theory exists that the Templars who escaped the persecutions of 1307 fled to Scotland and aligned themselves to Robert the Bruce. It was these immigrant Templars, who just a few short months after the execution of their Grand Master, assisted the Bruce in routing the English at Bannockburn. Although no credible historian has ever offered the slightest bit of evidence to support the idea, the myth prevails to this day and forms the traditional history of the Royal Order of Scotland - an order the tradition claims was created by the Bruce in gratitude for the Templars' support during his struggle.

This sounds like we, the Templars, were in the movie *Braveheart* along side of Mel Gibson.

Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, R.T.

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Sir Knights, the Commandery was able to hold its first stated Conclave for the new Templar year on October 16th. We truly missed you if you were not present due to sickness or distress. We pray for Sir Knight Jack Hilyer's speedy recovery from his auto accident. Commander Roberts presented a program on the relationship of Islam and Christianity and the understanding of the concept of dhimmitude in Islam.

Later that day, a few of us attended the Grand Commander's Reception in Batavia. We all had a splendid time and enjoyed the German festivity theme for the afternoon.

Our Grand Commander's theme for the year is Family, Faith and Fun. We hope each Sir Knight will take this to heart in his personal life and within our Commandery's corporate life. In light of this theme, a reminder that some of us meet for breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant in Phelps, at 8 a.m. prior to our Saturday Conclaves; why not join us.

Our November Conclave was centered on our Veterans and the thought of Thanksgiving. Again we missed you if you were not there.

On December 4th, the Western Region Seminar and School of Instruction will be held at Attica Lodge Hall at 39 Main Street in Attica. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the event will run from 10 a.m. Noon. Light lunch to follow, for those who wish to stay for a nominal cost. All Officers are required to attend and every Sir Knight is invited to attend. This is a great learning time for all.

Remember, Officers and Sir Knights, we need to be proficient in our Opening and Closing and active this coming year if we wish to achieve the Grand Commander's outstanding Commandery status. I remind you all to learn the *Tactics and Ritual*, Officers know your duties. We open in full form every Conclave, these are all rehearsals for our Inspection scheduled for April 16th.

Our December 18th Conclave will be our Christmas Toast. We will start at 10 a.m. and not 9 a.m. This is a public gathering. Please bring your Lady, family members, a Masonic Brother or a neighbor or two. Let us promote Templary during the Christmas Season. We request that each family bring a dish-to-share following the Christmas Toast Conclave for our fellowship time together.

My Lady, Leslie, and I wish for you and your lady and family a Most Blessed Christmas and a very Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

See you all at the Christmas Toast on December 18th.

Creamy Crab and Artichoke Dip

Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Total Time: 25 minutes
Servings: 32

Ingredients

- 1 can (14 oz.) artichoke hearts, drained
- 1, 8-oz package cream cheese, softened*
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup finely shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup sliced green onions
- 1, 8-oz package flake-style imitation crabmeat, finely chopped

Directions

1. Chop artichoke hearts. Set aside.
2. In medium bowl stir together cream cheese and mayonnaise. Stir in artichoke hearts, Parmesan cheese and onions. Fold in imitation crabmeat.
3. Spoon into 9-inch pie plate or two, 2-cup casseroles**. Bake, uncovered, at 375°F about 25 minutes or until heated through. Garnish as desired.

Serve with crackers.

*NOTE: Soften cream cheese in microwave at high for 15 to 20 seconds.

**NOTE: If using two 2-cup casseroles, one may be refrigerated and baked up to 24 hours later. Increase baking time by 5 minutes for refrigerated casserole.

Remember Our Veterans

The Holidays are fast approaching and donations are needed. With the help from you, the Canandaigua VA Medical Center will be able to purchase and distribute holiday gifts to the Veterans who reside there. The Executive Committee purchases around \$14,000 every year in gifts. This can only be accomplished with your generous, tax-deductible donations.

With the help from you and other organizations, the committee can purchase the gifts. Many of the Veterans will not see any of their family because some are from out-of-State. During this time of the year, the committee and volunteers who distribute the gifts during the Holidays may be the only (what we call) family they will see. This may help comfort them from not seeing any of their relatives.

