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A check will be presented April 10th, during the College of Freemasonry.

Annual Tribute to Our Widows

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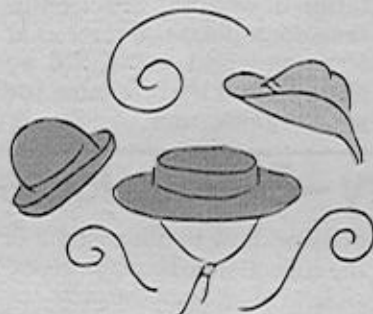
It is time to pay tribute to our Widows. We will be doing this on Saturday, April 24th, at the Burgundy Basin with the doors opening at 11 a.m.; lunch served at noon.

Again we are asking each Lodge Master to appoint a Brother to coordinate your Brothers and Widows involvement.

We are following the same successful process as last year regarding tickets. No tickets will be mailed. Letters have been sent to all Secretaries of the Monroe District Lodges with a form to return to the Masonic Service Bureau.

It will require:

- The name of each person attending
- Their choice of Entree'-Chopped Sirloin Steak or Stuffed Chicken Breast



- A check for the full amount and names of those listed

The cost for the sit down luncheon will be \$17, the same as last year. We are happy to have Rick Howe providing the music again for everybody's enjoyment.

Should you have any questions, contact Garry Cranker, Committee Chair at 260-4546. You may also contact the Masonic Service Bureau Office at 671-9730.

HAGGAI CHAPTER'S 10TH ANNUAL SOCIAL & COMMUNITY AWARDS EVENT SALUTES WATERSTREET, JOHNSON

By R.E.: James A. Ghent, Jr.

The Tenth Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner of Haggai Chapter No. 41, Holy Royal Arch Masons (Prince Hall Affiliated), will be held on Saturday, April 10th, at the Whittier Party House, 88 Whittier Road, which is immediately north of the corner of Buffalo and Whittier Roads. There will be a Social Hour beginning at 6:00 p.m., with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. R.W.: Charles "Skip" Waterstreet will be a Community Service Award recipient and our keynote speaker. Also receiving the Award is Jerdine L. Johnson.



Charles N. Waterstreet

Most Masons know R.W.: Charles N. Waterstreet, Jr. as the current Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau and Editor of the **Masonic Times**. Skip was Raised in John A. Robertson Lodge, served several terms as Master and currently serves Craftsman Robertson Lodge as Treasurer. He is also a member of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, and Damascus Shriners.

Recognition by his Brothers and Masonic organizations is demonstrated by the following honors bestowed upon him: General Douglas MacArthur Service to Youth Award; Dedicated Service Award; and Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay International. He serves on the Grand Lodge of New York Committee on Publications and in 2008 was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, near New York.



Jerdine L. Johnson

A member of Atonement Lutheran Church, he has served as usher, reader, choir member, and photographer; on the Evangelism and Finance Committees, and was Church Treasurer for 10 years. Skip was a volunteer with the Rochester Protective Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He also served Rochester Youth Hockey League in several positions on the Board of Directors, including President, and later was President of the Rochester Monarchs Junior Hockey Club.

Officiating is his hobby; he joined Metropolitan Umpires Association and served as President following several terms as Secretary and Assessor. Joining Sports Officials of Rochester Area, he served in several Officer positions and was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award in the New York State USSSA Hall of

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By William Edwards

Mark Your Calendar

April 9th and 10th is the 2010 College of Freemasonry event. There is a lot of interest in this year's program and you will not want to miss it. Make your reservation now by contacting the Scottish Rite Valley Secretary at 264-1160 or 800-858-2320. The College of Freemasonry is one of our Valley's signature events. This is the fourth year where we will bring together an impressive panel of scholars and Masonic thinkers to discuss a particular theme and engage you in a discussion for the purpose of promoting Masonic education. The theme for this year's event is, "Freemasonry: the Ancient Landmarks, the Symbolism and the Vision of our Craft."

On Friday, April 9th, we will start the program off at the Shrine Center in Webster with

a dinner for Scottish Rite Brothers, spouse or significant other. Madeline Forster, a local jazz musician, will be providing the entertainment, an evening of jazz. You can visit her website at www.madelinforster.com to enjoy some audio clips of her music. A steak dinner with all the fixings is planned. The cost for dinner is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. This is a chance to take your Lady out for an evening of jazz and also welcome our speakers for the event. Send your check to the Scottish Rite Valley Secretary to make your reservation.

The event continues on Saturday, April 10th, at the Shrine Center in Webster. The cost to attend the event is \$20 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Your attendance fee also helps fund the travel expense of the speakers. The event is open to non-Masons, friends or families. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. It will end around 2 p.m. Contact the Valley Secretary to make your reservation.

Guest Speakers

We have a great Keynote Speaker for the program, Brother Christopher Hodapp. He will be speaking on our theme, "Freemasonry: the Ancient Landmarks, the Symbolism and the Vision of our Craft." Brother Chris is a published author (*Freemasons for Dummies*) and Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the Masonic Society*.

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Dated Material

Embassy Reception
Monroe, Wayne & Livingston Districts
Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster
Saturday, March 13th, 10 a.m.
Light Refreshments will be served

Educational Forum on ...

- Services available at the Masonic Care Community
- Benefits of these services to the Fraternity
- Programs supported by the Trustees
- Financial implications of providing these programs and services

Family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. You will meet your Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home and key Representatives of our Masonic Care Community to address your concerns in a Town Meeting Format.

Please confirm your attendance to Derek E. VanHouten email: hooter95@rochester.rr.com or call 247-2920

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Editor's Corner

What a difference a week makes! I wrote last month that I was taking a well-deserved vacation to Florida with family. Our last Sunday in Florida, we were on Melbourne Beach with the youngsters prancing in the ocean surf as it rolled up the sand. The temperature on a building time/temperature clock said 79°. At the shore, the breezes made it feel a few degrees cooler than that, but it was still pretty nice.

Back in Rochester a week later, we had 30° temperatures and somewhere between one and a half and two feet of snow...the heavy wet stuff, which gave plow personnel a stiff struggle. We knew we were home when we approached the Greater Rochester International Airport, as the ground was snow-covered. Fortunately it was not to the volume that was to come!

Well, it was nice while it lasted. We had a good time; particularly the grandsons. Three days at Disney was a bit much for these old legs. Fortunately we did a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, so there was a little time to recover in between. My pedometer said I covered more than 45,000 steps over those three days, which translates to more than 20 miles...and I felt each and every one of them!

We had many amenities at the Resort - nice pool, game room, fitness center (which I didn't need at that point), tennis courts, horse shoes and a playground for the youngsters. We didn't lack for something to do...only the time to do it!

Now, it is back to plugging away. As you can tell, we weren't successful in getting this issue of the **Masonic Times** out on time. I apologize, but there is just so much one can do. I hope that nothing of great importance was missed because we didn't deliver the news in a timely fashion. I'm trying to make sure events in the early part of the month are covered two months ahead. You can't totally rely on me; and I can't rely on the Postal Service even when I am on time. Frustrations all around, but somehow we shall persevere.

Thanks for reading.

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One of the items that the Masonic Service Bureau has within its office is a "Master Calendar" of the many differ-

ent activities that Masonic organizations have notified us of in one manner or another.

If each organization could take a moment and contact us about their events prior to casting them in stone, I'm sure we could all have an increased attendance at our events by minimizing conflicts. I know all conflicts can't be avoided. However, you would know this up front and could plan accordingly. This is for all within the Greater Rochester area who receive the **Masonic Times**. Please let us know, as we are willing to help. As soon as your Trestleboard has been established, communicate with us.

One of the other items that the **Masonic Service Bureau** has been providing is the Education Assistance Award Program. This is where an award of

up to \$1,000, on a one-time-only basis, may be provided to a High School Senior who has been accepted for 2010 Fall enrollment at an accredited college OR a Student who is currently attending an accredited college on a full-time basis and will enroll in the Fall, as well.

All applicants must either belong to a Masonic Youth Organization or be sponsored by a Member of a Masonic Lodge or Related Body. These applications must be completed in full, as described on them, and postmarked no later than Midnight, March 31st. If you need an application, please contact us.

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

Herman W. Sarachan Memorial Library - Seeking Ideas

By Bruce Katz

In the February issue of the **Masonic Times**, the challenge was made to make the Herman W. Sarachan Memorial Library more accessible. There are significant challenges to maintain the integrity of the collection, but the opportunity to benefit from the volumes within the Library is too great a prize to ignore. The intent

for every volume placed on the shelves (or placed in storage, or donated by survivors of Brother Masons) was for the books to be enjoyed. (There are a few rare books that might not be made readily available and would require special treatment.)

As a first step, I'd like to propose the formation of a committee to investigate options to make formal the recommenda-

tions on how to allow some of the collection to be made accessible to Masons in the area.

If you have ideas, or would like to participate in the proposed committee, please send an email:

brucek8189@aol.com

(include "Masonic Library" in the subject line) as well as your day and evening contact information.

Embassy Coordinators for Masonic Care Community's Ambassador Program

By R. W.: Derek E. VanHouten

Several weeks ago, I received an invitation from the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge to attend a meeting in Utica to discuss a new program around the current Masonic Care Community Ambassador Program.

They have selected six Brothers from around the State to be an Embassy Coordinator in conjunction with this new concept. My area of coverage is the Wayne, Livingston and Monroe Districts. It involves the 35 Lodges within this area.

I will be looking for several Brothers to act as Ambassadors for their respective Districts. Current Brothers who have served are welcome to contact me to continue their service to the Craft.

What They Do

The Ambassadors should act as liaisons between the MCC and

the Brothers around the State who have questions regarding admissions and services offered at the MCC Campus in Utica. They should convey general information about the Masonic Care Community, which includes Camp Turk at Round Lake.

Specific detailed questions regarding admissions, finances, services, etc. should be referred to the staff at MCC. I have a list of key personnel at MCC who would be more than happy to address any questions.

Mark Your Calendar

Please consider coming to the Shrine Center on the morning of March 13th to listen and learn about the Masonic Care Community and meet some of the Board of Trustees and staff of YOUR Masonic Care Community on a one-to-one basis. Light refreshments will be available.

The Masonic War Veterans had a good time presenting the colors at all eight shows of the Shrine Circus. I thank all our Brothers who gave up their time to share in this event. It was great fun just to watch the faces of the children (of all ages).

On March 17th we will have our Birthday Party for the Veterans at the Canandaigua Veterans facility.

On March 25th we will have a Lodge of Remembrance at our regular meeting. March is also the month to start thinking about the Officers for next year. Elections will be in April.

Always keep the Faith with all Brothers.



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MMRL

By Ronald P. Kamp



The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is pleased to announce the addition of Myron Thurston III as Assistant Director of Development and Communications. Mr. Thurston will be working with the Director of Development and Communications, Ronald Kamp. He will be responsible for assisting in the full range of activities required to expand and strengthen fundraising and public relations.

He comes to MMRL from the United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica Area where he served as Campaign Director for three years. "Myron is a bright and articulate individual who is a proven fundraiser. He brings a wealth of experience to the position and is well known and held in high regard by business and community leaders in the Mohawk Valley," said Mr. Kamp. "We are absolutely delighted to have him on our team."

The MMRL is a not-for-profit medical research and educational institute, sponsored by Freemasonry and supported largely by Federal and organizational grants, as well as the general public. The primary focus is on basic and clinical medical research in the fields of experimental cardiology, molecular biology, molecular genetics and stem cell research.

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Eureka Lodge Prince Hall Masons Elect 70th Worshipful Master



Julius D. Jackson, Jr.

Prince Hall Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons; Estella Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star (PHA); and Bison Consistory No. 29 (Buffalo).

He is the founder of the Rev. J.D. Jackson, Sr. Memorial Foundation, Inc., a Past President of the Eta Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He has served as a commissioner with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Greater Rochester Commission and on the boards of Big Brother Big Sisters and the School of the Arts. He is a member of TNT ("True Networking Thursday") and volunteers with the STAR (Sisters Together Achieving Results) Organization.

He currently serves as a F.C.D. Hall of Fame Advisor. For his Fraternal and civic work, Julius has received several awards and currently is employed as Associate Director of Minority AIDS Initiatives at AIDS Community Health Center.

In the 130-year span since the Chartering of the Lodge, December 3, 1879, the Lodge and individuals among its membership have made many worthwhile contributions to the Rochester community. Among its many notable achievements, the one of which Eureka Lodge is most proud is the role it played in establishing the monument to the memory of the great abolitionist, writer and orator, Frederick Douglass, which now stands in Highland Park. It was on June 20, 1898, that the then Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in the State of New York, accompanied by members of his Cabinet, joined with members of Eureka Lodge and Estella Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, in a ceremony laying the cornerstone for the Frederick Douglass Monument.

Eureka Lodge No. 36, Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliate, elected **Julius D. Jackson, Jr.** as its 70th Worshipful Master. Mr. Jackson, who is also known as "JD," joined Eureka Lodge in 2003 and has achieved the rank of 32°. His other Masonic memberships include Haggai Chapter No. 41, Most Excellent

The entourage moved in an impressive procession from the Lodge Room in the Durand Building, accompanied by the 54th Regiment Band, to what was then known as Douglass Park, located at the intersection of St. Paul Street and Central Avenue, where the cornerstone was laid.

2010 Officers

Other Elected Officials of the Lodge are:

Senior Warden	Michael Nix
Junior Warden	Robert Mallory, III
Treasurer	William Davis, Jr.
Secretary	Lawrence Brown, 33°
Senior Deacon	Ebo Ocran
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Junior Steward	Sean Lyman
Chaplain	Malik Evans
Assistant Chaplain	James Robinson
Tiler	Amos Evans
Marshal	Craig Coward
3rd Year Trustee	Eugene Crews, 33°
2nd Year Trustee	John Hill, Jr.
1st Year Trustee	Robert Frasier, Jr., 32°

Notable Members

Throughout its 130-year history, Eureka Lodge has been fortunate to have attracted to its membership some of the greater Rochester Communities most outstanding citizens. In recent memory these include, while not being limited to: the city's first African American Commissioner of the Department of Municipal Government, Stanley Thomas, Sr. P.M.; the first Black to practice law in the city, Honorable Lloyd L. Hurst, Esq.; the first Black to be appointed to the City Police Department, Captain Charles Price; and the first African American Mayor of the City of Rochester, Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr.

Other Brothers of this Fraternity have achieved acclaim in Private business: Emerson U. Fullwood, Corporate Officer, Xerox Corporation; Millard Latimer, Sr. and Millard Latimer, Jr., Funeral Directors; Honorable Roy W. King, City Court Judge; Darryl A. Jackson, Panther Graphics Printing; Malik Evans, School Board Chairman; to name a few. Many of the Brothers have achieved management and supervisory positions with some of the most prestigious employers in our community - Eastman Kodak Company, Xerox Corporation, General Motors, Rochester Institute of Technology, etc.

Haggai Chapter

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Fame in 2005. He is a former member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials.

A retiree of Eastman Kodak Company, he still maintains an interest in photography and snaps lots of photos at events he attends.

Skip and his wife of 45 years, Diane, have three married children who have blessed them with seven grandchildren. They enjoy any time they can spend together.

Jerdine L. Johnson

Ms. Johnson has a distinguished career in Community Service, through not-for-profit leadership and participation. She is currently the Manager of Energy Conservation for the City of Rochester, where she is responsible for coordinating efforts related to Sustainability and Green initiatives, while maintaining relationships with local and national organizations and agencies necessary for access to current regulatory standards, technology trends and research.

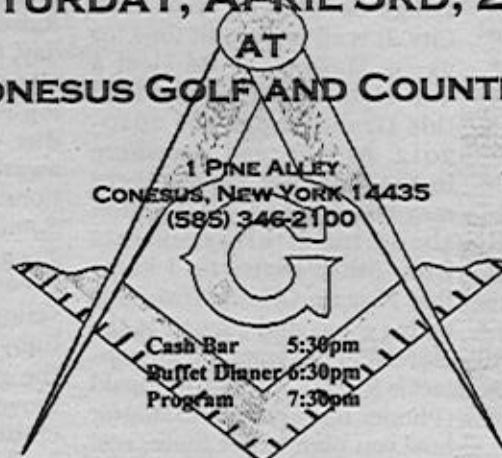
She has been the Executive Director of the Eastside Community Center in Rochester, where she created intergenerational programs among child care youth and seniors who were participating in its day program; she developed a GED program for neighborhood residents; created a number of innovative programs including the photography club, entrepreneurship program for at risk middle school youth, led by Thomas Golisano (12 of 13 graduated from High School and went on to either college or the military). As Executive Director of the North East Block Club Alliance, Inc. (NEBCA), she was selected to be a member of the board of the Statewide Neighborhood Preservation Coalition, which was selected the lead development corporation for the City of Rochester.

Ms. Johnson has been a member of the Board of Directors of the following organizations: The Red Cross, Statewide Neighborhood Preservation Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, ABVI/Goodwill, Huther Doyle, Rochester Public Library, Rotary International, Martin Luther King Commission of Greater Rochester, SUNY Brockport College Council and many others. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Communications from Florida A&M University and a Master's Degree in Urban/Regional Planning from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn.

LIVINGSTON DISTRICT MASONIC ASSOCIATION Sixth Annual LADIES NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2010

AT
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Guest Speaker

R.: W.: James E. Sullivan

Cost: \$25 Per Person

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Secretaries are a Treasure

In traveling around our District, it's pleasing to see the dedication and spirit of many Lodges as they work to introduce men of good character to our beloved Fraternity. Unless you are a Master or a Secretary, most of you don't realize the amount of work that goes into applying for, and receiving, a Dispensation if your Lodge is taking in more than five Candidates. If your Lodge has a class of more than five, the Secretary must write the Grand Master, c/o the Grand Secretary, and inform him of the number of Candidates. This request must be made in writing, on Lodge stationery, signed with the real signature of the Master or Secretary, affixed with a visible Lodge Seal and received no later than ten (10) business days prior to the Degree. As some have found out, ten days, in some cases, isn't enough time.

Unless otherwise noted, when more than five Candidates participate in the Degree, they must be divided into two or more groups, not to exceed five each. Each group is to separately receive the Conferral of the Degree - up to and including the full Obligation. After the Obligation, the entire class may then receive the balance of the Degree in its entirety.

