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### **229th Grand Lodge Communication Voters** Select Vincent Libone, James E. Sullivan

M .: W .: Vincent Libone, a resident of Queens, is the new Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. Raised in Garibaldi Lodge in 1973, he has had a very active Masonic career. Brother Libone was Master of the Lodge in 1980, District Deputy of the 10th Manhattan District, 1987-88, and has served on the Grand Line as Deputy Grand Marshal and Grand Marshal. He was elected Grand Treasurer in 2004 for a two-year term.

For the past two years, he has been Deputy Grand Master and was pressed into extra duty upon the illness of M .: W .: Edward Gilbert, fulfilling many obligations on his behalf. In addition, he has served on several Grand Lodge Committees and received many awards over the years. He was presented a Certificate of Permanent Membership by the Grand Lodge of New York and was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey



near the Grand Lodge of New York in 2006.

Grand Master Vincent Libone's Masonic resume includes: Constitution Chapter No. 140, Royal Arch Masons; E .: High Priest of Constitution for 2003; appointment as R. E. Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of Italy, RAM in 2005; Valley of New York, AASR; Saint Paul's Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Mecca Temple, AAONMS; Paumanok Council

No. 4 Knight Masons; and Chancellor Livingston Council Allied Masonic Degrees. In addition, he has many Honorary Memberships, including the Honorary Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

Deputy Grand Master

A well-traveled and wellknown Mason around the Monroe District, R .: W .: James E. Sullivan was elected Deputy Grand Master. Born in Rochester and a graduate of Fairport High School, Right Worshipful Jim is a retired educator with Degrees from SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Brockport and Niagara University.

Raised in Red Jacket Lodge in June, 1979, he served as Master in 1985 and is the current Secretary...a position he has held since 2000.

Other Masonic involvement includes Assistant Grand Lecturer (1986-1992) and District

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# Grady, King lead Livingston District



R:.W: J. Michael Grady

The Most Worshipful Vincent Libone, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, announced the appointments for District Deputies and Staff Officers at the 229th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. For Livingston District, those appointments were: R .: W .: J. Michael Grady, District Deputy Grand Master; and R .: W .: Dennis King, Grand Sword Bearer. They will receive their Commissions at the St. John's Day Ceremonies in Utica on June 26th.

R:.W: J. Michael (Mike) Grady was Raised in Union Lodge, Lima, in January, 2003. Very active in the Lodge since joining, he started as Junior Deacon and progressed through the Chairs, becoming Master for 2007-2008. In the Fall of 2003, he started the Lodge Newsletter "The Union Light" which has



R::W:: Dennis King

since been distributed throughout the various Districts in our area. It also reaches a number of members around the State, out-of-State and even out of the country to England.

Brother Grady has also been involved with a number of committees in Livingston District. Outside of the District, he was an original facilitator for iDC, co-instructor for MDC and Road to the East for Monroe, Livingston and Genesee-Wyoming joint classes. He is a past Chairman for Damascus Shrine Public Relations and Membership, and current President of the Shrine Degree Team. He is also on the Grand Lodge Membership Committee.

Honors include the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award in 2004, Certificate of Merit from Union Lodge in 2005, Livingston District Certificate of Appreciation in 2007 and 2008.

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### Combined Investiture Service and AGL Introductions Draw Dignitaries

By Skip Waterstreet

In his first appearance since his recent election as Deputy Grand Master, R∴W∴ James E. Sullivan came "home" to Fairport as the featured speaker for the Monroe District Joint Investiture Service on May 21st. V∴W∴ Hugh Woodside had made arrangements a few weeks

ago for Brother Sullivan to speak. After his election, there was a minor concern that he might not be available. That proved not to be the case and the 75 or so members of the Purple Club of Monroe District, Past Masters, Masters-elect and

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New Assistant Grand Lecturer's R .: W .: Michael Nohle and V∴W∴ William Edwards are flanked by District Deputy Grand Master George Nasra and Grand Lecturer Charles Toombs.

### Looking for an Open Date? Check Here First!

We are attempting to have a regional (Google) calendar, which should assist everyone in preparing Trestleboards and special events. We hope this central checkpoint may alleviate conflicting | dates of major events where high attendance is expected.

To gain access to this online calendar, or to add information to it, contact the Masonic Service Bureau at (585) 671-9730, Email: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com; or John Gallant at (585) 624-9629, Email: jgallant@rochester.rr.com.

### Appeal for Relief - Tennessee

The Masonic Service Association of North America M.: W.: Richard E. Fletcher, PGM VT Executive Secretary

May 2nd saw massive flooding in many parts of Tennessee including the City of Nashville. The waters have receded, damage assessment has been made and it is very extensive. Recovery assistance is greatly needed.

Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brethren and their families in this stricken jurisdiction. Please make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send to:

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Join us for the Apron Presentation Dinner, June 7th, and the Charity Grants and Education Assistance Awards, June 17th. Both events at Damascus Shrine Center, sponsored by Masonic Service Bureau. Call 671-9730 for more information.

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### Editor's Corner

It was my privilege to attend the 229th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. It was inspiring to see Grand Master, M .: W .: Edward G. Gilbert, process to the Grand East, after ten months of recuperation from serious health issues.

Many changes have been made to the procedures followed during this Communication in an attempt to streamline the sessions. There is still much necessary work to be done within the tiled meetings which, at times, can become tedious.

The election of Grand Lodge Officers, when positions have multiple candidates, continues with the use of paper ballots. The longer the list of candidates, the longer it takes to complete the election.

The nominating speeches were eliminated this year, by vote of the Delegates in attendance, and each Candidate presented his own credentials and views for the position he was seeking, under strict time limits, which were administered by M .: W .: Earle J. Hino, Past Grand Master. M∴W∴ Edward Gilbert had appointed him to handle the election proceedings.

Due to some confusion on the part of Committee Members, they had no ballots to cast for the elections. They were supposed to report to the Credentials Room and pick up their packets prior to the opening gavel of the Communication. Since many were unaware of this procedure, voting was delayed while the boxes of packets were brought into the room and distributed as needed.

There was only one Candidate for Grand Master and Most Worshipful Vincent Libone was elected by acclamation. This was not the case for Deputy Grand Master however.

There were four candidates vying for this position. After their presentations and distribution of packets to Committee personnel, the initial balloting commenced. This took more than ninety minutes!

Policy is the candidate with the fewest number of votes is eliminated until one candidate achieves the majority. Fortu-

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nately, only one additional ballot, not two, was required to fulfill the Office of Deputy Grand

By the time the election was held for the last Office, three hundred fewer votes were cast for the final contested position. Would these votes have changed the results? I don't believe so, but those delegates from Upstate Lodges, forced to leave to catch a plane, train or bus, are unable to express the wishes of their Brothers.

This is the 21st Century... there must be a better way! I, for one, hope some efforts are made to install an electronic system that would reduce the time required for the elections.

That said, I left as soon as the gavel closed the session. While I would have preferred to stay for the Installation Ceremony, we were "locked in" the session from 8:30 a.m. until 2:20 p.m. I was thirsty, hungry and had other personal issues to care for, all, it was a good trip!

Summer Respite

Like many Lodges, the Masonic Times crew goes "dark" in the Summer. While Jan and I still operate the Service Bureau more easily available for everyand, especially, the Loan Closet, we will also be publishing the new edition of the Monroe District Masonic Directory.

Speaking of that, if you are in an Officer position with any of the groups mentioned in the Directory, please be sure we get your new Officers as soon as they are installed. I'm happy to say we have already received that information from several Lodges and Concordant Bodies already. A gentle nudge to your Secretary or Recorder would be appreciated. We will be sending requests to those organizations who are still delinquent in sending in their listing.

In addition, we hope we will have a little time for ourselves to get in some vacation, rest, relax and re-charge our batteries in preparation for the Fall.

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By Gary Sanford

Another of the items the Masonic Service Bureau has been providing to those within the Greater Rochester Area is what we call the Masonic Library. We have an extensive collection of books and articles relating to, or so I returned to my hotel. All in written by, Masons. This is housed in the Living Room at the Damascus Shrine Center. At the current time, Bruce Katz is heading up a Committee to see how we may make these books one to enjoy. If you have any ideas you may contact him at brucek8189@aol.com or at (585) 227-5553.

We also sponsor the Apron Presentation Dinner for our the "Monroe District Directory," which lists the Line Officers of the Monroe District Masonic and Concordant Body organizations; sponsor a Widows Luncheon; and coordinate an Interwe have recognized an individual or organization for their Distinguished Community Service within the Greater Rochester Area.

We are gearing up to maintain the Monroe District Website: www.monroemasonic.com. It identifies local Lodges and provides contact information for them, links to the Grand Lodge of New York and Concordant Bodies, District News, information and history about the Masonic Service Bureau.

The one item that I know you all recognize is the Masonic Times, which is published ten months of each year. This newspaper provides many articles from all the Masonic organizations within a five-District area to help keep everyone aware of what is happening not only locally, but also at our State and national levels. If there is something we may help you with, please contact us.

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

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### Monroe District ... Mark Your Calendar

Locations to be Determined

### Schools of Ritual

August 31st ~ September 30th January 31st ~ March 30th

Grand Lecturer's Convention October 18th

> Investiture May 20th

### Enjoy Golf and Support MCC

The Masonic Care Community will be participating with the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona in this year's "Tickets for Charity" Program.

We will be selling tickets to the Turning Stone Resort Championship, a PGA-sanctioned event the first week in August.

> Tournament August 5th - 8th

General admission tickets to this high-profile golf event are \$25. The Tournament is August 5th - 8th.

Practice - August 2nd & 3rd

A Tournament Booklet which includes five general admission tickets and the two practice rounds, is \$100. The practice rounds are August 2nd and 3rd. Proceeds

All proceeds from the sale of these tickets will benefit the Masonic Care Community.

If you are a golf enthusiast, you won't want to miss this opportunity to see PGA-caliber golf, right here in Central New York. This is a great Father's Day gift!

Please contact Brother Jon-Paul Kidwell at the Masonic Care Community at (315) 798-4703 or online at kidwelljp@mccny.com.

There is lots of information about the Championship on our website at www.mccny.com

This is a great way to enjoy some spectacular golf, while supporting the efforts of your Masonic Care Community. #

### Vogt Celebrates 60th Anniversary

A friend of the Masonic Service Bureau and representative of the Roman Catholic Faith at the Annual Interfaith Service for several years, Father Otto Vogt observed the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination into the Priesthood at two special Masses last month.

Ordained June 3rd, 1950, by Bishop James E. Kearney in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Father Otto has served Parishes in Ithaca, Elmira, Dansville, Ovid, Romulus, Canisteo, Rexville and Rochester before his assignment to St. Paul of the Cross in Honeoye Falls, from which he retired. The Honeoye Falls Fire Department and Honeoye Falls-Mendon Volunteer Ambulance have called him Chaplain. He has also been involved in prison ministry. Congratualtions, Father, and thanks for your help. #

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Checks payable to: The Masonic Care Community, Mail to: JP Kidwell, Director of Development, Masonic are Community, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY 13501. For additional information on the tournament go to our website www.mccny.com and click on the Turning Stone PGA or call 1-800-322-8826 or (315)798-4703

# Thank You, Supporters of the Masonic Service Bureau

The Loan Closet, which contribu- needed and return them when they trict Masonic Directory. We offer to for the 2008 or 2009 Program. We tions help finance, is a more imporhas closed its Community Chest, which allowed Town residents to borrow some health care equipment and supplies. Their equipment was given to the Service Bureau.

We continue to provide services to Webster residents, as well as residents of any community in our area. so long as they come and get items

are finished using them. (We believe tant service of the Masonic Service we are the only facility in the area Bureau than ever before. Webster that has no residency requirements!) Our volume in this area has increased tremendously!

We continue to provide assistance to the Secretaries of Masonic Bodies, as well as the entire membership of the Fraternity. Ten months each year we publish the Masonic Times and each Summer compile and co-ordinate the printing of the Monroe Dishelp Masons whereever and whenever we are asked.

We believe every individual or organization who has generously donated to us, either through our solicitation letter or directly to the Service Bureau, from April, 2009, through our bank deposit of April 29, 2010, has been listed below. Since we no longer participate in the United Way Campaign, we aren't sure if the names we received last Summer were

usually received the list of donors from the United Way of Greater Rochester office in August. If we get another list this Summer, those names will be published in the Fall.

We apologize, in advance, if any name(s) have been overlooked or misspelled. Please bring any errors or omissions you discover to our attention. Remember, contributions to the Masonic Service Bureau are tax-deductible. Thank you all.

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### SIDS Linked to Genetic Variations Inherited from Both Parents

Submitted by Ronald Kamp Director of Development and Communication

morphism. When a genetic variation occurs, more commonly it is generally dismissed as playing a prominent role in the development of disease. This rule of thumb was recently shown to be faulty by a team led by Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research at the Cardiac Research Institute of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL).

MMRL scientists working with colleagues worldwide coauthored a study showing that a common polymorphism in a gene encoding a potassium channel in the heart inherited from one parent when combined with a genetic mutation in the same gene inherited from the other parent resulted in two cases of early infant death.

The parents were both asymptomatic, although each carried a mild form of the disease.

Agenetic variation that occurs The study, published in Circuin more that 1% of the population lation Cardiovascular Genetis generally referred to as poly- ics, a Journal of the American Heart Association in early May, suggests that a common polymorphism, found in nearly 30% of the population, can markedly accentuate the malfunction of a mildly defective potassium channel, leading to lethal long QT syndrome-mediated arrhythmias and sudden infant death.

> the heart's electrical system caused by defects in heart muscle cell structures known as ion channels. These electrical defects predispose affected infants to a very fast heart rhythm called Torsade de Pointes, which can lead to sudden cardiac death.

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Brother Ben Franklin was part of a group of men in Philadelphia who pooled their books in 1731, whereby "the contribulinking an abnormal rhythm tion of each created the book of the heart with SIDS was capital of all." This early library performed at the MMRL and in America continues today as "The Library Company."

The Shrine Center is now the home of a "Lend-a-Book/Bor-The Cardiac Research In- row-a-Book" Pilot Program. Long QT is an abnormality of stitute at the MMRL is one of Okay, so the attempted parallel

A small bookcase near the Shrine Office holds some Short have developed experimental Talk Bulletins, a few books and models of life-threatening videos and two notebooks. If you cardiac arrhythmias that have have a Masonic-related book you aided in the development of wish to lend to the Program, new therapeutic modalities to please "register" it. If you want Identification of infants at combat sudden death in in- to borrow a book, there is a note-

> Please read through the ba-Short QT and Brugada Syn- sic guidelines that are posted and do not leave valuable books Please visit www.mmrl.edu on this shelf. The intent is for small, since most books in the



program at any time should be in circulation.

In addition to the Chancellor Robert Livingston Library in New York City and borrowing between Brothers, this lending shelf is another way to extend your reading opportunities. The Herman W. Sarachan Memorial Library Recommendations Committee is finalizing recommendations to the Masonic Service Bureau for making the larger collection available. Unfortunately, the outlook is that there are barriers to re-opening access to the collection.

Please let me know if you have additional suggestions by email to brucek8189@aol.com (include "Library" in the subject), or call evenings at 227-5553. Stop by and "Lend-a-Book/Borrow-a-Book"!

## Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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This will be my last Masonic Times article for the year 2009-2010 and I thank you all for this year as Master. I have learned so much sitting in the East and attending the Grand Lodge Communication in New York City.

My thanks to the Officers and Brothers for all the help you have given me throughout this year. I appreciate all you have done, from helping with the dinners to participating in the Degree and Ritual Work. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Master and I am looking forward to 2010-2011.

Congratulations

Congratulations to M.: W .: Vincent Libone, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York; R:.W: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master; R∴W∴ Clayton Ruggles as newly appointed Junior Grand Deacon; and all the other Grand Lodge Officers. Also congratulations to our new District Deputy Grand Master, R∴W∴ George Myers, from Seneca Lodge; and Staff Officer, R .: W .: Fred Newton, from Pocahontas Lodge.

**Upcoming Events** June 1st - Installation of

Lodge Officers June 15th - will be our Lodge Steak Roast, 6:30 p.m.; all Brethren are welcome. Please contact Brother Ruggles or myself, if you are planning to at-

tend, by June 10th. June Birthdays

Ranse Brooks (1st), John Sherman (7th), Donald Fridley (9th), Dan Guth, Paul McIntyre and Kenneth Pedersen (11th), Tom Pardington (16th), George Landstrom (22nd), Bill Goodman (24th) and Barney Wandell

July Birthdays

Ken Gibbs (7th), Ronald VanCamp (9th), Ernie Bishop (12th), Chris Howard (17th), Nick Day (29th), Rick Kauder (30th) and Robert Hines (31st)

**August Birthdays** Ken Overslaugh and Fred Wheeler (3rd), Gary Curtiss (19th), John Carney (23rd), Shawn Grube (24th) and Kenneth Carpenter and David Williams (26th).

**Masonic Anniversaries** Brothers Raised in June:

1948 Harold Bloser 1953 David Retchless Lloyd Akin 1958 Roy Farnsworth 1959 Brothers Raised in July:

David Williams \*

### **Ark Lodge** No. 33, F. & A.M.

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Secretary V .: W .: Lance R. Ward (315) 789-4411 Irward@tcli.com

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As we near the end of another Masonic Year, I thank all the Brothers who helped make everything run smoothly. I especially thank V .: W .: Lance Ward for his continued diligence as Secretary - and for his willingness to continue in that position. As we all know, a good Secretary is essential to the functioning of the Lodge. I will continue as Master for a third year and, no, I do not

intend to challenge Anthony Khoury for the most years in the

The O/S/Y District will have a new DDGM - W:. George Myers, from Seneca Lodge, will take over for the next two years. I wish him success with his new responsibilities and look forward to working with him.

Lance Ward and I had the opportunity to attend the Surviving Spouses Luncheon in April at the Clifton Springs Country Club. It was a very nice event and venue.

Last month, Ark Lodge tried something a little different with a "dinner" meeting. We opened, took care of any business that needed to be taken care of while tiled, closed and then proceeded to dinner. At dinner we discussed business and tossed ideas around that would not require a vote. Having dinner after the meeting seemed less rushed than having to finish quickly in order to get to Lodge. Reviews were good and I believe we may do this more often in the future.

Our Annual Service Awards Dinner will be July 21st. Mark your calendar and look for a mailing with all the details in early to mid-June.

### Canandaigua Lodge No. 294



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First, my thanks to all my Brothers for another wonderful year as Master. We Raised two new Brothers and enjoyed some great activities. We must **Upcoming Events** 

June 7th - Public Installation of Officers

June 21st - Annual Family Picnic. Bring your family and a dishto-pass. Rolls, hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided.

If you plan to attend the Picnic, please let me know so we have enough food for everyone (394-6829). Mark your calendar now so it's not forgotten.

Remember, we will still meet during July and August in casual attire. Come, enjoy the company of your Brothers. We look forward to seeing you.

July 19th - Stated Communication - Hot Dog Roast prior

July 23rd-24th - 6th Annual O/S/Y Masonic Campout at Cheerful Valley, Route 14 (North of Thruway)

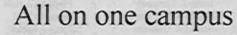


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25th - ERAC November 8th - Fairport-Flower City

9th - Seneca

Your District Leadership Team will also be in touch with you during the Summer months to discuss your Lodge's needs and to provide you with further training that will help you be successful in your new role. The new Grand Lodge training program, The Master's Chair," is designed for that purpose and every newly elected Master will need to take it before the end of the Summer. Your Grand Lodge Officers will provide you with more details on that. I also take this opportunity to ask every newly elected Master to contact me by phone or email as I would like to schedule a time when we can meet with you and your Officers to discuss your specific needs and how your District Leadership Team can best support you during the upcoming year.

