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Cameron Community Ministries benefits from Masonic Events

By Charles Waterstreet
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The Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, sponsored a Decorating Party at the Shrine Center on Friday, December 11th. Persons who came to help were offered a Spaghetti Dinner, with the price being an unwrapped toy for a child. The All-Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party commenced at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday the 12th. Again, those attending were asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child, in addition to the present Santa would give to their child.

The intent of this solicitation was to benefit the United States Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Program. The Marines were expected to be represented at the Saturday event to receive the donated toys from the children and parents who brought them.

No one showed. After several attempts to arrange for a time for the toys to be picked up failed, a back up plan was put into affect.

Cameron Community Ministries is an ecumenical urban community center in an area of high poverty around Lyell Avenue in Rochester. While they are faith based, they do not proselytize. They have been a recipient of grants from the Masonic Service Bureau's Charity Committee distributions. A call was placed to them to see if they could use these items.



Cindy Harper, the Executive Director, came right over in a Mini-Van and accepted with enthusiastic gratitude the gifts. The CCM volunteers were in the process of wrapping presents for their Santa Party, and contemplating a shopping trip to procure the additional gifts they would need to supply all their guests. She hoped the approximately 75 gifts we provided would eliminate that need!

In addition to the toys, \$60 in cash, which had been donated by individuals who attended but had not purchased a gift, was given to her, as well. In a letter

received from Cindy, she penned this note, "Thank you for all the toys as well - our Santa party had 238 children yesterday, up from 150 last year!"

I wanted those of you involved or participating in these events to know the outcome. The decision to change recipients came about in conversations and email messages with Sublime Princes Phillip Hurwitz and Donald Tubman, who were coordinators of part of the program for the Valley of Rochester, so we would not lose the opportunity to have the toys distributed for the holidays. My thanks to all who supported these events. *

What About the Bells?...

By Robert Crystal

Have you ever heard a church tower with a dozen bells when they all start ringing? Well, it happens on Sundays and special occasions all across England and used to happen in Buffalo, too. It happens every Tuesday, as well as Sundays, in Toronto; Wednesdays in Quebec; Saturdays in Brewster, NY, and Kent, CT, Trinity Church on Wall Street and the Post Office in Washington, DC, too!

There are over 35 bell towers in the USA. All of them welcome experienced ringers and arrangements are frequently made for trips around the country at the Annual Guild Meeting in September and at the area meetings all year long.

Local Ringers

There is a bell-ringing group here in Rochester. We rehearse using hand bells after church on Sundays and as often as possible we travel to cities with towers to practice and perform. We have traveled to Kalamazoo, Miami,

DC, Marietta/Atlanta and we have sent ringers to England, South Africa and Australia for "ringing tour vacations."

We are raising money to hang a "ring" of bells across the street from Eastman School of Music at 141 East Avenue. It is the practice to have the donor's name cast into the bronze of each bell, or to let the donor name the bell. We are also trying to locate the lost "ring" in Buffalo. They stopped ringing during WWII and now no one remembers which church they are hanging in!

Ring on hand bells is fun. There is no "melody" as there is with hand bell choirs in churches. Instead, the bells are rung as though they are tower bells.

Instead of a 1,500-pound bell rung on a rope, the heaviest hand bell (called the tenor) is usually the middle C bell, which weighs less than two pounds. We sit in a circle and ring the changes.

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Attention Scottish Rite Masons! Nominations Requested for Thomas Jackson Award®

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Nominations for this award may be submitted by any Scottish Rite Mason and must be received at the Scottish Rite Office by February 1, 2010. A committee of five members (Advised by Active Member Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°) will review and evaluate applications prior to the April 9th and 10th event in 2010. All letters of recommendation are to be submitted without the applicant's knowledge.

Please mark your calendar for the "College of Freemasonry," whose theme is "Freemasonry, The Ancient Landmarks and the Symbolism and Vision of our Craft."

Letters of recommendation may be addressed to:

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Canadian Council Invitation

Submitted by E. David Martin, Area 16 Historian

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Ontario and M. Ill. Comp. F. Douglas Draker request your attendance at the 110th Annual Grand Assembly to be held May 28th, 29th and 30th at the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre, 327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Pyramid Council #7 is the host Council.

Weekend schedule - **Friday, May 28th** - Past Grand Masters and ruling Grand East Meeting; Meeting of the Grand Executive; Order of the Silver Trowel; Grand Master's Reception.

Saturday, May 29th - District Meetings, review the Grand Inspector General's report for his first term in office; Grand Assembly; Pictures; Men's Luncheon; Grand Master's Banquet.

Sunday, May 30th - Breakfast Buffet; Divine Service; Ontario Priory Meeting.

Ladies programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

For more complete information, contact M. Ill. G. M. David W. Laskey, 5063 Morrison Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2E 2C9; Phone: 289-296-4716; Email: dwlasky@cogeco.ca; or David Martin, Area 16 Historian, at: edm14305@netzero.net.

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Editor's Corner

As I proofread articles of subscribing organizations for publication in the **Masonic Times**, I have noticed many Lodges expressing the need for, or thanking, Brothers from other Lodges to assist (for assisting) in the Conferral of Degrees. The good news is there are many Brothers in all the surrounding Districts who are qualified, able and willing to give of their valuable time to assist.

The sad news is, I believe, there are Brothers within the Lodge who could perform this duty but are unwilling. Some of the older members, who in their prime were learned individuals in the Ritual, may be house-bound, ill or infirm. They cannot be used as an example of an unwilling Brother.

Many others, however, who could perform valuable service to their Lodge are, frankly, unwilling to participate. I ask them, Why did you join the Fraternity? Why don't you want to assist in the most important aspect, and primary reason for the Lodge having a Charter, that of conferring the three Degrees?

Many Lodges are having difficulties. With some, it is financial problems; others, declining membership and Officer Candidates. Nine of the thirteen Monroe District Lodges have Masters this year who are re-treads.

They have agreed to step in to help keep the Lodge functioning, and should be

lauded for those efforts. But, they still need support and help from YOU.

Twenty-three percent of the Masons in the Monroe District, who are on our mailing list, have permanent addresses outside our immediate delivery area and probably are unable to attend their Lodge meetings or functions. I'm guessing another 30% fall into the category of elderly, infirm or house-bound. That leaves about half the members of a Lodge who might be available, at least once in awhile. Are you in that category?

Resolutions

I'm not a particularly good example of a person who makes and keeps resolutions. I don't even try anymore! However, it is the beginning not only of a new year, but a new decade.

How about YOU making a resolution! Attend a Lodge meeting or two or three and reacquaint yourself with your Brothers. If you are unsure of the entrance procedures, contact the Master or one of the Officers or Brothers (or even a friend in another Lodge) for assistance. All of us know how easy it is to forget names and telephone numbers. Should Ritual be any different? I'd think quite the opposite. Don't let that "fear" keep you away.

Call the Master or Secretary of your Lodge and OFFER to help on some project or program ... don't wait for the call from them. Once the shock wears off, they will be very appreciative of the fact that you have come forward. Too many times the same people volunteer because no one else will. Why not be one of the first to change.

Thanks for reading.

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Memories and Change

Remember when? You've probably used that phrase many times, I know I have. Remember the new millennium - 2000 and all the concern about computers crashing?

I remember just two years ago when I was asked to assume the Presidency of the Masonic Service Bureau. There certainly have been changes to the Bureau in that time; unfortunately many have been the loss of talent and wisdom that formed the core of our organization.

Camp DeMolay

At the same time, we've made significant progress particularly at Camp DeMolay. I remember when there were low-hanging bare electrical wires and a vacant spot where an old storage shed once stood and today a new multi-purpose building stands proudly in that space.

The Mission

The Mission of the Service Bureau has been a topic of discussion and concern that we've attempted to shed some "light" upon. The incoming officers will

continue to work on the opportunities and challenges that are before the Bureau. We have a long history of service and assistance and in my mind those will always be important attributes of our organization.

Personal Update

This year has been both most challenging and rewarding on a personal note; our daughter Renee's accident in February and subsequent hospitalization and on going rehabilitation. She has made strides that we initially could never have imagined.

Renee has regained the ability to stand with a platform walker and move about somewhat. She has recently been fitted for, and is using, a leg brace, that enabled her to travel, with a regular walker, 180 feet the second time after obtaining the brace.

Renee's oldest son will graduate from high school next June, the goal she set months ago - was to walk into his graduation. There's no doubt in my mind that she will achieve that goal!

For the past seven plus years I've had the opportunity to serve as a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund. In that capacity there have been many trips to different parts of New York State, where one cannot help but compare the Freemasonry in one area to your home area. We, my Brothers and Sisters, have so much to be proud of; especially the professional staff and **Masonic Times**, which at least in my opinion, stand head and shoulders above their peers.

My sincere appreciation to all who have helped me during my tenure as President; I know our Masonic Service Bureau and incoming Officers can count on your continued support.

Bells

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Our goal is to be good enough to ring a peal, or at least a quarter-peal. That means going through all the bells and all the mathematical permutations possible before getting back to the original pattern.

Generally, a peal in tower takes about 4 hours. During that four hours, the ringers stand and pull on their sallows and the neighborhood gets a free concert.

In handbells, it goes a little faster, since it is easier to swing 2 pounds than 800. But the sound doesn't carry. We are currently satisfied with just ringing for five minutes straight without a disrupting error. Usually, when Rochester rehearses, the bells cannot be heard outdoors.

There are melodies that rise to the surface to let us know we are ringing correctly. And there is a mathematical beauty to all the permutations.

Interested in exploring? Contact Bob Crystal. We may be able to come to your organization and give a demonstration. Maybe we can have a ring of bells named for the twelve ruffians, or the Star Points plus the Matron!

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Enjoy the City Coupon Books Only a Few Left ...

2010 "Enjoy the City" Coupon books were very popular this year and we ordered a few more to accommodate requests before the Holidays. Even after the Holidays, these books are great gifts or just for you. It's truly a bargain of discounts for food and services in the Rochester Area. Use of one or two coupons will reimburse the cost of the book! Stop by and get some! It's the Best of Bargains for 2010!

Attention Parents of High School Seniors!

Entry must be postmarked by January 10th

The Frank M. Totton Essay Contest 2010

The Grand Lodge Committee on Youth is accepting essays for the 2010 *Frank M. Totton Essay Contest* sponsored by the **Fifth Manhattan Masonic District Endowment Fund, Inc.** The deadline is **January 10, 2010.**

The topic for the Essay this year: **"HOW CAN WE PRESERVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES?"** The contest is open to all high school seniors who are sons, daughters, and grandchildren or a member of the extended family of a Master Mason in the State of New York and who anticipate entering an accredited college in the Fall of 2010.

Totton Essay Contest Prizes:

1st Place - \$1,500; 2nd Place - \$1000; 3rd Place - \$750; 4th Place - \$500;
5th Place - \$350; 6th Place - \$250; 7th Place to 10th Place - \$100.

Check List ... The rules are as follows:

1. At least 200 words, no more than 350 words.
2. No name may appear on the front of the essay
3. Double space on one sheet of white paper - typed preferred.
4. Must have Secretary's signature and Lodge Seal on form.
5. Attach a copy of the Entry Form.
6. Must be postmarked no later than January 10, 2010.

Entry Forms may be obtained from your District Deputy Grand Master or Master of your Lodge. No entry will be considered unless the Entry Form is **COMPLETE** with Lodge's seal and Secretary's signature affixed. The Entry Form must accompany the essay in the same envelope. Each essay received is given a number in the order that it is received that number and only that number is affixed to the essay. The essays are then judged. **Only the Committee Chairman knows which number corresponds to which essay. The winner is customarily asked to read the essay the first day of Grand Lodge in May.**

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By Jean Stewart

Line Officers Meeting

Saturday, January 9th - Organizational meeting of the 2010 Line Officers - Matron, Associate Matron, Conductress and Associate Conductress of each Monroe District Chapter. It will be held at 9 a.m. at Unity Lodge Hall, 133 South Union Street, Spencerport. Brunch will follow the meeting.

Please notify R.W. Jean Stewart by Saturday, January 2nd, if you are attending - Phone: 494-1056 or email: jstewart39@rochester.rr.com

R.W. Chris Hampton planned a delicious District Christmas Brunch and Party in December at which we all had a delightful time. Even Santa Claus appeared!

Introducing 2010 Monroe District Grand Officers

R.W. Jean Stewart

District Deputy Grand Matron

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• Symbol - Musical G Clef with Measure

• Flower - Black-Eyed Susan

• Color - Yellow

R.W. Raymond DiJames

District Grand Lecturer

• Motto - Always Loyal

• Symbol - Dog

• Flower - Yellow Rose

• Color - Yellow

R.W. E. Alta Doty

Grand Representative of Australia

- Motto - Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much
- Symbol - Butterfly
- Flower - Yellow Rose
- Color - Yellow

And, our newest appointed Grand Officer is:

R.W. Beverly Thompson
Grand Representative of New Mexico

- Details to come.

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District Project

Remember, the District Grand Lecturer, R.W. Ray DiJames, and I have selected the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm and the Scottsville Veterinary Adoptions as our project. We would appreciate any donations be made to us so we can contribute a total amount from Eastern Star.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, February 13th

District School of Instruction. This is open to ALL members of the Eastern Star and your attendance is requested. It's an opportunity for all members to share knowledge, learn of new Edicts and participate in an exchange of questions and answers. It's particularly good for new members to attend. ✕

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star

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Community Christian Church
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By Robert Crystal

The 2009 year has passed into history and the new 2010 year has dawned while this article made its way through the Editor's desk and the printer's plant and the postman's (oops, I mean letter carrier's) bag. I hope you all behaved yourselves and had a good Holiday Season. We hope our "Glad Tidings Elf" (known to her friends as Jane LePree) picked out nice greetings for our shut-in Sisters. When the year changes, we always remember the members who were so active so many years ago.

As a relatively new member (1996) I didn't know many of the ladies and gents of yore, but I enjoy hearing the stories. One of the side benefits of being a Nolotka Star is hearing the stories about Scottsville and Churchville B.U.S. (Before Urban Sprawl). I spent some of my formative years in a town of 366 (including the Masonic Temple and the Grange, there were 30 buildings), so some of the old stories are fun to hear.

Our Christmas Season gave us several opportunities to do for others here and there. Tracy and Pat Dalykas found an op-

portunity for us to bake dessert for the hungry, and so Salvation Army and their clients received 30+ pies from the ovens of Nolotka Star. I did not receive any reports from the consumers, but do the arithmetic ... at six slices per pie, that is 180 people to whom we said "God Bless You!" At 8 slices, that would be 240! It all depends on how you slice it!

Instead of a gift exchange at the Christmas Party at Stone's Countryside Tavern, Churchville, we each brought a gift for Tracy Dalykas to give to one of "her" kids. What a party ... 28 people had a great dinner, someone brought butter cookies, the Matron gave away the poinsettia centerpieces and we were treated with foil-wrapped chocolates and chocolate lollipops. I hope next year, everyone who can travel will attend.

Christmas Giving

The Chapter voted to send a Christmas gift to the Naval Personnel and support personnel at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba. Chaplain Douglas Holmes, who took Chaplaincy Training with Worthy Patron Bob Crystal, asked for gifts or phone cards. We sent phone cards so 10 families will be able to afford to hear the voice of their missing loved one for Christmas, courtesy of Nolotka Chapter.

Also, at least four of our Sisters will do the shopping for a whole family - from soup to nuts and from tinsel to teddy bears - they will furnish a complete Christmas. We'll hear all about the results at our January meetings. Sue Huff and Kim Robinson are the refreshment committee, so I am looking forward to some good eats. As usual, if you need a ride, give us a call. And remember, we are meeting at 7 p.m. so your day is not too long.

Keeping in Touch

At our last meeting, the Secretary read a short note from Barbara Heeg. She promised to get to a meeting soon. We also got Christmas cards from Charlotte Norton and Barbara Webster. Everyone wants me to say "Hey" to you and wish you well! We haven't heard very much in the way of news from our other Sisters and Brothers. Either you are all having a calm peaceful time, or you don't want us to be jealous of all the excitement you are having. Which is it? Send Secretary Carol Wynings a note. Every meeting she reads something from Grand Chapter. We would love it if she could read (and I could report) some news from the GRANDEST Chapter, Nolotka!

Sickness and Distress

Sadly we heard of the passing of Mary Jane Perry who was Nola Chapter's Treasurer for 16 years, ending 1979.

Jane LePree is sending a card to Pearl Roberts who has had some health problems. (I hope Pearl doesn't mind when I brag about her 90 years!)

As for meeting activities, Worthy Matron Jean Stewart will give you some good things to which you can look forward. In January, not only will we be discussing all we did in December, we will also be planning well in advance for our support of her year as District Deputy Grand Matron. (F.Y.I., Sue Goosens-Ross, she does NOT like the nickname "Deppity Dawg.")

Our Worthy Matron is starting to finalize her plans for our Official Visit on May 18th. Look in this column for details, but for now, mark your calendar so you don't book something less important and not as much fun. Write it down, plan to go and plan to enjoy. ✕

Worthy Marcia Scherbyn was appointed Grand Representative of Delaware, effective December 31st.

R.W. Paul Farnung was appointed Grand Representative of South Dakota.

They join R.W. Marlene Pohl, Grand Representative of Arizona, and George Hornung, Grand Representative of Montana.

Our thanks to R.W. Sisters Karen Trautman and Diane Romanynshyn for organizing this event.

Upcoming Events

We are looking forward to January's events, which include a District Association Meeting. All OES members from the District are welcome to attend.

A School of Instruction is planned for January 30th, starting at 10 a.m. More information will be provided to the Chapters regarding area of Ritual to be highlighted.

Generating Membership

Two Chapters have already Initiated this Fall; one Chapter has a Petition and is preparing for Initiation. Will we have all five Chapters of the District bring in new members? I believe we can do it! ✕

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By Mary Ruggles, DDGM

The Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, Order of the Eastern Star, held their December Association Meeting at Schooners Restaurant in Canandaigua. Election of new Officers was on the agenda.

