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Whenever you see a Veteran during your routine daily activities, acknowledge their service to protect our freedom. They're easy to recognize as they usually wear a shirt or cap identifying the Branch of Service in which they served. Stop and talk to them; give them a hearty handshake; ask about their Service background - what Outfit, how long in the Service and where they were in the Service. It will really make their day!

Grand Lodge Military Outreach Committee - David Crawford and Thomas Paglia; James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post, Masonic War Veterans, John Ponshock, Commander









Medina Masonic Lodge Forms New Veterans Post

Submitted by W .: Rob Buchanan

The Medina Lodge No. 336 has become one of about 60 in the Country to create a Masonic War Veterans Post - the Major General John S. Thompson Masonic War Veterans Post No. 59.

Masonic War Veterans Posts must be named after a deceased Veteran and any Masonic Veteran in good standing can join.

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Medina's Post is named after rank of major general after 39 Major General John S. Thompson, a decorated Veteran, a local assemblyman and public servant who lived in Medina prior to his death in 1948.

Major General Thompson

Thompson was born in 1875 in Canada and became a U.S. citizen in 1900. For the rest of his life, he resided on Park Avenue in Medina with his wife, the former Edith Hill.

His military career began in 1898 when he enlisted in the 29th Separate Company New York National Guard. He was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant during 1907. The Company merged with the 3rd Infantry in World War I to become the 108th Infantry. He became Commander of the 108th Infantry as Colonel for 11 years before being promoted to Brigadier General in 1930 in command of the 54th Infantry Brigade.

During an Auburn prison riot in 1929, he commanded National Guard troops by order of the Governor. He also served on the Military Staff of Governors Miller, Smith and Roosevelt.

He received two Division Citations for bravery in action and was awarded the New York State Conspicious Service Cross, Croix de Guerre with Palm. He retired from active service in the National Guard in 1937 with the nity events.

years of service.

In 1930, Thompson was elected Assemblyman from Orleans County, serving until his death in 1948. From 1934 to 1945, he was Chairman of the Public Service Committee, resigning to become Chairman of the Committee on Taxation.

Thompson had many other civic interests, which included serving on the Medina Village Board, Director of Medina Savings and Loan Association and organizing the James P. Clark American Legion Post, now the Butts-Clark Post.

In 1926, he was President of the National Guard Association of New York State and the First Vice-President of the National Guard Association of the United States in 1927. He was a member of the Medina Presbyterian Church, Royal Arch Masons, Genesee Commandery and the Knowlesville Grange.

Activities of the Posts

Some Post activities include volunteering for Bingo at the VA Medical Centers and distributing comfort kits, which contain personal care items, knitted caps, gloves and socks, to Veterans. They are committed to serving Veterans, especially Purple Heart, Silver Star for gal- those in VA facilities, and to lantry in action and the Belgian community service. They often provide color guard services for Veterans, Masonic and commu-

Lockport Public Relations Seminar plants seeds for Western NY Masons

R.: W .: Ronald Steiner, the Grand Lodge Publications Committee Chairman, conducted a Seminar for the Western and West Central New York Masons.



R:: W:: Ronald Steiner

On a gorgeous Fall day, 80 Masons drove to Lockport for a Sunday morning meeting at the Masonic Hall, courtesy of Red Jacket Lodge. While the main theme was Public Relations, much of the discussion concerned communications, or the lack thereof, between Masons and the Community. It was pointed out that we, members of the Fraternity, have not done the best job possible in relating information on our events or what we have accomplished.

Each Lodge in the Grand Lodge of New York has been asked to establish a Public Relations Committee with the responsibility to promote community service activities and other events of general interest. They should learn the names of contacts for local newspaper, radio and television personnel and keep them up-to-date on Masonic activities, which might be of interest to the general public.

In addition, in this day and age it would be appropriate to learn if these outlets have Blogs, or on facebook or Twitter or have other electronic media capabilities.

We have to become more pro-active in our efforts to let people in our communities know about us, our values and what we do, and spread these tenets around to help us obtain new Brothers. This will be a radical change in thinking for some of the long-time Brothers, but the times have changed and we must adjust to the new way of thinking.

Paying a visit to the Seminar, and joining us for lunch, was R:.W: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, who fielded several questions from the floor and gave his reply. These concerned the Grand Lodge website and Lodge Sales, among others.



R:: W: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, responds to a question from a Brother attending the Public Relations Seminar.

Two other Seminars are planned for downstate areas this month. These are all part of Grand Master M .: W .: Vincent Libone's program for 2010 to make us all Masonically FIT.x



Some of the eighty participants at the Seminar listening to points made by R .: W .: Ron Steiner.

Happy of hanksgiving

from the staff of the Masonic Tim

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Editor's Corner

Not yet! Nope!! This old dog is still not able to work with the new software. After nearly five hours of studying the "workbook" and playing with the supplied project in the software. which is supposed to help familiarize you with the commands and functions of the program, I was brave enough to set up the template and attempt to format the entire issue.

After two days of struggling, I returned to the one I knew how to operate and, while late again, here is the current effort. Stay tuned!

Service Bureau News

I'm going to put on my other hat for a few minutes now. We are behind in sending out our Annual Appeal Letter, asking you for support of the operations of the Masonic Service Bureau. Hopefully you will receive the mailing within a few days of the paper. We all know that times are not the best, but I hope you will consider the programs and services we provide important enough to warrant support.

To the right is an unsolicited article that has come to us at the most opportune time. While I am sure many of you are familiar with some infirmities with you or members of your family, many others are not. Until you are in need of medical equipment, you probably don't give it any thought. When you are in need, where do you go and/or how do you go about solving that problem.

Your Masonic Service Bureau has been an outlet for this type of equipment for decades. We have no residency requirement and there is no charge for the use of anything borrowed. We do charge a \$25 deposit for wheelchairs and Rollators, which is reimbursed when the item is returned to us.

That is the one problem we have, from the standpoint of some of our "customers." We don't deliver or pickup equipment; you must come and get it and return it when you have finished with it. It is then available for the next user. We just don't have personnel or time to make this service available.

We could also use help cleaning the equipment that is rebit amazing to me how many items are returned, which are "cleaned," according to the user, but who would be mor-

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By Gary Sanford

One item that was not directly listed in the Masonic Compact was the word "Respect." Some of the meanings of Respect are: as a noun, it is defined

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as "esteem" - a feeling or attitude of admiration and deference toward somebody or something; and as a transitive verb, it is defined as "not go against or violate something' to pay due attention to and refrain from violating something.

In our Meetings, we state, "Harmony being the support of all institutions, especially this of ours." When comments are made we need to be careful not to demean another or question that person's ability of doing the best that he can. When this is done, we are not living up to the values that we should be showing to each other and that is not the type of behavior that this Fraternity was founded upon.

Our personal prejudices should never be displayed openly, and especially during an event which is open to the public. I do believe that when this occurs it is not done with

malice in mind; however, we all need to stop and think of how our comments could affect another or be received before we openly make them.

Remember our Fraternity is strictly a volunteer organization and, when we behave like that, we not only affect the individual we also have an effect on others as well. Who wants to be in the presence of an individual who has that lack of respect for another? Not many, I'm sure.

Another of the beliefs that we should all have is that of whispering wise advice in the ear of an erring individual. So, as we continue to grow and learn, I do hope that we all will remember to think before we speak and show more respect for each other, thus keeping harmony alive.

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

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Why Support the Masonic Charities

By V:.E:. George R, Springett

Have you written that check for your favorite Masonic Charity? Let me tell you what it really means to the person on the other side ... you know, that person who is ill and needs our charitable support.

Over the last nine months, I have had to use a wheelchair and a walker just to be able to learn to walk again after major surgery. I have learned that powering a wheelchair by myself and why you participate in therapy in a rehabilitation section of a hospital. It is a lot of hard work going up those ramps and you need that strength development to make it look simple.

You may think it's fun to see how fast you can wheel your-self, but when you actually need to use one, it just isn't that much fun. Try making a turn on a dime, stop quickly, backup because you missed that cor-ner or better yet, go up a step or ramp yourself. Neverthought about those everyday maneu-vers, but when a wheelchair is your substitute legs, you learn fast and appreciate all the assistance healthy people provide.

Doors, ugh, thank you for

those electric openers. Think tified if we gave them the item in

that same condition. That's all I

will say on that subject. If you could spare a couple of hours some morning, give us a call. It is safe to say there is always something that could use rease ... sometning that we just don't have the time, with our other duties, to handle.

Thanks for reading.

about it, you wheel yourself up to a heavy door that requires a push ... yes, there you go rolling backwards from the door, thanks to the wheels. Ever notice people in wheel-chairs go backwards through doorways, it is easier to push the door open with the wheels against the door as you propel your way through the door-way. I will not divulge how to open a door that says "pull;" you go figure it out yourself.

Now as for those power chairs ... yes, they are really fun and, in some cases, fast. I had the opportunity to use a spare one while in the Rehabilitation Section of Monroe Community Hospital. Remember, not too fast on the corners; they do not do well on two wheels. Speed demon, try stopping fast and do not put it in reverse or you will be greeted by Mr. Floor. You better go to driver school. These chairs are perfect for the truly handicapped.

Walkers are a breed all their own. There is the thumper that thumps as you place it in the line of direction you are walking. I am disgusted with all that noise. Have you seen the walk-er with wheels. I call them the lazy-man walker because they do not need

to be picked up and set down with each step. I prefer the wheeled walker because one pushes it ahead as you take multiple steps. The deluxe models come with a seat and hand-operated brakes. This walker is used by people who can walk but have difficulty with distances while in need of the stability of a walker.

Oh, and I did not discuss the other equipment such as special beds or, in my case, a dancing pole used for transgressing in and out of a bed. (Get your mind out of the gutter. Yes, the pole is similar to the one used by exotic dancers, but it has a more glorious and noble purpose.)

Do not forget that the new health bill recently passed adds a tax to the cost of these needed medical aids. With a greater appreciation of these appliances now, maybe you will be increasingly charitable to your favorite Masonic charity so they can acquire more of these types of support for those in need.

Support your Masonic charities to the point it pains your wallet. They need all that extra help and maybe you might be using some of them yourself.

So mote it be.



Fidelity Triangle #4

Annual Term Dinner and Open Installation

Saturday, November 20th Hilton Masonic Hall 287 East Avenue

Entrée: Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding

Dinner - 5:00 p.m. Open Installation - 7:00 p.m.

> Dinner Tickets: \$8 Adults \$5 children under 12

For Reservations, Please call Wendy at 621-6051



James A. Hard/ Wayne Charter Post No. 12

Commander John Ponshock 338-2998 jponshock@rochester.rr.com

Adjutant Vance R. Collom, Jr. 217-9817 vancollom1@juno.com

The month of November is a fairly light one for the James A. Hard, Wayne Charter Post No. 12, Masonic War Veterans. We have the Veterans Day Wreath Ceremony on November 11th at the Blue Cross Arena. We urge you to be there by 10 a.m.

There will be no meeting this month due to a conflict with the Thanksgiving Holiday. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and, if you plan to travel, be safe.

We are looking for new members. We need some young people in our ranks. The requirements are that you be a Mason and have been honorably discharged. War time service is not necessary; peace time service is fine. Any and all branches of the service and any of our allies are welcome to petition for membership.

If there are any Brothers who are Veterans and wish to get information on our organization, we are looking for new members.

For information, contact the Commander, John Ponshock at 338-2998 or the Adjutant, Vance Collom at 217-9817.

Remember, always keep the faith with all Brothers.

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direct care is decreasing. In fact, only two cases in New York State were paid by the Foundation all of last year. Therefore, it was decided that the Eve Foundation will end the direct care of eve-related issues beginning December 31, 2011. The resources will be re-appropriated to fund research.

For example, the plan is to fund chairs at several ophthalmology schools. The thinking is that rather than fund the care of a few thousand, let the foundation fund the future care of millions.

Western Region Seminar and School of Instruction

Zone 11's Regional Seminar and School of Instruction is scheduled for December 4th. It will be held at Attica Lodge, 39 Main Street, Attica. Registration begins at 10 a.m.; should end by noon. Lunch is usually provided for a nominal fee. All Council Officers, Wardens and Deputy Zone Commanders are urged to attend.

Christmas Toasts

The Zone Schedule of Christmas Toasts as follows:

 Sagoyewatha No. 17 - Saturday, December 18th. Breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 8 a.m.; Toast begins at 10 a.m. at Phelps Masonic Hall, 67 Ontario Street, Phelps.

Cyrene-Monroe No. 12 -Monday, December 20th. Social Gathering begins around 7 p.m. with Toast beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Pittsford Masonic Hall (Northfield Lodge), 17 Church Street, Pittsford.

 DeMolay No. 22 - Friday, December 3rd. Gathering/Toast begins around 7 p.m.; Hornell Masonic Hall, 34 Maple Street, Hornell.

Inspections

- Sagoyewatha No. 17 (along with Salemtown No. 16) - Saturday, April 16, 2011. Inspecting Officer will be Sir Knight Fred Beitter, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
- Cyrene-Monroe No. 12 -Monday, April 18, 2011. Inspecting Officer will be Sir Knight Eric Benson, Eminent Grand Warder
- DeMolay No. 22 Thursday, May 19, 2011. Inspection Officer will be Sir Knight Eric Benson, **Eminent Grand Warder**

New Manual & Tactics

Grand Commandery has printed new Manual & Tactics. The cost is \$15 each, plus shipping. Contact the Grand Recorder for information: Sir Knight Steven Wing, Right Eminent Grand Recorder, P.G.C., 4689 Route 39, Bliss, NY 14024-9712; Phone: 585-493-2386; Email: Blisswings@gmail.com

Summary

- 1. Achieve \$75 per Commandery towards the Pilgrim-
- 2. Achieve a donation of \$5 per Sir Knight towards the Grand Commandery Endowment Fund.
- 3. Attend the Zone 11 Pilgrimage on November 6th at Hornell.
- . All Officers attend the Western Regional Seminar/ School of Instruction on Saturday, December 4th, at Attica Masonic Hall.
- 5. Begin now in preparation for Inspections in the

I look forward to seeing you at the Conclaves. May our Lord and Savior bless you and yours.