I returned from New York City where I had the distinct honor of representing my Lodge at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York. I had the pleasure of meeting several Masters and Representatives of Lodges from the Monroe District as we all participated in the Election of our Grand Lodge Officers. It is truly an uplifting experience and one no Master of his Lodge should miss.

I also had the pleasure and distinct honor of representing the Custodians of the Work Committee by being the guest speaker at the Annual Metropolitan Area Assistant Grand Lecturers' Association 2010 Ritual Competition, where Representatives from 20 Masonic Districts were present. Brothers competed in delivering the Final Section of the Middle Chamber Lecture. This event energized me and inspired me to bring a similar program to our own District. I will be asking the AGLs from the Monroe and surrounding Districts to work together towards this goal.

My Brothers, we are a team. My theme "One District, One Brotherhood," stresses the importance of unity and collaboration. I intend to design and support programs in the District which promote shared programs between Lodges, support and collaboration between the different Allied and Concordant Bodies and a general sense of a larger organization which extends beyond the individual Lodge.

This will be accomplished through a joint effort by all of the District Leadership Team, with support from the Purple Club, the Masters and Wardens Association and the District Teams or Committees which will be formed to assist in further the programs of the District. Although those Committees have not been fully established at this time, I will share with you some of what you should expect as far as initia-

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### Wayne District District Deputy Grand Master - William C. Benedict, II

**Grand Sword Bearer** Jay A. DeWispelaere

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It has been a great two years for me as your Master and I have valued your support and suggestions. The month of June brings a new Slate of Officers and Appointees.

Joel Falbo Master Sr. Warden Andy Richardson Jim Ellsworth Jr. Warden

Secretary William Jones Treasurer Charles Hargrave This is the elected core of

your Lodge for the ensuing year, my Brothers. They and the Appointees deserve your support as they strive to continue the GROWTH of your Lodge, not only by increasing it's membership, but also by

improving the quality of our

monthly Communications. Our newly Raised Brothers, Tom Krest and Robert Zanin, have both stepped up and accepted the positions of Junior Deacon and Junior Master of Ceremony to begin their Masonic Education and climb

Installation of Officers will take place on June 2nd at an Open Meeting, preceded by a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. I hope to see you all there.

through the Chairs.

W.: James D. Herrmann, (center) Master of Canandaigua Lodge, holds Youth Activities Award plaque presented to his Lodge by Grand Master, M∴W∴ Edward Gilbert, at this year's Grand Lodge Communication. R∴W∴ James Rice, Grand His-

torian, and R .: W .: Ronald Galens, District Deputy Grand Mas-

ter, were present to participate in the celebration recognizing

the efforts of the Brothers of Canandaigua Lodge. July 24th is a Pot-Luck Supper, If you don't camp, come to

supper anyway. We always have

a good time. August 2nd - Stated Communication

August 16th - Stated Communication - Hot Dog Roast prior

Canandaigua Lodge will not be recessing again this summer so that our Brothers, who go south for the winter, just don't like to go out after dark or just haven't been to a communication lately, can attend a communication. Also the Brothers who come to these meetings enjoy the friendship and Brotherhood of our Fraternity. Try it you might like it.

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If we haven't heard from you in a while, how about sending us a note and let us know how you are, and what you are doing. If you have email, send me an email at gnstanton@aol.com then I will have your email address and can send letters without paying postage.

### Monroe District

District Deputy Grand Master - George Nasra, 377-2832

**Grand Sword Bearers** George Foehner - 704-6128 Phillip Hurwitz - 720-6019

**Assistant Grand Lecturers** William Edwards - 472-2229 Michael Nohle - 216-9016



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### District Deputy **Grand Master** Monroe District



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It is with great pride that I assume the role of District Deputy Grand Master for the Monroe District. Pride in assuming this prestigious office also comes with a deep sense of responsibility and a tremendous sense of personal humility. I am grateful for the confidence that my Brothers have placed in me, and I pledge to work tirelessly towards promoting the ideals of Freemasonry in our District. My main goal will be to assist each individual Lodge in achieving its highest potential, with the goal of creating a strong sense of Masonic belonging and renewed enthusiasm for the Craft and a spirit of Brotherhood and teamwork within our District.

I thank R∴W∴ Derek E. VanHouten and his team for their service to our District and the Grand Lodge of New York for the past two years, and for all the help and support they provided during our transition.

### Leadership Team

Your District Leadership Team for 2010-2012 will be composed of the District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers

and Assistant Grand Lecturers. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions or require any assistance.

Our theme for the next two years is "One District, One Brotherhood." This theme emphasizes the spirit of collaboration and unity among Brothers, between Lodges in the District and between all Allied Masonic and Concordant Bodies. We intend to make it our goal to work towards creating a harmonious environment where Masons within the District truly feel a sense of shared identity and where each Mason is informed of the programs within his District. We will also strive to provide education about Freemasonry - especially its Ritual, with the ultimate goal that each of us is truly proud to be a New York Mason.

I congratulate all the newly elected Masters of Lodges in the Monroe District. It was a pleasure to see all of you at the Joint Investiture Ceremony on May 21st, and I am looking forward to working with each of you and support you the best I can during your year as Worshipful Master. My thanks to you for working with me on scheduling your Lodge Official Visits.

### Official Visits

These are the dates for 2010. Review them carefully and make sure you incorporate them into your Trestleboards. If you have any questions, or you discover a conflict, please contact me as soon as possible.

September

7th - Craftsman Robertson 13th - Wakan-Hubbard

16th - Webster 27th - Unity 29th - Oatka

### Leadership Team Contact Information

R∴W∴ George S. Nasra, DDGM R.: W.: Phillip R. Hurwitz, Grand Sword Bearer

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### St. John's Day Schedule

It's not too early to plan to attend the Annual St. John's Day event held on the Campus of the Masonic Care Community. For more information on the weekend, please call Kathy at (315) 798-4768. The Masonic Care Community Website at www.mccny.com will also have additional information. We hope to see you in June!

Friday June 25th

7 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. - Training Sessions for District Deputies and Staff Officers at various locations including:

Administration Auditorium, Fellowship Hall Library sitting room, 2nd floor Board Room, patio

Tompkins Chapel

Wiley Hall Multi-purpose room

2 p.m. - Brotherhood Fund Meeting - Meditation Room Health Pavilion of the Masonic Care Community

6 p.m. - Oneg Shabat / Jewish Service and dedication of the Harry Osterov Synagogue. Reception to follow.

### Saturday June 26th

8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, (In front of Master Mason)

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Masonic Vendors, (tent on great lawn) 9:30 a.m. - Wreath Laying Ceremony, (Soldiers/Sailors)

10:00 a.m. - Grand Master Greets Residents, (HP Atrium) 10:00 a.m. - Ladies Tea, (Wiley Hall)

11:00 a.m. - Dedication of Richard Thomas Health Pavilion (HP Atrium)

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tours of Power Plant/Laundry (HP)

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Resident Crafts

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Kiddie Rides, (near museum)

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Ziyara Zanes

11:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Campus Wagon Tours, (start near admin/fountains)

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Food Vendors

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Masonic Child ID

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Shriner Band, Museum Patio 12:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. No Name Band, Museum Patio

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fritz's Polka Band, Museum Patio 3:00 p.m. - Parade, Health Pavilion to Chapel 3:30 p.m. - Investiture Service, Tompkins Chapel

### Sunday June 27th

8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - Breakfast available in Winter Garden 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service Tompkins Memorial Chapel

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tives and programs for the District in the next two years: 1. A revival of the District

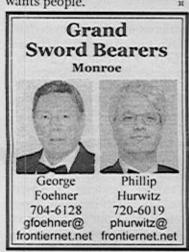
Website and a unified events calendar for our District and

the Region.

2. Close collaboration between the District Leadership Team and the Masters and Wardens Association to promote visitations between Lodges, assistance with Ritual work, mentoring of new Brothers and shared programs such as Table Lodges, collaboration on Degree work, etc. 3. Renewed emphasis on members and Lodge recognition programs in areas of Ritual excellence, Lodge participation, community service, etc.

4. A committee on Public Relations; community education and reach-out programs. I am looking for a Brother to take the leadership of this important committee. Please contact me if you, or anyone you know, have an interest in this position.

In brief, a District Trestleboard will soon be developed, which will be a combined effort of many. We will set out to work to build on past efforts to continue to grow our beloved Craft and our Masonic District into an organization that people want: not just an organization that wants people.



By R .: W .: Phillip Hurwitz

It is our pleasure to serve as your Grand Sword Bearers for the next two years. Our mission is to aid and assist you in your journey towards further light in Masonry.

Towards that end, we will be convening Masonic Development Courses (MDC) and Road to the East Courses (RTTE) around the Region. By that we mean these Courses will be held not only in Monroe District, but in surrounding Districts. Our purpose is to expand our opportunities in fellowship while, at the same time, sharing a common experience.

Your Sword Bearers are also here to assist you in presenting the Lodge System of Masonic Education (LSOME), in conjunction with a mentoring program in your Lodge.

The Mentoring Program is designed to ensure that each new Brother is not left feeling unprepared to make the most of his membership and to ensure that every Candidate is properly instructed in the fundamentals of the Craft.

The LSOME Program complements the Mentoring Program. The LSOME Program seamlessly integrates with the Mentoring Program. The Mentoring Program is a turnkey program, designed by Grand Lodge to ensure that every Candidate for Masonry is properly instructed in the basic fundamentals, symbolism and history of the three Degrees.

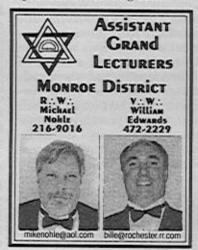
The Masonic Development Course (MDC) furthers the mission of both the Mentoring and LSOME Programs. The MDC program educates newly made Masons in each of the three Degrees including the Ritual, tradition and history of Masonry.

The Road to the East (RTTE) Program helps your Lodge succeed. The Course serves to educate the Wardens in the duties and prerogatives of the Master, including the Ritual, tradition and history of Masonry. An important component of this Course is to educate potential Masters on the administrative responsibilities of being Master of his Lodge.

A new program, being introduced this year, is The Master's Chair. This Course is designed for the newly installed Master. It will provide every Master with the information he needs to have a successful term in the East. The Course will be presented on August 7th, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Our Grand Master expects all incoming Masters to attend this Course. For more information, you can contact either Sword Bearer. Our contact information is located beneath

More information about the Mentoring Program, LSOME, MDC and RTTE will be forthcoming.

Both of us wish you and yours a safe and enjoyable Summer. Before signing off, we would like to leave you this thought - According to the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, by Albert G. Mackey. The phrase "The Setting Sun," has Masonic significance. It was the duty of the Senior Wardens to pay and dismiss the Craft at the close of the day, when the sun sinks in the West. So now the Senior Warden is said in the Lodge to represent the setting sun.



P.U.M.P. It Up

thusiastic about the upcoming Masonic Year. As AGLs, we are here to assist you with the Standard Ritual Work of our Grand Lodge. Our theme for the year is Ritual Helps Enhance the Masonic Experience. Properly performed, Ritual is impressive to watch, engages those present in the ceremony and can inspire Brothers to be fired up about the Ritual and Masonry as a whole. Great Ritual work inspires others to become Ritualists!

Our goal this year is to P.U.M.P. up the quality of Ritual in the District. P.U.M.P. is an acronym defining Ritual Proficiency as equaling Understanding the Ritual plus Memorizing the current Standard Work correctly and Presenting the Ritual in a quality manner. By expanding the goal of Ritual proficiency beyond memoriza- trying not to get involved, but I tion and recitation, we want to am going to try it.

strive to achieve Ritual excellence in the District.

Our Ritual tradition dates back over three hundred years. This is an important heritage that is uniquely Masonic. The Ritual is the language of our Craft. Our journey towards Ritual proficiency begins with understanding the Ritual. This includes the correct pronunciation of the words as well as exploring the underlying meaning of those words.

Memorizing the Ritual is critical. However, rather than focusing only on reciting phrases, you can build upon your understanding of the Ritual to actually teach during the Degree. The attentive ear receives the lessons from the instructive tongue. Memorization can be enhanced with the beauty of presentation. Think of the public speech lacking any passion or style. What is communicated is quickly forgotten and the opportunity to inspire is lost. Throughout the coming year we will be exploring how we can help P.U.M.P. the Ritual to enhance our Masonic Experience!

We appreciate the support we have received in our transition from V:.W:. Harry De-Hollander and V∴W∴ Hugh Woodside. We also thank them for their dedicated service as the Assistant Grand Lecturers. They certainly have made a positive difference in the District.

During the Summer months we encourage all Lodges to inspect their Regalia and Degree items. It is a good time to replace worn out or missing items. This will ensure everything is ready to go in September. Also, we encourage incoming Masters to appoint a Ritual Director who can work with the Lodge and us to achieve the aforementioned goals.

School of Ritual

The first School of Ritual will be August 31st at the Shrine Center in Webster. The topic covered will be the opening and closing of the Lodge. Call us if you need assistance with learning the Ritual over the Summer. We will be glad to help.

See you around the District. \*

### Membership Retention R .: W .:

Joseph Privitera Monroe District

As some of you may know, last September I experienced what I Your incoming Assistant refer to as the "incident." Since Grand Lecturers are very en- spending eight days in a Hull, Quebec, hospital and three days at Rochester General Hospital, I put in perspective many of the things going on in my life. I have decided to slowly back off some of the things I was doing, including some Masonic activities.

Although I have begun putting things in order, I am not going away or giving up. What I believe I am doing is trying to get things organized as much as I can before someone else has to do the job and, at the same time, enjoying what is available to me. Personally, I'm getting closer to those close to me and spending more time on the dock of the bay.

Masonically, it is time to start passing some tasks on to younger Brothers. I still hope to be doing some of the Ritual work and going to the social functions. It will be difficult seeing a situation and

Since this is probably the last time I will be writing in this capacity, I thought I would exit the same way I came in. That is, writing about the need of communication with the Brothers in the Craft. The Trestleboard is one of the most important methods of informing Brothers of what is going on in the Lodge. Yet, in some Lodges, it is not prepared and when it has, it is not distributed to all members of the Lodge. As a result, the Brothers are uninformed of activities. This leads to low attendance at meetings and Lodge functions.

The Lodge leadership can go through all the hoops to arrange good activities for the membership and their families, but, if the plan or Trestleboard is not shared with the Brothers, all the planning is for naught.

There are many ways to communicate to the Craft, but this publication, the Masonic Times, is one of the best. Over the years, when the Lodge article was not in the paper, I received phone calls, letters and emails, from members and widows, not only from this area but from places such as South Carolina, Florida and Colorado asking what happened to the Lodge letter that was supposed to be in the paper.

To the Masters of Lodges ... write the article and if you can't, then delegate the writing to someone else. To the Brothers ... if the article is not in the paper, then ask why.

Well, enough of this. I will leave the preaching and lecturing to the next bunch. Sometimes it is best to leave nicely before somebody throws you out. I hope to see you in a Lodge sometime and somewhere.

### Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

R .: W .: **Donald Tubman** Co-Chairman

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Sean Brown Training Co-ordinator seanb218@yahoo.com

Congratulations to all who supported the Masonic Safety Program this past year. We performed a number of events and processed IDs on over 900 youths.

Congratulations to all new Officers of the Monroe Lodges, Concordant Bodies and to the Grand Lodge Officers. Now that we have new Masters and Officers, it's time to plan Masonic Safety Events on your Trestleboards, schedule the equipment and appoint your Lodge's new CHIP Coordinators. If each incoming Master were to appoint a Chairperson at their Lodge, we would have a force to set up and deliver a high-quality Child ID Program that could really serve the community.

There has recently been a renewed interest in the program and, having attended a presentation at the Damascus Shrine Center by Sgt. Inv. Patrick Crough of his book, The Serpents Among Us which deals with child sex abuse and abduction, we realize how important the Masonic Safety Program really is. We are planning to meet with the National

Missing and Exploited Children's Center in Rochester to better coordinate our efforts. Will you give your support?

Ian McNelly is very close to achieving his Eagle Scout Award. He has completed several Child ID Programs, processed nearly 100 children at these events and has additionally translated the permission slips, demographic forms and some other materials into Spanish. Ian is working on making this available electronically to the Masons so the Masonic Safety Child ID Program can be brought to the Hispanic Communities where many parents are not fluent in English or it is not their first language.

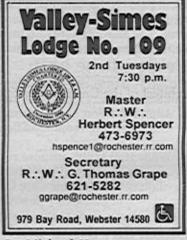
Ian may hold one more event, possibly in the City of Rochester so we can reach out to the Hispanic Community. Are any of you willing to get involved?

#### Who to Contact

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. All three of us can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at:

datubman@yahoo.com rcdowns@rochester.rr.com or seanb218@yahoo.com.

CHIP Training Coordinator Sean Brown, Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, can schedule a training session for you as well. You can contact Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you have questions or suggestions.



#### By Michael Hueston Installation

Please mark your calendar and save the date - June 8th for the closed Installation of Officers of Valley-Simes Lodge. Won't you please join us and show your support to these Brothers for stepping up and helping our Lodge for the ensuing year. Our newly elected and appointed officers are:

Master Michael Hueston Sr. Warden John Faro Jr. Warden Joe DiTucci Treasurer Glenn Stahl Herbert Spencer Secretary Sr. Deacon Frank Sackett Jr. Deacon Timothy Harmon Sr. MC David Mura Jr. MC Bernard Skopinsky Gary Burke Marshal Richard Giedd Tiler Chaplain **Nelson Bertch** 3-Year Trustee Gary Burke

I thank Nelson Bertch, Herb Spencer and Gary Burke, who are the Installing Officers, for their help and guidance. The committees were announced at our Lodge meeting on May 11th

By now if you do not know, our Master, Herb Spencer, once again will be our Secretary and Brother Tom Grape will be his Assistant Secretary. The Lodge thanks Brother Tom Grape for his hard work and dedication to our Lodge. I also thank Herb Spencer for a great job as Master and for all he has done and will do for this coming year.

Herb is a hardworking Mason and truly does a lot for all of us to make our Lodge function year after year.

#### Sickness and Distress

Brother Bill Scheer is feeling better and it will be nice to have his smile back with us at Lodge. We have missed him these past months.

#### Summer Clambake

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, July 18th, for a clambake, starting at 1 p.m. The location will be at Brother Frank Sackett's house in Bloomfield. The Lodge will provide clams, corn-on-the-cob, hamburgers, hot dogs and soda pop. The cost will be \$10 per family and reservations are required. There will be more information as the date gets closer.

#### Installation of Officers

We need your reservation for the dinner on June 8th. Our Chief Chef Charles promises a meal fit for all and I know you will not be disappointed. The evening will start with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.; the Installation Ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. and we will have desserts to end the evening. Please come and show your support to the Lodge; we want to see everyone at the ceremony.

#### Sad News

By now most of you are aware that the Lodge lost one of its Brothers. Brother David Long passed away on May 1st. A Masonic Service was provided in his honor. We wish our sincere condolences to the family.

I am saddened to report that we lost another stalwart member of Valley-Simes Lodge on May 16th. W∴ Howard J. Belt was called home by the Great Architect of the Universe to sit by his side as a token for a job well done. Brother Howard was a great Mason and worked hard as the Treasurer of the Lodge for 38 years. Our heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to the Belt family.

