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Interfaith Service & Brunch "I Am My Brother's Keeper" Sunday, October 24th

By Joy Woodley & Jan Porter mentioned in the September Don't Miss It!

The Committee is working hard on making this a very special event ... spiritually enriching, fraternal camaraderie and food to delight the palate.

It's open to the public so please share it with friends, family and neighbors. As we

issue of the Masonic Times, the recipient of this year's Distinguished Service Award is not an individual, but a group of individuals - the Volunteers at the Ronald McDonald Houses.

We promise you will be proud of the great work we do for the community and appreperson of the Department of Law and Criminal Justice, for the timeframe 1982 until 1993.

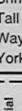
He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science from John Carroll University, and Master's Degrees in History from the University of Rochester and Theology from Saint Bernard's Institute.



Laurence W. Feasel

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Calvin Hubbard

ciate the availability of two Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester.

Tying into the purpose of the recipient, we've themed the service "I Am My Brother's Keeper." Our Fraternity focuses on charity, truth and loving kindness ... a perfect link to community service and caring for each other.

The Lineup

The parts of the Interfaith service are rotated each year and this year you will hear prayers delivered by R:.W:. Richard Friedman (representing the Jewish religion), scripture readings by R.W. Calvin Hubbard (Protestant) and the meditation/message by Deacon Laurence Feasel (Roman Catholic).

Each of these gentlemen enthusiastically accepted our request and, after interviewing Deacon Feasel, we know you will remember what he has to share. Our thanks to R:.W:. Richard and Rita Snyder for recommending him.

Laurence W. Feasel

Laurence Feasel is a "Baby Boomer," a native Rochesterian-raised in East Irondequoit and graduate of Mc Quaid High School.

He is a Professor of Criminal Justice, History and Political Science at Monroe Community College and has also served as a college administrator in two capacities - Director of Criminal Justice and Public Safety Programs, from 1993 until 2000, and Chair-



Richard C. Friedman

Professor Feasel is the recipient of the State University Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Monroe Community College Distinguished Professor Award. He is also a certified Master Instructor by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council and has been designated a Master Teacher by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development of the University of Texas -Austin's College of Education.

He is a member of the Law Enforcement Training Directors Association of New York, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police. As Director, Mr. Feasel was responsible for coordinating and fostering the synergy within the Public Safety Training Center, the Department of Law and Criminal Justice and the Fire Protection Technology Program.

Mr. Feasel served twentysix years in the United States Army and Army Reserve, retiring with the rank of Colonel in the Corps of Engineers.

As a Commissioned Officer, he served in Pleiku, the Republic of Viet Nam, where he received the Bronze Star for his service with the 4th Infantry Division. His reserve service was with the 98th Division.

He held positions of everincreasing responsibility as

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R:.W: Lance R. Ward Appointed Grand Representative of Guatemala



2006 File photo

The new Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Guatemala near the Grand Lodge of New York is Lance R. Ward. Right Worshipful Ward has been an active Mason since being Raised by his father and brother in 1982. He was Master of Ark Lodge in 1987, Assistant Grand Lecturer of the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District in 1992 and has been Lodge Secretary for twelve years. He received the Grand Lodge Dedicated Service Award in 1994.

Brother Ward has been active in O/S/Y District Masonic Charities, serving one year as President and thirteen years as Treasurer. He founded their annual fund-raiser, the O/S/Y

Golf Tournament, and was chairman for seven years.

Shriner Background

He has been an active member of Damascus Shriners since 1983, serving on a number of committees. A Past President of the Geneva Shrine Club, Noble Lance was Chairman of the 3rd "Shrine Run for Children." He also served as the Damascus Pilot for nine years, transporting patients in his aircraft to Erie and Boston.

Illustrious Sir Lance Ward was Potentate of Damascus Shriners in 2006 and has served on the Finance Committee for the last four years. He currently is Fourth Vice-President of the New York Ontario Shrine Association.

In addition, he is a member of Rochester Consistory, Geneva Chapter, and the New York College, MSRCF, the Roy-al Order of Jesters and Order of Quetzalcoatl.

Personal Information

Lance and his Lady, Lynn, live in Geneva and have two grown children. He is the owner of a software development company and a graduate civil engineer from the University of Buffalo. He also has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management from Kueka College in Penn Yan.

III .: G. Michael Morris, 33 , Installed **Active Member of Supreme Council**

At the 198th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, G. Michael Morris, 33°, was elected and installed as an Active Member of the Supreme Council. There are currently 52 Active Members who govern this Supreme Council, which represents 190,000+ members, and is presided over by the Sovereign Grand Commander, John William Mc Naughton, 33°.

This branch of Freemasonry, chartered in 1812, supports nearly 100 Consistorial Valleys in fifteen Northeastern States, and confers the 4th through the 32nd Degrees upon 3rd Degree Freemasons who petition for membership. The conferral of the 33rd Degree is a national honorarium that recognizes service, leadership, dedication and commitment to the principles of Brotherly Love and care among fellowmen.

Michael has been a Freemason for 13 years and a Scottish Rite Freemason for 12 years. In the Valley of Rochester, which has approximately 900 members, he is a Past Most Wise Master of the Rochester Chap-



Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33° ter of Knights Rose Croix and a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Rochester Consistory.

Since the Valley of Rochester received its Charter in 1867, he is only the fifth member to have been elected to the Supreme Council as an Active Member in its 143-year history. He is currently serving as the Treasurer for the New York State Council of De-

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Editor's Corner

You are looking at the second issue of digital output. It has not been without complications, but they were no where near as severe as the first issue last month. Using that issue as a template probably eased our situation.

New software has arrived and installed. Now comes the learning curve as we attempt to put the application to work. I have great hopes that, once we familiarize ourselves with its capabilities, we shall morph into a much smoother production operation. Time will tell.

This is the final piece of this issue. I didn't plan it that way, but we had slightly more information to publish than I had room. As a result, Looking Ahead and Tom Michielsen's column, Taxes, Taxes, Taxes, were eliminated, and the In Memoriam column is on the facing page instead of inside the back page. You will note that even this column is shoehorned into a slightly different space to allow other important articles and some advertisements to flow better. To make it work, we will do whatever we feel is necessary...even if "it has never been done that way before."

May I point out that one of the Service Bureau's two big events occurs later this month. I hope many of you will consider attending the Interfaith Service and Brunch on October 24th at the Shrine Center.

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In looking at the Charges that are given to the new Brother at the end of each of the three Degrees, I believe they are there to call attention to and remind us of some of the principles of this great Fraternity.

One of the documents that does this for us and can be

The lead story on the front page, continuing on page 3, gives more details and the biographies of the three men who have volunteered to assist us in the Service. Contact your organization Secretary or the Office for reservations... \$10, payable in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door.

We will be playing tribute to the hundreds of volunteers who, over the years, have devoted countless hours to the Ronald McDonald Houses, which includes many Masons and their families. See you then? Thanks for reading.

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This October is going to be a very busy month for everyone in the Masonic War Veterans, if you wish to get involved. We have the Columbus Day parade on Saturday, October 9th, at 12:30 p.m. Be there by 12 noon in uniform. We will have cars and a trailer available for those who cannot march.

On Sunday, October 10th, we have been asked to be the Color Guard at the Shrine Flag Presentation at 2:00 p.m. There will not be a lot of marching.

Wednesday, October 20th will find us meeting at the Villager Restaurant in Canandaigua at 12:30 p.m. for lunch, followed by our monthly Birthday Party at 2:00 p.m. in Building 7 at the Canandaigua Veterans Medical Facility.

On Sunday, October 24th, the Color Guard is invited to Present the Colors for our Annual Interfaith Service and Brunch at the Shrine Center.

Our monthly meeting will be held October 28th at Fairport Masonic Hall. It is imperative that many members make this meeting so that we might come up with new, and old, ideas on how we can increase our membership. We have some extremely dedicated men, but we are finding, in our unit as well as others, that we need younger members. We all have ideas, so let's get together and produce a plan to recruit some new members. If you have an idea and cannot get to the meeting, you can call me at 338-2998 or Vance Collom at 217-9817.

Remember - keep the faith with all Brothers.

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shared with everyone is known as the Masonic Compact. The Compact contains ideas, philosophies and core principles that have been part of Freemasonry since its earliest days and they apply to all of us, old and new. The values

identified in this help to simply define what the Masonic Fraternity is about. If we take the time to read it carefully, I do believe that it is something we all inspire to live by each and every day.

The principles highlighted

Masonic Compact

Because I am a Freemason...

...I believe that freedom of religion is an inalienable right and tolerance an indispensable trait of human character; therefore, I will stand in my Lodge with Brothers of all faiths, and respect their beliefs as they respect mine, and I will demonstrate the spirit of Brotherhood in all aspects of my life.

...I know that education and the rational use of the mind are the keys to facing the problems of humanity; therefore, I will bring my questions and my ideas to my Lodge, and strive to advance the growth of my mind alongside my Brothers.

...I know that the rich tradition of Freemasonry and its framework of Ritual are important platforms for growth and learning; therefore, I vow to stand upon; these platforms to improve myself as a human being, and I vow to help in the mission of the Craft to provide tools, atmosphere, challenges and motivation to help each Brother do the same.

...I know that charity is the distinguishing human virtue, and that personal community service is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity; I acknowledge that words without deeds are meaningless, and I vow to work with my Lodge to provide service to the community, and to promote charity, friendship, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and

...I know that my obligation to community extends beyond my local sphere and is partly fulfilled in my patriotism: love of my country, obedience to its laws and celebration of the freedoms and opportunities it symbolizes.

...I know that leadership is best demonstrated by commitment to serving others; I will therefore participate in, and help work at improving individual leadership skills, and serve the Brothers of my Lodge to the best of my ability.

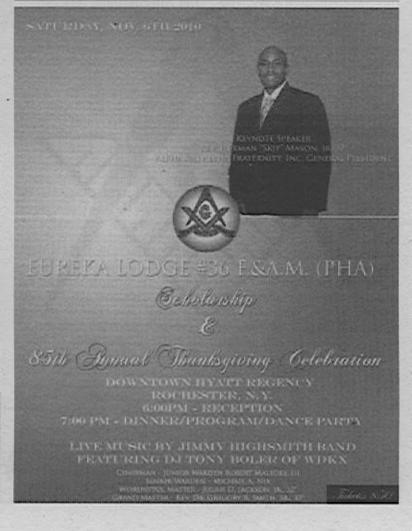
...I know that friendship, fidelity and family are the foundations of a well-lived life; I therefore vow to be a faithful friend to my Brothers, as I expect my Lodge to respect my personal obligations and to treat my family as though my family were

...I know that the last great lesson of Freemasonry-the value of personal integrity and the sanctity of one's word-is a lesson for all people in all times; I therefore vow to be a man of my

...I know that Masonry's power is best exercised when its Light is shared with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the world as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect

Because I am a Freemason.

these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through life.



· Respect for others religious

· Education and the rational use of the mind

· Respect for tradition - Ritual, Charity and personal community service, Patriotism, Leadership, Integrity, Friendship, fidelity and family.

These are expectations and behaviors that relate to the traditional principles of Freemasonry and may be shared with everyone. Please read the Masonic Compact and see how it reflects on you.

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Company Commander, Public Affairs Officer, Battalion Commander, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Brigade Commander and Assistant Division Commander. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

His awards, in addition to the Bronze Star, include the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. The Army Engineer Association has presented him the Bronze De Fleury Medal for his service to the Engineer Center and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. And the Commanding General of the 98th Division (Iroquois) presented him with Division's highest award the Order of the Tomahawk.

In June, 1999, Larry was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester. He currently serves at Saint Salome's Parish in suburban Irondequoit and at Rochester General Hospital.

Larry and his wife of 42 years, Anne, have three children. His son is a Monroe County Deputy and his daughters and daughter-in-law all work with child abuse investigations.

Richard C. Friedman

R: W: Richard C. Friedman was born and raised in the New York Metropolitan Area. Brother Friedman graduated with honors from the State University of New York at Geneseo and the Coilumbia University Graduate School of Social Work. Brother Friedman resides in Fairport with his wife, Joanne. He is a psychotherapist in private practice.

Right Worshipful Friedman was Raised in Ancient Craft Lodge in 1985; served as Worshipful Master in 1989 and 1992; and Secretary for several years. He has held many leadership offices of Fraternal organizations in the District.

At the Grand Lodge Level, Brother Friedman has held several appointments - Assistant Grand Lecturer, 1990-1994; District Deputy Grand Master, 1994-1996; Area Chairman for the Leadership Service Committee, 1991-1994; Long-Range Planning Committee, 1992-1995; Member and Vice-Chairman of Grand Master's Educational Task Force, 1992-1996;

Grand Master's Advisory Committee, 1993-1996. As part of the Task Force, he initiated and developed the Road to the East Program.

He has written two Short Talk Bulletins, including one entitled, "Brother Bring-a-Friend Night," and has been published in the Philalethes Magazine and in Northern Light Magazine.

Awarded the Grand Lodge Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Medal in 1993, Brother Friedman also received the Distinguished Service Medal in 1991 from Philalethes Society.

He is a Dual Member of ERAC and Webster Lodges. His memberships include the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners, among several other Concordant organizations.

Calvin Hubbard

Right Worshipful Calvin Hubbard is a Past Master of Eureka Lodge (PHA) in Rochester and a Grand Chaplain of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

He is a Past Patron of Estella Chapter, OES (PHA), and is currently Worthy Joshua of Zipporah Court, Heroines of Jericho. He is the current Treasurer of Haggai Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons. This year, the United Supreme Council, NJ, U.S.A., Inc., elevated him to the thirty-third and last Degree of Masonry.

Born in Dallas, TX, Brother Hubbard is, by profession, an accomplished sculptor, potter, painter and educator. He owns and operates Turtle Pottery Studio and Gallery and has incorporated the turtle into many of his art forms.

Right Worshipful Hubbard received a Master's Degree from Rochester Institute of Technology, after he completed undergraduate studies in Art at North Texas State University, Texas Southern University and Aspen School of Contemporary Art in Colorado.

He has received numerous awards and professional recognitions for his art, sculptures, leadership in Education and writings.

He and his wife, Evelyn, reside in the City of Rochester. He also is a U.S. Army Veteran.x

Bring a

If you wish, this is a perfect time to bring a donation from the Ronald McDonald Houses Wish List. This list is also a helpful idea-generater for projects with other organizations to which you may belong.

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- Paper Napkins
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- Miscellaneous Items

Batteries, all sizes

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- · Postage "Forever" Stamps Night lights and Flashlights

All items should be new for the health and safety of our families and volunteers. Please call 442-KIDS for more information.

In Memoriam

Bliss, Gary H.

On September 13th, Gary Bliss, 75, entered Eternal Rest leaving his wife of 50 years, Patricia, 3 children and 4 grandchildren to share memories. In addition to being very active in several community organizations, Gary was a Past Master of Milnor Lodge, recipient of the Dedicated Service Award, a member of Damascus Shriners, Past President of Canandaigua Shrine Club, active in Scottish Rite and York Rite. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

Coots, Duane B. "Duby"

Duane Coots, 84, went Home to his Lord on September 15th. Duby was a 62-year member and Past Master of Canandaigua Lodge where he

served as Secretary for 25 years. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

Foster, John H.