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DeMolay Closes Camp

After a fairly busy Summer, Camp DeMolay will be closing its gate on November 6th. In use since February, when two Boy Scout Troops held weekend campouts, the facility provided meeting and recreation space for DeMolay, Constellation and Triangle organizations, a Lodge

picnic, a Lodge fishing weekend, a family reunion, other Cub and Girl Scout functions, the Sodus Chamber of Commerce picnic and a Day Camp for participants in the Sodus Point Community Center, who provided the photos below. This does not include the many days of refurbishing



Day Camp participants from the Sodus Point Community Center play with parachute (above) while below they display the bags used to collect debris they picked up along the lakefront.





From The Bridge, official newsletter of New York DeMolay, these photos show the Leadership Conference activities of the Niagara Frontier Division at Camp DeMolay in October. Helping plan for the future was State Junior Councilor Connor Powell (above); conquering the "raging waters'



Manfred Liehs, Masonic Antiquarian, Passes

"The hardest working working man I ever knew," said R.: W.:. Thomas Savini, Executive Director of the Robert R. Livingston

Masonic Library, where R∴W∴ Manfred "Freddie" Liehs was 2nd Vice President of the Board of Trustees, "He came from a hardworking family and put that effort into the Craft. The most important thing in his life was to be of service to his Brothers. He put his heart in a everything he did," he said.

An Expert Appraiser, R∴W∴ Fred was known around the world as a consultant and appraiser for Personal Property, Insurance, Commercial Trust and Division of Property, and nationally brokered items or estates.

A Past Master of Memorial and Utica Lodges, he was a Sublime Prince in the Valleys of Syracuse and Rochester. He will be missed by many State Masons.



R .: W .: Manfred "Fred" Liehs, in lederhosen, speaking at the Valley of Rochester's College of Freemasonry last April.

and repair work around the property, primarily by Ralph Jurgens and Richard Snyder. They did get additional assistance on some projects from Ron Weber, Skip Waterstreet, Jack Steinkamp, Herb Spencer, Gary Sanford, Mike McBride, George Foehner and Angelo DiCataldo. (There is always room for more helpers!) Contact the Masonic Service Bureau, 671-9730, if you have some time and are willing to help. Your name will be added to an email list, which will be distributed weekly beginning in May to inform workers what day and what projects will be worked upon that week

Organizations and individuals interested in booking dates for the 2011 Season should also call the Service Bureau to see what is available. A new fee structure has been instituted, beginning next year. This is necessary to cover the ever increasing costs of operating and maintaining the facility. It must remain a self-supporting operation.





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Brother Joseph Fort Newton said it best: "Masonry is Friendship." Brotherly love is one of the most basic tenets and likely the most important teaching of our Craft. Throughout history, Freemasonry has always exerted a unifying power bringing men of different creed, ethnic backgrounds, socioeconomic classes, and cultures together as Brothers.

To be a true Mason is to be filled with that spirit of Friendship, to work tirelessly to bring down the walls of division and fear which separate men as strangers and to always aim to build and to unite. Freemasonry has over the years attracted and counted among its members good men aiming at selfimprovement, and those pursuing further light through the study of the self and the world around them, and who are constantly looking to know God through the symbolism of His creation. Masonry has forever been inclusive and never exclusive. The teachings of our Craft have always been a remedy for the passions that blind the eyes of men and hold them hostage to hate, prejudice, and misunderstanding. Brother Edwin Markham's four-line poem so eloquently summarizes Brotherly Love:

He drew a circle that shut me out;

Heretic, rebel a thing to flout.

But Love and I had the wit to win;

We drew a circle that took him in!

The concepts of Friendship and Brotherly Love are relevant to us today, as our District, and more specifically the Brothers of Oatka Lodge, prepare to welcome amongst their midst candidates for Masonry who are hearing impaired, and who have not been able to access our Lodge rooms until recently.

By opening our doors to these men, we are taking the spirit of Masonry and the true meaning of our Fraternity to a higher level, and breaking yet another barrier that separates men of good report who are desirous of receiving the teachings of Masonry and the secrets of our Craft. Make no doubt about it, my Brothers, today we are making history. Thanks to the vision and the wisdom of our Grand Master who allowed this barrier to fall, and thanks to the Officers of Oatka Lodge who have made the necessary accommodations and arranged for a Brother to interpret in sign language our beautiful Ritual, it is now possible for those hearing impaired candidates to join their Brothers in the Lodge.

Congratulations to Oatka Lodge, to the Monroe District, to New York Masonry, and to Masonry around the world; for today, we practice what we preach. Today we show the world that we are a Fraternity who values Friendship above all, and that we are willing to break any barrier that stands between us and our fellow man.

Public Relations

On October 10th, a group of Masons from the Western Region of the State attended a Public Relations Seminar organized by the Grand Lodge of New York. There we heard from R.W.: Ron Steiner about the importance of promoting the good work that we do as Masons and making sure that our communities know who Masons are and what Masons do.

Official Visits

The leadership team Official Visits are on schedule and I thank all the Lodges we visited so far for their wonderful hospitality and for their Friendship. I hope that we can be of assistance to you and a resource for you to be successful in your Masonic endeavors.

On November 11th, I will be traveling to Beirut, Lebanon, to attend to some family obligations. I will leave the District in the able hands of our Grand Lodge Officers and will return on November 22nd to be among my Brothers once again.

November 11th is also Veterans Day, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the United States military; those who have served in years past as well as those who continue to put their lives on the line for our Freedom. To all our Veterans, and especially those who have traveled around the Lodge and taken the Masonic oaths, a Brotherly salute.

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



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Increasing Masonic awareness outside the Lodge is the
other half of the equation. Increasing awareness as to who we
are as a Fraternity and what we
offer to the community. Think
how great it would be if it was
widely understood that Masons
are men who build community
through Brotherhood that is
based on a principled lifestyle.

If your Lodge is engaged in activities that make our world a better place in which to live, then that is the story that needs

to be told. Told not in the form of a lecture; but exemplified by the deeds and good works we do in the community, both as a Lodge and as individual Masons. Sponsoring a blood drive ... get the word out; helping a child ... get the word out; recognizing individual achievement ... get the word out.

This brings us to the Twain Award.

Increasing Masonic awareness began as an initiative of a group of Grand Masters across the United States. This initiative produced a white paper titled It's About Time.

It's About Time is published by the Masonic Service Association of North America (www.msana.com). This white paper is an easy read and does an excellent job of explaining why increasing Masonic awareness is important to our Craft. We guarantee you that after reading this white paper, you will understand why our Grand Master is enlisting our help. Our Grand Master needs our help in increasing Masonic awareness through public relations and communications. You can obtain a copy of this white paper from the website: www.msana.com, or drop R∴W∴ Phil Hurwitz an email. I will reply back with your copy.

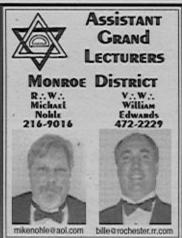
Twain Award

The Twain Award is a friendly competition across the United States, in which Lodges compete for the Twain Award. This Award is announced each March, and is presented at the recipient's Annual Grand Lodge Communication. I will cover this Award in more detail next month.

In the meantime, look at the Masonic Service Association website:

(www.msana.com). The link to the Twain Award will explain why this Award is important and how your Lodge can compete to obtain it.

To be continued



Mentoring

At this time when we are bringing in new Brothers, please be reminded of the importance of proper mentoring. A mentor should be assigned to each new Brother as soon after the Degree process as possible and remain involved with the new Brother long after they are Raised. It is of great importance that the mentor stresses the need for the new Brother to accomplish complete proficiency with the lectures they are charged to learn.

Proficiency is the prerogative of the Worshipful Master but we, your AGL's, would hope that all new Brothers are encouraged, or even inspired, to commit to memory the Lectures in their entirety and be capable of reciting them with a partner. In some cases it might be worthy to test new Brothers in open Lodge prior to advancement. Some new Brothers might even

volunteer to be tested so to show the Lodge the effort they have made and what they have accomplished. Proper mentor-ing will lead to excited new Brothers who will get involved with the Ritual and the leadership of your Lodges.

Upcoming Events

The next School of Ritual will be held at Webster Lodge on Monday, January 31, 2011. The topic of the evening will be the Hiramic Drama section of the Master Mason Degree. Details for this School will be forthcoming.

Looking forward, we will have our last School of Ritual for this Masonic year at Oatka Lodge on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. Please mark these important dates on your calendar and plan to attend these opportunities to receive further light in Masonry.

Attendance Banner

We have completed two Schools of Ritual this year. There were 70 members in attendance at the Shrine Center in August and 51 members at Unity Lodge in September. The following list is the top eight Lodges for attendance points for the Attendance Banner: Unity, Oatka, Webster, Wakan-Hubbard, Valley-Simes, ERAC, Craftsman Robertson and Seneca. The attendance points totals are very close. Remember, additional points are given for the Officer positions and the attendance is weighted by your Lodge membership number. There are two Schools of Ritual left for the year so we encourage everyone's attendance not only to receive the attendance points but also, more importantly, to work on improving our understanding and presentation of the Ritual.

Ritual Study Club

There has been interest expressed in holding additional Ritual instruction events. Topics would include the Lectures for the three Degrees, Whys and Wherefores and Charges. The idea is to get together to work on these pieces of Ritual in an informal setting. Please email:

bille@rochester.rr.com or mikenohle@aol.com if you are interested in learning more about this new opportunity. This is open to all Master Masons in the District. We would like to hold the first session this month, if enough Brothers express interest.



I don't take up much space. I'm just a little guy. I was made with the loving hands of children in the early days and now by the hands of caring adults.

Years ago at the Masonic Home and Orphanage, now known as the Masonic Care Community, many of these important little boxes that I knew were created to be placed in all the Lodges in New York State. My buddies are still in countless Lodges across this great State, but in a lot of cases many members don't use us.

Remember in the 3rd Degree where you promised that you would, "help, aid and assist all poor and distressed worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans." I was sitting on a pedestal right by the outer door, ready to receive any donations the other night and most everybody walked right by me. I felt so sad that no one even touched me. You left me with that empty feeling.

My friends and I measure about 3 or 4 inches square and maybe 10 inches long with a 2 inch slit in the top to enable folded money or pocket change to be inserted into our containment area. We patiently wait for you to come and offer us a gift that will be sent to help the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and the programs of the Grand Lodge. Next time you go to Lodge, please consider the above and fill us up.

We're better known as the Box of Remembrance.

Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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Masonic Safety ID Program should be your program!!!

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

We would like to make greater use of the ID equipment by having events supported by each Lodge. We want to ID over 2000 folks!!! It is possible with your support and help.

Now that we have new Masters and Officers, this is the time to plan your Masonic Safety Events for your Trestle-board and schedule the equipment. We have Lodge CHIPS Coordinators in nearly every Lodge. We will have a Masonic force to set up and deliver a high quality Child ID program that will serve our communities.

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

Brother Michael Boone, the Wayne County Masonic Safety ID Coordinator, conducted a very successful ID event on October 2nd in Sodus for the community's Harvestfest. (We share equipment with Wayne

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and OSY Districts.)

Also, my Lodge, Oatka, conducted a Masonic Safety event during Deaf Persons Awareness Week at Eastview Mall in Ontario County. Brother Tim White and his wife, Shelly, with Brother Ray Dillman of Oatka Lodge, assisted in the event.

We are planning another event in Gates in the next few months to provide greater service to the deaf community.

Brothers of Wakan-Hubbard and Unity Lodges once again participated in a Masonic Safety event at North Greece Fire Department to highlight the Fire Safety Open House on October 10th. Members of the Greece Police and Greece Special Police assisted. Other events were also scheduled in October.

Contact information about the Masonic ID program is available online at:

http://nychip.org/

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

We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at:

datubman@yahoo.com rcdowns@rochester.rr.com CHIPS Training Coordinator Sean Brown, Wakan-Hubbard Lodge can schedule an event for you as well:

seanb218@yahoo.com You can contact Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you have questions or suggestions.



R.W.: Donald Tubman, at Safety ID computer, processes unidentified subject. (Below), Child ID setup in Mall.



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



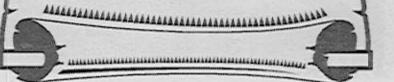
Entries must be postmarked by January 11, 1011 (Please don't wait until the last minute!)

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

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

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

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



Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
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Boy, what a beautiful sunny afternoon was had on October 10th, as my wife and I traveled down and through the Genesee Valley. The sky was blue, the weather was superb and the Fall colors were many as we journeyed down dirt roads and the byways of our area. Besides I need a storyline to open my article. This turned out to be a great way to clear my thought processes so that, upon returning home, I could pound the keys and get this into our EDITOR.

Speaking of the Editor, we really need to thank Skip and Jan and the rest of the Masonic Times Staff who are so dedicated in diligently working so each month we can read the numerous happenings in the Rochester Area. I realize that recently they are trying to go digital with the paper and I believe it's a learning curve for all who are involved. I asked Skip the other day what the cirulation was and I think he indicated about 3500 plus. He stated that the Times goes out to every State in the Union. So the hard work they do on our behalf is viewed by many members of the Masonic family and untold others who latch onto a paper. In my book, have been very successful...much more than other venues around the State.

Also, October 10th was the Public Relations Seminar in Lockport. R .: W .: Ron Steiner provided the instruction to more than 78 Brothers who ventured from all areas of Western New York. Answering questions from several of the attendees was the Deputy Grand Master, R:.W:. James Sullivan, who then joined us for lunch. We acknowledge that many of our older members either don't have, or don't want to get involved with, computers. Having said that, it's here to stay and there are many people out there who are willing to teach you the basics. It's far easier and cheaper to send an email to a friend or associate than to use conventional mail. Now, along with email, we have use of the social networks of Twitter and Facebook. The future is now and it's an exciting time to be involved with the Craft and society in general.

Consolidation Update

The message came back from the Charters Committee that the new name our joint committees and Lodges agreed upon was approved. The Consolidation of Valley Simes No. 109 and Craftsman Robertson No. 969 will be known as Inspiration Lodge No. 109.

Both sides indicated they wanted something new and something historical. Several other names were studied: Wells, Rochesterville, CRVS and Service to name a few. Inspiration comes from Inspiration Point, which is located near the Shrine Center. You can see it as

you come across the Bay Bridge. It's also in Webster and I believe it may draw others to join our ranks in the future. We still have a way to go to complete the consolidation process, as we have to work out new By-Laws, Officers, meetings and financial considerations, but the future looks bright for the members of the two Lodges.