New Grand Officers

On December 13th, a Reception was held at Eagle Star Chapter in Honeoye to recognize our new State Officers for 2010:

R.W. Clayton Barnard will serve as Associate Grand Sentinel.

R.W. Mary Ruggles, DDGM, and R.W. Clayton Ruggles, DGL, will continue their service for a second year.

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The Fall was beautiful and Winter has arrived. Hope all had a very Merry Christmas and will have a safe, prosperous and healthy New Year.

First, I thank all who sent cards and emails after my surgeries. They went well and recovery is going slow and steady, but I continue to get better.

My Official Visits are over and I feel they went well. All the Lodges showed me great support and respect to the Office of DDGM, and for the Grand Master.

Visits by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: William

Valois, start this month. I encourage all of you to attend these meetings. He has a lot of information on Masonic Education.

The AGLs are planning training sessions again this year. These were well received last year. This is a great time to get together to learn, have fun and meet some of the new Brothers in the District. It also shows support of our Brotherhood.

Grand Lodge Trip

Time is growing near. It is time to make your arrangements if you haven't done so. Each Lodge should have a Representative. We are voting this year for our Grand Lodge Officers. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are going.

The O/S/Y Charities Christmas meeting was held at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall on December 4th. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the festivities of the evening. The food was excellent. Also, THANK YOU to all who donated items to the House of John.

Please check the O/S/Y website for important dates in the upcoming months.

I'm looking forward to seeing all at the GDC visits. Have a safe and happy New Year.

The 1st Degree will be on February 9th, which will be preceded by a dinner. The 2nd Degree will be on March 9th. The 3rd Degree will be on April 13th, which will also be preceded by a dinner. It is time to dust off our Ritual Books and commence with the most important work of the Lodge - Initiating, Passing and Raising of our Masonic Brethren. Please be generous with your time when your Lodge calls for participation in our Degrees. If you have not participated in the presentation of Degrees in a while, your Lodge could sure use your help. Please contact me if you would like to lend a hand. This is the most important and rewarding contribution you can make in Masonry.

Summoned Meeting

January 12th will be our Annual Business meeting. We will be discussing and approving of our 2010 Budget. This is a Summoned Meeting and attendance is imperative - of course, only if it is within the length of your Cabletow. Please make every effort to attend as this is a critical meeting. We will be discussing our 2010 Lodge expenses and presenting our plan on how to fund those expenses.

Our Treasurer will report on last year's Lodge receipts, disbursements and the condition of the Lodge property. Our Secretary will be reporting on the receipts and disbursements for the preceding year.

2009 was a challenging year. We installed a new natural gas line that will allow us to switch from oil and propane to natural gas. This upgrade will significantly reduce our facility energy expenses. Eagle Lodge is expecting a three-year payback on this project. We are also installing a hot water heater to boost the available hot water during extended dishwasher use.

Spaghetti Dinner

Honeoye

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3rd Thursday
 of each month

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Upcoming Events

January

12th - Officers Meeting at 6:15 p.m.; Annual Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

21st - Spaghetti Dinner - 5-7 p.m. - Help is appreciated.

26th - Lodge Dark (unless January 12th is cancelled due to weather)

February

2nd - Officers Meeting at 6 p.m.; 1st Degree Rehearsal at 7 p.m.

7th - 1st Degree Rehearsal at 12:00 (noon)

9th - 1st Degree Dinner 6:30 p.m.; 1st Degree

18th - Spaghetti Dinner - 5-7 p.m. - Help is appreciated.

23rd - Lodge Dark (unless February 9th is cancelled due to weather)

Canandaigua Lodge No. 294



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Greetings, my Brothers. Happy New Year.

As the Holiday Season draws to a close, we are very thankful for all we are given. On December 19th we hosted our Annual Breakfast with Santa, which the children enjoyed immensely. Thanks to all who helped make it a special day. I hope the turnout will be even better for Easter.

In December we traveled to Milnor Lodge to deliver the O/S/Y Traveling Trowel. We also enjoyed a dinner out with our spouses on December 21st to celebrate the Holidays.

I welcome two new Brothers who were made Entered Apprentices in November and December. We look forward to helping them receive more light in January. Please join us as we continue our work.

Upcoming Events

January 4th - Review of 1st Degree Lecture

January 18th - 2nd Degree
 February 1st - Review of 2nd Degree Lecture
 February 15th - Staff Officer Visit
 Stay safe and God bless.

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I hope everyone had a happy and safe Holiday Season.

My sincere thanks to all the Brothers who helped with the "Ringing of the Bells" for the Salvation Army on December 5th - especially W.: Bud Peglow for setting up this project for several years. In addition, as you know, Bud coordinates purchase and delivery of poinsettias to the widows of our departed members. Thanks, Bud, for all you do.

Sad News

On a sad note, Brother Kenneth (Mike) Crossett passed away on November 28th. A Masonic Service was held on December 1st.

Our December meeting was preceded with a dinner put on by my wife, Diane, and I. Thanks, Diane. A good time was had by all.

Planning Ahead

Our next meeting is January 14th and will be the Official Visit by the Staff Officer. There will also be a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

January 28th - 1st Degree.

For those who are still wondering about the February Turkey Dinner, we have changed the date and it is now held in September.

See you at our next meeting on January 14th; Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

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By Clayton Ruggles, Secretary

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and will have a wonderful New Year.

I start by noting the Degree of Fellowcraft held on December 1st. I also thank the following Brothers - R.: W.: Brother Ruggles for conferring the Degree and also doing the Middle Chamber Lecture; R.: W.: John Walti and R.: W.: Ronald Galens, DDGM, for doing the Questions & Answers; W.: Dave Smith for doing the Working Tools; W.: Paul McIntyre for the Bible Presentation; and Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: William Valois, for doing the Charge.

On December 4th, O/S/Y Charities met at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge and had a Potluck Dinner. All donations received that night went to the House of John (Hospice) in Clifton Springs.

Upcoming Events

Please remember to mark your calendar for January 19th when we will be conferring a 3rd Degree. It will start at 5:30 p.m., with a dinner after the First Section. All Brethren are invited.

Next month I will let everyone know how we made out at the "Ringing of the Bells" for the Red Kettle Fund.

I thank all Brothers who helped in purchasing and delivering the Poinsettia plants to our widows. If you've never helped delivering them, it's a wonderful feeling you get inside when you see their faces and talk to them. Something so small can bring so much joy!

Don't forget Game Nights at the Lodge. They are held the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. until further notice. All are welcome; just bring a snack-to-pass. Also, Lodge meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month with the first meeting being potluck (dish-to-pass). Supper at 6:30 p.m.; meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

From the Secretary's Desk

Dues Notices have been sent. Brothers are reminded to do their utmost to remain current and not put themselves in danger of being dropped for non-payment of Dues.

January Birthdays

We send January birthday greetings to John Walti (7th), Elliott Schocken (15th), Tim Piper (17th), Dave Smith (21st), Bruce Andrews (22nd), Fred Gifford (25th), Tom Hudson and Stephen Leroy (26th) and Scott Upchurch (31st).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in January:

1975 - William Amber and Kenneth Overslaugh

1996 - Robert B. Taylor III and Barney Wandell

1997 - William Sergeant

2002 - Carl Carlson and Todd Ruggles

2004 - Stephen Durso

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I hope everyone had a warm and Merry Christmas! We now find ourselves facing a new year full of challenges and hope for many new successes.

Fundraising Results

December was a busy month. We wrapped up two fundraisers - the Entertainment Books and Citrus Fruit Sales.

Though I do not have the exact numbers from the fruit sales, I am told that we matched last year's proceeds. Great work! In these trying financial times, a tie is a win.

The sales on the Entertainment Books were very disappointing. Our sales have declined to a point where we need to find another fundraiser to take its place. My thanks to Brother Shafer for chairing this year.

I also thank everyone who assisted in delivering poinsettias to the widows of Brothers who have passed away. I know they were very much appreciated.

Calendar Note

Please take note that Eagle Lodge only meets once a month in January and February - on the 2nd Tuesday. If Lodge is cancelled due to bad weather in January and February, we will meet on the 4th Tuesday of that month.

Eagle Lodge has received a positive Interview Committee recommendation for our soon-to-be newest Eagle Brother.



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Happy 2010, Brethren! The decade of the 0's is over. I think it went pretty fast. But then again, the Y2K problem seems so long ago. The internet has certainly changed our lives. Almost everyone carries a cell phone and it's actually hard to find a public telephone. But, it makes it harder to find a home address for someone who only has a cell phone today.

As far as Masonry, it's still a struggle to communicate with our Brethren on a regular basis, but I do thank those Brothers who willingly share their email addresses and cell phone numbers. I do like to be able to send a group email and know they have the information instantly.

Road to the East

Calling all Brothers who wish to take the *Road to the East* (RTTE) Course this Spring. Please let me know who you are. We need to talk if we can do this on Saturdays this year. Last year, I tried classes the same night as the Masters and

Wardens, and I don't think it worked very well as I am Secretary and missed the Spring meetings.

The Leadership and Education Committee recommends that the Course be taught over 12-16 hours as there are so many items to explore as a new Lodge Master. Each participant is required to have his own copy of the *24-Inch Gauge*, which costs \$53 (including shipping) from Grand Lodge. They feel strongly that every Master needs his own copy to have a successful year.

If I can help you in any way, please give me a call (315) 483-2745. That's my job as Grand Steward... to help our Lodges be active and make new Masons.

Grand Lodge Sessions

There are news leaks that we have many Brothers who are seeking to become members of our Grand Line in May. Grand Lodge should be very interesting this year. Help get your Master to Grand Lodge this year.

I am thankful that M.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert's Christmas Message sounded like he sees the end of his recovery approaching. It's been a long road and it will be good to see him up and out again.

Please keep V.: W.: David Rising in your thoughts and prayers. His health issues call for our support of him and his family. Dave is a member of Drumlin Square Lodge, has been active in the District as an Assistant Grand Lecturer and an active member of Concordant Masonic Bodies.

On December 16th we held our Annual Holiday Party and fundraiser for the Lodges Surviving Spouses Program. All had fun and a great meal was enjoyed.

We held the 1st Degree on December 2nd and welcomed a new Brother to the Craft. Have you been to welcome him yet? If not, please do so.

We will be holding the 2nd Degree on February 17th. Please mark the date on your calendar and, if possible, help out with the Degree work. Remember, great Degree work is not just done by those who are performing it, but also by those on the sidelines supporting it. Each Brother's participation is greatly needed. Any great edifice is only as strong as its foundation. Let us assist our new Brother in building a strong Masonic foundation and support him through his journey.

Sad News

It is my unfortunate duty to inform you of the passing of our Brother W.: Claire G. Stalker, DSA. Brother Stalker was Past Master of the Macedon Lodge in '93-'94. At the age of 80 years old and living in Central Square, NY, he made the 65+ mile (one-way) trip twice a month from his home to the Lodge, as he'd done over a five-year period while progressing through the Line. He was also an active participant in all District activities and often attended other Lodges in the District. Where is this dedication from our younger members in today's day and age?

Some of the older members will remember this dedicated Brother as the guy who always had various handouts of Masonic interest.

I hope the Holiday Season has brought each of you much happiness and the New Year will be prosperous.

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I don't know about you, but we sure enjoyed the month of November; first time in 57 years when there was no snow. I remember last year (2008) when, on October 23rd, we did have some snow on the ground; ah well, 'tis the Season. It also seems strange that here we are in January 2010 even though we are writing this in the early days of December.

Every month I receive the "Short Talk Bulletin" from the Masonic Service Association of North America. Any Brother can sign up for this and its only \$6 a year for thought-provoking material that comes to your door on a monthly basis. For Masters who need a subject to shed "further light" at your meetings, this is another tool that can be utilized. Their address is: The Masonic Service Association of North America, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785. Their website: www.msana.com.

This month's message, for example, deals with the "Qualifications of the Interviewing Process." One quote if I may, "You are actually considering him for worldwide Masonic Membership. This, in turn, will give him the opportunity to visit and associate with Masons everywhere. Each visitation he subsequently may make, in any Lodge in the world, will be as a member and representative of your Lodge. He should, therefore, be the type of man of whom you can be proud and honored to have represent you and your Lodge."

A Special Visitor

Recently, we had a visitor to Unity Lodge from Vienna, Austria. After the proper arrangements with the Grand Secretaries of both countries, we had the pleasure of a young man who was here on business, but wanted to visit an American Lodge. We enjoyed his company and I'm sure Brother Michael Wiesmayr of Vienna will remember likewise his evening with us. He represented what being a Mason is all about as referred to in the preceding paragraph.

A Dining Idea

At one of our recent Official Visits, we enjoyed a different type of dining experience while visiting ERAC Lodge. We're passing this along that other Lodges might want to consider for something tasty for an evening meal. They had a "chili cook-off" with a \$25 gift card to

the winner. They came up with some interesting names for the chili, such as Mystery Meat Chili, "You'll Remember Me in the Morning Chili" Two Bean Chili, Chipotle Chili, My Wife's Chili. It was an enjoyable evening with such a star studded cast of chefs that included Brothers Dave Upham, Mat Muller, John Hellaby, Bruce Katz, Michael Knolla, Richard Greenaway and Nick Anastas. I was equally surprised that I didn't get a drop on my tuxedo. Maybe we could encourage other Lodges to follow this and have a District-wide Chili Cook-off Contest sometime. The Winter months would be an ideal timeframe for this.

As you read this, our Official Visits are over. We have enjoyed the opportunity to visit and break bread with all of you. We have presented the Grand Master's Message of continuing the theme, "leading with your heart" and "Getting Back to Basics" to the District. The Staff Officers have encouraged all of you to take advantage of further educational opportunities such as the *Masonic Development Program* and the *Road to the East*. They have stressed the importance of a proper mentoring program with each of your Lodges and how a properly mentored Brother can be an asset to his Lodge.

I often choose a quote to close and this month is no exception. This comes from Brother George Washington, "I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the 'most enviable of all titles,' the character of an honest man."

Grand Steward

Monroe



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Happy New Year! I hope all of you and your families had a joyous Holiday Season. Now it's time to return to the quarries. Many of our Lodges have already, or are now, bringing in new Brothers. I hope you will welcome them and encourage them to be active in Lodge. Contact them and invite them to your Regular Communications. Also, please encourage them to attend the *Masonic Development Course* at their earliest opportunity. As always, contact your District Leadership Team for anything we can do to help and support you.

Key Word - Mentor

The word *Mentor*, according to the Encarta Dictionary, means an experienced adviser and supporter. A *Mentor* is somebody,

usually older and more experienced, who advises and guides a younger, less experienced person.

In Freemasonry, a *Mentor* plays a hugely important role in the Initiating, Passing and Raising of a new Brother and beyond.

Mentors need to be committed to helping the new Brother become completely proficient with the Questions and Answers and to help them understand our Ritual.

Mentors need to meet with new Brothers regularly and well beyond their Raising.

If Mentoring is done properly, it leads to improved membership retention and active, involved and enthusiastic new Brothers. As a result, our Lodges and our Fraternity, as a whole, are stronger. Please, be a Mentor in your Lodge and help Freemasonry flourish long into the future.



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By V.: W.: Hugh Woodside

Happy New Year! V.: W.: DeHollander and I hope you and your family had a safe and joyful Holiday Season and wish you health and happiness in the New Year!

School of Ritual

Our next *School of Ritual* will be held on January 20th at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster, beginning at 7:30 p.m. In addition to the usual entertainment for the evening, we will be pleased to welcome R.: W.: Jim Sullivan, Past Senior Grand Warden and Past Grand Lecturer, who will present a short talk. Our "usual entertainment" for the evening will touch on several items worth bringing to your attention that we have witnessed while traveling around the District as we work together to improve our ability to understand and present the Standard Work.

Our final *School of Ritual* will be held at Oatka Lodge in Scottsville on March 31st. The work for the evening is to be determined, but I can guarantee the *School of Ritual* Banner will be up for grabs once more! Make sure to get your Brothers out to the Schools so that you stay in the running!

Edict Visits & Assistance

We have several Lodges to visit in early 2010 to ensure they can meet the requirements under the Grand Master's Edict. If your Lodge would like some assistance preparing for this visit, or for any Degree, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will make every effort to join you for rehearsals and answer any questions you may have.

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By Joel A. Falbo, Acting Master

Welcome to 2010 my Brothers! Another year has passed and the New Year is off and running. I'm sure all of you have made a New Year's Resolution and I would like you to consider one more - "I will attend my Blue Lodge as often as I can this year." Brothers, let's make 2010 the "Year of the Blue Lodge;" let us work on filling the sidelines and taking part in the work of the Lodge.

A Communication of the Lodge should, and will be, more than just a business meeting. At each meeting I intend to present a topic of Masonic Education. This may be as simple as a Masonic poem or something concerning our history. I would also like your input on what you would like to hear or learn, so attend the Communications of the Lodge and let's work at making our time together educational and enjoyable. I look forward to seeing you!

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The District Masters and Wardens met on November 30th, with a fantastic dinner put on by the Brothers of Unity Lodge. Many of the Masters and many of the Wardens were present to discuss District happenings.

Our next meeting will be on January 20th at the Shrine Center, with dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:30 p.m., followed by the *School of Ritual* at 7:30 p.m. Again, it has been so encouraging to see so many of the Masters and Wardens coming to these meetings.

"Have-a-Heart" Campaign

The agenda for the evening covered many items, but most importantly W.: Brother George Foehner presented the "Have-a-Heart" Campaign. Brother George emphasized the need for the various Lodges to sign up for a time slot and then to keep that scheduled time. The Campaign will run from January 30th until February 14th. As before, the Masonic Brothers will be covering Eastview Mall, Marketplace Mall and The Mall at Greece Ridge. Brother George has given all Lodges the challenge of raising even more money than the \$18,000 that was raised last year. This is for such a good charity and the Masons have donated over \$250,000 to the local Ronald McDonald House since the Campaign started. The designated

Mall Chairman will contact the Master of each Lodge to schedule coverage times.