The DDGM and/or AGL need to be present to witness the Degree. IMPORTANT ... this process needs to be followed for each Degree - not just for the 1st Degree. Some have thought that the other Degrees are covered under this one Dispensation, but that is incorrect. We have some very dedicated Secretaries within the District who need to be kept up-to-date.

At each Degree, every participant is to have his own Bible and Square and Compasses. During the Fellowcraft Degree, all are to take part. At the Master Mason Degree, the Hiram Drama is to be presented in its entirety. Failure to comply with any condition may result in the nullification of the said Degree.

Remember ... dispensation requests, properly submitted in a timely manner, are only entertained on an individual basis for a single date. Multiple future dates MUST be submitted as separate requests. There has been some confusion that a Dispensation granted for one Degree covers all three. That is NOT the case as explained above.

Have-a-Heart

The Have-a-Heart Campaign is now over and it was another successful endeavor by all the Lodges and Concordant Bodies who helped out. The final results missed this year's goal of \$20,000, but topped last year's of \$18,000. A check will be presented to the Ronald McDonald House shortly. I worked with my Lodge at The Mall at Greece-Ridge on February 1st and already the "tent" was adorned with several hundred red hearts. I can't imagine what it looked like on February 14th. Thank you to all who helped in this noble cause. Over the years, the Masons of the area have contributed well over \$200,000 through the generosity of the public to the local Ronald McDonald Houses.

Short Talk Bulletin

The recent monthly Short Talk Bulletin talks about "Freemasonry - Its place in the World." It is summarized by "Freemasonry offers to mankind an emphasis on the importance of the individual, the belief in the Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God, the concept of the dignity of work and its necessity for the pursuit of happiness, the opportunity to realize one's social aspirations in a moral, constructive atmosphere and a philosophy of life which can lead to individual and therefore community happiness." The world really needs what Freemasonry has to offer.

Grand Lodge Sessions

I would encourage the Masters of the Monroe District to complete their arrangements for attending this year's Grand Lodge Sessions in New York City. It is an important time for us, as Masons, as we elect a new slate of Officers to lead this Grand Lodge for 2010-2012. As you read elsewhere in the *Masonic Times*, there may be additional information about travel arrangements from other Districts. I know that Niagara-Orleans District is taking a bus and staying at the Hotel Pennsylvania. The contact is R. W. : Chuck McDonald (Phone: 682-3340). No matter how you plan to get there, rest

assured it will be a most interesting and informative Session. Then there's always the social aspect of Grand Lodge, to visit some great sites in the City, eat in some great restaurants and (for the ladies who might be going) the greatest shopping experience around. See you there!

In closing, this seems a fitting quote for March ... "If we had no Winter, the Spring would not be so pleasant." May God Bless.

Grand Steward

Monroe

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My Brothers, if you are like me, the Winter is starting to be a grind. March seems to be the longest month each year, as I anticipate the coming of warmer weather and longer days. As we do move toward Spring, I get closer and closer to the end of my term as a Grand Lodge Staff Officer for which I continue to have mixed feelings. Some of you have asked me for help with Degree work in the next few months and this makes me happy. There is nothing I love more than helping Lodges confer Degrees. Please keep asking.

By now the Regional Road to the East Program has been completed. Congratulations to all who attended. Your efforts will certainly strengthen our Lodges and our Craft. For all those who helped present this important training, please accept my sincere thanks.

As always, please call on us, your District Leadership Team, for anything we can do to help, aid or assist you. See you on the level.

Key Word - Opportunity

The word **Opportunity**, according to the Encarta Dictionary, is a noun meaning a chance, especially one that offers some kind of advantage, or a combination of favorable circumstances or situations. In Freemasonry today, we have a big **opportunity** - it being to bring in good men and Raise new Master Masons. Today, there is a good deal of excitement among men regarding Freemasonry. This is likely due to the raising of their awareness by recent publications like Dan Brown's *The Lost Symbol*, movies like *National Treasure* and the focus on Freemasonry in various television programs. Also, as the baby boomer generation or the generation of non-joiners moves on, this following generation of mature men seem to be interested in Fraternal organizations - especially ones with a long and rich history and that have some special and private attributes.

Thus is the **opportunity** for us. If we are apparent as Masons in our respective communities, if we are knowledgeable about our Craft, if we are well spoken and able to reflect accurately about Freemasonry, this opportunity will certainly be beneficial. So,

don't hold back when approached. Answer proudly when inquiries are made of you. Engage like-minded men in conversation about our Craft. Be sure your Lodge is actively involved in your community. Help raise the level of awareness even higher and we will enjoy the new growth and invigoration we all crave.

Grand Steward

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In last month's issue, I thanked those with whom I have had the pleasure of working during my tenure as a District Staff Officer.

In this issue I thank all those in the great Monroe District who have sent me get well cards. As someone who has a huge battle in front of me, nothing gave as much strength as your show of moral support. My significant other has taken over our dining room table as the repository of all the cards that were sent to me by members of this great Fraternity of ours. Leave it to say, we can no longer eat in the dining room.

This year, the Shrine Circus was held at the Dome Arena. Some of you may not know that one of my Masonic roles is that of Captain of the Provost. In that role, I thank the men who took time away from their families, jobs and busy schedules to work during the Circus. We now have a strong core of dedicated Brothers in the Unit. I am honored to be a part of this group of men.

By the time you read this article, a great Road to the East Course will have been completed. R. W. : Mike Nohle stepped forward and took the lead in doing all the prep work. If you enjoyed the Course, let Mike know.

In conclusion, if we as District Officers can be of assistance to you or your Lodge, feel free to contact us. We would be willing to attend your programs, Lodge meetings, etc. Until next month, see you in the Quarries.



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By V. W. : Hugh Woodside
School of Ritual Report

We had about 50 people at our January 20th School of Ritual and I am happy to report that we had good feedback about the evening's program. In particular, many Brothers were very happy to see R. W. : Jim Sullivan join us for the evening and listen to the message he had to share.

My thanks to all Brothers who attended and contributed to the evening, particularly Brother Pat Mulrooney, of ERAC Lodge who demonstrated a very crisp way to form the back wall of the temple during the Degree work. This is one of those areas where the Standard Work is a little vague and there is no "right" or "wrong" way to form the back wall of the temple - the Ritual Book only specifies the positions everyone must finish in, not how to get there. Ideas such as those which Pat shared with us at the January School of Ritual are important considerations which impact the staging of the Degree. Putting some thought into details like this will only improve your work. Good job, Brother Pat!

I'm sure everyone is anxious to know about the School of Ritual Attendance Banner for this year. The top four Lodges going into the March 31st School of Ritual are Wakan-Hubbard, Unity, Valley-Simes and Clio. Strong attendance at the upcoming School by any of these Lodges could help them take home the banner!

Last March, we packed over 100 people into Oatka Lodge in Scottsville for the final School of Ritual of the season. I hope we can do the same thing this year and end the season with a bang. Information about the Program will be forthcoming soon. We promise an enjoyable evening.

Thanks for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at Oatka!

Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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Training Co-ordinator**

By Don Tubman

January has been a very SLOW month for CHIPS or the Masonic Safety ID Program. We are still waiting to hear from YOU!!!! Several Lodges have not provided me with a Lodge Coordinator.

Our second Eagle Scout Candidate's project is well underway. On January 30th, Boy Scout Ian McNelly organized and performed a Masonic Safety Program at the Henrietta Library. He organized the event from top to bottom, securing the location and assistance of the library staff as well as ten other Scouts from his Troop. Under his father's guidance (Tim McNelly, ERAC Lodge Coordinator), Ian and the Scouts processed ID service for ten children and six of the Scouts.

Ian has plans to do three events in February involving Scouting events with the various Troops' Pine Wood Derbies as the venue. As I wrote before, this lad will assist with Scout manpower at almost any event you propose and it

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would be great if you would bring this up at your meetings!

I have been told by the North Western Masonic Safety ID Coordinator, Bud Hoffmeister, that Deputy Grand Master, Vincent Libone, fully endorses this program and it will probably continue for several more years. The program certainly puts Masonry into your communities.

As always, we seek your help for ideas, inspiration and

assistance. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the program. To schedule an event, we can be reached most easily by email at:

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 or seanb218@yahoo.com
 CHIPs Training Coordinator
 Sean Brown, Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, can schedule an event for you as well. You can contact Don Tubman if you have questions or suggestions. ✕



Ian McNelly's Eagle Scout project is to arrange Child ID programs and provide at least 100 children with the packet of information for their parents. The Boy Scouts and leaders from Troop 134, Rush, who assisted Ian included Scouts Mark Repka, Owen Flass, Tyler Eaton and Spencer Haynes, Scoutmaster Tim McNelly and his wife, Carol (Ian's parents). From the two Masonic Safety Events, held at the Henrietta Public Library on January 30th, and the Pinewood Derby, on February 13th, Ian has reached half his goal, with 50 children filmed.

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By William Flesher

Mark Your Calendar

The next meeting of the District Masters & Wardens will be on March 31st at Oatka Lodge, 5 Browns Avenue, Scottsville. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. As usual the District School of Ritual will follow at 7:30 p.m. This is an important meeting, as it will be the last time we meet as a group before the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in May.

District Degree Calendar

At our January 20th meeting, it was decided to create a consolidated calendar of Degree work for the District. Brother Jason Fritsch from Oatka was appointed as the Coordinator for this calendar. Each Lodge will need to get any of their Degree schedules to Brother Jason at his email address:

jason.fritsch@yahoo.com
 Please send your schedules to him as soon as possible.

Haiti Relief

Also, at the January meeting, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten presented the Grand Master's request for donations for the relief of the victims of the Haiti earthquake. It seems as though this tragedy has slipped away from the media's attention, but suffering still continues in the ravaged areas of that country. R.: W.: Derek also mentioned that there are 84 Masonic Lodges in Haiti. So please continue to find the desire to give to the Grand Master's fund to help Masonic and all families of Haiti.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

The Have-a-Heart Campaign is completed and W.: Brother George Foehner will have a report on the success of this campaign. I am sure he will thank all Brothers who helped with this important charity. I add my special thanks to each of you, the leadership of Freemasonry in the Monroe District, as well, for getting your Lodge to participate. ✕

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February was a good month for us. We all learned more about the Entered Apprentice Degree with the Degree quiz. From the positive response, we will continue with these activities. We also conferred the Degree of Entered Apprentice

Annual Widows Luncheon

Saturday, April 14th at Burgundy Basin
 Doors open at 11 a.m.; Lunch served at Noon

and enjoyed the fellowship the extra rehearsals brought.

I thank the Brethren for my birthday card. This year was the "Big 40" so the card had a special meaning. Not that I'm OLD, but as many of you can say, I'm not even close to middle age since we have many active members over the 85 mark.

March will take the learning farther with the "What Do You Know" quiz, so start looking over all your Masonic light. This quiz winner will walk away with a cheap and fabulous prize. We will also do an activity on the American Flag on March 25th.

As we look ahead, it is hard to believe that Daylight Saving Time starts on March 14th. It is just 20 degrees and snowing as I write this. The thought that Summer is coming seems so far away, but now that I'm "over the hill" at 40, I guess time is going to go even faster.

Dates to Remember

March 31st - Masters & Wardens, 6 p.m.; School of Ritual, 7 p.m.; Oatka Lodge Hall

April 10th - College of Freemasonry, 8 a.m.; Shrine Center; \$20

Ladies and Widows

May 8th - Ladies Night; 5 p.m. at Keenan's; \$20 per person (paid by April 22nd); RSVP to Dan Walker 429-6572

Sickness and Distress

Ken Rhodes reported his grandson has rejected the newly transplanted kidney, but is stable.

Kenny Kassel is back home and doing much better.

Congratulations

Steve Vachon, Oatka Lodge, has retired from the U.S. Army and is residing in Maine. Good luck. ✕

Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109

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Boy, did we luck out with the snow this year. It went East and South. Spring is just around the corner and hopefully we will be lucky to receive no more snow. So get the planting materials ready.

Upcoming Events

March 9th - Summoned Stated Communication; By the time you read this, all members of Valley-Simes Lodge should have received a letter of explanation for the meeting. Make plans to be there.

March 23rd - we will be conferring the 3rd Degree.

Between the 9th and 23rd we will be having at one or two rehearsals. Yes, we do have Candidates/Brothers for the Degree. My Brothers, we need your help and participation. This is a must Degree for Valley-Simes Lodge, as we are obligated to confer this per the

Grand Master's Edict. Mark your calendars to be there. There will be a dinner for both meetings, so make your reservations now.

At the last several meetings I noticed the lack of attendance. This was especially noted for the 1st Degree where we have very few Brothers to form the Symbolic Lodge. Many of you have stepped up to take a part in the Degrees. However, we need Brothers to support the Lodge and the Brothers performing the various parts, as well as the Brother who is on the receiving end of the Degree. I am sure he is thinking, "Where are the members?" Any questions????

Brotherhood Fund

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

March Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Brothers who are celebrating their birthday during the month of March. You may wish to call, visit and email (or by whatever method you choose) to wish them a very Happy Birthday. Maybe even go and have lunch with one or more.

Harvey Anderson (1st), Wallace Roworth and Irving Spalty (2nd), Harry Coates and Paul Chechak (3rd), Nelson Bertch (8th), Thomas Grape (9th), William Carr (10th) and Carl Ester (31st).

Our apologies to the following Brothers who had their birthdays omitted from February's listing. Brothers Gary Lind and Olindo Nardone (February 5th) and Brother Gerald Merzke (February 6th).

Masonic Anniversaries

For the month of March we offer congratulations on being a member of Valley-Simes Lodge and our Masonic Fraternity (years of service) to:

Howard Belt (63), Litch Toland (62), Mathew Gingold (59), Jack Palmer and Gerald Merzke (57), Harvey Anderson and Myron Biggar (55), Donald Petersen (50), Arthur Hill (49), Gary Burke (32), Jeffrey Miller (31), Harold Silvis (30), Thomas Grape (15), Jeffrey Amering, Bryan Anderson, David Braun, Jonathan Spencer, Thomas Steele and Joe Weber (7) and Joseph DiTucci and Michael Bailey (2).

Reservations for dinner, as always, are requested. Remember the "A reservation made is a reservation paid." Your contact for reservations is Mike Hueston - 509-0606 or at:

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Note from the Master

For those who have not heard, I moved early last month. I am now residing at the following address:

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New Brothers of Oatka Lodge: Adam Clemens, Joseph Coon, Joseph Dobrowolski, Jason Fritsch, Thomas Gamer, John Georges and Rene Hutchins.

Our tenants, the Community Gospel Church and Weight Watchers, continue to enjoy the use of our building. These two groups add to the visibility of our Masonic community spirit and commitment.

School of Ritual

March 31st, Oatka Lodge will host the last School of Ritual for the Monroe District. While we are not in the running for the

School of Ritual Banner this year, we hope to see as many of the Brothers of Oatka Lodge at this event as possible. If last year is any indication of the number of participants coming to this School, we will need a lot of help to set up for the event and clean up afterwards. Last year there were 103 Brothers from various Lodges in the District in attendance; the Lodge Room was certainly packed. *

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WOW, what a February we had! We are again off and running for the remainder of the year, ever growing and expanding our wonderful Lodge, District and Fraternity. Why keep it a secret? (Minor joke there).

Congratulations to W.: Sy Kopen, MSA, on his usual impeccable job conducting and to all our participating Brothers who conferred the 1st Degree on February 22nd.

We also stepped up to the plate, as a Lodge, and brought home the dough for Have-a-Heart. Kudos to all new and not-so-new Brothers who participated.

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Spring is almost here and I, for one, can't wait for it to get here! However, February did bring us four newly made Master Masons who are excited to be a part of Masonry and have been participants in Lodge activities before they even were Raised - helping with our highway cleanup, repairs to the rented space and at our dinners! This, in itself, is like a breath of fresh Spring air and promises of new life and Officers for the Lodge! We are very excited and pleased to welcome them, even as we prepare for another round of Degrees and a full house of Candidates!

Upcoming Degrees

February 22nd was a 1st Degree conferred upon five new Entered Apprentices.

In light of the Grand Master's new Directive that there will no longer be any Dispensations given out for any more than eight Candidates in one night, I have had to completely revise the remainder of our Trestle-board for this year.

I have cancelled all programs for the balance of my year. Therefore, there will be a 2nd Degree at our March 8th meeting for the half of the class that became Entered Apprentices in our Fall class and due to one problem or another beyond our control were unable to be advanced until now.

Then, we will do the 2nd Degree AGAIN at our March 22nd meeting for five new Brothers in the Spring class.

Our April 12th class will be the 3rd Degree for the Fall class and April 26th will be a 3rd Degree for the Spring class. We will have a dinner preceeding EACH of the 3rd Degrees. Reservations are required by calling Roger Lynch at 334-7953; or email him at tc45410@aol.com. Dinner is \$12.00 each and a reservation made is a reservation paid! We will need your help in getting through this aggressive schedule, but it will be worth it when at the end of it all, we will have 14 or more new Brothers for the year. Please contact V.: W.: Hugh Woodside if you can do a part in any or all of these Degrees.

Forte Capital has been rescheduled to speak to the Lodge at our May 10th meeting for those who are interested in the finances and requested this meeting.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Wakan-Hubbard Lodge took part again in this year's Have-a-Heart Campaign to benefit the local Ronald McDonald Houses. We staffed the booth at Eastview Mall on February 3rd and 10th. This is always a good opportunity to get together with our Brothers and their spouses and have some relaxed times while doing a good deed at the same time.

My thanks to everyone who helped staff the booth and raise funds for a very good cause.

We were also fortunate enough to host Dave and Pat Anderson from the Ronald McDonald House at our February 8th meeting. The Anderson's have been involved with the House almost since the beginning; (as have the Masons), and they took us through the history of the House and the additions and changes over the years. They shared some of the many stories that came out of the House over the years. V.: W.: Hugh Woodside shared his own very moving personal involvement with the Ronald McDonald House when his youngest son was born and how important it was to have that resource there when they needed it. It was a very enlightening evening.

Sad News

We were greatly saddened by the passing of our Brother Don McDill on January 28th. Don was always an active Mason and Brother. Don was also in the Shrine and the Masonic War Veterans, among other organizations. A Masonic Service was held for him. Our prayers are with his wife, Winnie, and his family.

Brother Frank Ghyzel was called by the Great Architect of the Universe on February 18th. He had fallen and fractured his hip, was in Strong Memorial Hospital when he suffered a stroke and died. He will be greatly missed.

