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Drummer Dan Caro Visits Damascus Shrine Center for Noble Bring-a-Brother Night

The Damascus Shrine Masons are proud to announce the visitation of Noble Dan Caro. Dan is our special guest for Noble Bring-a-Brother Night. We welcome all Masons who are not yet Shrine Masons to this event, which will include a free steak dinner provided by the meat masters of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. All Shriners and their ladies will pay \$1 for their steaks, as this is our annual "Shell-a-Buck" event.

Dan Caro is one of the most amazing and inspiring people on the planet. He has been touring with Wayne Dyer and has just published a book entitled "The Gift of Fire; How I Made Adversity Work for Me."

Dan Caro has been proving the world wrong since he was in diapers. When he was two years old, he was engulfed in a fireball during a gasoline explosion in the family garage and was left with third-degree burns over most of his body—so severe that doctors held out little hope he'd survive more than a few days. Dan was in such excruciating pain that his devastated parents silently prayed for God to end their son's suffering and welcome



Dan Caro

him into Heaven. And it seemed as if God was willing to oblige—Dan technically died on the operating table several times in the hours following the accident.

But even though his heart stopped, Dan's spirit wasn't ready to give up ... somehow he knew he had work to do. Despite the odds, Dan survived, but life would not be easy. The fire left him badly maimed and disfigured. His hands were burned away, as was most of his skin and nearly all of his

face. He would endure years of painful surgeries and endless months of lonely isolation in burn units, only to suffer the agony of social rejection, shunned and called "monster" by both children and adults in his Louisiana hometown.

With the support of his loving parents and siblings, Dan did not despair. He kept his heart open to the world and focused on the positive energy around him. Before his sixth birthday, he vowed his life would not be defined by the way others saw him or the restrictions of his so-called physical handicaps. Dan set himself a series of life goals, starting with the art of tying his shoelaces without fingers. Once he had achieved that milestone, he decided he could do anything ... so why not learn to play the drums?

When Dan was told he'd never be able to do so, he promised himself that one day he'd become one of the most accomplished drummers in the city that gave jazz its name—New Orleans! Since that day, Dan's music has inspired thousands and many more have also been inspired by his personal philosophy of focusing on the positive - refusing to accept limits and living life with an open heart. Today, the young man who was once shunned and called "monster" by his neighbors is very

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HAGGAI CHAPTER AWARDS TO OTERO, THOMPSON FOR SERVICE

The Whittier Party House will, once again, be the setting for the Social and Community Awards Dinner. The 11th Annual affair, sponsored by Haggai Chapter No. 41, Holy Royal Arch Masons (Prince Hall Affiliated), is on Saturday, April 9th. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m.; Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

tant Director of Admissions, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Dean of Students over his 28-year tenure. At the Damon City Campus, Otero is currently the Executive Dean. Otero's responsibilities include planning and initiating organizational, operational and academic functions of the campus; serving as



Dr. Emeterio M. Otero

Starting his career at Rochester's Monroe Community College (MCC) in 1982, Dr. Emeterio M. Otero has served as Assis-



Shirley S. Thompson

the President's liaison with external constituencies; coordinating college goals and strategies.

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Freemasons Raise \$19,000 for Local Ronald McDonald Houses

By R. W.: George A. Foehner
Christopher Hodapp, 32°, wrote in his best-selling book a great description of the individuals, Lodges and Concordant Bodies mentioned in the following article, and I quote, "Masonic Charity does not just mean writing a check or throwing coins in a basket. It means giving a part of one's self and one's time. These are commodities that are always in short supply that have an enormous contribution to and have a tremendous impact on society."

In the five years as Chairman of the Have-a-Heart Campaign, I believe our success has been the team concept we have developed. This year is no exception.

Eastview Mall Chair, Gary Sanford, was happy to report that Northfield Lodge was the leading money-making unit at Eastview. But, the best effort at Eastview came from our rookie group - Zama Temple, Daughters of the Nile. Led by Gail Sanford, they collected over \$400 in one, six-hour weekday shift. Thank you and welcome to the Have-a-Heart Family.

The Mall at Greece Ridge Chair, Gene Crews, reports that Valley-Simes Lodge, led by Mike Hueston, was his top moneymaker. This was followed very closely by Clio Lodge. Our thanks to all at The Mall at Greece Ridge for

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Annual Tribute to Our Widows

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau

We are asking each Lodge Master to appoint a Brother to co-ordinate the involvement of your Brothers and the Widows of your deceased members.

No Tickets Will Be Mailed

We are following the same successful process as last year regarding tickets. No tickets will be mailed. Lodge Representatives are asked to be in the lobby of the Burgundy Basin to greet Widows, assist them with their

name tag and escort them to the proper table.

Letters have been sent to all Secretaries of Monroe District Lodges requesting names of attendees and their choice of Entree on a form to be returned to the Masonic Service Bureau.

For additional information, contact the Masonic Service Bureau at 671-9730 between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., or email: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com.



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, April 23rd, at the Burgundy Basin. Doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch served at noon.

CANCELLED

Masonic Development Course
scheduled for
April 2nd
has been cancelled due to low registration.

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Dated Material



## Editor's Corner

Those of you who have read this column the past few months, have suffered along with us as we upgraded software and struggled to make it work for us. We have also been, if ever so slowly, trying to learn how to update our Website. We have had several volunteers help in this effort.