Upcoming Events

In November there are a couple of important dates to consider. November 2nd, we will hold our Service Awards presentations evening, which will be a dinner. The ladies are invited. We wanted to honor those who have served the Lodge over the years, before many of them head South for the Winter. On November 9th, there will be a joint Table Lodge with Valley-Simes. Our guest speaker will be R:W: Tim McMullen, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. It should be a great night. Please let the Junior Warden know of your intentions.

Sickness and Distress

We send best wishes to Sue Smith, wife of Worshipful Duane Smith, as she completes her treatment schedule, for continuing good health and absence of all symptoms. Worshipful Ken Skidmore is still undergoing tests while reporting he has regained some of the weight he lost during his struggles with an unknown ailment. Good wishes to him, as well.

November Birthdays

There are several Brothers celebrating Birthdays this month. The list follows. I hope they all have a great day and eat lots of cake. I'll even come out and help. James R. Locklin (2nd); Wayne A. Gundry (5th); Gary A. LaShomb (7th); Clifford S. White (15th); George B. Lloyd (16th); George W. Pasch, Jr. (17th); Rodney J. Olson (18th); Frank D. Zaffino (22nd); William G. Evert (29th); and Joseph S. Crociata, Jr. (30th). Happy birthday!

I extend Best Wishes to all my Brothers and their families for a Happy Thanksgiving. **

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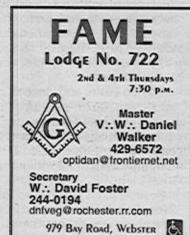
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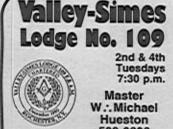


You'll be happy to know that we are good for another year. Our Official Visit went well and all was found to be in order. Thanks go to our Secretary, Worshipful Dave Foster.

We are only having one meeting this month, as the fourth Thursday happens to be Thanksgiving. The meeting will be November 11th and will be preceded by a Turkey Dinner. Our program will be the first section of the 2nd Degree. The reason is that this is our selected Degree for the Grand Master's Edict. Our actual Degree presentation will be on March 10th, 2011.

On Sunday, October 10th, I attended a public relations seminar in Lockport. It was a nice day for a drive. R.W. Ronald Steiner, the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of New York Grand Lodge, was the host. We discussed various ways to put Freemasonry out in the public eye, but the best way we found was for each of us to be an upright man and Mason.

Remember that many hands make light work. We'll see you in Lodge.



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Good News

Please plan to join your Brothers of Valley-Simes Lodge as we meet with our Brothers from Craftsman Robertson Lodge for a joint Table Lodge on Tuesday, November 9th. The evening will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. we will have a nice meal prepared by our own Chief Chef, Chuck Skopinsky; the Table Lodge will follow dinner.

This will be a fun night as we look forward to the two Lodges being one great Lodge in the future. Please get your reservations in early to our Junior Warden, Joe Ditucci, email:

jditucci@gmail.com; or to my email:

mph0523@frontiernet.net Consolidation Update

Both Lodges have voted and the name of the new Lodge will be Inspiration Lodge No. 109. Both Lodges have received the Phase III paperwork from Grand Lodge and the committees from both Lodges will be meeting to discuss the important issues.

Sad News

On September 29th, Brother Richard Vaughn was called home by the Great Architect of the Universe. A Masonic funeral was held on October 1st. The Lodge extends its condolences to the family.

Brother Bernie Skopinsky is still recovering and we hope to see him back in Lodge real soon.

Upcoming Events

November 2nd - Officers meeting at the Shrine Center; rehearsal for the 1st Degree starting at 6 p.m. All Officers and Conductors please plan to attend.

November 9th - Joint Table Lodge at the Shrine Centerstarting at 6 p.m.

November 23rd - 1st Degree. As of this writing, we have two potential Candidates. A dinner will be served. Please show your support to the new Brothers. This is our Lodge Edict Degree and your Officers have been working hard on the Ritual.

Brotherhood Fund

It is never too early to make a donation so please take a minute and send your donation. Even \$1 helps the fund. I am the Brotherhood Fund Chairman for the Lodge and would like to thank you for your generous donations in the past year and ask for you to once again be as generous as you can.

Birthday Greetings

Congratulations to the following Brothers who are celebrating their birthday in November: Richard DeCroce and Michael Villeneuve (1st); Joe Weber (2nd); Harry Steinorth Jr. and Arthur Cohen (21st); David Ogden (26th); and George Stear (27th).

Masonic Anniversaries

November recognizes the following Brothers who should be congratulated for their years of service to our great Fraternity: 64 Years Carl Ester 62 Years Douglas Torrance and Wallace Wagner 59 Years Wallace Roworth,

Frederick Stahl and Richard VanZandt 58 Years Harvey Stiles 50 Years Daniel Miller 49 Years Robert Knyrim 47 Years William Scheer Robert Anderson II 42 Years and George Gray 41 Years Herbert Spencer 37 Years Nelson Bertch and Glenn Stahl Joseph Bishop 36 Years 32 Years Rob Steinorth Robert Guilfoil and Martin Suter 26 Years William Carr

Happy Thanksgiving to all
Brothers of our Lodge and this
wonderful Fraternity. May God
bless you and your family and
watch over you in your travels.*

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Lodge No. 476

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

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The grass has been cut for the last time and most of the leaves should be cleaned up by now. As we await the first snowfall, we can enjoy the fresh, cool air of the Fall. Time to get back into those fun activities of the Lodge.

Fairport Masonic Hall

87 South Main Street

The second annual "pub crawl" will be Friday, November 5th. We can meet at the Lodge at 7:00 p.m. The crawl will visit three or four "pubs" in Fairport ending at Mulcon-ry's Irish Pub at 17 Liftbridge Lane. Please Woeppel Andy (woeppel@gmail.com) or call Ian Grace (255-0698) to give them an idea how many to expect. Choice of beverage left to individual. Please do not wear Masonic symbols. Last year we visited Maddy's Grill, the Fair-Village Inn Mulconry's, where our ladies joined us.

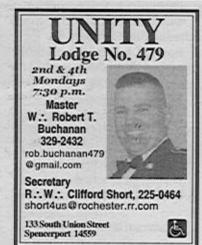
R.: W.: George S. Nasra, our District Deputy Grand Master, along with his Staff, will make his Official Visit to Fairport-Flower City Lodge on November 8th. He is both knowledgeable and serious about his Masonry. Please come out to show your support.

On November 22nd, the Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred by Brother Terry Adams, Junior Warden, on six new Brothers. We need conductors to assist these Brothers on their journey.

The following Brothers have birthdays in the month of November: Adam Junod (2nd); Stewart Pederson (6th); Bob Vandenbush (8th); Scheerens (11th); Gary Gray (12th); David Andrulis (13th); David Zon (16th); Greg Ludwig (19th); Tom Jameson (21st); Irving Starr and David Averbach (22nd); William Lozon and Robert Johnson (26th); and Brian Bills (30th). Best wishes for a healthy and happy year ahead. Should you meet them, please remind them that they are a year older and that they look good for their age.

It was great to see Brother Bill Cobb out to Lodge. He has been a member since 1944 and usually played second base.

Please join me around the Altar. **



1st Annual Turkey Shoot

On Saturday, October 9th, some Brothers of Unity Lodge got together at the Four Points Rod & Gun Club in Chili for our first Turkey Shoot. R:W: Dave Jones did an outstanding job setting up the event. Thanks to all the Brothers and guests who attended.

The day consisted of several rounds of Trap Shooting, then a special Turkey Shoot where each shooter had a picture of a Turkey on a wooden stake. The shooter with the closest shot to their turkey's eye wins. Overall, here's what I learned: Back in the old days, people shot pigeons that had been captured (or trapped) and kept in cages. As this became more expensive and as people began to question the sporting aspects of shooting pigeons released from cages, a new sport was developed using clay pigeons, which are commonly called "birds." High quality shotguns are often still designated "Pigeon Grade" in reference to live pigeon shooting.

Trap is shot at a range. A trap range has at least one, and perhaps many, trap fields, each of which has a little structure called the "trap house" that houses the machine that throws the birds into the air. This is called the "trap machine," and sometimes just the "trap." The trap machine throws the birds in a random pattern limited to a 44 degree horizontal arc, with the birds exiting the house at about 47 miles per hour and traveling about 50 yards before hitting the ground. The trap range uses a hand release run by the score keeper that causes the



Worshipful Rob Buchanan, Master, and wife, Kellie.

Each trap field has five shooting stations in an arc, each station being 11 degrees away from its neighbor. The shooting stations are paths radiating out from the trap house with distances from the house marked from 16 to 27 yards. A round of trap is 25 birds, 5 birds being shot from each station in rotation.

As a result, W.: Dave Sylvester took top shooter for the day and was awarded a Turkey for his skills at shooting Trap. Our Junior Warden, Byron Barnes, won the "Turkey Shoot" by getting a shot in his Turkey's eye and also received a turkey. Other turkeys and door prizes were given out, as well. Great Shooting, Brothers!

Announcements

Monday, November 8th, will be our Budget Meeting. We will have a Dinner at 6:30. Get your Reservations to W∴Tom Michielsen, DSA, at:

tmichie1@rochester.rr.com or 352-4831.

Monday, November 22nd, is Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, which is a change to the Trestleboard. If you are planning on bringing a Friend, please get his name to our Secretary, R:W: Cliff Short.

November Birthdays

Best wishes to all or Brothers who celebrate their birthdays in November.

Special Thanks

Thank you, R:W: Tom Grape and Brother Leon Randell, for helping with the Blood Drive at the Ogden Community Center on October 6th on such short notice. We have a new Red Cross Representative for our region and he was very happy to have you assist, as on Monday when he took over, he had no help.

Again... a special thanks goes out to R: W: Dave Jones for setting up and running the Turkey Shoot. Our plan is to make this an annual event.

Thanks to Brother Tyler Ekwell and all the Brothers who assisted with the setup for the American Diabetes Association on October 16th at Genesee Valley Park. Early mornings are good for you!



R.: W.: Derek VanHouten



R∴W∴ Dave Jones, W∴ Dave Sylvester and R∴W∴ Cliff Short

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Music is a Blessing John Lemke, Senior Warden

As I look to the Fall sky I know that we will go through Fall and Winter before we get to Spring. A Summer-like day does not mean we can skip Winter. The economy seems to be in late Fall or early Winter. It may be Spring economically, and I hope it is, but I suspect we can't skip Winter.

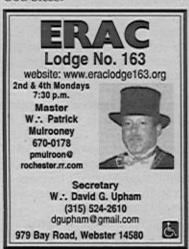
We live our lives daily though, and many of us enjoy our Fall and Winter days as well as the others. The recent warm weekend reminded me of something. I enjoy every day music. I was at Brockport High School as the band prepared for marching in the college homecoming parade. Our children went from a room full of a fair amount of chaos, to an organized marching band. These weren't kids texting or playing video games, but they were students, musicians, all focused for several hours on working together to make music.

The times we live in may be challenging and our dysfunctional State government results in taxes that many of us know are too high, but the sun shines on us all by way of the music of our children. The music our children make, the excellence they attain through the school, is at least as good as we ever have produced. The high school musical that will be done in November, if like the ones I have seen the last few years, will be exceptional. I see it and am amazed that it is done by high school students. I know this is beyond anything students did when I was in high school.

As clouds may darken and the wind may blow we can always look forward to better days. Our children's music in hard times and good is always a blessing.

Thank you, John, for your article, which was also printed on October 3rd in the Suburban News.

Happy Thanksgiving and God bless.



Recent Happenings

We are off to a fantastic start, Brothers! Because of your efforts, ERAC is enjoying record attendance at all our events and meetings. It has been a pleasure indeed to sit in Lodge with Brothers who have been absent for awhile. Imagine, if you will, sitting in a Lodge room so filled with Brothers that when we exclaim "So Mote It Be," it rattles the Bay Bridge!

At our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night we were honored to host 22 potential Candidates. Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved, we received several additional Petitions and a Petition for Affiliation. A special thanks to Brother Rich Friedman for his excellent job as Master of Ceremonies and to the Brothers for their heartfelt presentations. Well done, Brothers!

Our second meeting in September was very well attended. The theme for the evening was "A Masonic Treasure Hunt of Knowledge." Fifteen things were intentionally setup or done incorrectly through the course of the night. The Brothers who found the most mistakes were awarded a beautiful set of Miniature Working Tools. Congratulations to Brothers Terry Wihlen, Jr. and Kristian Reninger!

Brother Jim Holman presented the first half of a most thought-provoking program. Brother Jim spoke for a few minutes on Love - Love of Family, Love of Community and Love of Lodge. He then had us write a few thoughts on paper (perhaps our desires for the coming year) then seal them in an envelope. These will be handed back to us at our second meeting in May. It will be interesting to see how things have progressed and if our dreams were fulfilled.

Farewell Brother

Finally, it was with great sadness that we said farewell to our Brother John G. Wihlen who passed from our earthly family on September 16th. We are truly grateful to all who attended his Masonic Service. Certainly, our loss is the Great Architect's gain.

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and many of our fellow Lodges have already begun Conferring Degrees. This year, ERAC is indeed blessed. If all goes well, we have the potential to welcome 14 new Brothers into our Fraternity! This presents both challenges and wonderful opportunities.

For one, we will have the honor of conferring two sets of Degrees this year. In addition to the 1st Degree scheduled for November 22nd, a Special Communication notice will be sent for an additional 1st Degree to be held on November 29th at the Shrine Center. Likewise, an additional 2nd Degree will be scheduled for January 31st. My Brothers, I cannot begin to tell you how excited and honored we are!

Our November 8th meeting is being held in honor of all Past Masters who belong to our Lodge. Having been a Worshipful Master for only a brief period of time. I can assure you that these Brothers deserve our gratitude and respect. We plan to make this a fun evening, beginning with our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off. This was a huge hit last year, so bring your best chili dish, or that of your ladies if you are not skillful in the kitchen, for an opportunity to compete against your Brothers, and maybe, just maybe, receive top honors this year.

Until we are again called together, here's a word from our Secretary...

Secretary's Corner

By Dave Upham

Change! Change, when used as a verb, as in to change, is defined by Webster as "making something different, to undergo a modification, or to replace one thing with another." In our personal lives, change is something we tend to resist. When

we are asked to modify our behavior, for example, our first reaction is negative. Being asked by another to change behavior is most often received as an attack on the way we do things, an indicator that someone else thinks they know better than we do. We tend to push back.