### News from a Brother

I recently received a note from W .: Litch Toland who resides in Florida and will be 93 in July. Brother Toland thanks the Lodge for keeping him upto-date on what is going on with his Lodge. Brother Toland was Raised in Orpheus Lodge in 1948 and was Master in 1956. Brother Litch also asks to hear personally from his Brothers. His address is Litchard Toland, 481 Quail Forest Blvd; Apt 306, Naples, FL 34105-5574.

### Dues

Currently there are 17 Brothers who have not submitted payment of their Dues. Seven owe just 2010. My Brothers, let's check those Dues Cards in your wallet and get current. "Reminders" have already gone out to those 17 Brothers.

### June Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Brothers who are celebrating their birthday during the month of June. You may wish to call, visit or email them a very Happy Birthday.

Thomas Steele (1st), George Hornung (3rd), Myron Dox (4th), Bruce Harrison (10th) and Richard Beyer (17th).

### July Birthdays

Raymond Sterling, Richard Crockford and Thomas Belt (1st), Samuel Bogorad (3rd), Wallace Wagner (6th), Litch Toland and Richard VanZandt (11th), Bernard Skopinsky shall Brothers be for a' that." (12th), Arthur Hill (22nd), Jo-

seph Bishop (25th), Timothy Harmon, Jr. (28th), Norman Gross (30th).

#### **August Birthdays**

Mathew Gingold and Ronald Schiffler (2nd), Rand Gee (3rd), Robert Peace (8th), Jonathan Spencer (15th), John Faro (20th), Donald Johnson (21st), Gary Caswell and Michael McBride (25th), Carl Klein (28th), Charles Fornataro (29th), Joseph DiTucci (30th).

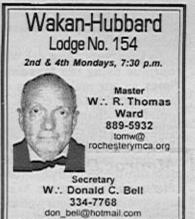
### Masonic Anniversaries

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

Irving Schuth 1947 Erich Postler 1957 1958 Solomon Shinder Arthur Cohen 1960 1985 Grant Romer 2000 Michael Hueston **Email Addresses** 

For several months, I have been seeing more notices of undeliverable addresses and messages returned. If you have not been receiving my emails, please contact me to validate your email address. Also, if you wish to get on the email list, let me hear from you. Send an email with a short message and your latest email address to:

hspence1@rochester.rr.com We will then put you on the list and back in the communication loop. Thanks.



Due to bad weather on May 8th, our Yearly Cleanup Day had to be postponed until May 22nd.

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At our May 10th meeting, the Worshipful Master gave his report on his trip to New York City for the Grand Lodge Communication. We also had a ballot for two favorable Petitioners, adding to the full list of Candidates for next year's Degree work. The Master also gave thanks for all the support and help for getting him through the year. Rich Goodrich and Craig Ridd were welcomed as our latest Raised Master Masons.

Congratulations to Doric Council on their 150th Birthday Council Re-dedication on for 2009 and 2010; ten owe for July 17th at the Pittsford Masonic Hall.

### **Upcoming Events**

June 5th -Open Installation of Officers for Wakan-Hubbard,

June 14th - Crazy Shirt Night and Strawberry Social. This will be the last meeting of the Masonic year.

Over the Summer look for us in the Fourth of July Parade.

August 9th - Our first meeting. Please have a safe and happy Summer.

August 14th - Steak Roast/ Clambake at Powder Mill Park, 12 noon - 10 p.m. Cost to be determined, reservations can be made by calling Rick Yendall at 889-5895 or Allan Hedrick at (386) 314-1762.

"Man-to-man, the warld o'er

Robert Burns x

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

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By R .: W .: Skip Waterstreet All the substitutes for the May 4th meeting had an exciting evening, as it was Move-Up Night due to the absence of several Brothers attending Grand Lodge. I am told it went reasonably well, with Junior Warden Richard Smith in the East and several Brothers filling positions not normally their responsibility.

Happier news for Brother Scott Mason this month as he announced the birth of his son. Mother, Melissa, and son were doing well at last report. Brother Scott has been on Army duty in Georgia (I was told) and I haven't been able to speak with him for more information.

May 11th was our Annual Officers' Meeting, which was open to everyone. Annual Reports and the proposed budget were reviewed. This session is used to offer open discussion on any concerns prior to the actual Lodge Annual Meeting, which was on the 18th. The intent is to make that Communication go as smoothly as possible. R:.W:. Derek VanHouten announced his expected appointments to the Line. There are a few spots still available, if anyone is interested in serving this year.

### Installation

June 1st is our Installation of Officers. It will be an open meeting, preceded by a Meatloaf Dinner. The cost is \$8 per person; the Telephone Committee should have been in touch for your reservation. Feel free to contact me, if that was not the case.

### Mark your Calendar

June 18th is our Wild Shirt Night, which really means wear a sport shirt and be comfortable.

August 21st is our Annual Picnic. I hope you will plan to attend this event on that Saturday at Camp DeMolay. A couple of our members have spent many hours over the years on Camp maintenance. We recently put up a new building, which still needs some interior work and furnishings. If you have never been, or haven't been there recently, you will be pleasantly surprised (I think) at what Camp DeMolay has to offer. Sodus Point really isn't that far away!

September 7th will be our first Communication in the Fall. It will also be the Official Visit of our new District Deputy Grand Master, R∴W∴ George Nasra, and his Staff Officers, R.: W .: George Foehner and R:.W:. Phillip Hurwitz. It is the day after Labor Day, so it may be too early and/or too confusing to plan on a dinner. If that is to be the case, we will let you know.

### Birthdays

As we do annually in this issue, we acknowledge those Brothers celebrating Summer birthdays. We hope each of you has a great day!

### June

Thomas Benson (2nd); Vincent Costanzo (5th); Alan Goodrich

Charles Strickland (28th); Paul W. of the space. Abbey, Jr., and Michael Schum (29th); and Leonard J. Schmeer, munication was a special occa-Jr., (30th).

#### July

Rene VanDeVeire (29th) and Roy Tommy. T. Bruno, Jr., (31st).

#### August

John Brinthaupt (2nd); Terry King (5th); Malcolm Nulton and Kenneth Pearce (14th); Albert J. Neracker, Jr., and Kenneth Schumacher (20th); James Causey, Herbert Young and William Shelby (21st); and Duane Smith (24th).

#### Summer Break

As we go dark for the Summer, my hope for you is sunshine, warm temperatures and lots of rest and relaxation. See you in Lodge in the Fall.



First, I must apologize to the Brethren of Oatka Lodge for not getting the newsletter out last month. I have taken on a new job teaching at one of the Rochester colleges and found myself very busy with end-of-semester tasks. June, however, will be my last newsletter as your Master since Elections were held May 12th.

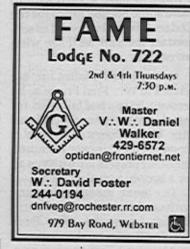
#### **Election Results** Steve Phillips Master Sr. Warden Harold Roxburgh Jr. Warden Chris Cameron Bill Flesher Secretary Evar Miller Treasurer 3-Yr Trustee Mike Lazore 1-Yr Trustee Larry Blazey

The Public Installation of the newly elected Officers and all appointed Officers will be June 19th, 2 p.m. at the Lodge.

Other events that have taken place over the past month include Oatka Lodge providing a service to the U.S. Census Bureau by opening our doors for the training of workers for the

(6th); John Brown (13th); Philip 2010 Census. They held their McCaskill (15th); Ralph Jurgens training classes in our dining (25th); Kenneth Mertz (26th); area and were very appreciative

Our April 24th Regular Comsion as Brother Tom Nersinger received his Dedicated Service Charles N. Waterstreet, Jr., Award Apron and Certificate. (4th); Russell Rines (6th); Charles R .: W .: Derek Van Houten pre-Howell (7th); Franklin Suhr (8th); sided over the ceremony and all Mack Thompson (13th); David the Brothers present gave Tom King (14th); William Hook (19th); Grand Honors. Tommy has Wesley Trendell (21st); Sidney spent a lot of his time taking Horton (22nd); Arnold Ford care of the Lodge building and (25th); Eugene White (28th); grounds. Thank you very much,



By Dan Walker

It feels good to have a pencil in my hand again to write a Lodge article. Hopefully, by the time you read this, my Brothers will have elected me as Master. If not, enjoy my one and only article this year.

First off, thank you to those who attended our Annual Ladies Night at Keenan's Restaurant. The food and service was beyond compare. I look forward to Brothers Jason Gartland and Chuck Zlotkus putting it together for next year on May 7th, 2011. Save the date.

Thank you, also, to the Lodge for sending me to New York City this year. Interestingly, there was no actual business transacted at Grand Lodge this year, other than the Election of Officers for the next two years. Since there were a few challengers for Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Grand Treasurer, we had to ballot on each individually. Remember when I said before there was no business transacted? Well, on Tuesday afternoon, after having balloted and re-balloted for Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden, I cast my ballot for Grand Treasurer at 2:15 p.m. and left. I had to catch a train back home. Alas, Grand Lodge is still Grand Lodge.

### Upcoming Events

This is going to be a great upcoming year for our Lodge.

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Brother Tom Nersinger was presented the Dedicated Service Award by R∴W∴ Derek Van Houten and W∴ Bill Flesher.

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There are a few things we are trying. On October 28th, we are having a Pot-Luck Supper and will have a guest speaker. We used to do these every month, but since moving to the Shrine Center, interest has waned. Let's try it once a year and see if we can keep the novelty of it.

Our Corn and Sausage Roast will be on Saturday, July 24th. Location will be announced later. On a Saturday in August, I want to have a yard sale to raise some needed funds for the Lodge. If you have a yard to sell, contact me and we'll see what we can do.

Our get-well wishes are extended to W .: Fred Prince as he recovers from a bad fall. Also, remember W .: Heinz Gunkel and Mrs. Marita Jones (wife of W: Doug) as they recover from surgery. Our prayers are with you all for a speedy convalescence.

The next meeting is June 10th and it is the Strawberry Social. I am sure W .: Dick Topel will select only the ripest and juiciest berries to serve us. Thanks for reading and remember that many hands make light work. See you in Lodge.



tions are now in. W .: Tom Goodrich has been elected Master of our Lodge for the umpteenth time in the last 30 years. W∴ Sy Kopen is now officially Senior Warden Emeritus, and our new Junior Warden is a relatively new face, Brother Terry Adams, he having done a first rate job as Senior Deacon. Also elected was another new Brother, Adam Junod, as Treasurer, and an old Brother (literally) W .: Bernie Lazerson as Secretary. W .: Bernie will be taking over from W .: George Bracht, who is retiring officially as Masonic Secretary after a total of some 20 years in that position at our Lodge and at Webster. Replacing him is nearly impossible. Trustees were also elected and some new Brothers will, undoubtedly, be appointed by our new Worshipful Master.

Fairport Canal Days, which will run Saturday and Sunday, June 5th and 6th. We will also be doing Child ID and your help is needed greatly for all aspects. Please contact Brother Brian Bills to sign up for work and to help the Lodge at our most important event. The Installations will occur Flag Day, June 14th, at a closed ceremony, at our Lodge. All Brothers are invited to attend.

On June 28th, we will have our final meeting of the year, the official Budget Meeting, and the dress code will be shirtsleeves and slacks.

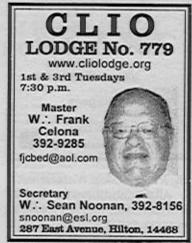
#### Lodge of Remembrance

This year was witness to the passing of five Brothers, who were honored at a Lodge of Remembrance, April 26th. Brothers Arthur M. Bennett, Robert E. Fisher, Herbert R. Hirsch, Samuel C. Beckley and Maurice Solomon. These Brothers served their families and our Lodge well and now go on to sit by the Great Architect of the Universe ... so mote it be. Our sincere sympathy goes out to their families.

I cannot close without saying a few words about the loss of a Great Light in Masonry. R .: W .: Maurice Solomon, was the Presiding Officer at my Installation as Master, in 2004. If Howard Kosel, the sportscaster supreme, were alive, he would have said, "Solomon was a diminutive man of enormous stature." He was constantly asked to stand at various functions, to which he replied, "I am standing." He was, and he did stand tall of mental and spiritual achievements. Many great men quote, "if I have seen farther than other men, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants." Of Brother Maurie, it could legitimately be said, he saw farther than other men, because he stood atop the mountain of his own achievements. It is because of this fact, that he has cast a long and beneficent shadow on this District and Fraternity. Some have sought to build by tearing down and then rebuilding. Brother Maurie strove only to build and what a great Builder! ... of men, of Fraternity, of Brotherhood and of Ritual. May the Great Architect shine his light upon all of us through the beautiful prism of Brother Maurie's Eternal Soul. Amen.

On a personal note, this will be W .: Bernie's last communication as Master of this or any other Lodge. Twice is enough, my Brothers have said. Let me just say it was an honor and privilege to serve you, to carry your vote to New York City for our favorite son, R .: W .: James Sullivan, our new Deputy Grand June 4th, we will be setting Master, and to conclude what up for our primary fundraiser, many will say is a successful

year in the East by finally stemming the loss of Lodge members over the last five years. May our Lodge grow mightier by the year. So mote it be.



I am very pleased and proud to have served our Brothers and Lodge as Master and truly trust that some of our challenges have been worked out and that plans in place and those being formulated will maintain our Lodge in Masonic working order:

We congratulate and welcome Master Mason Brothers Mathew Scheffer and Roger Dargush who were Raised on April 20th.We also were privileged to observe Brother Mathew being Raised by his father-in-law, R .: W .: John Erlich. Our Lodge solicited the Shrine Degree Team for all segments of this Degree and their performance was outstanding with W .: Mike Grady officiating

We supported the Hilton Rotary and helped serve a dinner to our community senior citizens in mid-April at St. Paul Lutheran Church. It was a pleasure to meet and converse with Past Master, W.: Harry Hopkins.

We continue the process of refining the scope of affordable Lodge renovations to improve the quality, utility and safety of our facility and will keep you informed of our progress and funding efforts.

Although not quite meeting our sales expectations, our Annual Ox Roast on May 1st was very well attended by our faithful community residents and I would highlight that the food and service were excellent. Many thanks to our Brothers and the Triangle Girls, under the leadership of Brother Bill Hunn, for their support and assistance.

### **Upcoming Events**

June 1st - Installation of Officers

June 15th - Our last communication for the season ... This meeting will be combined with a Brother Bring-Several-Brothers Event and Annual Steak-out Dinner; your guest's food and beverage will be complimentary. As we will have several new Masons in attendance, as well as some prospective Candidates, I encourage all Clio Masons and Past Masters to attend and enhance our Membership Program. Reservations are required; call or email our Secretary, W .: Sean Noonan.

June 9th and 23rd - Spaghetti Dinners

Sickness and Distress Our continuing support and well wishes for a speedy recovery and/or improved rehabilitation is extended to all our ill and senior Brothers: R .: W .: George Todd, W: Bob Pederson, W: Dave Goodrich, W .: Gordon Smith, W .: Jeff Ross, Gus Neidrich and Alvin Metcalf.

Fraternal congratulations to our new line of Officers and wishing all Brothers and their families a great Summer.



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**Upcoming Events** 

June 14th - Sport Shirt Night, so remember to leave your coat and tie at home. This will also be our Walk-About and Awards Night. There will be a dinner prior to the meeting. If you did not sign up, please contact Gary Sanford (425-4240) to make a reservation before June 11th. This is our final meeting before the Lodge goes dark over the Summer.

June 18th-20th - the "Village on the Green" Annual Fundraiser, Child-ID Program and Square Dance. Please make sure you sign up for a time slot. We need everyone's help to make this a success.

June 21st - Family and Friends Fellowcraft Steak Roast. Make sure you are signed up by June 16th at the latest. Contact George Foehner (586-5255) or Gary Sanford (425-4240) to reserve your steak.

To keep costs down, we will continue using the Masonic Times as our main means of communicating Lodge events. If something changes between printings, we will email everyone and mail information to those who have requested. Please make sure the Secretary has your latest contact information. As always, you can check our website for the latest Trestleboard at:

www.unionstarmasons.org.

As soon as more information is available for next year, the new Trestleboard will be posted. So enjoy the Summer and come back with some stories, ideas and maybe even a few potential Candidates.

### Good News

Brothers, first off, I congratulate our own R:.W:. George Foehner as one of the new Grand Sword Bearers for the Monroe District. He has supported and helped us grow; now he can help the entire District grow. We wish him the best of luck in his new position.

### Recent Events

Thanks to R .: W .: Gary Sanford, W .: Dennison Ripley and W .: Richard Bull for being the Installing Master, Marshal and Chaplain for our Installation. Our new Officers for the ensuing year are:

Master Scott May Sr. Warden

Frank Habitzreuther Jr. Warden

Ken Tomaszewski **Gary Sanford** Secretary Treasurer Terry Hatch Richard Bull Chaplain Sr. Deacon **Troy Shouse** Kenneth Hecker Jr. Deacon Sr. MC Mark Hutton Jr. MC Andrew Cotraccia Stewards Allen B. Foehner Robert Foehner Marshal Mark Armbruster Organist Martin J. Reitz Tiler Richard Horton

June 14th - Regular Communica-\* tion - Sport Shirt Night -

**Upcoming Events** 

Walk-About and Awards, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner

18th - Festival on the Green Setup, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

19th - Festival on the Green, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Child-ID -1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; Square Dance, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

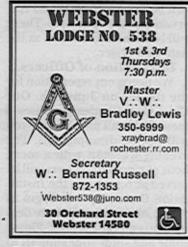
20th - Festival on the Green, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

21st - Fellowcraft Steak Roast, 6:30 p.m.

#### September

13th - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

27th - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, 7 p.m.; Light Dinner ×



By Scott S. Cronk

There's so much to write about, especially now, as we end one year of Masonry and begin another. But the one thing I will start with is the amazing growth at Webster Lodge. We've had a record year of growth with 18 newly Raised Brothers. And not just "a lot of new Brothers" either. The old adage about quantity and quality being at opposite ends of the spectrum doesn't apply here. We've truly been blessed with our new Brothers, many of whom have already expressed interest in stepping into the Officer lineup. And, from what we've been seeing, they'll do just fine. There is no doubt here that this growth will be long term and healthy. We Brothers of Webster Lodge should be thankful.

Last year saw great turnouts for such activities as the Havea-Heart Program for the Ronald McDonald House, the various Spaghetti Dinners for our local organizations and many other functions. Keep in mind that all such programs are so much more successful with the help of the Brethren. For example, in April, 11 Brothers and family members, showed up for the Spring Highway Cleanup. Brother Hank Libera puts this together and at the end of 40 minutes, we had a decent stretch of Ridge Road picked up quite nicely. If I could only learn to operate a camera, we'd have a nice picture for you. Next time.

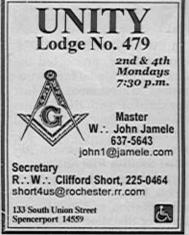
May 6th was our usual Past Masters' Night and "Stink Night" as well. We were fortunate to have 11 of our Past Masters with us. Those in attendance were Gordon Palmer, Dave Allen, Thomas F. Pellet, Jr., L. Warren Patterson, Mark V. Fenton, John Clapp, William J. Edwards, Bernard Russell, Bradley W. Lewis, Michael L. Nohle and Edwin K. Malchoff. Being "Stink Night," we partook in some sandwiches made from a variety of delicious fixings after closing Lodge. And, believe it or not, our W .: Ed Malchoff saved some Limburger for the rest of us.

June 3rd - Installation of Officers. This will be an Open Installation, so please feel free to invite your family. It will begin at 7 p.m. Afterward there will be refreshments.