We believe we have a fair amount of intelligence and should be able to figure out some of the situations we find ourselves in and, further, correct those situations. Therefore, it is rather gratifying to me when one of our gurus struggles to achieve success, initially encountering the same difficulties we encountered, and spending a considerable amount of time searching for the "gremlin" which caused the problem.

The difference between them and us? Even though they may not know the program that well, due to the much greater experience they have had in the basics of the computer world, they know where to look. We lack that knowledge.

My children and at least one grandchild (the others being a little too young yet) know much more about computers than I do. In fact, there are many days I am envious of my Brothers who, for one reason or another, have chosen not to have one! Since it is one of the curses of the working world, and a convenient means of keeping in touch with family and friends, I try not to complain too much. I struggle to find the error in my ways, and go on about my business.

But it gives me great satisfaction when I learn others have had problems similar to mine and, through forums or chat rooms, I found their solutions... with even greater satisfaction when that problem is solved when I activate their solution!

Similarly, we were experiencing difficulty in accessing the files necessary to upgrade the Website. After about three hours of trial and error, our guru successfully launched some new information. As a result, the Masonic District Table Lodge and the next School of Ritual appear on the home page of the Website. There is much to do yet in the way of correcting, changing and keeping the site up to date, but we are gaining on it!

### Epilogue

We had the most glorious weather ever among our several past trips to Florida in February. Every day was 80° or above, with mostly sunny skies. Our grandsons were pool water rats, except for the two days we spent at an amusement park.

Our return added to my "I hate to fly" statement. Our 5:25 p.m. flight on Monday evening never left until 10:15 p.m., due to a mechanical problem with the aircraft. By the time it was repaired, we had missed our connecting flight in Baltimore and had to stay overnight.

My thanks to Barbara Goodrich for covering the Office on Monday and Tuesday. She was scheduled for Monday, but was not sure what to do on Tuesday.

Thanks for reading. ✕

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## Have-a-Heart

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raising over \$1,500 more than last year. On a personal note, my thanks to the Perry Clan of Brockport for filling the gaps during the Campaign.

Over at Marketplace Mall, Mark Hutton has two leading Lodges ... Oatka, led by Steve Phillips, and Union Star, led by Mark himself, raised over \$7,500 for the second year in a row. Congratulations and many thanks for the many hours worked. The other bright spot belongs to Joe Oelgoetz and his Zone 11, Knights Templar, rookie unit. This unit collected over \$625 for their six-hour shift on Sunday, January 30th. Many thanks for a terrific effort and welcome to the Have-a-Heart Team.

We plan on presenting the check to the Ronald McDonald House at a reception on April 16th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Ronald McDonald House on Westmoreland Drive. The presentation will be made at Noon, with some special gifts presented to our non-Masonic sponsors following. The reception is open to all participants and their families. Refreshments will be served, so stop by and enjoy some Masonic fellowship and take a tour of the Ronald McDonald House.

Overall, I believe this Campaign is another victory for Freemasonry and our charity. My thanks to the committee - Skip, Jan, Gary, Gene, Steve, Mark and Frank - for all their hard work.

Thanks to the venues ... The Mall at Greece Ridge, Eastview Mall and Marketplace Mall.

Special thanks to Label World U.S.A for those great sticky hearts. Also, thanks to Monroe Litho for the paper hearts, YNN News for TV coverage, our own Masonic Service Bureau, and Friends of the Damascus Clowns. Did I say clowns? Yes I did. They turned out by the numbers and entertained the crowds making many, many kids happy with their handiwork. Thanks Gang!

I cannot forget my daughter, Kerry, who took my place after I had hip replacement surgery. Most of all to the Brothers and Sisters who made this Campaign possible. You will always have my eternal thanks. And let's not forget the shoppers who come to the Malls, who part with their money at a time when the economy is in bad shape.

I hope I didn't leave anyone out. Have-a-Heart 2011 was lots of work, but also lots of fun and fellowship. ✕

By Gary Sanford

Yes, this is a special month for the Masonic Service Bureau as we sponsor the Annual Widows Luncheon. It will be held at the Burgundy Basin located in Pittsford on Saturday, April 23rd. This event is open to any and all Lodges that wish to honor and recognize their widows. If your Lodge has not received a packet of information or if you are a widow, or know one who has not been contacted, please contact us.

As the weather season is starting to move forward and become more pleasant and warmer, remember there is Camp DeMolay available for your use. This parcel of land is located on Lake Ontario at So-

mus Point and has over sixteen acres of land available for your use. The main building, Anderson Lodge, is 1500 square feet in size, has a fully equipped kitchen and a great view of Lake Ontario. There are also men's and ladies' restrooms with showers, three sleeping cabins that will accommodate twelve each, as well as a recreation building. If you or your organization would like to use this great facility please contact us, as it is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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



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# Three-District RTTE Course Reaches Successful Conclusion



By R. W. George Fohner, Grand Sword Bearer

Congratulations to all the graduates of this year's *Road to the East*. It is not easy getting up early three Saturdays in a row, to attend classes during the Winter. This year's classes started February 19th at Monroe District's Union Star Lodge in Honcoy Falls; then on to Genesee-Wyoming's Constellation Lodge (what a beautiful Lodge Room) on February 26th; ending with Livingston District's Eunice Lodge on March 5th.