Sickness and Distress

Brothers Peter Derry and Rick Yendall accompanied me to visit our Brother Frank Rechlin, who is in his nineties, when we presented him with his 55-year Pin. It was very touching for Rick when he discovered that Brother Frank was Raised in his own Home Lodge, Transportation Lodge in Kenmore. He also learned that Frank knew Rick's grandfather there!

W.: Chuck Spiegel, now living in Georgia, is recovering from some procedures. At last report, he is feeling better.

Brother Bill MacMahon (the brother of our John MacMahon), fell and broke his hip after just recovering from breaking the other hip!

A Candidate for his 1st Degree broke the bones in his hand and is recovering.

Brother Joe Forbes was having some issues with strong headaches which affected his vision, but he is much better now and has been in Lodge where he always helps out wherever he is needed!

We said farewell to W.: Gordie Oakes' wife of 66 years. Ruth was a lovely person and she will be missed by many.

Our condolences also go to W.: Wayne McCrossen whose Mother passed in February. *

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W. Brother Robert R. Borsching died January 10th. He was 86 years old, a Veteran of World War II and a Past Master of Monroe Lodge No. 173 from 1971 to 1973. He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 14, 1967 and affiliated with Unity Lodge on June 8, 2009.

W. Brother Harry G. "Buzz" Gorman died January 30th. He was born December 10, 1950, in Colorado and later moved to Rochester. He was Raised in Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 on April 2, 1991. W. Brother Gorman was the 1995-1996 Master of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge.

Good News

Congratulations to our Senior Deacon, Joe Piccoli, and his wife, Mandy, who have become parents for the first time. Their son, Anthony, was born on January 14th. All are doing well.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

The recently concluded Have-a-Heart Campaign appears to have been a success. Unity Lodge staffed the booth on January 30th and February 10th and 11th. Our thanks to the following volunteers whose dedication of time and effort helped to make this campaign a success:

Rob and Kellie Buchanan, Gene Brendel, Garry Cranker, Tyler Ekwel, Michael Henningsen, John and Helga Jamele, Dave Jones, John Lemke, and Jim Toogood.

From Starlight Chapter, OES, thanks to Barbara Bossert, Alice Brendel, Sharon Listman and Lorraine Ziegenfuss. WELL DONE EVERYBODY!

Other Recent Events

The School of Ritual was held on January 20th at the Shrine Center in Webster. Thanks to these Brothers for

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Lorraine Zeigenfuss, Starlight Chapter, OES, reaches for Heart that donor can autograph to hang on the Have-a-Heart board.



Garry Cranker working at the Have-a-Heart Booth.

attending - Byron Barnes, Rob Buchanan, Garry Cranker, Tyler Ekwel, Don Fox, Bill Fredenburg, John Jamele, John Lemke, Derek VanHouten and Matt Westphal. We were awarded five extra points toward the Attendance Banner because all three of the Officers, drawn from the hat, were present. Right now, it looks like we are in second place for the Attendance Banner. We need to make a big push next time if we are to keep the Banner.

At our 2nd Degree on January 25th, three of our four En-

tered Apprentices and one Entered Apprentice from Craftsmen Robertson Lodge were Passed to the 2nd Degree. Visitors were present from Craftsmen Robertson and Northfield Lodges. Special visitors came from Roger Williams Lodge No. 32 in Rhode Island.

We had our second successful Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on February 8th. There were several "friends" in attendance. The evening got off to a good start with a great dinner put on by Etolian Chapter OES. The program consisted of brief presentations of "Why I Became a Mason" and "What Masonry Means to Me" by Senior Warden, Rob Buchanan; Junior Warden, John Lemke; and R. W. Jay McCullough. The visitors were then shown the first part of the ISOME DVD and listened to the CD prepared by the late R. W. Paul Gleason. Much interest in Masonry was generated and several Petitions have been received.

Upcoming Events

March 8th - 3rd Degree; Lodge opens at 6 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. This will be our "Grand Master Edict" Degree for this year.

March 29th - Red Cross Blood Drive at the Ogden Community Center, 269 Ogden Center Road, sponsored by Unity Lodge; 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

March 31st - School of Ritual. The final School of Ritual of the year will be con-

Annual Widows LuncheonSaturday, April 14th at Burgundy Basin
Doors open at 11 a.m.; Lunch served at Noon

ducted at Oatka Lodge at 7:30 p.m. As mentioned earlier, it looks like Unity is in second place for the Attendance Banner. Let's all get out and take the Banner for one more year.

April 24th - Widows Luncheon, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau, at Burgundy Basin.

Dues

Brothers, if you have not already sent in your Dues, please do so now. While you are doing so, please include a contribution for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund.

March Birthdays

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

Craig McCann (3rd), Curt R. Vallentin, Sr. (6th), John R. Lee (12th), Robert F. Clark, Neil E. Laundry and David K. Olsen (14th), Donald B. Hunter (23rd), Theodore S. Wolfley, Sr. (24th), David A. Hagmeir, Joseph Piccoli and Andrew J. Tascione IV (28th), Orville R. Granville (29th) and Harry J. Conover (31st).

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to these Brothers, Raised to the Sublime Degree in the month of March:

1949	Rudolph Reiber
1950	Donald Fox
	Donald Grapensteter
1953	Robert Kreason
	Harry Michaels
	Harold Boughner
1955	John Flatt
1956	William Christopher, Jr.
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1957	William Rohrbacher
1958	Bruce Palmer
1959	William Enssle, Jr.
	Dayle Martin
	William Petersen
1960	Glenn Lawson
	James Powell
1970	Richard Kessler
	Russell Wicks

A Personal Note

Helga and I wish to thank all those from Unity Lodge and others in the District who have shown so much interest, care and concern for Helga and who have included her in their prayers. It is very gratifying and encouraging to hear from so many of you. Thank you. »

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Our Lodge activities are accelerating and we will be focused on our Degree programs for two Candidates.

We anticipate further progress in mentoring our new Masons and Candidates while coupling our desire to improve the proficiency and depth of our Ritual responsibilities.

Several of our Brothers and their families have actively supported the Shrine Circus and the Ronald McDonald Have-a-Heart Campaign. Special thanks to June Shaver of Leah Chapter OES for her efforts on February 4th at The Mall at Greece-Ridge.

The Trustees are in the process of working out the details

to add a chairlift and to re-design the lower level Lodge Hall entrance. Completion of these projects will enhance the safety of our facility and provide accommodation for our senior Masons and guests who attend our fundraising functions.

Several Lodge social functions are being planned to foster internal fellowship and community interaction. Lodge management is receiving more attention at our regular meeting. Advance planning for fundraising, maintenance and budget controls are time-consuming tasks and we welcome more members to participate.

Upcoming Events

March 10th and 24th - Spaghetti Dinners

March 16th - Fellowcraft Degree

March 31st - School of Ritual at Oatka Lodge Hall, Scottsville. Clio Lodge is in the running for the Attendance Banner!

May 1st - Annual Ox Roast. Tickets will be available soon.

Sickness and Distress

Our continuing support and well wishes are with Brothers George Todd, Gordon Smith, Jeff Ross, Dave Goodrich, Gus Neidrich and Alvin Metcalf. »

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

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Masonic Service Bureau

Unity Lodge representatives who staffed the Have-a-Heart Campaign Booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge included Helga and John Jamele, Alice and Gene Brendel and John Lemke. Other supporters included members of Starlight Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and Lodge Brothers not photographed.

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March is quickly upon us. Who will know, at the time of this writing, whether it comes in like a lion or a lamb; all I know is it needs to start getting a little bit warmer around here! I guess that's what we sign up for when we live in Rochester.

Upcoming Degrees

We are closing in on increasing the membership of this Lodge by just about 10% through Dual enrollments and the Degree process. It has been an especially exciting (and fast) year working through the Trestleboard. Our 2nd Degree will be on March 4th and our 3rd Degree will now be on April 15th - rescheduled for the second time. Please accept my apologies for the inconvenience. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. prior to each Degree; the dress code will be formal.

Further to my above comments, I welcome Brother Robert Sweeney, Brother Donald Abamonte and W.: Gary Werth to our Lodge as Dual Members.

March Birthdays

My records show that Brothers Glenn Hedges, Randy Griswold, Laurimore McConnell, John Buck, Michael Morris, William Rapp and William Toogood are all having birthday celebrations this month. Happy 28th birthday everyone!! May all be well with you and yours.

Sad News

Sadly, it is also my duty to report on the passing of W.: Donald Phelps on January 31st at the age of 82 years. W.: Phelps was a long-time member (Raised in 1950) and Past Master of our Lodge in 1962. He will sadly be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers go to those closest to him and his family. May they find comfort in their faith and support from each other.

Your Membership

Brothers, in my opinion, there are two words that define the sustainability of this Lodge and this Fraternity. "Dues" and "attendance." "Dues" and "attendance." "Dues" and "attendance."

Simply put ... if you haven't been in your Lodge in a while, please stop in ... WE MISS YOU. We have fun, but we would have more fun with you here as well.

Dues

W.: John Dudley recently sent your Dues Notice. If you are current up to this year, thank you for being so and submit your current year's Dues as soon as you can. If you are not current, get current. If you are having trouble paying the Dues, please either start paying \$25 per month to get caught up, come and see us for possible assistance or let us know if you have made an alternate choice.

Bottom line ... we have to pay Grand Lodge Dues for each Brother on our Roster. The Brothers who are unable to pay at least something, "hit our books twice." Please let us know your intentions if you are past due. It is important. "

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By R.: W.: Dave Allen
Degrees

You wouldn't believe what we've accomplished this past month and will in the months to follow. If I'm correct, twelve new Entered Apprentices and four by Affiliation. Our Senior Deacon, Brother Bill Gross, has somehow managed to get everyone in line and progressing very nicely. Our two Masters of Ceremonies, Brothers Joe Lewis and Allyn Burrino, and others have taken on the task of seeing all are proficient.

As I said last month, Conductors, Conductors, Conductors. The conversation after the meeting down in "Willy's Room" is very upscale. We have a very secure line for at least the next six years and who knows, beyond that. Our new Marshal, Brother Patrick Andrews, is very military in his perambulations and other duties he is expected to perform. This is to say that everyone is doing a "Bang-up job" and we are all very proud!

Please Note These Dates ...

March 4th - Stated Communication, 2nd Degree; 7 p.m.

March 11th - Special Communication, 2nd Degree; 6 p.m.

March 18th - Stated Communication; 7 p.m.

April 1st - Stated Communication, 3rd Degree; 7 p.m.

April 8th - Special Communication, 3rd Degree; 6 p.m.

You, too, could be a "workman" during the 3rd Degree. This means that Officers in Line won't have to vacate their stations and places. Besides, it's nice to see all 12 there. So much for the "work."

Monetary Obligations

Have you remembered to take care of your "monetary" obligations? Brotherhood and Lodge Funds? If not, the Secretary would be glad to accept any "metallic substance" you may wish to place in the Treasury. It should be noted that our Junior Warden has done such a fine job that we had to heed his "begging" for funds. Nice job, Brother Paul Kolacki!

At the last meeting, W.: Brad Lewis, with the assistance of W.: Bill Edwards, gave a very informative talk about "Certain Signs and Symbols." It was a nice break from the rigors of Degree work. It should be noted that all but one of our new Entered Apprentices were also present, something you wouldn't have seen 25 or 30 years ago. My, how times change - all for the "benefit of the Craft."

Spaghetti Dinners

Brother Nick Haldoupis reported that he and his crew

served 165 Spaghetti Dinners on February 5th to support the Webster Association of Seniors Program - about \$700 plus to their treasury.

The March 5th Dinner will benefit Webster Comfort Care. Still the best spaghetti East of the Mississippi. Right, Brother White?

Have-a-Heart Campaign

The Have-a-Heart Campaign will be done by the time you read this, but we did quite well on the first shift. Stay tuned.

Sad News

It's sad to note the passing of Brother "Tootsie-Roll" Don Pinkney. ("Tootsie-Roll" for those of you who remember his donation to the kids at Halloween.) He leaves Worthy Sister Jean and many, many offspring. I attended his Memorial Service and it was standing room only. On a personal note, I sat by Worthy Sister Margaret Middleton, my favorite 5th grade teacher in 1942. She is still "sharp as a tack."

Sickness and Distress

Cards were sent to Brother Walt Cone, who could probably benefit from a knee replacement, and Brother Fred Cornell, who escaped from the hospital and I'm sure misses those lovely nurses.

In Closing

Again, our Ionic Trip is still going to happen, but the final details are pending.

Spring is "just around the corner," but I forgot which "corner." For the Worshipful Master and myself, be well! See you in the Quarries. "

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We have a great year in the works with four new Brothers scheduled for conferral of the 2nd Degree on March 8th. We would be pleased to see as many of you as possible out for the Degrees. Let us show our Masonic pride and welcome our new Brothers.

Sickness and Distress

W.: George Foehner had hip replacement surgery and is home recovering.

Brother Richard Horton has been in Strong Memorial Hospital with fluid in his lungs.

Brother Leslie Moore has completed his chemotherapy treatments.

All our hopes and prayers go out to our Brothers for a speedy recovery. Please reach out to these Brothers if nothing more than to just talk with them.

Sad News

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of W.: James B. Hart. He laid down the Working Tools of life on February 3rd.

Upcoming Events

March
1st - 2nd Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

8th - Special Communication, 2nd Degree, 7:30 p.m.; 6:30 p.m. Dinner

22nd - Fellowcraft Meeting, 7 p.m.

29th - 3rd Degree Practice, 7 p.m.

Annual Widows Luncheon

Saturday, April 14th at Burgundy Basin
Doors open at 11 a.m.; Lunch served at Noon

31st - School of Ritual at Oatka Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

April

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

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

24th - Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin

26th - Fellowcraft Meeting, 7 p.m.

Brothers, I apologize for this article being short, but a two-week trip to China and recovering from jet lag has put me a little behind.

DC, The Capitol Building, Secrets in Stone, Masonic Sites of Washington, DC and 'Tis Well.

After you have finished the last paragraph you will understand why the author states that the book is not associated with or authorized by Dan Brown or his publishers. I believe you will be stronger in your satisfaction with Freemasonry.

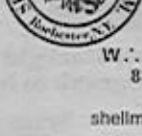
In my travels with Lodge, I participated in the visit of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797 to Willoughby Lodge near Cleveland, OH. We traveled by special car on the New York Central Railroad and when we stopped at Willoughby, there was no train station, only a small traffic jam. While the Engineer smiled and gave the signs, our Ohio Brothers gathered us up in their cars and took us to our motel ... via the liquor store. We had the usual dinner and put on a Degree with one of our Brothers as the Candidate. Needless to say, the fellowship we enjoyed was well worth the trip.

In later years, I have enjoyed entertaining and visiting St. Andrew Lodge of Toronto, which I believe was instituted with Seneca Lodge No. 920 before the merger took place. These events provide the opportunity to see the scope of Freemasonry and how it establishes respect and admiration for its good works wherever it exists. I believe this same feeling existed between the Lodges in the Colonies and was instrumental in the establishment of the United States of America.

The excellent programs and Degree work provided by our Officers give those of us on the side lines an opportunity to learn more about our Fraternity and enjoy the fellowship it has provided over the centuries. "

Seneca Lodge No. 797

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By W.: G. Robert Leavitt, 1960 Master

I recently finished reading *Solomon's Builders* by Christopher Hodapp, author of *Freemasons for Dummies*. This book covers the subject of Freemasons, Founding Fathers and the secrets of Washington, DC. This list of chapters should whet your interest in the book:

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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

The 2nd Degree, with Brother Richard Smith, Junior Warden, in the East went very well. It was evident that a good deal of effort was put into this conferral and the rehearsals helped all participants gain confidence in their duties. Brother Smith was the driving force behind the successful evening.

Once again, we asked and received support from Brothers from other Lodges. W.: Nelson Bertch and Brother Patrick Mulrooney provided the Questions and Answers flawlessly, and R.: W.: Alan Ramsay, member of the Custodians of the Work and Western Region Assistant Grand Lecturer, was

magnificent in his explanation of the Middle Chamber Lecture.

Degree Change

Originally scheduled for March 2nd, our 3rd Degree will now be on March 23rd and we will combine our three Fellowcrafts with one from Valley-Simes Lodge. Those Brothers who have provided us with email addresses are already aware of this change. We did it to help the Shrine Degree Team. Already busy individuals who devote a great deal of their time to the Craft, I felt it was an imposition to have them come twice this month to the Center.

This is to fulfill an Edict Degree for Valley-Simes. As such, their Officers are required to confer the first section. We may be called upon to fill some roles. I gave W.: Nelson Bertch a copy of our Calling Tree list. He may contact some of our Brothers, asking for help. I would hope, with all the help he has been to us, you would do everything in your power to return the favor. Then, the Shrine Degree Team will perform the Hiram Legend dramatization.

There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. The charge for Craftsman Robertson Lodge Brothers will be \$10; our to-be Master Masons receive their last meal free

(or should I say last free meal?!). You should be contacted by the Calling Committee for your reservation (required), as we will turn in a count to Valley-Simes personnel, who are in charge of the dinner. I do not have the menu as I write this column; it should be available when calls are made.

Sickness and Distress

Having been in a vacation mode for the past two weeks (again, as I write this), I don't know of any Brother in need of our aid or sympathy.

W.: David King, though far from well, has some days better than others.

I have been negligent in checking on W.: William Hook and Brother Rene VanDeVeire, and no one has provided me with information on any others. Be sure to let the Lodge Officers know if you hear of someone needing our support.

March Birthdays

W. Duane King and Patrick McWhinney (1st); Clyde Siverd (8th); Jay Rodgers (15th); Joseph Meli (19th); Ronald D. Freida (20th); Douglas D. Fix (21st); Clifford Hayner II (23rd); Richard D. Barth (30th) are all celebrating their birthday this month. We hope it is a happy and healthy occasion for each one of them. Many happy returns!

I hope to see many of you in Lodge this month, or in the near future. See you then.

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A Heartfelt Loss

One of the heroes of my life has passed away; Rosemary Dempsey, a truly classy, elegant, strong woman with wit, beauty and love to spare. The Matriarch of a large, extended Irish-American family and daughter of immigrants from County Cork - she taught us all about inner strength and the way to carry ourselves in the world.

Fraternal Support

I bring this to your attention for two reasons. One, I thank you all for the warm and caring support you showed me and my family during this trying time. The responses were of a nature which often moved me and my family and were all greatly appreciated.