Kindly send your check, payable to:

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to a meeting in a while, why not join us ... either at our meeting on December 8th, or at our Christmas party at Ianni's Restaurant on Buffalo and Pixley Roads on December 16th? We promise to welcome you warmly and give you a Holiday Hug.

Sickness and Distress

Our Bake Sale Chair, Norma Lee, is home and doing better. We hope she is well enough to bake and give us our marching orders for the December Bake Sale at Pinnacle Place. Keep your chin up, Norma; it is the best way to keep your eye on the troops!

We also hope to see Margery Williamson and Rita Galliani at our meetings soon. They have been regulars for so long, a meeting doesn't seem official without them there.

We have been having dinner at the Liberty Diner before the meetings. If you want to join us, there is no reservation, just come at 6 p.m. and sit with us.

Our schedule for 2011 is not set yet, so that will be in the next column. We expect to have a full year, and want to see you in the crowd.

Joyeux Noel! Feliz Navidad! Frohe Weihnachten! Buon Natale! Merry Christmas!



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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Secretary's Corner

By Ken Hutchinson, PM

By Ken Hutchinson, PM, PP

At our last Board of Governors Meeting, Monarch Bernie lead a discussion on new ideas for the coming year of 2011. Some may be old ones. A Corn and Bratwurst Event before the September meeting. Monarch Bernie and PM Dick Topel talked about a Ham and Bean Dinner, with soup, accompanied by salad and fruit Jell-O and corn bread all for \$7 each. Bernie reported his birthday was on October 21st. He would like to see Prophet's Birthdays mentioned in the Grotto News. "One Prophet can have an idea, but it takes a whole team to make it happen."

Last week, I visited Prophet Jay Riggs and Harriet in their home, presenting him, his 60-year Certificate. Jay uses a walker, but is in good spirits. Jay said hello to PM Dick Topel. He would be delighted to hear from more of our members from time to time. (544-1538)

A few years ago we did have some retired members who phoned or visited our shut-ins from time to time. This would be a project for our new Officers to get started again. Most all of our members reside in the Rochester area; those who can't get out, would be grateful to hear from our members.

Ancient Order of Flat Tires

It has been suggested we start a luncheon meeting once a month at a local restaurant. This is part of the "Ancient Order of Flat Tires," originally started by Past Grand Monarch Snyder of Elmira, many years ago. Although the organization's unique name calls forth many wisecracks, it has a serious background. It is made up of Past Masters of Masonic Lodges, age 60-years young. Its aim is to help lighten up the load for the "old boys" who might otherwise be pushed into the discard. It takes a group of ten or more to organize a puncture; the leader is called "Big Blow."

To finally join the ranks of the Past Monarchs does not mean your retirement from active membership of the Grotto. On the contrary, you too can become a Flat Tire. We all know you would still be willing and able to assist the Grotto Officers to the best of your ability.

Membership

You'll be hearing a lot about membership in the coming month. Ask yourself, "What do

I do to sell my Masonic Brothers?" First, let me say that you have to be a good member to your own Grotto, taking an active part in all activities and ceremonials, with real enjoyment in your work, serving on committees, etc., and if you yourself are thus sold, it is not hard create the necessary desire among our Brothers to join with you in the Fraternity of Good Fellowship.

If you have any signed Petitions, forward them to the Grotto Office. If you need a Petition contact me at my Wayne County number (315) 589-9021. I will be happy to mail you one.

Travel News

Chuck and Marlene White left October 25th, following a large flock of Canadian Geese heading to FL. The White's address is 337 Palo Verde Drive; Leesburg, FL 34748-8803; Phone: (352) 315-1356

In October, Michael and Doris Bell had entertained Jan Porter at their home in Farmville, NC. See the photo Jan sub-



Michael and Doris Bell holding Service Awards from Order of the Eastern Star, which were delivered by Jan Porter to their new home.

December Birthdays

Best wishes to our Prophets who celebrate their birthdays this month.

Glen Campbell (6th), Harold W. Davis (20th), Joseph W. Watson (21st) and Howard H. Topel (27th).

Sickness and Distress

I spoke to Dual Member Fred Kinney of St Petersburg, FL. He and Jeanne had been traveling in Illinois this Summer and had numerous bad luck. He had a fall in their motor home requiring a hip replacement while there. Then, while leaving the hospital parking lot, their cycle was struck by a car.