John Foster went to the waiting arms of his wife on September 8th. He is survived by a son and two grandchildren. John was a World War II Navy Veteran. He was a Past Master of Fame Lodge. Memories are like threads of gold; they never tarnish or grow old.

Palmiter, N. Keith

We have received word that Keith Palmiter, 83, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith on May 22nd. Five children,3 stepchildren, 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren survive him. Keith served his Country

as a World War II Army Veteran. He belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star, Damascus Shriners, Scottish Rite and Royal Order of Jesters. May he find peace with the Lord.

Sands, Timothy G.

At age 65, Timothy Sands, was received into Eternal Glory September 2nd. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, two children and 4 grandchildren. Timothy was a member of Oatka 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.

VanDelinder, Roy, Jr.

Roy VanDelinder, Jr. 76, laid down his Working Tools August 24th, leaving many friends and family to remember his life-long contributions. Roy was a US Air Force Veteran. He belonged to Unity Lodge where he held

many leadership positions. He also belonged to Damascus Shriners, Scottish Rite, York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He was a Past High Priest of Hiram Chapter, RAM; Past Commander of Cyrene-Monroe Cammander, Knights Templar; and Meritorious Service Brother of Scottish Rite. His many Masonic Brothers will keep his memory in their hearts.

Wihlen, John, Sr.

John G. Wihlen, Sr., 100, departed from a lively life of accomplishments, September 16th. His wife of 67 years, Eva, 4 children, 14 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren are left to cherish his memory. John was a 64-year member of ERAC Lodge, Scottish Rite, Damascus Shriners and Royal Order of Jesters. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Widows to be Remembered

Harris, Mildred, age 89. widow of Charles "Bob" Harris (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away August 30th.

Irvine, Jean, 87, widow of John Irvine (Wakan-Hub-bard Lodge), passed away September 3rd.

Pinkney, Evelyn, 86, widow of David Pinkney (ERAC Lodge), passed away September 20th.

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For Our Freedom ...

I am writing this article as our country is remembering with great sorrow the deaths of thousands who perished as a result of the cowardly attack of September 11, 2001. We should all take a moment to pause and ponder the significance of such an act.

I have personally experienced first-hand, while growing up in Beirut, Lebanon, the devastation of war and the mayhem that religious extremism and closed-minded fanaticism can generate. I have lost family members and friends to a war where each side claimed to have been given the right to kill others in the name of God and religion.

This great country, my chosen homeland, was built on Masonic ideals which include freedom of thought, equality, the Brotherhood of men, the Fatherhood of God, freedom of religion, tolerance, liberty and

justice for all.

We, as Freemasons, are the custodians of those very ideals; our responsibility is to promote the teachings of Freemasonry wherever we go through our speech, our thoughts and our actions. Make no mistake about it my Brothers, Freemasonry makes us better men and it makes the world around us a better place. Our teachings, our core beliefs and our Ritual matter; they are more relevant today than ever before.

District Kickoff

On September 11th, we also held our District Kickoff dinner and meeting. My thanks to Fairport-Flower City Lodge especially W .. Thomas Goodrich and W .: Seymour Kopen - for their hospitality and the wonderful Steak Dinner they prepared for us.

I also thank the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, represented by the Commander-in-Chief, Ill:



George Nasra

Joseph Bourcy, 33°; 1st Lt. Commander, Kenneth R. Howe, 32° DSA; Secretary, Peter "Jack" VanElzakker, 32° MSA; and two Active Members for New York, Ill .: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°; and Ill .: G. Michael Morris, 33°, for their financial support of the Dinner and the help and support they are providing behind the scenes for the District and Blue Lodges.

Thank you to the York Rite Doric Council represented by its Commander, Ill .: Master John A. Gallant; Damascus Shrine; and Lalla Rookh Grotto, represented by Monarch, Bernard "Bernie" Lazerson.

A special thank you goes to Brother Jack VanElzakker for printing and supplying the program for the Kickoff Meeting, and for Ill .: Stephen R. Whittaker for printing the District Manual, which was distributed at the meeting.

Congratulations to Ill.: G. Michael Morris who had to leave the meeting early to be with his daughter, who gave birth to his first grandson.

Convening

The program started with an opening prayer by R:.W:. Richard C. Friedman, PJGW, who mentioned our Brothers and Sisters who put their lives on the line in defense of our freedom so that we are able to hold such meetings in a land we call "Of The Free."

Following Dinner, we retired to the Lodge Room where Commander John J. Ponshock reminded everybody that the Masonic War Veterans are in need of members to join their ranks. Anyone interested should contact John by email at:

jponshock@rochester.rr.com.



John Ponshock

Representatives from Concordant Bodies then explained briefly their programs for the year. Next, the Chairs of the several District Committees were invited to talk briefly about their programs.

This year R .: W .: Phillip Hurwitz will chair the Public Relations Committee and R:.W: George Foehner will be heading the Communica-tions Committee for the District. Having our two Grand Lodge Officers as Chairs of these key Committees serves to emphasize the importance of these two initiatives - Communications and Public Relations - both at the Grand Lodge and District levels.

Thanks to Brother Robert Kostin for agreeing to co-chair the Communications Committee. Brother Kostin will work

closely with R:.W:. George Foehner and Brother Michael Sukhenko to help improve communications at all levels

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John Gallant

We then heard from R∴W∴ John Gallant about the Regional Google® Calendar which can be accessed from the Homepage of the Monroe Masonic Website at:

www.monroemasonic.com.



Erik Loepker

We also heard from W: Erik Loepker about the Journeyman Program; then R:.W:. Donald Tubman again reminded everyone of the support that the Purple Club provides to the Leadership Team in our District.

Next the AGLs, R∴W∴ Michael Nohle and V:W: William Edwards, announced their initiatives to promote excellence in Ritual Work for the Lodges in our District. The program ended with a closing prayer by R:. W .: Richard C. Friedman.

Grand Master's Message Some of you have had the chance to hear me deliver the Grand Master's Message during my Official Visit to your Lodge. It is a message of hope, which emphasizes a return to our core values as Freemasons. The Most Worshipful Vincent Libone, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, has chosen a motto for his term in Office - it is the word "FIT" which stands for Faith, Integrity and Trust. Here are some of my thoughts on this theme.

Freemasonry is not a religion, but it does have spiritual goals and significance. Freemasons share a belief in God and certain essential core values. We value truth and knowledge. As Freemasons, we aim at discovering our Creator through the careful study and



Donald Tubman and Richard Downs

the contemplation of God's creation. We respect all religions and encourage our Brothers to be committed to their own Faith and their own religious beliefs.

Integrity

As Freemasons, we are on a continuous quest for self-improvement. Strength of character, honor, truth and integrity are so much intertwined with the very concept of being a Mason one cannot conceive of Freemasonry without those core values. Our thoughts and actions should always be inline with such ideals. As Masons, we should always remember who we are - men of integrity, because who we are is exactly who we will attract into our Fraternity.

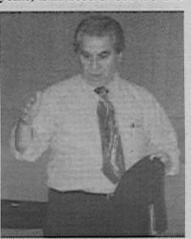
There is a myth in human relations which states that opposites attract. Nothing can be further from the truth. In fact, trust is based on the fact that we all share a common set of values and beliefs, which bind us together as a band of Brothers with common ideals and common goals.

As a Freemason, I know that each Brother in my Lodge, within my District, or around the world, can be trusted, for he has traveled that same road and taken the same oaths as all of us have done. Trust is the foundation of Brotherhood. It is one of the very first things a Candidate learns as he enters a Lodge of Freemasons. Blindfolded, he is asked to put his Faith in God and to follow a Brother who takes him by the hand and leads him around the Lodge Room. As Freemasons, it becomes our duty to behave in a way worthy of the trust of our fellow Brothers.

Our Duty to the Craft

My Brothers, an organization is only as good as the members of which it is composed. There is no room for apathy in Masonry. WE ARE FREEMASONRY and we have an awesome responsibility to our Fraternity at a time when there is a renewed interest in the Craft. The eyes of the world today are on Freemasonry and more people are curious about who we are and what we do. In every Opening and Closing of the Lodge, we are reminded it is our duty to relieve a Brother in distress or one who is in need of our aid or assistance. This is also true for the Fraternity as a whole.

Several of our Grand Lodge Programs, such as the Masonic Safety ID (formerly known as Child ID) and the Masonic Student Assistance Program are suffering from lack of funding. Most importantly, our beloved Masonic Care Community, which has been operating at a deficit for the past several years, is in need of our aid and



Bernie Lazerson

assistance. The facility in Utica is a treasure we cannot allow to wither and die. It is our duty, my Brothers, to help maintain this facility and keep its reputation as one of the premier care communities for older adults in the State and in the Country.

I urge you to remember the Masonic Care Community this year when you donate to the Brotherhood Fund. I would also encourage you to visit the Masonic Care Community's Website at:

www.masonichomeny.org

to learn more about this jewel that is ours and that we have available to us in Utica. Check out the website, read about the Programs and watch the videos, all of which outline the good work we make possible through our donations.

Again I will say: There is no room for apathy in Masonry. My challenge to you is to reach 100% participation in the Brotherhood Fund this year. Whether you give \$1 or \$1,000 it is our duty as a Masons to contribute to making this Fraternity stronger. Invest in your Fraternity and reclaim Freemasonry as your own.

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



Joseph Bourcy



Richard Friedman

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By R .: W .: Phil Hurwitz

'Masons are men who build community through Brotherhood that is based on a principled lifestyle."(1) Masonry is a life-long effort in making good men . . . better.

LSOME

Your Grand Sword Bearers touched upon this Program briefly in last month's article. What makes this Program important is that it serves as a building block towards more light in Masonry.

What was your experience in becoming a Master Mason? Were you enthusiastic? Other than what you read in your Ritual book, was there any attempt at formalized instruction within your Lodge?

LSOME is a proven Program that inspires the Candidate to become a Mason and generates a desire for lifelong learning and self-improvement. Recall the allegory of the Rough Ashlar?

We explained last month on how the LSOME Program is presented (all it takes is a DVD player or laptop computer). This month we would like to outline our expectations on how your Lodge can make effective use of the LSOME Program.

LSOME, when combined with a structured mentoring program, is key towards developing a lifelong desire for education and self-improvement.

The goal of the LSOME Program? On one level, it provides an excellent overview on what the three Degrees symbolize, and on the privileges and responsibilities of being a Master Mason. On another level, it sets the Brother up to answer one of the more essential questions that face each Brother what induced you to become a Master Mason?

What follows is a suggested methodology in presenting this Program. We are asking each Lodge to appoint an Education Officer who will be responsible for coordinating presentation of the LSOME and Mentoring Programs. Your Lodge's success in implementing this Program is dependent upon leadership. For an excellent overview of both Programs, refer to your copy of the 24-Inch Gauge (Section II, pages 130-131). Every Lodge has one.

First, how will your Lodge be introducing Candidates to the Craft? Will it be during a Brother Bring-a-Friend evening (24-Inch Gauge, pp. 214-233)? Would it be through your Investigating Committee (24-Inch Gauge, pp. 234-35)? Could you spread out the presentation to cover both? The first part of the LSOME DVD introduces our Fraternity to the Candidate and his family or significant other. This is your Lodge's prime opportunity to explain what Freemasonry is all about, and how it can benefit not only the Candidate, but those around him. Recall what was stated in the beginning paragraph of this article.

Our Fraternity has numerous handouts you can give to the Candidate to reflect upon after the investigation is concluded. The "Short Talk" Bulletin is a convenient source of information printed in pamphlet form. Information on suggested titles and how to obtain them are found in your 24-Inch Gauge, or go online to the Masonic Service Association of North America (msana.com) for more information. Another source is our own Masonic Service Bureau, located in the Shrine Center.

Second, presuming the Candidate is favorably balloted upon (more on investigations in a later article), the next opportunity is to mentor your Candidate. A suggested mentor could be that Brother who was the top-line signer on that Candidate's Petition.

Mentoring is essentially befriending the new Brother during the course of his initial year, such as helping the Brother find his way about the Lodge, and the Craft as a whole. More information about the details of mentoring is found in your 24-Inch Gauge, cited above.

The balance of the LSOME Program consists of meeting the Brother between Degrees. During those sessions, you and the new Brother review that portion of the DVD which covers the Degree just conferred. After viewing that particular session, you may consider having the Brother go over the Questions & Answers in preparation for the next Degree. It has been my own experience, that the effort invested in learning the Qs & As will pay rich dividends throughout that Brother's Masonic experience.

The final portion of the DVD offers your Lodge an opportunity to virtually walk the Brother about the Lodge; introducing him to the Stations and Places found in every well governed Lodge. To be continued ...

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS R.W. Michael Noble V:W: William Edwards 472-2229

Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will take place on October 18th at the Fairport Masonic Hall. A Steak Dinner will precede the Convention and reservations are a must. Please encourage your Line Officers to attend this event.

The Howard Potts Award requires attendance by your seven top Officers: Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, and both Masters of Ceremony. This Award is presented to Masters of Lodges at the Grand Lodge Communication in May. It is an honor and privilege to so receive it and you may display it proudly in your Lodge.

Masters, if you haven't already done so, please appoint a Ritual Director for your Lodge and send us his contact information. Also, be sure to get to us the date of your Edict Degree so we can get the dates on our calendar as soon as possible. Thanks for your cooperation and continued support.

Early Masonic Catechisms

In the previous column we explored the Old Charges or Manuscript Constitutions. These are the earliest known operative Masonic documents related to legendary history and regulations of the Craft. The earliest known Masonic Catechism dates from 1696. These Catechisms are a forerunner to our current Questions and Answers dialogue for each Degree. They are an aid for teaching new members and also a method to test someone of their membership in an organization.

It is difficult to research early Masonic Ritual as members were not to write down the ceremony. It was not until the 1960s that our Standard Ritual was published by Grand Lodge in its current cipher format. An excellent source for these early Rituals is the book, The Early Masonic Catechisms, written by Knoop, Jones and Hamer. This rare and valuable book is available for loan from our Grand Lodge Library and is the primary source for this article. The book details seventeen Catechisms dated from 1696 to 1730. The earliest catechisms may have been in use many years before these dates so they capture the transition from operative to speculative Ritual. It is interesting to see how the threads of our current Ritual are present in the ceremonies over 300 years old!

The earliest document is called the Edinburgh Register House Manuscript. It contains references to the three lights, Solomon's Temple, Points of Fellowship and the existence of a Mason's Word. The ceremony consisted of an Oath or Obligation, a sign, five po of fellowship accompanied by an unspecified word.

At that time, there were only two classes of members, the Entered Apprentice and Master/Fellowcraft. During this time period the ceremony evolved from a two-Degree system to a three-Degree system. The 3rd Degree was created by splitting the 1st Degree into the current first and second. It is not known for sure when this occurred but there is a reference to Entered Apprentices, Fellowcraft and Master Masons in a 1726 minute book for Lodge Dumbarton Kilwinning in Scotland. The first documented evidence for three Degrees with elements of the Hiramic Legend was in the 1730 printed expose Prichard's Masonry Dissected.