Upcoming Opportunities

A reminder that the Shrine Circus will be from February 4th through February 7th. This is always a great experience to support the Shriners.

On April 12th at the "College of Freemasonry" event to be held at the Shrine Center, V.: W.: Thomas Savini, Director of the Robert Livingston Library & Museum, will present the "Templar Project."

Lastly, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, DDGM, emphasized that it is not too early to begin preparations for the Grand Lodge Communication to be held on May 3rd-4th, 2010. This is an election year for the Grand Lodge so it is very important that each Lodge be properly represented.

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The United States Syracuse Recruiting Battalion conducted an Annual Training Conference in Niagara Falls on December 3-5, consisting of Military Service persons, their spouses and family members.

In conjunction with this training, Brothers Dan Footer

and Harold Roxburgh of Oatka Lodge, had approached the Monroe District Child ID Coordination Team and requested use of the equipment so they could give peace of mind to their colleagues by processing identification information for all of the children in attendance.

After receiving a brief training from Rick Downs, the Brothers took both units with them and processed 82 children of Military Service persons attending the Child ID Program. We commend these Brothers for their efforts.

If you wish to host an event, please contact one of us. We have a Boy Scout who is working on developing a program for minority children at risk and has put together a team of other Scouts to help. They will go anywhere in Monroe County, as needed.

Contact Information about the Masonic ID program is available online at www.nychip.org/. We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the program. We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at:

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

You may contact Don Tubman at (585) 889-4725 if you have questions or suggestions.



By Erik Loepker, Chairman

So, how did you ring in the New Year? Unless you are a Brother of Oatka Lodge, I'll bet you didn't do it with the Traveling Gavel! Also, consider this ... we all recently celebrated a Holiday (be it Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hannukah, Yule, Eid or what have you) usually associated with gift-giving. You may have found yourself in the position of having someone who seems to have everything. What gift could

you possibly get them? Hmmm ... something unique, perhaps? Something that embodies the concept of Fraternal bonds? Something that says you are willing to go forth into the world to get something no money can buy?

Ah! What better than the Traveling Gavel? (Well, of course, the Masters and Wardens might frown on it a bit if you just gifted this relic to someone who isn't a Mason but, hey, it's the thought that counts, right?)

At any rate, we are in a New Year. It's a time for great undertakings! This could be representative of the spirit of your Lodge; a stepping stone toward greater undertakings, more daring feats, a way to get your Lodge as a household (er, Lodge-hold?) name!

Attendance tends to be down this time of year in our Lodges. Some Brothers who are more akin to bears, go into semi-hibernation; others find the stiff cold of our region a little too wearing on their joints and bones. This is the time for you to act! Get seven hot-blooded Brethren together and descend on Oatka Lodge. Despite its daunting reputation as "Fort Oatka," they enjoy having company as much (if not more so) as any other Lodge. Believe me, it's well worth your time (and the time of at least six other Brothers).

Fort...er, Oatka Lodge meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 pm (and they usually have a meal before hand). They can be found at 5 Browns Avenue, Scottsville.

Don't wait a moment longer! Act now! Supplies are running out! (Considering there is only one.)

January 31st, February 7th, and February 14th reserved as we need Brothers to work the shifts from either 12-3 p.m. or 3-6 p.m. on those days. LET'S SHOW OUR MASONIC PRIDE AND SUPPORT.

Recent Events

Thanks go out to W.: Jim Smith for sitting in the East for our 1st Degree and to W.: Frank Habitzreuther and Brother Mark Armbruster for taking on the Questions and Answers. It was great to see some Brothers stepping up to take parts.

Special thanks to W.: John Williams for all his work on this year's Christmas Party.

Upcoming Events

Union Star Lodge will be having a Table Lodge on Monday, February 22nd. This event will be open to all Brothers, with reservations. Watch for more information in next month's article and at our upcoming Lodge meetings.

January

9th - Audit and Budget Meeting; 9 a.m.
11th - Summoned Communication; 7:30 p.m.
18th - 2nd Degree Practice; 7 p.m.
20th - School of Ritual at Shrine Center; 7:30 p.m.
25th - Special Communication, 2nd Degree; 7:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

February

8th - Regular Communication; 7:30 p.m.
22nd - Table Lodge, 7 p.m.
25th - 3rd Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

As always, check the Lodge website for the latest information at:

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Happy New Year and best wishes for all in the coming year. I hope that, as this article reaches you, the snow and cold has not gotten the best of you. Only a little over three months until Spring weather starts to return. Don't forget that we have a Summoned Communication to review the budget on January 11th.

There is much to do in the coming months as we complete our Degrees. Keep practicing your parts, as it really showed in our 1st Degree rehearsal. January will be a little crazy for me as I have to travel to China for work. The great part about going there in January is that it is much warmer than here and the food is great. OK, sometimes you're not sure what you're eating, but most of it tastes great. If you have any questions while I'm away, please feel free to contact W.: George Foehner or R.: W.: Gary Sanford for help if you can't reach me.

"Have-a-Heart" Campaign

I would like everyone to show their support for this year's "Have-a-Heart" Campaign. Please keep the Sundays of

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With this writing, we hope that all Brothers and their families have had an enjoyable and wonderful Holiday Season. At the same time, we recognize that the Holidays can be very difficult for many of our Masonic families who have lost loved ones, are experiencing health issues or other difficulties. To those, we extend our aid in any way possible. If you, or a family member, are in need of aid or assistance in any way, please let us know about it by calling me at the above phone number. We want to help if you would only let us know how.

Back in November, we conferred the Fellowcraft Degree upon three of our Entered Apprentices, along with two EAs from Webster Lodge. Our Senior Warden, Fraser Ritchie, sat in the East for the Degree and presided over one of the best Degree Nights I have ever seen! Everyone was "spot on," as the British would say; it flowed smoothly and everyone could be heard plainly.

Our Senior Deacon, Rick Yendall, premiered his Middle Chamber Lecture flawlessly. Don Bell, our Secretary, did the Questions as one of our new Fellowcrafts (of two weeks) provided the Answers. Seeing these new Brothers take so much pride and put so much effort into the work is heartwarming and inspirational to us all!

All the Officers, Conductors and Brethren were simply terrific that night and made me proud of being a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge! Fantastic job!

We had a special Communication on December 10th for the purpose of conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on three more Entered Apprentices of our Lodge! Once again, the work was exemplary! We look forward to our January 25th meeting when we will Raise these newly made Brethren to the Degree of Master Mason! They are a very committed class and are very excited about being made Master Masons!

Our December 14th meeting had a Holiday Dinner of ham from Rick's Prime Rib House with all the fixings. We had a wonderful speaker, Tim McDonnell, from the Osher Learning Center who gave a brilliant talk about the Underground Railroad in this area. He included some history of the Ma-

sonic involvement in the Underground Railroad. We wished we could have had more time to discuss this history before adjourning for our Annual Business Meeting. Many thanks go to our Secretary, Don Bell; Treasurer, John Zabel; Assistant Grand Lecturer, Hugh Woodside; Trustees and all others who worked so hard on reports and answering the questions so efficiently and knowledgeably. They put a lot of time into these reports and I want them to know how much we appreciate their fine work!

Upcoming Events

On January 11th, we will host Carole Haas who will speak to us about "Mental Calisthenics." As we age, this seems to be something we all need and we will be interested in hearing her talk about this vital topic. It will be preceded by a dinner.

January 25th will be our 3rd Degree for at least six Fellowcrafts. What a joy this will be to Raise so many Brothers to Master Mason in our Lodge! This is a great event and we are so excited about it. There will be a dinner before the Degree.

Also in January, I will be traveling to Guatemala with a church mission group where we have been working with a village of Achi Mayan's in an effort to assist them in becoming self-sufficient. I look forward to presenting my trip to the Brothers and guests at a dinner meeting on March 8th, to which everyone is cordially invited.

Looking ahead to February, we will be hosting Judie Griffen from the Ronald MacDonald House at our dinner meeting on the 8th. This is in time for the "Have-a-Heart" Fundraiser at the malls that was started nearly 21 years ago and has been at the forefront of our local Masonic causes. It will be interesting to hear how the House has changed and grown over the years and to hear some of the testimony of how important this cause is in the Rochester area!

We look forward to February, March and April meetings where we already have at least six Petitions for Initiation and advancement.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Scott Blystone is still recovering from surgery to correct a problem that plagued him for years and he is doing well.

R. W. John Tijou and his wife, Edda, need to be kept in our thoughts and prayers as they deal with health issues.

We recently learned that Worshipful Brother Gene Brown is still in the Canandaigua VA Hospital. There had been some misinformation that he had moved, but that is not the case. Please give Gene a visit at the VA and let him know we miss him at our meetings!

Building Update

A SPECIAL THANKS to two of our Brother Fellowcrafts for their help. They did a superb job in patching and painting dry-wall damages and re-plumbing

some piping from a hot water tank that had leaked earlier. The space is now rented and the bathroom looks great, thanks to them! The new tenant will be taking occupancy in late December and we are looking forward to having them in our space. We hope the Brothers and their wives will support this new local business, which will be selling accessories such as purses, belts, scarves, etc. Stop by and check it out!

I will conclude by thanking all the Officers and Members of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge for their continued support and efforts. I am humbled by the support you have given me thus far and I really do appreciate it! I am looking forward with great excitement and anticipation for the 2010 year!

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By Erik Loepker, Sr. Warden

Happy New Year! Before we look ahead to 2010, the year we make contact, let's do a quick review on the close of 2009.

Pittsford held its Annual Candlelight Night on December 1st, and members of Northfield Lodge participated by opening our Lodge and inviting the public to come in, ask questions and share some cookies, coffee and cocoa. W. James Deasey, W. David Adams and W. John Dudley participated in this. Amy Deasey, Patricia Adams and their children accompanied them. Without them, it couldn't have been as pleasant as it was. A count of 19 guests was logged with several serious inquiries regarding joining Masonry.

On December 3rd, we had W. William Edwards, from Webster Lodge arrive and give an impressive presentation on Tracing and Trestleboards, focusing on their history and development. If you've never heard this lecture, we encourage you to contact Brother Edwards to find out when he may next give it, as it is both fascinating and informative.

Our Lodge had its Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 13th. This year, instead of staying entirely "in-house," we elected to go caroling. We went to the homes of our departed Brethren to help bring cheer to the surviving spouses. (There remains some doubt as to whether that cheer was due to our divine harmonizing or relief that our caterwauling finally ended - but cheer is cheer.)

Our party also included donations to the Pittsford Food Cupboard, a charity that we regularly patronize, especially at this time of year and especially in such difficult financial times in which we currently live.

Our year closed with an Official Visit from R. W. Derek VanHouten, DDGM, and some of his staff. A formal dinner was served before our Communication. As always, the visit was not only pleasant, but also very in-

formative. We are fortunate to have such a fine Grand Line.

But, Old Man Time has moved on and Baby New Year is in our laps, filled with wonder and enthusiasm of the year ahead.

Upcoming Events

Our first meeting of the year, on January 7th, is just a Standard Communication.

January 21st, we'll be having a formal dinner followed by our 2nd Degree, led by Brother Michael Zona.

Looking further ahead, we are beginning to come up with ideas for our Wives and Sweethearts Night in February. It is our way of showing our undying appreciation for those who give us the Cabletows we have.

As usual, if you have need to contact us, we can be found online at:

www.northfieldlodge.org

or you can call us at 586-2976.

To all our Brothers and their families, both of Northfield and elsewhere, Happy New Year!

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It's hard to believe that the first seven months of our Lodge year is past. It's just the beginning of the Winter season and several of our members have traveled to warmer climates. Our Brothers who remain will have time to complete our Lodge projects, initiate others and enjoy the fellowship of the New Year. I trust this New Year will be prosperous and healthy for all. Our Trestleboard has been updated for 2010 and is on our website.

Our Official DDGM Visit was successfully completed on December 1st and before this Communication several Brothers met with R. W. Derek VanHouten at the Arlington Restaurant in Hilton for dinner and friendly and humorous dialogue. The DDGM, R. W. Derek VanHouten, eloquently

delivered the Grand Master's Message and it was well received. Grand Steward, R. W. Mike Nohle, emphasized the need and purpose of mentoring our new Brothers and the importance of giving them active Lodge assignments. R. W. Mike Nohle presented several Award Certificates for the *Masonic Development Course* and the *Road to the East Course* - Brother Mike Postilli for the MDC and Brothers Dale Waterhouse and Alvin Metcalf for the MDC and RTTE courses.

It was an honor to have our DDGM install our recently elected Trustees of our Lodge, Brothers Gary Richardson and Richard Caupp.

Our Lodge has actively supported the "Toys for Tots" Program and the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.

As of this writing, our AGL-graded Master Mason Degree will be completed on December 15th and this exercise highlighted the need to increase the pool of people who can perform the various Ritual tasks. We will address this challenge early-on in 2010.

Upcoming Events

There will be two regular meetings in January that will focus on planning for our social, educational and fundraising activities as well as discussing facility upgrades for our Lodge.

The Masters and Wardens dinner meeting will be held on January 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Shrine Center; the *School of Ritual* will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinners will be on Wednesdays January 13th and 27th.

Sickness and Distress

Our sincerest condolences to Brother Jeff Robinson and his family on the recent passing of his father.

We are also saddened by the passing of W. Glenwood Ide, who was an affiliated member of Clio and a long-time member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge. He was a dedicated Mason for 62 years.

We are hopeful of the successful recuperation of our Brothers W. Gordon Smith, W. Dave Goodrich, W. Jeff Ross, Gus Neidrich and Alvin Metcalf.

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January, my Brothers, is the month of renewal. May the New Year bring strength and vitality to all of you and to our great Lodge. Congratulations to our four new Brothers - Matthew D. Gouveia, Adam W. Junod, Scott D. Mosher and Jason J. Stewart.

They will enjoy all the privileges that Masonry and our Lodge have to offer. Our sincere thanks to the Shrine Degree Team for their excellent work.

**January Events**

The work for January will commence with Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on the 11th, which will be open and will include some mouth-watering food and beverage, followed by some introductions to Masonry... and hopefully some new Petitions.

With new Petitions, comes interviewing (a committee will be assigned at the Tiled Meeting on the 25th). But, we are not done. With all that hard work of assigning committees, we need more refreshment, right? So immediately following the business, we will proceed directly to Table Lodge.

**Sickness and Distress**

R.: W.: Dwight Turner continues his rehabilitation at the Jewish Home on South Winton Road and would love visitors.

**Upcoming Events**

We are also kicking off our night out with the ladies dinners. Brother Greg Ludwig and I will come up with some great venues to share food and good fellowship.

See you in Lodge.

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Spencerport 14559**Good News**

We made it for another year! Brothers, I wish you and your families the happiest, most-prosperous and, most-importantly, the healthiest New Year possible.

**Sad News**

We have learned that June B. Sheldon died on October 17th. She was a member of the Eastern Star, was the widow of Brother Douglas G. Sheldon, who had been a member of Etolian Lodge from June of 1967 until his death in December 2001.

Our condolences to Brother Richard Bedoar, whose wife, Virginia "Ginger," died December 12th after a seven-year struggle with ovarian cancer. Richard and Ginger had been married for thirty-one years.

His address is:

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**Sickness and Distress**

R.: W.: Joe Privitera is home from the hospital and is recovering nicely from major surgery to remove a massive cyst, which had become attached to a kidney.

Orlo Noxon is still suffering heavy-duty pain from his recent shoulder surgery. He has very limited movement of his arm and shoulder, but hopes to be into physical therapy soon. Good luck with the therapy, Orlo.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those in sickness or distress.

**Recent Events**

Our November 23rd meeting was the occasion for the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten, and the Grand Lodge Staff Officers, R.: W.: Michael Nohle and R.: W.: George Todd.

The evening got off to a great start with a dinner of Wiener Schnitzel, German Potato Salad and Red Cabbage, prepared by Helga Jamele, with the assistance of John Lemke, Dan Donovan, Byron Barnes and Rob Buchanan.

The DDGM delivered the Grand Master's Official Message and the Staff Officers spoke of Masonic Education and Membership.

R.: W.: Derek VanHouten then ordered the Senior Deacon to escort R.: W.: Jay McCullough to the East where he presented Jay with the special Grand Master's 50-Year Apron.

R.: W.: Derek VanHouten was accompanied by a visiting Mason from Wien (Vienna), Austria, Brother Michael Wiesmayr, MD, a Radiologist, who was in Rochester on business. Brother Wiesmayr recently wrote to R.: W.: VanHouten, "... my visit to your Lodge was an experience I will never forget." We are pleased to hear this. We certainly enjoyed having Brother Wiesmayr as our guest and told him he would be welcome to visit Unity Lodge anytime he was in Rochester.

**Upcoming Events**

The next *School of Ritual* is to be held on Wednesday, January 20th, 7:30 p.m., at the Shrine Center. Remember, Brothers, we want to retain the Attendance Banner again next year. Please make every effort to be there for this event. I always like to stress that as much excitement and fun it is to go for the banner, the main purpose and value of the *School of Ritual* is to help all of us become more proficient in our Ritual and to develop within us a greater understanding and appreciation of our Ritual.

Our 2nd Degree will be January 25th and the 3rd Degree will be March 8th.

A second Brother Bring-a-Friend Night is being planned for February 8th.

**Time to Pay Dues**

Dues Notices are in the mail. Please make a point of sending in your Dues as soon as possible.

At the same time, please consider making your Brotherhood Fund contribution. Remember, it is not how much you contribute, but that you contribute. Every single dollar is important.

**January Birthdays**

Please note ... the MORI system, which is maintained by Grand Lodge, defaults birth dates to Janu-

ary 1st if they don't have a date. Please let us know your correct birth date if your name appears in this January 1st birthday listing.