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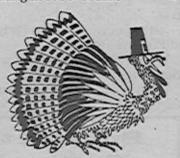
It's the same thing in a Lodge, I think. For example, when the ruling came from Grand Lodge that we were to place our hands over our hearts during the Pledge of Allegiance, rather than using the sign of fidelity, my first reaction was, "Why? What's wrong with the way we have been doing it? Is showing fidelity to the Master any different than showing fidelity to the Flag?"

My initial reaction was to push back. And, truthfully, I had to put all my biases aside and just accept the ruling as something I had to do for the unity of the Craft as a whole ... to step back and consider that perhaps, just perhaps, I had been doing it wrong all these years and it was time for me to change.

Over the next few months, you will be noticing some changes in our Lodge, one of which is inspired by the Custodians of the Work. They will be proposing to the Grand Lodge, that we no longer use the Short Form of Closing. They will be requesting that all Lodges use the form of Closing as provided in the Standard Work of the Order, often called the "Long Form." Why? Over the years, Lodges have used the Short Form for Closing a Lodge to their own advantage, not always following the directions of the Standard Work of the Order, and have developed their own way of closing that no longer is uniform with what was designed. As a result of that upcoming proposal, our District Deputy Grand Master has requested of each Lodge in the Monroe District they begin using the Long Form of Closing.

Yes, it will take a few moments longer than what we have become used to. Yes, it will feel different. And, yes, some of us are going to question the decision. But the fact of the matter is that, because some Lodges have taken advantage of an opportunity to close as quickly as possible, there has been a drift away from the unity of the way we do business as Masons in a Lodge, and this proposed change is designed to restore our closing behavior to the way it is supposed to be.

You will be noticing some hanges in the way we, at ERAC, do business as well. We will be changing the way we Mentor new Brothers, we'll be utilizing a mentoring process to help train junior Officers and we'll be changing the way we investigate Petitioners. Hopefully, I have your curiosity piqued and you will return to this article in next month's Masonic Times to learn more about these changes, the reasons behind them and the improvements we hope they will bring about over time.





As has been the recent trend for Webster Lodge, we've just been blessed with the Initiation of seven Entered Apprentices. This makes us very fortunate, as you all know, to have such steady growth. The 1st Degree was held on October 7th and went pretty well. We were lead by R.W. Bruce Chilton in the East, who did an excellent job. Kudos go to all the participating Brothers and grand kudos go to five Brothers in particular.

Joe Lewis did a splendid job as our Senior Deacon, speaking his part clearly and concisely; just wonderful. Jeremy Knox and Joe Serio did a super job as our Masters of Ceremony, but an even better job as they delivered the Questions and Answers. And, Brother Patrick Andrews, once again, delivered a very moving Working Tools. Above all this, I thank R:.W:. Hugh Woodside for his work in delivering the Historical Lecture. I've never seen this done by the way of a slide show. It was different and very enjoyable not to mention his flawless speaking part.

Webster Lodge is very fortunate to have so many Brothers and friends from other Lodges who are so capable and willing to serve in these vital capacities. I, as Master, thank

While serving as Chaplain in the recent 1st Degree and reading the 133rd Psalm, I once again begin to think, "who is this person Hermon, with the dew named after him." Well, ok, I didn't know. So I did a bit of research and found that this Psalm refers to the dew that randown from "Mount Hermon." What can I say, I'm not a Biblical scholar.

How About Aaron? Did you know or remember that he was from the "House of Levi," and the older Brother of Moses? That, I remembered. The Garments spoken of are those that Moses was commanded to make for his Brother, Aaron, which would reflect his dignified position of being consecrated into the Great Architect's priesthood, the description of which is covered in

great detail within the Great Light. These special garments were only to be worn when the Priests were serving as such and within the Holy of Holies, the Middle Chamber.

The precious ointment that ran down Aaron's head and down upon his beard was that which was made special for the consecration of the priests. It is also amply described within the Great Light.

From what I've read so far I've only scratched the surface of all the research that is available to us "non-scholarly" types regarding the 133rd Psalm, and other verses. Keep in mind there are a lot of people in the world who have made such research their life's interest and are more than happy to share their work with us.

I seem to have stumbled onto a topic that's grabbed my attention with two firm grips. For me, there will be more time made to research the various verses that are included in our Ritual. Knowing that our Ritual has evolved into a text where every word has a specific purpose, where there are no useless terms, I think we need to take a closer look at the words whose origins are found in the Great Light. They're there for us to learn, to know. Give it a shot my Brothers. You may find some very interesting and rewarding information.

> Upcoming Events November 4th - Regi

November 4th - Regular Communication. We'll be presenting the Second Section, Part two of the 1st Degree as part of our evening. This isn't just for the benefit of our Entered Apprentices either. We haven't had this performed too often, so here it comes.

November 5th - Spaghetti Dinner.

November 11th - The Fellowcraft Club Meeting. Join in and get to know your Brothers better.

November 18th - Will be our Fall 2nd Degree with Brother Paul Kolacki in the East.

December 2nd - As an early warning, this will be Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Bring a friend, or come alone. In fact alone is great, too, to show our guests we're a decently participating Lodge. Besides, refreshments are planned.

Until next time, have a great Thanksgiving and God Bless.¤



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287 East Avenue, Hilton, 14468

At our last meeting, guest speakers, Dave and Pat Anderson from the Ronald McDonald Houses gave a presentation that was well received and informative. A check was presented to them for the cause.

We balloted and approved five Candidates to join Clio Lodge and covered Masonic Education for about ten minutes.

Apple Festival

Our Food Booth at the Hilton Apple Festival was a great success. We are improving every

year and we came very close to our targeted sales for 2010. Thanks to all the Brothers who helped out; a special thanks to Brother Bill Hunn.

Property

It was suggested that a Committee be formed to research and make recommendations about the future viability of the 287 East Ave building. Points to consider:

- Reasons for the committee
- What committee is charged to report
- Assign a few Brothers and invite others to join.

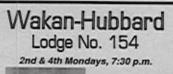
My Message

When I was a younger man, my Father would often admonish me to "stop and think" before doing something. I rarely did and I frequently paid a price for my haste. I was the type of person who had to learn things the hard way.

Ironically, I frequently find myself telling my daughter to "stop and think." But it looks like she is the type of person who has to learn things the "hard way."



W.: Mike Postilli, Master, with Patricia and David Anderson, long-time volunteers for the Ronald McDonald Houses. Clio Lodge presented a check following an explanation of duties and needs of the Houses. Other Brothers attending were (2nd row, left to right): Frank Celon, Pat Purcell, Dale Waterhouse, Dave Goodrich and Gordon Smith; (3rd row) Jeff Robinson and Frank Sassone; (4th row) Gary Richardson, Bill Hunn, Jeff Ross, Stuart Brickman, Dale Polmateer and George Todd.





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To all: my apologies for not making last month's deadline. Life has been busy.

September 13th was the District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit to Wakan-Hub-bard Lodge. R∴W∴ George Nasra along with R∴W∴ Phil-lip Hurwitz and R∴W∴ George Foehner, conveyed the message from the M:. W .: Vincent Libone to the Lodge. R:W: George Nasra presented me with a replica of the Bible upon which George Washington took the oath as first President of the United States. R.: W.: Nasra is

the true meaning of a Mason, and a good friend.

September 27th we put two new Brothers through the Entered Apprentice Degree. Sitting in the East for the Degree was our Junior Warden, Rick Yendall. He did great, even with all the pressures of having family members in the Lodge and friends from Transportation Lodge. All who took part should be proud.

On October 11th we had a dinner followed by a program, "Concepts in Medical Ethics" by Victor Poleshuck. Then we held our meeting, taking care of Lodge business.

October 18th was the Grand Lecturer's Convention. We had a good number of Brothers in attendance.

Upcoming Events

November 18th there will be a dinner and a program (Sherlock Holmes by Lewis Neisner). Sounds good; I can't wait. Please come and join us.

November 22nd is the Master Mason Degree, preceded by a dinner. Mark the dates on your calendar. Until next time. enjoy the little things in life. *



Union Star Lodge No. 320 3 North Main Street Honeoye Falls 14472



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7:30 p.m.

Secretary - 425-4240 R.: W .: Gary R. Sanford 27 Freshfield Rise, Fairport 14450 ggsanford@aol.com

Good News

Our Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award recipient for 2010 is Brother Ken Toma-szewski. He has been a great addition to our Lodge and has been involved in many Lodge activities over the past several years. Please congratulate him the next time you see him.

Recent Events

First, I thank all the Brothers who came out for the DDGM's Official Visit. Everyone enjoyed what the DDGM and Leadership Team had to say. Our Lodge does many of the programs and ideas shared by the Team. It was also great to see several Brothers whom I haven't seen in a while. I hope you will attend many future meetings. Special thanks to George Foehner for the dinner. It was great, as always.

Upcoming Events

This year has started off very positive and we have several prospective men seeking membership.

Monday, November 8th, is our 1st Degree, preceded by a dinner. If you were unable to attend our last Lodge meeting, please call or email R:W: Gary Sanford (425-4240 or ggsanford@aol.com) before November 4th so we can plan dinner accordingly.

Save the date of Saturday, December 11th, for the Lodge Christmas Party. Again this year, the party will be at FDR's in Henrietta. We will be meeting at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$22 per person. Come and have a great night out with your Brothers, their significant others and friends. If you're not a Brother of our Lodge but would like to come out for the evening, we would love to have you. You can call or email the Master (330-9889 or scott.may@frontiernet.net) to sign up.

November Trestleboard

1st - Event/Activity Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; 1st Degree Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

8th - Special Communication, 1st Degree, 7:30 p.m.; 6:30 p.m., Dinner

10th - Masonic Development Course, Honeoye Falls Masonic Hall, 7 p.m.

22nd - Fellowcraft Meeting,

29th - Masters & Wardens Meeting, Pittsford Masonic Hall, 6:30 p.m.

December Trestleboard 8th - Masonic Development

Course, Bergen Masonic Hall, 7 11th - Lodge Christmas Party

at FDR's in Henrietta

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

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

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7:30 p.m.

Secretary W.: Douglas S. Poole 584-3601 dspoole@frontiernet.net

12 Bank Street, LeRoy 14482

By Doug Poole

Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 is pleased to announce we now have a new home. At a Special Meeting on September 30th, the Lodge voted to buy a building. It is the former Medicine Shoppe building. If that means nothing to you, it was Dr. Baker's office and the LeRoy Drug Store. Real old-timers would know it as the LeRoy Printing Company. Its address is 12 Bank Street.

It is a one story structure with 5,500 sq. ft. The building is handicapped accessible, including male and female handicapped rest rooms. As a person currently in a wheelchair, I find this, personally, highly desirable. It also is air conditioned which will help to hold events all year. And unlike 5 West Main Street, we now have plenty of parking.

Handyman's Opportunity

It does need to have some changes made to have all the requirements of Lodge and Eastern Star events. We need to construct a Lodge Room, dining room/lounge and a kitchen. We plan to start with the Lodge area and then move along as time and income allow.

Can you help? We would like to do as much of this work as possible, without hiring outside help. For instance, walls are needed for the Lodge Room. So, we will need help installing wall board, taping and mudding, etc. If you would like to help us, please contact our Master, W .: Neil Bedford, to volunteer.

Under sickness and distress. we need to remember R:.W:. Robert G. S. Nicoll. Bob is having a number of health issues. So please keep him in your prayers. Hope you feel better soon, Bob.

According to our records, we have no November birthdays. I am sure that this will cause me to have several notes from Brothers who have one. Our records don't list the birth dates of our older members. Only the year of birth. So if you have been a member 35 years or more please help me update our records.

Come Visit

Our plans are to start meeting at the new location beginning with our November 3rd Communication. It will be great to be meeting at our own location again.

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My Brothers, I must apologize again for not getting an article into the October issue of the Masonic Times. I would like to say that I have a good excuse for not getting an article in, but I don't. I was away all weekend long on the last camping trip of the year with my family and forgot to type an article the Sunday evening that we returned home. Time seems to get away from me at times, as I'm sure it does for the rest of my Brothers across the District. So many places to go, so many tasks to get done, so many people to see and only so much time to do them in. I'm under the allusion that someday everything will start to slow down and I will be able to accomplish all the requests demanded of me.

Oakland Lodge was blessed with the presence of our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Donald Kunego, and Grand Sword Bearer, R:W: John Wiktorowski, at our September 21st communication.

R∴W∴ John Wiktorowski explained the educational programs that are going to be offered to the Brothers of the Genesee-Wyoming District this year. The two programs that were highlighted were the Road to the East and the Masonic Development Course. If any brother from Oakland Lodge is interested in attending either of these programs please let me know. R .: W .: Wiktorowski also talked a little about the Master's Chair program that is new to our District this year.

After hearing about all the wonderful educational programs, R:.W: Donald Kunego, our District Deputy Grand Master, gave an over view of the Grand Mas-ter's message. A full copy of the Grand Master's message is available to any Brother who would like to review it.

R:. W .: Kunego also discussed a new Google calendar that is in the process of being developed. This calender will encompass five Districts and allow each Lodge to put their activities on this calendar to notify brothers across the five Districts of events they might want to attend. He also discussed the Child ID and MSAT programs. We were very honored to have R:.W:. Kunego and R .: W .: Wiktorowski attend our communication and inform the Brothers of some of the activities that will being going on in our District and state during the next year.

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TOM VASILE

Greetings Nobles and Ladies! As I write this article I extend my condolences to the Wihlen family on the passing of John Wihlen, Sr. John's dedication and longevity with our Craft is an inspiration to us all. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Wihlen Family.

Well, it's time to think about turning the heat on again and saying goodbye to all those Snow Birds leaving for the South. Fall is here and Winter is creeping up on us. I extend my best to all the Snow Birds for a safe trip South. Stay in touch with us, as we have many new things going on for next year. Make sure you check the advertisement for the Snow Bird picnic. This year it will be open to all NYOSA members.

Speaking about NYOSA, I thank Assistant Rabban, Gary Burke, and Oriental Guide, Jim Miller, for attending the NYOSA Fall session for the Divan. I also thank the other Damascus Past Potentates for staying up on the NYOSA business. I

was delighted to hear that our own Perry Shrine Club Mini Cars were at the parade. They are always a big hit. Thanks for your time gentlemen. We will be extending an invitation to all NYOSA members to attend our Harvest Dinner on November 20th. This dinner is always a hit and we welcome all those who can make the trip.

Our general meeting in October was a great success. As we reviewed the year we acknowledged many successes the Divan has accomplished. Things like moving the flagpole, the new deck in the back of the building, the clearing of brush and the income we experienced with our new tenant, the Webster Seniors Program. Oh, and let's not forget our Cruz Nights. Wow, what a success.