Our thanks to those Lodges for their hospitality and the three District Deputies and four Staff Officers for their hard work putting this program together.

Our special thanks to all the guest speakers from the three Districts. Special thanks to District Deputy, Mike Grady, for the photos supplied. Check out the photo and find your District's Representatives. These are your future leaders. We hope they enjoyed the classes as much as we did putting them on.



## Attention!

### Incoming Masters-elect, Wardens and Secretaries!

Your District Leadership Team Invites you to Attend ...

#### "Master's Chair" Retreat

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## Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By *Thomas Michielsen*  
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The month of April is an important one; it is the month when we elect new Officers, so it is very important that all members, who are able, attend our meeting at the Fairport Masonic Hall on Thursday, April 28th. We will open at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

We will make our journey to the Canandaigua Veterans Facility on Wednesday, April 16th, for their monthly Birthday Party. We meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Villager Restaurant on Main Street. At 2 p.m. we retire to the Facility for the party. Any Brother is welcome to join us.

We are still looking to welcome new members. The requirements for membership are to be a Mason and a Veteran. You do not have to have been in combat; only to have served. You may also have been an ally of the United States.

If you would like to have more questions answered, please call one of the following: Commander, John Ponshock (585) 338-2998; Adjutant, Vance R. Collom, Jr. (585) 217-9817; Past Commander, Emil "Moe" Schirano (585) 265-3932.

Remember to always keep faith with all Brothers.

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It's April, and you're once again burning the midnight oil, poring over stacks of paperwork or small pieces of paper with little or no explanation on them, trying to file your Income Tax Return on time. If you're rushing to complete your Return, you may be making costly mathematical errors, overlooking important deductions or missing tax credits you might qualify for. Yes, you might be one of those people in the TV ads who overpay their taxes each year. Why are we so stupid to subject ourselves to this torture year after year? Each year we tell ourselves and our spouses that next year will be different, but we do nothing to make our lives easier.

April 15 falls on a Friday in 2011 and is a legal Holiday in Washington, DC. Taxpayers nationwide will have until Monday, April 18, 2011, to file their 2010 Returns and pay any taxes due. Those of us who file our Tax Returns in Massachusetts have an extra day because of Patriots' Day.

#### Tip Income

If you work in an occupation where tips are part of your total compensation, you need to be aware of several facts relating to your income taxes. Here are four things you want to know about tip income:

1. Tips are taxable. Tips are subject to Federal Income, Social Security and Medicare taxes. The value of non-cash tips,

such as tickets, passes or other items of value, is also income and subject to tax.

2. Include tips on your Tax Return. You must include in gross income all cash tips you receive directly from customers, tips added to credit cards, and your share of any tips you receive under a tip-splitting arrangement with fellow employees.

3. Report tips to your employer. If you receive \$20 or more in tips in any one month, you should report all of your tips to your employer. Your employer is required to withhold Federal Income, Social Security and Medicare taxes.

4. Keep a running daily log of your tip income. You can use Internal Revenue Service Publication 1244, Employee's Daily Record of Tips and Report to Employer, to record your tip income.

**Tax Tips for Self-employed Individuals**

If you are in business for yourself, or carry on a trade or business as a sole proprietor or an independent contractor, you generally would consider yourself self-employed and you would file Internal Revenue Service Schedule C, Profit or Loss From Business, or Schedule C-EZ, Net Profit From Business with your Form 1040.

#### Self-employment

1. Self-employment can include work in addition to your regular full-time business activities, such as part-time work you do at home or in addition

to your regular job.

2. If you are self-employed, you generally have to pay Self-employment Tax. Self-employment Tax is a Social Security and Medicare Tax primarily for individuals who work for themselves. It is similar to the Social Security and Medicare Taxes withheld from the pay of most wage earners. Also, you can deduct half of your Self-employment Tax in figuring your adjusted gross income.

3. If you are self-employed, you generally have to make estimated tax payments. This applies even if you also have a full-time or part-time job and your employer withholds taxes from your wages. Estimated tax is the method used to pay tax on income that is not subject to withholding. If you don't make quarterly payments you may be penalized for underpayment at the end of the tax year.

4. You can deduct the costs of running your business. These costs are known as business expenses. These are costs you do not have to capitalize or include in the cost of goods sold but can deduct in the current year.

5. To be deductible, a business expense must be both ordinary and necessary. An ordinary expense is one that is common and accepted in your field of business. A necessary expense is one

that is helpful and appropriate for your business. An expense does not have to be indispensable to be considered necessary.

**Upcoming Due Dates**

April 15th - March Payroll Taxes, Individual Tax Returns, Federal 1st Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations and Federal and State 1st Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals

April 30th - 1st Quarter Payroll Reports Due

May 15th - April Payroll Taxes

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As I sit at my desk pondering what to write for this article, I am reviewing in my mind the events that have occurred during the past several months - the visits to Lodges, Degrees we have attended and, most importantly, fellowship, fellowship, fellowship.

My Brothers, I am reminded every day how humbling this experience has been for me so far. I am grateful for the welcome and the Fraternal courtesy the Grand Lodge Officers and I have enjoyed every time we have visited a Lodge in our District. We have been treated with such respect and have enjoyed every minute of our time with you. I am also amazed at the spirit of Brotherly Love which exists in our District.