Best wishes to these Brothers who are celebrating birthdays in January???

Robert D. Allen, Dwight H. Andrews, Edward A. Bosco, Harold V. Boughner, George R. Burke, Charles D. Cork, Charles E. Daycock, George D. Deichert, Richard D. Felgner, William T. Hart, Donald L. Jacobs, F. Stanley Johnson, Richard Kern, Leroy Lester, Jeffrey A. Liebenow, Charles Markham, Rolf W. Schelle, John R. Seaman, Ralph H. Smith and Floyd H. Vick (1st); Ernest J. Kirkpatrick and Nelson G. Wolford (5th); William Allen and Leslie Armstrong (10th); Ralph H. Maibohm and Alan J. Widrick (11th); Millard D. Fairley and Bruce R. Palmer (12th); Karl F. Janson (13th); Ferman E. Bailey (14th); Gordon F. Williams (15th); Colin R. Baker (19th); John J. Sywulski (25th); Dayle O. Martin (26th); Leonard Mack and Leon B. Randall (27th); Warren Dewitt (28th); Chad E. Kyler (29th); Salvatore C. Angelo (30th); James F. Bauer (31st).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

Congratulations to the following Brothers Raised during the month of January:

1964 - Dana R. Spencer

2005 - Chad E. Kyler, Anthony Marotti, Rick Randolph

2008 - Salvatore C. Augello and John S. Lemke

Brothers, if you discover any discrepancies or inaccuracies in the dates for birthdays or Raisings, please let us know.

In the spirit of the Season, please remember all those who are sick or distressed and those who are serving our Country.

Once again, a very Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

Completing the Entered Apprentice Degree, our newly initiated Brothers received the Lantern Lecture at our meeting on December 1st. Brother Patrick Mulrooney came to our aid once again and did an outstanding job. One of the highlights is the old projector and circle shaped glass slides used in conjunction with the Lecture.

The 2nd Degree is scheduled for January 19th, which is a change from the original Trestleboard. Our Junior Warden, Brother Richard Smith, will be in the East to confer the Degree. If you can make it, please come out to support him and the other Officers. We may need help with Conductors but definitely would like a good turnout for the symbolic Lodge.

The Christmas Party was well attended and everyone had a good time. I know almost anytime you read about some event, that seems to be the consensus ... many attended and all had a



**Grandpa is bragging about his 3-year-old Grandson, Trey Bocklage, who is tearing into the wrapped gift from Santa at the All-Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party.**

good time! Even though it is a cliché, I can't think of a better way to describe the evening. We had over thirty people for a wonderful Turkey Dinner. That was followed by the enchanting melodies of the season, and some others (including one of our favorites, "I Just Don't Look Good..."), by Denny and her Escorts. We even enjoyed a special impromptu performance by W.: Ken Schumacher's friend and singer with his band, Lauren.

The meeting on the 15th was fairly brief. We did vote to drop two members from the rolls for non-payment of dues, effective December 31st. A rehearsal was scheduled after the meeting, which was cut short as the snowflakes arrived and made road conditions a bit treacherous. Other rehearsals were held later in the month, and I'm sure there will be some more this month.

**Sickness and Distress**

We lost a long-time member of the Craft when Worshipful Glenwood Ide passed to the Celestial Lodge, November 29th. Brother Glen was a Past Master of Craftsman Lodge and served a term as Treasurer. He assisted me with those duties when we first merged. Brother Scott Rice was instrumental in assisting Brother Glen as needed, and brought him to Lodge meetings and other events so he could keep in touch with his Brothers. He will be missed. A Masonic Service was conducted on December 2nd, with Brothers from Clio Lodge, of which Brother Ide was a dual affiliate, also in attendance.

Brother Rene VanDeVeire is recovering from hip replacement surgery and reports much relief from the pain he suffered before the operation. He is still not able to drive. Worshipful Bill Hook is getting out a bit more, but is still in rehab working on strengthening his left leg. He would enjoy having visitors. Sue Kendig is making good progress following her surgery.

**Greetings**

Happy birthday wishes are extended to: John Sanna (1st); L. Edward Walker (8th); John Bardo (9th); Franklyn Morse (13th); Royden Guess (15th); Robert Stewart (17th); James Clark (20th); Jim Greene (21st); Kenneth Skidmore (24th); Aaron Hughes (25th); Robert Ogden (26th); and William Wimberly (28th).

**New Member**

A warm welcome was extended to Brother John Brinthaup at our December 15th meeting. He affiliated with us from Big Flats Lodge No. 378, Big Flats, New York (near Elmira). A retired Law Enforcement Officer, Brother John moved

here when his wife accepted a position in the health care field. (He says she couldn't refuse the great offer!) Welcome, John.

**Glad Tidings!**

I will be using a word here that I haven't used in many moons - pregnant! Our Junior Deacon, Brother Scott Mason, announced that his wife is pregnant with their first child, a boy! We extend best wishes to them and pray everything will go well through the duration.

On that happy note, I will say Happy New Year to one and all. Stay healthy, and I'll see you in Lodge.

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As I am embarking upon my 43rd year of life, I find myself contemplating the lives of my family members and the gifts of opportunities laid before us in the New Year.

After their marriage, my grandparents struggled through the Great Depression, through the years of war and beyond, traveling to the areas where work was available and scraping together enough money and/or food to keep their family warm and their young son healthy.

When my grandfather was 43, our country, just removed from WWII, was firmly embroiled in the Korean conflict and our economy was on the rise. Gramps was the oldest of 10 children. He shepherded their growth on the farm until his mid-teens, when he left school to earn money needed to keep all fed.

When the economy turned, so too did their fortunes, when my Grandfather found a job in the local foundry and worked it for 40 years before retiring. This man never quit working and attempting to better his condition and those of his family - especially during some of the darkest hours for our Country.

When my dad was 43, he routinely worked 60-plus hours weekly at Kodak supporting my brother and me and his new wife and daughters in his second marriage. Though not the dire, day to day, circumstance of his father, times were routinely not easy. Hard work and perseverance, fed by loyalty to the Company, led to promotion and growth for him - personally and professionally. My memories of dad will be of his always being there to support with kind words of encouragement or stern words toward development, but most in low, private tones to ensure understanding and acknowledgement.

These models for my life are men whom I believe would have made fantastic Masons. This year in the East, I have been impressed by the many examples, throughout our District, of dedicated Brothers, especially, but

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

January 2010

## Shrine and Divan Meetings

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**TOM VASILE**  
**POTENTATE-ELECT**

Greetings Nobles! I am humbled by your support and confidence in me to be your Potentate in 2010. I will do my best to fill the large shoes of the men who have walked this road before me. Thank you and let's have a great year!

### Thank You, Bruce

I extend my sincere thanks to Ill. Bruce Chilton. Over the past year, I have gotten to know Bruce very well as we have spent a lot of time together. As you know, last year was a second term for Bruce as Potentate. Because the past few years have been very hectic for your Divan, Bruce volunteered to step up and fill the position once again to assist new Divan members in learning proper procedures for running the organization. I believe I can speak for the entire Divan when I say Bruce has been both a wonderful teacher and true Brother of the Fraternity.

I have known Bruce for as long as I have been involved in Masonry. I have yet to meet anyone who is as passionate about their work in Masonry as he is. He is not only a dedicated Brother, but an excellent teacher. In my past 33 years in law enforcement, I have developed a clear sight for a person who is of the highest integrity. Bruce is one of those people.

I believe God places people in our paths during this life who will assist us in everyday life and keep us on the right path. I have found that in my Brother

Bruce. We all salute you, Bruce, and thank you for your service to our Fraternity. May God bless you and keep you and your family in His care.

### Congratulations 2010 Officers

I congratulate the 2010 Elected and Appointed Divan Officers. May I introduce to you your 2010 Divan!

Chief Rabban ..... Richard Freidman  
Assistant Rabban ..... Gary Burke  
High Priest & Prophet .... Oscar Wilson  
Oriental Guide ..... Jim Miller  
Recorder ..... William Gross  
Treasurer ..... Terry Wihlen

### Appointed Divan

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I also congratulate Glenn Stahl and Craig Josephson on their re-election to the Board of Trustees.

### 2010 Kickoff

Now, let's have an excellent start to the year by inviting everyone to the Open Installation of your Officers on January 6th, which is the normal meeting night. Feel free to bring your family to our Shell-a-Buck Dinner. As the advertisement says, a Steak Dinner is available to members for \$1.00 who have paid their 2010 Dues. The cost for non-members will be \$8.00.

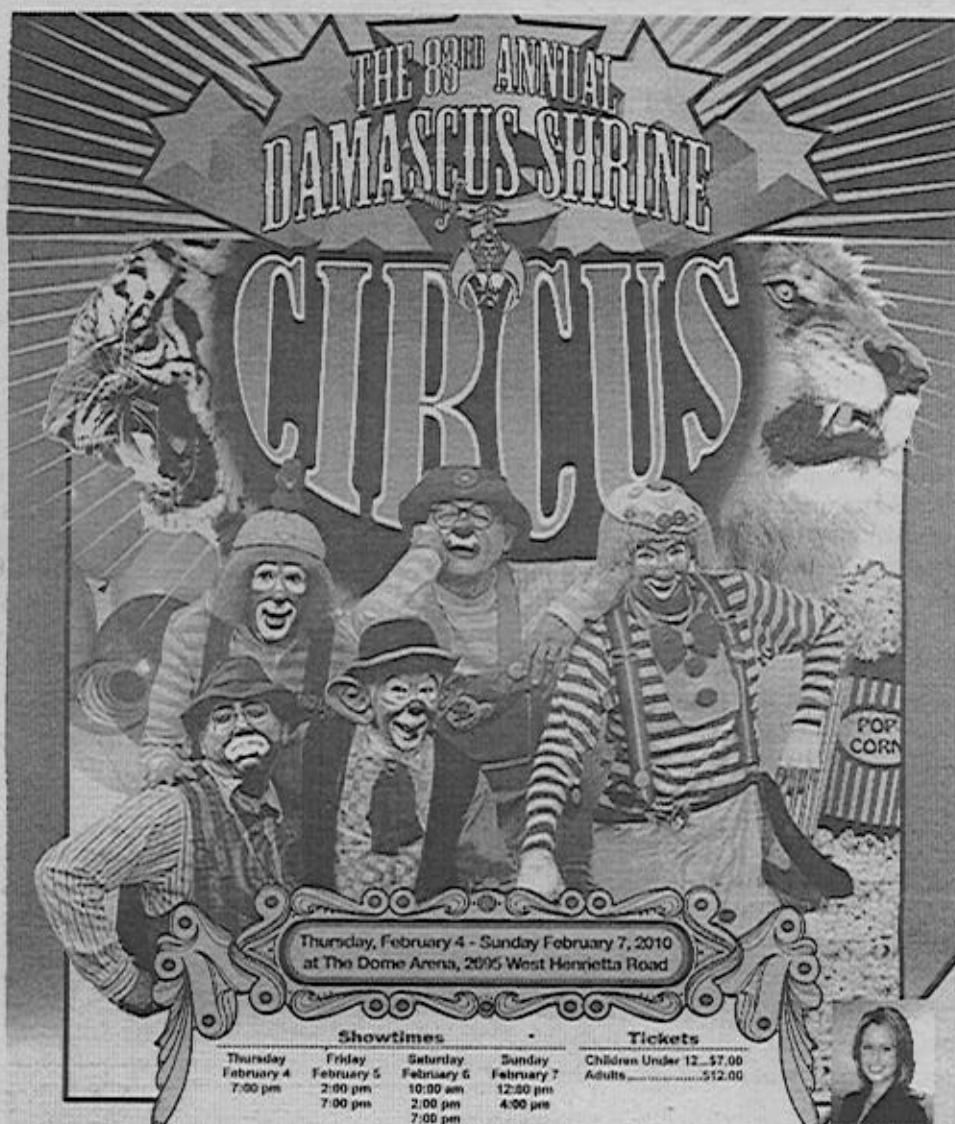
Our new Shrine Band, playing under the direction of Noble Frank Russell, will provide entertainment. Please join us for a night of good food and fun.

### Shrine Circus

As you know, there are preparations ongoing for our 2010 Shrine Circus. The dates are **February 4th — February 7th**.

This year our Circus will be held at the Dome Arena on East Henrietta Road in Henrietta. We are all looking forward to a successful Circus.

Some of the highlights will be our new Shrine Band, directed by Noble Frank Russell; our renewed Clown Unit that will perform two skits, written and directed by your High Priest and Prophet, Oscar Wilson, with assistance from the new Clown Unit President, Ken Ratcliff.



### Color Guard

We need assistance with our Color Guard. As you know, we have found ourselves short of members for our Color Guard. I thank the present and past members for their service with this Unit and wish them well. If there is anyone who is interested in this Unit, please call me or any member of the Divan to assist you. We will need additional assistance for the Color Guard at the Circus.

### No Meeting in February

Note there will be no general meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd because of this busy week.

### Damascus Yearbook

In the early part of this year, we are working on a yearbook for 2010. We are working closely with a company out of Ohio that will not only come to the Circus and the Shrine Center, but will also reach out to all the Clubs and Units to make it convenient for everyone to get their picture taken.

Places like Perry, Geneva, Auburn, Canandaigua and Wayne County Shrine Clubs can make arrangements with the photographer to attend one of their meetings to take photos. We are working on getting the information to the company so they can contact your Club or Unit President to ensure everyone is accommodated.

Once the photos are taken and the book is put together, it will be made available to all members at a cost of \$60. This will be a memorable book for this year. The good part is it doesn't cost the Shrine Center anything. In fact, the Shrine Center will get \$10 - \$15 for every book that is sold. More information will be avail-

able as we continue to coordinate with the company.

### Schedule Changes

With many financial issues facing us, I have decided to forego a Potentate's Ball this year. However, to replace the Ball, we will be making arrangements for an interactive play night on June 19th. This will be similar to Joey and Maria's Wedding, but is called "The Sopranos - Tony's Retirement Party." We will have food and LOTS of fun at this one. More details will be coming soon in the *Damascus News*.

Finally, we are heading for a great year. Obviously we have some financial issues facing us, but we have always come through no matter what. That is what our organization means to us and more than that, what our kids mean to us. We can expect great things in the future as we are all doing God's work! Be safe and may God bless you and your families in this coming year!

## Pictorial Directory



*Nobles and Ladies: We are going to be doing a pictorial directory in the next few months. We need everyone's participation to make our directory complete! More information will follow but please plan to participate.*

## Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles

John G. Frazier  
November 30, 2009

Robert C. Fisher  
September 28, 2009

John J. Pascucci  
November 18 2009





## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

In October, we had a wonderful meal and fellowship at the Old Erie Restaurant in Weedsport. It was great to see everyone and Larry Pritchard did a great job. There was so much to eat and choose from. I got to sit with the Stantons, the Pollards, the Colemans and the Palmers. Our President did a fine job conducting the meeting beginning with Ted Tennant giving grace and ending with his benediction. Much food was collected that night, as well as aluminum can tabs for the Hospital. Ken reported that Springfield Hospital will be kept open. Now it is time for our support to be even greater than in the past.

At the November meeting we signed up for ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Boy, doesn't it make a man's heart feel warm on a cold day to do something for someone else.

### Count Our Blessings

On a more serious note, if you missed the October meeting, I want to repeat a story told about the Food Pantry. It seems that a woman, neatly dressed, came to the Pantry in hopes of receiving some food for her family. Her husband had been laid off and they had been trying to make ends meet through her paycheck and the savings they had been able to accumulate. Then it got worse as she was laid off also. Not knowing where to turn, she turned to the Food Pantry. A gentleman helped her put items in bags and then proceeded to carry them to the car for the woman. When they reached the car, she began sobbing uncontrollably. The gentleman was startled by this and didn't know what to do. After a moment he asked if there was anything that had happened. She then related that she had never been in this position before and didn't know where to turn. She was overcome by the help at the Pantry and related that when she arose that

morning there were three slices of bread in the house.

This is an image burned in my memory. As this Winter season approaches, I will remember that, no matter who you are, the economy affects everyone. And though the Holidays are over, the need is not. Please help when and where you can.

### Share Your Ideas

The Officers of Auburn Shrine Club will be meeting in a few days to pencil in the meetings for 2010. If you know of a program you would like us to consider, please give John Cambareri a call. Programs can always be shifted and your suggestions may just be one of the best of the year.

### Dues

Dues for 2010 can be sent to Ken Pollard; 5173 Plaster Point Road; Cayuga, NY 13034 or brought to any meeting. Annual Dues are \$10.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 18th. It is hoped that the new Potentate will be our guest of honor. Please put it on your calendar now and hear what is new for the Shrine this year.

Speaking of Calendars ... I hope you bought one and that luck is with you. We know we are all lucky whether we win or not, as the Shrine benefits from our purchase. I bet if you call Larry Pritchard, you can still buy some. A late present is better than no present at all.

A cute sign I saw over the Holidays was "One day of Coal, 364 days of fun. I take my chances."

*Editor's Note:* I apologize to David Bowman and the Members of Auburn Shrine Club. David wrote and submitted an article on time for the December issue of Damascus News. It was typeset, proofed and reproduced; then it disappeared! We still don't know what happened ... we surmise elves working overtime.