Our own Legion of Honor dedicated a new flag on the 10th of October. It truly was a memorable event. The Shrine band was excellent and the turnout was good. Thank you, John Faro, for your efforts.

During the October meeting, Chief Rabban Rich Freidman gave us a tour of our new website. We are lucky to have this technology at our fingertips. Rich and company have done a great job with this project this year and it will increase our communication to each other and to the entire Shrine and Masonic world. This project was well worth the money we spent for it and will truly be an asset to our organization. Nobles reporting back from the membership seminar in Tampa say that our new website is already up for an award.

Please be sure to make time and reservations for the upcoming events. You can submit your reservation and payment on our website:

www.Damascusshriners.org.

Check it out! I'm sure you will love it.

Our next scheduled meeting, on November 3rd, will include the Ladies. We have a presentation from the Honor Flight representatives for anyone who did not see the initial one. Please come and join us.

God Bless you all and be safe.

LEGION OF HONOR

By John R. Faro, Commander

I thank all who attended the Flag Raising Ceremony on October 10th. Special thanks to Rick Howe for his rendition of Ragged Old Flag, and to Frank Russell for organizing the Shrine Band performance at this event. I hope those who came enjoyed the concert and presentation. Special thanks to Rose Paprocki for preparing the refreshments.

The November meeting is our Annual Memorial Service. I have a program planned for this event and sincerely hope

everyone can be present to honor those Nobles of our group who passed on during the last year. The menu for that night is Chuck's Fish Fry, French Fries and Cole Slaw, along with the usual ameni-

In December, our annual Christmas Party will be held at Keenan's on East Ridge Road. More information will be forthcoming at the November meeting. Hopefully I will see you there. If not, go in good health.

Springfield Hospital

Submitted by Karen Motyka

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Submitted by Alice Anderson

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Our September meeting in Perry was held at The Lumberyard Restaurant. This month's program by Bob Cox was on Directional Drilling.

Bob is employed by Blue Heron Construction Company. They put in sewer and water lines for Municipalities. Sometimes you can't interrupt traffic and need to install piping under roads or alternative.Bob explained the workings of how the Machine functions and had

pictures to show different steps in process.

Oscar Wilson spoke about Cruise Nite at the Shrine Center, which was one of the best in the Rochester Area, and some other October events.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, November 17th - The Lumberyard Restaurant, 18 Federal Street South, Perry.

December 15th - Christmas Party at the under streams Directional Drilling is an National Hotel in Cuylerville (Reservations necessary for our Annual Christmas Party).

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By Dave Bowman

Wow, did Fall kick off with a bang. At our September meeting we were entertained by Frank Russell. If you haven't heard him speak about the life and times of John Phillip Sousa, you must make the time when he speaks again. And we had a great meal at the Owasco Country Club to boot. A big thanks goes out to Don Weeks (more likely his wife!) for allowing us to come as his guests. My wife couldn't get over how much we enjoyed the meal. You see, she doesn't get to go often due to work and now she knows what she is missing.

Speaking of missing ... if I don't mention your name here, it's not a slight, it's the small paper I was writing on that night. Let's see, Lew Hares and his wife were present, what a great thing. I saw the Stantons, Billy Newcomb, the Craig Colemans, Harry Dainty (see Harry I got your email correct), Ed Denton (Hi Ed, I didn't get to your table, you are sooooo lucky). And before going on to other "stuff," Eilia Jahjah has his membership straightened out and was at our dinner. Hey, let your wife know about this will you? He was sitting with Chuck Minister. If you don't know from elsewhere in this paper, they are our District Leaders for the term. Congrats to both of you.

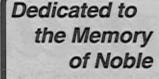
Ted Tennant was under the weather. So was Joe Marshall and Beulah Pollard, well not together, don't need to start that kind of stuff. But I hear they are both on the mend. Maybe next meeting we will be able to meet and greet with them.

Most sad news from Auburn, Shrine Club member Dave Wawrzaszek's son passed away recently. Todd will be missed by many. Todd was the nephew of Craig Coleman and Steve Persaile, also Club members. Todd's grandfather is Bob Coleman. As you can see, it has had a huge impact. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

Did I mention that Don Weeks is our newest member? Well, now I did! I didn't mention that if Jean and Dick Palmer were as alert as they are, we never would have had a meeting. Some gremlin put down the wrong phone number, thanks

Upcoming ... dinner meeting at Brenda's Diner in Port Byron in October. I guess this won't get there in time. BUT November's dinner will be with the Salvation Army in Auburn. Larry Pritchard is our leader for that one. We will be ringing bells for one of the oldest organizations known. It will be December 4th at WalMart. We want to get enough men (and their friends!) to cover the whole day. Larry's phone number is 252-4309. Give him a call and get signed up. Really, don't put it off, you know you want to, so call 252-4309. Let's give the Army and Larry our support. Remember all they do for us. And, Larry is selling calendars. Get your order in. I did! What a great Christmas Gift for my kids and grandkids. And I love it when they call during the year and tell me they have won!

Gotta stop, past my allotted words. See you at Shrine Club.



Richard B. Vaughan, Sr. September 29, 2010

Calendar Winners for September

DAY NO.		WINNER		
9/1	486	Damascus Shrine		
9/2	779	Ken Snyder		
9/3	384	Damascus Shrine		
9/4	897	Damascus Shrine		
9/5	167	Roz Rice		
9/6	794	Ryan Hamburg		
9/7	947	Rose Rouland		
9/8	971	Damascus Shrine		
9/9	095	Damascus Shrine		
9/10	718	Paul Jones		
9/11	805	Jo Kiesa		
9/12	305	Damascus Shrine		
9/13	994	Lance Ward		
9/14	304	Damascus Shrine		
9/15	945	Damascus Shrine		
9/16	366	Avis Cox		
9/17	670	Deena Swenson		
9/18	069	Damascus Shrine		
9/19	861	Bruce Katz		
9/20	651	Amy Cox		
9/21	459	Shawn Carey		
9/22	906	William Wright		
9/23	953	Barbara Goodrich		
9/24	937	Marilee Strolley		
9/25	184	Kyle Hotchkiss		
9/26	754	Sean Stringer		
9/27	717	Tim Pritchard		
9/28	761	Carla Schertl		
9/29	487	Damascus Shrine		
9/30	806	Genevieve Gorjano		

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November Birthdays



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What's New in Erie!

Lowe's Staff Donate Time and Materials

Employees from the Lowe's Home Improvement Centers in Erie were at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie recently erecting a new storage shed next to the hospital's garage.

The new shed, including all materials and labor, was donated by Lowe's as part of their corporate Lowe's Heroes Project. The 12 x 16-foot structure has an extra wide door to facilitate egress and moving items in and out of the structure. It has also been painted to match other hospital structures. The hospital plans to use the new storage building to house equipment for the sled hockey and wheelchair basketball programs that benefit hospital patients.

Hospital Updates Donation Guidelines at Holiday Times

The months leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas usually bring an increase in donations to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie. In preparation, the hospital has reviewed and updated its donation guidelines.

Everyone is reminded that donations of toys, books and clothing must be new. Because of infection-control issues, the hospital cannot accept any used toys, books or clothing, including items that have been on "display" for extended periods of time. While "display" items may be new, they have most likely been handled or touched by other individuals and, as a result, run the risk of carrying germs.

In some case, the hospital may accept donations of used equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and crutches, but such donations need to be approved by the hospital's Physical Therapy Department before they are delivered. Because of limited storage, as well as safety and infection control issues, the hospital must be particular about accepting used medical equipment.

Questions about such equipment can be addressed by calling (814) 875-8700 and asking for Kristie Gunn in Physical Therapy.

New Regulations

As the Erie Shriners Hospital transitions to an ambulatory facility next year, there will no longer be patients and families staying overnight at the hospital. As a result, donations of toiletries (soaps, shampoos, lotions, toothpaste, etc.) will no longer be needed.

The hospital will continue to accept donations of pop can tabs.

New TV for Drivers' Lounge

Shrine drivers who bring patients to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® -Erie, will notice something new in the Drivers' Lounge.

Thanks to the members of the Alliance (OH) Shrine Club, the lounge is now equipped with a 42" LCD TV. The LG brand unit was delivered to the hospital by Alliance Shrine Club President, Don Bandy, and Secretary, Dale Dillon. The Club is part of the Tadmor Shriners.

Rid Your Temples of Outdated Publications

Communication has been sent from Shriners International to all Temples requesting that outdated publications be removed from circulation. The letter from Imperial Sir Alan Madsen, dated October 11th, notes that "on July 1st, Shriners Hospitals for Children® began accepting payments for care in our hospitals from health insurance companies (called "third-party" payors).

While this is a new era for Shriners Hospitals for Children®, we have not changed our mission or the care we provide to kids. What has changed is the way we talk about how care is provided at Shriners Hospitals for Children®."

As noted in Imperial Sir Madsen's correspondence, the terms "free," "no charge" or "no cost" should no longer be used when referring to care provided at Shriners Hospitals. Instead, those terms have been replaced with the phrase: We provide care "regardless of the patients' ability to pay."

As a result, Shriners Hospital and Shriners International publications printed prior to 2010 may well contain old terminology and need to be removed from circulation. New publications and replacement materials are available under the *Shop* tab on the website:

www.shrinersvillage.org.

In addition to publications, the use of the new terminology applies to such things as posters, banners, videos, power point presentations and vehicle/temple signage.

A New Idea

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I am asking you as a Noble ... if you own a business or work for a business that sponsors community projects, please consider becoming a sponsor for this show. Contact me for sponsorship packages.

This would be a great way to expose your business to a full house at the Auditorium and help the Shrine Center in a major way. If we succeed in this event, we can turn our fundraising attention directly to the Hospitals and to the kids who look to us for help.

Individual sponsorship is fine if you are in a position to help.

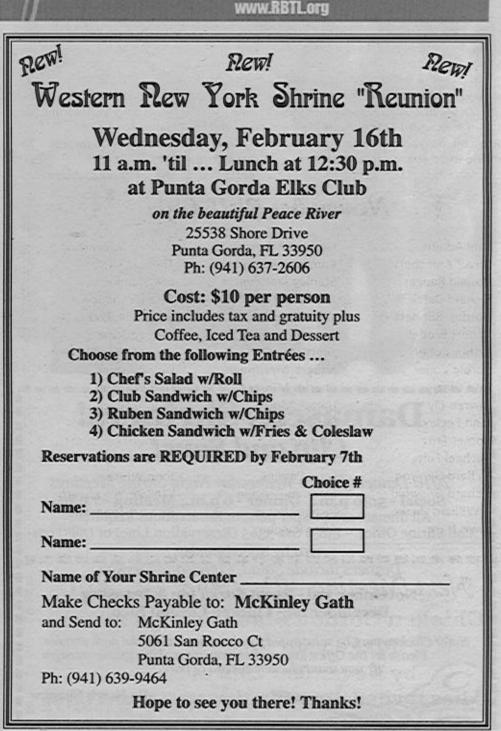
If you know who to contact in your company and would like me to approach them directly, send me the information and I will do so as soon as possible.

Plan to Attend

Buy a ticket for you and your lady-this show will be fun and a great way to show your pride as a Shriner!

As always, if you have any questions or positive input it is more than welcome-Thanks Nobles! LET'S DO IT!!!

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By John R. Faro, Commander

I thank all who attended the Flag Raising Ceremony on October 10th. Special thanks to Rick Howe for his rendition of Ragged Old Flag, and to Frank Russell for organizing the Shrine Band performance at this event. I hope those who came enjoyed the concert and presentation. Special thanks to Rose Paprocki for preparing the refreshments.

The November meeting is our Annual Memorial Service. I have a program planned for this event and sincerely hope everyone can be present to honor those Nobles of our group who passed on during the last year. The menu for that night is Chuck's Fish Fry, French Fries and Cole Slaw, along with the usual amenities.

In December, our annual Christmas Party will be held at Keenan's on East



Ridge Road. More information will be forthcoming at the November meeting.

Hopefully I will see you there. If not, go

New Flag is attached to rope on flagpole (left); Legion of Honor Commander, John Faro (above), welcomes Nobles, families and friends to the Flag ceremony on October 10th. (Below) Noble and Reverend Charles Roberts prays for strength and guidance from the Great Architect of the Universe.



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November 3rd - Roast Pork Loin & Dressing December 1st - Chicken Cordon Bleu

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

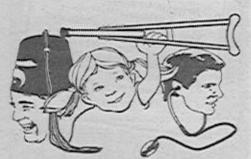
Please let the Office know when you are making the reservation if you want chicken instead of pork.

By Norris Shapiro



Damascus Shriners Band, conducted by Noble Frank Russell, performed at the ceremony (above). Nobles salute (below) as Flag is raised over Shrine Center.







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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

DECEMBER

8th Masonic Development Course, Bergen
9th Tall Cedars Christmas Party
18th Geneva Shrine Club Christmas Party

JANUARY

12th Masonic Development Course, Caledonia
31st School of Ritual

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

FEBRUARY

17th The Rat Pack; Auditorium Theatre; Sponsored by Damascus Shriners

MARCH

30th School of Ritual

APRIL

23rd Widows Luncheon; Burgundy Basin

MAY

2nd & 3rd Grand Lodge Session 20th Joint Investiture

JUNE

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A special thanks to our fellow Brothers from Constellation Lodge who came and helped fill the Chairs and sidelines for this communication.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign has kicked off and some early donations have already started to come in. The best place to make these donations is at our scheduled communications. If you are unable to make our communications and would still like to make a donation, please forward your check to me, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy 14482. Once again, if you are sending your donation directly

to me, please indicate on your check, or with a note, to which area of the Brotherhood Fund you designate your donation.

I hope this article finds all my fellow Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy Fall season. May we never forget those who have paved the path we are following. If it were not for the light they once saw, we may never have gotten the opportunity to see the light ourselves.

May we also never forget those who have and are still fighting to keep this great nation of ours free and safe.

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

(12th); Robert Kloepfel (15th); and Douglas Nicot (17th).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were raised in November: Donald Fridley (15th/55); Ronald Galens (20th/01); Dan-iel Guth (3rd/81); Terence Mays (13th/ 75); Paul McIn-tyre (20th/90); Thomas Par-dington (9th/72); William Peterson (12th/81); Jack Res-nik (14th/74); Charles Ro-meiser (14th/46); Donald Ro-meiser (20th/01); Clayton Ruggles (20th/90); Elliott Schocken (9th/72); William Smith (20th/01); and Gary Yancey (3rd/81).