With this in mind, I express a special thank you to the Shrine Degree Team under the able leadership of R. W. : John Gallant for stepping in, sometimes at a moment's notice, to help out a Lodge in need, whether in Monroe or the surrounding Districts. This is Masonry in action.

### Welcome New Brothers

I congratulate all of the newly Entered, Passed, and Raised Brothers. You are the cornerstone of our Fraternity, my Brothers, and you are the future of Freemasonry in New York State. Read, study, talk to your Brothers and get involved. You have joined an organization that can give you more than you could ever imagine. This has been true for me and I am sure it will be true for you also. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you feel I can be of any assistance to you, your Lodges, or your families.

### Road to the East

Our Grand Lodge Officers, with assistance from the leadership of the surrounding Districts, have recently completed the *Road to the East* Program. I had the opportunity to be present at the last session held at Eunice Lodge Hall in Caledonia on March 5th. It was a great opportunity, indeed, to listen to the R. W. : Mike Grady discuss membership development and retention.

It is always enlightening and motivating to hear Brother Grady talk, as his enthusiasm and passion for the Craft is infectious. Brother Grady's presentation generated a great deal of discussion and healthy participation from everyone.

The next speaker was none other than the R. W. : Richard Friedman. His talk on the importance and the significance of the Ritual was no less fascinating, as he reminded everyone that our newly Raised Brothers want us to challenge them and we are not helping them when we lower the bar when it comes to Ritual or memorization. I share Brother

Friedman's views in this regard and encourage you all to keep and preserve the highest standards when it comes to Degree work and proficiency. No one values what comes to them easily and without labor. The beauty of our Craft and the system of learning inherent in our tradition, is based on study, hard work and continuous improvement. Always remember, we are all travelers on that never-ending road extending from the rough Ashlar to that perfect Ashlar, which no living man will ever reach.

### Table Lodge

As I am writing this article, your Leadership Team is finalizing the preparations for our District Table Lodge event which is shaping up to be a great success. Most of the credit for this should go to Brother Patrick Mulrooney for his leadership, planning and organization without which this event could not have happened.

Your District Leadership Team is also working on other events for the upcoming months. Mark your calendars for a Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Retreat, which will take place at Camp DeMolay on June 4th. We are also working out the details of a District Picnic on August 13th to be held at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. We will be communicating with you the details of those events in the next several weeks.

### Trestleboards

I am reaching out to all the incoming Masters of Lodges and ask that you start working on your Trestleboard for next year. Make sure you develop a program that is educational, Masonically relevant, and, most importantly, interesting and fun for your Lodge Brothers. Each Lodge has its own culture, strengths and challenges. Don't make the mistake of going at it alone. A true leader is not someone who does all the work himself, but rather someone who can motivate and inspire others to work with him. By setting a good example of good communication with your Lodge Brothers and Officers and by reaching out to them for help, being clear about your vision and what you hope to accomplish, you can be sure you will have a successful year. None of us can do it alone, my Brothers, this is why we call our organization "Brotherhood."

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

## Grand Sword Bearers Monroe



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By R. W. : Phillip Hurwitz

By the time you read this article, your District will have conducted the *Road to the East* Program. It was a great success; due in large part to the planning by your Staff Officers in the Monroe, the Livingston and the Genesee/Wyoming Districts. Our thanks

to the Officers of Union Star, Constellation and Eunice Lodges for their graciousness in allowing us the use of their respective Lodge to host this Course. We could not have done this without their help. Your Leadership Team also thanks those Brothers who gave unselfishly of their time to present the various components of this program.

This program will, of course, be presented again. And on that note, allow me to highlight what a valuable resource we have in the 24" Gauge. I'll refer to this resource as *The Gauge*.

Ideally, every Brother who aspires to become Master of his Lodge, should not only own a copy, but should be actively consulting this Guide in planning their year as Junior Warden and beyond.

Putting together a Trestleboard is a challenge; some do it better than others. *The Gauge* is designed to show any Brother, regardless of skill level, what he can do to put together a Trestleboard; a Trestleboard that will not only inform, but inspire a Brother to come to Lodge, and/or participate in its affairs. You will notice I wrote "and/or." That's for a reason. We all know of Brothers who sporadically come to Lodge; but when asked to help out, are there "in a minute." Your Trestleboard should send a message, a message to both those who attend Lodge on a regular basis and those who do not attend Lodge regularly. The message is simply this. Your Lodge is a "happening place." Any Brother, who picks up your Trestle-board, should come away with "hey, something is going on here; and I want to be in on it."

*The Gauge* lays it out. Why re-invent the wheel? The planning of your Trestleboard starts in your year as Junior Warden. Speaking of which, those of you reading this article who aspire to become Master of your Lodge: Do you know what your responsibilities would be as a Warden, if the Master can't make it to Lodge that night? Do you know the budgetary process of your Lodge? Do you have an idea who your Officers will be? Are you starting to panic? Don't! Get with *The Gauge* and begin squaring your work.

Your leadership team wishes you continued success.

To be continued... ✕



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By R. W. : Michael Nohle

It has been a pleasure for us to visit your Lodges all year long for the various Edict and Dispensation Degrees. Thanks to all of you for your warm hospitality. We congratulate you on successfully Raising so many new Brothers and having done so with such great care. Certainly, many of you are pumped up about the Ritual and have fo-

cused on improving and upholding the quality of the same for the benefit of our new Brothers.

We do have a few observations to share for your consideration, which we sincerely hope will continue to help raise the bar concerning our Degree work.