## Calendar Winners for November

| DAY   | NO. | WINNER           | DAY   | NO. | WINNER         |
|-------|-----|------------------|-------|-----|----------------|
| 11/01 | 875 | Pam Burns        | 11/16 | 911 | Ronald Ford    |
| 11/02 | 062 | Shrine Center    | 11/17 | 157 | Paul Schenck   |
| 11/03 | 058 | Shrine Center    | 11/18 | 399 | Henry Funk     |
| 11/04 | 202 | Shrine Center    | 11/19 | 580 | Shrine Center  |
| 11/05 | 852 | Shrine Center    | 11/20 | 841 | Barbara Wasson |
| 11/06 | 078 | Shrine Center    | 11/21 | 149 | Tina Fuhrman   |
| 11/07 | 191 | Marilee Stollery | 11/22 | 286 | Rodney Graham  |
| 11/08 | 850 | Shrine Center    | 11/23 | 947 | Shrine Center  |
| 11/09 | 366 | Shrine Center    | 11/24 | 062 | Shrine Center  |
| 11/10 | 297 | Frank Guerri     | 11/25 | 065 | Shrine Center  |
| 11/11 | 686 | Shrine Center    | 11/26 | 597 | Nancy Merritt  |
| 11/12 | 547 | John Reed        | 11/27 | 207 | Karen Radecher |
| 11/13 | 825 | Shrine Center    | 11/28 | 647 | Shrine Center  |
| 11/14 | 888 | Shrine Center    | 11/29 | 461 | Joe Nye        |
| 11/15 | 694 | Ben Heselton     | 11/30 | 366 | Shrine Center  |



Fez-Head Fred (aka Matthew Muller) was at the All-Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party to greet the parents and children.

# January 6th Shell-a-buck Steak Dinner! with 2010 Dues Card Open Installation

Ladies, Guests or no card, \$8 per person  
(by order of Potentate-Elect)



By Gary Burke

### Membership Committee Update

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that the 2010 dates for your Spring and Fall Noble Bring-a-Friend and Ceremonials have been set. You can put them in your calendar and start working on getting those Petitions into the Recorder's Office so we can plan accordingly.

### The Spring Class

Noble Bring-a-Friend Event will be held on Saturday, March 27th, and the Ceremonial - Hot Sands will be held on Saturday, May 22nd. Yes, you are reading correctly, the Spring Ceremonial WILL

include a Hot Sands. For those new Nobles who have not had the opportunity to go through a Hot Sands Ceremony, you are invited to participate in the May 22nd presentation. Our Directors Staff is excited about this event and promise an outstanding Hot Sands for you.

### The Fall Class

Noble Bring-a-Friend Event will be on Saturday, October 16th, and the Ceremonial will be on Saturday, November 13th.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact either Gary Burke or Oscar Wilson, Membership Co-Chairmen.

**Remember, "If not you, then who?"**

If you don't reach out to that Lodge Brother who isn't yet a Shriner, who will? If you don't reach out to that friend or acquaintance who isn't a member of your Lodge, who will? In the words of Imperial Sir Jack Jones, "Unity Wins." When we support our Craft Lodge we all win.

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## EAST WEST SHRINE GAME

When the 2010 East-West Shrine Game teams take the field at the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando on January 23rd, it will be the final event in the players' week-long "interview with the NFL."

### A Time to Shine

For the players, an invitation to the East-West Shrine Game is a chance to showcase their abilities to play in a professional-level game before representatives of all 32 NFL teams. The professional level of the event is reinforced by the presence of an NFL-affiliated coaching staff, NFL officials and rules, ESPN network television coverage and even official NFL footballs... "Just Like on Sunday."

"The East-West Shrine Game is an interview, an audition. This is a very, very important game to NFL Scouts, who have a chance to see the players up close," said Doug Williams, Director of Pro Personnel for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and a member of the East-West Shrine Game Hall of Fame. Williams is just one of many NFL greats who played in the East-West Shrine Game; the list includes Brett Favre, Tom Brady, John Elway and 62 NFL Hall of Famers.

"Coming from a small school, the Game was a stage for me; an opportunity to show what I could do," said Williams, who played in the 1977 East-West Shrine Game and was a first-round Draft pick for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1979.

The East-West Shrine Game provides that same opportunity today. The 2008 Game's Offensive MVP, Josh Johnson, is now a quarterback for the Buccaneers.

For the NFL, the East-West Shrine Game is a resource.

"All-star games are vital to our clubs," said Ron Hill, Vice-President of Football Operations for the NFL. "Scouts get a week to look at and visit with the players and see how they react in a different setting."

### Career Opportunities

All 32 teams will have at least three to five scouts at the Game; several General Managers and Head Coaches will also be on hand.

"All the General Managers should be there, unless their teams are still playing," said Hill. "I'm looking forward to being there for the practices. It's important. If this game was on the moon, the NFL would be there."

"The quality of the players invited is very, very high. The game is very important to the NFL and to the players – it's another chance for them to show their ability and an opportunity for our Scouts and Coaches to spend time with them and see what we need to see," said Hill. What they see is a lot of potential.

In April 2009, 90 percent of players from the 84th East-West Shrine Game – played on Jan. 17, 2009 – were either drafted or signed as free agents by NFL clubs.

## January 23rd East-West Shrine Game: Resource for the NFL

The League provides significant support to the Game, including assistance assembling the coaching staff. Both the East and West teams will have one head coach and eight assistants with NFL affiliation.

Agents are aware of the benefits of the Game for their clients, as well.

"The East-West Shrine Game is unique; it's surrounded by a cause and has a particular identity," said Keenan Davis, President of 75 South Management Group and former NFL executive. "And, it has a premier relationship with the NFL that makes it a little larger than life. We have a player in the game – I'm ecstatic. The game is a platform for him to demonstrate he has the mental and physical abilities to excel at the next level."

### It's for the Kids

The cause behind the Game is important to everyone involved, as well.

"Every year, we hear from the players and the coaches that the highlight of the week is going to the Hospital to be with the kids," said Hill. "We're absolutely excited that the Game supports Shriners Hospitals for Children; we're pleased to be part of it and to help make it a success."

Shriners Hospitals for Children is an international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, without financial obligation to patients or their families. The organization depends on the generosity of donors and funds raised by special events, such as the East-West Shrine Game.

### Game History

The East-West Shrine Game is the oldest and one of the most respected of the post-season collegiate bowl games. Since 1925, the game has been known for its quality of players and coaches, as well as for the excitement of great college football action.

But that's not what makes it "Football's Finest Hour." What makes the East-West Game so special is its true purpose – helping to support Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Every year since 1925, the East-West Game has been played to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children and to help raise awareness about the expert pediatric orthopaedic, burn, spinal cord injury and cleft lip and palate care, available at no cost to patients and families, through the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The game is televised annually on ESPN, reaching more than 30 million viewers with the message of expert pediatric specialty care available through Shriners Hospitals for Children.

For more information about the East-West Shrine Game, visit:

[www.shrinegame.com](http://www.shrinegame.com)

## Damascus Legion of Honor Election & Installation of Officers Shell-a-Buck Dinner Wednesday, January 13th

at Damascus Shrine Center

979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour – 5:00 p.m. (Hors d'oeuvres ... Cash Bar)

Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

Spaghetti & Meatballs \* Tossed Salad  
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## Directors Staff Dinner Meeting

Wednesday,  
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## Damascus Shriners

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## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Alice Anderson

After a dinner meeting at the Lumbeyard Restaurant in November, Bob Anderson spoke about the Shriners Hospitals for Children, in general, with emphasis on Erie. He pointed out that our Shriners 22 Hospitals treat orthopedic, burns, cleft lip and palate and more. The budget for 2010 will be nearly \$2 million per day or around \$700 million per year. This money is raised from donations (\$250 million), investment income (\$250 million), and the remainder from realized gains on our investments.

### Budget Solutions

As you can see, there is a problem ... we are dipping into our endowment fund. At the Erie Hospital, which treats orthopedic problems for children without charge to them or their families, we are taking steps to reduce our \$11 million (2009) budget.

For 2010, we have reduced our budget by 5% to \$10.5 million and, in recognizing that medicine is going to same-day surgeries, we have proposed to move to being an ambulatory surgery and clinic facility. This reflects the fact that less than 10% of our current surgeries require overnight hospital stays (our average patient stays 1.7 days - well under the system average of 3.5).

In order to do this and continue to treat our children, we are going to partner with Hamot Hospital, a local Erie hospital. We will do our overnight surgeries at their facility. All care will be done by Shriners' doctors. This will allow us to expand the usage of our facility by turning the unused, overnight patient rooms into clinic facilities for other pediatric subspecialty secondary and tertiary care rooms. By renting that space to our partnering hospitals and providers, we can make our clinic facilities, operating rooms, radiology facilities, therapy rooms and gait lab available to more patients.

This will mean that more children will be treated at our facility at a reduced expense to the Shriners' endowment. In addition, we, and the Shrine system, are taking steps to take advantage of the insurance that covers 70% of our patients by arranging to bill those insurance companies. At Erie, we will first have our medical professionals bill for their services. We will cover the necessary co-pays and uncovered costs. With all of these efforts in place, we may be able to continue to reduce the outlay that Erie demands from the Shrine endowment.

We discussed Christmas donations to Erie Hospital. They do not need toys and animals. They really need monetary donations toward several of their specialized programs such as "Timmy's Day Out," Wheelchair Program and Adaptive Sports.

### Timmy's Day Out

Timmy's Day Out is a special Summer program that takes patients with spina bifida on excursions into the community to help them learn skills needed for their personal independence. Such excursions include visits to the zoo, museums, bowling, fishing and airplane rides. The kids have lunch out, a nutritionist teaches them about healthy choices and they are given money to purchase their own lunch. Many of these children have never been on outings like this. What an experience for them!

### Wheelchair Seating Program

The Wheelchair Seating Program is obviously expensive. About 21% of the kids aren't covered for wheelchairs and justification letters must be written to find funding. It takes over 3 hours to fit a child to their particular chair - taking into many considerations such as their drive-

way, housing, height, weight, how their condition will progress, etc. A "regular" wheelchair costs between \$2,000-\$7,000 and will hopefully last 3-5 years. The Power chairs cost up to \$26,000 and usually last 16-18 months. Remember these children are still growing and changing so their chairs must be changed.

### Adaptive Sports Programs

The Adaptive Sports Programs include bowling, sled hockey, wheelchair basketball, adaptive sailing programs, etc.

All of these programs (and more) are so important for these children to lead a happy and productive life. The Hospitals always need our support. Should you choose to send a check to Erie or give one at a Perry Shrine Club meeting, be sure and make a notation in the memo field of the check, which program you would like to sponsor. Let's help make their year a special one.

### Christmas Party

What a wonderful turnout we had at the National Hotel with 31 people attending the party. The food was delicious and the reindeer antlers on the waitresses were interesting. Glad I didn't have to wear one! It was nice to have Gary Burke in attendance, as usual. It is nice to see someone from the Divan.

### Election of Officers

We had elections of Officers and our leaders for 2010 are:

**President** - Bob Cox

**Vice-President** - Doug Seeber

**Treasurer** - Ken Buckley

We also thanked Ed Hollwedel for his years as President and all his hard work. Thank you also goes to Russ Gillett for being Treasurer for many, many years. Where would we be without our volunteers?

Perry Shrine Club voted to donate \$500 directly to Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie for Timmy's Day Out Program. We also raised another \$265 from a raffle and other donations. People at Perry have a wonderful charitable attitude that all of us should have toward the Hospitals. After all, it is ALL ABOUT THE KIDS! Bob will deliver the money in January when he is at the Erie Hospital. Thank you so much!!

### January Meeting

This meeting will be held at Lumbeyard on January 28th. Phil Cox has arranged for a speaker on "The Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes." Don't miss it ... it promises to be interesting! See you there!

## Shriners Hospitals for Children



Douglas E. Maxwell  
President and CEO

### Excerpts from Fall Report to Hospital Representatives:

The "Joint Boards" have just concluded a most successful Fall Board Meeting. Many progressive initiatives are moving forward...but first, some wonderful news.

On November 4th, we began seeing "Burns" children again in our Galveston Hospital. These were our first children there since Hurricane Ike came through Galveston on September 12th, 2008. We once again have our "Burns Presence" in the South Central United States.

### Erie Shriners Hospital Announces Plans to Transition Inpatient Care and Expand Outpatient Services

Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie, is embarking on an exciting journey that will ensure its patients continue to receive the highest quality medical care available for years to come. SHC-Erie has announced a cooperative integration with Hamot Medical Center in Erie to deliver Inpatient care at Hamot.

Under this new arrangement, any Shriners patient that requires true Inpatient surgery (not same-day-surgery), will have that surgery performed at Hamot Medical Center. The surgery will be performed by Shriners' doctors, nurses and other OR staff. Their post-surgical recovery will occur in Hamot's pediatric unit that will also carry the "Shriners Hospitals for Children" brand. Shriners Hospital will continue to provide full coordination of the patients' overall care.

Over the past several years, the Erie Shriners Hospital has become much more focused on Outpatient care. Today, most of the hospital's patients are treated on

My heartfelt thanks to our Houston Hospital Board of Governors and Staff for the help they gave the Galveston employees, while they were doing our "Burns Mission" in our Houston Hospital, on a temporary basis.

### New Strategies

The Joint Boards' recommendation is for the Erie Hospital to become the first "Ambulatory Model." (See adjacent article for more on the Erie Hospital.)

The next three hospitals are "Works in Process." Spokane Hospital is going to be our first hospital to have Price Waterhouse Cooper do a Gap Analysis.

Shreveport Hospital is continuing discussions with our affiliated partner LSU Medical School about a potential integration of the School into our building.

Springfield Hospital is also continuing to have discussions with Bay State Medical Center about an integration of Bay State's "services" into our building. Proposed ideas are to have SHC Springfield remain a hospital, but only be open 5 days a week. There is also a proposal to do the complex surgeries at Bay State Medical Center.

We are continuing to look for other Potential Lease Opportunities for the purpose of Revenue Generation in all our hospitals, which includes on-going negotiations with six other hospitals to see if a "Modified Care Presence" will work.

an Outpatient basis. Therefore, these changes will impact only a small portion of Shriners patients who need the type of Inpatient care that will now be delivered through this cooperative arrangement with Hamot.

The target date for the Inpatient integration to occur is April 30th, which gives both hospitals ample time to prepare for a smooth transition.

With these changes, the Erie hospital will transition itself into an Ambulatory Care Facility and expand its Outpatient services including physician clinics, same-day surgery, rehabilitation therapies, radiology and motion analysis. The hospital expects to see its Outpatient services increase in the years to come.

The Erie Shriners Hospital is currently working with local and regional health care providers to look at ways to enhance pediatric sub-specialty care in Erie, using the Erie hospital as a base for these pediatric providers.

### Specialized Care at No Cost to Families

Shriners Hospital patients who require Inpatient surgery at Hamot Medical Center will continue to receive their care at no cost to their families. If the child's family has insurance, Hamot will bill that insurance carrier, however, Shriners

Hospitals for Children will cover co-payments, deductibles and other expenses directly related to the surgery. Shriners Hospitals will also continue to cover the costs of any child who does not have insurance.

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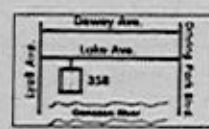
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not limited to, the Brotherhood of ERAC. I take for example ...

- The quiet, steady work of W.: Rich Greenaway with the Ronald McDonald House, our widows, any and all new Candidate interviews, mentoring and countless other deeds.

- Brother Patrick Mulrooney's endless dedication to the Craft, his support of the Brotherhood and tireless effort to "get it right."

- Brother John Hellaby's ability to just always be there with a hand, a kind word and forthright ability to let me know when things are not working as they should be.

- The happy, jovial spirit of the Brothers in our past two Initiate classes "ringing the bell," opening doors and wishing the best of Holidays to all who pass us by for the Salvation Army.

My Brothers, please be one with me this coming year to celebrate the opportunities before us, to give and grow...to learn and develop...and to continue to chip away at the corners of our rough Ashlar. The New Year brings an end to last year's struggles, disappointments, achievements, celebrations, etc., but also opens the door to opportunity and a future of our making. We will have our struggles, assuredly, but I walk forward, confidently with the support of my Brothers in Lodge and the District. This year, we will continue to make a difference to our families, friends and communities.

**Upcoming Events**

January 11th - Table Lodge (Will be a great night! Make your reservation now!!)

January 25th - 2nd Degree Celebration

January 30th - Have-a-Heart Campaign (This will be a Saturday; more details to follow)

My Brothers, our Officers continue to work diligently to give you the best programs available, high attention to Ritual and jovial fellowship. Please make every effort to join us throughout the coming meetings. You will not be disappointed. ✕

**O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759**

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

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza (or whatever you celebrate) and a may your New Year be happy and full of joy. I know we are all still mumbling about the state of the economy, but we should all be thankful for what we have - our families, our health and our Fraternity. I believe that this difficult period is a great time for us all to reflect on the true meaning of this Holiday Season. It is not just a time for getting presents and riotous celebration; it is a time of remembrance and renewal of our faith.

Before the Holidays began, we had a busy night on December 9th. This Communication marked our 2nd Degree Ritual and attendance was great.

Again, we had a big group of Candidates and the evening went on pretty late, but the Degree work was especially gratifying. W.: Brother Mike Morris gave a stirring rendition of the Middle Chamber Lecture and Brother David Coon gave the Charge to the new Fellowcraft. Both Brothers were from Fairport-Flower City Lodge (Hmmm, do you think Fairport-Flower City is trying to overpower Fort Oatka for that luminous wandering mallet?). Thank you, Brothers, for all your hard work and special time spent with us. This troop of Fellowcraft is a very eager group of new Brothers who are extremely interested in learning as much as they can about the Fraternity. They are also very excited about pitching in on Lodge events. It is so refreshing to see such enthusiasm.

The dinner preceding provided a feast of great variety. Not much was left afterwards and we owe a special thanks to Shelle White for providing food for the palate, serving the food and cleaning up following the meal.

Several guests attended this Degree Night and we even discovered a spy within the walls of Fort Oatka. It seems very strange that for both Degrees, now, we have seen Brothers from that Lodge in Pittsford. I, however, will not disclose the Lodge's name or the name of their undercover operative until we have fully interrogated him, that is. Can you say water boarding? I do know we have now posted guards at the front door and we are going to begin challenging any person approaching by due trial, strict examination and lawful Masonic information. Don't worry, you Brothers of that unnamed Lodge, I have not forgotten what happened to me when I was there attempting to reclaim the honor of Fort Oatka.