PM Alfred Pulcino III is home and making progress with his leg.

PM Jim Toogood is also making progress. He is in 300 Cottage on the Unity Hospital Grounds. He doesn't have his own phone, but can entertain visitors.

If you know of anyone in sickness or distress, or in need of our aid or sympathy, please let any of your Officers know.

Watch the Mail

I will be mailing the 2011 Dues Notices to you, before you receive this **Masonic Times**. A small number of 2010 Dues Cards have not been picked up, which is a concern.

Let's start with a renewed commitment to the welfare of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Let's bring in those Brothers and show them and their families what the Grotto is all about. Then we will

get the Grotto to grow and have something already planned for every other month to keep the Prophets excited and involved with their Grotto. Don't forget to plan other events for family fun.

As we are about to enter a new year, Edna and I extend to each and all a Happy Holiday and bid you a Healthy and Pros-

Grand Historian



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This month I recognize one of our very favorite Masons and Prophets, Heinz Gunkel. In 1966 Heinz was Raised in Germania Lodge, which later merged with Fame Lodge. On May 8, 1968, Heinz became a Prophet in Lalla Rookh Grotto. He is also a member of the Masonic War Veterans, and a member of both Color Guards.

Heinz was born June 16, 1933, the son of Franz and Josephine (Gawron) Gunkel, in Kassel, Germany. There were five boys - Werner, Herbert, Heinz, Kurt and Helmut. When the War started in 1939, Franz Gunkel was exempt from being in the Armed Forces because of their large family.

Franz Gunkel couldn't take listening to the news every day. So he volunteered for the Service and served in the German Navy. At home, as the war was going on, Josephine would sit by the radio and listen to reports of bombers approaching. "We would get up and run to the bunker, all having our own rooms. When the all-clear sounded, everyone would return to their homes. This routine lasted two and a half years."

Franz Gunkel was killed in France. The Gunkels were evacuated into the countryside and lived on a farm in a small town, with the boys attending a one-room schoolhouse. When Heinz was ten, the farmer next door asked him to start to work for him by cleaning the stalls, helping with the hay and the crops. He was given food for his work.

On April 15, 1947, at age fourteen, he started an apprenticeship as a blacksmith and mechanic in Treysa, Central Germany. "During my three years, I went many times with only two slices of bread and a little sugar for lunch."

"Next I learned how to weld. My first welding job consisted of 60 welders building a floating dock for six months in Frensburg, Northern Germany. From there it was Hamburg as a

pipe fitter for Esso Refinery."

In September 1957, he and two younger brothers left Germany for America. They came to Rochester because relatives lived here and this is where their mother had come one year before.

"We used to go dancing at the German Club on Gregory Street. That is where I met my future wife, Olga Fleischer. We were married on June 14, 1958. In August 1958, I was drafted into the U.S. Army and spent eight weeks at Fort Benning, Georgia, for Basic Training. From there it was eight weeks of advanced training, and then it was eight weeks of advanced training in field communication in Fort Leonardwood, Missouri."

He came home for Christmas, and in January, 1959, he was stationed in Babenhausen, Germany. Six weeks later Olga joined him. They lived off-Post and Olga found a job running the newsstand in the cafeteria and Heinz was a special police-



"At night we cruised through the town in a jeep, checking out the bars to make sure everyone was behaving. The first couple of weeks when I was new, the girls would talk about me, not realizing I spoke fluent German. So when I returned the talk in German, it surprised them."

"My two years of service were up in August, 1960, and we returned to Rochester. An uncle, who worked in the Gleason Works, put in a good word for me and I was hired to run gear cutting machines. After a few years, I was traveling for the company to repair the machines, including international travel to England, Germany and Spain."

In April, 1964, our daughter, Karen was born. We had a son, David, born in June 1965. In 1994, we became grandparents to Brandon Heinz Gunkel, born to David and Divere. In 1995, Karen and Roger Coutant had a daughter, Victoria Brooke.

In 1972, the Gleason Works was building a new plant in Belgium. The Gunkel Family went there with 18 other families for four years. Back home, he became a Foreman of over seventy employees. "In 1992, I was offered an early retirement and took it. I am still enjoying the benefits today."