Secondly, I am further invigorated to delve into that which Masonry has to offer to us all. My grandmother was very proud of the man I became as a result of my affiliation with Masonry and the Brothers of my Lodge. She supported our work and often encouraged me to continue to grow. If nothing else, this memory will serve as a bit of added motivation to continue my Masonic development.

Masonic Matters

As we enter the month of March, I am again struck by the swift passing of time as I've been stationed in the East. Seem to just be getting a feel

for all that is going on and we're about to complete our year.

Some great accomplishments over the past month - four new Brothers achieved Fellowcraft Degree. They answered the challenge to reach proficiency and all shined. The Degree was put on with great enthusiasm by the Officers of the Lodge and has been met with wonderful feedback. Some high praise from tough critics ... and I congratulate all who participated on a job very well done. Our Officers, shepherded again by our invaluable Brother Patrick Mulrooney, continue to place great emphasis on offering our newest Brothers the best Degree experience possible and I am, again, impressed at every turn.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

ERAC held down the booth at Eastview Mall for three days during the Annual Have-a-Heart Campaign. It was well attended with numbers of enthusiastic and happy Brothers, families and some of our favorite Shrine Clowns.

Speaking of Shrine Clowns, ERAC was VERY well represented at the many showings of the Shrine Circus in February with so many Brothers in attendance it would be tough

to name all. Wonderful to see all involved in such a worthy endeavor. My great memory of the event is watching Brother "Big Country" performing in a skit while my son sat wrapped on my lap ... laughing and pointing.

Our first meeting of the month offered our newest Brothers an opportunity to listen to another great speaker and source of Masonic wisdom. W.: George Nasra, a current Custodian of the Work, spoke to our Brothers about the symbology and meaning of the 2nd Degree. It was a treat for our new Fellowcraft Brothers and for all in attendance.

Upcoming Meetings

March 8th - Ladies Night. As last year's attendees will attest, it's a night not to be missed. Bring your ladies out and let's celebrate!!!

March 22nd - Masonic Education Night

March 27th - 3rd Degree, 1 p.m. - Due to some scheduling issues with the Shrine Center, we will be holding our 3rd Degree celebration at Fairport Lodge Hall. The Degree will be followed by a Social Hour and Banquet Dinner to celebrate this accomplishment for our

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Linda McBride answering questions and dispensing Hearts to donors as Craftsman Robertson Brothers and friends staffed the Booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge.



Diane Waterstreet (left) watches young donor put her contribution in the jar. (Right) Roscoe makes balloon hearts for two young ladies as Brother Roy Guess watches. Roscoe and other Damascus Clowns were huge draws at the booths this year.



Posing for this record photo, during a lull in the Sunday afternoon session, were W.: Tom Benson, Master; Brother Bob Hughes, Marshal; and W.: Ralph Jurgens, Secretary.



ERAC Lodge Brothers and family members (Friends of Damascus Clowns) had a busy opening day Saturday morning helping raise funds for the Ronald McDonald Houses.

"Douglas A. MacArthur Award" and "Masonry and Boy Scouting" Program at ERAC Lodge on April 26th

By Bruce Katz

ERAC Lodge will present the Douglas A. MacArthur Award for Distinguished Service to Youth and hold a program on "Masonry and Boy Scouting" on April 26th. This meeting is open to the public. Join us for light refreshments starting at 6 p.m., with the program beginning at 7 p.m.

The Douglas A. MacArthur Award is presented by a Masonic Lodge to a non-Mason who has delivered outstanding service to youth through voluntary actions. It is named for General Douglas A. MacArthur, and is accompanied by a Medallion as a token of recognition for this service.

In recognition of the Centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, there will also be a

program about the similarities between the Boy Scout program and Freemasonry. While there is no formal linkage between the two organizations, the similarity between the programs is noteworthy. For example, the induction ceremony for the Order of the Arrow (Scouting's Honor Society) was loosely taken from Masonic Ritual.

Scouts and Scouters, other interested community members and members of other Lodges are invited to this event. Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to wear their uniform. Please confirm your attendance to the April 26th meeting by sending an email to rsvp@erac163.org providing your contact information. ☺

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new Master Mason Brothers. The dinner is open to wives and/or significant others, and will be a great way to usher in our new class. Please make every effort to come and support the Degree and enjoy the fellowship which will ensue.

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Masonic Anniversaries

1949	Abraham E. Chait Arthur C. Kasperski
1950	George T. Partis
1953	Richard J. Alexander
1955	Glenn O. Brown
1957	Clement B. Smith
1958	Edward O. Simon
1960	Thomas J. Jarosz
1965	Mark M. Wishman
2000	Byron R. Rose

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge over the coming weeks and months as we work toward the end of another successful year.

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As we start the month of March, I am about halfway through my Springtime series of Un-Official Visits. My thanks to the Masters and Brothers for their hospitality and for making R. W. Roy Moses, R. W. Joe Shanks and I feel welcome. I am glad to see that the Regional District Representative Program is being well received! I look forward to completing my Spring visits this month.

I am very pleased to write that I have been able to participate in all seven Cross-District Official Visits. It was a great pleasure to travel to Ontario/Seneca/Yates and Steuben Districts to join R. W. Ron Galens and R. W. Steven Weed on their Official Visits. I always have a spectacular time traveling to our neighboring Districts and getting the chance to visit with the Brethren from other Lodges.

R. W. Joe Shanks and I send our congratulations to all Brothers who participated in the *Road to the East* classes in February. This year's classes and their in-depth presentations are always a source of great Masonic knowledge. Thank you to R. W. Mike Nohle and R. W. George Todd for their efforts in organizing these classes.

I reiterate to the District that, as we prepare for our Grand Lodge Session in May, it is criti-

cal that all Lodges send a Representative. This year's Session will be very busy and one of the primary duties will be to elect our new Grand Lodge Officers.

Good luck wishes to the Brothers of Phoenix Lodge with their Master Mason Degree scheduled for their first meeting in March. I extend my thanks to the members of Livingston District who are helping out with the Degree work. I know everyone will do a terrific job and I know our newest Brother will be very impressed.

Rescheduled School

This is notification to the District, by R. W. Roy Moses and me, that he will be holding his rescheduled School of Ritual on March 8th, with the Brothers from Mt. Morris and Genesee. This will be the last School of Ritual for this Masonic year.

District Association

I remind all the Brothers in the District that our March Livingston District Association Meeting will be on Monday, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is being hosted by Genesee Lodge, but being held at Mt. Morris Lodge. The Association Vice-President (Pro-Tem), W. Phil Cox (Phone: 468-2573), will need your attendance numbers for the dinner, which will be starting at 6:30 p.m.

It is important you plan to attend to learn what the other Lodges in our District are doing for the next couple of months.

Grand Steward

Livingston District

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The *Road to the East* Program is over for 2010. Thanks to Chairman, R. W. Mike Nohle, we had 17 Brothers in the class. Congratulations, R. W. Mike, and all the Brothers who participated. Also, a big thanks to Oatka Lodge for hosting the RTTE.

We have many Lodges in the Livingston District starting Spring Degrees.

If you need help with your Degrees, please call the Livingston District Team. DDGM John Gallant and I are starting our second tour around the District. See y'all soon. Thank you for your support.

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By R. W. Gordon E. Bell

January and February have passed and we can now look forward to return of the Snowbirds in a couple months.

Change of Date

Lodge has been moving along at a slower pace. We will NOT have a regular meeting on March 4th, but will have our Regular Communication on March 18th. We decided at our last meeting to shift the date as most of our Line would be on vacation the first two weeks of the month.

In April, the Reorganizing Committee will again meet. Also, there will be a special Temple Club meeting. Dates will be determined.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund. We have received donations from approximately 30% of our members.

We will again be serving food at the Horse Show on April 25th at the Estes Farm. We hope you can help.

Trestleboard

March 18th - Regular Communication

April 3rd - District Ladies Night, Conesus Country Club

April 19th - Regular Meeting - Election of Officers

May 6th - Regular Meeting - Installation of Officers

May 24th and 25th - Horse Show

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

March 2010

Shrine and Divan Meetings

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TOM VASILE
POTENTATE

Condolences

I start this article by expressing my sincere condolences to the family and friends of our dear Brother, Illustrious Sir Don Rose, Past Potentate. Don passed away on February 5th. He will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time. May God bless them and keep them in His care.

Circus is History

Well, the Shrine Circus of 2010 is history. My utmost thanks to all the Nobles and their family members who worked so hard to make this year's circus a great suc-

cess. Although the figures are not totally in yet, we fulfilled a tradition with hard work, fun and friendship. The new venue was very user friendly and the acts in the show were excellent. There were so many Nobles who turned out to lend a hand, it would be impossible to name everyone.

We will attempt to get the figures out as soon as possible and the Divan will be discussing the options of having the circus again next year.

Testimonials

We had two unexpected visitors at the circus. On Saturday night, we featured Evan Surdyk, age 3, with his Mom and Dad, Marie and Timothy Surdyk. Evan is a Shrine Hospital patient who received help from the Philadelphia Hospital for a Club foot and muscle problems in his spine and neck from birth. Marie was asked to tell her story at the opening of the circus. It was a touching moment for everyone. Mr. and Mrs. Surdyk have made themselves available for future events. Evan will continue his checkups at the Erie Hospital.

Next we had a visit from Mr. Egbert Joseph and his family. Egbert is now residing in the Rochester area but, as a child of 7 years old, was treated at the Philadelphia Hospital for hip and leg problems from birth. Egbert is now in his late twenties and has a wife and two children. He saw the advertising about the circus and came to the afternoon show on Sunday to support our Shrine Center. Egbert also told his story to the crowd that day and was very thankful to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® for their assistance. He

said he went from a wheelchair to crutches to a cane. He has also agreed to assist Damascus any way he can.

These folks presented themselves at the circus on their own and gave the Nobility and the Shriners Hospital system a huge thank you! This was a great testament to all of your hard work and support over the years. Once again, thank you all for your dedication and help!

Upcoming Events

March 27th - Please get your reservations in for our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We have a great night planned. Gary Burke and Oscar Wilson, our Membership Chairs, are working hard to get the word out for 2010. All the particulars about that event are listed in their advertisement. Don't forget to make reservations for you and a friend or two that you will be bringing.

April 18th - We are also taking reservations for the upcoming Casino Day at Seneca Niagara. 1st Ceremonial Master, Noble Sean Noonan, has put together a great program for this bus tour to the casino. It will be a fun-filled day. Make sure you call in and pre-pay now while the seats are available. We can only take 50 reservations. See Sean's advertisement for more details. Hope to see you there!

Club and Unit Visits

I made the first round of Club and Unit meetings in January. Each meeting I attended has been well supported with members and lots of fun. I enjoy going to visit all the Nobles and their wives and will continue to do so as long as time

allows me. Noble Frank Sassone, the new Potentate Ambassador, accompanied me to the meetings.

Let me take a moment to explain Frank's position. Frank is the liaison to the Clubs and Units, from the Shrine Center and the Potentate. He has done a great job connecting with Club and Unit Presidents and Secretaries in an effort to collect their information so when there is an event, fundraiser or other information that needs to be disseminated to the Clubs and Units and to the Shrine Center or Potentate, Frank will be the person to make sure everyone is informed. He will work with the Club and Unit Divan Reps to ensure continuity between all of these groups. If you need assistance with any event or want to distribute information to any other Club or Unit, please contact Frank at:

fsassone@rochester.rr.com

If you have not connected with Frank as of yet, please send him a note and he will be glad to assist or just say "Hi." We thank Frank for all his efforts.

Did you know we have a suggestion box in the lounge at the Shrine Center? Yes, you can make suggestions in writing and place them in the box outside the Office. Prior to every Divan meeting we will empty the box and review the suggestions at the meeting. If you choose to leave your name and number we will get back to you regarding your suggestion.

Well, that wraps up this month's reporting. Be careful out there and until the next time, may God Bless you and keep you well.

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

Boy did we have a great start to this new year. The January meeting was at the Hollywood Restaurant. Ordering from the menu, people had plenty to eat and plenty left over. In fact, I think Ted Tennant was going to put his "take out" on eBay. We were in the outer room as we had too many for the back room. It was great to see Ralph Talcott among those of us partaking. Then again, beside we bachelors for the night, we had couples like Andersons, Stantons, Christophers, Pollards, Kahns and Pritchards, to name just a few.

We heard that our President, John Cambareri, is also the Captain of the Guard for the Divan. That also makes him our Representative for the year. I guess that makes him Divine!

Frank Sassone was introduced as the Potentate's Ambassador. He certainly wasn't "chicken" about the appointment. That, of course, refers to the size of his meal that night.

Upcoming Shrine Events

On the Shrine side, there will be a Noble Bring-a-Friend Event on March 27th at the Shrine Center, as well as a bus trip to Seneca Niagara Casino on April 18th. Instead of a Potentate's Ball, there will be an interactive dinner the-

ater on June 19th. Watch your monthly Shrine report or log onto the Damascus Shrine Website for more information. We have heard that it has been redesigned.

Auburn Events

March 15th - a meal at Devaney's in Weedsport. Oh yes, I know that is the "Ides of March," but don't fear ... we heard the Clowns will be entertaining us that night.

One more very important item ... There is a new can Redemption Center in Cayuga County. It is across from the Pizza Hut on Route 5. Here is the reason for the info. If you would like, your cans may be credited to the Shrine Club for Springfield Hospital. Like the old phrase goes, "Drive a little, save a lot," this time it's "Drive a little, help the littlest." Hope you feel the same way. It takes many tabs to raise a nickel, but it only takes 1 can or bottle to raise the same amount. AND, if you would like, they will let us pull the tabs and recycle those as well.



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What's New in Erie!

New Smoking Policy Announced At All 22 Shriners Hospitals

Shriners Hospitals for Children® corporate headquarters has announced that beginning Monday, April 5th, all 22 Shriners Hospitals will become totally smoke-free. This means that smoking of any kind will be prohibited throughout the properties of the hospitals (including parking lots) as well as corporate headquarters in Tampa.

The Erie Shriners Hospital has established a staff committee charged with putting policies, procedures and practices in place to prepare employees, visitors, families and Shriners for the April 5th implementation of this new mandate.

Erie Hospital Day is Coming - Sunday, June 6th

Be sure to mark Sunday, June 6th, on your calendar. That is the date for this year's annual Hospital Day celebration at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie. Events will take place from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the hospital grounds. As in past years, a wide variety of activities are being planned, including an

antique and classic car show, entertainment and plenty of food to enjoy.

The formal Shrine Ceremony will begin at approximately 12:45 p.m. Hospital Day is a wonderful opportunity for Shriners and the general public to come together to celebrate the work of the Erie facility. All of the activities are free of charge. Food and gift items are available for purchase.

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

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III. DONALD A. ROSE

**Past Potentate
1947 - 2010**

By Cyrus Kloner

A good and faithful friend, an active member of the Masonic community, a decorated veteran of the Vietnam era, a caring and loving father, are just a few of the tributes that describe our Brother, Donald Rose, who was taken from our midst by a senseless act of homicide on February 5, 2010 in his home at 209 Sanford Street in the City of Rochester.

Don was born on January 27, 1947, in Rochester, New York. He attended Greece Olympia High School and received a Bachelors Degree in Finance from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1968. After graduation he served in the U.S. Army Special Forces during the Vietnam War, where he served two tours of duty and received the Silver Star, Bronze Star with Clusters, etc., and attained the rank of Captain. After leaving the Army he was a consultant to the National Security Agency. Don was a self-employed accountant. He is survived by his son, George Rose.

Brother Don was an active member in the Masonic family. He was raised in Seneca Lodge No. 797, of which he is a Past Master. He was a member of the Valley of Rochester where he served as Most Wise Master and as Director of a number of Degrees. He was a member of Hiram Chapter No. 62, Royal Arch Masons. He was a charter member of the Masonic War Veterans. Ill. Donald A.



Rose served as Potentate of Damascus Shrine and was a Past Commander of the Legion of Honor.

Don was a caring person, he helped homeless veterans in distress, he loved and treated his dogs like family members. He devoted himself to supporting the Shriners Hospitals for Children and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Erie Hospital for nine years. He was a brave and dedicated soldier. He annually traveled to Arlington Cemetery to participate in the International Association Legions of Honor placing of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown.

It is most difficult to say goodbye to such a good and faithful friend, but the only solace is our belief that he is now in a much better place and that the Great Architect will take good care of him. Until we meet again, my good and faithful friend, you will be dearly missed.

Damascus Legion of Honor Wednesday, March 10th

Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 5:00 (Cheese & Crackers ... Cash Bar)
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Fish Fry + Potato + Cole Slaw + Rolls and Butter
+++ Dessert +++
\$9 per person

Meeting to follow, featuring John Zabel speaking on Military Scrip
 RSVP no later than March 8th at 436-8216

DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

Noble Legionnaires, it is with a heavy heart that I write this, my first column, as your newly installed Commander. We have lost three of our most stalwart members. Noble Don McDill (Commander 1996) was called home on January 4th. Illustrious Don Rose (PP and Commander 2008) was called home on February 5th. Past Commander Franklin Glyzel entered the Celestial Lodge on February 18th.

On occasion PC McDill would show aerial photographs he took while serving as a photographer during World War II. PC Rose would sometimes regale us with tales of his experiences while training as US Army Ranger while preparing for service in Viet Nam. These three Nobles will be sorely missed. May they find eternal rest in the arms of the Supreme Architect.

Nobles, please be aware that PC Fred Cornell is recovering at Unity Health on Genesee Street after a fall. A card has been sent to him. I am sure a card from you would also be welcome.

At our March meeting, Legionnaire John Zabel gave a short talk on Military Payroll Scrip throughout history. I hope you who were in attendance found it as interesting as I did. For our April meeting I have asked Legionnaire Rich Friedman

to give a presentation of Freemasonry in NAZI Germany. I have always found this subject interesting; hope you will also by your attendance. If any Nobles desire to give a presentation or short talk, please feel free to contact me. I am sure we all have some interesting "war stories" we can talk about for five or ten minutes.

If you see Noble Bernie Skopinsky at a Shrine, Valley or Lodge meeting, or even in the supermarket, welcome him into our ranks. Bernie is a Navy veteran of the Viet Nam era.

Kudos to Noble Frank Russell for his accomplishment in forming the "new" Shrine Band in which I have the pleasure of making some noise. If you are reading this and play an instrument, why aren't you in the band? GREAT FUN!!!!

More news in the next issue.