In addition to several other visiting Brethren, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, DDGM, and V.: W.: Harry DeHollander, AGL, were present to observe our Ritual work and to fulfill the requirements of our Dispensation.

Brothers, you are always welcome to Fort Oatka and we promise we will not challenge you. We may ask for your assistance in fending off the would-be forces of despicable "Traveling Gavel" thieves, though.

Just another reminder ... we will be having a Regular Communication on January 13th, to present the 1st Degree Historical Lecture to the new Brothers, and then on January 16th, (Saturday) we will be having a special Communication for the Conferral of the 3rd Degree.

On January 27th, we will conclude this round of Degree Work with the Lodge Walk-About Program at that Regular Communication.

**A Sprig of Acacia**

My Brothers, despite the gaiety of the Season some of our Fraternal family are grieving from the passing of their beloved Freemasons. It becomes my sad duty to inform you that Brother Howard Coles, Brother Dale Fones and W.: Brother John Pascucci have all laid down their working tools, joining the Great Architect of the Universe this past November. Please keep each of their families in your thoughts and prayers to give them strength and guidance during their sorrowful loss. ✕

**Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109**

2nd Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.



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By Michael Hueston

Happy New Year to all members of Valley-Simes Lodge. By now all the Holiday parties are behind us and we are starting a busy January for the Officers. My thanks to everyone who attended our Annual Holiday Party; it was great to see all the toys that were donated for the children at the Shrine Hospitals. It was great to have our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, and his wife, Judy, join us to help celebrate. A really big thank you for all the hard work that Richard and Rita Snyder did to help



Rita Snyder (center), stands with Ill. Bruce Chilton, Damascus Potentate, and Terry Wihlen, Sr., Treasurer and Erie Hospital Representative, along side tree surrounded by 100 gifts from the ladies of Valley-Simes Lodge for Erie Hospital children.

make the holiday celebration a success. Brother Snyder also coordinated the lovely holiday poinsettias that were delivered to the widows. Again, thank you for your efforts, Richard. I'm sure the plants were a nice touch for the Holidays.

**Upcoming Events**

January will be busy as the Officers have been preparing for the 1st Degree. As of this writing, we have two Candidates ready to receive the Degree.

January 5th - Officers meeting at Nelson Bertch's house;

rehearsal for the 1st Degree starts at 6 p.m.

Please help make the Degree a success. Your attendance is very important and helps make a good first impression of our Lodge.

January 12th - Lodge meeting with a dinner starting at 6 p.m. at the Shrine Center

January 19th - Rehearsal for the 1st Degree. Location and time TBD

January 26th - 1st Degree at the Shrine Center; Dinner at 6 p.m. ✕

**Livingston District**

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"Happy New Year" everyone! I hope your New Year's resolutions are simple ones and easy to keep. If you are looking for a resolution for this year, please consider this one: "Keep your Lodge meeting nights on your calendar and make an extra effort to join us!"

I am looking forward to this New Year and I expect that 2010 will continue the positive trends that started last year.

Last month was a pleasant one, with a number of events occurring during the first half of December. R.: W.: Roy Moses and I had a great time visiting Genesee-Wyoming District. We had the pleasure to participate in their Grand Lodge Officers' homecoming meeting. We also traveled to Albion to attend Renovation Lodge's Dedication of a new Masonic Lodge Building. The Grand Line was there to perform the ceremony and they did a wonderful job.

We held our Fellowcraft MDC meeting. There were a number of Brothers attending and it is always interesting to review the many parts from the Middle Chamber Lecture and discuss the symbolism associated with the Degree. As usual, I learned something new from the Brothers and I hope they did, too.

**Upcoming Events**

January appears to be the month of the "Master Mason". There are four Lodges in the District that are having Master Mason Degrees.

First up will be Mt. Morris Lodge. They will be holding their Master Mason Degree on Saturday, January 9th starting at 3 p.m.

Union Lodge and Livonia Lodge will be having a combined Master Mason Degree on Thursday, January 14th.

Nunda Station Lodge will be having their Master Mason Degree on Tuesday, January 19th. If there are Brothers in the District or area who would like to attend any of these Degrees, I know you would be cordially and Fraternally welcomed.

We will be holding our last combined *Masonic Development Course*, on the Master Mason Degree, Wednesday, January 13th. It will be held at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. If there are any Brothers who are interested in attending, please contact R.: W.: Joe Shanks.

This month our *Schools of Ritual* are starting up again. For our meetings this year, R.: W.: Roy Moses is continuing the same format from last year. We will be holding the four different schools around the District and each meeting will be organized for two Lodges to participate. The "work" of the evening will be the First Section of the Entered Apprentice Degree. It will be the responsibility of the Masters of the two Lodges to work together and organize the Degree work amongst their members. For Brothers who may be interested in joining us here is our current schedule:

**Livingston District Schools of Ritual**

Starting Time - 7 p.m.

January 11th - Host-Eunice; Companion-Avon Springs

January 26th - Host-Livonia; Companion-Union

February 8th - Host-Mt. Morris; Companion-Genesee

February 24th - Host-Phoenix; Companion-Nunda Station

**"Have-a-Heart" Campaign**

This year's "Have-a-Heart" Campaign will be starting on January 30th and continue to February 14th. They are expecting to do ever better than last year! There will be teams formed for the three regional Malls and the committee is looking to our Lodges to help with the schedules. I know that last year the Livingston District Lodges were a big help and I know we can help out again this year! Please contact W.: George Foehner to see how we can assist with the Campaign.

I remind all Brothers in the District that our January Livingston District Association meeting will be on Monday, January 25th, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is being held at Mt Morris Lodge Hall. The Association Vice-President, W.: Steve Shull, will need your attendance numbers for the dinner, which will be starting at 6:30 p.m. It is important you plan to attend to learn what the other Lodges in our District are doing for the next couple of months. ✕

**Grand Steward Livingston District**

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I hope everyone had a great Holiday. The last session of the *Masonic Development Course* is January 6th.

The *Road to the East Course* will be February 6th, 13th and 20th, with Genesee-Wyoming and Monroe Districts joining Livingston. It will be at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia starting

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## Grand Steward, LIV Continued from Page 13

around 8:30 a.m. I hope we have a good turnout.

It's nice to see Union, Livonia, Mt. Morris, Phoenix and Nunda Station Lodges conferring the 3rd Degree.

Thank you, Brothers, for all your support during my term as your Staff Officer. ✕

## Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

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



Master

W.: William R. Wright, Jr.  
476-2383

Secretary

R.: W.: Gerald J. Hussong  
476-2739

The Holidays are over and all the Masons in Nunda Station Lodge wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

At our December meeting, R.: W.: Phil Cox received his 45-year Certificate. It was very rewarding for him and all the Brothers of our Lodge, because Phil works hard at being a Mason. He and I are, at present, going through the Degrees to become 32° Scottish Rite Masons.

December 15th saw us enjoying our Annual Oyster Stew along with a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We heard from Conner Cox, son of Brother Jerry

Cox, the young man whom our Lodge sponsored to go to Camp Turk. He elaborated upon his experiences and was grateful for the opportunity to go to camp.

### Upcoming Events

January 5th - 3rd Degree rehearsal.

January 19th - 3rd Degree; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; the Degree at 7:30 p.m.

### "Have-a-Heart" Campaign

It's that time again ... "Have-a-Heart" Campaign for Ronald McDonald House - The House that Love Built.

We will be staffing on February 6th at the Marketplace Mall in Henrietta from 12 noon - 3 p.m. GET INVOLVED and sign up early so that Nunda Station Lodge has a good showing of Brothers.

GET INVOLVED - don't just be a card-carrying member ... carry it proudly on your sleeve. I look forward to seeing YOU at the next meeting. ✕

## Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.



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By R.: W.: Gordon Bell

Greetings from "The Big Stone Building on the Circle in Caledonia. Another month has

passed and we are now starting a new year.

We closed our year with a Holiday Dinner. Forty members, family and guests were present. "Chef Ricardo" presented us with an excellent Roast Beef Dinner. Thanks, Rick, for the great dinner and also for decorating our dining room.

Our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: John Gallant, attended and gave us greetings from Grand Lodge. At this time R.: W.: Gallant had Brother Hugh Outterson and his wife, Barbara, escorted to the front of our group where Brother Hugh was presented with his 60-Year Certificate and Pin.

Brother Outterson gave us a preview of his life in Caledonia. His grandfather was the owner of our Lodge building and ran an Inn here in the late 1800s. Brother Hugh's father was Master of Eunice Lodge in 1944, which influenced his becoming a Mason. Brother Hugh graduated from the University of Rochester and Colgate Divinity School; he was a Presbyterian Minister in the Rochester Area until his retirement.

### Dues

Brothers, please try to attend a meeting or give us some ideas on how we can keep Eunice alive. Remember your Dues for 2010 if you haven't sent in your check. Also, remember the Brotherhood Fund. We all need your help.

Hope to see you all soon in the Big Stone Building on the Circle in Caledonia. Please note ... If you can't climb stairs, the Magic Chair will take you from the 1st floor up to the 2nd. ✕

## Rochester Forest No. 133

Tall Cedars  
of Lebanon  
of North America

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

F. Edward "Ted" Powley, GTC  
(315) 483-2745

Donald C. Bell, Scribe  
334-7768

By Ted Powley

Tall Cedars, Happy 2010! I am honored to have been elected your new Grand Tall Cedar and my thanks to Cy White for his leadership in 2009. We enjoyed another season of life, joy and growth in our Forest. I am particularly happy that Rochester Forest No. 133 has a progressive Line and we move forward in our Offices each year. This annual change keeps our Forest alive with different goals and perspectives. We will be discussing this more at our first meeting of the New Year and it would be great to have as many Woodsmen as possible attend on January 28th to accomplish this. I thank Tall Cedar, Don Brugger, for his encouragement to express my thoughts, in writing, to you each month.

### The New Year

In 2010, I would like us to return to our social side a bit more and have some moments of light humor each month. On the serious side, I am relatively new to Cedarism and would like to have a series of "Cedar Moments" at our meetings to learn more history or lessons. We have had the moving story in Rochester about the cedar wood

from the Forests of Lebanon, donated by Kel (Easton) Kelsey, that supports our Altar Bible.

I was very excited to hear that a District Deputy had expressed his desire to visit our Forest in 2009. Maybe we can explore this further and make it happen in 2010 or attend our Supreme Forest Annual Convention in Pennsylvania. There's a good possibility we are missing something important by not meeting other Tall Cedars outside our Forest.

Lastly, being from the far east of our Forest, Sodas, I look forward to getting to know my fellow Tall Cedars better, their personal stories, their families and interests, our support of the Tall Cedar Foundation for Muscular Dystrophy research and the local Muscular Dystrophy effort. Let's begin all of this on January 28th at 7:30 p.m.

### Sickness and Distress

George Springett's surgery has to be rescheduled. As soon as he has a date, he will let us know.

Joe Raubar's wife has been cleared by her surgeon, but some radiation therapy will be required.

Please keep these Woodsmen and their families in your thoughts.

We are saddened to report the passing of Cedurette Betty Tripp, widow of Elden Tripp, one of the Charter Members of Rochester Forest.

Let's get those Petitions in and make this a banner year for reMembering our Forest. We can initiate "Short Form" at any meeting. We usually confer the Degrees in October. ✕

## Genesee-Wyoming

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Assistant Grand Lecturer  
Dennis Parmeter  
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## Olive Branch

Lodge No. 39, F. & A.M.

1st Wednesday  
7:30 p.m.



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By Doug Poole, Secretary

Hope you have all survived the Holidays and had a chance to rest, refresh and reflect. Each new year comes with hope that things will be better and peace will rule our world.

Our December meeting was quite busy. We were honored to

have the Official Visit of R.: W.: John Cook, District Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by R.: W.: Wayne Patridge, Grand Steward. We were glad to have them and hear the Grand Master's Message.

While at Olive Branch Lodge, they had the honor of presenting Brother Clayton Dimmick, DSA, his 50-year Apron. Last year, Clayton stepped down as Treasurer after a long term. Also, he was responsible for overseeing maintenance of the old building. The Lodge owes him a debt of gratitude.

We also thank the Brothers from around the District who attended. Even one Brother from over-the-hill who came fashionably late. It was a good learning experience for our new Tiler and Junior Deacon. So thank you, Bob, for the educational minute.

Keep your calendars handy as we plan to announce the Winter Party shortly. It will be an open affair for Lodge families, Eastern Star members, Surviving Spouses and potential members. Should be a fun evening for all.

### A Quick Reminder

Please send in your Dues and Brotherhood Fund contributions. Master Neil Bedford is really pushing to increase our contributions. Thanks to those who have already given. See you round the Altar! ✕

## Oakland Lodge

No. 379, F. & A.M.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
(Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)



Master  
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E. Smith  
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Secretary

W.: Richard L. Smith  
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I'm sitting down on the eve of our first Winter storm and am, once again, reminded why I'm so envious of our Brothers who migrate South for the Winter months. Nothing like waking up and seeing that I have a driveway full of snow that needs to be removed before heading off to work for the day.

We had a surprise visit by Brother John Wahl at our November 17th Communication. Brother Wahl has been a member of Oakland Lodge since 1974 and currently lives in Utah where he remains active in our beloved organization. Brother Wahl just happened to be traveling through Wyoming County the night of our Communication

and decided to join us. It was a pleasure to meet Brother Wahl and listen to his experiences of living in Utah on both a personal and Masonic level. We hope to see Brother Wahl on a future visit to our area.

### Masonic Anniversaries

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

1995 - Daniel Hamilton

1998 - Thomas Delude and Thomas Kemp

2004 - Arthur Robinson

Oakland Lodge has only one scheduled Communication for the month of January. The Communication will take place on Tuesday, January 5th. We will have a short business meeting and further planning on when we are going to perform the Ritual of the 1st Degree, whether we have a Candidate or use a proxy.

### Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is in

full swing and donations to this important Fund have been coming in. The best place to make your donation is at our monthly Communications. Please forward your donations to our Chairman, Kenneth E. Smith; 137 Lake Street; LeRoy, NY 14482, if you are unable to attend. If you are making your donations via mail, please include the area of designation in the memo portion of your check.

Happy New Year! Never let us forget those who could not make it home for the Holidays because they are away from loved ones fighting to keep our great nation free and safe. Hopefully, all those in our armed services can experience some happy, healthy and safe days throughout the New Year.

May the blessings of heaven fall upon my fellow Brothers and their families wherever they may be throughout the world. ✕

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(l-r) W.: Neil Bedford, Master; Brother Clayton Dimmick; R.: W.: John Cook, DDGM; R.: W.: Wayne Patridge, Grand Steward.



## In Memoriam

### Robert A. Brown

Robert Brown, 75, departed his Earthly family December 16th. His wife, Beverly, 2 children and 2 grandchildren, survive him. Bob was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

### Abraham E. Chait

Abraham Chait found loving peace in the arms of the Lord December 6th. His wife, Phylis, 2 children and 1 grandchild will remember him. Abe was a 60-year member of ERAC Lodge and a World War II Veteran who served in the European Theatre. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

### Kenneth "Mike" Crossett

Kenneth "Mike" Crossett, 74, passed away November 28th leaving his wife, Betty, 4 children and 6 grandchildren will keep his memory in their hearts forever. Mike was a member of Milnor Lodge. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

### Robert C. Fisher

We have received word that Robert Fisher departed from a lively life of accomplishments September 28th. Robert was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Jesters and RO Scotland. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

### John G. Frazier

John Frazier, 89, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven November 30th. John was a 54-year Mason and member of Seneca Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

### Eugene A. Hutter

Gene Hutter entered Eternal Peace December 13th. His loving companion, Betty Jane Reisinger, will remember him. He was a member of Fame Lodge for more than 50 years and belonged to Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter, O.E.S. Gene served in the Army, a Veteran of World War II. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Glenwood G. Ide

Glen Ide went to the waiting arms of his wife November 29th. For over 60 years, Glen was a member of Craftsman Robertson and Clio Lodges, Scottish Rite and Hiram Chapter. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

### Ralph S. Loiacono

Ralph Loiacono, 90, went to the Celestial Lodge December 1st. His wife of 62 years, Marian, 3 children, 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren are left to cherish his memory. Ralph was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

### Richard J. McInerney

Richard McInerney, 89, embraced those who walked before him December 20th. Four children, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren will cherish his memory. Dick was a 58-year member of Webster Lodge. No length of time can take away our thoughts of you today.

### John J. Pascucci

John Pascucci, 78, entered peacefully into rest on November 18th. His wife, Mary Lou, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren will keep his memory in their hearts. John was a member of Oatka Lodge and Shrine. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

## Widows to be Remembered

**Doris B. Loomis**, widow of Arthur Loomis (ERAC Lodge), passed away December 7th.

**Betty Jane Tripp**, 88, widow of H. Elden Tripp (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away November 24th.

## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### FEBRUARY

- 1st-14th Have-a-Heart Campaign at Area Malls
- 4th-7th Shrine Circus at the Dome Arena
- 6th Road to the East, Caledonia
- 13th Road to the East, Caledonia
- 20th Road to the East, Caledonia

### MARCH

- 31st Masters & Wardens, (Dinner @ 6) 6:30 p.m., Scottsville
- 31st School of Ritual, 7:30 p.m., Scottsville

### APRIL

- 9th-10th 2010 College of Freemasonry, Shrine Center
- 13th-15th MSAT Workshop, Utica
- 24th Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin
- 29th Masters & Wardens, Penfield

### MAY

- 3rd-4th Grand Lodge Sessions in New York City
- 28th Joint Investiture Service

### JUNE

- 29th Masters & Wardens, Webster

## Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen

"Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society."