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I forget, at times, that these notes won't be read until November even though, as I write them, it's the beginning of October and nature is presenting us with full pallets of color and glorious scenes, especially along

We had a productive September meeting. Worshipful Brother Steve Goebert spoke of his attendance at a local Eagle Scout ceremony for a member of Troop No. 1 – the Troop in Geneva that we sponsor. Steve was talking with the Troop leader and found they were in need of a trailer to be used for various functions. We discussed the possibility of helping out the Troop and subsequently voted to provide \$500 in funding toward the purchase of a trailer. We will attempt to get the Troop leader to a meeting after the beginning of the year for a program. Ark Lodge also purchased several raffle tickets to benefit Sandy Greer, the primary nurse who helped with Dr. Stelter's care for many years. She is currently battling lung

Our investments are on their way back and are actively watched by our committee.

Happily, we had no major news to report under sickness and distress. Brother Lance Mc Fetridge's son, Matt, is currently in China as Keuka College's first in-place student in that Country.

Official Visit

This month will be our Official Visit by the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W .: George Meyers. As is the usual protocol, we should plan to meet for dinner before the meeting. I'll make a reservation at Emile's for dinner on the 17th at 6:30 p.m. Come early for socialization. *

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Brothers, welcome back. I didn't make the October issue as I didn't know of the deadline until it had passed.

The Officers of Milnor Lodge for this year are:

James Hartz Master Senior Warden Dustin Gress Junior Warden

Lawrence Mahoney

Senior Deacon

Norman Smith Junior Deacon

Richard Morano Tiler John Purdy Secretary Kenneth Hall Treasurer Philip Trautman Joel Steele Chaplain **Ermil Peglow** Marshal

We had a very successful Turkey Dinner on September 19th; thanks to all who helped.

At the November 11th meeting I will be serving a Venison Dinner; I hope to see you there.

Once again we will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. If you haven't signed up contact Brother Ermil Peglow.

On a sad note, W .: Norman Holcomb and W .. Gary Bliss laid down their working tools this year. Our deepest sympathy to the families.

We will be having Degrees in January, February and March.x

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Brethren, I am sorry that I didn't get a report in the previous issues. We did have a very busy Summer in our District. During the past few months we have had several steak roasts, picnics and banquets. At these events, I was honored to present many Aprons, Service Awards and Dedicated Service Awards.

Recently, Geneva Lodge celebrated its 90-year Anniversary. The District also manned the Safety ID station at the State Fair one evening. I am truly amazed that there was so much activity in our Lodges over the Summer months.

Now that the leaves have fallen and temperatures are going down, it is time for us to focus and begin working to make this new Masonic year a success.

Two areas of concern with the Grand Master are the Brotherhood Fund and Public Relations. To spearhead these initiatives, I have appointed R:W: Eldon White to Chair the Brotherhood Fund Drive and W .. Robert Schwarting to head up a Public Relations Committee. Each Lodge is also asked to appoint a couple of dedicated Brothers to head up these Programs.

This month will be busy with our Apron Presentation and Awards Banquet and the Grand Lecturer's Convention. We are also finishing work that started

In closing, I am truly happy to have the opportunity and look forward to serve you this year and next as District Deputy. If there is anything I can do to help you, please feel free to contact me.

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October was a very busy month for our Lodge. On October 6th we had the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District Grand Lecturer's Convention, which was held at Milo Lodge. The topic that was covered that evening, by R:W: Charles Tombs, Grand Lecturer, was the drama of the Hiramic legend. There were numerous new Brothers who attended the Convention, which impacted their journey as a Mason.

With a dispensation from Grand Lodge, we conferred the 2nd Degree on a new Brother of our Lodge on Wednesday, October 13th. Brother Senior Warden, Ken Gibbs, was in the East.

We also conferred a 3rd Degree, which took place on Tuesday, October 19th. The Degrees were conferred on a Brother who was home on a short leave from duty in the Middle East. I thank all the Brothers who participated in the Degrees and also in making and serving the din-

Sickness and Distress

Please keep R:.W:. Bruce Huie (Geneva Lodge) and Dan Hurburt (John Hodge Lodge) in your thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming Events

Our Official Visit from the District Deputy Grand Master, George Meyers, will be on November 16th. There will be a dinner at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 6 p.m. If you plan on attending, I will need to know by November 12th. Game night is scheduled for November 12th and 19th at 6:30 p.m. Come join the fun and bring a snack to

Birthdays

We send November birthday greetings to Brothers: Stephen Phillips (1st); Paul Adams and William Sergeant (7th); James Allen (8th); William Hargrove

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Welcome to November and the beginning of the holiday season. In late September, Canal Town Days took place in Palmyra. As an update to that event, the Temple Association did well on Saturday, which proved to be very busy, with a steady Sunday. Again thanks to all for helping out with this

We need to extend a special thanks to Brother Tom Krest for his work on the back entryway of the Lodge. The overhang for the back door was in bad shape. Brother Krest donated his time and the materials to rebuild the overhang which will keep us all out of the rain when going in the back of the Lodge. Great job. Brother, very well done.

We have some important dates to remember in the month of November. November 2nd is Election Day be sure to get out and vote.

Official Visit

On November 3rd, we have our Official Visit; Dinner will be at the Yellow Mill at 6:30 p.m., with the Lodge opening at 7:30 p.m. Officers, please remember that the dress for the evening will be a Tux.

November 7th is the end of Daylight Saving Time; be sure to turn those clocks back so you will be on time for Lodge.

Assistant Grand Lecturer

We will be Balloting on Petitions on November 17th. Please try to make this meeting, as this will affect us all. On November 26th we will be holding a Degree rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.; if you are taking part in this Degree, please try to make this practice.

Reminder

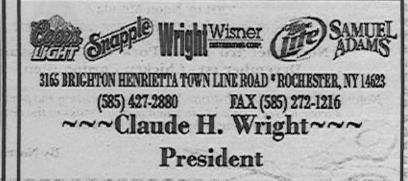
I do have one more date that needs to be remembered, and that is November 11th, Veterans Day. To all of you who have served this country in order to preserve the freedoms and ideas that are so important to all of us, you can never be given enough thanks. Your sacrifice and dedication is beyond commendable. Let us also keep in our hearts the memory of all those who did not return, that their ultimate sacrifice shall never be forgotten. Remember those men and women who are serving now. Please pray for their safe return. May each and every one of them be home for the holidays with their families.

If you are looking for something else to do this month, consider attending the Masters and Wardens. We will be meeting on the second Thursday of the month during November and December, to help get around the holidays, at Wayne Lodge at 7:30 p.m., with dinner to be served at 6:45 p.m.

My Brothers have a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are coming into the time of year that involves much travel and weather that is not the best, so be careful out there. And, as always, I look forword to seeing you at the Lodge.

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Livingston District continues to be a busy place. We have Degree work for all three Degrees taking place in our various Lodges; many new Brothers to welcome into our Craft. It is great to see so much activity and growth taking place.

Two great highlights that we attended in October have to be the dinner and reception for our Deputy Grand Master, R.: W .: James Sullivan, and the Public Relations Seminar in Lockport. The dinner was very well attended with Brothers from all over the State, including our Grand Master, M∴W∴ Vincent Libone. The meal was fantastic and the presentations inspiring. The Public Relations Seminar conducted by R:.W:. Ronald Steiner, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee, was a great session of discussion on how we communicate within our Craft and also to the outside world. We all came away with some good

November will start off with our Purple Apron presentations on the 6th in Mt. Morris. Our guest speaker will be R∴W∴ James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master. It is always good to see him. He has been such a great supporter of our District and the surrounding Districts.

My Official Visits are almost complete. I have Union Lodge's on November 11th and Geneseo Lodge's on December 9th. If you have not made one of my visits yet, I hope to see you at one of the remaining two. Dinners are at 6:30 with the program at 7:30 for both

We have a 1st Degree at Nunda Station on the 16th. A Master Mason Degree coming up at Livonia Lodge on the 17th. The following night, on the 18th, is the world famous Table Lodge at Union Lodge in Lima. You don't want to miss this one, but reservations are a must, as they are always at capacity. Contact R:W: John Gallant to make your reservations.

The first session of the regional Masonic Development Course (MDC) is on the 10th at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls. This is followed by the December session at Hesperus Lodge and the January session at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. Please sign up so we can reserve a spot for you.

I wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving. I hope to see you all soon in my travels.



The night before I wrote this article, I had the pleasure of attending the reception for R:W: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, and Apron Presentation for: R:W: John Krupp, Deputy Grand Mar-shal,

R:W: Clayton Ruggles, Junior Grand Deacon, and R:W:
John Dwyer, Grand Standard
Bearer. Over three hundred
Brothers and guests, together
with the Grand Master and
three Past Grand Masters, gathered at the Seneca Niagara Casino and Resort to honor these
Brothers. M:W: Vincent
Libone broke with traditional
protocol and spoke prior to
R:W: Sullivan, allowing him to
be the final speaker.

R.: W .: Brother Jim left the podium and walked among us as he spoke to us about the three "F"s, the three things most important to him. The first "F" stands for "Faith." He spoke of the importance of his faith and led the group in prayer. The second "F" stands for "Family." We were introduced to his family in attendance. He also treated us to his rendition of "Let me call you sweetheart" while he presented his wife, Gail, with a bouquet of flowers. The third "F" is for "Fraternity." R.W. Sullivan spoke of the importance of the Masonic Fraternity in his life. His speech provided a truly moving ending to a wonderful evening.

As I travel around the District visiting Lodges, I am presenting the Master of each Lodge with a special copy of LSOME, the Lodge System of Masonic Education. What makes the copy special" is the form it takes. Rather than the small staple bound book from Grand Lodge, this copy is printed on one side only and in sections divided by tabs. There is a separate tab for each component of the program: Before the 1st Degree, after the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees and the Walk-About. The single-side printing makes it easy for a mentor to make a copy of the section that can be given to the new Brother as a reference. Rather than the one DVD from Grand Lodge containing four sections, this version contains four DVDs. There is one DVD for each of the first four sections of the LSOME program. I hope that by breaking the DVD into the component parts of the program it will facilitate use of the DVD.

The Lodge System of Masonic Education is an integral part of educating new Brothers about the Fraternity. Through this program the new Brother's mentor(s) can easily take him through the history of Masonry and its teachings, an interpretation of each of the Degrees, the duties of a Mason and Lodge organization. By the time a new Brother has completed the three Degrees and the five parts of the LSOME program, he will have been exposed to more Masonic information than many Brothers have received in years of membership without the benefit of LSOME and be better able to take part in the work and activities of the Lodge.

If Lodges in other Districts would like a copy of my "special" LSOME book, please email me at the above address. Have a great month and be sure to continue your search for light!

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I extend congratulations to Brother Dave Hansen and his Entered Apprentice Degree team. They did a great job conferring the Degree on our three newest Masonic Brothers. I have already had the chance to meet with these three gentlemen and they are going to be a solid addition to our Lodge.

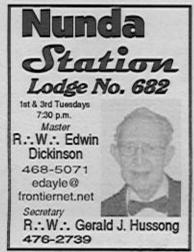
Our next "Fellowship, Facts and Food" dinner will be preceding our meeting on November 11th. I am sending out an "Invitation" to all our members to join us. The scheduled Masonic presentation will be: "Masonic Shakespeare." I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Our meeting on the 11th will also be the Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, R:.W:. Mike Grady. I want all our Brothers to attend the Official Visit and listen to his presentation. R:.W:. Mike does an outstanding job and you will not be disappointed!

The Tri-District Masonic Development Course Classes will be starting up this month. The first meeting, discussing the Entered Apprentice Degree, will be November 10th at the Honeoye Falls Masonic Hall. I thank all the Brothers who have signed up for the classes. I know we will have a strong contingent from Union Lodge.

Our 8th Annual Table Lodge will be held on Thursday, November 18th. If you have never been to one of our Table Lodges you are missing out on a funfilled evening. Our guest speaker will be R:W: Tim McMullin, our Senior Grand Warden. The seating is limited, so if you want to join us, you will need to make a reservation. Please contact me or R:.W:. Mike Grady. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

I hope that all our Lodge Brethren have a Happy Thanksgiving filled with family, friends, good times and delicious food. We are looking forward to our family and many friends coming to our home for dinner. I know that our kitchen will be filled with the delightful aroma of Turkey, Broccoli bake and my wife's mouthwatering pies. I hope that your home will be, too. x



What a great start for our Masonic Year. In the three days of Nunda Fundays, our stand serving sandwiches, etc., was successful and fun for all.

After two meetings in September, we had a new carpet installed in our Lodge room.

We now have two candidates for the 1st Degree scheduled for November 16th.

Taxes, Taxes! Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen tmichie1@rochester.rr.com

The leaves are falling faster than we can rake them. The sweet smells of apple and pumpkin pies are in the air. Autumn must be here again. That means Winter is coming right after Thanksgiving.

Great Recordkeeping There are many records you have that may help document items on your Tax Return. You'll need this documentation should the Internal Revenue Service or State Tax Bureau select your return for examination. Here are five tips about keeping good records and reducing stress at tax time or when you receive a notice.

 Normally, tax records should be kept for three years. However I recommend five years to be sure.

You should normally keep records relating to property until at least three years after you sell or otherwise dispose of the property. Examples include: A home purchase or improvement; stocks and other investments; Individual Retirement Arrangement transactions; rental property records.

3. In most cases, the Internal Revenue Service does not require you to keep records in any special manner. Generally speaking, however, you should keep any and all documents that may have an impact on your Federal Tax Return.

Records you should keep include bills, credit card and other receipts, invoices, mileage logs, canceled, imaged or substitute checks, proofs of payment, and any other records to support deductions or credits you claim on your Return.

Small Business Owner

If you are a small business owner, you must keep all your Employment Tax Records for at least four years after the tax becomes due or is paid, whichever is later.

Examples of important documents business owners should keep include:

 a) Gross receipts: Cash register tapes, bank deposit slips, receipt books, invoices, credit card charge slips and Forms 1099-MISC;

b) Proof of purchases: Canceled checks, cash register tape receipts, credit card sales slips and invoices;

 c) Expense documents: Canceled checks, cash register tapes, account statements, credit card sales slips, invoices and petty cash slips for small cash payments;

 d) Documents to verify your assets: Purchase and sales invoices, real estate closing statements and canceled checks.