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The Soapranos

Tony Soprano's Comedy Retirement Party



June 19th - \$25 per person
Make Reservations with Shrine Office
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Calendar Winners for January

DAY	NO.	WINNER	DAY	NO.	WINNER
1/1	913	Jennifer Orman	1/16	658	Edna Shanks
1/2	542	June Burkett	1/17	634	Shrine Center
1/3	442	Shrine Center	1/18	214	Russell Gillett
1/4	110	Rebecca Bell	1/19	795	Crystal Crotser
1/5	185	Ken Van Wie	1/20	674	Shrine Center
1/6	377	Shrine Center	1/21	644	Shrine Center
1/7	281	Shrine Center	1/22	605	Shrine Center
1/8	758	Roland Ford	1/23	986	Shrine Center
1/9	500	Shrine Center	1/24	037	Shrine Center
1/10	768	Gabby Wells	1/25	772	Shrine Center
1/11	812	Vicky Cox	1/26	967	Shrine Center
1/12	122	Sam Stepanivich	1/27	961	Allen Bowman
1/13	518	Shrine Center	1/28	865	Shrine Center
1/14	982	Matt Conlon	1/29	482	Charles Minster
1/15	255	Shrine Center	1/30	445	Shrine Center
			1/31	435	Shrine Center

For Dinner Reservations
Call the Hotline - 671-3565
 by Monday morning
 of Meeting Week



Damascus Shriners Noble Bring-a-Friend Day

Saturday - March 27th

Damascus Shrine Center

979 Bay Road, Webster

5 p.m. - Registration and Social Hour

6 p.m. - Dinner

7 p.m. - Program

- This event is open to both Masons and non-Masons alike.
- It will explain what the Shrine is all about and Masonry in general.
- We will invite your guest ... If you have a Lodge Brother or a friend you would like invited to this event,
 - Call the Recorder's Office at 671-7701 during normal business hours or
 - Email membershipchairman@damascusshriners.org - When emailing, please note in the subject line "Noble Bring-a-Friend Invitation Request"
- Don't wait, get the potential Candidate's contact information in right away so the invitations can be sent to them and reservations confirmed.
- Provide the name of the Candidate and his spouse, address, phone number and email address (if available) so an invitation can be sent.
- The potential Candidate and his spouse, and referring Brother, are Dinner guests of Damascus Shrine. All others are \$12 per person.
- **Dress for the event - Men and ladies - Business casual.**
- Ceremonial/Hot Sands for the Spring Class will be Saturday, May 22nd.
- Any questions about this event use above contact information.

Damascus Shriners Membership Update for 2009

By Gary Burke

We began the year with 858 members on the rolls. Through your fantastic efforts, 41 new Nobles were Created. On behalf of the entire membership, I extend our heartfelt thanks to all those First-Line Signers of these 41 new Nobles. You were the ones who made it possible. You took the slogan, "If not you, then who" to heart and did something about it. During the year we were able to restore to membership another two members, which brought our membership to a total of 901.

Loss of Membership

While these are good numbers and something we can all be proud of, we did suffer losses. We had 13 members choose to ask for dimits; it is my hope that, when the time is right, they will return as members of Damascus Shriners.

In the area of suspensions, a total of 28 Nobles were unaffiliated. We did not do well and will address this issue more aggressively during 2010.

Finally, an area we face with solemn regret. Eighteen members left this earthly world for that heavenly Lodge above. So the year-end total membership for Damascus was 842, or a decline of 16. Let's see what we can do to make that number be a positive growth in 2010.

Who Are We?

Some interesting statistics include that our average age is 67.88 years.

Specifically:

120 members	- 50 years or younger
73	- 51 to 55
72	- 56 to 60
90	- 61 to 65
95	- 66 to 70
92	- 71 to 75
99	- 76 to 80
159	- 81 to 90
42	- 90 years plus

Think about these numbers; draw your own conclusions and plan of action to brighten our future.

It sure would be nice to see attendance at our regular meeting and events increase. We have fairly good attendance, but I'm sure we could do better. Why not look around and take notice of those Nobles whom we haven't seen in awhile (Howard Colegrove) and give them a call or send them a note to see if they might consider attending an upcoming meeting or event. If a few of us did that, what a difference it would make! Give it a try.

Upcoming Events

March 27th - Noble Bring-a-Friend Night
 March 28th - Easter Egg Hunt
 April 7th - Regular Monthly Meeting
 April 18th - Bus trip to Seneca Niagara Casino
 May 5th - Regular Monthly Meeting
 May 22nd - Ceremonial/Hot Sands
 June 2nd - Regular Monthly Meeting
 June 5th & 6th - Erie Hospital Week end
 June 19th - Tony Soprano's Retirement Party - an interactive dinner theater at the Shrine Center
 July 3rd-8th - Imperial Session, Toronto, Canada



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Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

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with any questions or to make reservations

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Alice Anderson

Our meeting was held at the Lumber Yard Restaurant where we had a great meal and a very interesting speaker. Karen Ward spoke about shipwrecks of the Great Lakes. One of the more famous shipwrecks of recent history was the "Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," which was also a song by Gordon Lightfoot. It happened November 10, 1975, killing all 29 crew members. The Great Lakes are a dangerous place in a storm, which can move in very quickly

and has sent many ships to the bottom through the years.

Illustrious Potentate Tom Vasile introduced himself to the Club and told some personal stories of his life experiences and how we all should think with our hearts, not always with our heads, and do God's work.

Tom also introduced Frank Sassone, Ambassador to all of our Clubs. Frank, along with Oscar Wilson, who is our Club Representative, are there to help us with any questions and will be our connection with the Shrine Center.

Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles:

Myron Colegrove

January 1, 2010

Donald Rose, PP

February 5, 2010

Donald McDill

January 28, 2010



SHRINEABILIA

Even we who provide interesting articles sometimes slip up on our resources. Case in point, I recently wrote an article on the Rochester Transit Pass from 1940 that highlighted the Shrine Circus. I gave the wrong contributor as Past Potentate Lyle Maldoon when, in fact, it was Past Potentate Bruce Chilton who had provided the material. So I wanted to alert you that it was I who goofed up.

This is being written while at the 2010 Shrine Circus, which is being held at the Dome Center. Noble Mat Muller, (Faz Head Fred) brought in an interesting conversation piece. A Shrine Circus Program from 1958, which he recently found on Craig's List. At that time, the Circus was at the Main Street Armory. The book is

about a quarter-inch thick and is full of interesting material. As an example, there is a picture of the Circus setup in the Armory, festooned with advertising banners around the hall. The big cat cage can be seen, along with all the Circus equipment it takes to put on the show.

The Program book had 154 pages. Ads from many firms were listed, including some that no longer exist. The Potentate in 1958 was Ill. James C. Corbett, Chief Rabban was Jonathan H. Heinrich and the Recorder was John W. Cummings. The Potentate's message in the book said that Damascus had 3500 members in 1958.

Thanks to Noble Mat Muller for bringing in this piece of History.

Shrine Imperial Sessions Toronto 2010

By Ill. Sir Bevan J.M. Carrique, PP
Colonel in Chief, Massed Pipes and Drums

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at Queens Park and College Streets

The Night Parade is Wednesday, July 7th. Assembly is at 4 p.m.
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The music and other information is on our website:

www.toronto2010.ca

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by Noon Monday

Dinners include Salad, Coffee and Dessert

April 7th - Beef Stew & Biscuits

October 6th - Baked Ham

May 5th - Baked Stuffed Pork Chop

November 3rd - Roast Pork Loin

June 2nd - Chicken Parmesan

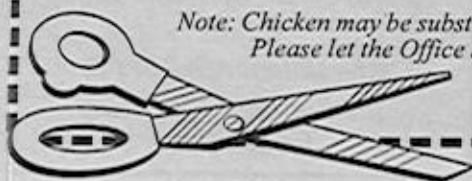
& Dressing

September 1st - BBQ Chicken & Ribs

December 1st - Chicken Cordon Bleu

Note: Chicken may be substituted for those not eating the pork entrées.
Please let the Office know when you are making the reservation
if you want chicken instead of pork.

By Norris Shapiro



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

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

Before any arrangements can be made, we are polling the membership to see how many are interested in going on this trip. If we have enough people, we will suggest one hotel where everyone can make their 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 either a valid US Passport or an Enhanced New York State Operator's License.

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



Random Photos of 2010 Circus



Eunice Lodge

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Remember ...

Just a quick reminder that you can still see the stone Civil War Soldier on top of the monument in front of our big stone building on the circle in Caledonia.

We still give free rides to the 2nd floor. See you on the sidelines.

Nunda Station Lodge

No. 682

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

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

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

Yes Brothers, "It's Time to Get Involved" and if you haven't, you don't know what you're missing.

On February 2nd Nunda Station Lodge did a Walk-About at our Regular Lodge Meeting. This gave the new members, as well as the regular Officers and

all other members, increased Masonic knowledge.

In my mind, I had the idea for something like, "The first time a newly Raised Brother attends Lodge" and so I spoke to our District Deputy Grand Master of Livingston County, R.: W.: John Gallant. He emailed materials for a very successful presentation. The work was done by R.: W.: James Bailey. Thank you John and Jim!

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Once again, the members of Nunda Station Lodge worked, at Marketplace Mall for the Have-a-Heart Campaign to benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses - "The House That Love Built." This is run by the Masters and Wardens of Monroe County. Six of us were there on February 6th from 12 noon to 3 p.m. proving that "Many hands make light work."

A request was made from Grand Lodge of New York State for donations to the Haitian Relief Fund. We answered the call and sent \$100 to the Brotherhood Fund earmarked for the Haitian Relief Fund. You can also make individual contributions in care of: Brotherhood Fund, Memo - Haitian Relief Fund, 71 W. 23rd. St., New York, NY 10010-4149.



Have-a-Heart staff from Nunda Station Lodge at Marketplace Mall on February 6th. (l-r) Ken Buckley, Charles Duryea, Jim VanSickle, Bill Wright, Richard Trescott and Ed Dickson.

Genesee-Wyoming

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

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Our Lodge has had a frustrating situation. We have had to change our plans for our Spring Get-Together. It has been suggested to try a new idea. At this time of year, we would all like to go South. So we thought we might carpool to Cartwright's Family Pancake House in Angelica.

Celebration Coming

Olive Branch Lodge is extremely lucky to have 200 years

of records. We are, in fact, working towards our Charter date in 1813. A Dispensation was granted us in 1811. Somehow four times the paperwork disappeared between Batavia (where we started) and Grand Lodge. It was much harder back then with our modern communication methods.

We wanted to make sure we had decided to celebrate the correct date so we contacted the Grand Secretary's Office to check. 2013 turns out to be the year for our celebration and that's not that far away.

Sickness and Distress

We have been lucky. Brother Frank Davis had some minor surgery and we're glad to have him back to meetings.

March Birthdays

Bill MacPherson (15th), Joe Sherman (19th), Andrew Lathan (21st) and Mike Smith (28th).

It looks to be an active Spring in LeRoy and feels good to have a crowd at Lodge again. See you here. Don't forget to send in your Dues please.

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Welcome Brothers, this Season is going fast and there is much activity in our District. Our District Officers have been spread very thin due to all the Degree work. Many thanks to them for sharing the work on the Trestleboard, by lending help and guidance to our Lodges. It is great to see our Fraternity growing in our area.

The Scottish Rite hosted a presentation at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge in Phelps last month. It was very interesting and informative. They received three Petitions for membership. Proceeds for the evening were donated to the O/S/Y Charities. Thanks to Mary Ruggles, Mary Colin, R.: W.: Bob Ruggles and Pat Galeps for serving an excellent meal.

Grand Lodge Sessions

The Grand Lodge trip is falling into place. At this time 10 of 13 Lodges are represented. There is still time to sign up; the more the merrier. The bus has been reserved and is less expensive than last year. Those who are going should have received a letter about arrangements. If not, please contact me ASAP.

Upcoming Events

March 22nd - The Second Section of the *Masonic Development Course* will be held at Canandaigua Lodge in Shortsville at 7 p.m.

March 29th - The Third Section of *MDC* will be held at Pocahontas Lodge in Waterloo at 7 p.m.

March 31st - O/S/Y Table Lodge, at Pocahontas Lodge in Waterloo. Please call R.: W.: Eldon White 924-1603, R.: W.: Bob Ruggles (315) 548-3573 or myself (315) 548-3453 to make reservations. The R.: W.: James Sullivan will be Guest Speaker for the evening.

April

April 10th - Surviving Spouses Luncheon at the Clifton Springs Country Club. Please call either R.: W.: Eldon White or R.: W.: Bob Ruggles to make reservations and to provide names of the attendees.

April 14th - Seneca Lodge in Seneca Falls is hosting a "Yellow Dog Degree." Most Worshipful Bruce Widger and his team will be conferring the Degree. More info will be sent out to the Lodges and in the next monthly article.

Please keep all our Brethern in our thoughts and prayers. Be safe and God Bless.

Editor's Note ...

Gary S. Valerio, Secretary of Seneca Lodge, sent in the following information:

Yellow Dog Degree

I invite everyone to attend our Yellow Dog Degree Program on April 14th at Seneca Lodge in Waterloo; dinner at 6 p.m. (cost is \$10 for dinner).

Please make reservations before March 30th to Gary Valerio at:

gvalerio@rochester.rr.com
or at (315) 539-5403.

There is a small stipend for the Degree which is put on by Bruce Widger, Past Grand Master. If you have never seen or participated in this Degree, you will be greatly entertained. The proceeds from the stipend are used for scholarships for the Royal Arch Concordant Body in the York Rite.

Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th Thursdays



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As you know, we held a 1st Degree on January 28th. Our Junior Warden, Brother Dustin Gress, did an excellent job as did all the Brothers who took a part in the Degree.

Planning Ahead

March 11th - Dinner meeting, Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

March 25th - 3rd Degree.

See you at our next meeting.

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

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Congratulations to Ark Lodge's two newest Master Masons - Lance McFetridge and DeLoss Stuck. Lance and DeLoss were Raised on January 19th at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge in Phelps. Brothers were Raised from three different Lodges in the 3rd Degree conferred by Garoga-Sincerity with W.: Steve Durso, Master sitting in the East. Thank you to all for a job well done. Both Lance and DeLoss are independent business owners with Lance hailing from Penn Yan and DeLoss from Waterloo. Both are also members of the Penn Yan Flying Club.

My schedule recently permitted me to attend a meeting of the Dr. John Stelter Masonic Study Group. Jim Rice, our Grand Historian, led the group whose discussion centered on symbols and symbolism in Masonry. It was very informative and I think

everyone left having learned something and with new questions to be answered. I would encourage anyone who wants to learn more about the Craft to attend a meeting. The topic of the next meeting will be Masons and the Military.

If you haven't already done so, dig out those Dues Notices and get your check to Lance Ward as soon as possible. Remember, our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We'd love to see you there.

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My Brothers, let's keep thinking Spring is just around the corner! We should only have six more weeks of Winter after our little groundhog friend (Punxsutawney Phil,) has seen his shadow. Also, according to the weatherman, we in Upstate New York are lucky; Washington, DC, has had more snow this year than we have.

We welcome Brother Scott McDonell to our Lodge. He was Raised by his uncle on January 19th. We completed our 1st Degree on February 2nd with three new Entered Apprentice Brothers Initiated into Masonry. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated in the Degree to make it such a success.

Degree Schedule

Our schedule for the 2nd and 3rd Degrees hasn't changed.

March 2nd - 2nd Degree; Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.

April 6th - 3rd Degree; Lodge Opening at 5:30 p.m. for the First Section. There will be no Potluck Dinner. We will be having a dinner after the First Section of the Degree. All Brothers are welcome to participate in the Degree as well as the dinner.

I'm pleased to congratulate the Degree Team from John Hodge Lodge in Naples. They did an outstanding job on their 1st Degree. Other Brothers and I, from Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, had the pleasure on February 1st to participate and help fill the sidelines. It's wonderful to visit other Lodges and share in friendship and Brotherly love. This was my first time visiting their Lodge; they have one of the most beautiful Lodges I have ever seen. If you haven't had the pleasure of seeing it, you should take the time to go.

Upcoming Events

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

May God Bless each of you.

From the Secretary's Desk**March Birthdays**

We send March birthday greetings to Roy Farnsworth and Robert Taylor III (7th), Charles Anderson and Ramon Howard (22nd), Garry Clock and Clayton Ruggles (23rd) and Howard Burgess (31st).

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Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in March:

1954 Nelson Gulvin
Robert Lash
1972 Norman Schafer
1981 Stephen Phillips

1989
1998
2003

Robert Patrick Jr.
Vincent Rozella III
Kenneth Gibbs
Shawn Grube

Dues

I remind those Brothers who have not done so to remit their Dues.

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Attention Secretaries

I thank the seven Lodge Secretaries who remembered to send the 2009 Lodge Secretary's Report to me in a timely manner. There are still three Lodges who have neglected to do so (this was due on the same date your Annual Report was due to the Grand Secretary-February 1st. I would hope theirs would be forthcoming. I am due to make a report to the Deputy Grand Master shortly and do not want to have to report three Secretaries didn't comply with the duties of their Office. This form was part of the packet you received in December 2009.

I remind all Lodges that, if you have remitted Dues for an indigent Brother or for a Brother who is in financial distress and want to receive credit from your next Grand Lodge Per Capita bill, you must submit to me a

2009 Certificate of Waiver of Grand Lodge Annual Per Capita Dues. (This form was also included in the same packet.) I am requesting it be sent to me no later than March 10th, along with a copy of the statement as to how the Brother was contacted and describing his present circumstances. My reason for this request is that I have to complete all requests and forward them, to be received by the Grand Secretary no later than March 31st. I will be sending the packet of all requests from the District on March 20th.

I trust all have read the decision from the Grand Master, that I recently sent to all Lodges in Wayne District, dated February 8th. It directs that, as of March 1st, he will no longer grant Dispensations to confer Degrees on classes of more than eight. Should you have more than eight Candidates for any Degree, it will mean you will have to have a Dispensation for more than five, but less than eight; and if more than five, you will have to split that group. If more than eight, you will have to confer the Degree on the remaining Candidates on a different date. It is his feeling that many Lodges are stacking up Candidates and trying to do too many Degrees all at one time, and these new Brothers are not getting the benefit of a properly worked Degree. At this time, there is only one Lodge in the District this will affect.