Supreme Court Justice,  
Oliver Wendell Holmes

### Four Tax Incentives

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides tax incentives for first-time homebuyers, people purchasing new cars, those interested in making their homes more energy efficient and parents and students paying for college. Here are four things the Internal Revenue Service wants you to know about tax incentives for individuals:

**1. New Vehicle Purchase Incentive** - Qualifying taxpayers can deduct the state and local sales and excise taxes paid on the 2009 purchase of new cars, light trucks, motor homes and motorcycles. The deduction per vehicle is limited to the tax on up to \$49,500 of the purchase price of each qualifying vehicle and phases out for taxpayers at higher income levels.

**2. Tax Credit for First Four Years of College** - The American Opportunity Credit can help parents and students pay part of the cost of the first four years of college. The new credit modifies the existing Hope Credit for tax years 2009 and 2010, making it available to a broader range of taxpayers. Eligible taxpayers may qualify

for the maximum annual credit of \$2,500 per student.

**3. Certain Computer Technology Purchases** - The Act allows 529 Plans to add computer technology to the list of college expenses that can be paid for by a qualified tuition program, commonly referred to as a 529 plan. For 2009 and 2010, the law expands the definition of qualified higher education expenses to include expenses for computer technology and equipment or Internet access and related services.

**4. Energy-Efficient Home Improvements** - The credit for non-business, energy-efficient improvements is increased for homeowners who make qualified improvements to existing homes. The new law increases the credit rate to 30-percent of the cost of all qualifying improvements and raises the maximum credit limit to \$1,500 claimed for 2009 and 2010 combined.

The credit applies to improvements such as adding insulation, energy-efficient exterior windows and energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems.

To qualify as "energy efficient" for purposes of this tax credit, products generally must meet higher standards than the standards for the credit that was available in 2007.

Manufacturers must certify that their products meet new standards and they must provide a written statement to the taxpayer such as with the packaging of the product or in a printable format on the manufacturer's website.

Qualifying improvements must be placed into service after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011.

The improvements must be made to the taxpayer's principal residence located in the United States.

Taxpayers must claim the credit on the Tax Return for the year that the improvements are made.

Homeowners who have been considering some energy efficient home improvements may find these tax credits will get them bigger tax savings this year.

Electric vehicles that are eligible for the qualified plug-in, electric-drive motor vehicle credit include low-speed vehicles, passenger vehicles and light trucks. The amount of the credit is equal to the sum of \$2,500 plus \$417 for each kilowatt-hour of traction battery capacity in excess of four kilowatt-hours. The maximum credit can range from \$7,500 to \$15,000, depending on the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle.

### Upcoming Due Dates

January 15th - December Payroll Taxes and Fourth Quarter IRS Estimated Tax

January 31st - W2s and 1099s mailed to recipient

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# York Rite NEWS

York Rite College  
Judas Maccabeus

## Hiram Chapter



No. 62

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

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### The Season

At this festive time of year, those of us with means should make provision for those in need, or so the two gentlemen said to Scrooge. This is a festive time of year and all Companions should consider the ways they can assist their favorite charity or the Grand Chapter charities. Closer to home, Companions should look to those organizations and activities in the area that could use our help at this time of year. All Masons, and especially Companions, have a special charge to help those who need assistance as liberally as their necessities may require and their ability may permit.

With that said, we wish all our Companions and Masons a very Happy New Year. 2010 will give each of us many opportunities. Let us hope we recognize and take advantage of all the opportunities that may appear.

### The Coming Year

At our Annual Meeting in December, the Companions of Hiram Chapter present re-elected me and the current Line to our current Offices. That means I will be serving as the High Priest for the coming year. I am grateful the Companions feel I have done a decent job this last year and wish I continue to do a good job. We will continue making sure there is an informational and educational part of each of our Convocations where Degree Work is not being performed. We will be working to improve our Ritual Work for the benefit of our Candidates and the Companions. This past year we have had Companions and Candidates present from other Chapters at our Degree Work. This shows that we are doing well, but we can always improve our work.

Our program for the coming year is still under development, but I assure that you will find much to learn and enjoy at our meetings. We will be working on using email to inform our Companions of coming events.

### Most Excellent Master

The Most Excellent Master Degree is the 3rd Degree in the Chapter set of four Degrees. It is unique in the York Rite, and in much of the rest of Freemasonry, in that it celebrates the completion of a project, namely the completion of King Solomon's Temple. The Degree celebrates the completion and dedication of the Temple. No other Degree celebrates a completion like the Most Excellent Master Degree. The Degree is the last step in the construction of King Solomon's temple that starts, Masonically, in the 3rd Degree and continues in the Chapter Mark Master Mason Degree. It also celebrates the dedication of the temple and all activities that needed to be

accomplished for its dedication.

I think the deeper meaning of this Degree sometimes gets lost between the Mark Master Mason Degree and the Royal Arch Degree. Without the Most Excellent Master Degree the key-stone found in the Mark Master Mason Degree would not find its rightful place in the Temple, it being the key to completing the main arch of the temple.

The MMM Degree does not place the keystone, just discovers it. The Royal Arch Degree is about the building of the second temple and the finding of what was lost when the original temple was destroyed. Without the MEM Degree the meaning of the Mark Master Mason Degree and the relevance of the Royal Arch Degree would not be present. It is, therefore, incumbent on each Companion to spend more time looking into the lessons taught by the Most Excellent Master Degree.

We could work at explaining our interpretation of the Degree, but that is not how Masonry works. Each Degree attempts to build a basis for the individual Mason to determine the significant meaning for his own life. Isn't that one reason we are Masons, to learn how to improve ourselves and become better men.

### Musings

It will be the goal of the Chapter in the coming years to build a meeting structure where all the Companions will find enjoyment, education and Companionship with a reasonable time for ending our meeting. We want to assure that no Companion is bored or uninterested at a meeting. In addition, it will be our goal to do our Degree work in the best and most efficient way, while not changing the Ritual.

We are looking forward to a good year and invite all our Companions to come to our Convocations for education, information and Companionship.

In conclusion, as Tiny Tim said, "God bless us all, every one." Let us all look forward to a wonderful year.

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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3rd Monday

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### Happy New Year!

My hope is that you all had a most joyous and blessed Christmas. I wish you all a very prosperous and Happy New Year.

My deep thanks to our Deputy Zone Commander, Sir Knight Donald Brugger, Eminent Past Commander and Sir Knight and Reverend Charles Roberts, Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of New York (and Past Commander) for their outstanding leadership in preparing and directing the Order of Malta at

the Zone 11 Pilgrimage held at Palmyra December 5th. As always, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery performed an excellent Order. I especially thank Sir Knight Roberts for stepping in at the last minute as the Prior. Also, thank you, Captain General, Sir Knight William Flesher, as we needed him as one of the Banner Guards. Thank you Don, Chuck and Bill.

### Welcome New Sir Knights!

Another outstanding result happened at the Palmyra Pilgrimage where Cyrene-Monroe Commandery Knighted three wonderful Brethren. Welcome Sir Knights Dennis King, Scott Mason and Benny Vitullo. My hope is you all experienced a very rewarding and meaningful day.

### Christmas Toast

By the time you read this article Cyrene-Monroe Commandery would have had a wonderful Christmas Toast. Thanks to Sir Knight and Reverend Charles Roberts, who has always been the backbone behind our execution of both our Christmas Toasts and Easter Observances. Chuck, thanks for developing the program and for printing the handout for a great Toast.

### Upcoming Events

Our Annual Inspection this year is on Monday, March 15th. As required, we will be Opening and Closing in Full Form. In addition, there are elements of each of our Orders that need to be recited by members of the Commandery. I have volunteers to present three of the six sections that are the requirements this year. At our last meeting all the parts for the "Ritual" sections were filled. Thanks to the Sir Knights who stepped up and volunteered to take a part. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Pittsford Masonic Hall. We will have dinner prior to Inspection. In preparation for this event my plans are to open in Full Form for all meetings, so we can rehearse and help insure a successful Inspection.

I will leave it to our Deputy Zone Commander to determine if we should set up any rehearsal sessions. If so, we will communicate the date(s), time and place via a separate Communication.

### Easter Sunrise Service Washington, DC

One of the wonderful aspects of being a Knights Templar is our devotion to Jesus Christ. The most important date in our Faith is the time we celebrate our Lord's death (his sacrifice for our sins) and resurrection (his defeat over death). One of the best ways to celebrate this wonderful event is to participate in the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar's Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, DC. Once again, members of both Zone 11 and 12 will be traveling to Washington for the weekend of Easter - April 2-4, 2010.

The headquarter hotel will once again be the Hilton Alexandria, Virginia. The Grand Encampment has a special rate of \$105 per night for any and all Sir Knights (and their family, at the Hilton Alexandria). To reserve a room, call the hotel directly at (703) 845-1010 (or 800-HILTONS); mention "Knights Templar." As for meals, there is a pack-

age available of \$45 per person and includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast buffet. You have to order this dinner package directly from the Grand Encampment Office. Mail your check, payable to "The Grand Encampment" to The Grand Encampment; 5909 West Loop South, Suite 495; Bellaire, Texas 77401-2402. **NOTE: both the hotel reservation and meal ticket reservation must be ordered before March 1, 2010. Also, no meal tickets will be sold at the door.**

There are plans for wreath laying ceremonies by both the Grand Commandery of Indiana and Georgia at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, Arlington National Cemetery, on Saturday, April 3, 2010. Buses will leave from the Hilton Alexandria at 8:45 a.m. The Grand Commandery of Indiana will lay its wreath at 10:15 a.m., while Georgia's ceremony will occur at 11:15 a.m.

Easter morning, buses will leave for the George Washington Masonic Memorial (location for the Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service) at 6 a.m. All Knights Templar will parade up Shooter's Hill - leading up to the Memorial. Each Sir Knight will march within his own delegation (Grand Commandery). The Service will be conducted by New York's own Sir Knight Robert J. Cave, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

For those who have not attended, I recommend you should attend at least once in your life. At the time of this writing it has not been determined whether or not a bus will be available for Sir Knights from Western New York, as has happened the last two years thanks to Sir Knight James MacConnell, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander. We will keep all informed as additional information comes to light.

I hope to see you all in the Asylum. May our Lord and Sovereign Jesus the Christ bless you and yours.

## Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, K.T.

3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.

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67 Ontario St, Phelps NY

The Officers of Sagoyewatha wish you and yours a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Congratulations to all participants in the December 5th Zone 11 Pilgrimage, held at Palmyra Masonic Hall in Palmyra under the direction of Sir Knight Joe Oelgoetz Zone Commander. There were 18 new Sir Knights from various Commanderies. The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Christos G. Papadopoulos, was also in attendance and addressed the new Sir

Knights. This was indeed a glorious day for Zone 11.

As most of you are aware, the Annual Inspection will be on Saturday, May 15th, at 10 a.m. The next four Conclaves will, in addition to the regular business, be devoted to preparing for the Inspection. It is going to take some real effort to meet or overtake the standard that was set last year. But, with your help, we will give it a good go. All the Ritual requirements of General Order No. 1 have been assigned and accepted. For that I am very grateful.

The Annual Summoned, and next, Conclave will be on Saturday, January 16th, at 9 a.m. in the Phelps Masonic Hall. All Committees, plus the Trustees, should have their Annual Reports ready to report to the membership. Breakfast will be at the Blue Ribbon Smoke House and Restaurant (Dutch treat) at 7:30 a.m.

As always, please consider this a personal invitation from yours truly to come to the Conclave and enjoy the camaraderie of Christian Knights meeting together in friendship and Brotherly love. I'm looking forward to seeing you, and I do mean you, around the Holy Altar of our Order.

Just a quick reminder ... that Dues are due.



Zone 11  
News

Zone Commander  
SK Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

By Joseph F. Oelgoetz III  
Eminent Zone Commander

### Happy New Year

Well it is the year of our Lord, 2010. I wish all Sir Knights, wherever dispersed, a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

### Zone 11 Happenings Commandery Events Cyrene-Monroe No. 12 Pittsford

January 18th - Regular Conclave, 7:30 p.m.

March 15th - Inspection; 7:30 p.m. Inspecting Officer - Sir Knight Richard Kerimoglu, Eminent Grand Warder. A dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost will be \$10.

### Sagoyewatha No. 17 Phelps

January 16th - Regular Conclave. Opening will begin at 9 a.m. (Breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant, Phelps beginning at 7:30 a.m.)

May 15th - Inspection (with Salem Town); 9 a.m. (Breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant beginning at 7:30 a.m.) Inspecting Officer - Sir Knight George Emmons, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer.

### DeMolay No. 22 Hornell

January 21st - Regular Conclave. Opening will begin at 7:30 p.m.

April 1st - Inspection; Inspecting Officer - Sir Knight Richard Kerimoglu, Eminent Grand Warder

Sir Knights, if at all possible, please support our other Commanderies by visiting them dur-

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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Some time ago I reported in this column about the money spent on cigars and drinks after our Grotto meetings in our early days, as reported in the Minutes and the Treasurer's accounts.

As this is the season for convivial customs, allow me to revisit the same subject in the Masonic Community in Colonial Days; the drinking of wine and spirits was universal. Even Ministers drank to excess, not infrequently, to the point where the "influence" was plainly evident at church meetings in both speech and conduct.

New England, in spite of its Puritan traditions, consumed vast quantities of Jamaican rum, and looked upon the West Indies trade in that commodity, and in the molasses from which it was distilled, as an essential factor in its commerce.

And the Colonial cities imitated London in organizing a surprising variety of clubs for convivial purposes. The social life of men in both the Old and New Worlds then centered chiefly in taverns. There were upwards of 200 Lodges at work at the time of the American Revolution.

tion, meeting in the principal towns and cities.

### The Table Lodge

From records of the Grand Lodge Of Massachusetts, serious matters were discussed in the lodge room, holding little attention to levity.

There was far more evidence that men stayed away from the meeting because of the serious nature of the proceeding than that they came to eat to excess or drink.

Some appeared to have 'supped' before the meeting. Other members repaired after lodge to the long room of the tavern for refreshments. In many cases it seemed at the call to refreshment, tables were laid upon trestles upon the floor of the lodge, steaming punch bowl was brought in, pipes were lighted, and conviviality was the order of the hour.

Both eating and drinking took place in the Lodge Room. The 'cost of the evening's entertainment' was commonly met either from the Lodge Dues or by dividing it, each Brother paying his share. Time of refreshment was fixed in the By-laws. When ten o'clock arrived, the Jr. Warden would notify the Master.

The Call from Labor to Refreshment was literally interpreted. All drinking up to that hour was common cost, glasses being "charged" or "fired" from time-to-time in response to a series of toasts. Some of the wealthy Lodges could afford to order a special cooked meal.

Smaller Lodges were content with light refreshments. The purchase of supplies of biscuits, cheese, ham, lemons, limes, pickles, sugar, pipes and tobacco, as well as port, rum, gin and various

wines and spirits, were often listed in Lodge Minutes.

In the early 1970s, Prophet Charles White, of Webster Lodge, obtained a copy of the Table Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. We have been using it as the Table Lodge Degree in this area since that time. The concept has been around for more than two hundred years. "

### Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

The Annual Meeting, on December 16th, started with a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings.

We had Election of Officers for 2010. The Monarch appointed the other Officers and Installation was immediately afterwards.

Monarch **Bernard Lazerson**  
Chief Justice **James Toogood**  
MC **Richard Topel**  
Secretary

**Kenneth Hutchinson**  
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Orator **Ernest Swan**  
Steward **Gregory Ludwig**  
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Outside Sentinel

**William Fredenburg**  
Chaplain **Richard Bull**  
ESGA President, John Scott, announced the Spring Meeting will be in Albany, April 9th-11th. The Fall Convention will be at Lake George, September 16th-19th, at the Fort William Henry Hotel.

Don't forget why we joined the Grotto ... to have fun.

Now Prophets, until we meet again, I wish you and your fam-

ily a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. "

### Caldron News

By Hildegard DiJames, MCO

#### Thank You

For my first article this year, my thanks are due to Lalla Rookh Caldron and Lalla Rookh Grotto members for making my Installation as MCO a very enjoyable experience and a wonderful afternoon. Your attendance and support is most appreciated.

A grateful thank you to my Eastern Star Sister, R.W. Elaine Milner, for her beautiful solo of "I Saw the Master this Morning."

A very special thanks to Beverly Murray, PSMCO, and Daughter Janet Porter for all the help given in planning the meetings for the ensuing year, and Donna Laundry, PMCO, for her help and guidance.

To all of the Line Officers, I appreciate your taking on the new positions that will eventually lead to the position of Mighty Chosen One. It is a pleasure to see Betty Madison, PMCO, start her journey through the Line again.

I also give a hearty welcome to our new Daughter, Janice Bueg, who has accepted the position of American Flag Bearer.

And last, but not least, we're happy to have Daughter June Gudgel-Nash back in the fold and active in the position of Ishta this year.

Our first meeting was held on November 1st and, all things considering, it went well; we took care of the business at hand.

### Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, January 4th

Board of Governors  
Meeting - 7 p.m.  
Shrine Center

Wednesday, January 20th

First General Meeting  
Meeting - 7 p.m.  
Shrine Center

**ALL OFFICERS Required to Attend, in Uniform**

February 17th

General Meeting  
Meeting - 7 p.m.  
Shrine Center

Monday, February 1st

Board of Governors  
Meeting - 7 p.m.  
Shrine Center

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### Executive Council

Our Annual Executive Council Dinner was held at Valicia's Ristorante on November 17th. It was enjoyed by 17 members. It was nice to see Daughter Dorothy Merritt at the celebration. Thank you again, Daughter Janet Porter, for coordinating the dinner and for the lovely favors.

I hope you all had a joyous Christmas Holiday with your loved ones. May the New Year be healthy and prosperous.

I hope to see you at our January 14th meeting! "

### Zone 11

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ing their events. Unity is the sweetest influence!