Monarch's Mandates

My dear Prophets, one of the perks of being a Monarch is being able to make orders ... that is to Mandate. My Prophets, it is my Mandate that you:

1. Attend the December Board of Governors Meeting. Any Prophet so desiring may attend Monday, December 6th at 7 p.m. sharp.
2. Attend our Annual Meeting and Election Night to be held December 15th. The traditional Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be served by Prophet Dick Topel. TO ALL THOSE WITH RESERVATIONS and your 2011 Dues Card at 6:30 p.m. We will then proceed with the Election, immediately followed by a closed Installation.

I will remind you that it is the duty of the membership to come out and cast your vote. The nominated Candidates are:

Monarch
Bernard Lazerson
Chief Justice
James Toogood
Master of Ceremonies
Dick Topel
Secretary
Ken Hutchinson
Treasurer
Brian Bills
Venerable Prophet

Joseph Minas
Board of Governors
Three, 3-year positions are open:

1. Fred Cornell (12/13)
2. Bill Fredenburg (12/13)
3. Paul Farnung (12/13)

The rest of the Officers will be appointed by the Monarch-Elect after the Election of Officers at the December Meeting. Those who are elected will lead the Grotto in the year to come.

This year, we will be again remembering our departed Prophets of the year. We purchased an Enchanted Lantern in the name of Prophet Franklyn H. Ghyzel, departed February 18, 2010; Prophet Leslie C. Moore, Jr., departed March 2, 2010.

Let us pray my Prophet Brothers for a New Year of health and well-being and I bid all of you a Joyous and Bountiful Holiday Season!

Happy Holidays

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Type in a regular letter format; no double spaces after periods; not in all capital letters, unless you intend to emphasize that particular word or phrase; not underlined (again, unless you intend to emphasize that area). Do NOT double-space your text.

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• Think ahead. You are writing for NEXT month. Turn the page of the calendar so you are look-

ing at the correct months and alignment of dates with days. You may also report on recent past events.

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Feature Articles

Submit feature material separate from your Organization's article. We want to promote your group's community service projects and, space permitting, will give them special treatment. Include photos (see above) with captions, including correctly spelled names of individuals appearing and/or involved.

Any form of gambling (door prizes, raffles, lotteries, etc.) may violate postal regulations and we may not be able to publish that data.

You may not mention Candidates names! A Brother must be a Master Mason to be identified as such. Should individuals who have not yet been Raised appear in photographs, they must be treated as "friends" of the Lodge or Organization.

Late Articles Run a Risk

Late articles may not be printed or may appear in a different section of the paper. The DEADLINE is the 10th of the

Bastianelli, Albert

Albert Bastianelli, 76, laid down his Working Tools on October 28th, leaving his wife, Jessie, 3 children and 2 grandchildren to remember him. He was a member of Oatka Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Blew, Gilbert L.

Gilbert Blew, 71, departed his Earthly family on November 20th. Gib's wife, Marilyn, and 2 children are left to cherish his memory. Gib was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge. We wish you the gift of a memory whenever you need to know, the one you love still walks with you wherever you may go.

Bryan, Thomas J.

On October 30th, Thomas Bryan, 76, was embraced by those who went before him. Thomas was a member of Ark Lodge and Damascus Shriners. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Duttinger, Kenneth E.

Kenneth Duttinger, 61, passed away November 16th and his wife, Diane, 4 children and 6 grandchildren survive him. Kenneth served in the 82nd Airborne Division during the Vietnam War and also served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

Month. We strive for delivery of the paper BEFORE the first of the Month. If you want to delay your article for a few days to include a report on some of significant event, let us know. We will save space to include your article in the section where it belongs.

We do not print Trestleboards! Please do not submit it. We are not able to file it and pick it up each month conveniently. Do include activities for the next

Elias, James H.

James Elias, 90, passed from this life to eternal life on November 9th. Two children, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren survive him. James was a 66-year Mason - a member of Northfield Lodge. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

Hebner, George B. "Brad"

George Hebner, 85, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on October 28th. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley, 2 sons, 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Brad was a World War II Veteran and a member of Webster Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

Hilyer, Jack M.

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Jack Hilyer, 76, on October 29th. He is survived by his wife, Janet, 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Jack was a member of Sagoyewatha Commandery. Earth has no sorrow Heaven cannot heal.

Jenks, Sr., Donald R.