On June 17th we'll be having Sr. Warden our usual Crazy Shirt Night. Remember to wear your craziest shirt. This will start at 7:30 p.m., but likely conclude a wee bit early for some barbequed hots, salads and so on. This will be our last regular Communication before going dark for July and August. You'll be receiving a mailer regarding a few Summer activities that are being planned. I'm hoping to see as many of you as possible during this brief respite.

I will close by saying that I'm looking forward to another excellent year in the quarries with my dear Brothers. And, as usual, with a little help from the Brethren, that's exactly what we'll have, an excellent year. Take care, and God bless.



#### Sad News

Brethren, it is my sad duty to announce the deaths of Brother Donald L. Grapensteter and Worshipful Brother William A. Farnsworth.

Brother Grapensteter was born April 22, 1928, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1950. He died January 8, 2010.

Worshipful Brother James Farnsworth was born November 19, 1924, and Raised November 22, 1954. He died on April 5, 2010.

#### Recent Events Widows Luncheon

Thirteen Widows of Unity Lodge Brothers attended the Annual Widows Luncheon, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau, at Burgundy Basin on April 24th. This annual event honors these ladies for their support and assistance to their husbands during their service as Freemasons.

**Grand Lodge** 

The 229th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was convened in New York. Many distinguished guests and dignitaries consisting of Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and other Grand Representatives of Grand Lodges from this and other countries were officially welcomed at the opening session.

The Election and Installation of Grand Lodge Officers took place May 4th and they are: Grand Master

M:.W:. Vincent Libone Deputy Grand Master

R.: W.: James Sullivan Sr. Grand Warden

R.: W.: Thomas McMullin Jr. Grand Warden

R:.W:. Charles Uhle Grand Treasurer R.: W.: William Thomas

**Grand Secretary** 

R.: W.: Gilbert Savitzky

**Election of Officers** 

The following were Elected Officers of our Lodge at our May 10th meeting:

Robert Buchanan Master

John Lemke Jr. Warden **Byron Barnes** Treasurer Thomas Michielsen Clifford Short Secretary

Congratulations to these Brothers and best wishes for success in the ensuing year. We should all join in supporting these new Officers.

The Public Installation of newly elected Lodge Officers is scheduled for Monday evening, June 28th at 7:30 p.m. in our Lodge Room.

**Upcoming Events** 

Our Annual Picnic will be June 21st at 6 p.m. at Pineway Ponds Park, as in previous years. However, this year the picnic will be in the Gravelle Lodge. This change is due to the fact that the Ogden Recreation Commission is using the Boetcher Lodge weekday evenings for programs.

Bring a dish-to-pass and table service. Meat and beverages will be supplied by the Lodge. Reservations will be appreciated to help us in purchasing items for the picnic. Please call or email John Lemke with reservations. He will need to know how many are in your party and, if any of them are children, by age. Contact John Lemke at 317-4791 or email: jlemke55@gmail.com.

### **Masonic Anniversaries**

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

| 1945 | Robert Spaulding    |
|------|---------------------|
| 1946 | Richard Bean        |
| 1949 | Edward Cone         |
| 1953 | John Mattern        |
| 1954 | John Bennett        |
| 1956 | Charles Flemming    |
|      | and John Grosshans  |
| 1958 | William Tipton, Jr. |
| 1965 | Edwin Wicks         |
| 1975 | Michael Waterhouse  |
| 1980 | Charles Raab        |
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### June Birthdays

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

Patrick M. Schwartz (1st), Michael Friedman and Robert D. Scott (2nd), Robert P. Langfelder (4th), Charles W. Flemming (5th), Keith L. Bower (6th), Steven Daycock and Robert W. Judd (8th), James G. Gillette (9th), Donald P. Fox (11th), Bernard W. Johnson and Andrew Tascione III (14th), Elmer O. Semmler (15th), Timothy J. Hull (18th), Walter L. Gay and Arthur F. Maupin (19th), Edward L. Cone, Wesley M. Evans and Scott A. Laundry (21st), Glenn F. Lawson (22nd), Daniel R. Fletcher (24th), Thomas A. Friedo (26th) and William A. Patrick (27th).

July Birthdays

Edward F. Vargo (1st), Barry R. Smith (2nd), Donald E. Freeman, Sr. (3rd), Roger D. Catlin and Brian P. Keery (4th), Howard J. Hall and Guenther A. Kaschner (6th), Alvin H. Ingram (7th), James R. McCafferty (10th), Clark M. Long (11th), David J. Adams and John E. Hennessey (13th), Robert L. Owen (14th), Raymond F. Unger, Jr. (15th), Harry F. Michaels (17th), William H. Monell and William B. Teasdale, Sr. (19th), William N. Fredenburg (20th), Joseph J. Palazzo (21st), John J. Hinds and Robert Songin (23rd), John S. Mattern (24th), Frederick G. Steele and John Vertigan (25th), Ronald L. Schultz (26th) and Mathew M.

Henshaw and Robert F. Van Keuren (27th).

**August Birthdays** 

Martin T. Zillman (1st), William H. Christopher (3rd), Matthew J. Westphal (4th), Michael J. Mosehauer, Michael G. Schwartz and Dennis F. Tianello (5th), Michael D. Edelman (8th), Thomas M. Paglia and Rudolph E. Reiber (14th), William H. Steele (15th), John S. Lemke and Bruce W. Peckham (16th), Glen A. Gardener and Thomas G. Vergo (22nd), John E. Dyer and Craig T. Mollen (23rd), John L. Jamele (24th), Donald L. Carlile, Robert W. Jones and John H. Lont (25th), William G. Staub (27th), Howard W. Ketchum, Sr. and Michael R. Waterhouse (30th).

Apologies

There were a couple of errors in the article last month ... my apologies to W .: Bill Mitchell omitted from the list of those re- always been there when needed ceiving thanks for attending the and has served quietly and with-

School of Ritual on March 31st. The date for the Annual Lodge Picnic was given as June 14th, it is, in fact, June 21st.

Thank You

I thank all the Brothers of this Lodge who have chosen me to serve in the various stations and places along the way to this point. I thank all who offered to aid and assist me in doing this.

I particularly thank Jan Porter and Skip Waterstreet for their forbearance these past two years.

Very Special Thanks There is one Brother who has

been outstanding in his willingness to help, aid and assist in serving this Lodge to a degree unequaled by others. W .: James Toogood has been the most available, the most willing and the most flexible helper a Maswhose name was inadvertently ter could hope to have. He has

out a lot of fanfare. We need more like him. Thanks Jim! Very, Very Special Thanks

There is not the slightest question about who the greatest, most faithful helper and supporter for me has been, and is. My beautiful wife, Helga, has been there from Senior Deacon days and beyond, not only with moral support and by attending many Masonic events, but also with "get-your-hands-dirty," nitty-gritty physical labor in service to our Lodge ... from picnics, pancake breakfasts, Child ID, Have-a-Heart, Blood Drives, planting the 531 Garden, preparing meals, washing dishes, mopping the kitchen floor and more. There has been no chore which she has avoided in assisting me within my Lodge duties and endeavors. Thank you, Helga!

# Genesee-Wyoming District

### Oakland Lodge

No. 379, F. & A.M. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (Jan/Feb/Mar: 1st Tuesday only)



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We are quickly approaching the end of this Masonic year, but still have a lot of work to do before the Summer break. I must apologize again for not getting an article in last month's Masonic Times. Computer problems once again hampered me from getting an article into publication. I think we have finally gotten all of the bugs figured out

and should be good to go. Our first and second Communications during the month of May were the Annual Nomination and Election of Officers. If everything thing holds true, the following Brothers will be Installed as next year's Officers of Oakland Lodge:

Master Kenneth Smith Sr. Warden

**Arthur Robinson** Robert Kemp Jr. Warden

**David Beardsley** Treasurer Secretary **Richard Smith Keith Granger** Chaplain Sr. Deacon Henry Robinson Jr. Deacon

Richard Robinson Sr. MC Tommy Kemp Mike Rhodes Jr. MC Steward **Daniel Hamilton** Thomas Scott Marshal The Installation of these Of-

ficers will occur on our first scheduled Communication of the month, Tuesday, June 1st. Oakland Lodge will once again join with Warsaw Lodge and have a Joint Installation of Officers. The Installation will be hosted by Warsaw Lodge at their Masonic Hall and begin at 8:00 p.m.

We will all be graced by the Genesee-Wyoming Purple Apron Club who will be performing the Installation of Officers. I welcome all the Brothers from Oakland Lodge to attend and show your support for the Officers who have been chosen to run your Lodge for the next year and also show support for the Brothers who have been chosen to run Warsaw Lodge next year.

The second Communication for the month of June will be Tuesday, June 15th, and will be Oakland Lodge's Annual Ladies Night. We set this night aside to thank our wives and significant others for the opportunity to attend Masonic functions throughout the year. The time and location of this communication is still to be announced. We are looking at a couple of new locations to possibly host this evening.

Our last scheduled event at this time would be Tuesday, June 22nd. The members of Oakland Lodge will be traveling to the Veterans Home in Batavia to host a night of Bingo with our Veterans. This is just one of many opportunities we have to say thank you to those who have risked their life for our freedom to be Americans and Masons. This night will also bring back many memories of a recent Veteran whom Oakland Lodge has lost. This will be the first year since I joined Oakland Lodge, and many before, I'm sure, that Brother Fred Hance will not be the caller at this event.

I thank all Brothers from Oakland Lodge who donated to the Brotherhood Fund this past year. I'm always amazed at the gracious and charitable spirits of Masons even during bleak and dismal economic times.

I hope this article finds all my fellow Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy start to the Summer season. As Memorial Day is here as this issue arrives at your mail box, may we all stop to remember and pray for those who have and are still fighting to keep this great nation of ours free and safe. Were it not for these special individuals, we may not have the freedom to be Masons today.

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

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Grand Lodge is now behind us and we settle in for a new Masonic Year. Of course, not before we have a nice Summer off.

New District Officers, like myself, will be busy in the off months preparing for a running start come September. This is my first column as DDGM, and I am excited about the next two years. Livingston District has a great team that includes R:. W:. Dennis King as Grand Sword Bearer and R .: W .: Roy Moses as AGL.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our predecessors, DDGM, R .: W .: John Gallant and Grand Steward, R:W:

Joe Shanks. Filling the shoes of these individuals is no easy task. Fortunately we also have the pleasure of their assistance in our new roles, so I know we will be just fine.

We will have a theme in Livingston District for the next two years that I call "2, 4, 6." We all know the Masonic Significance of 3, 5 and 7. We will also be concentrating on these new numbers of 2, 4 and 6. These numbers relate to the meeting numbers of each new Brother who joins our District Lodges. Their first meeting is of course their Entered Apprentice Degree. An evening full of new faces, nerves, strange words and a general feeling of being outside, looking in. Meeting number "2" is the next meeting before their 2nd Degree. A time

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when every effort should be made to invite the new Brother to come to the meeting. Every member should be encouraged to pay special attention to the new Mason, talk to him, sit with him, instruct him and make sure he feels like a Brother.

After his 2nd Degree, meeting number 4 should be much of the same thing. He needs to feel as though he is a part of the Lodge and comfortable with his Lodge experience.

Meeting number "6" is the one after his 3rd Degree. Again, making sure we all take time to continue our instruction, attention and openness to our new member.

We all know of the old stories on new Brothers joining and then no one sees them again. This is not their fault, but ours. Concentration on "2, 4 and 6," will solve this problem! We would love to see all the Lodges in all our Districts jump in on this theme and focus. We hope you join us!

With our Installations underway, and many complete, our Lodge Masters are working on their Trestleboards for the coming year. We should have many great programs and activities around Livingston District.

Play Golf

Before we look that far ahead,

Golf Tournament on June 19th at Conesus Country Club. This is always a great event. If you are not already signed up, contact me, and I will make sure we find a spot for you.

After that, we have St.John's Day in Utica on June 26th. I hope to see many of you there.

Have a great Summer!

### Nunda Station Lodge

No. 682

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

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

This will be my final Masonic Times article before stepping down as Master of Nunda Station Lodge. The year sure went fast and it was far from boring! We conferred a 3rd Degree on May 7th and it was very well attended. The Ladies of the Eastern Star served a great dinner. All Sections of the Degree work were outstanding. The frosting on the cake was the drama of the Hiramic Legend. It doesn't matter how many times you've seen we have the Livingston District it (the participants all dress in

costume), it seems to get better each time.

My motto for the past year has been "GET INVOLVED." Well, I'll be leaving you as Master but I'll be serving you as Senior Deacon. Here is the slate of Officers for Nunda Station Lodge, elected and appointed: Edwin Dickson Master Sr. Warden

Richard Trescott Jr. Warden James Bailey Secretary

Gerald Hussong

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The Livingston Masonic Association held its Annual Communion Breakfast May 16th at the United Church of Mt. Morris. This is an annual event with fellowship for all.

On May 18th, we heldour In-stallation of Officers with the Steak Roast. I know I will be seeing most of you during the upcoming year. Just keep in mind ... GET INVOLVED.

I've enjoyed working with all of you.

### **Grand Lodge** Award to M::W:: and Illustrious Solomon Wallace, 33°



M∴W∴ Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Master, presented the Grand Lodge Medal for Distinguished Achievement to Most Worshipful and Illustrious Solomon Wallace, 33°, Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, USA, under the Prince Hall Affiliation, and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York on May 4th.



M:.W: Gary Henningsen, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, introduced Brother Wallace to the Assembly and assisted M .: W .: Gilbert with the medal presentation. Brother Wallace then made brief remarks and expressed his thanks to Grand Lodge for this great honor. \*

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Camp Turk

We will also communicate information about Camp Turk and Round Lake. The facility hosts three weeks of camping for boys and three weeks of camping for girls in the Adirondacks, which the Board of Trustees also supports. The cost is \$1,000 for each camper, which covers room, board and activities for 21 days. The Camp itself is a wonderful place to be and it's about a 2-1/2hour drive from Rochester. The Camp is surrounded by stately stands of pine trees, a 1,500-acre lake is the centerpiece of the Camp and provides all sorts of water craft for the young people to enjoy. Computer classes, arts and crafts, campfires and many other activities are designed to give the young people a memoryfilled experience.

In addition to the above, the Board of Trustees oversees the Masonic Hall in New York City, the George Washington Site at Tappan, The Empire State Mason Magazine and provides an Educational Assistance Pro-

In the Fall we will be visiting your Lodge to introduce ourselves and talk briefly about the above and what we can do for you. x

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~~~Claude H. Wright~~~

President

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### Saturday, June 19th

at Conesus Golf Club

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June 2010

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### TOM VASILE POTENTATE

I believe the good weather has finally arrived. Spring is a great time to renew old friendships and make new ones. God has given us this wonderful time to observe His nature in action. I have a love for Spring because it reflects new beginnings and a fresh start, which is always good.

### NYOSA Session

I recently attended the Spring NYOSA
Session, which was held in Nanuet, NY.
Ill. Sir Lance Ward was kind enough to
fly me there in his plane. Lance was excellent at piloting the plane, which has an
"IFR." IFR is short for controlling the
plane with the instruments. I got a little
nervous when he took his eyes off the
road, but then I remembered I was not on
the road any longer. You know Lance, he
made it very comfortable for me knowing it was my first flight in a small plane.

The NYOSA Session was visited by four Imperial Officers. Past Imperial Potentate Douglas Maxwell, CEO, explained that transition to third-party pay has not been easy. However, it will allow us to stabilize the financial position of the Hospitals and keep them up and running in the future. The Chairman of the group that is working on the three-party pay implementation is Imperial Assistant Rabban Alan Madsen, who gave an overview of their work over the past year.

### **Hospital Payments**

Since we all voted for third-party pay implementation last July, Imperial Sir Alan and his staff have worked hard to ensure the implementation will happen within one year. This is a huge undertaking because of the diversity in laws and regulations among the States and Federal Government.

The system kick-off will occur on July 1st. In conclusion, Imperial Sir Al reports our hospitals will gain revenue, care will still be free to every child and we can continue to count on the unique care Shriners Hospitals for Children® make available to all children in the world. Revenues have been conservatively estimated at up to \$175 million per year

within five years of this implementation. Thank God for His guidance. Also present at NYOSA was Deputy Imperial Potentate George A. Mitchell and Imperial First Ceremonial Master Jerry G. Gantt.

#### Membership

As a result of the great and successful Noble Bring-a-Brother Night in April, we have voted and approved the Petitions of ten new members. This class was inducted on May 22nd during our Ceremonial. We invited new members from the last two years to participate in the Hot Sands that evening. It is always a joy for us to bring new Nobles into Shrinedom. A thank you goes out to Assistant Rabban, Gary Burke, and High Priest and Prophet, Oscar Wilson, for their planning and preparation for this event.

#### Color Guard

We desperately need to fill the positions in our Color Guard. Please consider giving some of your time to honor our Country and Flag by joining the Color Guard. They are a big part of our general meetings, parades and other activities where they appear when requested. If you are interested in joining, please call the office at (585) 671-7701 to obtain more information.

On April 18th we filled a tour bus to the Seneca Niagara Casino. Wow, what a day! Thanks to 1st Ceremonial Master, Noble Sean Noonan, and Gino Tours, we had a great time. On the trip there, we were served refreshments of pepperoni bread, candy and a little wine. Our tour guide also involved us in some raffles. Lady Debbie and I had a great time, as did all who attended. There were no big winners, but the time was well spent with family and friends. Thanks, Sean, for a great time.

### Chocolate!

Lady Debbie and I are excited to announce that the shipment of the "World's Finest Chocolate" has arrived. With the help of Oriental Guide, Noble Jim Miller, and the Office, we hope to raise some money for our Hospitals by selling this candy. We need your help, so please call the Office and reserve your box to sell at your place of business or in your neighborhood. There are 50 bars in a box and are sold at \$1.00 a bar. We are working on the honor system, so when you take a box to sell, you do not put your own money up front. After you sell the box, the money is to be turned into the Office. Please assist us in this effort to raise money for our Hospitals. Thank you, in advance, for your help.

Our General Meeting on May 5th was very successful. Retired Investigative Sergeant Patrick Crough gave us an outstanding presentation. He is available for future presentations at any Club or Unit meeting, or any group or church function at which you may want him to give his presentation. His talk about child predators certainly opened everyone's eyes to this evil act against our children. We had close to 80 people present, including members of the Daughters of the Nile. When you see members of the



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Daughters of the Nile, please thank them for their support of our Hospitals.

At this meeting, we also acknowledged Nobles with 50 years in our Fraternity. They are Culver K. Barr, Roger A. Clarke, Paul D. Humphrey, Lee C. Johnson, Raymond R. Martin, Robert F. Merithew, Richard A. Miles, Joseph Minas, Philip Neivert, Theodore H. Peck, Fred S. Russell, Richard B. Vaughan and Alan S. Weinberg. Thank you so much for your dedication and service. God bless you all.

Membership List

Currently, four Divan members and Nicole are working to update our membership list. If you have moved or changed any of your information, please call the Office to update this information. We are in the process of making phone calls for these updates. Thanks, in advance, for your help and cooperation.

### Upcoming Events

Because this is the last issue of the Damascus News until September, here is a reminder of some events to attend over the Summer. The dates are posted in the Office by the respective Club or Unit sponsoring the event.

June 19th - Tony Soprano's Retirement Party (in place of the Potentate's Ball) at the Shrine Center. (See advertisement). Get your reservations in! Please come out for some fun!!! July 15th - Webster Parade Call Out! August 5th - Geneva Shrine Club Fishing Derby

August 7th - Auburn Shrine Club "Hospital Days" 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Check with the Office for directions.)