A challenge when researching early Masonic Ritual is its authenticity. How can we trust what is written if you are not supposed to write it down. Doesn't this make the material suspect? Masonic Author, Harry Carr, in his highly recommended book, Freemasons at Work, answers this question by referencing the Minutes Book for the Lodge at Haughfoot (active from 1702 to 1763). When the Lodge formed in 1702, one of the founding members purchased a register book and made some notes about the forming of the Lodge. They also copied down the Ceremony in use at that time on the first ten pages. On page eleven he wrote the last twenty-nine words of the Ritual text. Not wanting to waste three quarters of the remaining page he continued with the Minutes for the first meeting of the Lodge. At some point later in time someone who examined the Minutes Book became concerned that the Ritual was written and tore those pages out of the Minutes Book. Fortunately for the Masonic student, they could not destroy the minutes from the first meeting of the Lodge. The twenty-nine remaining words at the top of the page are almost identical with the three earliest Masonic Catechisms from 1696 to 1714. This au-

in use at this time. Our goal for the upcoming year is to PUMP up the quality of the Ritual. PUMP is an acronym defining Ritual Proficiency as equaling Understanding the Ritual plus Memorizing the current Standard Work correctly and Presenting the Ritual in a quality manner. By learning the history of our Ritual it helps our Understanding and also reminds us we are part of a long tradition going back hundreds of years.

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It is now our turn in history to be the caretakers of our Ritual. Perform it with passion

> Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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By R .: W .: Don Tubman

The Monroe District Lodges and Concordant Bodies are off to a great start. We would like to make greater use of the ID equipment by having events supported by each Lodge. We want to process 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 Trestleboard, schedule the equipment and appoint your Lodge's new CHIPs Coordinators.

Take Action

By the time you receive this, the Grand Lodge Kickoff will have passed and I will know who the new Lodge Coordinators are. We will have a Masonic force to set up and deliver a high quality Child ID Program that could really serve the community.

A group of Masons and some family members assisted with the Masonic Safety Program on August 30th at this year's

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December 8th

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State Fair. R .: W .: Derek Van Houten provided a separate report of that activity elsewhere in the Masonic Times.

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

We also are looking forward to several events at Fire Departments in Monroe County this Fall. Brother Michael Boone, Wayne County Masonic Safety ID Coordinator, has planned an ID event in October in Sodus for the community's Harvestfest. (We share equipment with Wayne and O/S/Y Districts.)

Also, my Lodge, Oatka, has been asked to help with a Masonic Safety event during Deaf Persons Awareness Week at Eastview Mall in Ontario County.

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 from your Lodge! We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at:

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

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

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

Child ID at State Fair By Derek VanHouten

August 30th, four Brothers from area Lodges joined others from around State in Syracuse to work the Child ID Program at the State Fair. This was the first time I participated in this Program and wasn't sure what I would be doing. I expected it would be interesting and a learning experience, if nothing else. My thanks to R:.W:. Don Tubman for spearheading the response from the Monroe District.

Parking was an issue and not defined well. Some was available on the main road across from Gate 2; I, and others, had a longer walk from the large raised public lots. The Child ID Area was in the Northwest Corner of the Health Pavilion along with other health-related groups.

I was impressed at how it was set up - a reception area with tables for registration and chairs for waiting. There were three interior rooms, all air conditioned for the computers. In the two main interior rooms were two tables, each with four computer setups, arranged in a horseshoeshaped configuration, with a central printing machine station, set to accept Fair-goers.

It was a first for me on the new units and after a shaky start and seeking hands-on help from Brother Sean Brown of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge,I progressed through several young children and a few senior citizens. The process was well thought out and the equipment is cutting-edge technology. At the registration desk, three or more Brothers, including R:.W:. Donald Kunego, the DDGM of Genesee-Wyoming District, completed the form with the person's name. address, eye color, hair color, weight, height, blood type (if known) and phone numbers, and handed each one a very small CD.

They were escorted into the computer area where they took a seat. Worshipful Scott Cronk and R.: W .: Dave Allan of Webster Lodge, along with myself and two other Brothers, started to complete the form on the computer screen.

The current technology eliminates the need for ink in taking fingerprints and now an

electronic form is used which is by far the best way to get little ones to place their fingers on the highlighted area of the machine to get their prints in a few seconds.

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Next came pictures. The subject was asked to turn to the left and look at the "bird" on the wall, then to the right and look at the "dragon" on the other wall, this got a chuckle from the "older" clients, but got the attention of the "little" ones easier.

After that, a preview sheet was shown on the screen and we read the information back to the parent or guardian. Then we hit the print and "burn disc" buttons. Shortly, they received all the information and we moved the cursor to the "start over" tab, ready for the next customer. They then took the material to a couple of Brothers, including R:W: Harry Tyson of Hesperus Lodge in Bergen, where the bottom of the preview sheet was cut off and folded over. This was placed in a laminating machine so a pocket card can be carried in your wallet. It was an eye-opening trip for me and hopefully when either R:.W: Donald Tubman or Brother Rick Downs ask for help in the future, more Brothers will answer the call to volunteer. Besides, it's great fellowship, a chance to improve your computer skills and do community service all at the same time.



By W .: Erik Loepker, Chairman

The Traveling Gavel (with apologies to Alfred Lord Tennyson), "O Brother, what drove thee from your Lodge, My Brother? was it earthly passion crost?"

"Nay," said the Brother; "for no such passion mine. But the sweet vision of the Traveling Gavel drove me from all vainglories, rivalries, and earthly heats that spring and sparkle out within us, better offered up to Heaven."

The Traveling Gavel! Yet one of your own Brothers, a guest of ours, told us of this in our Communication, but spake with such sadness and so low we heard not half of what he said. What is it? The phantom of a gaver that comes and goes?

Tennyson can get a bit florid, but I couldn't resist equating the Traveling Gavel with the item that practically defines the ultimate quest (the Holy Grail).

Can you believe it? Another year has started up, and once again we have fresh opportunities to drive from our Lodges and meet with our Brethren of nearby, and mayhap secure that sweet vision; the Traveling Gavel. Just you and six (or more!) of your Brothers can enjoy friendly banter and Fraternal camaraderie, and have that cat-that-atethe-canary grin at the end of the evening when you are handed the Traveling Gavel to take back to your own Lodge, to await fresh questers on your turf.

At this time, Unity Lodge, who meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m., possess this fabulous item. You can find them at 133 South Union Street, Spencerport. Remember to call ahead, so they can be ready for your visit.



R:W: Derek VanHouten Co-ordinator

We have been working within the three Area Districts to appoint District Coordinators and now are moving to appoint Lodge Chairmen.

In the Monroe District, W .:. Bernie Lazerson is the Chairman; in the Livingston District, R:.W: Richard Trescott is the Chair; and in the Wayne District, R:.W:. Richard Brewer is at the helm. These Brothers will be serving a multi-year appointment as an anchor for the Ambassador Program that replaces the old Admissions Councilor Program.

R:.W: Derek VanHouten is the Embassy Coordinator and reports to R .: W .: Keith Heinrich of the Masonic Care Community and R:W: Al Diaz from the Board of Trustees.

The Ambassador Program was merged into a new Committee on Public Relations, Development and Philanthropy and Ambassador Program. The following is taken from the 2009 Annual Report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall. 'In 2010, the Program enters into the next phase of developing awareness among the membership about what the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund do to benefit all Master Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"Embassies were set up in six key areas around New York State - Buffalo/Erie, Rochester, the Onondagas (O/S/Y and Central NY), Albany/Schenectady and the Metro Area. On November 21, 2009, Coordinators of these Embassies (areas) held a strategy meeting at the Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica to define their roles and responsibilities.

"The Ambassador Program's purposes will be presented to heighten awareness of the services provided by the MCC and their potential benefits to the membership. Other programs operated and supported by the Trustees such as Camp Turk, the George Washington Masonic Site in Tappan, our Grand Lodge Scholarship Program, as well as the financial implications of providing these services, will be addressed. Other objectives of the Ambassador Program includes organizing bus trips to the Masonic Care Community, sponsoring a child to attend Camp Turk, bequests and legacies, providing contact information for potential admissions to the MCC Community and financial support by donations to naming opportunities of neighborhoods and households in the Masonic Care Community and

plaques in the Wall of Honor and Memorial Wall."

We will be asking the Masters of Lodges within these Districts to appoint a Brother who will be willing to serve a multiyear appointment, who can represent his Lodge and speak on the subjects mentioned above and other information as it is brought to their attention.

Recently a young Brother was hired at the Masonic Care Community to head up the Office of Development. Brother J.P. Kidwell is willing to travel throughout the State to present a program on the above-mentioned topics to your Lodge or District Meetings.

In closing, we are here to serve you, the members of the Craft, and we look forward in assisting the work of the Trustees as we shape the future for



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Fairport Masonic Hall 87 South Main Street



We are off to a good start for the year. The weather has been cooperative, a beautiful Fall can only mean Winter is on the way and the Farmer's Almanac has promised colder temperatures and less than usual snow. December will be soon enough for the snow.

The 1st Degree will be conferred on Monday, October 11th. W .: Tom Goodrich, our Master, will be in the East. All Officers are requested to wear tuxedos or dark dress clothes.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for the Monroe District will be in Fairport on Monday, October 18th. A steak dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$13. The required Officers will earn us the Potts Award and the largest membership present will receive the Attendance Banner. Good food, good fellowship and a greater understanding of the Craft will result.

Our congratulations to W:. G. Michael Morris for having the most "toys" down on his hideaway near Wayland. He has also advanced in his recognition within the Scottish Rite. He works hard and we are happy for him and his family.

October Birthdays

The following Brothers have birthdays in October: Edward Goodrich (1st); Warham Quinlan and Paul Sultar (6th); Ralph Loiacono (8th); John Lenzi (13th); Wayne Beckwith (16th); Philip Neivert (18th); Edwin Cornell (20th); Allan Fowler, Philip Kaplan and Bernard Lazerson (21st); Michael Marks (24th); Stanley Chizuk (29th); Stanley Friedman (30th); and Samuel Beckley (31st). We extend our sympathy to all for being another year OLDER and congratulations for the extended life. We hope for you a happy and healthy year ahead.x

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Remember to get completed Petitions back from our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and turn them in to the Secretary, so they can be read at our October Meeting. The 1st Degree will be here before you know it.

Recent Events

Our day working at the Erie County Fair to add to our charity fund was another great day. The day started out on a high note as we met our previous Grand Master, M .: W .: Edward Gilbert. He was there serving breakfast and joking around. It was great to see him out with all the other Brothers. First, I thank all the non-Masons who helped support our cause - Kelly Foehner, Kevin Timian, Brittany Perry, Ashley Marshall, Kerry Pugh, Gary Pugh and Nichole May. Next, my thanks to R:. W:. George Foehner for helping find extra help so everyone could enjoy the day. Last, thank you W: Terry Hatch and W .: Frank Habitzreuther.

Upcoming Events

Don't forget to attend the October 11th DDGM Official Visit to hear what our new Grand Master's plans are and to support our own R:.W:. George Foehner, Grand Sword Bearer. There will be a dinner prior to the meeting. Contact Scott May (330-9889 or:

scott.may@frontiernet.net) to make a reservation before October 8th.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on Monday, October 18th at Fairport Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m. I would be honored if we had a large number of Brothers there to show our support and pride. There will be a dinner prior for those interested. Details coming.

Degree time is almost upon us so those who have parts should start practicing. Our 1st Degree rehearsal will be on Monday, November 1st, at 7 p.m. The Degree will be held November 8th at 7:30p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Contact Scott May before November 5th to make a reservation.

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18th - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Fairport Māsonic Hall at 7:30 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m. 21st - Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards at Shrine

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November

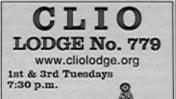
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8th - Special Communication - 1st Degree at 7:30 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m.

10th - Masonic Development Course at Union Star Lodge, 7-9 p.m.

22nd - Fellowcraft Meeting at 7 p.m.

29th - Masters & Wardens Meeting at Northfield Lodge, 6:30 p.m.



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Our first meeting of the year on September 7th was well attended and I thank those Brothers who made it out on a very warm night.

I spent a few minutes outlining my goals and expectations for the year. I wrote about those goals in the September issue of the Masonic Times.

W∴Frank Celona was escorted to the East and presented with his Past Master's Apron. Brother Frank did an outstanding job as Master of Clio this past year and he has my thanks for his efforts in making the start of my year a good one. Brothers Matt Scheffer and Pete Matthews were very happy to be presented with their name badges. We had 5 petitions to join Clio Lodge presented at this meeting. I thank all the Brothers who stepped up and volunteered to be on an interviewing committee.

Brothers, it is my hope that you will have received a short survey from Clio. The survey includes the contact informa-

tion we have on record for each of you and a few short questions. Please be sure to edit/update your contact information as appropriate and answer the questions. You can return the survey using the provided postage paid return envelope. If you did not receive a survey, please let me know and I will be sure to get one to you.

Award Recipient

It is my pleasure to inform you that Brother Dale Waterhouse is the recipient of the Symbolic Lodge Award for 2010. Brother Dale is a strong supporter of Clio Lodge and always ready to help out when needed. Brother Dale is a long time supporter of the Fidelity Triangle girls and played a part in bringing them to Clio Lodge. He has quietly assisted Brother Bill Hunn with the spaghetti dinners; he stays late after Lodge to help clean up; he assists with all our fundraisers; he maintains our spaghetti dinner sign each month and much more. I hope each of you will join me in congratulating Brother Dale for this well deserved honor. The Symbolic Lodge Award will be presented on October 21st at the Shrine Center. I hope you will consider attending the Award Ceremony with me and show your support for Brother Dale.

I also ask you to consider attending a meeting of Leah Chapter of the OES and Fidelity Triangle. I will attend several of these meetings this year and hope you will consider joining me or consider attend-

ing on your own. Please keep Nancy Taber in your thoughts as she recuperates from recent medical issues.

October is a busy month for us. October 1st and 2nd we will be at the Hilton Apple Festival selling meatball subs and ziti.

On October 5th the DDGM, R:.W:. George Nasra and his team will be at Clio for their Official Visit. This meeting will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. I hope to see as many Clio Brothers as possible in attendance. Please contact me or Brother Bill Hunn to make a reservation for dinner.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at the Fairport Masonic Hall on October 18th at 7:30 p.m. There will be a dinner preceding the Convention. I asked the Brothers who were in Lodge at our last meeting to consider attending this worthwhile event. I hope to see many Clio Brothers there as well. I would especially ask my officers to attend this event if at all possible.

We will be rehearsing the 1st Degree on October 17th at 6:30.p.m. The Degree will be conferred at our regular meeting on October 19th.

During October, we will hold two spaghetti dinners, on the 13th and the 27th. We can always use help at these events. Please consider coming out on at least one of those Wednesday nights to help us. We serve from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday Two Brothers will be celebrating birthdays in October. Be sure to wish Brother Scott Blystone and our Junior Warden, Brother Pat Purcell, Happy Birthday when you see them.

In closing, God bless you all and I hope to see you at Lodge. ×

Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109



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The month of September was a busy one for our Lodge and October looks to be as busy. I thank Richard Snyder for his help coordinating our Past Masters' Dinner on September 21st.

I also thank the Brothers who have attended the last two Schools of Ritual and wish we could get more Brothers to attend. These Schools not only help you to be better at our Masonic Ritual, but you get a chance to meet and talk with Brothers from other Lodges. I enjoy these Schools and we have two more scheduled in the future. Please plan to attend.

Sickness and Distress

We have two Brothers, Dick Vaughan and Bill Scheer, who are in need of our prayers; we hope to see them back in Lodge real soon. Please keep them in your prayers.