On October 29th, Donald Jenks departed from a lively life of accomplishments, leaving his wife, Alice, and 2 children to remember him. Don was a member of Seneca Lodge and Damascus Shriners. There is a link death cannot sever; Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

month or two at the end of your article under "Upcoming Events," or some such title! "

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In Memoriam

Lefebvre, William

On October 25th, William Lefebvre passed away. His wife of 63 years, Reta, 3 children and 4 grandchildren will always cherish his memory. Bill was a member of Scottish Rite. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

MacIntyre, Bruce H.

Bruce MacIntyre, 81, entered Eternal Rest on October 26th. He will always be cherished by his wife, Patricia, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Bruce was a member of Eunice Lodge. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Olderstein, Donald

On October 27th, Donald Olderstein went to the waiting arms of his wife. He is survived by 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Don was a 50-year member of Webster Lodge. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

Paine, William C. "Bud"

William Paine, 78, was called to the Celestial Lodge on November 8th. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marilyn, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Bud was a member of Fame Lodge. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

Trolley, Richard "Dick" Warren

Richard Trolley, 80, went to the Celestial Lodge on November 8th. His wife of 56 years, JoAnn, 3 children and 9 grandchildren will keep his memory in their hearts forever. Dick was an Air Force Veteran. He was a Life Member of Northfield and Medina Lodges and received the Millennium Military Service Award from the Grand Lodge.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

JANUARY

4th	Clio Lodge, Brother Bring-a-Friend Night
10th	Fairport-Flower City Lodge, 3rd Degree
12th	Masonic Development Course, Caledonia
13th	Fame Lodge, Brother Bring-a-Friend Night
18th	Valley-Simes & Craftsman Robertson Lodges, 2nd Degree
24th	Fairport-Flower City Lodge, Table Lodge
24th	Union Star Lodge, 2nd Degree
27th	Milnor Lodge, 1st Degree
31st	School of Ritual, Webster Lodge Hall

Saturday, January 29th thru Sunday, February 13th
Have-a-Heart Campaign at Area Malls

FEBRUARY

17th	The Rat Pack; Auditorium Theatre; Sponsored by Damascus Shriners
24th	Milnor Lodge, 2nd Degree

MARCH

25th	Milnor Lodge, 3rd Degree
30th	School of Ritual

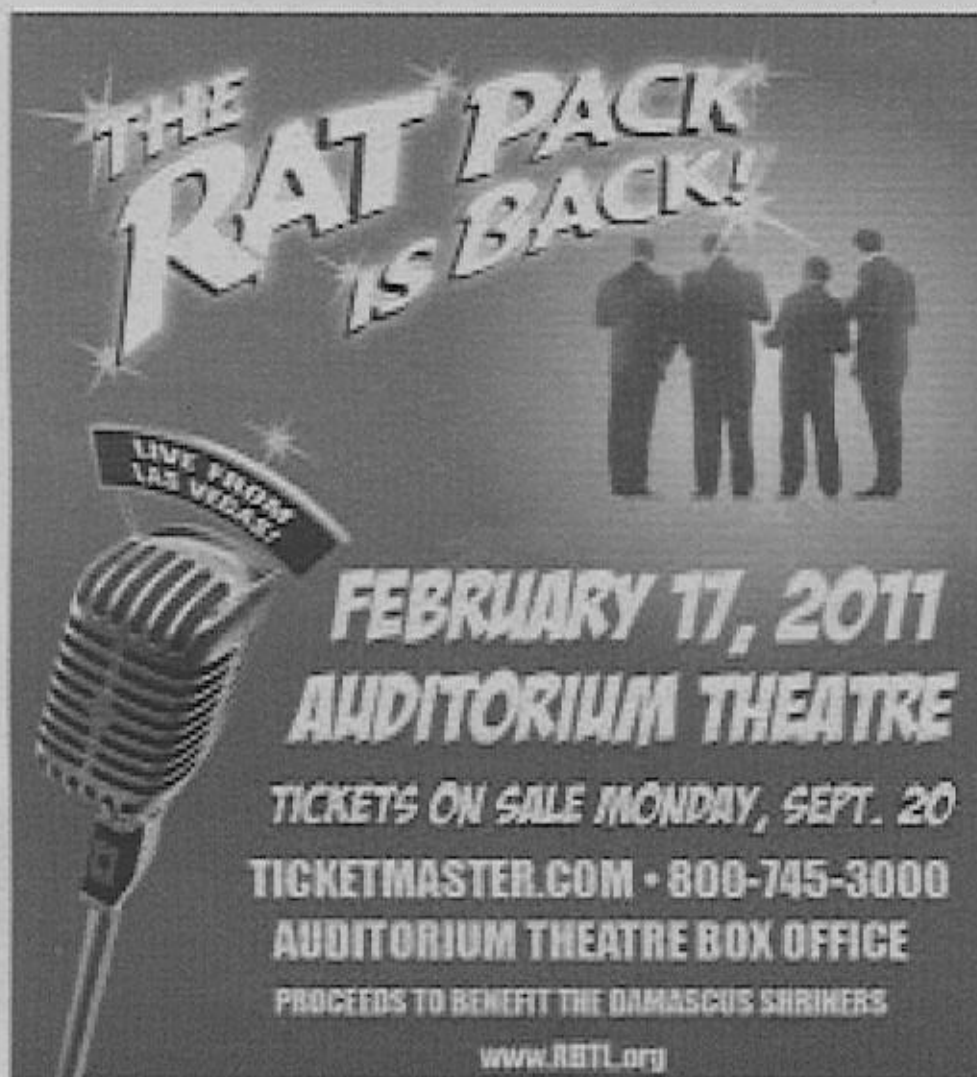
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23rd	Widows Luncheon; Burgundy Basin
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MAY