August 8th - Wheelers Ugly Run at the Shrine Center

August 17th - Canandaigua Shrine Club Steak Roast, Hol-Field Gun Club

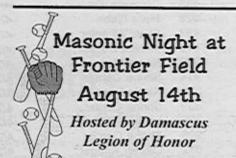
Remember what Chief Aide, Norris "The Boss" Shapiro, says, "Get those Reservations in to the Office ASAP!!"

Until next time, may God bless you and your family and keep you in His care.









See Page 12 for all the Details

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### ······ Damascus Legion of Honor Wednesday, June 9th

at Damascus Shrine Center 979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m. (Cheese & Crackers ... Cash Bar) Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

STEAK \* Potatoes Vegetable

Rolls & Butter Dessert S9 per person

RSVP no later than June 9th at 436-8216 Meeting to follow.

### Calendar Winners for April

|      |     |                   |      |     | 109-32-56 NOSSH (Spectros) |
|------|-----|-------------------|------|-----|----------------------------|
| DAY  | NO. | WINNER            | DAY  | NO. | WINNER                     |
| 4/1  | 111 | Al Malllaber      | 4/16 | 932 | Linda Zahn                 |
| 4/2  | 138 | Christine Strobel | 4/17 | 783 | Ronald Miller              |
| 4/3  | 828 | Molly Tyson       | 4/18 | 391 | Robert Harris              |
| 4/4  | 497 | Steve Wheeler     | 4/19 | 320 | Loraine Pinker             |
| 4/5  | 476 | Monica Pollard    | 4/20 | 856 | Jim McDonald               |
| 4/6  | 920 | Nancy Dox         | 4/21 | 858 | Shrine Center              |
| 4/7  | 914 | Shrine Center     | 4/22 | 852 | Mary Lou Mattle            |
| 4/8  | 220 | Nicole Boyd       | 4/23 | 658 | Edna Shanks                |
| 4/9  | 839 | Shrine Center     | 4/24 | 778 | Jan Davin                  |
| 4/10 | 320 | Loraine Wilkes    | 4/25 | 093 | Shrine Center              |
| 4/11 | 926 | Shrine Center     | 4/26 | 236 | Mary Lou Davoli            |
| 4/12 | 012 | Lauren Krieger    | 4/27 | 919 | Terri Williams             |
| 4/13 | 036 | Shrine Center     | 4/28 | 489 | Brian Stone                |
| 4/14 | 466 | Shrine Center     | 4/29 | 936 | Edward Miller              |
| 4/15 | 426 | Tom Shafer        | 4/30 | 051 | Shrine Center              |

### AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

#### Sickness and Distress

burn Shrine Club (ASC) and a true Masonic leader, suffered a stroke after Eas-We wish Joe a speedy recovery.

Sprague Wheeler, our Florida tab man, had to return to Central New York for treatment. He has been having problems with his back and had to return earlier than planned for physical therapy at Mercy Rehab Center in Auburn.

Another good supporter of the ASC is Mark Gould. His son was in an accident and is hospitalized with serious injuries. That is all I know at this time. I'm sure each would appreciate a card or a call.

Our April meeting at the Old Erie Restaurant was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and the Program on the Masonic Learning Centers, sponsored by the Scottish Rite. Our speaker was John Paul, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Frank & Betty Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children in Rochester. This acclaimed educational program is for children with Dyslexia - a learning disability involving difficulties in acquiring and processing words. John did an excellent job of explaining the expanding program for the children in the Western New York Area.

Our Vice-President, Jim Kahn, filled in ably for our President, John Cambareri, who was supposed to be on a trip to Ireland. That trip was cancelled due to the Iceland Volcano that made flying impossible. Instead, John reports that he and Carol went to Denver - not a bad 2nd

choice for a second honeymoon. I guess Joe Marshall, Past President of the Au- John figured he had his bags packed so he might as well go someplace.

Bernice and Ralph Talcott, and Lew and ter and is having physical therapy daily at Ruth Hares, both Candidates for the All-Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse. American Senior Couple Award, were out and enjoyed the evening. Larry Pritchard was looking great after his major surgery this past January. He had his traditional big bag of aluminum can tabs, which will help the Shriners Hospital funds. Buddy and CeCe Rodgers were present and Gerry and Heide Stanton added to the overall glamour of the evening.

> Craig Coleman has a sign over his office door that reads, "I can only please one person per day. Today is not your day ... Tomorrow doesn't look good either." He reports fewer interruptions.

> The Springfield Shriners Hospital thanks the members of the Auburn Shrine Club for the envelopes that were sent last December. The total from this effort was over \$300. I hope we can increase that amount this year. I thank all who supported this first-time effort.

> Has anyone seen Dick Kuhn or Nick Shockey? Marilyn Coleman sent this along, "A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."

> Bruce Christopher has done a great job organizing the tab collection program with the new Finger Lakes Recycling Center on Grant Avenue. Let's support the program.

Have a great Summer - enjoy it in good health with a friendly Shriner's attitude. Don't forget the ASC's August 16th Steak Roast at the Auburn Masonic Hall.

The Damascus Shrine Legion of Honor is promoting a Masonic Night at Frontier Field on August 14th, when the Rochester Red Wings play the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. Game time is 6 p.m. and a full night of entertainment includes:

- The Masonic War Veterans are expected to present the Colors on the field along with John Faro, Commander of the Legion and the Grand Lodge Officers from the Monroe Masonic District.
- Some unknown clown will be there to throw out the first pitch (if he can throw it
- Also, on the program will be fireworks after the game.

What a fine opportunity to spend an evening with your family and friends along with your Fraternal Brothers and their families.

We have a block of 200 tickets at \$5.50 each set aside along the first base side (home team) of the unreserved grandstand. If you have never been to Frontier Field, there is not a bad seat in the ball park.

As stated above, the tickets are \$5.50 each and can be obtained by sending a check or money order and stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

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### DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

By John R. Faro, Commander

Six months down and six to go ... Recapping the last six months, I believe it was a successful time. We had guest speakers, brought in two new members and had a very successful Past Commander's Night, not to mention the succulent meals created by our own personal Chef Chuck for our enjoyment. So far we have averaged about 23 members per meeting, which is very good.

I welcome Noble George Todd as our newest member. George was obligated at our last meeting. We recently lost Past Commanders Don McDill, Frank Ghyzel and Don Rose, and Legionnaire Floyd Vick.

As previously said, the Past Commander's Night was a huge success with Prime Rib being the selected dinner entrée. I would be remiss if I did not mention the Triangle Girls and thank them for their great help in serving the food and assisting in the cleanup. Also, my Lady RoseMarie designed and made the table decorations, with my suggestions of course.

Upcoming Events

August 11th - Our usual Summer Outing (stag) at the Shrine Center. The menu hasn't been determined yet but a Corn and Sausage Roast is in the back of my mind at this time.

August 14th - Masonic Night at Frontier Field

#### Sickness and Distress

Due to illness, Past Commanders Fred Cornell and Dick Henderson have been missing from our meeting. Many people think Dick and I are blood brothers because of our facial and physical similarities (it must be the "stache"). We have had a lot of fun about that. Anyway, we miss both of these Legionnaires and hope they both are feeling better.

We hope to see you at Frontier Field and the August Cookout. Stay healthy

and have a great Summer.

### Masonic Night at Frontier Field August 14th

Rochester Red Wings vs. Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs

Sponsored by Damascus Shrine Legion of Honor

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

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

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

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

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

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### PERRY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Alice Anderson

#### Mark Your Calendar

August 15th - Our Annual Pienie will be as usual at the home of Ed and Mary Louise Hollwedel. Their home, hospitality and beautiful gardens make it a day you shouldn't miss! Details will be announced at our June meeting at Silver Lake.

So far Perry has committed to seven parades with the mini-cars - it looks like a busy Summer for them.

#### Honor Flight Program

"We fly our heroes to Washington, DC, to visit and reflect together at their memorials.

At our last meeting, speaker, Steve Rapp, reported on Honor Flight Rochester. What an enthusiastic and interesting speaker. Steve is a volunteer and you could see his love for this project honoring our Veterans.

The mission of Honor Flight is more than timely; it is urgent! The average age of those waiting to go is 87. Over 400,000 died in World War II and across our country we lose more than 1,200 World War II Veterans per day!

Honor Flight is free to all World War II Veterans and to a Veteran from any era who suffers a terminal illness. Their goal is to take every Veteran who otherwise would not or could not go, and who wants to fly. World War II Veterans typically fly in the order their applications are received. Medical priorities are the exception. They will include the Korean and Vietnam Veterans, but priority goes to World War II Veterans.

Honor Flight first flew in May 2005 with six small planes flying twelve WWII Veterans, departing from Springfield, Ohio. In 2006, with a rapidly expanding waiting list, the program transitioned to commercial airline carriers to accommodate more Veterans.

The first flight in Rochester was started in October, 2008. Rochester is one of 90 established hubs in the National Honor Flight Network. They are America's Veterans for their sacrifices. Honor Flight in Rochester made six trips in 2009 and hopes to make 8-10 in 2010. Each flight has at least 50-55 Veterans and a guardian for each one.

A typical flight consists of meeting them at the airport, a person on the plane delivering mail to each Veteran (sent by school children who have researched each Veteran on the flight) then arrival in Baltimore, now met by a military group. After that, they board a bus and watch a video of the making of the Memorial and on to the Arlington Cemetery and changing-of-the-guard ceremony. They then go to the Mall to see the World War II Memorial. Bob Dole, health permitting, also meets the Veterans. They see the Korean and Lincoln Memorials and the Vietnam Wall.

They go to the Iwo Jima Monument. One man on the trip had been to Iwo Jima on the first trip in and his assignment at the end of the day was to watch over the dead bodies five and six deep so the Japanese could not pilfer and desecrate the bodies. Can you imagine what this meant to him? Seeing the monument brought back so many memories and a closure many of us will never fully understand.

On one trip, a busload of girls were passing the Veterans and stopped and sang several songs for them (God Bless America, etc.) and thanked them for all they do. "The cheers, clapping and respect for these people is just wonderful," Steve said.

Back at the Hilton Hotel the men have a dinner, talk, etc. Rochester is the only hub East of the Mississippi that spends the night in Baltimore. There are 450 Veterans signed up for 2010. The trips are made during May, June, September and October. They don't want the Veterans in Washington during the hot and humid months in the Summer.

The men have said, "If I die tomorrow, it's OK; I've done it all, nothing left to do now." Let us not forget these men!!!!

Our next meeting is at The Hole-inthe-Wall Restaurant on May 27th and Jerry Hussong will present a speaker. not-for-profit, and created to honor Don't forget Silver Lake on June 24th. See you there!



(l-r) Officers Doug Seeber, Vice-President; Alice Anderson; Ken Buckley, Treasurer; and Bob Cox, President.



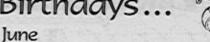
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### Summer Birthdays...



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William Hart

John Hellaby

Robert Jones

Frank Kelsey

Cyrus Kloner

Ralph Kraft

John Lemke

Leroy Lester

Richard MacGill

Edwin Malchoff

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Craig Mollon

Don Myers

Guy Parry

Jay Peters

Michael McBride

Ronald Morthorst

Albert Neracker

Thomas Paglia

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Raymond Molyneux

William Heary

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James Kirkwood

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Oscar Reber

Joseph Rosicka

Frank Schrader

Stephen Shear

Theodore Sargent

John Roden

Canandaigua Shrine Club Corn & Steak Roast Tuesday, August 17th \$15 per person at Hol-Field Rod & Gun Club 2857 Whalen Road, Bloomfield Reservations required by August 7th Contact George Hornung - Phone: 367-9127; Email: brownie14471@yahoo.com

Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles

Richard J. Wilson May 9, 2010

Ronald F. Curtiss May 18, 2010



### WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Alice Anderson

We met at Connelly's Cove on May 20th in Wolcott on the Lake. What a fun time. About 34 people attended the Annual Bullhead Dinner. We had steak, chicken and haddock for others not brave enough to try the bullheads. Appetizers included smelt, cheese and crackers, and we had ice cream with chocolate sauce for dessert. You should have been there.

Our Divan Representative, Jim Miller, was there and what a delight he is. Jim told us some of the events going on at the Shrine Center. Our President, Gerry Rohrer, read some jokes and everyone had a good laugh. We didn't have any program as this was just a fun night.

July 24th is the Newark Parade and hopefully the mini-cars will be there and, of course, our Fire Truck driven by Lee Coller.

Our next meeting will be July 15th (picnic) at the Red Rooster. Don't miss it!



Frank Russell (Vice-President), Jerry Rohrer (President), Pete Adams (Secretary and Treasurer) and Jim Miller (Oriental Guide and Divan Representative).



Special Election for Treasurer and Trustee

> June 2nd, 2010, 7 p.m. at Shrine Center

> > Dinner - 6 p.m.

Legion of Honor is preparing a Meat Loaf Dinner Call Reservation Line - 671-3565



Cruz-In Nights

Friday Nights, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Classic Cars, DJ Music, Fish Frys, Burgers, Hots, Drinks, Raffles An evening of great entertainment, memories and meeting friends!





# Inder of the Eastern Star

### Monroe District OES HiLights

**DDGM** R.W.

Jean Stewart 494-1056 jstewart39@rochester.rr.com

DGL R.W. Raymond DiJames

227-0494 rdijames@frontiernet.net

May 7th was a perfect day for the Grand Matron's Official Visit to Monroe District and we were pleased with the attendance. Our Matrons and Patrons had planned a Degree about things we learned from our mothers, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

Most of our District Official Visits are over. We will wrap up with Lilac Star and Mary Jane Holmes Chapters on June 2nd and 8th, respectively. The year is going fast!

#### Lilac Luncheon

Thursday, June 17th - Lilac Luncheon at the Eastern Star Home in Oriskany. We are planning to meet at the Fairport Exit Park and Ride at 8:30 a.m. (for carpooling) and leave at 9 a.m. sharp. We'll have lunch at noon followed by entertainment and attendance at their Campus Star Chapter meeting. We'll be leaving shortly after 3 p.m. Lunch is \$8.00. Please send reservations, including checks for lunch, to Karen Leipold, 428 Electric Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613.

District Summer Event Saturday, July 10th - The

Jell-O Museum and LeRoy House in LeRoy is the destination for our District Outing. The cost is \$4.50, and we'll meet at the Museum, 23 East Main Street, LeRoy (located just behind Historic LeRoy House), at 10:30 a.m.

Reservations, with payment, must be made by July 3rd to Jane LaPree, 262 Briarwood Lane, P.O. Box 107, Scottsville, NY 14546.

Following the tour, we'll go for lunch at the D & R Depot Restaurant at noon (63 Lake Street [Rte 19], LeRoy). Depending on how many attend, we plan to order off the menu with individual checks. It is important to know numbers both for the Jell-O Museum and LeRoy House so an adequate number of docents will be available. The need for the lunch is obvious ... we'll want enough seating.

If there are any questions about either of the above events, feel free to call me or R.W. Raymond DiJames.

Enjoy the Summer!

### Corinthian/ Fellowship 🕖

Chapter No. 322 Order of the Eastern Star 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

W. Merilyn Israel, Matron W. Robert Israel, Patron 461-3254

Secretary R. W. Beverly VanHuben 647-1391

805 Blossom Road Rochester 14610

By W. Bob Crystal

Worthy Matron, Barb Mc-Minn, was very pleased with our Official Visit. The whole ceremony was top-shelf and Corinthian-Fellowship did well. We had a great time at the Grand Matron's Visit and had a good laugh doing the special Mother's Day Degree for her and the Grand Patron. One person at the table suggested we should have an official tuxedo vest for the Worthy Patron. The only question is whether it should be hot pink like the Grand Patron's, garnet sequined like the Grand Historian or a green Hawaiian print like the Grand Marshal. Perhaps we should ask Claude Gramse to give his opinion. He was unable to attend, but he will certainly have an attitude (I mean opinion!).

All joking aside, the Grand Patron emphasized that we need to concentrate on membership. But he also said it isn't recruiting we need to do, but to have great meetings, good activities and lots of fun doing good for others ... AND THEN TALK IT UP! Now that is something the members of Corinthian-Fellowship are good at ... talking it up.

So, Sisters and Brothers, let us know if there is an activity we used to do that you would like to see us do again. Remember, our Chapter Room has only one little step up so anyone can attend with ease. If you need a ride, call Worthy Matron Barb or Secretary Beverly Van Huben. If you reach out, we will most certainly respond. We WANT you at our meetings!

We are planning our Annual Picnic. W. Bob Israel has promised to do his usual excellent job of hot doggery and hamburgerism and W. Merilyn will coordinate our bring-a-dish so it isn't really pot-luck.

Speaking of pot-luck, W. Betty Reisinger has been a faithful musician, but also makes a wicked macaroni salad. So I recommend that everyone come to taste her contribution.

### Sickness and Distress

R.W. Edna Monell has run off to the tropics, so I can't give a Sunshine report here this time. Warder, Margery Williamson, remains in our prayers, as does

our Ruth, Sister Rita Galliani. I hope anyone who wants our prayers will drop a note to either Edna or Beverly.

#### Bake Sale

I keep getting compliments from unexpected sources about our main project, the Bake Sale. We have been doing this as a win-win project for decades. On a Saturday morning, the Sisters and some Brothers assemble and spread their wares in the morning room. Thank you, Norraine Voegtle, for talking your hubby, Frank, into baking those crisp oatmeal cookies so often! Everyone in the building comes by and buys. There are some residents who make special orders.

How is it Win-Win? Well, the residents get good homemade healthy meals made with love; the Chapter gets the receipts (because the Sisters and Brothers donate the food and preparation expenses); and Eastern

Star gets publicity. Just last month, the daughter of one of our customers asked if my Chapter ran the Bake Sale and thanked me for the service. She said her Mom gets out of the apartment, gets to meet new people and gets good food without going out to shop. I took the opportunity to talk about Eastern Star. Keep up the good work, Norma Lee and crew!!!

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Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star

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

Matron

W. Patricia Dalykas

429-6565

Patron

W. Robert Crystal

473-0279

Secretary R. W. Carol Wynings

594-4692

held in Bergen on May 18th. We'll report on that later.

On May 4th, our hosts, the Chili Community Church, asked us to leave their Ecology Fair in place, so we held a "Table Chapter." Our social hour was a tour of all the ecology displays featuring subjects about water conservation; "Don't flush your drugs;" cleaning supplies, including the wonder liquid, vinegar; and nontree paper goods. Next there was a table for organic cotton and hemp paper disposable diapers, undyed cotton kids' clothes and lots of other things made without bleach. There was a table of foods made without additives or altered DNA, and tables on recycling, waste reduction and green housing construction. The last two tables were on energy savings and energy alternatives.

But, we also discovered why the Masons have stopped having "Table Lodges." It is too hard to enforce meeting etiquette. The side discussions sometimes got out of hand. Sister Carol Pickworth almost earned a time-out. It was a good thing R.W. Jean Stewart wasn't there. It was all we could do to keep our other retired teacher, Carol Wynings, from handing out detentions! Odds are high against having another "Table Chapter" any time soon. It was fun while it lasted.

Carol Wynings reported on the West-East Luncheon, and some of the details were worked out for the Official Visit.

We all agreed to hold our wine trip on October 9th. Pat Dalykas agreed to do the work to make it happen.

We talked more about the Birthday Bash and the drawings for the centerpiece and spice rack. (Get tickets from the Secretary, Sisters!!)

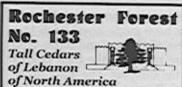
We also talked about the District trip in July to the Jell-O Museum. If that sounds like fun, contact the Worthy Matron, Associate Matron or Secretary. We would LOVE to have you come!