October Events

5th - Officers meeting at the Shrine Center, at 6 p.m.

12th - Official Visit. All Officers to wear tuxedos; dinner will precede meeting.

18th - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport Masonic Hall (more details in the Masonic Times concerning dinner reservations).

21st - Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards, 7 p.m. at the Shrine Center. Valley-Simes to honor Brother Nelson Bertch for his service as our Ritual Director. Please attend to show your support.

24th - 69th Annual Interfaith Service and Brunch at the Shrine Center; Service at 10 a.m., Brunch to follow. Tickets must be purchased by October 12th; no tickets available at the door.

Consolidation Report

As of now both Lodges have been waiting for our Phase 3 paperwork from Grand Lodge. We have recieved word that the delay has been corrected and paperwork is forthcoming.

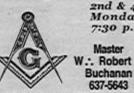
October Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Brothers who are celebrating their birthday during the month of October:

Glenn Stahl (1st); Richard Snyder (5th); Donald Petersen (6th); Wesley Warren Jr. (9th); Myron Biggar (10th); Anthony Simonetti (11th); Bill Scheer (16th); Gerald Stahl (17th); Erich K. Postler (20th); Harvey G. Stiles (22nd); Ron R. Rogers (26th) and Norris Shapiro (26th).

Reservations are requested for dinners. Please email our Junior Warden, Joe Ditucci, to make a dinner reservation at: jditucci@gmail.com, or call him at 259-2839. Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.x

Lodge No. 479 2nd & 4th



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Upcoming Events

October 11th - Suspenders Night. The program for the evening will be Common Mistakes in Ritual Work presented by V:.W:. John Dyer.

October 25th - Scheduled for the 1st Degree. Lodge will open at 6 p.m. with Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations for dinner should be made through W:. Tom Michielsen, DSA, at: tmichie1@rochester.rr.com prior to the event. The 1st Degree will begin at 7:30 p.m. with our Junior Warden, Brother Byron Barnes, sitting in the East for the evening.

October 9th - Unity Lodge will be hosting a Trap Shoot, run by R:.W:. Dave Jones at Four Point Rod & Gun Club, which is located straight South of Unity Lodge on Route 259, immediately after crossing the Thruway. It's about a tenminute ride from the Spencerport Masonic Hall. Shooting, plus a Lunch Buffet, will cost approximately \$8 per

October 16th - Help Support Unity Lodge's new partnership in the fight against Diabetes with the 2.5 Mile Step-Out Walk to Fight Diabetes, sponsored by the American Diabetes Association, at Genesee Valley Park. Check in at 9 a.m. for a 10 a.m. start. Take the first step today and register at: main.diabetes.org/stepoutrochester, or 1-888-DIABETES, Ext. 3474. Our Chairman for

Tyler Ekwell. Also on the 16th will be our Spouse/Significant Other Dinner at Unity Lodge at 6 p.m. Reservations can be made by contacting Junior Warden, Brother Byron Barnes, at:

this Committee is Brother

byronbarnes479@gmail.com, or 820-6069. The cost will be \$13 per person.

October 18th - The Grand Lecturer's Convention is at Fairport Masonic Hall. We have held the Attendance Banner for several years; let's continue this trend.

Bring-a-Friend Night

We will have our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on Monday, November 22nd, which is a change to the Trestleboard. If you plan to bring a friend, please get his name to our Secretary, R .: W .: Cliff Short.

October Birthdays

Best wishes to all our Brothers who celebrate birthdays in October: Herbert Benge, Eugene Brendel, Wendel Burtner, William Enssle, John Esposito, Keith Freeman, John Grosshans, Thomas Maddicks, Albert Mallaber, James Murch, Gordon Niedermeier, Donald Pierson, William Rohrbacher, Richard Spangenberg, David Sylvester and David Vance. x

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We recently had our first School of Ritual for this Masonic year, which focused on the Standard Work of Opening and Closing. Our District Assistant Grand Lecturers, R:W: Mike Nohle and V:.W: Bill Edwards, put together quite a fine event. As usual, it was very nice to hear some splendid words from R:.W:. George S. Nasra, District Deputy Grand Master, and his other Officers, R:W: George Foehner and R..W.: Phillip Hurwitz, Grand Sword Bearers. Webster Lodge had, I believe, almost a dozen

I think was great. I take this opportunity to announce the appointment of, or should I say, the volunteering of, a few Brothers to positions within the Lodge.

Brothers in attendance, which

V:.W: Brad Lewis came forward to take on the roll of Ritual Director, a most important task, as you well know.

Brother Scott Lasky has offered his services as Assistant Secretary, lending a hand to our W .. Bernie Russell with some of those pesky Secretarial tasks.

Brother Bruce Frazee will be taking on the duties of Webster's Official Representative to the Masonic Care Community. This was after a brief word from R:.W: Derek VanHouton concerning the need of such a Representative in each Lodge throughout the State.

We will also be forming a small committee to communicate with the Masonic Service Bureau to investigate ways of helping out with the maintenance of Camp DeMolay and on how the Camp may be more frequently enjoyed.

These Brothers are demonstrating that fine virtue which helps build a strong Lodge and a strong Fraternity. That virtue is the act of volunteering; stepping forward to take on a task that needs to be done. These positions, which might not share the limelight of Line Officers, are no less important to the success of the Lodge. Their communications with other organizations will help keep our Lodge members informed on a variety of important matters.

Join me in thanking these Brothers for taking on their associated tasks, and support them with whatever their new rolls may bring them. Remem-

ber, nothing beats a good team, except a better team.

My hat is off to a few hardworking Brothers. Brothers Jim Clancy, Bob Passino, Nick Haldoupis, Ed Malchoff, John Clapp, and likely a few others. who have performed a great service to the Lodge while we were dark. They meticulously cleared the walls of the Fellowcraft Room and applied two to three coats of paint. As you can imagine, the room looks fantastic. Remember to say thank you to them for their undertaking and executing it so masterfully.

I am glad to announce that as of this September, the Ladies of Zama Temple, Daughters of the Nile, will be sharing our building with us. Please join me in welcoming them to our humble Temple and help make them feel at home. My thanks to W .. Mark Fenton for working out the details. A schedule of the regular usage of our building will be posted on the bulletin board in the lower hallway.

Upcoming Events

October 7th - 1st Degree. Brother Bill Gross will be in the East for this event and there are eight Candidates in-waiting for the evening.

October 14th - We have our usual Fellowcraft Night.

October 21st - Scottish Rite Awards at the Shrine Center. As usual, our Regular Communication will be curtailed in order to participate.

Remember, the first Friday of each month will be Spaghetti Dinner Night to benefit one of our local organizations. Come down, have some spaghetti and, maybe, help out.

Until later, God Bless.

NORTHFIELD

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October is upon us! How many are sniffing the air for the scent of pumpkin pie, apple cider or even roasted pumpkin seeds (my favorite)? Well, we've all now been through our initial wakeup pains, as Lodge has come back to light (life?). After a dust-off session, and a good welcome back, we are now looking ahead!

First, I'd like to single out some Brothers for their achievements or commitments. In our first meeting, W .: Deasey completed an unfinished act from his tour in the East, when he was invited to re-take the Gavel in order to confer the Most Improved Ritualist Award upon

Brother Mark Edgecomb for last year. W .: Deasey noted that Brother Edgecomb has successfully filled just about every position in a Degree and was commended for his performance as Hiram Abiff in the Hiramic Legend. Additionally, I am grateful to W .: Deasey for stepping up to take on the role of Public Relations Brother in our Lodge and to Brother Stephan Michener for taking on the role as Masonic Safety ID Program Coordinator for Northfield Lodge. Once more, Brother Josh Loepker has taken on the mantle of Coordinator for our Adopt-a-Highway Program, and Brother Mark Edgecomb is our focal for the Brotherhood Fund.

One new program that has been launched with great success is our new Masonic Journeyman Program, conceived by W: David Adams and W: Erik Loepker. For those of you who may have missed it, there is another article that should appear this month or next giving greater detail to the program. But, in a nutshell, the idea is that we've found a printer that crafts passports that Brothers can use to acquire stamps and signatures of Lodges they visit. This provides a great touchstone for memories down the line and also enables Brothers to engage in a rewarding activity with other Brothers, or alone, as they desire. The culmination of visiting every Lodge in our District enables that Brother to earn a lapel pin, specially designed for this program, that features as a great kudo as well as a potential conversation starter.

Looking Ahead

October 5th is our Annual Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night. As usual, we have an excellent lineup of speakers and showcase paraphernalia. I hope many Brothers will be on hand to show off our Lodge in proper

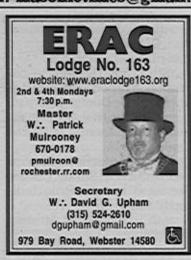
R:.W:. John Zabel will be coming by on October 7th to give his presentation on Masonic Etiquette. This is really an enlightening and stimulating presentation and Brother Zabel is an excellent speaker.

On October 18th, we will, of course, be attending the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport Masonic Hall, when we will endeavor to earn the Potts Award! As usual, to do so we need our top seven Officers but, more is always better and these affairs are never boring.

Worshipful Brothers Adams and Loepker will be presenting the Masonic Journeyman Program to Seneca Lodge on October 19th. This would be a fabulous opportunity for you to get a stamp in your passport, while also being advocates of the Program (even if you don't say anything, your presence lends support).

On October 21st, Northfield will conduct a brief meeting in order to ballot upon Petitions. This is necessary so we can proceed with Initiation in November. The meeting will be brief so any who wish may attend the Scottish Rite Awards Night at the Shrine Center.

As always, if you need updates, check our website at www.northfieldlodge.org, call our information line at (585) 586-2976 or contact any Officer for the Lodge. (Now, I'm off to hunt for some pumpkins...) x



Summer has passed and Autumn is upon our doorstep. The leaves are beginning to turn, signaling the passing of seasons, and the variety of scenes, which each season displays to the discerning eye. This reminds me of a passage from one of our Degree Lectures. Can anyone guess which Lecture that might be?

Upcoming Events

We have an exciting Trestleboard in store for the year, Brothers. Our next meeting is the 2010 ERAC Awards and Member Recognition Night, to be held on October 11th. Social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Awards presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp. The Lodge will be providing appetizers and finger foods. This is a Public meeting so be sure to invite family and friends to join us.

At our October 25th meeting, we will be honored indeed to have our own R:W: George Nasra, District Deputy Grand Master, and R∴W∴ George Foehner and R:W: Phil Hurwitz, Grand Sword Bearers, join us for the 2010 Official Visit. The menu for the evening will be an "over-thetop" Lasagna Dinner and all that goes with it.

Mark your calendar for the 2010 Grand Lecturer's Convention, which will be held on Monday, October 18th, at the Fairport Masonic Hall. This is always a fun and educational evening, not to mention a great opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old ones. Be there and be Square.

Now, stay tuned for a message from our Secretary ...

Secretary's Corner By Dave Upham

Every year we send out Dues Cards and other Notices by US Mail. Every year, sadly, we get more than a handful returned to us as being undeliverable to that address. Likewise, when we pick up the phone to call one of our members, we get sent to the recording that informs us that number is no longer a working number.

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During my first year as Secretary, I found out there was a huge amount I didn't know or anticipate about my duties. In retrospect, I have come to understand I need to make a lot of improvements in the way I do business as Secretary of the Lodge - become more efficient in many ways.

To help me do that, I have been in the process of updating our member contact information. To accomplish this task, I am asking for your help. I need to make sure all contact information we have on file for you is up-to-date and accurate.

What I am asking of each of you, please, is to send me the information as listed below. If you have email, you can send it to me at:

dgupham@gmail.com, or you can use my snail mail address: 7698 Chapman Drive, Ontario, 14519. In advance, thank you for your prompt assistance in this matter.

Please, Brothers, don't assume I have your up-to-date information. I am asking EACH of you to respond with:

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· Cell Phone (only if you want us to have it)

Your Officers and Brothers are looking forward to the Lodge Year and all the excitement and anticipation it has to offer. We are especially looking forward to seeing you in Lodge.x

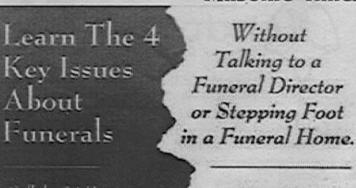
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TOM VASILE POTENTATE

By Richard Friedman, Chief Rabban

I am writing this on behalf of our Potentate, Illustrious Tom Vasile, who is dealing with the loss of his mother, who passed away just before this column was due. Our thoughts and prayers go toTom and his family at this time of lossAt least the Great Architect saw fit to allowTom's mom to witness his wedding day several . CAN BE MADE ON THE WEBSITE. weeks ago.

As Masons and Shriners we always stand behind our leaders ready to step up and help. I guess Tom thought that my writing skills needed brushing up, as this will be my column in several months, unless I do not win the election.

Car Cruz 2010

Many positive things are happening at Damascus - our Summer Car Cruz is now history, but we did very well on several

1. There is no doubt that we brought the existence of the Shrine and Shrine Center to the front of the public's mind as Legends 102.7-continued to sponsor the event on the radio.

We broke all of our own records for attendance and food sales. We had over 225 cars at one evening and we have been averaging over 200 cars on a regular basis. The folks I know who are "into" classic cars say that Damascus is the place to be. I plan on continuing this successful Nobles) and a return on Halloween but event in the Summer of 2011.

3. We made several new Masons and Shriners during the course of the Summer. Next year there will be a more organized approach to membership at every event we run.

A HUGE thank you goes out to "The Boss," Norris Shapiro, and the stalwarts who worked on the Temple's behalf week after week. I dare not list them, as I know November 20th - Harvest Dinner I will miss someone. It should be noted that the Ladies of the Shrine gave us countless hours of their time, as well.We wheel and support our Shrine Center's

could not have held Cruz night without those incredible Ladies.

New Website

Damascus has a new website! Under the leadership of our Potentate, Tom Vasile, our Shrine Center has entered the 21st Century. If you have not been there, please take a moment to visit:

www.damascusshriners.org.

You can do everything on this site from seeing our Shrine Calendar the Regional Masonic Calendar, making reservations online for events and so much more. We built the site to attract the non-Shriner and to motivate our current Nobles. Please check the website for all of your Shrine needs. We owe Tom our thanks for having the courage to make this happen!

Sportsman's Raffle

We will be having our Sportsmen's Raffle this year on Saturday, October 9th, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. See the ad in the Damascus News and check our website for more details.

On October 10th, there will be a Flag Ceremony led by the Legion of HonorYou will not want to miss this stirring ceremony where a newAmerican Flag will be raised along with an KIA/MIA Flag.

A BIG Day at the Shrine

EVENTS of CRITICAL IMPOR-TANCE will take place on Saturday October 16th. This will be the Noble Bringa-Brother/Friend Night at the Shrine. ALL DETAILS AND RESERVATIONS We need EVER Y Noble to take membership personally. In order for us to help our KIDS at Shriners Hospitals we must continue to grow as a Shrine Center.

In addition, our Shrine Degree Team will be honored at the dinner that evening for traveling hundreds of miles to put on a first class 3rd Degree for our new Masonic Brothers. If you want to schedule the Degree Team, look for their page on the Website for more information.