First, for the benefit of our Candidates, new Brothers and your District Leadership Team, we recommend you try to table all unnecessary business until either after a Degree or for a subsequent Communication. In some instances, we have had to wait an hour or longer from the start of a Communication before the Degree work actually begins. The delay in the work of the evening has made for some very late nights for all involved. The focus of the evening should be on the Candidates and having the Degree begin early in the evening will allow them to be awake and engaged in the ceremony.

Second, it is so important that the Masters of Ceremony and Stewards participate in rehearsals. One recurring weakness we have observed in the Work is the floor work related to the assembling and breaking of the symbolic temple. With a bit more attention-to-detail and proper rehearsal, this can easily be corrected. This reasonably small adjustment could make the difference between good and truly great work.

We also encourage everyone to review their Ritual Book. Over time, it is very easy to substitute or add incorrect words or phrases to the Ritual. It takes a serious amount of commitment and effort to memorize the Ritual. If you are going to put in the effort, then please take the extra time to occasionally review the Ritual Book. We have found that reading the Ritual helps identify areas to improve.

Also, please make sure that you are using the current Cipher. There have been corrections or changes made over time and a Ritual book from 40 years ago is not current. You can contact your Lodge Secretary or Grand Lodge Services (1-800-3MASON4) about purchasing a current Cipher Book. Please remember that important slogan "good enough is the killer of great." We hope these observations are helpful. They are intended to be purely constructive and beneficial.

Our Joint Investiture Ceremony for incoming Worshipful Masters will be held on Friday, May 20th, at Fairport Masonic Hall. More information regarding this important District event will be available to come. In the meantime, keep up the good work and we'll see you in the quarries. ✕

## Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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By R. W. : Don Tubman

Last month I gave you the statistics from the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services. I expressed that there is indeed a need to be conducting Child Identification and although I did not provide the statistics, young adults and seasoned citizens can benefit from our program, as well. Alarming, we are not getting as many requests from the Monroe Lodges or the Concordant Bodies as we did last year. Please consider remedying this now.

### Membership

Also, of concern this month is discussion of why it is important, when you recommend a man to join the Lodge and you are a First-Line Signer, it is important you really know the person you are recommending. It is very important that Masons have a Lodge Interviewing Committee that will conduct rigorous and vigorous background checks before we allow men to join our Lodges and Masonry.

Besides looking for quality men, we have an obligation to protect the public - particularly in the Child ID arena - to present quality men and workers to be in contact with children. If your Lodge is not conducting background checks which include checking the Sex Offender Registry, basic background and credit checks, you are doing the District Team and yourselves a disservice.

I will cite Masonic Law Sections and they should be discussed in your Lodges with a MASONIC LAW of NEW YORK "Blue Book" handy.

1143 (9) Misrepresentation or Concealment in Petition for Affiliation.

1147 (13) Suggesting, Counseling or Assisting Petitioner in Misrepresentation.

1161(1) Lacking Essential Qualifications for Initiation.

1163(8) Misrepresentation, Concealment or Deceit in Relation to Initiation.



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1164(9) Neglect of Investigation Committee.

1166(11) Recommending Petitioner Improperly.

1185(C) Failing to Refer Petition to Investigating Committee.

533 (d) A MUST READ-Nature of Committee's Investigation.

I hope I'm preaching to the choir.

You can contact any member of the team and we will help you with setting up a reliable background program.

In New York State, the Division of Criminal Justice's 2010 Annual Report indicates the number of missing child cases (runaways, familial abductions, stranger abductions) reported to law enforcement agencies dropped from 28,000 in 1997 to 19,512 in 2009.

While this news is encouraging, it is evident that vigorously promoting child safety will always be necessary. Parents and guardians play the most prominent role, by talking to their children in a calm and reasonable manner, being careful not to over-emphasize the frightening details of what might happen if safety guidelines are not followed.

It is also clear that whenever a child is missing, parents must act decisively and the law enforcement investigation must be immediate, thorough and well coordinated.

This is what the Masonic Safety Program is about. This is why we do it and this is your reminder that we need your help!!!

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

We have identified several Masons with American Sign Language skills who have agreed to help with our deaf program outreach to have some successful programs with the deaf community in March! If you possess such skills, we can always use your help. Contact us at the numbers listed below so that we can set up additional events to serve the deaf community!!! Brothers, it does not take much to set up an event and man it... just a little creativity and forethought... Will you help????

Contact Information about the Masonic ID program is available on-line at:

www.nychip.org
Information about the Masonic Safety Identification Program is available online at www.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:

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You may also contact Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you have any questions or suggestions on improving response to the Masonic Safety Identification Program.

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By Stephan Michener
Junior Deacon

By the time you will read this the Supreme Architect of the Universe will once again have given us a small revelation of his glory in the annual return of our National pastime - Baseball - and the opening of trout season.

After some changes in our Trestleboard, we held our 3rd Degree on March 17th. At our March 3rd meeting three Brothers from Fort Oatka came to present a program on marching and floor work.

Sickness and Distress
Please continue to keep in your prayers and thoughts Right Worshipful Bill Spillane, as well as Brother Josh Loeper, who continues with dialysis.

Upcoming Events
April 7th - Brother Bring-a-Brother Night. This will also be Past Masters' Night when the Chairs will be occupied by our Past Masters.