Sister Betty Maracle wrote from Canada that she received our letter and teabag inviting her to sit and "have a cup of tea with us." She said she sat down and thought about all the good times she had as an Eastern Star Sister. We had a wonderful response to the letters Sue Huff's committee sent out. Our Treasurer, Vicki Gross, wanted me to be sure to send her personal

who responded so generously. Sue reminisced about 1998 when we first sent out tea party letters when she was Matron of Nola Chapter.

Happy News

Jane LaPree announced she is a new great-grandma of twins! Vicki Gross, Carol Pickworth. Martha Loomis, Sue Whalen and Sula Baxter all nodded in agreement because they are greatgrandmas, too. Looking at my Sisters, I would never have guessed such a young crowd would have so many greatgrandmas!



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

F. Edward "Ted" Powley, GTC (315) 483-2745 Donald C. Bell, Scribe 334-7768

#### Annual Sausage Roast

Our June Assembly is our Annual Sausage Roast at Kiwanis Camp Smile in Webster. The date is June 23rd so mark your calendar today. Angelo DiCataldo will be our grill master once again. He will need to know how many and your preference of sausage sweet or hot. His telephone number is (585)-738-9709.

My memory is that we start to gather about 5:30 p.m. to socialize and enjoy snacks. Then we sit down to enjoy our sausage and dish-to-pass dinner about 6:30 p.m. As we did last year, your beverage and place setting is your responsibility.

I hope we have a beautiful Summer day, but we have the facilities if it is otherwise. The Grand Tall Cedar will provide a basket or two to raffle for our charity, Muscular Dystrophy Association. It's always a pleasure to share the evening with our ladies and friends. Feel free to invite them early to this picnic so they can attend, too.

### Sickness and Distress

It is my sad duty to inform you of the recent passing of Joe Olgoetz's brother (in Ohio). Our condolences to Joe and his

On the bright side, PGTC George Springett is reported to be doing very well in physical therapy after his neck surgery.

Linda Austin has recovered from her heart surgery and has returned to work, per Norm Austin.

Judith Raubar is doing well, per Senior Deputy GTC Joe Raubar. It's always a pleasure to report good news.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on June 23rd to kick off Summer!

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### Community Christian Church 2647 Chili Avenue, 14624

By W. Bob Crystal

We have had two unusual meetings in a row. On April 20th, we got Dispensation in advance from Grand Chapter and attended Starlight Chapter's Official Visit in Spencerport instead, and it was great. The floor work and recitation were exemplary. We took pride in supporting our Worthy Matron as she worked as R.W. Jean Stewart, District Deputy Grand Matron. It all goes to make us even more eager to

do well at our Official Visit to be appreciation to all of the Sisters Fairport Chapter #444, OES Rummage Sale Friday, September 17th 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, September 18th 9 a.m. - 12 Noon (Bag Sale \$3/bag) at Fairport Lodge Hall 87 South Main Street, Fairport Please help us raise funds to support our many Masonic charities!

### Rummage Sale! by Fairport Chapter OES Donations of clothing, craft and household items and small ap-

pliances are appreciated and will be accepted Thursday, September 16th, from Noon-4 p.m. Of course, everyone's welcome to shop at the Sale!

Please call W. Mary Bliek (223-4921) for additional information.

24th, 25th, 27th & 29th Districts - RAM 8th Cryptic District - R&SM Zones 11 & 12 - Knights Templar

# York Rite NEWS

York Rite College **Judas Maccabeus** 

### **Hiram Chapter**



No. 62 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

E .: John E. Zabel, High Priest 223-3228 zabelj@mindspring.com

E .: Charles M. Roberts, Secretary 225-6533

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The Holy Royal Arch

The Chapter conferred the Holy Royal Arch on our Candidates on May 27th. I thank all the Companions who helped in this Conferral by participating in the Degrees in large or small parts. We have made Royal Arch Masons of those Candidates who were ready for the final Degree of the Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch Degree is not the final Degree of Freemasonry, but does conclude the allegory of the 3rd Degree. Every Master Mason should consider taking the Chapter Degrees to help them better appreciate the first three Degrees taken in the Lodge.

Every Degree in Freemasonry attempts to teach wise and serious truths to the Can-

didate and Brothers or Companions who take or witness the Degrees. It is every Mason's privilege to learn as much as they can of the principles and ideals of Freemasonry through Degree work, reading and dis-cussion. With this in mind, if you are not a Companion of Hiram Chapter or any other Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, you should consider joining. Petitions are always available.

#### Summer

Summer is coming. Well it will be here on June 21st, and just before that the Chapter and the other York Rite Bodies will be having a picnic on June 10th at Kings Bend Park in Pittsford. Contact the High Priest or Secretary for details. More information will be mailed, or emailed, in a timely manner. This will be a great social time where our Companion's families can meet and greet each other. New friends made and a good time had by all.

With the coming of the warmer season, the Chapter will go dark until September. Throughout the Summer months, I suggest that every Companion work on learning some small portion of one of our Degrees so the Chapter can do the best Degree work in the State.

The Chapter owes our best ef-

fort to our Candidates and witnessing Companions. If you need a Ritual set, please contact R .: E .: Charles Roberts, our Secretary, as he has sets available for purchase. This also includes the new Royal Arch Monitor.

We wish all a splendid Summer, filled with good weather and many pleasant times with friends and family. Your High Priest will be biking on the canal path, reading and working on learning more of a defunct Fraternity. Which one? Well, you will have to ask to find out. Let's just say that the organization was larger than Freemasonry in Rochester at the turn of the 20th Century.

To find out about our Fall schedule, check our website at www.hiram62ram.org throughout the Summer, as it is updated with the program and whatever else the Webmaster can think of. See you all in the Fall.

### Chrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

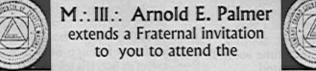
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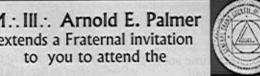


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### 187th Grand Conclave of Cryptic Masons

August 13th & 14th Hosted by Doric Council at the

RIT Inn and Conference Center

Friday - Welcome Buffet ... Choice of Carved Strip Loin of Beef, Sole Casino or Riesling Chicken

Saturday - Men's Luncheon ... Deli Spread

Saturday - Ladies' Program ... Tour of Genesee Country Village - Includes Transportation, Lunch and Admission

Saturday - Grand Council Banquet ... Choice of Prime Rib, Chicken French or Roasted Vegetable Strudel

#### Reservation Form Full Name (w/title) Friday Night Buffet @ \$38 = Saturday Men's Luncheon Saturday Ladies Tour Grand Council Banquet: Prime Rib @ \$49 = @ \$36 = Chicken French Vegetable Strudel @ \$34 = TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ .

Make checks payable to 2010 Grand Council and mail checks by August 1st, to: Garry Hutchurson; 1004 Johnson Rd; Churchville, NY 14428

Phone: (585) 494-1395; Email: ghutchurson@yahoo.com Note: Hotel reservations are to be made directly with the Conference Center at (585) 359-1800. Guaranteed rate \$114.00 before August 1st.

#### .......... ~ ~ Notice ~ ~

Contact Garry Hutchurson by July 1st if interested . in placing an ad in the Grand Master's Journal Phone: (585) 494-1395; cell (585) 746-8992

### Farewell

As your Commander for the past three years, it has been an honor to serve Cyrene-Monroe Commandery. I step down knowing the Commandery is in good hands with Sir Knight Bill Flesher taking the reins.

My Appreciation

I thank all Knights who have helped me along the way, such as Sir Knight David Lathers, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander who was so diligent in working with the Commandery, insuring our success in our Inspections, as well as his willingness to take an Officer's role - even during his Grand Commander's year. Thank you, Sir Knight Don Adams, Eminent Past Grand Sentinel for your constant attendance at meetings and taking on an Officer's role. I thank Sir Knight Don Brugger, Eminent Deputy Zone Commander, for stepping in as our Generalissimo and the other duties he has taken on the last three years. I also thank those Past Commanders - Sir Knight Raymond Beardsley, Eminent Past Commander; Sir Knight Ernest Stelianou, Eminent Past Commander: Sir Knight Lawrence Dunn, Eminent Past Commander, Sir Knight John Dudley, Eminent Past Commander, Sir Knight Arnold Palmer, Eminent Past Commander; and Sir Knight Donald Wright, Eminent Past Commander for your words of encouragement and guidance over the past three years, as well as taking on Officer, Ritual and Inspection roles when no other Sir Knight stepped up to the challenge.

My thanks to those members of Sagovewatha Commandery who consistently provided support to us by attending our meetings on a regular basis.

### **Doric Council #19** Council of Cryptic Masons

Under the Direction of The Grand Line of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

150th Birthday and Council Rededication July 17th. 2010 3:00 p.m.

Northfield Lodge Hall, 17 Church Street, Pittsford N.Y. 14534-2005 Meeting Attire Requested: Dark Suit & Tie or Dinner Jacket.

Followed by a Reception Dinner at 4:30 p.m. The Brio, Mediterranean Bistro. 3400 Monroe Ave. Rochester NY 14618

For information or reservations please contact: John A. Gallant 2180 Plank Rd. Lima NY 14485-9407 585-245-2953 JGallant@Rochester.rr.com

John A. Dudley 57 Park Rd. Pittsford NY 14534-3640 585-585-6426 JDudley | @Rochester.rr.com

Thanks go to Sir Knight Cy White, Eminent Commander; Sir Knight Ted Powley, Eminent Past Commander; Sir Knight David Taber, Eminent Past Commander and Sir Knight E. William Whittaker, Eminent Deputy Zone Commander, for their support.

Special thanks to Sir Knight and Reverend Charles Roberts, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, and our Recorder, for making my job easy and for being the man, Mason and friend he is. I also thank Sir Knight William Jones, Eminent Past Zone Commander for his faith in me as a Knight of Christ and his Brotherly guidance over the years. Additionally, I thank Sir Knight James MacConnell, Right Eminent Grand Commander, who

has supported and been to many of our events (with his lovely wife Marsha), and who has recently provided me with wise council during my unemployment.

This is not a goodbye, just a farewell from being Commander. I will do my best to continue to support the efforts of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery in the years to come. Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone. I thank all Sir Knights of Cyrene-Monroe for the support.

Please provide the same support to our incoming Officers as you have provided me. Come to our Conclaves, think about service via an Officer or service on a committee. We (and our new Commander, Sir Knight William Flesher) need your participation.

May God Bless You!



As we will soon be into Sumner, the Order will slow down a bit so Sir Knights can enjoy time with their families. I wish all of you a fun, safe and wonderful Summer.

Zone 11 Happenings **Commandery Events** Cyrene-Monroe No. 12 -Pittsford Masonic Hall:

Next Conclave is scheduled for September 20th. Opening the Conclave will be at 7:30 p.m. Sagoyewatha No. 17 - Phelps Masonic Hall:

 Next Conclave is scheduled for September 11th. Opening will begin at 9 a.m. (breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant, Phelps at 7 a.m.)

DeMolay No. 22 - Hornell Masonic Center:

 Next conclave is scheduled for Thursday, May 20th. Opening at 7:30 p.m.

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

ing their events.

Congratualtions

I congratulate Sir Knight Randell Hartwick, Eminent Commander of DeMolay Commandery, and his Officer Corps for a job well done at their Inspection on April 15th. I received a copy of the Inspecting Officer's report, which gave the Commandery a strong passing grade. I am well aware of the efforts put forth by the Knights of DeMolay Commandery. Your efforts paid off; congratulations! That makes it two for two in Zone 11 for passing grades for Inspections - Cyrene-Monroe and DeMolay. Great Job. At the time of this writing, Zone 11's final Inspection has not taken place Sagoyewatha Commandery was scheduled for May 15th. I have no doubt that they, too, completed a passing grade and conferred honor upon them-

selves and our Zone. Grand Commandery is scheduled for September 17-19. It will be held at the Crown Plaza, State and Lodge Streets, Albany. Sir Knight James MacConnell, Right Eminent Grand Commander, will officiate. As the Grand Commander is from Western New York, let's support him any way

we can.

#### Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered 1861) 3rd Wednesday



III. Master Thomas M. Paglia 227-2046

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17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

As always, the end of the road shows up and you have to get off. My tour of duty will be over in June and we will see someone new in the Chair. It would be nice to see a full Lodge Room to greet the incoming Illustrious Master, John Gallant. It has been a real experience for me and I will always remember those who helped guide me through the Chair.

The next meeting will be the Installation of Officers on June 16th, 7:30 p.m.

#### Sickness and Distress

Norm Austin's wife, Linda, is doing fine and will return to work soon.

Arnold Palmer's wife, Joann, has recovered from a car accident and is out and about.

George Springett is in therapy after his neck surgery.

#### Don't Forget...

A reminder about our upcoming 150th Celebration. Companion John Gallant has promised us a real enjoyable day. The information about the Celebration was in last month's Masonic Times. The date is July 17th at Pittsford Masonic Hall. Re-dedication starts at 3 p.m. and a Reception Dinner will commence at 4:30 p.m. at Brio Mediterranean Bistro, 3400 Monroe Avenue.

For your dinner reservation, call either John Gallant at (585) 245-2953; email:

jgallant@rochester.rr.com or John Dudley at (585) 586-6426; email:

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### 197th Annual Conclave Grand Commandery Knights Templar State of New York September 17th - 19th

Crowne Plaza Hotel, State & Lodge Streets, Albany, NY 12207

Reservation Deadline - September 8th

Contact Harry Tyson for Registration Form and Info -Phone: (585) 494-1137; Email: hltyson@hotmail.com

### Batavia Commandery

Invites you to join in the fun at an



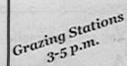
Come and extend best wishes to

### Sir Knight James R. MacConnell

Right Emininant Grand Commander 2010-2011, Knights Templar, State of New York

and Lady Marsha Saturday, October 16th

Holiday Inn, 8259 Park Road, Batavia (585) 344-2100





2-6 p.m.

Social Hour with beer, wine, soft drinks and munchies 2-3 p.m.

Knockwurst and Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Barbecue Pork Sandwiches, Hot German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Salt Potatoes, Veggie Tray, Rye Bread, Apple Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Beer and Wine.

### \$30 per person

(Room - \$75/night; make reservation directly with hotel)

Make Checks Payable to: 2010 KT Grand Conclave Mail Reservation by October 4th to:

Harry Tyson, 12 Winterberry Lane, Bergen, NY 14416 Phone: (585) 494-1137 Email: htyson@hotmail.com

I know there are others who are not feeling well; Cora and I wish them a speedy recovery and good health.

With this final story, I bid you all fair sailing. I have served with some of the best people I could. x

# Masonic Care Community Embassy Program Begins

By R:. W:. Derek E. Van Houten ate Executive Director, and ties and opportunities of residing. Embassy Coordinator Rochester Region

As a way of introduction, and to explain the premise of this new program, let me go back to the beginning. It was in November that R:.W:. Donald Darrohn inquired if I would consider being one of the new District Coordinators for the Embassy Program, which replaces the Admission Councilors for the Masonic Care Community.

At the time, he indicated there would be six Regional Coordinators who would form the foundation for this new program. I informed him I would be interested and along with five Brothers and their wives from we choose a District Chairman for across the State attended a meeting at the MCC facility. We were introduced to R:W: Al Dais, who is the responsible Board Member to whom we report. Over the course of the weekend, were introduced to the rest of the Board and Staff members of the Home including R.: W.: Keith Heinrich, Associ-

Director of the Home.

### Coverage Area

area of responsibility for each Embassy Coordinator. The Rochester Region covers Livingston, Monroe and Wayne Districts. We were informed that one of the first things to accomplish was to host a reception for interested parties, which was held in early March at the Shrine Center. Unfortunately, only a few showed up. Hopefully we can do it again when more information is available to the Masonic Community in the area.

### District Chairmen

It was strongly suggested that each of the areas. I am pleased to announce we have R .: W .: Richard Trescott, Livingston District; W.: Bernard Lazerson, Monroe District; and R .: W .: Richard Brewer, Wayne District. In the future we hope each Lodge will have a Representative who will keep the Brothers informed of Masonic Care Community activi-

R.: W.: Bill Luley, Executive An awareness of the overall financial situation of the MCC and why it's important to donate funds ei-One of the discussions was the ther to the Brotherhood Fund Program or to consider to leave a legacy to the Home.

### Tour MCC

In the past, bus tours to the Home have been partially successful and will continue. We would encourage those who have recently joined the Fraternity to go and see for yourself the "gem" we have in Utica. The upcoming St. John's Day celebration on June 26th would be a good way to see the Campus. The day is filled with activities for young and old. There is a classic car show, tours of the facility, games and rides for children, a parade at 3 p.m. and loads of good things to eat in a carnival-type atmosphere. This is also the weekend when your new District Officers receive their Commissions.

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### Taxes, Taxes! By Thomas Michielsen

Summer is about to begin. Most of us have turned our thoughts to golf, fishing, yard work and vacations. The governments have not stopped working and the tax laws continue to evolve. Therefore, I will continue to monitor them and publish, as much as space allows, those changes that might be of use to most of you.

#### After You File... Change of Address

If you move after you filed your Return, you should send Form 8822, Change of Address to the Internal Revenue Service. If you are expecting a refund through the mail, you should also notify the post office serving your former address, which will ensure your check makes it to your new address.

#### If You Made a Mistake?

Errors may delay your refund or result in notices being sent to you. If you discover an error on your Return, you can correct your Return by filing an Amended Return using Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. Here are four reasons to file an Amended Return:

- 1. You did not report some in-
- You claimed deductions or credits you should not have claimed.
- 3. You did not claim deductions or credits you could have claimed.
- You should have claimed a different filing status. (Caveat - Taxpayers who filed a Joint Return cannot choose to file separate Returns for that year after the due date of the Return).

### If You Receive a Notice

It's a moment many taxpayers dread. A letter arrives from the Internal Revenue Service or the State - and it's not a refund check. Don't panic; many of these letters can be dealt with simply and painlessly.

Each year, millions of letters and notices are sent to taxpayers to request payment of taxes, notify them of a change to their account or request additional information. The notice you receive normally covers a very specific issue about your account or Tax Return. Each letter and notice offers specific instructions on what you are asked to do to satisfy the inquiry.

If you receive a correction notice, you should review the correspondence and compare it with the information on your Return. You should forward a copy of the notice to the person or company that prepared your Tax Return for their opinion because maybe the government made a mistake or confused another taxpayer with you.

If everyone agrees with the correction to your account, usually no reply is necessary unless a payment is due.

 If there is disagreement with the correction the government made, it is important that you respond as requested. Write to explain why you disagree. Include any documents and information you wish the government to consider, along with the bottom tear-off portion of the notice. Mail the information to the address shown on the notice. Allow at least 30 days for a response.

Be sure to keep copies of any correspondence with your

#### Amended Returns

Taxpayers who need to make a change or adjustment on a Return they already filed can do so by filing an Amended Return. Here are the things every taxpayer should know about amending your Tax Return.

- 1. Taxpayers should file an Amended Return if they discover any of the following items were reported incorrectly: filing status, dependents, total income, deductions or credits.
- 2. Generally, you do not need to file an Amended Return for math errors as the government will be able to make the correction for you.
- 3. You also do not usually need to file an Amended Return because you forgot to include forms - such as W-2s or schedules - when you filed; the government normally requests those forms from you.
- 4. Be sure to enter the year of the Return you are amending at the top of Form 1040X or use the correct Amended Form for your jurisdiction. Generally, you must file the Amended Form within three years from the date you filed your original Return or within two years from the date you paid the tax, whichever is later.
- 5. If you are amending more than one Tax Return, prepare an Amended Form for each Return and mail them in separate envelopes to the processing center for the area in which you live. The instructions list the addresses for the centers.
- 6. If the changes involve another schedule or form, attach it to the Amended Form.
- 7. If you are filing to claim an additional refund, wait until you have received your original refund before filing an Amended Form. You may cash that check while waiting for any additional refund. 8. If you owe additional tax, you should file an Amended Form and pay the tax as soon as possible to limit interest and penalty charges. Interest is charged on any tax not paid by the due date of the original Return, without regard to extensions.