Grand Steward

Wayne District



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Flexibility is an important quality to have and I found out that Saturdays were not a good fit for the Masons wanting to take the Road to the East Course this Spring. So we agreed to move the sessions to the third Thursdays of February, March and April. Those wanting Saturday sessions can participate in the Monroe District's Course. And vice versa. Monroe District Masons are welcome to attend our sessions in Wayne District on Thursday evenings. I am happy to announce that six members completed the Masonic Development Course in January and I am waiting for their Certificates to arrive from Grand Lodge so I can present them.

Representation at Sessions

My term as Grand Steward is closing pretty fast. I'm looking forward to a Spring swing around the District and the trip to Grand Lodge to elect a new set of Officers for 2010-2012. The unofficial word is that at least five candidates are in the running for Deputy Grand Master. Upstate has the votes to control the election if we can get our Lodges well represented at Grand Lodge. There is still time to persuade your Master or a Warden to attend Grand Lodge this May. And, of course, some monetary support by your Lodge makes that decision easier.

Recognize Someone Special

I will also say there is still time to nominate your community's outstanding citizen for a DeWitt Clinton or Jacob Morton Award

(non-Mason or Mason). Ask your Secretary for an application. They are in the Secretary's packet from Grand Lodge each December and also available on our website. Get out and attend some Degrees this Spring, there are a lot of Degrees going on. Don't forget to support Lodge breakfasts and fish fries. They're great and you never know who will be there.

With the coming of Spring, we can look forward to Spring cleaning. By the time you read this, the position may have been filled, but at this point the Lodge is in need of a janitor. For more details, please contact the Temple Association.

Also, on the topic of Spring cleaning, the upstairs of the Lodge is in great need of some attention. We have some historical items there that are in need of attention and some items need disposal. Watch for more details on this subject.

Once the front entryway is completed, this will be the next task at hand and the help of all may be needed to determine what needs to stay and what needs to go.

We are currently purchasing new signs to be placed on the town welcome billboards that are seen on main roadways into Palmyra. The old billboards are being replaced by the Town/Village and they have asked all of the groups to replace the old signs that are currently in place. We will be replacing a total of four signs, which will be aluminum, 18 inches in diameter and have the same colors and design of the old signs. The new signs should be in place by mid-April and cost approximately \$90 each.

This will be my last article for the **Masonic Times** this year. W.: Brother Krest will again be submitting the articles for our Lodge starting in March.

Thank you for your support during my time in the East; it was a great pleasure to serve you as Acting Master as well as a great honor. This opportunity has certainly given me a great appreciation for all Past Masters as well as giving me some confidence for my term in the East. For now, I look forward to moving back to the West for the remainder of the year. I wish for you all good health and may the blessings of heaven rest upon you; I look forward to seeing you at Lodge.

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays



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By Brother Joel A. Falbo

February has passed and during the first week of March we plan to Pass two Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

Be sure to mark down April 7th as we should be Raising these Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Dinner will be held at the Lodge and it should prove to be a wonderful event.

We look forward to the return of our Worshipful Master, W.: Brother Krest who is due back from Florida in time for the 3rd Degree and to take his place in the East for the remainder of the year. Brother, we wish you safe travels! With any luck, the snow will be gone and the warmer weather moving in for the season.

Action Items

As a reminder, be sure to turn the clocks ahead on March 14th for Daylight Saving Time; then we get to say goodbye to Winter and hello to Spring on March 20th.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

Annual Sales Tax Returns

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

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

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to:
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Rochester Forest No. 133

Tall Cedars
of Lebanon
of North America

4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
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Sickness and Distress

It was good to hear that George Springett's surgery was successful and that Joe Raubar's wife is doing better.

Fellow Woodsmen, we will assemble again on March 24th at 7:30 p.m. We agreed that many of us like to share dinner together before our meeting. I am not sure that we agreed to meet at the same place each month, so please call me before March 24th for the restaurant we have agreed upon at our February meeting. My telephone

number is (315) 483-2745. Please leave a message if I'm not home and I will call you back.

I have to admit that one of the challenges of being the Supreme Tall Cedar is to learn the "lingo" of Cedarism. Thank you for being patient with me while I learn the language. It can be a challenge to remember which meeting you are in and the proper title for the meeting, a fellow member, etc.

There was no overall reason why attendance at our Christmas party was down this year. There were several suggestions for new places to try and John Zabel offered to investigate a location in Fairport for this year's party.

Share a Joke

Remember we have re-instituted joke telling, so try to remember the best joke you have heard this month and share it with us.

Petitions

We are also making sure that applications for membership are available to all members as we try to grow Rochester Forest No. 133.

Spring is right around the corner so plan to join us on March 24th! Share your smile with someone and brighten their day.

Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen

The Wearing O' the Green is prevalent and I see Leprechauns everywhere. Even the streets are putting on the green. The aroma of Corned Beef and Cabbage is in the air.

Recently Married or Divorced Taxpayers

If you were married or divorced recently, there are a couple of things you'll want to do to ensure the name on your Tax Return matches the name registered with the Social Security Administration.

Here are some facts from the Internal Revenue Service for recently married or divorced taxpayers. Following these steps will help avoid problems when you file your Tax Return.

1. If you took your spouse's last name or if both spouses hyphenate their last names, you may run into complications if you don't notify the Social Security Administration. When newlyweds file a Tax Return using their new last names, Internal Revenue Service computers can't match the new name with their Social Security Number.

2. If you were recently divorced

and changed back to your previous last name, you'll also need to notify the Social Security Administration of this name change.

If you adopted your spouse's children after getting married, you'll want to make sure the children have a Social Security Number. Taxpayers must provide a Social Security Number for each dependent claimed on a Tax Return. For adopted children without Social Security Numbers, the parents can apply for an Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number - or ATIN.

Filing Status

Everyone who files a Federal Tax Return must determine which filing status applies to them. It's important you choose your correct filing status as it determines your Standard Deduction, the amount of tax you owe and ultimately, any refund owed to you.

Here are some facts about the five filing status options the Internal Revenue Service wants you to know in order to choose the correct filing status for your situation.

1. Your marital status on the

last day of the year determines your marital status for the entire year.

2. Single filing status generally applies to anyone who is unmarried, divorced or legally separated according to state law.

3. A married couple may file a Joint Return together. The couple's filing status would be Married Filing Jointly.

4. If your spouse died during the year and you did not remarry, you may still file a Joint Return with that spouse for the year of death.

5. A married couple may elect to file their Returns separately. Each person's filing status would generally be Married Filing Separately.

6. Head of Household generally applies to taxpayers who are unmarried. You must also have paid more than half the cost of maintaining a home for you and a qualifying person to qualify for this filing status.

7. You may be able to choose Qualifying Widow(er) with Dependent Child as your filing status if your spouse died and you have a dependent child and you meet certain other conditions.

Upcoming Due Dates

March 15th - February Payroll Taxes and Corporate Tax Returns

March 20th - December thru February Sales Tax Returns and



Scottish Rite NEWS

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

"Explore the Rite" Night

There were approximately 30 people in attendance at our January 16th "Explore the Rite" (Brother Bring-a-Brother) Night on at the Shrine Center. Valley of Rochester members, prospective new members and their ladies were invited. Following a wonderful dinner, a presentation of the Scottish Rite "Public Degree" was featured, under the direction of Gary Sanford, 32°. The Public Degree is designed to give our prospective members a glimpse into some of the Scottish Rite Degrees that will be conferred during the upcoming year.

Cast Members for AASR Public Introduction to 32° Masonry Degree included Joe Bourcy, John Faro, Tom Goodrich, Tom Grape, Frank Habitzreuther, Charles Hancock, Rick Howe, Gordon Hubell, Phil Hurwitz, Sy Kopen, John Lemke, G. Michael Morris, Patrick Mulrooney, George Nasra, Joe Oelgoetz, Gary Sanford, Donald Tubman, Derek VanHouten, John Williams and John Zabel.

"Rite on the Road"

Another 20 people attended our January 29th "Rite on the Road" Program at the Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall in Phelps. This program featured a presentation of the "Last Full Measure," under the direction of Ill. John Zabel, 33°, and Rick Howe, 32° DSA.

Cast Members for "The Last Full Measure" - January 29th at Phelps: Rick Howe, John Lemke, Jim Miller, Don Tubman and John Zabel.

Both casts did a wonderful job in the Degree presentations. At both events, excerpts from a newly released DVD were shown and discussed. This particular DVD provides an excellent overview of what the Scottish Rite is all about - its history and organization, as well as its educational, networking and charitable activities.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the Valley's membership development efforts this year. Your efforts have really paid off! This year's Ill. Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Class is a good one!

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Members and friends from Valley of Rochester staffed the Have-a-Heart Booth at Marketplace Mall on February 11th. Thanks to everyone who helped out in this year's campaign, and special thanks to Sublime Prince Phil Hurwitz, 32°, for taking the lead in organizing the various

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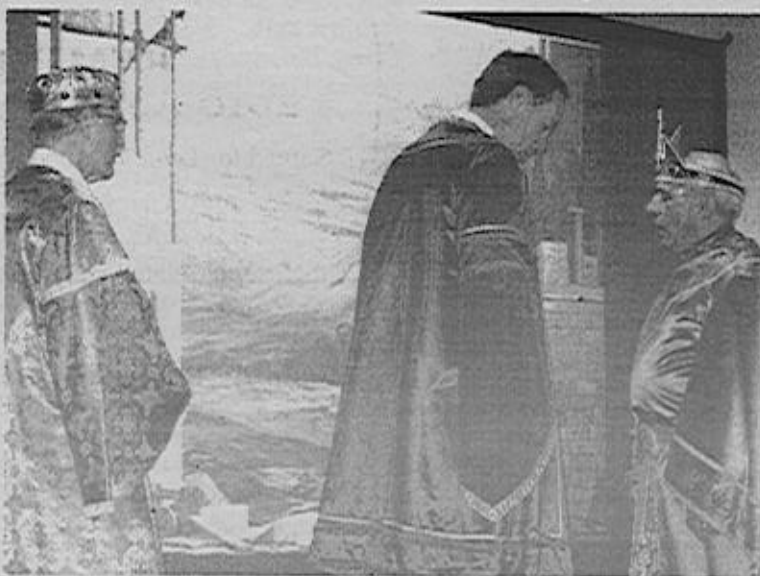
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Representing the Scottish Rite and staffing the Have-a-Heart Booth at Marketplace Mall were Eric Lubberts, A High Pope (Bernard Skopinsky) (front) and King Solomon (Donald Tubman) and Janine Lubberts (back).



Sublime Prince George Nasra, as Thrice Potent Master, making the first introduction at the Public Degree presentation in January.



Scene 1 of the Public Degree dramatization featured (left to right) John Zabel as King Hiram, John Lemke as Adorirum and Sy Kopen as King Solomon.

shifts through the day for this important and worthwhile community fundraising event.

Valentine's Day Luncheon

Brethren, as you can see from the accompanying photos, everyone had a great time at this year's Valentine's Day Luncheon at the La-Tea-Da! Tea Room. It was really a lot of fun! The food and fellowship were fantastic. Special thanks to our Thrice Potent Master, Derek VanHouten, 32° DSA, and the

Lodge of Perfection Officer Line for making all the arrangements for this special family-life event.

Upcoming Events

March 18th - Stated Meeting, Scottish Rite Signs, Symbols and Protocols

We will feature a special presentation on "Scottish Rite Signs, Symbols and Protocols" by members of the 33rd Degree Club. This is the third presentation in our four-part "Light from the Rite" Masonic Education

Valley of Rochester 2010 Winter & Spring Program

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

March 21st - *Feast of the Paschal Lamb*
3:00 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center
Reservations Required

March 27th - 18°
Damascus Shrine Center
Country Gentleman's Hearty Breakfast
Reservations Required

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

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

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

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

April 30th - Reunion Banquet
Penfield Country Club

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

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

Summer dates you will want to save
July 10th and August 15th
(ask an officer why)

Make your reservations On Time!
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity
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or Email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org

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



In Scene 2, John Faro portrayed a Guard, Gordon Hubell was Daniel, Derek VanHouten was Captain of the Guard and Frank Habitzreuther was Darius.

Series. Social hour - 5:30 p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m., Program - 7:30 p.m. Dinner that evening will feature Phyllis' (soon-to-be-famous) Irish Stew! Dinner price - \$15. For reservations, please call or email the Valley Office by noon on Monday, March 15th (Phone: 264-1160) or email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org



Scene 3 (left to right) John Williams, Donald Tubman and Gary Sanford as Peter, John and James, respectively.



Tom Goodrich, Rick Howe, Joe Oelgoetz and Joe Bourcy are shown respectively in Scene 4 as Robert R. Livingston, Jacob Morton, Ben Franklin and George Washington.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb Sunday, March 21st

The Scottish Rite Feast of the Paschal Lamb – a memorial service for our departed Brothers who have laid down the Working Tools of life and reunited with the Great Architect of the Universe – will be presented by the Officers of the Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix on Sunday, March 21st, at the Shrine

Center. This is the most impressive Scottish Rite Ceremony and is open to the public! Bring your family, friends and neighbors and share in this inspiring and meaningful experience. Sy Kopen, 32° MSA, will be serving as Director for the ceremony.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. After the ceremony, hors

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R.:W.: Tom Savini, Director of our Grand Lodge Library, and Trustee, R.:W.: Bill Thomas, will be making a presentation on the library's recent acquisition of the *Processus Contra Templarios, the Trials Against the Knights Templar*. The parchments are a true replica of the papers that were recently uncovered in the Secret Vault of the Vatican.

R.:W.: Manfred Liehs is a Master Appraiser of fine art, antiques and jewelry. He will speak on the New York State Museum and the importance of preserving Masonic artifacts and our heritage. R.:W.: Liehs is offering a very unique opportunity for Brothers and Lodges. They can bring in any precious artifacts or items to the event and he will appraise them. This is an amazing opportunity you will want to take advantage of, as knowledgeable appraisal services are very rare and can be costly.

R.:W.: Tom Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Book Review Editor for the *Northern Light* magazine, will also be in attendance for the presentation of the Valley's Thomas Jackson Award. The Award recognizes individuals who have taken the message of Freemasonry and transformed it into an educational inspiration at a



John Lemke gives his perspective as a new member of the Valley of Rochester, AASR.



R.:W.: Derek Van Houten, District Deputy for Monroe District, relates his experiences and the things he has learned as a long-time member of the Scottish Rite.

d'oeuvres will be served, followed by dinner at approximately 5 p.m. Dinner will feature Chicken Cordon Bleu and all the trimmings. Dinner price - \$15. For reservations, please call or email the Valley Office by noon on Monday, March 15th - Phone: 264-1160 or email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org

March 27th - 18th Degree - Knight of the Rose Croix, will be conferred on Saturday morning, March 27th. We will begin at 8 a.m. with a "Country Gentleman's" Hearty Breakfast (ham, eggs, bacon and home fries). Breakfast cost - \$5. The confer-

ral of the 18th Degree will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sy Kopen, 32° MSA, is the Degree Director for the 18th Degree.

College of Freemasonry

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

We will kick off the event on Friday April 9th with "An Evening of Jazz," featuring Madeline Forster, a local (Eastman School of Music trained) jazz vocalist and her jazz quartet. She is fantastic. This will be a treat - Guaranteed! To get you in the mood, check out her website at www.madelineforster.com to enjoy some audio clips of her music.

The College of Freemasonry (CFM) main program will follow on Saturday morning April 10th at the Shrine Center. The CFM program on Saturday is open to the all Masons, non-Masons, friends or families. Light refreshments and coffee at 8 a.m.; CFM Program at 9 a.m. Featured speakers this year include Christopher Hodapp, author of the book *Freemasons for Dummies*, and Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the Masonic Society*; R.:W.: Tom Savini, Director of our Grand Lodge Library; and Trustee, R.:W.: Bill Thomas. R.:W.: Brothers Savini and Thomas will speak about the Library's recent acquisition of the *Processus Contra Templarios, the Trials Against the Knights Templar*. These parchments are a replica of the papers that were recently uncovered in the Secret Vault of the Vatican.

R.:W.: Manfred Liehs will speak on the New York State

writing and producing a new History Channel series that will premiere later this year.

He and Alice have just celebrated their 32nd wedding an-

Masonic Museum and the importance of preserving Masonic artifacts and our heritage.

R.:W.: Tom Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Book Review editor for the *Northern Light* magazine, will also be on hand for the presentation of the Valley of Rochester's Thomas Jackson Masonic Education Award. The Thomas Jackson Award® recognizes individuals who have taken the message of Freemasonry and transformed it into an educational inspiration at a State, Regional or National level.

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

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

Friday, April 9th - "Evening of Jazz," Social - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner and jazz - 6:30 p.m.; Cost for dinner and entertainment - \$30 per person or \$50 per couple.

Saturday, April 10th - 8 a.m. - Continental Breakfast and Coffee; 9 a.m. - College of Freemasonry program; 12 noon - Lunch. Cost for CFM Program (includes continental breakfast and lunch) - \$20 each. For reservations, please call or email the Valley Office by noon on Monday, March 15th - Phone: 264-1160 or email:

secretary@valleyofrochester.org

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

State, Regional or National level. Nominations for the award are being accepted through the Valley Office.

My thanks to the organizations who have offered financial support for this program. Recognition for your assistance will be listed in the event program. If you would like to learn how you can provide financial assistance to support the program, please contact Bill Edwards, the Event Chairman, at 472-2229 or email: bille@rochester.rr.com.

For the latest details about the Program, visit:

www.collegeoffreemasonry.org

We look forward to seeing you in April.

R.:W.: Christopher Hodapp



R.:W.: Christopher Hodapp is the Editor of the *Journal of the Masonic Society*, and the author of the bestselling book, *Freemasons for Dummies*. He is a Past Master of Broad Ripple

Lodge and Vitruvian Lodge, both in Indianapolis. He is also an honorary member of African Lodge in Boston.

In addition, Brother Hodapp is a member of the Scottish Rite, the York Rite and the Shrine, and he is a founding member of Levant Preceptory, Indiana's medieval period-recreation Masonic Knight Templar group. In January, he was invested with the rank of Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA. He is currently serving as Sovereign Master of Imhotep Council, Allied Masonic Degrees. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Indiana Freemasons' Hall.

His second book, *Solomon's Builders: Freemasons, Founding Fathers and the Secrets of Washington D.C.*, was published in 2006. He has also co-written, with his wife, Alice Von Kannon, *The Templar Code for Dummies* and *Conspiracy Theories And Secret Societies for Dummies*.