I encourage all Brothers who haven't been to our Lodge in a while to please attend. The Lodge needs your participation. Our Brothers are the "life blood" of Lodge life and without you, the place is empty.

April 9th - we will be holding our Adopt-a-Highway event. Usually the event begins about 10 a.m. and we are finished by noon.

April 20th - the Masters & Wardens meeting will be hosted by Northfield at the Pittsford Masonic Hall.

Although there will be no communication at Northfield on April 21st, as per our By-laws, (Maundy Thursday) we are planning on going to Webster Lodge to attend their meeting.

Finally, looking ahead to May 5th, we will hold Elections for next year's Officers. That night will also be the Annual Communication.

On May 19th we will have Move-up Night and Awards.



Oatka Lodge Brothers John Mainville, Harold Roxburgh and Joseph Dobrowolski demonstrating floor work marching.



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The past couple of months the Officers of Valley-Simes Lodge have been busy with the Raising of two new Brothers and District functions. I thank those Brothers who have come out and supported these functions.

The Brothers who go South for the Winter should be on their way home; we look forward to seeing them back in Lodge real soon.

Upcoming Events
Please plan on joining the Brothers of Valley-Simes Lodge and the DDGM, R.: W.: George Nasra, to present four members with their 50-Year Aprons on April 12th.

There will be a dinner in their honor before the ceremony and it is open to all Masons and their families. The evening will start at 5:30 p.m. Please plan to attend to show your support to these Brothers.

Brotherhood Fund
It is not too late to make your donation. I thank all Brothers who have made their donation and ask if you have not donated, please help with this great cause.

Sickness and Distress
Please keep Brother William Scheer in your prayers. We have really missed his wonderful smile at Lodge and hope to see him return soon.

Brother Bernard Skopinsky also has been on a long recovery and we would like to see him in Lodge soon, if possible.

Our thoughts and prayers for Brother Richard Giedd on the loss of his wife of 65 years, Molly. God Bless you Richard; you are in our prayers.

April Birthdays
The following Brothers will be celebrating their birthdays this month and we hope they have a very happy birthday.

Adam J. Jurzyniec (1st), Jeffrey Miller (6th), George H. Gray (7th), Charles Skopinsky (11th), Carl M. Robinson (14th), Harold L. Silvis (17th), Robert L. Anderson II (18th), Sion M.Honea III (21st), Roland G. Butler (25th), Guy T. Clark (26th), John Rogalski (27th) and Isaac R. Taylor (28th)

Masonic Anniversaries
Congratulations to the following Brothers who were Raised in April; thank you for all your years of service to the Craft.

- 57 Years Gordon L. Kotzin
52 Years Richard J. Beyer
Jerome Fogel
51 Years Olindo Nardone
15 Years Rand M. Gee
Andrew Baurdel

My thanks to the Brothers of Craftsman Robertson Lodge for all they have done with their assistance in Raising our two new Brothers, Donald Murphy and Ryan Ramplin, and their support for coming to our Lodge meetings and functions.

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"This is what Brotherhood is all about," so said R.: W.: Richard Friedman prior to the funeral service that was held for a young Brother who had only joined the Craft a year ago and was killed in a car accident in North Carolina. Well over 100 Brothers gathered at the Fairport Masonic Hall on February 26th.

Many Brothers attended the Road to the East Class in Perry and they took time to come. Many from the Scottish Rite came after their reunion, even several from Jamestown and the Niagara-Orleans District.

At the March 1st meeting, we had an very enlightening presentation from R.: W.: Rick Howe the 1st Lt. Commander of the Valley of Rochester, who talked about being a member of the Valley and what we do in the Scottish Rite.

We thank the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team for their help with our 3rd Degree on March 15th, under the direction of R.: W.: John Gallant. A tip of the Master's Hat to you and your Team.

Brothers celebrating their birthday this month include: Derek VanHouten (3rd); Ronald Sterling (6th); Robert Hughes and Mark Jacobs (15th); Scott Mason (17th); and Richard Militello (23rd). We wish each of them a bright sunny day amidst the April showers, which should fall on the other days of the month!

### Craftsman Robertson

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April 5th - we will have our Past Masters Night which is chaired by W.: Clyde Siverd. It promises to be a great evening, as we honor those who sat in the East over the years.


April 13th will be our Annual Fellowcraft Dinner and Meeting at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Rd. at 6:30 p.m.; cost will be approximately \$25, which covers your meal and the Fellowcraft Club dues for the next Masonic year.

At the April 19th Lodge Meeting, a Lodge of Confusion will be presented.

April 23rd - Annual Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin.

This will be a very busy and enjoyable month for all of us. ✎

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By Joseph Dobrowski

It has been months since we published a letter in the **Masonic Times** and much has passed. I will bring you up-to-date on some of the highlights from the Lodge. We have been busy with new Brothers.

Obtaining Dispensation for our last Degree, we welcomed nine new Brothers to the Lodge. We are still working out some kinks for finishing the hearing impaired Brothers to complete their Degrees and have discussed requesting Dispensation to pass and Raise them this Summer. Thanks to Northfield Lodge and W.: Eric Loepker for their assistance in passing one of our own. Several Brothers from Oatka were present for the Degree and received a heartfelt welcome from Northfield Brothers.