**Upcoming Due Dates** June 15th - May Payroll Taxes

and Second Quarter Estimated Taxes Due

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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



Joseph Bourcy, 32° DSA Commander-in-Chief

I will start off by saying I am deeply humbled by being elected to the high position of Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester. I am honored to be included in the list of such prominent leaders of this Valley as Ill∴ Norman Selke, 33°, Ill∴ Roy Deminent, 33°, and Ill... Robert Zabel, 33°. I was honored to have Ill .: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, and Ill∴ Steven R. Whittaker, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, as the Installing Officers for the evening. Thank you both for your leadership, friendship and support.

To Ill .: G. Michael Morris, 33°, you have been a mentor and a friend. It will be very difficult to follow in the footprints that you have left on this Valley. The path you have laid down will be both challenging and rewarding. Raising the bar in all that we do has challenged us, the membership, to become better Masons and better men. Thank you for all you have done for me and this Valley.

Lastly, I thank the members of the Valley for their support and trust in electing me their Commander-in-Chief. I will do all I can to live up to your expectations as a leader of this Valley.

### Turn on the Rite Light

As many of you may know, my background is in the electrical field. Needless to say, I work with light a lot. You could say it has been my life's work. Without it many of my clients would literally be in the dark. Without the Light we have found in Masonry, many of us would also be in the dark. I therefore challenge each of you to "TURN ON THE RITE LIGHT." This is the slogan for the coming year. This Light has as many different meanings as we have members. The important thing is that it is turned on for each and every one of you. Find out what makes your light shine. Become an active part of the Scottish Rite and see how bright you can make your light shine. Get involved as much as you can. "TURN ON THE RITE LIGHT."

### Consistory

On April 17th, the Valley of Rochester Consistory presented the 24th, 25th, 31st, and 32nd Degrees. We started out with a continental breakfast followed by the first three Degrees in the morning. After lunch the Consistory Line presented the 32nd Degree.

In total, the Valley presented 13 Degrees since December 2009. The class from 2008/2009 presented the 6th Degree twice. The Ill .: Charles O. Hancock, 33°,

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Class challenged the Ill .: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Class to also present a Degree next year. I believe they accepted that challenge and are in the planning stages now. We'll see in December.

I commend all the directors, cast members, stage and lighting crews and everyone else who had anything to do with our Degrees this year, for a job well done. I know the Sublime Princes of the Ill .: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Class were impressed with all your efforts, attention to detail and hard work. Thanks for the dedication and support you give to the Valley of Rochester.

### Reunion Banquet

On April 30th, 66 of us gathered at Penfield Country Club with our ladies to celebrate with 26 new Sublime Princes in the Ill .: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Class. We were all treated to a great meal and wonderful evening. Special thanks go to Don Osborne, 32°, for sponsoring this event at the Club. Congratulations to all our new Sublime Princes. We look forward Valley events.

Later in the evening, Commander-in-Chief, Ill .: G. Michael Morris, 33°, announced the names of Brothers who have been chosen to receive the Valley of Rochester's Ill .: John B. Mullen, 33°, Dedicated Service Award. Garry Cranker, 32° DSA, Eric Lubberts, 32° DSA, Phil Hurwitz, 32° DSA, Don Osborne, 32° DSA, and James Pray, 32° DSA, are this year's recipients. Congratulations, Brothers, and thank you for your dedication to the Valley. See you all at the Summer Outing on the Canandaigua Lady.

### **Coming Events**

This Summer will be very busy with some really great events. Please consider participating in some of these over the Summer. They are all familyfriendly and it's a great way to meet and socialize with other members of the Fraternity. Please contact the Valley Office if you would like to participate in any of these.

I am deeply honored and again thank each and every one of you for the faith and trust you have placed in me. I look forward to seeing you at many of the to making this a fun-filled year for the Valley of Rochester

### Valley of Rochester 2010 Summer Program

July 10th - Clambake/Steak Roast at Camp Morris \*\*

July 24th - COD Annual Meeting/MSA Banquet, at Liverpool \*\*

August 8th - Darien Lake Family Outing/Pienic \*\*

August 15th - Canandaigua Lady Dinner Cruise \*\*

September 15th - Service Awards/Annual Meeting at Shrine Center

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Don't be Late! Late Reservations may have to be accepted on a Standby Basis only. Why not sign up on our Permanent Meeting Meal Reservation List?

You are fraternally invited to attend the Apron Presentation Dinner In Recognition of Grand Lodge Officers Monday, June 7th At Damascus Shrine Center 979 Bay Road, Webster Social - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

\$20 per person Entrée Choices -Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken French

Guest Speaker - R .: W .: James E. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master

Please RSVP to Masonic Service Bureau 671-9730

Provide names and entrée choice. Please come and show support for your Grand Lodge Officers.





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Adam W. Junod, 25, has Daniel M. Donovan, 55, Steve P. Michener, 49, has Robert G. Fisher, 78, has Brian C. Dietz, 38, a Mas-Benedetto B. Vitullo, 59, Gary R. Warren, 56, has been a Master Mason for has been a Master Mason been a Master Mason for been a Master Mason for ter Mason for two years, is has been a Master Mason been a Master Mason for one year and is a member for one year and is a mem- one year and is a member fifty years and is a mem- a member of Mt. Morris for one year and is a mem- ten years and is a member of Fairport-Flower City ber of Unity Lodge. He is of Northfield Lodge. He re- ber of Avon Springs Lodge. Lodge. He resides in Nun- ber of Seneca Lodge. He of Eagle Lodge. He resides Lodge. He is a student who retired and makes his resi- sides in Pittsford and is em- He resides in Avon and is da and is employed as a resides in Brighton and is in Fairport and is employed boiler operator.



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William R. Wright, Jr., 78, Philip A. Cox, 75, a mem- Donald R. Jenks, Jr., 43, John T. Long, 49, has been Christopher M. Egburtson, Thomas M. Barden, 35, Joseph C. DiTucci, 25, has has been a Master Mason ber of Nunda Station Lodge, has been a Master Mason a Master Mason for two 37, a Master Mason for two has been a Master Mason been a Master Mason for for eleven years and is a has been a Master Mason for seven years and is a years and is a dual-member years, is a dual-member of for two years and is a mem-three years. He is a dualmember of Nunda Station for forty-seven years. He member of Seneca Lodge, of Seneca Lake and Milo Seneca Lake and Milo ber of Seneca Lake Lodge, member of Valley-Simes Lodge. He is retired and resides in Hunt and is self- He resides in Pittsford and Lodges. Areal estate broker, Lodges. A construction He resides in Penn Yan and ERAC Lodges. He lives employed.



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### Rodney R. Rittenhouse 33°, Class

The Rodney R. Rittenhouse 33°, Class are pictured, along with a brief biographical sketch. This outstanding group ranges widely in age, years as a Master Mason and careers. When you see them, take a moment and welcome these Sublime Princes to our Valley. Congratulations to all for this achievement.

### Tour of Battleship New Jersey

These members of the Valley of Rochester traveled by bus to Camden, NJ, to witness the 23°, also known as the "Four Chaplains Degree," Daniel T. Palermo, 51, has Kenneth M. Richards, age James K. Holman, age 34, David W. Wilkinson, age Frank R. Gabriel, 25, has conferred on the fantail of Battleship New been a Master Mason for 44, is currently a member of 62, is a member of Wakan- been a Master Mason for Jersey. They were treated to a tour of the ship one year and is a member of Fairport-Flower City ERAC Lodge. He resides Hubbard Lodge. He re- one year and is a member and lunch in the Mess Hall. The Degree and tour of Wayne Lodge. He re- Lodge. A resident of East in Rochester, and is em- sides in Rochester and is of Wayne Lodge. He rewere enjoyed by all.





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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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Legion Historian Clowns Caldron

M.O.V.P.E.R.



Bernard Lazerson Monarch 271-7446

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Greetings Prophets one and all, and welcome to the meat of the Grotto Masonic Calendar. Many Prophets are returning from their Winter respite trips and our ranks are rancorous indeed.

Grotto uses fun to take the stress out of your daily lives - that is our mission for our members at the same time doing charitable works for the unfortunate in our community. The Weehawken Worker claims, "Grotto is better than yoga." Or was it yogurt? No matter. At any rate, June is just the beginning of OUR fun, while Blue Lodge is going on holiday. Check this out.

June 7th - Board of Governors Meeting, where the Monarch will undo everything that has been done in his absence.

June 16th - Our traditional picnic at the Shrine Center for our last Spring meeting.

June 19th - Chaos will continue with our insanely priced (\$45) Golf Extravaganza, including a \$250 hole-in-one contest, steak dinner, refreshments along the way, cart, balls (3), and all you could ever want.

June 21st - Master of Ceremonies, Prophet Dick Topel, will have run out of gas, and must wash his hands after running the golf outing and prepare the most

Legion of Honor

Summer Picnic

time for our Annual Legion of

Honor and Masonic War Veter-

Town Park. June 21st is the date

6 p.m., with the Famous "Topel"

lowship will prevail.

Strawberry Dessert. Our usual

Social hour 4:30 p.m., Chow

Yes! Summer is here and it's

By Brian Bills, Commander

delicious strawberry dessert you have ever tasted at our Summer Grotto Legion of Honor and Masonic War Veteran Appreciation Picnic at Bushman Cabin, Henrietta Town Park.

Is your stress relieved yet? OK we have more fun scheduled. On June 7th, at our Board meeting, I will announce the date and details of our first-ever Frank Ghyzel Day at Frontier Field, open to Masons and non-Masons alike. I want to have hundreds there to celebrate the life of a wonderful man, "and I don't care if I ever get back." It will take place in July.

August 19th is our Grotto Picnic at Bushman Cabin, Henrietta Town Park. It promises to be a time for acquainting and re-acquainting with Prophets from far

We also want to have a Day at the Races and an evening trip on the Canandaigua Lady. Someone better tell the Monarch to get his butt in gear on the details for those events - yeah, like I need an invitation for someone to give me advice!

#### Mark Your Calendar

September 15th - our first Fall meeting. It will be our Past Monarchs' and Awards Nights combined. A big turnout is requested. Yes, there will be some food. Details to follow. Heaven forbid we don't eat something, we may starve.

October 2nd is the official (hopefully not to change) night of the Monarch's Ball at the Holiday Inn in Batavia. Trust me, if you can't afford to stay over, you can drive home from there. I have been to Batavia many times to see my family, and it is 45 minutes from Rochester.

My Prophets and Brothers, I close with the most happy and healthy wishes to one and all! \*\*

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I would have added more information about Warren G. Harding, in the last National Grotto Magazine article, but there was a lack of space. I will add it here.

The Republican Party wanted the matter of the love letters to remain quiet, but Mrs. Phillips refused and they finally agreed to pay the Phillips for an extended tour of Asia and the Pacific Islands. In addition they would pay her an annual stipend in return for her silence for the remainder of her life. Harding died in 1923, Carrie Phillips died

She was the only woman in history to successfully blackmail a National Political Party. After her death, the letters became part of a court case between Carrie's daughter and two of Harding's nephews against author, Francis Russell, for writing a book about Harding.

The outcome was that the letters would remain sealed until the 100th Anniversary of Harding's Death, 2023. The letters are in possession of the Ohio Historical Society.

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Cornell is back with us after his

Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of

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Ken Hutchinson's wife, Edna,

had back surgery and we all wish

with the "MASONS" trip.

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the hospital recuperating.

family's health is improving.

Have a good Summer!

SECRETARY'S CORNER By Ken Hutchinson, PM

Our Summer activities are coming up. If you want the very latest information on any event, feel free to phone our Monarch's rapid-answering service, day or night. It's Bernie Lazerson, 271-7446.

At our April meeting, Paul Farnung introduced Scouts of Seneca Waterways Council, Boy Scouts of America, who spoke on the various activities offered by the Boy Scouts of this area.

#### Paul L. Farnung

Introducing our newest Officer - Captain of the Guard, Paul Leonard Farnung. Paul was born in Rochester on June 1, 1945, to Leonard Farnung and Rita (Stangorr) Farnung. Rather uniquely, Paul's first name is his maternal grandfather's first name and his middle name is his father's first name.

Paul attended the old East High School, on Alexander Street. Later he was a member of the first graduating class of the present East High School when he met his future wife, CarolAnn. Friends suggested they both get together, and they did.

After East High, Paul earned an Associate Degree in Chemistry at MCC and went on to attend RIT. He was employed at Eastman Kodak Company in the Research Lab as a Senior Technician for 35 years before retiring.

Paul and CarolAnn have been married forty years, have two grown sons, Jason and Masonic Brother Derek (both Eagle Scouts). Paul has been active in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America for 57 years. He was Scout Master of Troop No. 152 of Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church.

#### **Masonic Activities**

Paul was Initiated in Eagle Lodge, Honeoye, serving as Secretary for five years. He became a Prophet in Lalla Rookh Grotto in May, 2006, and is currently Captain of the Guard.

CarolAnn is a member of the Eastern Star and Past Associate Grand Marshal in 2009. Paul is currently Grand Representative of South Dakota near the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine.

We all look forward to great things from Paul in the future. He is a very friendly, enthusiastic Prophet and has been a great addition to our line of Grotto Officers.

#### Sickness and Distress

Over the Summer, if you know of any Prophet in sickness or distress, kindly notify our Monarch or any Officer.

To my fellow Prophets, I wish everyone a very pleasant Summer. Try to include Grotto activities listed in our Trestleboard, in your plans.



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### Caldron News

Hilde Di James, MCO

The Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Karen Kranz, officially visited Lalla Rookh Caldron on May 8th. During our meeting, we Initiated and conferred our Ceremonial on a new Daughter to our Caldron. We welcome Carol Wynings to our membership, and hope she will enjoy and be active with our Caldron. To my relief, everything went well.

After our meeting, we enjoyed a Roast Pork Dinner, prepared and served by Elaine Milner and her sister, Jackie. Thank you for the delicious meal.

The following morning, eight members met early at Perkins to treat Karen and her husband, Bill, for breakfast before they headed West for her next OIIIcial Visit. It was an enjoyable time with tasty food and great conversation. My personal thanks to the Daughters who participated.

I extend special thanks to Daughters Beverly Murray, Supreme Rodeval; Donna Laundry, Supreme American Flag Bearer; and Janet Porter, Namourna, for all their time and help to prepare for this event. I would be remiss if I didn't mention and thank our two wonderful Canadian Daughters - Marian Rippon and Quenda Stern for making the journey here to attend, participate and support.

It was also wonderful to see gentlemen from Lalla Rookh Grotto at our dinner and I thank them also for their support.

**Date Confirmation** 

At our last meeting, we shuffled meeting and Executive Council dates to accommodate

(what we thought were) the Spencerport Firemen's Parade. It is impossible to get to the Lodge Hall on parade night. As it turns out, the Parade is June 17th (not the 10th, as we thought).

Therefore, please mark your calendar ... Our next meeting is JUNE 10th at the Lodge Hall.

The Executive Council Meeting will be a picnic held at the home of Hilde DiJames on JUNE 17th. Just bring yourselves; Hilde will provide the food and beverage.

Until our next meeting; stay well.

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### Attend Grotto Mleetings

Monday, June 7th Board of Governors Meeting - 7 p.m.; Grotto Office

Wednesday, June 16th Last Spring Meeting Picnic at Shrine Center

Saturday, June 19th Golf Extravaganza Old Hickory Golf Course, Livonia

Monday, June 21st LOH & MWV Appreciation Picnic at Bushman Cabin-Henrietta Park

Thursday, August 19th Grotto Picnic Bushman Cabin-Henrietta Park

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### Grand Lodge Continued from Page 1

Deputy Grand Master (1992-1994) in the Niagara-Orleans District. He served Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Warden (2002-2004), Senior Grand Warden (2004-2006), Grand Lecturer (2006-2008), Chairman and Committee member of the Education Assistance Program Committee, Co-Chairman of the 225th Anniversary of Grand Lodge Committee, was Site Coordinator for the Grand Master's Class in Buffalo in 2003 and served on the Masonic Brotherhood Foundation Committee, 2002-2006.

In addition, he has participated on the following Committees: Camp Turk; Publications, Public Relations; Leadership and Education Services; Fellowship and Family Involvement; Long-Range Planning; Advisory; and The Empire State Mason.

Deputy Grand Master Sullivan is active in Concordant Bodies, as well: York Rite; Scottish Rite Valleys of Lockport and Buffalo; Ismailia Temple, AAONMS, current Patron of Lockport Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; and was awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor by DeMolay International.

#### Senior Grand Warden

R∴W∴ Thomas "Tim" Mc Mullin, a retired educator, was elected Senior Grand Warden. Brother McMullin is Chairman of the Masonic Student Assistance Training Committee, and serves on the MUNY and Long-Range Planning Committees. Some of his recognitions include in 2003, he was

and was awarded the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Medal in 2005. R.: W.: McMullin was Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota Near the Grand Lodge of New York in 2007.

Brother Tim was Raised in St. Mark's-Philetus Lodge No. 1001 in 1988, where he served as Master in 2000 and 2001. He is the current Chaplain. Other Masonic affiliations include: Johnson City-Unity Lodge No. 970; Western Broome Chapter No. 332, RAM; 32° MSA, Valley of Binghamton, AASR; and Past Potentate of Kalurah Shriners.

Junior Grand Warden Unopposed for the Office of Junior Grand Warden for the term was R .: W .: Charles P. Uhle, who was Raised in Wappingers Lodge in 1987, and has served multiple terms as Master. He has served Dutchess District in many capacities: District Deputy Grand Master, 2002-2006; Assistant Grand Lecturer since 2008; President, Masters and Wardens Association; Secretary/Treasurer, Past Masters Association; and President of the Past Grand Lodge Officers Association.

R.: W.: Uhle has been Chairman of the following: Dutchess District Charity Ball; Communion Breakfast; Masonic Booth at Dutchess County Fair; and the Advisory Council, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He is an Active Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Grand Lodge has benefitted from his services on the Membership Development Committee and his involvement with the Masonic War Veterans as the recipient of the Grand Mas- State Director, Adjutant Genter's Certificate of Appreciation eral and Treasurer General. He has also been Vice-Chairman and then Chairman of the Child Identification Program.

Valleys of Albany and the Hudson, AASR, call him a member as do York Rite Bodies. He is a Noble of Cyprus Temple, AAONMS, and a Past Monarch and Prophet of Tri Po Bed Grotto, MOVPER.

#### **Grand Treasurer**

R∴W∴ William J. Thomas is the new Grand Treasurer. A resident of the Borough of Manhattan, Brother Thomas is active in Shakespeare Lodge, Allied Lodge and King Solomon-Beethoven Lodge. In addition, he is active in: York Rite; the Valley of New York, AASR; Kismet Temple Shriners, AAONMS, and several other related organizations.

#### **Grand Secretary**

R.:.W.: Gilbert Savitzky was re-elected Grand Secretary, a position with which he has been entrusted since 2004. #

### Livingston District Continued from Page 1

Brother Grady grew up in Eastern Ohio, and attended Ohio University for Engineering. He moved to the Rochester area in 1981 after being recruited by Eastman Kodak Company for Design Engineering in the Copy Products Division. After several department changes at Kodak, including design and manufacturing engineering in the Mass Memory Division, he elected to take the first "buy-out" package

A partner in a sales and marketing agency was his next venture - representing numerous manufacturing companies in mechanical technologies, which he did for 12 years. Moving at that time to head up a local manufacturing company involved in producing mechanical parts for the optical industry, he continues in the same endeavor now for himself as a partner in Xactra Technologies, producing components for the optical marketplace.