Road Trip to Springfield 'To quote the late, great John Belushi ... "ROAD TRIP!"

For any Noble or any Brother who has not been to a Shriners Hospital for Children®, then boy do we have an opportunity for you! On Saturday October 30th, a bus will leave for the Springfield Hospital at 7 a.m. This is an overnight trip to the Hospital that includes a personal tour of the facility eating together, a shopping trip (guard the credit card, in plenty of time to trick or treat. ALL the details and reservations can be made on the Website or by calling the Office. IF YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN A SHRINERS HOSPITAL, THIS IS THE TRIP FOR YOU!

Save the Dates

November 3rd - Shrine Meeting November 13th - Ceremonial Day December 1st - Annual Meeting

Let's all put our shoulders behind the

III.: Robert L Anderson, Past Potentate, bequeaths \$100,000 to Damascus



Ill .: Robert L. Anderson II, (center) presents symbolic check to Ill .: Thomas Vasile, Potentate of Damascus Shriners, from the Estate of his fatherAttorney and Noble Dean Faro, who handled the Estate, observes the transaction. It was expressed that Bob's desire was to have the kitchen, bar and dining areas renovated and updated and these funds would be the trigger to start the project.

LEGION OF HONOR

By John R. Far o, Commander

The Damascus Shriners Legion of maintaining the flag atop the pole at the Shrine Center.

A Flag Ceremony will occur on Sunday, October 10th, scheduled for 2 p.m. A new flag, donated by Past Potentate Seymour Kopen, will be raised. A KIA/ MIA flag will also be raised.

The Damascus Shriners Band, under Honor, has assumed the responsibility of the direction of Noble Frank Russell, will also present a program of patriotic and march music.

The Oasis will be open for refreshments after the ceremony, and the Band will entertain with a short recital inside.

Please join the Legion of Honor in celebrating this special event.



Damascus Temple proudly presents An Old Fashioned Harvest Dinner



with your Brother Nobles in the Shrine!

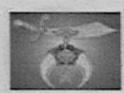
There will a turkey per table with all of the trimmings! We can warm up our carving and eating skills in time for the BIG ONE!

When: November 20, 2010 Where: Damascus Shrine Temple Time: 5:00 till.. Cost: \$20 per person

For Reservations:

NOBLE'S NAME LADY'S NAME PRONE NUMBER: ADDRESS____

> MASTER CARD # . EXP. DATE or Pay Online at www.damascusshriners.org



Bring your appetite, Your Fez, And a SMILE



Early Reminder - December 1st, 2010 **Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Gary Burke

The Fall Ceremonial/Hot Sands will take place on Saturday, November 13th, at the Shrine Center. Make sure your Petitions are received by the Recorder NO LATER THAN November 3rd, so we can vote on them at the meeting that evening. Don't delay, send them in TO-DAY!

The schedule for the 13th is as follows:

Registration/Social hour: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Knickerbocker Degree/Shrine Esoteric portion/Hot Sands: 6:30 pm

If you are a Noble who joined Damascus Shrine during the past two years and have not had the opportunity to participate in the Hot Sands portion of our

ceremony, you are cordially invited to do By Derek VanHouten so on November 13th. We just ask you call the Recorder's Office and tell us of your intentions.

As we are doing the Hot Sands portion of our Ritual, this will be a MEN ONLY EVENT.

Candidates and First-Line Signers are our guests for dinner, as has been our custom. Others will be asked to make a \$12 donation towards the dinner cost.

We also ask that reservations be made NO LATER than Monday, November 8th, at noon. We will cut off the reservations at that time, so the caterer can plan accordingly.Recorders Office number is: (585) 671-7701; Reservation Hot-line is: (585) 671-3565; or Email:

njackson@damascusshriners.org

SHRINEABILIA

Sometimes we latch onto the most interesting material. Sometimes it catches our breath as we never expected to be handed an item of historical importance and is satisfying to know that Brothers want these stories to be told.

Case in point; my friend and historical buff, Noble and Brother Richard Lippincott always surprises me with the artifacts he provides to me on occasion. Last month, at our weekly luncheon with Ill. Guy Parry and his wife, Mary, he said he had something different for me. Of course, I was interested and soon the luncheon was over and I was trying to think what it could be. He handed me a set of doorknobs. Not just any old door knobs, but a set taken from the Masonic Temple in Washington, DC. The knob itself is in a base relief of the Working Tools. The set also includes the brass doorplates for either side of the door. All that is missing is the key and a door to place it on. thoughts? Thank you, Richard.

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5TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN RAFFLE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH 1-5 P.M. S20 DONATION

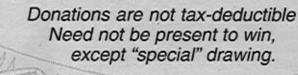
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Special Drawing: Marlin 336 30/30 Lever Must be present to win!

All proceeds to support the Damascus Shrine Center



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SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL

By Ken Pollar d

Last month, the Springfield Hosptial article reported on the staff of this medinot visited a Shrine Hospital lately will take the opportunity to visit the Springfield Hospital this October when Damascus Temple visits. See the advertisement below.

You will see a 100,000 square foot hos- 30 different countries. pital that ranks in the top five of all 22 Shrine Hospitals in the admission of new patients, and ranks second in the number of outpatient visits - 1,500 per month or approximately 20,000 a year . SHC just completed a \$1.8 million dollar upgrade to the Outpatient Department. The annual operating budget is \$25 million dollars.

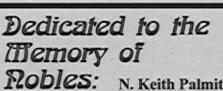
Springfield Hospital has 3.5 Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeons, 1 Pediatric Rheumatologist and .5 Plastic Surgeons on staff. In addition, 14 physicians provide services on a regular basis and 70 other

physicians have privileges and are used on an as-needed basis. Springfield is afcal facility. I hope those Nobles who have filiated with Boston, Albany and Baystate Medical Centers with residents rotating at SHC. Two-thirds of our patients come from the New York and New England area with the rest coming from outside the U.S. Last year, patients came from

Clear your calendar for the last weekend in October to visit this fine medical center It will be a great time to visit the New England area.

Ken Pollard and Joe DiT ucci are the two representatives of DamascusTemple on the Board of Governors of the Springfield Hospital for Children®. 17 other Shrine Centers are affiliated with the Springfield Hospital.

Until next month, remember the words of the lateWill Rodgers, "If you find your self in a hole, stop digging."

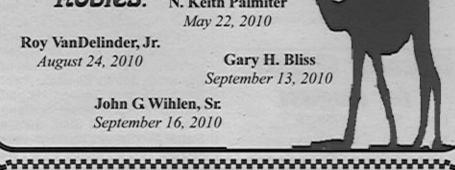


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August 24, 2010

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Damascus Legion of Honor Wednesday, October 13th

at Damascus Shrine Center 979 Bay Road, Webster

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

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Roast Beef * Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Bread & Butter

\$9 per person

RSVP no later than October 11th at 436-8216 Meeting to follow.

Annual Fashion Show ... Our Red Hat Affair!

Presented by Zama Temple No. 14 Daughters of the Nile In honor of the First Lady of Damascus Shrine, Deborah Vasile

October 23rd

at Burgundy Basin - 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford Social & Auction-12 Noon ~ Lunch-1 p.m. ~ Followed by Fashion Show Entrée Choices:

- Seafood-Stuffed Sole w/Vegetables & Rice
- Stuffed Chicken Breast w/Bread Suffing, Vegetables & Rice
- Vegetarian Lasagna w/ Marinara Sauce

Prize will be awarded for the best Red Hat Outfit!



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Mail this Slip with payment of \$20 per person before October 9th to:

Carol Colegrove; 8 Cynthia Drive; Geneva, NY 14456

☐ Seafood-Stuffed Sole Mark your menu choice:

□ Vegetarian Lasagna □ Stuffed Chicken Breast

Name of Member attending:

Name of Guest attending:

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB



There was a huge crowd for the Annual Steak Roast for the Auburn Shrine Club. Ken Pollard was in charge and there wasn't a spot left to park in the lot by the time the first steak moo'd.

By Dave Bowman

I'm so glad to receive a reminder for all who lent a hand in the clean-up efthe newsletter. Seems like I'm just savoring our latest activity and it is time to that. I'm not sure if we are tired from the write an article about it.

August, for being a "non" month of the Shrine Club sure was busy It kicked off with a fundraiser for the Springfield Hospital held at the Recycling Bottle and Can Center in Auburn. It was hosted by a "very" close relative of Bruce Christopher. Unfortunately, Bruce's Dad had taken ill at the time and a scramble was made to make sure the event happened. But it did, and our Hospital benefited.

In mid-August, we held our Annual Steak Roast. You may remember when it was held at Ken Pollard's place on the lake. Well, it became so large, the lake Auburn Masonic Lodge Picnic area and it was as full as could be for the picnic. The weather was great - not too hot, not too cold. That is something special for this Summer.

ful meal. Most ate so much there wasn't I'm still in the picnic mode!)

room for ice cream dessert. Thanks to forts. That is a hard part of a party like big meal, or we simply don't want it to end. Being foolish (as I'm known to be), I'm going to try to remember everyone I met that night. John Erlich, Jim Kahn, Bob Coleman, Craig Coleman, Bill Newcomb, Chuck Minster, Bruce Christopher, Rich Nuhn, Gordon Clarke, Burt Ward, Oscar Wilson. OK, I give up. There were wives, girlfriends, friends, and good times.

Our October meeting is set, so watch your mail. We will have a speaker from the Masonic Community in Utica. November sees us joining with the Salvation Army, and there is a rumor of a Christmas Party to be co-hosted by us. So go couldn't hold us all. It was moved to the to the calendar, mark the 3rd Monday of each month and come enjoy yourself.

If you haven't been approached, Shrine Calendars are now available. Bring along a little extra folding money the next meeting you come to. You could be a win-Ken and his Bride catered a wonder- ner. Better a winner than a wiener (Sorry,

Annual Meeting

Advance Notice Election of Officers December 1st, 2010 ■

Springfield Hospital Trip Saturday, October 30th & Sunday, October 31st

Saturday Itinerary

7 a.m. - Pickup at Shrine Center Parking Lot

8 a.m. - Pickup at Weedsport Lodge Hall Parking Lot

(Additional pickup can be arranged in Syracuse area, if needed)

- Lunch in Albany Area -

2 p.m. - Tour of Springfield Hospital

4-5 p.m. - Check-in at Clarion West Hotel

7 p.m. - Dinner - Order Off the Menu

at your own expense. (location TBA)

Sunday Itinerary

Breakfast at hotel (Included in room price)

8 a.m. - Depart for Home

Stop for Shopping and Lunch (Outlet Mall near NY/MA Border) Late Afternoon/Early Evening - Arrive Home

PRICE: \$150 per single

(\$130 per person for Single Room plus \$20 Donation to Hospital)

\$230 per rooming couple

(\$190 Per Rooming Couple plus \$40 Donation to Hospital)

Price includes Transportation, Hotel Room, Br eakfast and Donation to the Hospital, which the Gr oup will present on arrival. (Price based on 50 travelers)

Reservations must be made by October 25th to Nicole at Damascus Shrine Center (585) 671-7701

Pre-Payment must be made by October 15th - Checks made payable to Damascus Shrine Center , Memo "Springfield Trip" 979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580



What's New in Erie!

By Robert Howden

Corporate VP to Speak At Hospital Seminar

Scott R. Laubisch, Vice-President for Revenue Cycle for the Shriners Hospitals for Children by system, will be the featured speaker at this year 's Hospital Education Seminar on Saturday, October 9th, at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, Mr. Laubisch will discuss the work of the Imperial Revenue Cycle Committee and the implementation of third-party billing throughout the system.

In addition, Charles Walczak, Erie Hospital Administrator and Mary Jane Antoon, Director of Patient Care Services, will update participants on important changes taking place at the Hospital. A patient case study will also be presented. This is a great opportunity for Shriners to learn more about their Erie Hospital.

The October 9th Hospital Education Seminar is a free program that is open to the leadership at the Shrine Temples that are af filiated with the Erie Hospital, and their Ladies. Advance registration is required and may be done by calling (814) 875-8782 no later than Friday, October 1st.

Erie Hospital Receives Most Votes to Win Online Contest

We won! Thanks to everyone's votes and support, Shriners Hospitals for Children " -Erie received the most votes in the recent



Erie Insurance/Erie SeaWolves online "Double Play Contest."

SeaWolves player, Michael Ber tram, selected the Erie Shriners Hospital as his charity of choice to win the much remains to be done. \$2,500 top prize in the online contest. The general public was invited to go online to vote for the player and charity of their choice. Everyone was able to cast their vote once-a-day for the duration of the contest.

The 15 charities selected by the SeaWolves players received more than 8,000 total online votes. Of those 8,000 votes, the Erie Shriners Hospital received some 2,000 votes to take the top spot.

The winning charity was announced at a special ceremony at the beginning of the SeaWolves' last home game on September 6th at Erie's Jerry Uht Ballpark. Several members of the hospital's administration and Board of Governors were present for the ceremony.

Plans for Ambulatory Facility are Moving Forward

Plans to transition the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie to a multi-specialty pediatric ambulatory facility are moving along as announced earlier this year. "Ambulatory" is the key word as it is the first major step in reaching the hospital's vision. In short, a freestanding ambulatory surgery facility (ASF) is being developed which will eventually result in the de-license of the facility as an acute care hospital.

Here are some important points to keep in mind:

First, although called an ambulatory surgical facility or ASF, the Erie facility is much more than surgery alone. This Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) licensure is the designation that must be obtained to become a licensed ambulatory sugical facility.

With the exception of inpatient care, the Erie Shriners facility will continue to offer all the services currently provide and much more as programs are expanded in the outpatient clinic, rehabilitation and other areas. All of the children who are referred to partner facilities for inpatient surgery and care will be coordinated and medically managed by the Erie Shriners team once they are discharged from their inpatient stay. Further, the Erie Shriners team will work

closely with these partnered facilities to ensure the high level of care and services that families have come to expect are maintained.

Damascus Shriners!

Clip and Save!

2010 Dinners for the Wednesday Night Shrine Meetings Social - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6 p.m.; Meeting - 7 p.m. All dinners are \$10 per person; Reservations Required! Call Shrine Office - (585) 671-3565 (Reservation Line) or (585)

> 671-7701 by Noon Monday Dinners include Salad, Coffee and Dessert

October 6th - Baked Ham 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

Next Meeting - November 3rd, 2010

Roast Pork Loin and Dressing is on the menu. Make your Reservation by November 1st at Noon. Ladies Invited. Presentation on Honor Flight.

This transition then allows for the development of the Erie Shriners facility to be the centerpiece for ambulatory pediatric specialty care for the region. But

Mary Jane Antoon, director of patient care services at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, is leading a team to prepare and make all of the necessary changes required by the DOH.

This is no small undertaking. There will be some minor facility changes and numerous administrative process changes in terms of how the Erie facility operates and reports from a financial standpoint. Nearly all hospital departments will be involved in some way to make this transition a success. The target date for this licensure transition is December 2010. When that licensure change occurs, the Erie Shriners Hospital will no longer admit inpatients. As we get closer to this date, additional information and details will be available.

For additional information, contact: Bob Howden (814) 875-8782.