Our Worshipful Master, Steve Phillips, has expanded our programs. He has tapped our Brothers to inform us on the York Rite, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine to improve

our floor work during Ritual. The continuing education and interactive programs make coming to Lodge fun.

#### Website

We are continuing to improve our website [www.Oatkamasons.com](http://www.Oatkamasons.com). I have just recently gained access to the site and have found it to be a good source of information. The most recent being the reason for Table Lodges ... borrowing from that site, more like a reunion than a Regular Lodge, a center for relaxation and inspiration of Freemasonry. I look forward to the Oatka Table Lodge on Wednesday, March 23rd, followed by the District Table Lodge on March 29th. Details of both can be found on the website.

Our work parties will continue on the Fellowcraft Room during off Lodge Wednesdays and through the Summer. For those of you who have not recently been in attendance, don't let the word "work" discourage you from coming out. While we make progress on the improvements, I would not call what we do working.


#### On a Personal Note

I was Raised on January 16th, 2010. Since that time I have had the opportunity to visit other Lodges. I have been able to experience the meaning of "friendship and Brotherly love." From a Standard Communication, School of Ritual, Degree work, *Road to the East* or Fairport-Flower City Lodge's Annual Pub Crawl, the Brothers are always quick to strike up a conversation and include everyone in the discussion. I enjoy the fellowship and have always learned from the visits.

I encourage our Brothers to visit other Lodges, attend the School of Ritual and spend time around other Masons. The conversation may vary from the Charge for the 2nd Degree, Smart Phone apps or what the recipe was for the evening meal. We are a diverse group, with skills and interests to match. Take time to get to know your Brothers.

This is my first letter and I believe far from perfect. Please provide feedback. If you have an idea or information you would like included in the next one, let me know. Feel free to write something down to share with the Brothers. ✎

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For those Brothers who were unable to make it to the March 3rd meeting, we missed you. Unfortunately, you missed an excellent presentation given by our Brother, Bill Edwards. With the history of Freemasonry being a hobby of his, he is quite knowledgeable of many of the historical aspects of the Craft. In his presentation, he spoke to the origins of the different forms of the Craft here in the United States, stemming from the British Isles. If you ever have an opportunity to attend one of his lectures in the future, by all means do so. You will find it very interesting and educational. My thanks to Bill.

The night of Brother Bill's lecture was also our Annual "Stink Night." For those who don't know, Stink Night is the one meeting a year when we simply gather after our meeting and enjoy some deli meats, onions, pickles, some rather strong cheeses and other condiments. Then there is, of course, the simplicity of just socializing for a bit before heading home. As usual, Stink night was a good time enjoyed by all.

While sitting here armed with my date book and my wife's kitchen calendar, I'm reminded all too easily of how fast time flies. It seems that just a few days ago I was sitting in the same place with all the usual date-keeping tools at my disposal, trying to fill a Masonic calendar year of 20 meetings. I didn't think it was possible. I thought, "so many meetings." Well, I'll tell you, 20 aren't enough. At the time of writing this article, we have only five more meetings until I hand over the Lodge to our next Master; seven before we go dark. And these five don't include the two Special Communications for the 2nd and 3rd Degrees.

So yes, time flies. And although we all know how uncontrollably fast it slips away, we sometimes seem to have to learn the same lesson over and over. We all know we are given the same amount of time per day as well, twenty-four hours, every day. Twenty-four hours to put to good use. So, keep dear, my Brothers, the division of the twenty-four-hour day. Even in our rushed and hurried modern lives, we should do what we can to tend to the appropriate dispersal of the hours of the day, keeping in mind that once the day is gone, it is gone forever. An opportunity to learn, to grow or to influence mankind should not be wasted, for it might not come again.

The opportunity to walk uprightly, my Brothers, is especially important. We should constantly remember we have an obligation to do so; an obligation that sets us apart from other men. But, by our daily actions, we may still show others how all

men should meet, act and part.

Speaking of time, here are our upcoming events:


April 1st - our Spaghetti Dinner. As usual, I encourage Brothers to come and lend a hand.

April 7th - our Awards Night. April 14th - the Fellowcraft Club.

April 21st - Regular Communication with a guest speaker planned.

Until we meet again, God bless. ✎

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Greetings one and all (for what I hope will be the last time)!

This month will bring us not only Easter and its related Holy Days, but we will also be celebrating with our widows at the Annual Widows Luncheon. Again this year, the luncheon will be held at the Burgundy Basin. It's always a good time.

#### Upcoming Events

Our first meeting this month, April 14th, was to be a 3rd Degree, but alas, no Candidates, no Degree. We are still having the dinner and instead, we will play some Euchre after the meeting. Let's really work over the next year on bringing in some new Brothers. It's the only way to keep our Lodge going.

The meeting, on April 28th, will be a Lodge of Remembrance. This is when we remember our fallen Brothers over the last year. It is one of my favorite ceremonies that Freemasonry performs.

Next month brings us Ladies Night. This year it will again be the night before Mother's Day, Saturday, May 7th. It should be a wonderful evening. Also, the first meeting in May we will be voting on who will be in the East and the rest of the elected Line Officers for the ensuing year. Most likely, the next article you read will be penned by our Master-Elect.

I thank some of our Brothers who have really helped me out this past year. First, to my stewards, W.: Dick Topel and W.: Heinz Gunkel. You always ensured we had coffee to drink and good food after each meeting (and for filling in as Masters of Ceremony for the Degree).