2nd & 3rd	Grand Lodge Session
20th	Investiture

JUNE



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Big Calendar for December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <div></div> Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners December 1st and 15th </div>			<div> <div>1</div> Hanukkah begins at sundown Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine - Election OES - Lilac Star </div>	<div> <div>2</div> Hanukkah Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Caldron Webster - BBAF </div>	<div> <div>3</div> Garoga-Sincerity Game Night - Phelps Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street </div>	<div> <div>4</div> Commandery Western Region School of Instructions, Attica Lodge Hall </div>
<div> <div>5</div> OES District Christmas Luncheon, Spencerport </div>	<div> <div>6</div> Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Board of Governors, Shrine Center OES - Etolian Shrine Lunch Club </div>	<div> <div>7</div> Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Northfield - Pittsford Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight </div>	<div> <div>8</div> Oakka - Scottsville Webster - Fellowcraft Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship Shrine Legion of Honor </div>	<div> <div>9</div> Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lina, Annual Meeting Webster - Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram </div>	<div> <div>10</div> ERAC - Table Lodge, Shrine Center </div>	<div> <div>11</div> </div>
<div> <div>12</div> </div>	<div> <div>13</div> ERAC, 1st, Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Union Star, 1st - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard, Annual Meeting - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club </div>	<div> <div>14</div> Seneca - Webster Valley-Sinnes, Shrine Center OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport Wayne District Masters & Wardens, Ontario OES - Nolatka Christmas Party, Elmgrove Family Restaurant </div>	<div> <div>15</div> Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto Doric Council - Pittsford Perry Shrine Club Christmas Party, The National Hotel </div>	<div> <div>16</div> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster, 3rd Scottish Rite - Shrine Center OES-Corinthian-Fellowship Christmas Party, Ianni's Restaurant </div>	<div> <div>17</div> Garoga-Sincerity Game Night - Phelps </div>	<div> <div>18</div> Sagoyewatha Christmas Toast, Phelps James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post and Lalla Rookh Grotto Christmas Party, Fairport ERAC Breakfast & Visit-a- Brother Day </div>
<div> <div>19</div> Clio, Rehearsal for 3rd - Hilton </div>	<div> <div>20</div> Canandaigua - Shortsville Unity - Spencerport RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe, Christmas Toast - Pittsford Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club </div>	<div> <div>21</div> First Day of Winter Clio, 3rd - Hilton Craftsman Robertson - Shrine Center Nunda Station Oakland - Castile </div>	<div> <div>22</div> Oakka - Scottsville Damascus Directors Staff </div>	<div> <div>23</div> Milnor - Shortsville RAM - Hiram </div>	<div> <div>24</div> Christmas Eve </div>	<div> <div>25</div> Christmas Day </div>
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