His latest book, *Deciphering the Lost Symbol*, was released in January by Ulysses Press. It explores Dan Brown's novel from a Masonic point of view.

Chris has spent 25 years in advertising, editing more than 700 commercials, music videos and feature films. On the other side of the camera, he has appeared on the History Channel, and he and Alice were both featured in the Discovery Channel program, "Hunting The Lost Symbol." They are currently

REMINDER - 2010 Abbott Scholarships

Named for Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921-1932, the Scholarship Program provides financial support for continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$3 million has been awarded to students from each State in the Northern Jurisdiction.

Eligibility Requirements

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

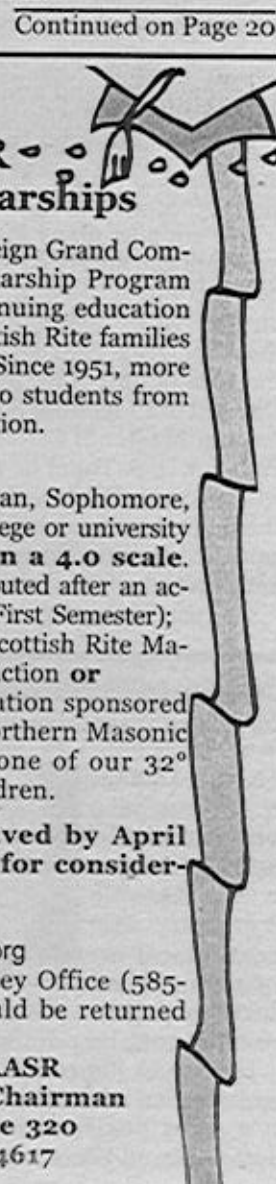
Applications must be received by April 1, 2010 and must be complete for consideration.

Forms are available at:

www.scottishriteonline.org

or may be requested from the Valley Office (585-264-1160). Completed forms should be returned to:

Valley of Rochester, AASR
Attn: Valley Scholarship Chairman
3300 Monroe Ave. Suite 320
Rochester, NY 14618-4617



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Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Bernard Lazerson
Monarch

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



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Monarch's Musings

*'Twill be soon that this
Winter's passed,
And we will then be nigh
to Spring.
But careful still, when
you go forth,
Lest you land on your
unpadded ...*

Ah, March, so nice to see you again and also to see Brothers and Prophets returning to the Masonic tasks at hand. Oh yes, as if February wasn't busy enough with the Have-a-Heart Campaign and our very busy planning meeting for the year ahead - we meet on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day evening, for Prophet Bring-a-Brother Night. If Prophets bring a Brother out for a great dinner at the Shrine Center, you and he get to eat for free! So will I give a big sales pitch to the prospective NEW Prophet? You betcha! I believe in Freemasonry and I really believe in Grotto, because of its message of fun and Fraternity. Our Fraternity

We are the social and philanthropic organization that is active, international and dedicated to our servicemen and their commitment to their flag and country. We sponsor the Grotto Legion of Honor, and are there at the Shrine Circus and various Memorial Day venues to honor this tremendous Republic ... long may its Flag wave. We are there to aid and assist children with disabilities, who are in need of dental work - and lack the means to pay for it. We are also determined to have fun.

We support many local restaurants and sports events with our patronage. Toronto is high on our list of destinations for the Blue Jays-Yankees games, the theater and other nightlife. Oh, and did I mention casinos? Ask our Master of Ceremonies, Prophet Dick Topel or me; we will give you the low-down on the high-low and electronic games of fortune. So why wait? Petition today! No waiting. See you in Grotto!

Grand Historian



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We have just concluded our Annual Board of Governors meeting and voted to approve the 2010 Budget.

If we turn back the pages of history, we would find our Prophets of the past years did the same and had the same tasks to face in their year. Take 1965 and 1966 - A letter dated December 14, 1965, from Treasurer Carl R. Johnson, "The following recommendations for uniforms for the units:

Patrol - 22 uniforms cost not to exceed \$1454.20

Legion - 15 uniforms cost not to exceed \$607.50

Band - 1 complete uniform, sashes, trousers, not to exceed \$232.00.

Revels - 20 jackets cost not to exceed \$460.00

Greeters - Jackets, lettering and gloves, cost not to exceed \$250.00

First Aid - To apply to uniforms \$100.00

Officers - 11 jackets cost not to exceed \$385.00

Total \$3488.70.

The above cost should be investigated and submitted at a later date."

In the 1965 budget was included fees for Band Director, \$225; Property Custodian, \$25; Cast Director, \$50; Outside Sentinel, \$20; Electrician and Stage Manager, \$60; and the Testimonial to the outgoing Monarch was \$150, the same as it is today. The Past Monarch's Fez was \$45 in 1965 - A bit more at today's prices.

In 1965, our good friend and Prophet Monarch was Robert F. Smith, Jr. Monarch Smith gave a good accounting for himself and our Grotto at the ESGA Convention in Hamilton, NY.

The Contests and Parade
Band 1st Prize; Revels, 1st Prize; Caldron 1st Prize for best appearing Ladies Unit in Parade.

In 1966, Monarch Albert F. Maass was in the East, and the high point was hosting 1966 Grand Monarch, Joseph G. Lefter, of St. Petersburg, FL, at

the Supreme Council Sessions in Rochester, NY, June 16th - 19th. Their headquarters were at the Manger Hotel; bus tour to Kodak Park; Full Form Ceremonial at the Auditorium Theater. The Monarch's Ball was described as an evening of short, fast introductions and short, interesting speeches.

"Our House of Progress is built on a foundation of Sympathy and Goodfellowship."

SECRETARY'S CORNER

By Ken Hutchinson, PM

I look forward to this year, to the participation of our new Officers. In particular to Prophet Paul Farnung, who is our newest Officer, Captain of the Guard, and to the extended influence and new spheres of action, which he will bring. He has a very important position and he will need everyone's help this year.

The object of our organization can be expressed in a very few words - Our aim is to assist in the welding together of Masons in a homogeneous whole by drawing them together with a smile on their faces and good cheer in their hearts.

Sad News

It is my sad duty to inform you that Prophet Frank Ghysel was called home by the Great Architect of the Universe on February 18th. Frank had fallen and fractured his hip, was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital where he suffered a stroke and died. A Masonic Service was well attended and interment was at White Haven.

Sickness and Distress

Fred Cornell was reported last month as being at Unity Hospital. Since then he was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital and was released on February 5th. He is to stay inside for two weeks, except for visits to his doctor, and not do any driving for a while.

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

Membership

In the coming month you will hear more and more reminders of membership. You each were given two Petitions - one for the car glove compartment and one for your jacket pocket. There is a plentiful supply of Petitions in the Grotto Office. All you need to do is ask, or phone me, and I will mail you several.

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

Entertainment Committee

By Ken Hutchinson

This year we are going to revive the Entertainment Committee, an idea of Alfred Pulcino III, PM and myself.

The goal is to create a list of guest speakers and entertainers to be called upon and make every meeting a memorable one.

Until we can give a program and an activity to our membership to justify those we now have staying in and participating, we are not going to create the enthusiasm enough to go out into the Realm and bring in new members.

We ask our Officers to be part of our group and all to join us and add your ideas. Contact Al at 225-8471.

Clown Unit

By Alfred Pulcino III, PM



I am active as President of the Grotto Clown Unit. We have two Prophets who have expressed an interest in joining our fun-filled group.

We will cover the cost of sending them to "Clown School," where they will learn how to apply makeup, etc.

If any other Prophets wish to hear more about the opportunity call me. (Uncle Al) at any hour 638-2523.

Caldron News

By Hildegard Di James, MCO

Sickness and Distress

Daughter Merline Bueg is fighting an eye infection.

Daughter Jean Gudgel Nash is recovering from Shingles; she is very uncomfortable and in a lot of pain.

Daughter Marsha Morrison had the Flu.

Good News

Daughter Nancy Lynch is recovering well after her knee sur-

Legion
Historian
Clowns
Caldron

Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, March 1st
Board of Governors
Meeting - 7 p.m.
Grotto Office

Wednesday, March 17th
Prophet Bring-a-Brother Night
Free dinner for Prophet and Brother
Prophets - RSVP to Dick Topel

April 9th-11th
ESGA Spring Meeting and
Chief Justice Conclave - Albany
Details to Come

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Information
Hot Line
271-7446 (Bernie)

gery and is coming out to meetings again.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Daughter Jan Porter and I assisted Jim Toogood, from Lalla Rookh Grotto, in staffing the Have-a-Heart Booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge on February 9th. The Have-a-Heart Fundraiser benefits the local Ronald McDonald Houses. It was a quiet evening at the Mall, and not many contributions were made during our stay.

Our Birthday Banquet was chaired by Daughter Jan Porter, and held at Red Fedele's Brook House Restaurant. Special Grotto members joined us and a delicious meal was shared by all. As usual, Daughter Jan did an outstanding job to ensure that the evening was an enjoyable one.

Our next Meeting will be held on March 11th. See you there!

Attention ...

Lodge Masters and Secretaries!

Schedule a presentation about the
Frank & Bette Paul
32° Masonic Learning
Center!

It's an opportunity to demonstrate how this supported charity helps children with Dyslexia overcome their learning disability.

For more information or to schedule a program,
Contact John W. Paul
Ph: 454-1325 or email:
jpaul@waterwatchcorp.com

College of Freemasonry

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R.:W.: Thomas W. Jackson has a long and distinguished career in the Masonic Fraternity. His biographical information filled thirteen pages, Jackson



He began his professional career as an educator, served in a sales position and was elected Grand Secretary of the

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1979, ten years after serving as Master of Cumberland Valley Lodge. Twenty years later, R.:W.: Jackson became Grand Secretary for Foreign Relations and now serves as Coordinator of Masonic Culture and Education.

He is the recipient of numerous Honorary Offices in more than two dozen Grand Lodges worldwide. Among the thirty medals and honors bestowed upon him are the Chancellor Livingston Medal, the Charles Henry Johnson Medal, and the

Distinguished Achievement Award from the Grand Lodge of New York.

Thomas Jackson was named one of the Top 25 Freemasons in the last quarter Century. He is a 33° Honorary Member of Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and has been the Book Review editor for the *Northern Light* magazine since 1990. He also belongs to (among many others): York Rite Bodies; Zembo, Boumi and Lu Lu Temples, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and has re-

ceived from DeMolay International the Honorary Legion of Honor.

R.:W.: Manfred Liehs is a Master Appraiser of Fine Art, Antiques and Jewellery who studied his Craft in Munich, Germany; London, England; and Vienna, Austria.



Liehs

An expert on Masonic antiquities, Brother Liehs is currently a Trustee of the Chan-

cellor Robert R. Livingston Library of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

R.:W.: Liehs has been a Mason for 31 years; is currently Master of Cazenovia Lodge; High Priest of Pulaski Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Governor of York Rite College United. He is Past Master of Memorial Lodge (North Syracuse), Past Master of Liverpool Syracuse Lodge (Liverpool), and Past Master of Utica Lodge (Utica). In addition, he is a member of the Valleys of Syracuse and Rochester, AASR.

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

York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



III. Master
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Due to the fact that our February meeting night fell on Ash Wednesday, many of our Officers attended church services causing the dinner and Degree to be moved to another date.

This event will happen on March 17th at 6 p.m. for the social hour, with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. Your dinner choice will be Fish or Chicken and the cost is \$10 per person.

The Degree will start at 7:30 p.m. and all Council members and members of other Councils are cordially invited to attend. For dinner reservations, please call Tom Paglia at 227-2046 before March 12th and leave a message if no one answers. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

An urgent appeal is being sent out by M. I. Charles M. Roberts to help support the Grand Council Charity Fund for research and a cure for Parkinson's disease. It will make you feel good just thinking you are helping someone who has Parkinson's disease get better.

Please send your donation to: Charles M. Roberts, 158 Meadowbriar Rd, Rochester, 14616 or to John Dudley, 57 Park Rd, Pittsford, 14534. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

How about a full Lodge room on March 17th?

Support the Masonic Service Bureau

Send your
contribution
to us in the
Annual Appeal
response envelope

Hiram Chapter No. 62

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



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What Happened

Our Grand Lecturer's Convention was held in our Chapter on February 11th. The Chapter participated in exemplifying the Second Section of the Most Excellent Master Degree. After a fine dinner prepared by Joy Woodley, we went to work. We hope the Grand Lecturer and our Assistant Grand Lecturer, V. E. Joe Oelgoetz appreciated our work. The participants learned a lot during the session. This will help the Chapter improve its Ritual work.

As with the Grand Lodge Grand Lecturer's Conventions, our Convention is held to help the Companions learn about the Ritual so we can do a better conferral. Your High Priest would like to see Hiram Chapter improve its Ritual work and strive to be the best in the State. A lofty goal, but one we can achieve if we really work at it. Our Candidates deserve the best that can be done.

Our Charter empowers the Chapter to make Royal Arch Masons. This is our prime responsibility as it is with every Chapter chartered by Grand Chapter. Therefore, we must do the best we can in conferring the Degrees of the Chapter on Candidates. We need to build the tradition of being the best we can be.

What is Coming

Now that we have learned more about our Ritual, it is time to start using that knowledge. Therefore we will be starting our Spring Degree Cycle. We will also be discussing the Rite on those evenings when we are not conferring a Degree. There is much to be learned about our Degrees, the symbols they use and the meanings of our work.

College of Freemasonry

Coming in April is the College of Freemasonry, sponsored by the Valley of Rochester with the assistance of the Chapter and other York Rite Bodies. This is,

and has been, an excellent opportunity to learn more about Freemasonry - both for the Mason and the public. We encourage our Companions to plan to attend this event. It will be held on Saturday, April 10th, at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. The full program for the College is elsewhere in the *Masonic Times*.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993
3rd Monday

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Upcoming Events

Our Annual Inspection this year is on Monday, March 15th. As required we will be Opening and Closing in Full Form. All Parts for the Ritual Sections are filled. Thanks to those Sir Knights who stepped up and volunteered to take a Part. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Pittsford Masonic Hall. We will have dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. In preparation for this event, my plans are to Open in Full Form for all meetings, so we can rehearse and help to insure a successful Inspection.

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

Easter Observance

One of the wonderful aspects of being a Knights Templar is our devotion to Jesus Christ. The most important date in our Faith is the time we celebrate our Lord's death (his sacrifice for our sins) and resurrection (his defeat over death). Cyrene-Monroe Commandery will be conducting its Easter Observance on Monday evening, April 19th. Family and friends are invited. We will begin our celebration at 7:30 p.m. We are requesting that everyone bring a dish-to-pass for after the formal observance.

Additionally, that evening we will be voting on our Officer Line for the 2010-2011 Templar Year. I plan to open the Com-

mandery around 7 p.m., prior to the Easter Observance, in order to keep the evening event to a reasonable time. After our Easter Observance, we will retire to the Asylum so we can also have an Open Installation with our ladies in attendance.

Support Other Zone Commanderies

Sir Knights of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery, let's help our other two Commanderies within Zone 12 - Sagoyewatha and DeMolay with their Installations. We can help them out as Knights of each Division, as Knights of the Honor Guard, or take on Parts that are more involved.

Saturday, May 15th - Sagoyewatha Commandery will hold its Installation. Enjoy breakfast (Dutch treat) at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant in Phelps, with the Inspection to begin at 9 a.m. Refreshments will follow the Inspection.

Thursday, April 15th - (notice this is a change from April 1st, which is Maundy Thursday) DeMolay Commandery will hold its Installation. Inspection will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Hornell Masonic Hall.

May God Bless and In His Name!



Zone 11 News

Zone Commander
SK Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

Zone 11 Happenings Commandery Events

Cyrene-Monroe No. 12 - Pittsford Masonic Hall:

- Inspection - Monday, March 15th; 7:30 p.m. Inspecting Officer - Sir Knight Richard Kerimoglu, Eminent Grand Warder. A dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost will be \$10.
- Easter Observance/Election and Installation of Officers - Monday, April 19th.

Commandery will open early (7 p.m. in order to vote on the Slate of Officers). Easter Observance will follow after the closed meeting for the voting of Officers. Open installation to follow our Easter Observance. Refreshments (asking all to bring a dish-to-pass) will follow the Installation.

Sagoyewatha No. 17 - Phelps Masonic Hall:

- Conclave - is scheduled Saturday, March 20th. Opening at 9 a.m. (breakfast at the Blue

Ribbon Restaurant, Phelps - 7:30 a.m.)

DeMolay No. 22 - Hornell Masonic Center:

- Conclave - Thursday, March 18th. Opening at 7:30 p.m.
- Inspection: Thursday - April 15th (Please note this is a change from original date of April 1st, which is Maundy Thursday); Inspecting Officer - Sir Knight Richard Kerimoglu, Eminent Grand Warder.

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

"Town Meeting" with the Grand Commander

Saturday, May 22nd, Attica Lodge. Time to be determined and communicated later.

Ritual Requirement for Inspection - CHANGE

Please note that the Grand Commander revised the Ritual requirement (from General Order No. 1) for our upcoming Inspections. Two parts were eliminated - Order of Malta (Page 86) and Order of the Temple (Page 131), Pointing at the... All other requirements are as is, as directed in General Order No. 1. Questions? Please see your Commander.

Ladies

The Grand Commander has requested that each and every Commandery not forget our Ladies. In a recent memorandum he states, "Our Ladies have always been an asset to Knights Templar and Masonry. Commandery attendance always improves when our Ladies are included. Zone 12 has a functioning Ladies Auxiliary, which should be a model for the rest of the State. These Ladies have always been supportive and may well be the backbone of our beloved Craft."

Each Commandery should consider organizing a woman's auxiliary. You will see attendance at the Conclaves improve dramatically. Try it! They are hard working and support our efforts. Thanks to our Ladies for standing beside our Sir Knights and, with their pot luck dinners, our attendance of Sir Knights is greatly improved at our conclaves.

Many of the events in Zone 11 are well represented with our Ladies. Keep up the good work.

Let's support each Commandery in the Zone. Have a great Spring!

Livingston Library Obtains Volume 3 of Processus Contra Templarios: Translation of Volumes 1 and 2 from Vatican Archives

The Trustees of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library announce the acquisition of a third volume of the *Processus Contra Templarios*. This newly-published Volume 3 presents a translation of the 14th-century "Knights Templar" material into the Italian and English languages. Volumes 1 and 2 were published by Scrinium/Vatican Secret Archives in 2007, re-creating nearly twenty documents relating to the arrest and suppression of the Knights Templar in 1308. The 2007 package in-

cluded a bound transcription of the material from the Vatican's archives, but no authorized translation. The publication of Volume 3 addresses that need.