Calendar Winners for August

DAY	NO.	WINNER
8/1	251	Daryl Vedder
8/2	878	Lori Gnau
8/3	215	Annette Shapiro
8/4	402	Shrine Center
8/5	841	Shrine Center
8/6	708	William Orman
8/7	141	Robert Cox
8/8	504	Russell Gillett
8/9	749	Phyllis Langan
8/10	032	Mel & Tom Knapp
8/11	686	Rob Weber
8/12	597	Shrine Center
8/13	899	Shrine Center
8/14	571	Shrine Center
8/15	571	Shrine Center
8/16	645	Coralie Phaler
8/17	436	Shrine Center
8/18	766	Jason Salisbury
8/19	199	Matthew Wasson
8/20	036	Shrine Center
8/21	974	Shrine Center
8/22	451	Shrine Center
8/23	021	Bill McTarnajhan
8/24	061	Shrine Center
8/25	250	Bootsie DeMaria
8/26	595	Paul Thompson
8/27	306	Russell Gillett
8/28	786	Stephanie Wawrzaszek
8/29	749	Phyllis Langan
8/30	767	Sharon Buckley
8/31	539	Jean Tallada

November 20th

etails coming for Harvest Dinner

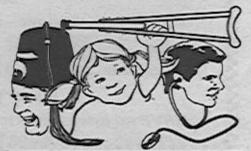
October Birthdays

The following Nobles are celebrating birthdays in October:

James Aylesworth, Wayne Beckwith, Michael Bellingham, Scott Blystone, Eugene Brendel, Darryl Briggs, Mark Brooks, Wendell Burtner, James Clancy, Melvin Clark, James Cocca, Vance Collom, William Cram, John Dobson, Timothy Driscoll, Kenneth Duttinger, Anthony Felice, Matthew Fero, Roswell Fingar, John Frazier, McKinley Gath, Richard Gilmore, John Girard, Kenneth Gordon, Robert Green, Niketas Haldoupis, Charles Hancock, Robert Hayes, George Heisel, Wilbur Hinkston, Gerald Hussong, Craig Josephson, Philip Kaplan, Steve Kopicki, Donald Kunego, R. Bruce Leclaire, Thomas Maddicks, Albert Mallaber, Raymond Martin, Joseph McAfee, Joseph Minas, Todd Moore, Matthew Muller, Garth Murray, Philip Neivert, James Nersinger, James Nohle, Richard Nuhn, David Parish, Lloyd Peelle, James Pipher, Rene Reynolds, Raymond Ross, William Scheer, Robert Scott, Allen Seastrom, Norris Shapiro, Ralph Smith, Richard Snyder, Richard Spangenberg, Michael Spillane, Glenn Stahl, Todd Statt, Samuel Stetter, Ted Sykes, David Sylvester, Michael Taylor, George Tegart and Donald Weeks.

Huge Tuxedo Clearance! November 17th-21st Incognito Menswear

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Next-to-New Sale

at Damascus Shrine Center

October 1st and 2nd

Friday, October 1st 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, October 2nd " "\$5-a-Bag Day" 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (All you are able to fit in a bag for \$5)

Donations of good, used items accepted on Thursday, October 30th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Acceptable Items - Fall and Winter clothing (only), household items, furniture, jewelry, etc. DO NOT Bring - Pillows, under garments or shoes.

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Craftsman Robertson Lodg∈ No. 969

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Master R:.W: Derek VanHouten 247-2920 hooter95@ rochester.rr.com

Secretary - 208-7106 W .: Ralph Jurgens rjurgenscr@aol.com

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Fifty-one members and friends of Craftsman Robertson Lodge motored to Camp DeMolay on August 21st for our Annual Lodge Picnic. Many took the Lake Road route through the apple orchards and farmland by way of Pultneyville and on to Sodus Point. Others traveled by the speedier Route 104 to reach their destination.

I was greatly surprised at the terrific condition of the Camp. A tip of the Master's Hat to R .: W .: Richard Snyder and W: Ralph Jurgens for their tireless efforts and hard work that has rewarded the Craft with improvements to this magnificent Camp.

No longer are there drabcolored red facilities, but forest green cabins and Anderson Lodge, the main building. The Lodge chimney has been re-pointed and the results are that the facility can be used for many years in its present con-

dition.

One of the great ways to relax at the camp is to set up a lawn chair on the front porch of the Lodge and gaze out at Lake Ontario on a sunny afternoon. W .: Ronald Webber was the guest chef and his cooking talents were well received by all who sampled his wares.

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Everyone in the Lodge thanks the efforts of R:.W:. Skip Waterstreet and his lovely wife, Diane, for all the preparations they provided for the day. It wouldn't have been the success that it turned out to be without them.

On September 7th, the Brothers and Officers welcomed the DDGM, R:W: George Nasra, and the Grand Lodge Staff Officers, R.: W .: Phillip Hurwitz and R:W: George Foehner, Grand Sword Bearers, on their Official Visit to present the Grand Master's Message and their plans for the District for 2010-2011.

The evening was a great success and the Grand Master's Message was well received. The message was to be Masonically FIT in all that we do this year.

R.:.W.: Phil Hurwitz spoke on the various educational programs Grand Lodge offers and spoke of the need for Publications and Communications. To this he added that each Lodge was to appoint a Communications and Public Relations Chairman. We found Brother Gene Smith fit the requirements perfectly. R.: W:. George Foehner spoke on the Have-a-Heart Campaign and

we appointed Brother Joe Meli to fill that slot.

I was very touched that R:.W: George Nasra presented me with a small copy of the Washington Bible. I shall cherish this for life and remember the meaning of MY BROTHER.

I really believe the Craft is in for great things with the current Leadership Team and all Lodges will prosper for their leadership.

Happy Birthday!

October celebrants include: Joseph LaRue (2nd); Raymond Ross (6th); Gabriel Milonni (11th); Leroy Forbes (13th); Richard Smith (18th); Phillip Cissell (19th); and Kevin Hook (21st).

Sickness and Distress

The sympathy of the Lodge was expressed to Charlie and Diana Howell on the recent passing of her mother.

W .. Bill Hook is still mending from his health issues. He would appreciate visits or calls from his Brothers - 671-6452. Brother Gib Blew could use some cheering up - 385-4487. W .: Ken Skidmore and his wife, Sue, are among those who could use our healing prayers, as is Sue Smith, wife of W: Duane Smith. Brother Rene VanDeVeire seems to be getting around more and more after his recent surgery. If I have missed anyone, please let us know. Maybe we are unaware of your needs!

FAME Lodge No. 722 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30 p.m. Master V.:W.: Daniel Walker 429-6572 optidan@frontiernet.net Secretary W.: David Foster

To start this month we are having our Official Visit on Thursday, October 14th. This is a tux event for all Officers (or dark suit if you haven't a tux). There is a Harvest Dinner (ham and fixin's) planned for 6:30 p.m. and our social hour begins at the usual time of an hour before dinner.

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The second meeting of the month is October 28th and we are going to have a Pot Luck Supper before this meeting. We used to have these back at our old Lodge building, but they went by the wayside. Just remember that wives are (of course) invited. If you need a suggestion of what to bring for a dish to pass, call me at 429-6572 and I'll be glad to help. This is also going to be our Annual Awards Night.

There is the Grand Lecturer's Convention this month. It is on Monday, October 18th, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a Masters and Wardens meeting preceding the Convention at 6:30

p.m. This will be at the Fairport Masonic Hall. I hope you can make it.

Now for something new. You might have seen this website before, but there is a twist. It is: http://www.monroemasonic.com/. On it, there is a calendar of all the events happening around the region. Say you can't be at our Lodge meeting but have Tuesday night open; just click on the Regional Event Calendar link (near the bottom of the home page) and you may find a Lodge that meets on that night. You may also find an event that a Lodge has on any given date. Give it a shot.

On a final note, there is a Noble Bring-a-Friend Dinner that is being put on by the Shrine at the Mosque. You don't have to be a Noble to bring a friend and this isn't an event to just increase the size of the Shrine. The best part is, if you bring a potential Mason, your dinner and their dinner is FREE. There is more information posted around the Mosque and in the Shrine section of this paper. If you are looking for specific information, you can e-mail Oscar Wilson at roscosc@earthlink.net. He'll be glad to help you out.

Well, that's it for this month. Just remember that many hands make light work. We'll see you in Lodge. Peace.

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Our first month is behind us in this Masonic Year and it was a busy one. Many of our Lodges are having Degrees, either for new Candidates or for Brothers who started their Masonic Journey in the Spring. In addition, new Petitions are arriving on a number of the Secretary's desks. These are all great signs for our District and Freemasonry. It's a sure sign public awareness works and is important.

This one topic is very important and one of the focus points of our Grand Master. There is a Public Relations Seminar on October 10th in Lockport. This is the morning after R:.W:.Jim Sullivan's Reception Dinner in Niagara Falls. This should be a very convenient time. I know many are going to the dinner on Saturday and staying overnight. Every Lodge should be sending one or more Brothers to

this Seminar. We are our own promoters. We don't have press agents, or ad agencies who work for us. We need to do it all ourselves. Let's all get on the same page and do it correctly together. Sounds like a plan to me!

October will be an even busier month. Official Visits are in full swing in Livingston and surrounding Districts. In addition to my own visits in Livingston District, I will be at a number of Official Visits in the surrounding Districts. I hope to see many of you in my travels.

Our Grand Lecturer's Convention is on October 19th at Union Lodge. Monroe's GLC is the night before. I will be at both. It is a convenient schedule, so I hope to see many of you two nights in a row. That was a hint, in case you missed it!

The Masonic Development Course (MDC) starts on November 10th, at Union Star Lodge. It is never too early to sign up. Not sure what MDC is? It is NOT just for new Masons. The Course explores each of our three Degrees and also digs a little deeper into the meanings and origins of many of our Ritual details.

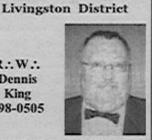
How about myths and misconceptions. Ever wonder where they came from? Come to the Course and find out. Do you remember the three duties you have? You were taught one in each Degree. How do you apply these in every day

life? Curious yet? Well, we should see you on November 10th then. This is a joint course with Livingston, Monroe and Genesee-Wyoming Districts. Call your Staff Officer and make a reservation. Oh, and I forgot to mention, we have really great pizza during the evening. Now I know you will come!

I look forward to seeing many more of you in my trav-

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This month, I bring two different types of Masonic Education to your attention. The first is the Masonic Development Course, which is given in person, in a group session over several nights. The second is the Masonic Reading Courses, which are self-directed programs you complete individually over whatever time period you may choose. They are both described below.

MDC

As you are reading this, we are probably less than one month from the first session of the MDCourse, which is being presented this year, one night per month over three months and in a different location each month. The class is being offered jointly by the Livingston, Monroe and Genesee-Wyoming Districts.

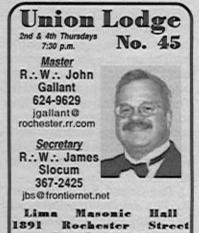
The Masonic Development Course is beneficial to all Brothers regardless of their time in Masonry. It takes you through the three Degrees and provides insight into the "who, what and whys" of the Degrees. There is also plenty of opportunity for individual discussion regarding how each person interprets the different parts of the Degree. You will be amazed at some of the different take-aways Brothers have from each step in Masonry.

Attending this piece of Masonic Education will not only expand your knowledge of Masonry, but give you the opportunity to meet and speak with Brothers from three different Districts and visit Lodges that perhaps you have not seen. We should always endeavor to grow in Masonry, continually seeking more light. The MDC will provide this opportunity at many levels.

Advance registration is required, so we can be certain to have enough Course materials for all in attendance. Cost of this class, including all materials and refreshements for the three evenings is \$35. You can reserve your place by making a check payable to Dennis King and mail it to PO Box 56, Dansville, NY 14437. I will also take reservations by email to: dennis@phoenixLodge115.org with payment due by the first class. If you have any questions or need additional information, please either email me or call 204-0114.

Masonic Reading Courses The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library offers seventeen different reading courses on all aspects of Masonry. The programs are

divided into six areas: The Ground Floor; The Middle Chamber, Part 1; The Middle Chamber, Part 2; The Sanctum Sanctorum; Beyond the Blue Lodge; and Grand Lodge Development. Each area has one or more classes consisting of four or five books. Programs can be completed in any order. Books are exchanged through the mail and the only cost to the Brother is the nominal cost of book-rate postage. Additional information and registration forms can be had either by contacting me or visiting the Livingston Library website: http://www.nymason iclibrary.org/library/courses.htm.



I am happy to report that our Masonic Year has started out very nicely. Our inaugural "Fellowship, Facts and Food" Dinner was a success with a strong showing of Brothers and lots of food! There were two Masonic topics presented - "The Enigmatic Masonic Calendars" and "The Point Within a Circle."

Lima 14485

For fun, try to ascertain if the year is 2010 AD, 6010 AL, 2540AI, 3010AD, 892 AO or 5770 AM. If you are curious in knowing which one is which ... ask one of the Brothers! I ea-

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gerly await our next Masonic Presentation - "Masonry and the Indians.'

I do wish to add another "invitation" to all our members ... please join us. Even if you do not have the opportunity to bring a dish-to-pass, come anyway. We will have plenty of food. It's your "Fellowship and Facts" we desire most.

I originally thought September was going to be busy and it was. October, however, will be even busier.

At our first meeting last month, we received three Petitions from gentlemen who are interested in Masonry. If all things progress properly, we are tentatively scheduling an Entered Apprentice Degree for October 14th. Our Junior Warden, Brother Dave Hansen, will be in the East and I know he will do a great job.

Union Lodge will be hosting the Grand Lecturer's Conven-

tion for Livingston District on October 19th. Preceding the Convention, we will be having a delicious dinner, put on by the Sisters and Brothers from Lima Chapter, OES. They always do an outstanding job and I know this will be another wonderful meal. I look forward to having all our members and Officers there to hear R:.W:. Charles Toombs speak about the Grand Lodge Ritual and discuss his plans for this year. I hope to see you there!

Last, but not least, for our second meeting, on October 28th, we will be having the Master Mason Degree for our two Brothers who started their Masonic Journey back in May. It will be a very memorable evening for them. We will again have the pleasure of an OES Dinner, put on by the Lima Chapter. I anticipate a wonderful evening and look forward to seeing all our Masonic Brothers for the Degree and to welcome our two newest members of Union Lodge.

0 December

December 6th - North Rose-Wolcott Lodge. Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

December 20th -Pultneyville Lodge. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Marion and Savannah Lodges are yet to be scheduled.

There are seven Brothers who will be receiving their 50year Apron, which I will present to them on the Official Visit nights. Those Brothers are: Harold Glerum and Donald Stratton of Newark Lodge; Phillip Dean of Pultneyville Lodge; R .: W .: Harvey Dehond, Rodger Hermanet and Richard Carson of Sodus Lodge; and Robert Virts of North Rose-Wolcott Lodge. Congratulations to these Brothers!

Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for Wayne District will be held on October 7th at the Wayne Lodge Masonic Hall, 1916 Ridge Road in the Town of Ontario. R:. W:. Charles E. Toombs, Grand Lecturer, will be there starting at 4:00 p.m. for an informal meeting to discuss any questions the Brethren may have. Dinner will be served at 6:30p.m., with the formal Lodge opening at 7:30 p.m.