Benefits for Job Seekers

If you are searching for a job, you may be able to deduct some of your expenses on your Tax Return. Here are some things you may want to know about deducting costs related to your job

 To qualify for a deduction, the expenses must be spent on a job search in your current occupation. You may not deduct expenses incurred while looking for a job in a new occupa-

2. You can deduct employment and outplacement agency fees you pay while looking for a job in your present occupation. If your employer pays you back in a later year for employment agency fees, you must include the amount you receive in your gross income up to the amount of your tax benefit in the earlier year.

You can deduct amounts you spend for preparing and mailing copies of your résumé to prospective employers as long as you are looking for a new job in your present occupation.

 If you travel to an area to look for a new job in your present occupation, you may be able to deduct travel expenses to and from the area. You can only deduct the travel expenses if the trip is primarily to look for a new job. The amount of time you spend on personal activity compared to the amount of time you spend looking for work is important in determining whether the trip is primarily personal or is primarily to look for a

5. You cannot deduct job search expenses if there was a substantial break between the end of your last job and the time you begin looking for

You cannot deduct job search expenses if you are looking for a job for the first time.

Upcoming Due Dates

November 15th - October Payroll Taxes Due If you have any tax questions, please forward them to tmichie1@rochester.rr.com or Thomas Michielsen, 127 West Avenue, Spencerport, NY

In Memoriam

Libglid, Alan G.

Alan Libglid, 79, laid down his Working Tools on September 30th. He is survived by 2 children and 1 grandchild. Alan was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. We wish you the gift of a memory whenever you need to know, the one you love still walks with you wherever you may go.

Mattern, John

On October 7th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced John Mattern, 85. His wife, Rosemary, 2 children and 2 grandchildren will remember his life. John was a World War II Veteran and 50-year member of Unity Lodge. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

Meech, Henry A.

Henry Meech, met his Maker on October 12th. Leaving his wife of 63 years, Ethel, 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren will always cherish his memory. Memories are like threads of gold; they never tarnish or grow old.

Peeso, John H., Jr.

John Peeso, Jr., 91, went to the waiting arms of his wife on October 10th. Three children, 3 grandchildren and 5 greatgrandchildren are left to cherish his memory. John was a World War II Army Veteran and a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the UniVaughan, Richard B., Sr.

On September 29th, Richard Vaughan, Sr., was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven. He will always be cherished by his wife, Beverly, and his son. Richard was a Korean War Coast Guard Veteran. He was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge and Damascus Shriners. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Valley of Rochester Fall to Winter Program - 2010 - 2011

November 6th at Shrine Center "the Last Full Measure" BBB / Evening

Dinner w/ Ladies (**) Master Masons interested in learning about the Scottish Rite are invited as Valley guests (**)

November 18th at Shrine Center "Veteran Recognition" Table Lodge Meeting "Wurst Plate" Dinner (**)

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

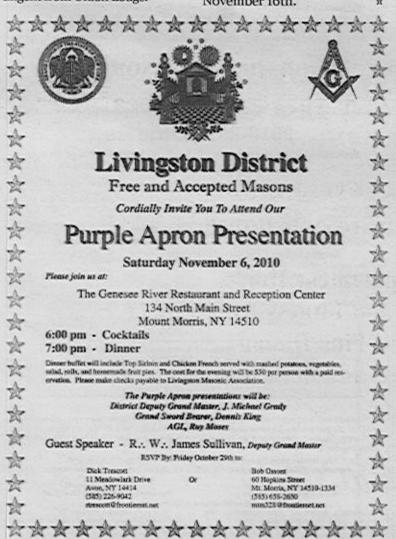
January 15th at Constellation Lodge, Perry NY "the Last Full Measure" BBB / Evening

Dinner w/ Ladies (**) Master Masons interested in learning about the Scottish Rite are invited as Valley guests (**)

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

> ** Make your reservations On Time! At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity (585) 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320 or Email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org

Don't be Late! Late Reservations may have to be accepted on a Standby Basis only.



Widows to be Remembered

Foss, Mary, widow of Harley Foss (Northfield Lodge), passed away October 18th.

Lewis, Dolores, 97, widow of passed away October 1st.

Gillette, Ruth, 92, widow of Gorton Gillette (Unity Lodge), passed away September 5th.

Eric Lewis (Northfield Lodge),

Scottish Rite NEWS

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We Acknowledge and Thank our Scottish Rite Veterans

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Explore the Rite Night

On Saturday, November 6th, we will be holding our first "Explore the Rite"Night. This is an opportunity to introduce your Brothers to the Scottish Rite and Turn on the Rite Light to one or more of your friends.

The evening will start with a social hour followed by dinner. After the dinner, we will present the play "The Last Full Mea-sure." Be sure to call the Office with your reservation.

As always, your guest will be our guest for the evening. If you would like to bring your wife, just let the Office know so we can plan for the proper number of people.

Veterans Recognition Night

On Thursday, November 18th, we will be holding our Annual Veterans Recognition Table Lodge Meeting. The evening will begin with a social hour followed by our usual "Wurst Plate" Dinner. After our dinner we will recognize all the Veterans in attendance. If you are a Veteran or know one, please make a reservation for this event. We look forward to recognizing you and thanking you for your service to our Country.

Dinner reservations are required. The price for the dinner is \$15 per person. Dinner will be free for our members on Active Military Duty. Please call or email the Valley Office by noon on Monday, November 15th.

Degrees

We will commence our Degrees on December 4th at the Shrine Center. Please get your Candidate's Petition into the Valley Office so they can be included in this year's class. Our goal for this year is 60 new members. We can do it, but only if everyone helps out.

Veterans Recognition Night Thursday, November 18th

Agenda

5:30 p.m. Social (cash bar)

6:30 p.m. Dinner **Wurst Night** (Knockwurst, Bratwurst,

Sauerbraten, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad)

Special Table Lodge Toasts

8:00 p.m. Program

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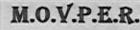
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Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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Legion Clowns Caldron Historian





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Monarch's Mutterings-

First, many thanks to all who made my first Monarch's Ball a very enjoyable event! The fellowship, the fun and the excellent high spirits made it truly memorable.

Now, on to Labor— NOMINATIONS

Nominations are needed for the following Officers/Positions: Inside Sentinel, Trustee, and three (3) Board Members. Please consider nominating Prophets for these Offices/Positions who are qualified, will serve the full term and be a real positive influence on our Grotto. This is extremely important and must be done with the utmost care and consideration.

Secretarial Praise

Sometimes we think of our Prophet Secretary as someone who keeps and reads the minutes. However, read his pearls of wisdom in this month's Masonic Times. Some might say, "the Secretary stole your thunder, Monarch Bernie." I say, "on the contrary! This is a Fraternity—not a corporation. It matters not, who has the good idea; and it is up to all of us to get behind and support all good ideas."

Prophet Secretary hits the nail on the head, when he speaks of ideas for entertainment and activities to enhance our programs and rally our members. No idea is too silly or unusual. Get involved and bring good ideas. And I look forward to seeing all my fellow Prophets in Grotto!

Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday November 1st Board of Governors

Meeting - 7 p.m. Grotto Office

Wednesday November 17th Meeting - 7:30 p.m. DDGM Official Visit

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Wednesday December 15th

Turkey Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Election of Officers

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Secretary's Corner By Ken Hutchinson, PM, PP

We have been advised by the Supreme Council by Edict that they are actively seeking to reinstate former members.

The primary change is authority to reinstate all former members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues. The criteria is that a Prophet will be considered active upon payment of the current dues to the Grotto, as well as a payment to the Supreme Council of these fees:

Reinstatement Fee, \$6.00; Magazine Assessment, \$3.00; Foundation Assessment, \$2.00. If you know of a former member of our Grotto whom you feel would be interested in rejoining the Grotto, contact him. It will count for the VIP program upon reinstatement.

Also, a letter was received from Supreme Council advising Lalla Rookh that Zuleika's Robert Chapman, PM, was appointed DDGM to represent our Grand Monarch, Shuard Sutherland. Part of his duty will be to make two visits to our Grotto during the year. One is to sit in on a meeting to observe how proficient the Officers are in their duties. The second visit is to examine the Secretary's and Treasurer's books and record keeping. The results will be reported to the Grand Captain of the Guard for review.

PGA News

On October 4th, Prophet Bill Raymond, of Zafar Grotto, reported by email of spending the weekend at Erepa Grotto, Erie, PA. The PGA voted to continue as an Association and install a slate of Officers for 2011. New By-Laws will probably permit red tassel Prophets, to fill Association Officers positions and the President may appoint red

tassel Prophets to Line Offices. However, only Past Monarchs can be elected as President.

PM Bill reported he was impressed with the enthusiasm and determination to retain the PGA Association.

Snow Birds

Chuck and Marlene White announced they will leave Victor on October 25th, to head South to Winter in Lees-burg, Florida.

Sickness and Distress

Jim Toogood, PM, continues to improve. He was moved to Unity Hospital's Timothy McCormick Transitional Care Unit, located behind the hospital. The address is the same as the hospital, 1555 long Pond Road, Rochester, 14626. He still can't put any pressure on his foot for another two weeks. He would like to receive calls from our Prophets, 723-7546.

Prophet Heinz Gunkel had recent corrective eye surgery on both his eyes and he no longer needs to wear glasses.

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

Monarch's Ball

On October 9th, we joined Zuleika Grotto at the Holiday Inn, Batavia, and honored Monarch Bernie Lazerson and Monarch Robert Towlson, of Zuleika Grotto. It was a great time to salute our Monarchs and enjoy the hospitality of the weekend, socializing together.

The Grotto has always been the extension of the Lodge with fun activities. We have been known as being family oriented, with group activities for all - family picnics, baseball games, trips with our ladies and many more events. This is what we should think of getting back to.

Newer ideas of group entertainment: Dinner with our ladies, then hockey or baseball; Dinner cruise on Canandaigua Lake. Again, it matters not whose idea it is.

We must also get back to entertainment at each meeting. Let each and every Prophet leave with a feeling of well being and very glad they spent the evening in the good fellowship of fellow Prophets.

The Past Monarchs have the ability and the responsibility to take action. It is my sincerest wish that you will be inspired to rise to new heights, so our Grotto will take from you a new measure of enthusiasm and go on to the greatness which it can eventually attain.

Nominations

At the October Grotto meeting we nominate Prophets for the top three offices, as well as Secretary, Treasurer, Venerable Prophet, one Trustee and three Board Members. Those nominees will be reported in the December issue of the Masonic Times, in time for your consideration. It is the duty of the membership to come out and cast your vote for the nominated candidates.

November 17th

The next Grotto meeting is an open meeting, at 7:30 p.m. It is also the Official Visit of DDGM Robert Chapman, to Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Dues Cards

In November, I will be mailing the 2011 Dues Notices to you. A number of 2010 Dues Cards have not been picked up, which is a concern.

Let's start 2011 with a renewed commitment to the welfare of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Let's bring in those Brothers and show them and their families what the Grotto is all about. We need to share our Humanitarian Programs: the United Cerebral Palsy Dance or Party; two toothbrush events each year. "One Prophet can have an idea, but it takes a whole team to make it happen."

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

Election

The traditional Free Turkey Dinner, with reservation and 2011 Dues Card, at 6:30 p.m., will precede the December 15th Election. The Monarch-Elect will announce the appointed Officers after he is elected, which will be followed by a closed Installation.

TALK GROTTO TO A BROTHER MASON! ×



Civil War Lodge

I recently came across more interesting information about Mokanna Grotto's, Prophet, R. Robert Riddell, who enlisted on October 25th, 1861, at 16 years of age, in the 61st NYS Infantry-Co. C., which previously had been reported.

The 61st fought a seven day battle of Richmond - Antietam, Fredericksburg, in which the

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Caldron News By Hilde DiJames, MCO

This will be my last news article for this year as your MCO. It has been a very interesting and fun year. I thank all of you for your help and support with a special thank you to PSMCO, Beverly Murray, for her help and guidance this past year.

Supreme Sessions

Daughter Jan Porter, my husband, Ray, and I made the trip to Davenport, Iowa, for ou Supreme Sessions. Ten Daughters from Lalla Rookh Caldron attended and we had a wonderful time. What a good looking group!

We added side trips to our itinerary, enjoying a boat tour in Cleveland, a drive through the incredible Notre Dame Campus and a visit to Quad City Botanical Gardens. Thankfully, the weather cooperated during our travels. America is truly a beautiful country. I never saw so much corn and soy bean plants in my life!

The Convention was well planned and interesting. There were group outings available when we were not in Session and daily tours kept the men occupied while their ladies were



Lalla Rookh Caldron Daughters of Mokanna who attended the Supreme Sessions were (l-r) Front Row: Merline Bueg, Cecil Losinger and Beverly Murray; 2nd Row: Hilde DiJames and Marcia Morrison; 3rd Row: Jan Porter, Betty Madison and Susan Wilson; Back Row: Donna Laundry and Janice Bueg.



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NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

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

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By Robert Crystal

What has 62 legs, 10 wheels, chatters at high volume and goes "Yeeeeeeeee Hah!!?" Answer: Leroy Lester's recreational vehicle filled with Nolatka members, their daughters, friends and a couple or five lucky guys.

As I write this, we have just returned from our Annual Wine Tour, this time to the Niagara Escarpment Vineyards. We left the parking lot of our Chapter Room at 9:30 a.m. and stopped for coffee and donuts in Albion. Although I begged to make a side trip to visit my pals further out on Route 31, Associate Matron, Pat Dalykas, overruled me and we went North to Ridge Road.

The leaves were just starting to turn, the soybeans were all tan and ready for harvest, and the cobblestone buildings went by one after the other. I was introduced to five pretty women who all bore a strong resemblance to Vickie Gross. What a beautiful clan! Meanwhile, the

folks inside got to know one another and when we pulled into Leonard Oakes, the girls in the back hollered out a "Yeee Hah!" that rattled my teeth. We piled out and visited the wine tasting room and the gift shop. The wine sippers bought bottles and the others combed through the gift shop. I was tempted by the \$2.00 Hubbards and 16-ounce Crispins, but I stuck with wine. I didn't get a peek into Jane LaPree's bag, but I think she got soup mix. Somebody else bought hot sauce. And there were craisins and toffees and cashews coated in something dark. And lots of chocolate.