W. Bruce Renner, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and special consultant to the Livingston Masonic Library, offered the following observation on the acquisition of Volume 3: "We have now moved from a museum piece to a library piece for the vast majority of people." His comment is supported by the experiences of the past two

years. Since its arrival in March 2008, the *Processus* has been displayed both in Manhattan at the Library's main branch, and in exhibitions across New York State at Masonic and other historical gatherings.

Feedback from audiences at these diverse events focused on when the publishers might release an authorized translation of the material, which was limited to Latin in the facsimile recreations and the bound transcription. With the publication of Volume 3, scholars and other interested patrons may now read in English the testimony taken from numerous Knights Templar during the late Spring and early Summer of 1308. Readers may see for themselves the nature of the charges made

against the Knights, and analyze the testimony provided and the events surrounding the suppression of the Order.

The Livingston Masonic Library was the first Masonic institution to announce acquisition of a copy of the *Processus* when it was published in 2007. The Library made use of funds through the Edward Scheider Endowment to acquire the *Processus*, fulfilling the donor's wish that his gift be used to acquire rare and interesting material relating to Masonic tradition. The Library makes no claim to any historical linkage between the Knights Templar and contemporary Freemasonry, but rather acknowledges the legends and traditions that form inspirational bonds be-

tween the Templars of the medieval era and Freemasonry as it is practiced today.

The translation will remain on display and available for review at the Livingston Library's Manhattan site, and will accompany the *Processus* when it is taken to Buffalo/Western New York in March of this year, and to Rochester on April 10th.

The *Processus Contra Templarios* is a collection of material relating to the Knights Templar of the Crusades. The collection focuses on over twenty synthetic facsimile of documents written in 1308. The documents represent testimony taken from imprisoned Knights Templar in southern France,

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By Jean Stewart, D.D.G.M.

School of Instruction

I'm sure all who attended the February 13th School of Instruction enjoyed the meeting. R.W. Ray DiJames, District Grand Lecturer, did a great job of explaining the "fine print" of the Ritual work and answering questions. At least one person was present from each Chapter; I hope they share what they learned with their members. Thank you, Ray.

Line Officers Meeting

Our next Line Officers' Meeting is March 6th, 9 a.m. at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport. At that time we'll check progress on plans for the Grand Matron's Official Visit on May 7th. The Lilac Luncheon will also be on the agenda.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, March 30th - Tri-District Friendship Night, Batavia Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 10th - District visit to the Jell-O Museum; followed by lunch at the D & R Depot in LeRoy.

District Projects

Remember our projects ... the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm and the Scottsville Veterinary Adoptions.

Around the District

Starlight Chapter - May 11th - Annual Spring Luncheon at Unity Lodge Hall. \$7 luncheon; floral demonstration by Michael Miller of Kittleberger Florists. This is a wonderful and entertaining event. Advance-sale tickets only; no sales at the door. Contact a Starlight Chapter member for tickets.

Fairport Chapter - will be holding their Annual Rummage Sale on Friday, September 17th, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, September 18, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Saturday will be \$3 bag day. Donations will be taken from 12 noon - 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 16th, by appointment only. Call W. Mary K. Blik at 223-4921. The Sale will be held in the dining room of the Fairport Masonic Hall.

Is Winter over yet??? ✕

Corinthian/ Fellowship

Chapter No. 322

Order of the Eastern Star

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

7:30 p.m.

W. Marilyn Israel, Matron

W. Robert Israel, Patron

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Rochester 14610

By Marilyn Israel

Wow, March is here. In like a lion ... out like a lamb.

Upcoming Events

March 10th - Installation of new Officers.

April 19th - Combined Official Visit with Etolian and Leah Chapters at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

We had the opportunity to staff the Have-a-Heart booth to benefit the local Ronald McDonald Houses. We shared responsibilities two different days with Union Star Lodge from Honeoye Falls and Eureka Lodge and Estella Chapter, Prince Hall.

Shrine Circus

I had a chance to go to the Damascus Shrine Circus. It was good to see so many friends and the Triangle girls supporting the Circus. The hospitality shown by the clowns and our Shriner Brothers and families was awesome. I was spellbound by the many treats we envisioned. It was certainly a joyous and magnificent event. My heart stood still during the lion and tiger act; the tightrope walkers were thrilling. The changing of costumes and dresses in a split-second still has me dreaming.

Sickness and Distress

Keep our Brothers and Sisters in your prayers. Phone calls and cards are welcomed - especially for Rita Galliani, Claude Gramse, Ruth and Linda Knierim, Patrick Pearson, Margery Williamson and Barbara McMinn.

Happy Birthday to Marilyn Svet (March 20th) and Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

In closing, I offer a prayer that asks that peace may be:

Upon each thing my eye takes in,
Upon each thing my mouth takes in,

Upon my body that is of earth
And upon my soul that comes from on high.

"God Under my Roof;" Celtic Songs and Blessings by Esther DeWaal. ✕

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School of Instruction

Thirty-nine Sisters and Brothers attended the O/S/Y Eastern Star School of Instruction held at Royal-Garoga Chapter on January 30th. All Chapters were represented. Floor work was practiced and discussed with concerns raised about opening and closing with limited space in some Chapter rooms. Lunch was prepared and served by a group of Royal-Garoga Sisters under the direction of Sister Jean Day. It sure warmed us up on a frigid day outside. Thank you, Sisters.

Following lunch, the O/S/Y Association convened to install the new 2010 Officers. They include Sister Lori Gilley, President; Sister Gail Hansen, Vice-President; Sister CarolAnn Farnung, Secretary. A brief business meeting was held. Geraniums will be sold as a District Association Project and will be delivered on May 9th, the day before Mother's Day. Brother Phil Trautman will be arranging and distributing the details. These geraniums bloom profusely and last well into the Fall.

We then returned to the School of Instruction format for the purpose of viewing a presentation about The H. W. Albery Society, which gave background information regarding the Society. It was announced that an open training session would be held in Palmyra on February 13th.

* The District Garageless Garage Sale mailings have been made. Some revenue has been generated. We are hoping for more participation to help support our volunteer fire and ambulance crews.

The Shooting Star has arrived on the Western fringes of the District. Word has it that Gah-A-Yan-Duk Chapter may be moving it further South.

Upcoming Events

There are two Official Visits scheduled:

March 11th - Seneca Lake Chapter

March 25th - Eagle Star Chapter

Date Change

* April 27th - (new date) The Official Visit to Royal-Garoga Chapter has been changed. It was scheduled for March 9th, but will now be April 27th.

Canandaigua VA Hospital
March 13th - South Seneca and Royal-Garoga Chapters are hosting an ice cream party at the Canandaigua VA Hospital.

District Events

March 6th - Gah-A-Yan-Duk Chapter sponsoring their delicious

Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness at Work

By Robert Crystal

Nolatka Chapter has a big heart. Worthy Bob Crystal told the Chapter about a friend of his who is serving as Chaplain at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba. Here he is ministering to all the Navy personnel and civilian employees who work to run the Base (office and cleaning staff, Spanish interpreters, mechanics, grounds workers, etc.) The members voted to contribute to the Chaplain's Christmas Gift Stocking Project. These folks, military and civilian, are isolated from their families. It is difficult and expensive to call home. Nolatka decided to buy telephone gift cards and send them as stocking stuffers.

Worthy Bob received a thank you from the Chaplain, along

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with snapshots of him and the Chaplaincy Staff and their "assembly line." Here a little, there a little, we all can provide a loving support for others as well as ourselves. ✕



Chaplain Douglas Holmes sent these photos and thanked Worthy Robert Crystal for coordinating the support for "Operation Christmas Stocking" program at Guantanamo Bay, providing 672 Service Personnel with stocking stuffing items.

Roast Beef Dinner. Join them for warm food and friendship.

The second and fourth Fridays of March are game nights at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge in Phelps. Eastern Star Sisters and

Masonic Brothers have a fun-filled evening. Bring a snack to share. The games start at 6:30 p.m. and include card games, dominoes, and board games. Come join us when you can. ✕

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Best Wishes follow R.W. Betty Nichols, Humanity Chapter, Lyons. Betty is joining her son's family in Kansas, following the death of her husband, Earl Nichols. Betty last served as the Grand Representative of Michigan 2008-2009.

Congratulations to R.W. Pauline Dodge, Sodus Chapter, newly appointed Grand Representative of Kentucky.

The Annual Pizza Party for the Veterans in the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital, Building 3, will be held on Saturday, March 6th at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join R.W. Jim and me at this event.

Humanity Chapter, Lyons, will hold a St. Patty's Day Dinner beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16th. ✕



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## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### APRIL

- 1st Webster Lodge, 3°, Webster
- 3rd Livingston District Ladies Night, Conesus
- 8th Webster Lodge 3°, Webster
- 9th-10th 2010 College of Freemasonry, Shrine Center
- 10th Haggai Chapter Social and Community Awards Dinner  
OSY Surviving Spouses Luncheon, Clifton Springs  
Country Club
- 13th-15th MSAT Workshop, Utica
- 14th OSY Yellow Dog Degree, Seneca Lodge, Seneca Falls
- 15th Northfield Lodge, 3°, Pittsford  
Webster Lodge, Regular Meeting, Webster
- 22nd Webster Lodge Fellowcraft Meeting, Webster
- 24th Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin
- 29th Masters & Wardens, Penfield
- 30th Scottish Rite Reunion, Penfield Country Club

### MAY

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

### JUNE

- 25th-26th St. John's Weekend, Utica
- 29th Masters & Wardens, Webster

### JULY

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

### AUGUST

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

### SEPTEMBER

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

## In Memoriam

### Corson, Melvin John "Jack"

Melvin John "Jack" Corson, 86, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on January 1st. He is survived by 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Jack was a World War II Coast Guard Veteran and a 37-year Mason, a member of Valley-Simes Lodge. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

### Gorman, Harry Alan "Buzz"

Harry Gorman passed quietly from his earthly home on January 30th. "Buzz" was a member of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

### Heard, Warren T.

Warren Heard, 87, met his Maker January 17th. His wife of 63 years, Suzanne, 3 children and 8 grandchildren will keep his memory in their hearts. Warren was a member of ERAC Lodge and a World War II Navy Veteran. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

### McDill, Donald J.

Donald McDill, 84, left this world January 28th leaving his wife, Winifred, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren to survive him. Don was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, Scottish Rite and Lalla Rookh Grotto. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

### Nersinger, Raymond G., Jr.

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Raymond Nersinger, 87, on February 11th. His wife, Joan, 4 children and 6 grandchildren, will always cherish him. Ray was a member of ERAC Lodge. He was a World War II Army Air Corps Veteran, whose aircraft was downed over Germany where he spent 18 months in prison camp. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

### Phelps, Donald J.

Donald Phelps, 82, passed away January 31st. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Margaret, 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Don was a Past Master of Northfield Lodge. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

### Pinkney, Donald R.

Donald Pinkney, 87, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven on February 4th. He leaves his wife, Jean, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Don was a 60-year Mason, a member of Webster Lodge. He was a Marine Veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Campaign and Iwo Jima. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

### Rose, Donald A.

On February 5th, Donald Rose entered Eternal Rest. A son survives him. He was a member of Seneca Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. Don was a decorated Veteran of the Vietnam War, Army Special Forces. His Masonic Brothers and family will miss him.

### Tollis, Vincent "Pete"

Pete Tollis, 90, went Home to his Lord on February 6th. He will always be cherished by 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Pete was a World War II Army Air Corps Veteran Pilot, former POW and Purple Heart Recipient. He was a member of Union Lodge. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

### Widows to be Remembered

**K. Audrey Curtis**, 96, widow of Boyd Curtis (Union Star Lodge) passed away February 14th.

**Dorothy M. Pritchard**, 96, widow of John Pritchard (Fame Lodge) passed away February 16th.



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transcribed by Papal inquisitors. The original documents were lost within the Vatican archives until their recovery in 2001 and their publication in 2007. The original parchments were hand-written in 14th century Latin.

The *Processus* includes three volumes, two of which were published in 2007. Volume 1 begins with a complete transcription of the contents of the parchments in Latin. In a second section of Volume 1, Vatican archivist Barbara Frale provides an historical overview of the formation and activities of the Knights Templar, followed by an analysis of the events leading to their suppression during the years 1307-1314. She concludes her account with a description of the discovery of the documents comprising the *Processus*. This section is illus-

trated with three engravings. Frale's commentary is printed in both Italian and English, side by side.

Volume 2 is a portfolio of the facsimile, numbering twenty parchments reproduced on synthetic archival material. Three facsimile measure over five feet in length, and include extensive testimony taken from the Knights Templar by Papal inquisitors. Smaller facsimile detail observations and commentary by the Papal tribunal. A final piece represents a facsimile of the *Chinon parchment*, a declaration issued by Pope Clement V absolving the Knights Templar from any charges of heresy.

Volume 3 is a translation of the contents of the parchments, published in 2009.

For further information, contact Thomas M. Savini, Library Director, at 212-337-6619. Visit the Library's website at: [www.nymasoniclibrary.org](http://www.nymasoniclibrary.org).



### What are your plans this Summer?

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|                                                                                                            | <b>1</b><br>Canandaigua - Shortsville<br>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle<br>KT - Cyrene/Monroe -<br>Pittsford<br>Lalla Rookh Grotto, Board<br>of Governors, 7 p.m.,<br><i>Shrine Center</i><br>Damascus Shrine Divan<br>Shrine Lunch Club | <b>2</b><br>Clio - Hilton<br>Craftsman Robertson, <i>Shrine<br/>Center</i><br>Garoga-Sincerity, 2° - Phelps<br>Nunda Station<br>Oakland - Castile<br>OES - Fairport, Nolaika,<br>Starlight                                                                                                                                 | <b>3</b><br>Drunlin Square - Palmyra<br>Livonia<br>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br>Damascus Shriners<br>OES - Lilac Star                                 | <b>4</b><br>Northfield - Pittsford 2°<br>Webster - 2°                                                                                       | <b>5</b><br><div>Webster Lodge<br/>Spaghetti Dinner<br/>5-7 p.m. \$7 adult, \$4 Child<br/>30 Orchard Street</div>                                                                                     | <b>6</b><br>OES, Monroe District,<br>Line Officers<br>Spencerport                                                                 |
| <b>7</b><br><div>Clio Lodge<br/>Spaghetti Dinner<br/>March 10th and 24th<br/>287 East Avenue, Hilton</div> | <b>8</b><br>ERAC - <i>Shrine Center</i><br>Fairport-Flower City<br>Union Star - Homeoye Falls 2°<br>Unity - Spencerport 3°<br>Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield 2°<br>LIV - School of Ritual<br>Shrine Lunch Club                      | <b>9</b><br>Seneca - Webster<br>Valley-Simes, <i>Shrine Center</i><br>OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary<br>Jane Holmes - Brockport                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>10</b><br>Oakla. Scottsville<br>Masonic Service Bureau<br>Monthly Luncheon Meeting<br>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship I<br>Shrine Legion of Honor | <b>11</b><br>Fame, <i>Shrine Center</i><br>Milnor - Shortsville<br>Union - Lima<br>Webster - 2°<br>RAM - Hiram<br>Lalla Rookh Caldron       | <b>12</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                         |
| <b>14</b>                                                                                                  | <b>15</b><br>Canandaigua - Shortsville<br>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle<br>KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford<br>Inspection<br>Lalla Rookh Grotto, Legion of<br>Honor<br>Shrine Lunch Club<br>Auburn Shrine Club                            | <b>16</b><br>Clio, 2° - Hilton<br>Craftsman Robertson, <i>Shrine<br/>Center</i><br>Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps<br>Nunda Station<br>Oakland - Castile<br>OES - Fairport, Nolaika,<br>Starlight                                                                                                                                | <b>17</b><br>Ark - Geneva<br>Drunlin Square - Palmyra<br>Livonia<br>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br>Lalla Rookh Grotto<br>OES - Lilac Star               | <b>18</b><br>Eunice - Caledonia<br>Northfield - Pittsford<br>Webster<br>Scottish Rite<br>Lalla Rookh Caldron -<br>Executive Council         | <b>19</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>20</b>                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Daylight Saving Time<br/>Begins</b>                                                                     | <b>21</b><br>Scottish Rite Feast of the<br>Paschal Lamb                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>22</b><br>ERAC - <i>Shrine Center</i><br>Fairport-Flower City, 2°<br>Union Star - Homeoye Falls<br>Unity - Spencerport<br>Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield 2°<br>Shrine Lunch Club<br>Geneva Shrine Club<br>LIV - District Association -<br>Geneseo at Mt. Morris Lodge<br>OSY Masonic Development<br>Course, Canandaigua Lodge | <b>23</b><br>Valley-Simes, 3°, <i>Shrine Center</i><br>Oakla. - Scottsville<br>OES - Leah - Hilton                                               | <b>24</b><br>St. Patrick's Day<br>Oakla. - Scottsville<br>Tall Cedars of Lebanon<br>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship<br>Damascus Directors Staff | <b>25</b><br>Fame, <i>Shrine Center</i><br>Milnor - Shortsville 3°<br>Union - Lima<br>Webster Fellowship<br>RAM - Hiram<br>James A. Hard/Wayne Charter<br>Post No. 12 - Fairport<br>Perry Shrine Club | <b>First Day of Spring</b><br><b>27</b><br>Scottish Rite Degrees - 18°<br>and 24°<br>ERAC, 3° - Fairport Lodge<br>Hall, 1:00 p.m. |
| <b>28</b><br>Easter Egg Hunt<br>Shrine Center                                                              | <b>29</b><br>Shrine Lunch Club<br>Fairport-Flower City, 3°<br>OSY - Masonic Development<br>Course, Pocahontas Lodge,<br>Waterloo<br>Shrine Lunch Club                                                                         | <b>30</b><br>OES - Tri-District Friendship<br>Night, Batavia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>31</b><br>MON - Masters & Wardens -<br>Scottsville, 6:30 p.m.<br>MON - School of Ritual -<br>Scottsville, 7:30 p.m.                           |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Palm Sunday</b>                                                                                         | <b>Passover Begins at<br/>Sundown</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Passover</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                   |

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