Last but not least, all Brothers are welcome to join us on our Master and Warden nights. W: Joel Falbo has some great ideas and plans for these not only enjoyable but educational nights. The first meeting will be October 28th at the Palmyra Masonic Hall hosted by Drumlin Square Lodge. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Usually a dinner precedes the meeting. Please contact W:. Falbo at his email address: jfalbo@iesi.com for details. The November meeting is scheduled for the 11th; location will be announced.

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I am looking forward to being the District Deputy Grand Master for the Wayne District. Your District Team is eager to meet with you, not only at our scheduled Official Visits, but meeting you on your regular meeting nights. We have some great Brothers ready to assist you. One of my main goals in the District is to get our Lodges involved in recognizing our War Veterans, Police, Fire and EMS personnel in our local communities. These people had, or are still, serving to protect our freedoms and to keep our lives and property safe. They put their lives on the line to allow us to enjoy our great country. These Men and Woman should be honored and recognized for that commitment.

The Grand Sword Bearer, R:.W:. Jay DeWispelaere, will be putting on educational programs for you, as he already did by instructing the Masters' Chair. The Assistant Grand Lecturer, R:W: Richard Brewer, will be coming to your Lodges to instruct in Ritual work and will also be monitoring any planned Ritual work. R:.W: Brewer is also in charge of our District Brotherhood Fund.

The New York Masonic Safety Identification Program (formerly Child ID) is being lead by W .: Micheal Boone; Membership Development and Retention is being lead by W: Joel Falbo; Historian for our District is R .: W .: Jay DeWispelaere; Widow and Fellowship is being lead by W .: Andrew Richardson; our Golf Tournament is being chaired by W .: Marshall Francis; and Our Veterans Committeeman is Brother Ted Sykes. These Brothers will help in any way to work on ideas that you may have to promote our good Fraternity's name to our community. This is what Masons do - Help their Fellow Man.

Official Visits

My Official Visits started in September at Wayne Lodge. October 19th I will be at Sodus Lodge, with Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

November

November 3rd - Drumlin Square Lodge. Dinner at 6:45; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

November 15th - Newark Lodge. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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October 7th - the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Wayne Lodge starting at 4 p.m. with a Question and Answer Session, followed by a Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Convention will open at 7:30

of the 1st Degree. If you have not attended a Grand Lecturer's Convention in the past, try to make it a point to attend. They are a lot of fun and offer much to be learned.

October 15th - is our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night (date may be subject-to-change). If you know of a friend or family member who may have an interest in Masonry, please let me know so we can get a formal invitation out to them. Please try to attend this event; the purpose is not only to provide information about the Fraternity, but also to allow those interested to meet as many Brothers as possible.

October 20th - we will be reading Petitions and assigning Interviewing Committees. Please attend if you would like to help out with this effort.

Be sure to get out and enjoy all the colors that Fall has to offer and enjoy some of the last warmth of the year. As always, I look forward to seeing



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Please let me start by apologizing for the long gap in Masonic Times articles for our Lodge. I went into the hospital February 14th for a knee ache. What was a simple infection ended up as a major problem. I spent four months in the hospital and then moved to a rehab facility where I am still working on rehabilitation. I hope to be home later this Fall.

Many thanks to all who stepped up to cover for my absence - everyone from Brother Jim Nielsen who took Minutes at the meetings, to Brothers Neil Bedford and Don Keys for their many visits, to those who helped

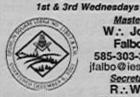
get files transferred to my laptop so I could return to Labor. I personally thank you all.

While I have been gone, our Building Committee has been very active. With any luck I will have a report on their activities in the November Masonic Times. The Masonic Times has been a very good in keeping me updated on activities.

Now is a good time to make plans for your personal Masonic Year. Plan how active you will be. You get out of Masonry as much as you put into it. Your Master is looking for members to go with him to visit other Lodges in the District. There are activities for you, your wife and activities for your entire family.

As the Brotherhood Fund Lodge Chairman, please start thinking now about making a contribution. Last year we did increase our contributions. Start putting aside just a couple of dollars a week. It really can make a difference. And be ready to roll up your shirtsleeves and get dirty. There will be opportunities to help with projects. Your help will be needed and appreciated.

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First off, welcome back my Brothers. October is here and the Masonic Year is now in full swing. Canal Town Days has not taken place, as of this writing, so I will provide outcome details later. I will say that, once again, W .: Bruce Depew has done a great job in getting volunteers together for this event as well as all members of each of the Bodies who meet at the Masonic Hall. This event has always been a group effort and a lot of hard work. To all those involved, thank you for your dedication.

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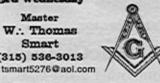
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I apologize for not getting an article into last month's Masonic Times. Mentally, I was a week behind all month and missed the deadline.

The Officers for the 2010-2011 Masonic Year for Ark Lodge are as follows:

Thomas Smart Master Sr. Warden Robert Mattick Jr. WardenCharles Rouse, II Sr. Deacon Deloss Stuck Jr. DeaconLance McFetridge Thomas Bryan Secretary Lance Ward Treasurer Jed Brandow Chaplain Anthony Khoury Marshal Howard Colegrove Congratulations!

It's finally official! R:W: Lance Ward is now the Grand Representative of the Gran Logia of Guatemala. Congratulations, Lance. I wonder if this involves much travel?

R:W: Jed Brandow will double up duties this year serving as Treasurer of Ark Lodge and taking on a new role as one of the AGLs for the O/S/Y District.

As of this writing, we've not yet had a meeting in the new year, so there's no new business from the meetings to announce.

The large pile of dishes we've had in storage have found a new home at Milo Lodge in Penn Yan. W .: Rob Schwarting, an Ark Lodge Brother, is Master of Milo Lodge for the second year and has done a stellar job bringing the Lodge back. Major renovations have been taking place including the dining area and ballroom.

Yolanda Schofield (Widow of Arnie) has been making the news lately. September 7th was "Yolanda Fiorentino Schofield Day" in the City of Geneva. Yolanda is an accomplished artist whose pen-and-ink works of historic buildings and scenes from around the area depicts the history and heritage of the Finger Lakes. A permanent display of some of her work is now at City Hall in Geneva.

Remember our meetings are always the Third Wednesday of each month. Love to see you there.

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Fall is here and I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Summer. It was great to see all of the Brothers at our first meeting of the year and a Pot Luck Dinner. The newly elected Officers did a great job on Opening and Closing the Lodge.

For all the Brothers who were not able to make our first meeting, we decided to have a Pork Chop Dinner this month on Wednesday, October 13th, followed by a 2nd Degree. Please attend and assist your Lodge with the Conferral of this Degree.

Sickness and Distress

Brothers Ronald VanCamp and Paul Adams were both mentioned. Please keep them in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on Wednesday, October 6th, at Milo Lodge. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. Our Master, both Wardens, both Deacons and both Masters of Ceremony need to be there in order to qualify for the Potts Award!!!

Apron and Award Presentation Dinner will be on October 8th at the Sons of Italy in Geneva. Dinner will be at 7 p.m.

Remember the First Meeting of every month we have a Pot Luck Dinner, starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is requested to bring a dish-topass. Please call a Brother and bring him to the dinner. Come and support your Lodge. Hope to see you all!!!

Celebrations

We send October birthday greetings to Robert Patrick, Jr. (5th) and William Peterson (6th).

Jesse Gillespie was Raised on October 26, 1976.

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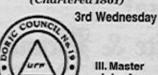
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First off, I wish to correct an oversight on my part, in last months column. At the 187th Grand Assembly of the Grand Council in August our very own R.I. Garry Hutchurson was elected Grand Steward! Congratulations, Garry. I know your tenure in the Grand Line will be an outstanding one.

Our first meeting of the year, with "our rookie" Officers, went well. It was nice to see the Companions back in the Council. We all wish M.I. Raymond Beardsley a speedy recovery from his short stint in the hospital. I know there were a number of Companions who were missing due to other commitments and I look forward to greeting them at our next assembly.

We formally scheduled the Select Master Degree for our meeting this month. I hope that everyone can join us on Wednesday the 20th and welcome our two newest Select Masters.

It is my sad duty to report that two of our Companions were called from labor this summer, R:I: Roy E. Vandelinder Jr. and R:I: L. Edward Walker. These Companions were great Masons and they will be missed.

Unfortunately, with a large percentage of our regular attendees unable to join us for the assembly, the attendance for our dinner was a bit "light." Joy Woodley still put on a wonderful dinner and keep us well fed. It is my plan that we are going to keep up this dinner tradition. I hope that everyone will make every effort to join us this month. I do have to remind the Companions, that we have to reach a mini-

mum threshold of reservations for our dinners. The cost for the meals is still \$10 and I ask you to please let me know if you will be attending. **

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What's Happening

The Grand Chapter Re-Districting project is about complete. The Districts have been drawn. All that remains is for a meeting of the current District leaders and other interested parties to determine the new District leadership and build District cohesiveness. Our Chapter will be the Western portion of a District that includes the Wayne County Chapters and the Chapter in Geneva. We should look forward to building new relationships with the Chapters in the new District.

In a new vein, Hiram Chapter is in the process of building a new paradigm for the Chapter and how it operates. If you are unaware of what is happening, call me at 223-3228 and we can discuss things.

On the good side, V: E: Companion George Springett is home and improving, according to an email I received. Hopefully, Companion George will be able to get out and join us in the near future. Oh, he is back on his computer and the internet.

The Degrees

The Chapter Degree Schedule is still in the works. However, we are planning to do a full set of Degrees this year and complete them in the February/March timeframe. We will need many of our Companions to step up and take parts in the Degrees. Hey, Degree Work is, or can be, fun and a good learning experience. As I have noted in earlier articles, the Chapter Degrees contain a

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liberation. He will join with the Deputy of New York as one of six Active Members in New York state to assist in administration and management of the operations of the sixteen Valleys in New York that are part of the Supreme Council.

Michael is the Founder and the Chief Executive Officer of Apollo Optical Systems, Inc. and RPC Photonics, Inc. in Rochester, which specialize in the design, prototyping and manufacturing of precision optical components and subsystems for the commercial products, solid-state lighting, solar, defense, automotive and medical products markets. Prior to founding Apollo Optical Systems and RPC Photonics, he was

a Professor of Optics at the University of Rochester's Institute

of Optics.

He is a Past President of the Optical Society of America (OSA), and currently is serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the OSA Foundation. He received his Bachelor's Degree with Special Distinction in Engineering Physics from the University of Oklahoma, and his Master's and Doctoral Degrees in Electrical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology.

He and his wife, Ruth, have been married for 36 years and live in Perinton. Their daughter, Robin, and her husband Michael, reside in Webster ("Where Life is Worth Living"), and their son, Matthew, lives in Key Largo, Florida. large amount of information that can be used by every good Mason to learn expanded lessons from Freemasonry.

Passing

We express our sympathy and condolences to the family of Companion Roy E. Vanderlinder, Jr. on his passing to the Eternal Lodge. Companion Vanderlinder was an active and faithful York Rite Freemason. He will be missed.

Musings

My Summer was not necessarily Masonic, but there were a couple of Masonic-related activities. First, I was in Boston for a Numismatic Convention and was able to see the gold medal given to Brother George Washington by Congress for winning the Battle of Boston during the Revolution.

Why is this Masonically connected? Well, the medal is the original and was handled by Brother Benjamin Franklin prior to being given to Washington. In fact, Ben Franklin was responsible for getting the medal designed and minted in Paris. The medal was purchased by the Boston Library in the 1880's from the Washington family and has not been on display for quite a while. It was exciting to see it.

Second, I was in Philadelphia and took a tour of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania building. The building dates from 1873 and is quite a treasure. The most spectacular room is the Egyptian Room. It is a copy of the design and decoration of original Egyptian temples. It is gorgeous and should be seen by all Masons. Our guide said the building is one of the most interesting Masonic buildings in the world. We also saw Benjamin Franklin's grave, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Oh, the US Mint has a nice selfguided tour, but they do not give samples.



Zone 11 Pilgrimage

Per discussions at our last Zone Officers' Meeting, we will again conduct our Annual Zone Pilgrimage on the first Saturday in November - November 6th. This will occur at DeMolay Commandery's Asylum, 34 Maple Street, Hornell. Checkin will start at 8 a.m. with the first Order beginning at 9 a.m. As always, DeMolay will focus on the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross; Cyrene-Monroe will focus on the Order of Malta; and Sagoyewatha will focus on the Order of the Temple.

Regional Seminar and School of Instruction

Zone 11's Regional Seminar & Zone School of Instruction will take place on Saturday, December 4th at Batavia Commandery, 39 Main Street, Attica, New York. This event is for both Zone 11 and 12. It is expected that all Officers of the individual Commandery at-

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tend with an emphasis on the Council Officers and the Wardens. I would also appreciate it if the Deputy Zone Commanders attend as well.

Inspections

Inspections for Zone 11 for the coming Templar Year are as follows:

 Sagoyewatha (along with Salemtown) - Saturday, April 16th. Inspecting Officer will be Sir Knight Fred Beitter, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer

 Cyrene-Monroe - Monday, April 18th. Inspecting Officer will be Sir Knight Eric Benson, Eminent Grand Warder

 De Molay - Thursday, May 19th. Inspection Officer will be Sir Knight Eric Benson, Eminent Grand Warder

Grand Commander's
Reception
Sir Knight James MacCo

Sir Knight James MacConnell's Reception will take place on Saturday, October 16th, at the Batavia Holiday Inn (right off the Thruway exit).

The Oktoberfest will begin approximately 2 p.m. For reservations, contact Sir Knight Harry Tyson – Phone: 494-1137; email:

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I look forward to seeing you at the Conclaves.

May our Lord and Savior bless you and yours this Templar Year.







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Joseph E. Bourcy III, 33° Commander-in-Chief

Summer Outing

Our Summer Outing this year was again in Canandaigua. We arrived at the Canandaigua Lady only to find out the weather had forced the owners to keep the boat at the dock. That news was a little disappointing, but we managed to have a great evening anyway. We had a private room at the Steamboat Landing Restaurant and had the same meal we would have on the Canandaigua Lady. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed each other's company.

After dinner, Ill .. Mike Morris and I presented, with the assistance of their wives, Blue Caps to this year's recipients. The following Brothers received their DSA Award: Garry Cranker, 32° DSA, Eric Lubberts, 32° DSA, Phil Hurwitz, 32° DSA, Donald Osborne, 32° DSA, and James Pray, 32°DSA. When you see these Brothers give them a well deserved congratulations.

Supreme Council

This year The Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction was held in the City of Brotherly Love -Philadelphia, PA. From a Candidate's perspective, the week was simply overwhelming. The Brothers and Ladies were some of the nicest I have ever met. Maybe that's just me or because we were the new kids on the block.

This year, four Brothers from Rochester and Corning received the honor of being Coroneted a 33° Honorary Member of Supreme Council. These Brothers are: Ill .: Joseph E Bourcy III, 33°; III.: L. Harris Fitch, 33° (Valley of Corning); Ill.: Charles R. Frear, 33°; and Ill .: Glenn Stahl, 33°.



New honorary members of the Supreme Council were presented their white caps at the September meeting. (Front row, left to right) Ill .: Glenn Stahl, 33°; Ill .: Charles Frear, 33°; Ill.: L. Harris Fitch, 33°; and Ill.: Joseph E. Bourcy, III, 33°. (Back row) Ill .: G. Michael Morris, 33°, Active; Ill .: Stephen Whittaker, 33° Active; Ill .: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Deputy's Representative; and Ill.: P. Michael Nielsen, 33° Active, assigned to the Valley of Rochester.