R.W. Vickie Gross

By the time we got to Wilson, we were ready for lunch. The Wilson Tavern and Inn luncheon was reasonable, fun and delicious. We got to sit on the porch. I heard rave reviews of the Portobello Patty Burgers and there were raves about the Seafood Bisque, too. The onion rings were shared around the table. Then back under Leroy's

supervision and out onto the road again. At every vineyard, the "Yeeee Hah" warned the tasting rooms we were coming.

We were able to visit several more vineyards, and many of us had more than one bottle stashed. (I will keep careful guard over my 375 bottles of Chocolate Sherry!) At our last stop, Vickie Gross confided that it was a good thing Carol Wynings wasn't with us. The Lady's Room was an explosion of pink. We high-tailed it out of there and headed East to go home.

The final "Yeeee Hah" was for Leroy and his expert touring skills. He even slowed down and pointed out some reindeer, some alpacas and snow geese. Altogether it was a great event, and a great pat on the back goes to the Associate Matron. If Leroy really retires, we are going to be hard-pressed to find a replacement for our wine tours.

Birthday Bash

Our Birthday Bash was also a wild success. With kitchen service gracefully provided by Corinthian-Fellowship and with several guests, we had the Eastern Star version of a Table Lodge. Somehow "Table Chapter" doesn't ring right. We toasted eight times, to the State, the District Grands, Past Grands, Matrons, Past Matrons etc. (We could toast with water, wine or soda pop.) The meal was great, the fellowship was enjoyed by all, and we look forward to doing it again next year. If you were unable to attend this year, make plans now for the first meeting in September, 2011. No excuses, now!!

I regret to inform you that the mystery ingredient was no real mystery at our October 5th meeting. It was delicious, though. Jane LaPree brought an apple/cranberry crumble with vanilla ice cream. As I said, not a mystery when the Brown Betty is blushing!

Be sure to make your way through the labyrinth of your daily plans to come to our next meeting. Vote and then come to Chapter, Sisters and Brothers. You will be warmly welcomed!**

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Lilac Star Chapter #57 Order of the Eastern Star Annual Autumn Card Party and Luncheon

Monday, November 8th 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. Cards at 10 a.m.

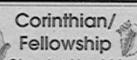
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(You may attend the Luncheon and not stay for cards.)

Donation \$8

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Chapter No. 322

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By Robert Crystal

Someone once asked me, "Why would a guy join Eastern Star?" My answer, jokingly, was "A guy willing to sit in a meeting with a lot of women and not being in charge will never go hungry." What I didn't include was the serious answer, "-and will always have a lot of ladies concerned for him."

After our Master Masons' Night meeting, I was well fed and everyone had listened to my worries about my upcoming year and assured me they were all behind me. Unlike previous years, we didn't have limburger and liverwurst and onions, but the sandwiches were filling and the table was merry. (Sigh) and like in previous years, there was no beer.

Our Bake Sale Coordinator, Norma Lee, is still under the weather, but her family brought the order sheets to Worthy Matron, Barb McMinn, and she coordinated us well.

Saturday morning, several of us came in to Pinnacle Place carrying big cardboard boxes with meatloaves, mac and cheese, banana bread, chili, goulash and several other delicious servings. We have a great time once a month and serve the needs of the residents at the same time. We have been invited to their breakfast, too.

Don't forget to send Norma a "Thinking of You" card. While you are at it, is there someone you haven't seen lately? Send them one, too.

For our Sisters and Brothers who get to meetings after dark, I want you to know that next to the Fellowship Hall where we meet, the church has a community garden. I was given veggies by one of the ladies of the church. There is nothing so sweet as a home grown cherry tomato or cuke. They were great.

I hope all of you have a great harvest this Fall of what you have planted this Summer. As Ruth teaches us to gather "here a little, there a little," we can have a full rich life from the crop we reap.

I urge you to come to Chapter and re-establish the lines of friendship that separation may have frayed. Why would a man join the Eastern Star? For friendship, companionship, for connection.

So, my Brother Prophets, we do have a very rich heritage - as you see.



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Union soldiers tried to force their way past General Lee. They failed, and it was a disaster.then along came Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. They fought some of the most famous and bloodiest battles of the Civil War.

Along with them in each fight was the New York 10th Regiment Volunteers, out of New York City. This Regiment followed a trend of the times in wearing colorful baggy uniforms patterned after North African soldiers, and were called "The National Zouave" Regiment.

This regiment had many Freemasons among the soldiers within it. Their Captain, Salmon Winchester, was the first Master of Zeredatha Lodge No. 483 in 1859. They voted to have the Captain visit the Grand Master of Masons in New York State for the purpose of forming a new Lodge in the camp, to be named the "National Zouave Lodge."

Dispensation was granted by Most Worshipful Finlay M. King to continue from June 1st, 1861, to May 25th, 1863. They conducted regular Masonic meetings, when practical, which were attended by Masons from all Union regiments stationed in the vicinity, plus some Confederate prisoners of war.

The 10th Regiment was among the first New York Regimental Lodges in the Union Army. "The meetings were often so thronged with visitors that it was almost impossible to proceed with the Ritual work."

Winchester, was the first Master of Zeredatha Lodge No. 483 ing point of the War, saw in 1859. They voted to have the 93,000 Federal troops doing battle with 71,000 Confederates. Of that number, 35,000 were killed or wounded in the three days of fighting, July 1st to July 3rd, 1863.

My story isn't just about the 61st and 10th New York Regiments. Records showed, there were 17,930 Freemasons on the field of battle. Of that number roughly 5,600 were casualties.

While Riddell was 16 years old, and only 20 when the war was over, it is possible that he met Freemasons of the 10th Regiment, which might have had a lasting impression on him. When he returned home, he eventually became a Mason himself.

We do know Brother and Prophet R. Robert Riddell came to Lalla Rookh Grotto several times, in the late eighteen hundreds, to visit our meetings and speak to the Prophets, answering questions about life in Hamilton, New York.



York Rite NEWS

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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I wish to welcome to Doric Council our newest companions: Gary Werth and John Burger. It took a while for them to complete their Cryptic journey but I am glad that it has finally happened.

At the beginning of last month my wife, Debbie, and I had the pleasure of attending the Reception Dinner for M:I: David Raymond. We had a fun time meeting the companions from around the area and being involved in some of the interesting discussions at our table during the evening. I am definitely looking forward to this Cryptic year with M:.I:. David Raymond as our Grand Master.

Scheduled for our meeting this month, the 17th, we will be having the official visits from our DDGM, R:I: David Hardy, and the Grand Steward, R∴I∴ Garry Hutchurson. I hope every companion can join us for this special meeting. I know that both of these gentlemen will be honored to have everyone there!

Our magical chef Joy Woodley will be putting on a wonderful dinner and will make sure to keep us well fed. I need to remind the companions, that we have to reach a minimum threshold of reservations for our dinners. The cost for the meals is still \$10 and and I ask you to please let me know if you will be attending.

Companions, please keep Joanne Palmer, M .: I .: Arnold Palmer's wife, in your thoughts and prayers. It has been a rough Summer and Fall for her and Arnold, and we wish for them both, calm and relaxing holidays these next few months.

I hope that all our Council Companions have a Happy Thanksgiving filled with family, friends, good times and delicious food. We are looking forward to our family and many friends coming to our home for dinner. I know that our kitchen will be filled with the delightful aroma of Turkey, Broccoli bake and my wife's mouthwatering pies. I hope that your kitchen has the same pleasing aromas. x

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What's Happening

At our Summoned Meeting September 23rd, it was decided the Chapter would request joining Newark Chapter in conferring the Mark Master Mason and Past Master Degrees in Newark on October 14th. Contact was made with Newark Chapter; we would help as much as we could with the Degree work. We have several Candidates and need to start the progress towards the Holy Royal Arch Degree.

It was also decided to petition Grand Chapter to change our By-Laws from two stated meetings per month to one, with our Stated Meeting on the second Thursday of the month, except July and August. The fourth Thursday we will keep in reserve for special activities or Degree work, if we decide to compress our Degree conferral schedule. We also agreed to work with Chapters in our area to build Degree Teams so we can do the best possible Degree conferral.

It was a pleasure to see Companion Richard Horton in Chapter last meeting. Health issues have kept Companion Dick away. He was his old self at our meeting and we look forward to seeing him more often this year.

The Degrees

As mentioned, we worked with Newark Chapter and the other Chapters in Wayne County on the conferral of the Mark Master Mason and Past Master Degrees in October. If we receive Petitions prior to our conferral of the Most Excellent Master Degree, we will work with surrounding Chapters to confer the first two Degrees on the Petitioners.

Hiram Chapter was Chartered, in part, to make Royal Arch Masons, by the conferral of the four Degrees. We are set on accomplishing this task including doing the best job possible in Co the Degrees and giving the Candidates the best possible experience in their quest to learn the lessons our Degrees are built to teach.

Musings

The first three Degrees of Freemasonry teach our duties to our God, our neighbor and ourselves and family. They also teach the lessons of Brotherly love, relief and truth. These lessons can take

a lifetime to understand and exemplify and we should keep working on their achievement. The Concordant Bodies, York Rite and Scottish Rite, build on these principles and add more. One of the lessons added is how to handle adversity. In the York Rite these lessons are taught through the building of the first and second temple in Jerusalem. The York Rite also teaches that celebration of things accomplished is as important and the work taken to do a task.

The Degrees show that sometime there is an obstruction in the path of accomplishment. They also show that working to overcome an obstruction can lead to success and achievement beyond the original intent. If you are skeptical of this then you should consider a Petition to take the Degrees and learn for yourself.

Freemasonry teaches its lessons "veiled in allegory and represented by symbols." Why do the Degrees do this? We simply do not learn something well by be-ing told the answer. We learn by experiencing the basics and applying them to a problem. No one will interpret the lessons of Freemasonry in the same way, but by applying their understanding to their lives they will improve themselves. Isn't this the goal of our beloved Fraternity? It is my opinion that the best way to learn the lessons and to learn how to apply them is to take the Degrees, witness the Degrees and be in fellowship with other Masons to see how they exemplify the lessons taught in the Degrees.

Let us embrace the Fall Season and consider how we can best build friendships and improve ourselves through Freemasonry.

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Sir Knights, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery held its first conclave of the new year on September 22nd, with many friendly faces in attendance. I look forward to seeing everyone at future conclaves, as your Commander, and I hope that those Sir Knights who are in sickness and distress have a quick recovery. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

The evening was filled with many new business items, as the Zone Commander for Zone 11, Sir Knight Joseph Oelgetz, was present. However, a review of the Summer has experienced the passing of three Sir Knights from our Asylum. Sir Knights Roy Vanderlinder, Howard Ludington and Hartley Schutt have left their earthly bonds behind to join the legions of Our Lord. They will be very much missed among our ranks. A memorial service for our fallen Sir Knights will be the order of the evening for the October 18th Conclave.

Sir Knight Oelgetz highlighted important dates for the Sir Knights of our Asylum. Our first, and most important, is the

Pilgrimage at 34 Maple Street, Hornell, on November 6th, starting at 8:00 a.m. Cyrene-Monroe Commandery is responsible for the Order of Malta. I encourage as many of our Sir Knights as we can muster to attend this extremely worthy event. Many roles in this Order need to be filled.

November 16th will be our regular Conclave, with a program of reflection on the experiences that have affected each of us over the past year and giving thanks to our Lord for all we have undergone. Our December 20th Conclave will be the annual Christmas Toast; more details to follow.

Before that date, though, will be the Regional Seminar at the Attica Asylum, 39 Main Street in Attica, with this program beginning at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome, but most especially the Officers of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery are strongly encouraged to attend.

Looking even further ahead, April 18th will be the annual Inspection of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery with Sir Knight Eric Benson, Eminent Grand Warder, as the Inspecting Officer. The new Sword Manual is available and will be rehearsed several times before the inspection.

A final note, and of great need is our continued support of the Grand Encampment Eye Foundation, which will now appropriate its funds for research, versus direct care of eye related issues, beginning December 31st, 2011. The belief is that the funds will then be able to care for millions in the future as opposed to the care of a few thousands.

Opening and Closing via

memorization of both Ritual

A written Trestleboard – with



Zone 11 News SK Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

Zone Commander

Grand Commandery

Sir Knight James MacConnell, Right Eminent Grand Commander, was elected to the Post of Grand Commander. The following are the Sir Knights of the Grand Line:

David Shire Donald Berry Kenneth Sussman Charles Roberts George Emmons Jose Valencia, Jr. Steven Wing

David Lathers

Paul Barrera

Fredrick Beitter

Richard Kerimoglu

Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander **Eminent Grand Generalissimo Eminent Grand Captain General Eminent Grand Senior Warden Eminent Grand Junior Warden Eminent Grand Prelate**

Right Eminent Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander Right Eminent Assistant Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander Right Eminent Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Commander **Eminent Grand Standard Bearer**

Eminent Grand Sword Bearer Eminent Grand Warder

Eric Benson Grand Commander's Objectives for 2010/2011 Templar Year Increase the Pilgrimage Fund by \$3,000.

What can we do in each Commandery? ... Generate \$75 per Commandery. I suggest you have a collection after each Conclave to collect loose change. Pass the hat at your Christmas Toast.

Why? By increasing the Pilgrimage fund by \$3,000 the Grand Commandery will be able to send a Minister to the Holy Land without dipping into the scarce funds of the Grand Commandery. Increase the Endowment Fund by \$10,000.

What can we do in each Commandery? ... Contribute \$5 per Knight.

Why? The Endowment Fund will insure the continuity of Templary in New York State for years to come. Let's discuss ideas on how the Zone can achieve this goal at our Officers' Meeting. 3. Establish Outstanding Commandery of the Year ... Key qualities on which the decision will be based:

 Scheduled Officers meetings for planning and Ritual/Tactics practice

Supports both Grand Com-

and Tactics.

programs

mandery and Grand Encampment Goals

Putting on the Orders

Attracting new members Zone Pilgrimage

Our Zone 11 Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, November 6th, at Hornell Masonic Temple, 34 Maple Street, Hornell. Registration from 8-9 a.m.; the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross Program begins at 9 a.m.; expect the Order of the Temple to begin after lunch. We should conclude by 3 p.m.

Responsibilities: DeMolay Commandery - Illustrious Order of the Red Cross

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery - Order of Malta

 Sagoyewatha Commandery -Order of the Temple Please get a list of all your Candidates into the Zone Commander as soon as possible.

Eye Foundation

As the government's health care programs continue to evolve and more and more direct eye care cases are being paid for by either governmentsponsored or private insurance, the need for the Grand Encampment Eye Foundation to pay for

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