Brother Grady has been married for almost 28 years to his wife, Nancy. They have two children. Daughter, Andrea, 25, works as a licensed aesthetician for a local dermatologist's practice. Son, Ian, 22, is a college student studying Optics at MCC. Ian was Raised a Master Mason in May, 2009. He was Raised by a proud Dad and Grandfather.

Brother Grady's hobbies include tennis, breweriana collecting, ship model building and watch making, none of which he says he seems to have time for, at least for the next two years!

R.: W .: Dennis C. King was Raised in Phoenix Lodge on March 19, 1974. He was Installed as Master of Phoenix Lodge in 2008 and served in that capacity until 2010. Dennis is presently a Lodge Trustee. He has also served on several Lodge Committees. In 2009, Brother King served as President of the Livingston Masonic Association. Other Masonic activities include membership in Hornell Dansville Royal Arch Chapter, Valley of Rochester, AASR, and Cyrene-Monroe Commandery.

Brother King holds an MBA from Alfred University and several professional certifications for Information Security. He is presently employed as Information Security Manager for ESL Federal Credit Union in Rochester. He resides in Dansville

years. They have one daughter, Jessica, who is a practicing attorney in Washington, DC.

R∴W∴ George Myers is the new District Deputy Grand Master for Ontario Seneca Yates District. He will be assisted by Staff Officer, R:W: Fred Newton.

Wayne District Grand Lodge went to press.

with Patricia, his wife of 33 appointments are: R:W: William C. Benedict, II, District Deputy Grand Master; R∴W∴ Jay A. DeWispel-aere, Grand Sword Bearer; and V∴W∴ Richard E. Brewer, Assistant Grand Lecturer.

No information was available for the Genesee-Wyoming District as this issue

### Masonic War Veterans Assist at Canandaigua VA



Canandaigua VA had their Annual Awards Night for Volunteers. Front row (l-r) Cora Paglia (1,536 hours); Sharon Lockemeyer; and Marge Hood (500 hours). Back row (l-r) Tom Paglia (3,750 hours); Vance Collum (100 hours); Robert Lockemeyer (252 hours) and Larry Hood (750 hours).



Cora Paglia and Albert Merklinger assisting with the Canandaigua VA Medical Center at the Annual Pie, Ice Cream and Plant Sale.



Larry and Marge Hood helping out.



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

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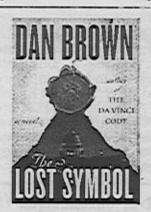


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### **Book Review**

By Erik Loepker

At the behest of W.: James Deasey and W.: David Adams, Northfield Lodge pre-ordered this copy of Dan Brown's *The Lost Symbol*, and asked that I read it and give a report on it. This copy has been placed in the library of Northfield Lodge. Should any Brother wish to read it, please check for availability with W.: John Dudley, our Secretary

Of specific interest to us was the rumor that Mr. Brown's latest book was going to touch significantly on Freemasonry; and considering his treatment of Catholicism in Angels and Demons and The Da Vinci Code there was concern over how his portrayal of the Fraternity may affect our image. Taking into account Mr. Brown's recent popularity, it was our assessment that, whether or not he treated the Fraternity favorably, there would be a resurgence of interest in Freemasonry, and we should be somewhat prepared to respond to questions posed by the public.

Before I delve into the book, however, let's talk about Dan Brown himself for a moment. Born in 1964 to a musician and a mathematics teacher (his mother and father, respectively), Mr. Brown was raised with two siblings on the campus of Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. He grew up surrounded by music and mathematics, and offshoots of these disciplines such as codes, ciphers, crosswords, anagrams and logic games. These activities, as well as others engaged in by his family, such as treasure hunts on birthdays for their gifts, later became incorporated in his novels.

Although Mr. Brown had studied creative writing while in college, his principal focus was on music, both in his studies and recreationally. After graduating, he briefly produced ing to Hollywood to pursue a career as a singer, songwriter and pianist, while teaching music to earn a living. While in Hollywood, he joined the National Academy of Songwriters, where he met his future wife. Blythe Newlon, who was the Academy's Director of Artist Development.

Through Ms. Newlon's guidance, influence and contacts,
Mr. Brown was able to produce
a few music CDs. Among them
was "Angels and Demons," the
title of which would later be used
for the novel of the same name,
while the artistic ambigram on
the label would be become a significant MacGuffin in the story
itself. The artist that designed
that ambigram, John Langdon,
would also have his surname
borrowed for later novels in the
form of Robert Langdon, the

protagonist of Angels and Demons, The Da Vinci Code and The Lost Symbol.

In 1993, Mr. Brown married Ms. Newlon, and they moved back to New Hampshire, where he became an English teacher at Phillips Exeter Academy, and a Spanish teacher at Lincoln Akerman School. That same year, the couple vacationed in Tahiti, where Mr. Brown read The Doomsday Conspiracy, by Sidney Sheldon – in itself a very good novel, incidentally, concerning a shadowy, clandestine group of men trying to take over the world.

This book proved to be an inspiration for Mr. Brown, and he began, at that time, to start drafting what would eventually become his second novel, The Digital Fortress. His first novel was actually a collaborative effort with his wife, which he penned under the pseudonym of Danielle Brown, called 187 Men to Avoid: A Guide for the Romantically Frustrated Woman; it was a comedy.

In 1996, Mr. Brown resigned from teaching to take up writing full time, and in 1998, The Digital Fortress was published. It was regarded as an adequate book, but only sold about 10,000 copies. His next two books, Angels and Demons (published in 2000), where we are introduced to his recurring protagonist, Robert Langdon, and Deception Point (published in 2001) suffered the same fate. In fact, the criticism usually leveled against Mr. Brown's works are that his style of prose is clumsy and that his research is not as accurate and authentic as he claims in his books. In fact, the London Telegraph's Tom Chivers wrote an article when The Lost Symbol was released mocking Dan Brown's 20 worst sentences, as collected from his books.

In 2003, however, The Da Vinci Code appeared on the shelves and was virtually an overnight sensation, hitting the top of the New York Times' Best Seller List in its first week, and has since been hailed as one of the greatest books of all time by the Wall Street Journal and the Sydney Herald.

For the record, The Da Vinci Code is the 17th highest selling book to-date. The number one selling book to-date is the Bible (2.5 billion copies purchased, since someone started tracking its sales), followed by Quotations from Chairman Mao, also called, the Little Red Book (2 billion copies purchased), then the Quran (800 million copies purchased). Other wellknown titles that beat out The Da Vinci Code include A Tale of Two Cities, by Charles Dickens, Scouting for Boys: A Handbook for Instruction in Good Citizenship, by Robert Baden-Powell, The Lord of the Rings, by J.R.R. Tolkien, and And Then There Were None, by Agatha Christie, just to name a few.

The success of The Da Vinci Code caused a revival of his previous books which were then re-released in paperback, and all four books then appeared on the New York Times' Best Seller List in 2004, which estimated sales exceeding \$250 million. Due to this, in 2005, Time magazine ranked him among the 100 Most Influential People of the Year, and

Forbes' magazine ranked him as number 12 on their 100 Celebrity List, estimating his income at \$76.5 million.

I need to take a moment to mention one other, seemingly extraneous fact: Mr. Brown has stated publicly that his wife is an artist and painter. However, during the 2006 copyright infringement lawsuit brought against him concerning The Da Vinci Code, it was revealed that Blythe Brown not only uses the contacts she developed through the Academy of Songwriters to promote his books and influence media to notice his work, but she is also his primary researcher for material for his books.

That being said, let's get on to the The Lost Symbol.

I'm not going to go into a literary dissection of the novel, discussing themes, elements, and techniques, as these are not really germane to this presentation. My effort here is to make you familiar with the novel itself, and some of the underlying information from which he builds the story.

As with all books that Mr. Brown has written, The Lost Symbol is set within a 24-hour period of time. In this book, the protagonist, Robert Langdon, a professor of religious iconology and symbology, is summoned to give a lecture in the National Statuary Hall at the United States Capitol, with the invitation apparently from his mentor, a 33° Mason named Peter Solomon, who is the head of the Smithsonian Institution. However, instead of an audience for his lecture, Langdon finds the severed right hand of Peter Solomon tattooed into an artifact called the Hand of the Mysteries which points to the fresco The Apotheosis of Washington on the inside of the Capitol

Meanwhile, Mal'akh, a singleminded, tattooed villain who is in search of an ancient source of power, has taken Peter hostage and demands Langdon unlock something called the Ancient Mysteries in return for Peter's life. Shortly after being contacted by Mal'akh, Robert is questioned by the CIA Office of Security concerning Mal'akh in the interest of National Security, who also showed no regard for Peter Solomon's safety nor Robert's desire to save him. Just as he is to be arrested, Robert is whisked through a secret exit by the Architect of the Capitol, who is also a 33° Brother of Peter's, Warren Bellamy; a man with his own agenda, thus setting off a chase through the Nation's Capitol.

In the interim, his singleminded pursuit of his goal leads Mal'akh to attempt to murder Dr. Katherine Solomon, Peter's younger sister, and destroy her Smithsonian-sponsored laboratory, where she conducts successful experiments in the ability of the human mind to affect subatomic particles.

The book continues to maintain an intense, quick pace that generally draws the reader along, right up to the climactic confrontation between Robert and Mal'akh in the Heredom, or House of the Temple of the Masonic Scottish Rite in America.

There, I hope I've whetted your interest without spoiling the story for anyone!

Right out of the gate, let me say that Dan Brown treats Freemasonry with deference throughout the book. He doesn't sugar coat the Fraternity, but writes about us in a way that conveys respect, and even has his protagonist defend Freemasonry in a number of different vignettes in the book. I recommend that everyone read his character's thoughts and defenses of the Fraternity as a means of preparing yourselves for similar conversations. In particular, I advise a reading of chapter six, where Robert experiences a flashback to one of his lectures, wherein he reveals a supposed secret about the founding fathers and the construction of Washington, DC. The lecturer's discussion with the students covers some well-known misconceptions and conspiracies regarding Masonry, and is well worth the read.

This is not to say, however, that Mr. Brown has it all right, either. His presentation is colored by two facts - 1) he is not a Mason and 2) his (or his wife's) research. As a result, he makes a few mistakes in the novel with regard to the Fraternity, probably the most obvious and most repeated is that the 33° is the apex of our organization, the members of which form an inner circle that rules over the Fraternity as a whole. But, while these mistakes may cause confusion in readers who are not Masons, it is also unlikely to damage us, and may present opportunities to clarify things for people who come to us asking questions based on the book.

In keeping with his other stories, he opens with a small list of "facts," which are true, vet misleading. For example, he indicates that the Invisible College is an organization that exists - which is true, although today it is called the Royal Society of the United Kingdom, and is actually a grass-roots system of independent education and philosophy. It developed in the 17th Century as a guild-style means of passing along instruction in philosophy and natural science without ecclesiastical oversight, such as was found in most institutions at the time. While it does still exist today, it is not considered an accredited institution, but is seen as a means of further exploration of science and philosophy beyond the normal collegiate curriculum. Oh, and don't bother looking for its headquarters; it doesn't have a physical address, rather it is formed by independent thinkers, teachers, and scientists who invest their personal time in learning and instruction.

Another fact that he mentions is that all Rituals in the novel are real. Indeed, they are, but most are no longer in use, and the few he mentions that are in use, he describes incorrectly. Primarily, his Rituals and information are drawn from the Cerneau Scottish Rite, an offshoot of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite created in 1767 that existed only in New York and which itself was deemed illegitimate, clandestine and spurious by the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA, in 1907. Recognition was also refused by every Scottish Rite Jurisdiction around the world at that time. I have a copy of this proclamation

in electronic form from the library of the University of Michigan. If anyone is interested in seeing it, please contact me via Northfield Lodge and we can arrange a transfer.

This is important, as the story opens with an Initiation Ritual of Cerneauism. The tenor of the ceremony is rather dark and gloomy, and it appears to bear a very slight resemblance to the Hiramic Legend in that the Initiate acts as a master who will die. This motif of death and resurrection actually recurs several times throughout the novel in various forms.

Considering the amount of Masonic information that exists in books and on the web, from Masons no less who have broken their Obligation, I was at first amazed that Mr. Brown would use something so outdated and archaic. I have formulated three opinions as to why he may have done so.

First, it could be sloppy research; but this seems unlikely to me – although his research in other books proves that Mr. Brown himself (or, rather, his wife) is not a scholar, it would seem to me difficult to find a Ritual that hasn't been used in decades by happenstance.

Second, in deference to Freemasonry, he may have chosen to use an unused Ritual so as not to expose any of our secrets or landmarks. While Mr. Brown has been known to engage in philanthropic activities, his treatment of the Catholic church, and the fact that he mentions other Rituals later we do use, would lead me to conclude that this hypothesis is unlikely.

Last, he could have chosen it for its dramatic appeal. While we've all experienced the Degree work first hand, it would be difficult to translate that into writing that would convey the actual experience to someone who had not gone through it, without making it seem evil or even violent. Yet, the imagery of the Cerneau initiation is mordant and visceral. Unlike when we are hoodwinked and must rely on our other senses, the Cerneau Ritual is very visual, and so transfers very well to a written medium for the reader to imagine. I personally believe that this is most likely.

I've mentioned Mr. Brown did write about other Rituals we do use. In chapter 117, there are fleeting glimpses given of the first three Degrees through the use of a video camera the villain used to capture parts of the Rituals, but the descriptions are very limited; someone unfamiliar with the actual Ritual would not get anything from it. Also, the protagonist, Robert Langdon, realizes the video had been edited in order to cast the whole experience in a negative light, specifically as propaganda to discredit Freemasonry, and to damage the credibility of many authority figures who belong to the Fraternity. Many readers, then, will probably become interested in what really happens in our Rituals, without feeling dread (unless, of course, they are rabidly anti-Masonic already).

I must confess I personally enjoy Mr. Brown's books; despite any foibles that arise from clumsy sentence construction and a mish-mash of fact and fiction, he delivers a fun, easily read novel.

## In Memoriam

Belt, Howard J.

On May 16th, Howard Belt, 87, went to the Celestial Lodge. He will always be cherished by his wife of 58 years, Virginia, 2 children and 5 grandchildren. Howard was a World War II Veteran and an active member of Valley-Simes Lodge. Remembrance is a golden chain that ties all the love and sorrows.

Curtiss, Ronald F., Sr.

Ronald Curtiss, 74, said goodbye to his Earthly home May 18th, leaving his wife, Mary Ann, 6 children, 11 grandchildren and 2 great grand-children to cherish his memory. Ron was a member of Fame Lodge and Damascus Shriners. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Long, David F. On May 1st, David Long, 86, entered Eternal Rest and his wife, Jean, daughter, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchildren will share the memories of his life. David was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

Grapensteter, Donald L.

We have received word that Donald Grapensteter, 81, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on January 8th. His wife, Violet, 3 children and 5 grandchildren will always cherish his memory. Don was a member of Unity Lodge. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

Paul, Rev. Willard C.

Rev. Willard Paul, 95, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven on April 9th. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, 1 son, 3 step-children, 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. He was very active in his church, community and ERAC Lodge. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Sandstrom, Louis Charles

On May 9th, Louis Charles Sandstrom, 97, embraced those who walked before him in faith. His 2 children and Brothers of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge will remember his life. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Rising, David R.

All too soon, David Rising, 66, went home to his Lord on April 29th and his wife, Jan, 6 children and 4 grandchildren will keep his memory in their hearts forever. David was a Veteran of the Air Force where he earned several Service Medals. He was always active in his community and Masonic organizations. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge, Scottish Rite, Palmyra Eagle Chapter-RAM and Sagoyewatha Commandery. His family and Masonic Brothers will miss him.

Theodor, Sotir P.

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Sotir Theodor, 83, on April 27th. His wife, Joan, and family will hold his memory close. Sotir was a member of ERAC Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.



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other dignitaries were honored with his presence. He was escorted in by R:.W:. John Krupp, Deputy Grand Marshal.



Twelve of the thirteen Lodges in the Monroe District were represented by their Masterelect, with the missing man called away on a personal matter. Seven of the 2010-2011 Masters are serving for the first time, while the other six have been in that Chair previously.

Following an opening prayer by R:.W:. George Todd, the Investiture Service commenced with V:.W:. Hugh Woodside presiding, assisted by R:W: John Zabel, who acted as Marshal. V∴W∴ Harry DeHollander then delivered the Historical Legend.

District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: George Nasra, who opened the proceedings, spoke on his plans for the District during his term.







R: W: Charles Toombs, Grand Lecturer, was called to the East to do the honors of presenting the new Assistant Grand Lecturers with their Aprons. V .: W .: William Edwards was escorted to the East by Brother Zabel; R∴W∴ Derek VanHouten escorted R .: W .: Michael Nohle.

R:.W: James Sullivan was re-introduced by Brother Woodside for his remarks. Thanking the Brothers present for their support at Grand Lodge, he offered words of encouragement to the newly Invested Masters and passed out Pins from Grand Master, M .: W .: Vincent Libone.

It was a fine evening that was preceded with a Steak Dinner prepared by W .. Tom Goodrich and his Fairport-Flower City Lodge culinary experts.

You are fraternally invited to attend the) Apron Presentation Dinner

In Recognition of Grand Lodge Officers

Monday, June 7th

At Damascus Shrine Center 979 Bay Road, Webster Social - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

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Provide names and entrée choice. Please come and show support for your Grand Lodge Officers.

Uschold, Michael F.

On May 17th, Michael Uschold, 71, met his Maker and his wife, Nancy, 2 children and 1 grandchild will forever share his legacy. Michael was a member of Oatka Lodge. Celebrate the lives of your loved ones and hold their memories close.

Wilson, Richard J.

Richard Wilson, 85, departed from a lively life of accomplishments on May 9th. His wife, Jean, 3 children, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild survive him. Your gentle spirit will live on in our hearts forever.



### **Masonic Activities** Looking Ahead

### JULY

Monroe OES Jell-O Museum Visit, LeRoy 10th

13th Daughters of the Nile Supreme Visit 17th Doric Council Re-Dedication, Pittsford Masonic Hall

24th OES Pilgrimage to Oriskany 24th Fame Lodge Corn & Sausage Roast

AUGUST

7th Monroe District - The Master's Chair Course, Shrine Center

7th Grand Master at Camp Turk

Wakan-Hubbard Meeting 13th & 14th 187th Grand Conclave of Cryptic Masons

Wakan-Hubbard Steak Roast/Clambake, Powder Mills Park 14th

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

14th

Masonic Night at Frontier Field

21st Craftsman Robertson Lodge Picnic, Camp DeMolay 31st

School of Ritual, Shrine Center

### SEPTEMBER

Fairport Chapter, OES, Rummage Sale, Fairport 17th 18th

Livonia Lodge Golf Tournament, Conesus Golf and

Country Club

30th School of Ritual

### OCTOBER

14th-16th OES Grand Sessions, Binghamton

18th Grand Lecturer's Convention

24th Interfaith Service and Brunch, Shrine Center

NOVEMBER

OES District Banquet, Burgundy Basin 4th

DECEMBER

JANUARY

31st School of Ritual

**FEBRUARY** 

MARCH

30th School of Ritual

APRIL

MAY

2nd & 3rd Grand Lodge Session

Investiture

JUNE

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