We were kept hopping from the time we got there on Saturday until we left on Wednesday morning. When we weren't at meetings for the Supreme Council, we were sightseeing the great City of Philadelphia. What a great place to spend some time.

The Supreme Council Meeting was absolutely beautiful. As a Candidate, I was very moved by the performance and the welcome we received by all the members there. I am at a loss for words to describe that day.

Fall Events

On October 21st are the Symbolic Lodge Awards. Please make sure your Lodge is represented. Check with your Master and make sure he has filed the paperwork in our Office.

October 22nd we will be traveling to Hornell to present the Last Full Measure at our Fall Rite on the Road Event. If you are from the Southern Tier, please bring a friend to witness this great night.

November 6th we will be having an Explore the Rite Night at the Shrine Center. This is another chance for you to TURN ON THE RITE for another Brother.

The Degrees will start on December 4th at the Shrine Center so get your Candidate's name in for this year's class. Our goal is 60 new members. We can do it, but only with

See you all at some of these great events.



Service Award recipients: "Fritz" Friedrich, Don Osborne, Joe Minas, Larry Dunn, A. Roger Clark, Don Krech. (Back): Illustrious Brothers Bourcy, Nielsen, Whittaker and Morris.



Newest Sublime Princes, flanked by Ill .: P. Michael Nielsen, 33° Active, and Ill .: Joseph Bourcy, 33°, are (from left): Dennis Finucane, Gary Warren, Mark Muller and Joel Falbo.



Recipients of DSA Awards were (front row, from left): Eric Lubberts, 32° DSA; Garry Cranker, 32° DSA; James Pray, 32° DSA; and Donald Osborne, 32° DSA. (Back row): Ill .: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Deputy's Representative, and Ill.. P. Michael Nielsen, 33° Active, participated inthe presentations. Phillip Hurwitz was absent when photo was taken.



Ill .: Joseph Bourcy, 33°, presented "Fritz" Friedrich with 60-year membership award.



Ill .: P. Michael Nielsen, 33° Active; William Jones, 33° MSA; Ill .: Joseph Bourcy, 33°.

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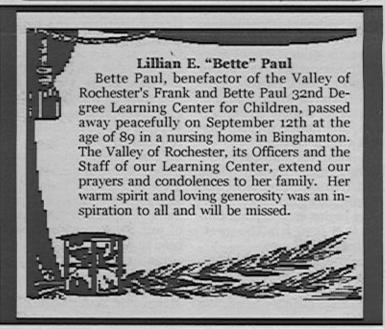
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Valley of Rochester 2010 Fall Program

October 21st - Symbolic Lodge Awards Meeting at Shrine Center Pizza & Wings (**)

October 22nd - "Rite on the Road" BBB Membership Meeting at Hornell Dinner with Ladies (**)

November 6th at Shrine Center "Public Degree" BBB / Evening Dinner w/ Ladies (**)

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 (**)

** 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

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By R.W. Jean Stewart

Fall arrived quickly and with it the many activities begin again.

R.W. Sylvia Wolfe reports that the 19th annual Chicken Bar-B-Que at Webster Days was once again another huge success. The pies, shortcakes and chicken were all sold out by about 5:30 p.m. R.W. Sylvia offers her sincere appreciation for all those who helped in any way. Whether you helped peel peaches, worked in the kitchen, walked around dressed in a chicken costume or came to eat, Monroe District OES says THANK YOU.

Grand Officers

Congratulations are in order for the 2011 Grand Officers who will take their Offices at Grand Sessions in Binghamton, October 14th-16th. They are Kenneth Milner, Grand Marshal; Elaine Milner, Grand Chaplain; Mark Fenton, Associate Grand Sentinel; Mae Bauer, District Deputy Grand Matron; and Robert Crystal, District Grand Lecturer.

District Banquet

The District Banquet will be held Thursday, November 4th, at Burgundy Basin; Social gathering begins at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.The meeting begins at 8 p.m.

Reservations, with payment, should be sent to Jean Stewart, 13 Trisha Lane, Bergen 14416 by Friday, October 22nd. We hope to see many of you there.

Nominations for the Dedicated Service Awards should be returned with the reservations.

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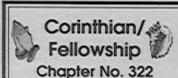
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Fellow Woodsmen, we will

Remember ... The Dedicated Service Award is to honor someone who has NOT been a Matron but has contributed a great deal to the Chapter. If you wish to honor Past Matrons in your Chapter, you may do so at a Chapter event.

East-West Luncheon

November 6th is the East-West Luncheon, when the Matrons will entertain the Associate Matrons with a luncheon. The Associate Matrons will then receive information for the upcoming year from the new DDGM.



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By W. Robert Crystal

Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter has a new challenge in front of us. The last District Grand Lecturer who served from our Chapter was Jim Coleman. He wore size 13 shoes, so that will be a hard act to follow. I hope I will be able to remain as friendly, positive and cheerful as good old Brother Jim. He constantly referred to me as "Sonny" in his put-on old, quivery voice. I hope that with the help of all my Sisters and Brothers of the Chapter, I will do well in your name. I especially hope some of our Sisters, who haven't been to Chapter in a while, will come by to give a spiritual boost. We miss you all!

Baked Food Sale

Meanwhile, Sister Norma Lee, would love to get a card from all of us. She would also like some help with the Bake Sale. I decided to make Banana

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

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Bread Mini-loaves. We will see how well I did from the report Norma makes at the next meeting.

The Worthy Matron's Spaghetti and Rice Goulash usually is a hit and so are the various dishes from Norma, Edna Monell and Arlene Lewis. We miss Frank Voegtle's crisp cookies. I hope someone can get us some substitutes. The residents of Pinnacle Place really appreciate our offerings, as they get good homemade food without the fuss or bother, and the Chapter benefits from the proceeds.

Our Secretary, Beverly VanHuben's computer has bitten the dust. (No inferences about housekeeping, please!) She is conducting all work through the USPO and by phone. If you need to contact her, go old-fashioned.

By the way, be sure to make plans to attend our October meetings. We will be looking for you, and ready to serve good snacks. I am looking forward to hearing about everyone's Summer activities. Remember, we will come by to pick you up if you need a ride, and the Fellowship Hall is walker and wheelchair friendly.

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Order of the Eastern Star

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Community Christian Church 2647 Chill Avenue, 14624

By W. Robert Crystal

I hope all is well with every one of you and I hope to hear that some out-of-town members may come by to visit us sometime soon. It would be great to hear all the goings-on outside of Rochester. We hope to see some of our locals here on a more regular basis.

I am taking bets as to what the mystery ingredient is for October. Our beloved Secretary, Carol Wynings, has been bringing in a "mystery ingredient" snack for us. It sits all through the meeting, calling to us and teasing us. We have had sauerkraut, ketchup and many other surprise ingredients. I

am hoping for something exotic soon. Chutney in the cheesecake sounds good to me. I remember the first time I had red pepper jelly on cream cheese. That was new to me, back in 1980. My mother was English, so I had steak and kidney pie as a young man. For some here in Rochester, that would be a new dish. But trust me, you won't get kidneys and you won't get anything pink from our Carol. You may get mustard in the cookie dough, though! Come to meeting and see! (Or taste.)

Wine Tour

Our Chapter is invited to go on a wine tour on October 9th. We will be going West instead of East. Pat Dalykas went on a reconnaissance tour and reports it is a great trip and she has found a nice restaurant with reasonable prices for us to have lunch. Ask a friend to come with us. It will be a great time for all. Our Past Patron, Leroy Lester, will be our Coachman.

Community Project

We have been invited to participate in the JCPenney and Salvation Army Project Bundle-Up Program, offering warm coats and clothing again this year. Our own Tracy Dalykas is the organizer. Please call her to volunteer. Last year the volunteers were energized by being able to help. It is a great opportunity.

Remember, Sisters and Brothers, our meeting rooms are accessible and comfortable. If you need a ride, our Matron and Patron will be happy to help you get to the meeting, just a half-mile East of the Route 204 Exit 6 off Interstate 490. Hope to see you in the meeting.

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Our program for the evening will be the introduction of new members to our Forest. New members are our life blood if we are to continue Cedarism in Rochester.

Our number dropped one with the passing of Gene Brown over the Summer. Our sympathies go to Gene's family and friends.

I apologize for my absence at our September Steak Roast, but I am still working and my company called a Health/Safety Conference in Chicago that week. With 13 locations across these United States, Chicago is a central location for such meetings. However, it's not very convenient for commuting to an evening event!

For those with an active social calendar, please pencil in Thursday, December 9th, as the date of our Christmas Dinner. Tall Cedar, John Zabel, has found a nice spot in Fairport for this year's event. This Summer was my high school class' 45th Reunion. As I have stated before, aging and its effects are rather new to me. I was rather shocked that we have lost 10% of our classmates by age 62. On the other hand, a few don't look any different than they did 45 years ago. Amazing!

I am becoming increasingly ternity and aware of the effects of Dementia of America.

and Alzheimer's Disease through the experiences of friends and family. These seem to be growing exponentially year-by-year. Maybe we should be sharing more information on these as family members are seriously stressed and need our help.

May God bless you, our Fraternity and the United States of America.

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~~Claude H. Wright~~~

President

assemble again on Wednesday, October 27th at 7:30 p.m. We will resume our habit of last Spring and share dinner off the menu at the Duchess Restaurant, corner of Routes 250 and 441 at 6 p.m. It's a time to catch up on recent events as our

members cover a wide area.



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Bernard Lazerson, Monarch

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Legion Clowns Caldron Historian



October, my Brother Prophets, is one of the best months of the year. It is Fall, it is the month of my birthday and it is a time of renewal for our Grotto. Let me explain.

This month, nominations. are in order for Officers for the ensuing year. That's right, October 20th we will have a wonderful dinner meeting to nominate our new 2011 Slate of Officers. Come one, come all and let's put together a great leadership team for 2011.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep Prophet Chief Justice, Jim Toogood, in your thoughts and prayers, as he recovers from his latest bout with Diabetes. He is a valiant warrior against his illness and is always there to help others.

Paul Farnung, Prophet Captain of the Guard, continues his travels to the Midwest as District Grand Lecturer for the Order of the Eastern Star. He will be back before the snows,

I assure you.

Monarch's Ball Saturday, October 9th, is also the true and official date of our Monarch's Ball, being held jointly with our Brother Prophets from Zuleika Grotto, at the Holiday Inn in Batavia. This will be a splendid affair with food, beverages and all the trimmings. Check it out.







In closing, let us return to Grotto with new zeal this Fall and increase our ranks with new Candidates. See you in

Secretary's Corner By Ken Hutchinson, PM, PP

At our September 15th Open Grotto Meeting, we presented Service Pins to Prophets with many years of membership in Lalla Rookh Grotto. They were named in the September Grotto News. Monarch, Bernie Lazerson, recognized our Past Monarchs present that evening as well. The evening was preceded by a Ham Dinner at the Shrine Center.

We recognized many in attendance by presenting their charities and foundations with donations. They included the Masonic Service Bureau, the Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center, Make-A- Wish Foundation of Western NY, Mercy Flight of Central NY, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester and Henrietta Parks and Recreation.

Michael Bell sent a postcard detailing his latest adventures. They are still very happy in North Carolina, with "ferocious heat wave by day and nightly thunderstorm by night." He has been attending Nubia Grotto in New Bern - standing in as Marshal, he has affiliated with them. He says hello to our Prophets. We certainly wish Mike and Doris well.

Prophet Nelson G. Wolford, of Sun City Center, FL, phoned this month, saying he was unable to make the September Grotto meeting to pick up his long-time Service Award, which will be mailed to him. In WWII, Nelson was in the Navy in the Pacific. He sent regards to Howard and Dick Topel, who were in the Pacific at the same time. Nelson lives



Ron Morthorst, 20-Year Pin.

night, but does get out to Shrine lunches in Florida. Sickness and Distress Prophet James Toogood, PM, had surgery at Unity Hos-

alone and doesn't drive at

pital the first week of September and is in Unity Health and Rehabilitation. It is reported that he will be there for a short stay. Please remember Jim in your thoughts and prayers. *

Legion of Honor By Ronald Morthorst, Adjutant

Welcome back to the front line. Fall is coming fast and the Legion of Honor is active and alive.

Our September meeting at Mulconry's Irish Pub was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our October 18th meeting will be held in the Grotto Office at the Shrine Center. We will have sandwiches, salad, etc. Eat at 6 p.m., meeting to follow. Please call Ron at 334-4196 or Brian at 388-0913 and let us know if you will attend.

You are welcome to join us. Our Legion of Honor is open to all Grotto members who are Veterans.

Grotto Golf Tourney By Ron Morthorst

The Grotto Golf Tournament on June 19th at Old Hickory Golf Course was a big success. Yes! Some of the balls are still flying and yet the day was great. Great refreshments, prizes and Steak Dinner.

The following were the champions and winners of the event: High Gross 126Don Tantalo Longest Drive M. Di Stefano Closest to Pin 6'4"John Wells 1st Place Pete Leach Don Mazzola 2nd Place Bryan Weegar 3rd Place 4th Place Dave Mancari

We hope to see you next year. Watch the Masonic Times



Ken Rhodes, 10-Year Pin.

At the September 15th Grotto Meeting, Charitable Grants were distributed by Monarch Bernard Lazerson to: Regis Steinkamp (left), Rush-Henrietta Parks and Recreation; Ill .: Joseph Bourcy, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester (right) for the Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center; Mercy Flight of Central New York represented by Chris O'Brian and Patricia Miller (below left); The Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester (below), represented by Patricia and David Anderson; and the Masonic Service Bureau, accepted by R:W: Charles Waterstreet, Executive Director (below right).



for complete information to sign up and reserve your spot for 2011.

Our thanks to Dick Topel and his Grotto Team for all their work in making this event so successful.



Going back in time to 1906, the Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto was George W. Cooper. George resided at 109 Lowell Street. He was well known then as Lalla Rookh hosted the Supreme Council's National Convention in Rochester.

hutchkv@yahoo.com

At the time, it was known as Grand Monarch Charles C. Colton's Convention. The Grand Monarch's Banquet was held October 3, 1906, at the Armory, Summerville. The program survived, the arrangements were perfect and it was said to be a credit to Lalla Rookh. The 1905 Monarch, Robert G. Holden, was the Toastmaster. Holden died September 10, 1914, while serving as Grand Chief Justice.

Also, in 1915, Monarch Henry L. March served in Grand Line, but died before reaching the title of Grand Monarch. Who knows what great things Holden and



Jim Slocum, 10-Year Pin.

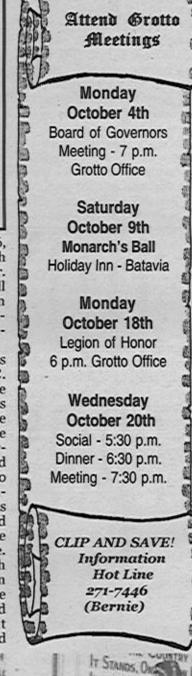




March may have accomplished, had they become Grand Monarch.

Charlie Colton served as Grand Treasurer after he was Grand Monarch, as well as Grotto Secretary for 47 years until his death.

Remember, you can't change the past, but you can shape the future.



Glen Campbell, 10-Year Pin.

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