#### Many Thanks

Sir Knights of Zone 11, you are all to be congratulated upon a successful Zone Pilgrimage. A few statistics:

12 Commanderies were represented; 18 Candidates/New Sir Knights; 37 Sir Knights attended; 4 Grand Commandery Line Officers in attendance were Sir Knight Christos Papadopoulos, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Sir Knight James MacConnell, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Sir Knight David Shire, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; and Sir Knight and Reverend Charles Roberts, Grand Junior Warden.

At the end of the Pilgrimage, I was told by the Grand Commander that a good job was done.

#### Successful Pilgrimage

My thanks to the team who made this success possible. First of all, to all three of our Deputy Zone Commanders for their leadership in executing our three precious Orders - Sir Knight David Hardy, Eminent Deputy Zone Commander (DeMolay No. 22) for the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross; Sir Knight Donald Brugger, Eminent Deputy Zone Commander (Cyrene-Monroe No. 12) for the Order of Malta; and Sir Knight E. William Whittaker, Deputy Zone Commander (Sagoyewatha No. 17) for the Order of the Temple.

Also, thanks to those Sir Knights who stepped up and took on roles at the last minute. Especially, Sir Knight Charles Roberts for taking on the role of Prior in the Order of Malta and Sir Knight Bill Flesher who took roles in both the Red Cross and Malta.

There were others who took roles as guards, "Knights of the West," etc. and I thank you all. Additionally, I thank all the Sir Knights who participated to the best of their ability and to Sir Knight David Shire, Eminent Grand Generalissimo for his musical work. Music makes our Orders that much more beautiful.

Thank you, Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17 - especially Sir Knight Cyrus White, Eminent Commander - for setting up the venue at Palmyra Masonic Hall and for scheduling our lunch and other refreshments for the day. I thank Sir Knight David Taber, Eminent Past Commander, who was our "go-to" guy for anything that was needed that day. I know I have probably missed someone, but please believe me that my heartfelt thanks go out to all.

There were things we could have done better, but overall I am grateful and feel that it was a job well done by all. We, as a Zone, will strive to improve our efforts going forward. Thanks again!

May you all have the blessing of our Lord, Sovereign and Savior, Jesus the Christ! "

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## Whittaker Dinner Photos

Random photos at Dinner of Ill.: Peter Semiec, 33°, addressing crowd; Stephen Whittaker's, 33°, rebuttal; entrance under DeMolay Legion of Honor's Arch of Steel; and Ill.: Charles Hancock, 33°, as Master of Ceremonies.







# Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory  
Chapter Rose Croix  
Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection



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

## Scottish Rite Day

Ill.: John Wm. McNaughton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, proclaimed November 14th to be Scottish Rite Day in all the Valleys within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Valley of Rochester joined with Valleys of Buffalo, Jamestown, Lockport and Corning to confer the 31st and 32nd Degrees. We welcomed a total of 24 new Sublime Princes that day. Approximately 120 Sublime Princes participated in the festivities. It was a fabulous day of fellowship with our Brothers in Upstate New York!

## Veterans Recognition

We had a great turnout for this year's Veterans Recognition Program. Approximately 80 Veterans and Brothers were in attendance. Special thanks the MWM Thomas Goodrich, 32°, John Faro, 32° DSA, and the Rose Croix Line for putting together an excellent program for the Veterans that evening. We began with the "Day of Adar" Table Lodge, which consisted of a series of (beer) toasts, together with the now-famous "Wurst" dinner. The Table Lodge was organized and conducted by the Council of Princes of Jerusalem Officer Line.



The Veterans Recognition Program began with the presentation of the Colors and Pledge by the Masonic War Veterans, followed by a Necrology Service lead by John Faro, 32° DSA, and group photos of members from the different military branches. All branches of the Service were represented, but as you can see from the accompanying photos, the Army was particularly out in full force that evening!

To all our Veterans, THANK YOU! Thank you for your service to our country and thank you for the sacrifices each of you has made to protect our freedom and way of life. The citizens of this country owe you a great deal of gratitude and support.



## Recognition Dinner

Fifty-two members of the Valley of Rochester, Masonic and personal friends attended a special dinner on November 21st at the Penfield Country Club to recognize and honor Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker's, 33°, election as an Active Member of Supreme Council. Illustrious Brother Whittaker is only the fourth Active Member of the Supreme Council that the Valley of Rochester has had in its 142-year history! His election is a glowing testament to the care, dedication and service he has given to the Valley and to Freemasonry, in general.

Illustrious Brother Whittaker, on behalf of the Valley of Rochester Officers and members, THANK YOU for all that you do!

## Degree Series

We are off to a great start with his year's Scottish Rite Degree series!

On December 5th, a gathering of 62 Brothers witnessed the conferral of the 4° - Master Traveler; 6° - Master of the Brazen Serpent; 14° - Grand Elect Mason; and 15° - Knight of the East.

The Degrees were conferred upon twelve new Scottish Rite Brothers - eleven were from the Valley of Rochester and one was from the Valley of Lockport. The eleven Rochester Brothers are a part of the 2009-2010 Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Class.

A special highlight of these conferrals was that the 6th Degree was conferred by a cast made up entirely of members of last year's Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Class, and they did an absolutely spectacular job! "The Bar has been raised and the Challenge Made." The Hancock Class has challenged the members of the Rittenhouse Class to follow suit next year and perhaps establish a new Valley tradition!

Following the Conferral of the Degrees, and carrying on an old Masonic tradition, all in attendance enjoyed the "Fork and Knife" Degree in due form,

featuring hot turkey sandwiches and trimmings along with pumpkin pie.

Degree Directors were Angelo DiCataldo, 32° (4th Degree); Eric Lubberts, 32° (6th Degree); Joseph Bourcy, 32° DSA (14th Degree); and Evar Miller, 32° (15th Degree). All of the casts did a wonderful job!

Cast members for the 4th Degree were Sublime Princes Pat Mulrooney, Phil Hurwitz, Don Tubman, Bernie Lazerson, John Lemke, Tom Grape, Rick Howe, Derek VanHouten, Jim Miller, Sy Kopen, Angelo DiCataldo, John Hart, Warren Doerrer, Gary Sanford, Craig Mollon, Steve Campbell and Glenn Stahl; Wardrobe - John Faro, John Zabel and Mike Dox; Lighting and Staging - Rick Howe and Jim Slocum.

Cast members for the 6th Degree were John Faro, Adam Palermo, Mike Nohle, Scott May, James Champagne, Ryan Reese, John Hart, Jim Miller, Marc Ocke, Ron Smith, Jim McConnell, Easton Kelsey, Bernard Skopinsky and Jim Clancy.

Cast members for the 14th Degree were Michael Morris, Scott May, Eric Lubberts, Craig Mollon, Gary Burke, John Zabel, Tom Grape, Rick Howe and Joe Bourcy; Engineer - Jim Slocum; Lighting and Audio Visual - Rick Howe.

Cast members for the 15th Degree were Phil Hurwitz, Rick Howe, Evar Miller, Jim McConnell, George Nasra, Don Tubman, John Lemke and Jim Miller.

Thanks to everyone who participated in, and contributed to, the Degree Conferrals - your enthusiasm and dedication were clearly evident!

## Get Involved!

I think we all know, and firmly believe, the old adage - "The more you put into something, the more you get out of it." It is certainly true with respect to your involvement in Masonry! As was clearly evident in the December 5th Degree Conferrals, our 1st and 2nd Lt. Commanders, Joseph Bourcy, 32° DSA, and Rick Howe, 32° DSA, along with Ill.: John Zabel, 33°, are making a concerted effort to "Raise the Bar" to improve the professionalism and overall experience of our Degree presentations.

We are making an appeal to you, as a Scottish Rite Brother, to consider stepping up, helping out and participating in the conferral of our Scottish Rite Degrees this year. There are many



**Commanders in Chief: Dennis Janachowski, 32° (Valley of Buffalo); Ill.: Michael Morris, 33° (Valley of Rochester); Ill.: Stephen Whittaker, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council; and Larry King, 32° (Valley of Jamestown) at the Scottish Rite Day held at Buffalo Consistory on November 14, 2009.**

## Valley of Rochester 2010 Winter Program

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January 16th - Public Degree / BBB Evening
5:30 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center
Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required

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**January 21st - Light from the Rite Series,  
"The Scottish Rite I.C.E. Initiative"**  
5:30 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
**Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required**

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January 29th - Public Degree / BBB Evening
5:30 p.m. at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall, Phelps
Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required

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**February 11th - "Have-a-Heart" Staffing  
at Marketplace Mall; 3-9 p.m.**

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February 14th - Valentine's Day Dining with our Ladies
at La-Tea-Da Tea Room
Fun and Social starts at 2 p.m. - Reservations Required

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**February 18th - Light from the Rite Series,  
"The Masonic 32nd Degree Camp"**  
5:30 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
**Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required**

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February 20th - 4°, 13°, 14° and 16°
8:30 a.m. - Damascus Shrine Center
**Continental Breakfast and Lunch
Reservations Required**

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**March 18th - Light from the Rite Series  
"Scottish Rite Signs, Symbols & Protocols"**  
5:30 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center  
**Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required**

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March 21st - Feast of the Paschal Lamb
Damascus Shrine Center
Reservations Required

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**March 27th - 18° and 24°**  
Damascus Shrine Center  
**Ham & Eggs Breakfast - Reservations Required**

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Reservation List?**

opportunities to assist with the Degree presentations:

- **Participating in the Degree Presentations** - Degree casts (speaking and non-speaking parts), Degree directors;
- **Staging** - costumes, makeup setting up and tearing down props;
- **Management of Lighting and Audio-Visual Systems.**

Please answer the call to any part that you may be able to help with. Thank you in advance for your help and support! If you would like more information about how to get involved, get in touch with one of the Valley of Rochester Officers, or give our Secretary, Jack Van Elzaker, 32° MSA, a call at the Valley office (585-264-1160).

## Upcoming Programs Explore the Rite

The next *Explore the Rite* (or Brother Bring-a-Brother) Night is scheduled for Saturday, January 16th at the Shrine Center. Reservations are required for the dinner at 6:30 p.m., which will be preceded by a Social Hour at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is \$12 per person, but free-of-charge

for prospective members and their ladies.

## Rite on the Road

For the convenience of our Brothers in the Ontario-Seneca-Yates District we will be hold our second *Rite on the Road* Program in Phelps at the Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall. Same times and cost as above.

Dinner reservations are required for both events. Call the Valley Office (585-264-1160) or send an email to: [secretary@valleyofrochester.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofrochester.org) by noon, January 11th for the Shrine Center Session on the 16th; or by noon, January 25th for the Phelps program.

As a special perk, "first-line" signers on new member applications will receive an attractive "32° Mason" ball cap, and will be recognized in the Scottish Rite Section in the April issue of the **Masonic Times**.

## Agenda

The program on January 16th will feature a presentation of the AASR Public Degree under the direction of Gary Sanford, 32°. The Public Degree is designed to give our prospective members a glimpse into various Scottish Rite Degrees.





Scottish Rite Day Class at the Buffalo Consistory

The Rite on the Road Program on January 29th will feature a presentation of the "Lincoln" Degree under the direction of Ill. John Zabel, 33°, and Rick Howe, 32° DSA.

In addition, at both events we will be showing excerpts from a newly released DVD that gives an excellent overview of the Scottish Rite – its history, organization and charitable activities. I hope to see you there (with a prospective new member)!

**Our GOAL – 50 members in this year's Ill. Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Class!**

#### Who's on Your List?

Take the initiative, pick up the phone, make the calls and come join the fun and fellowship of the Scottish Rite!

#### Light from the Rite Masonic Education Series

Sublime Princes, as a result of moving the Conferrals of all of our Degrees to Saturdays, we now have the opportunity to offer a new, special *Light from the Rite* Masonic Education Series as part of our Thursday evening stated communication meetings at 7:30 p.m. at the Damascus Shrine Center.

January 21st-I.C.E. and the Valley

February 18th-32nd Degree Masonic Camp

March 18th-Scottish Rite Signs, Symbols and Protocols

April 15th-Dyslexia and the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

Mark your calendar and stay tuned! Additional information on these interesting Scottish Rite educational programs will follow.

#### Valentine's Day

This year a special "Valentine's Day with our Ladies" dinner is Sunday, February 14th at 2 p.m. at the La-Tea-Da Tea Parlor, corner of Alexander and Park. The price is \$50 per couple. This will be a lot of fun!

Last year we had a great time there! As you will see, La-Tea-Da provides a highly eclectic atmosphere. There are all kinds of different style hats for the ladies (and gentlemen alike) – we are guaranteed to get some fabulous photos! The food is excellent! So if you are interested in attending, make your reservations early by contacting the Valley Office:

#### Have-a-Heart Campaign

The Annual "Have-a-Heart" Campaign to raise money for the Ronald McDonald Houses will run from January 30 thru February 14th. The Valley of Rochester has signed up to staff the Have-a-Heart booth at Marketplace Mall on Thursday, February 11th, from 3-9 p.m. We are planning to have three, two-hour shifts: 3-5 p.m., 5-7 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Ideally, we would like at least three or four people for each shift. Brothers, spouses, kids and friends are all welcome and encouraged to participate. Make it a family affair!

This year – to entice interest and donations – we plan to have costumed members and/or clowns during each of the three shifts. It's going to be fun! Please contact the Valley Office to sign up for a timeslot ... Phone 264-1160; or email: [secretary@valleyofrochester.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofrochester.org)

Thank you for your commitment and support for this important and worthwhile community fundraising event! ❧



(Top) Sublime Prince Rick Howe, 2nd Lt. Commander, playing Taps at Veterans Recognition Program. Members in attendance: (above) United States Navy - Seabees; (right top) United States Air Force; (right bottom) United States Marine Corps; (below left) United States Coast Guard; (below) United States Navy; (bottom) United States Army.



## AASR Valley of Rochester 2009-2010 Officers

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| 3<br>Webster Lodge<br>Spaghetti Dinner<br>January 8th<br>30 Orchard St, Webster                        | 4<br>Canandaigua - Shortsville<br>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle<br>KT - Cyrene/Monroe -<br>Pittsford<br>Lalla Rookh Grotto, Board<br>of Governors, 7 p.m. -<br>Shrine Center<br>Damascus Shrine Divan<br>Shrine Lunch Club                                       | 5<br>Clio - Hilton<br>Craftsman Robertson, Shrine<br>Center<br>Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps<br>Nunda Station<br>Oakland - Castile<br>OES - Fairport, Nolaika,<br>Starlight | 6<br>Drumlin Square - Palmyra<br>Livonia<br>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br>Damascus Shrine<br>OES - Lilac Star                                                                                                        | 7<br>Eunice - Caledonia<br>Northfield - Pittsford<br>Webster                                                                                             | 8<br>Canandaigua, 2° - Shortsville | 9<br>16<br>Sagoyewatha, Phelps, 9 a.m.<br>Oakta, 3° - Scottsville<br>Scottish Rite, Public Degree/<br>Brother Bring-a-Brother -<br>Shrine Center |
| 10<br>Clio Lodge<br>Spaghetti Dinner<br>January 13th and 27th<br>287 East Avenue, Hilton               | 11<br>ERAC, Shrine Center<br>Fairport-Flower City - BBF<br>Union Star - Honeoye Falls<br>Unity - Spencerport<br>Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield<br>LIV-School of Ritual -<br>Caledonia, 7 p.m.<br>Shrine Lunch Club                                           | 12<br>Eagle - Honeoye<br>Seneca - Webster<br>Valley-Simes, Shrine Center<br>OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary<br>Jane Holmes - Brockport                                        | 13<br>Oakta - Scottsville<br>Webster - Fellowcraft<br>Masonic Service Bureau<br>Monthly Luncheon Meeting<br>Shrine Legion of Honor<br>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship<br>Masonic Development Course<br>- Caledonia | 14<br>Farne, Shrine Center<br>Milnor, OV - Shortsville<br>Union, 3° - Lima<br>RAM - Hiram<br>Lalla Rookh Caldron -<br>Executive Council                  | 15                                 | 16                                                                                                                                               |
| 17<br>Eagle Lodge<br>Eagle Chapter<br>Spaghetti Dinner<br>January 21st<br>4994 County Rd 36<br>Honeoye | 18<br>Canandaigua, 2° - Shortsville<br>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle<br>KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford<br>Lalla Rookh Grotto, Legion of<br>Honor<br>Shrine Lunch Club<br>Auburn Shrine Club<br>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day                                       | 19<br>Clio - Hilton<br>Craftsman Robertson, 2°,<br>Shrine Center<br>Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps<br>Nunda Station, 3°<br>OES - Nolaika, Starlight                          | 20<br>Ark - Geneva<br>Drumlin Square - Palmyra<br>Livonia<br>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br>OES - Lilac Star<br>MON - Masters & Wardens -<br>Shrine Center, followed by<br>School of Ritual                           | 21<br>Eunice - Caledonia<br>Northfield, 2° - Pittsford<br>Webster<br>Scottish Rite - Shrine Center                                                       | 22                                 | 23                                                                                                                                               |
| 24<br>31                                                                                               | 25<br>ERAC, 2°, Shrine Center<br>Fairport-Flower City<br>Union Star, 2° - Honeoye Falls<br>Unity, 2° - Spencerport<br>Wakan-Hubbard, 3° - Penfield<br>LIV - District Association - Mt.<br>Morris, 7:30 p.m.<br>Shrine Lunch Club<br>Geneva Shrine Club | 26<br>Valley-Simes, 1°, Shrine Center<br>OES - Leah - Hilton<br>LIV - School of Ritual -<br>Livonia, 7 p.m.                                                             | 27<br>Oakta - Scottsville<br>Tall Cedars of Lebanon<br>Directors Staff<br>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship                                                                                                          | 28<br>Farne, Shrine Center<br>Milnor, 1° - Shortsville<br>Union - Lima<br>RAM - Hiram<br>James A. Hard/Wayne Charter<br>Post No. 12<br>Perry Shrine Club | 29                                 | 30<br>Have-a-Heart Campaign<br>begins at area Malls<br>(through February 14th)                                                                   |

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