Next, to my Senior Deacon, W.: Doug Jones. Thank you for representing me this year at Grand Lodge. Next, to our Secretary and Treasurer, W.: Dave Foster and W.: Frank Churnetski, thanks for keeping the records up-to-date and paying the bills.

To my Junior Warden, Brother Chuck Zlotkus - even through all you've personally experienced this past year, you were still at Lodge and still willing to learn your Ritual.


Finally, to my Senior Warden, Brother Jason Gartland, you probably don't know how much you helped me this past year. Your Ritual and support from the West has meant so much. The Lodge will do well to elect you to the East.

Thank you to the entire Lodge for helping me through this past year. We've had some great times and I am looking forward to supporting our next Master; I suggest that we all do the same.

Lastly, to my wife and daughter. Thank you so much for putting up with me being Master again this year. At times I left Linda to do things with Lindsey that we both should have done and I was dashing off here and there. One good thing ... at least I wasn't Secretary.

As this may be my last article ever as Master of Fame Lodge, I can say with honesty that it has been wonderful to serve you as Master and I am so looking forward to helping out wherever needed. As always, remember that many hands make light work. Please remember the Brotherhood Fund and we'll see you in Lodge. ✎

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Our first meeting in February, though lightly attended, was short and enjoyable. We watched a video on the American Flag, supplied by the Scottish Rite, then enjoyed fellowship downstairs afterwards.

At our February 15th meeting, we Initiated six Entered Apprentices. Brother Pat Purcell, our Junior Warden, was in the East. He did a great job. Brother Mark Shapiro did an outstanding job on the Working Tools and Brother Ryan Amberge stepped up to do the Questions and Answers along with Brother Blake Keller. My thanks to all the Brothers who helped us with this Degree.

At our first meeting in March, our guest speaker was Jeremy Belair, President of the Home Brewing Association. Jeremy gave us an overview of the home brewing process.

A Brother who completed his Entered Apprentice Degree at Clio Lodge in 2008, but was unable to continue at that time, has returned to finish his Work. He will join our class of six.

#### Upcoming Events

In April, we will be hosting two Spaghetti Dinners and could use your help on April 13th and April 27th. Dinners are served from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

On April 19th, our Master Mason Degree will be held, preceded by a dinner at 6 p.m. I hope you can join us for dinner even if you cannot stay for the Degree. Your Brothers would be glad to see and talk with you.

We are beginning the process of nominations for next year's Officers. If you would like to be considered for an Office or if you are interested in learning more about an Officer position, please contact me. We are in need of some key Officers including a Secretary and Treasurer. Please consider helping us.

With the Winter thaw, we will be looking to do some Spring cleaning at the Lodge. The Trustees will have more information on this soon. ✎



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By W.: R. Thomas Ward

Our current Master, W.: Fraser Ritchie is a bit under the weather. He had some serious surgery on March 15th and will be spending the next 6-8 weeks recovering. The Lodge is pulling for him and he and his family are in our constant thoughts and prayers. All went well and we hope to see him sitting in the East again very soon!

The 1st Degree was successfully conferred upon two new Brothers at our February meeting. Junior Warden, Rick Yendall, was in the East and did a terrific job! We were especially honored to have our DDGM, R.:W.: George Nasra, accompanied by our Assistant Grand Lecturers, R.:W.: Mike Nohle and V.:W.: Bill Edwards, in attendance. R.:W.: Mike also did the answers for the Whys and Wherefores. They congratulated the Lodge Brothers on winning the Attendance Banner from the Grand Lecturer's Convention.

The March 14th meeting was a general business meeting.

The 2nd Degree was conferred upon the new Brothers at our March 28th meeting with Senior Warden, Roger Lynch, in the East. The Degree work was preceded by a Spaghetti Dinner prepared for us by Past Master, Mike DiCataldo. It was a delicious meal and we thank those who helped prepare it and who helped clean up. A big thank you to all the Brothers who participated in conferring the 2nd Degree.

In April, we look forward to warmer weather and those famous April showers that will bring the May flowers!

Speaking of flowers, the April 11th meeting will feature R.:W.: John Zabel giving us a presentation and also a POT LUCK Dinner before the meeting. Please bring a dish-to-pass if you are able and a \$10 donation. The money raised will go to St. Joseph's House of Hos-

pitality - a homeless shelter for men in the city. If you can't bring a dish-to-pass, we still invite you to come and join us.

The Widows Luncheon will be held again this year at the Burgundy Basin on Saturday, April 23rd. Please contact Roger Lynch at 334-7953 or Allen Heidrich at (386) 341-1762 to make your reservations. The lunch will be served at Noon and we need your name, phone number, dinner choice and if you need a ride or not. The entrée choices are Chopped Sirloin or Stuffed Chicken Breast. If you are the surviving spouse of one of our departed Brethren, please do not hesitate to call one of the listed numbers. We do not want to miss anyone, so please let us know if you would like to go.

Our May 23rd meeting will be Brother Bring-a-Friend Night with no official meeting. Program and details will be announced at a later date, but start inviting your friends to come and learn more about Freemasonry now!

A special thanks go to Brothers Joe Forbes and Roger Lynch for doing a great cleanup of the kitchen at the Lodge Building. Let's all pitch in and help to keep it neat and organized from this point forward.

As many of you know, we are only able to keep our beautiful and historic Lodge Building at 1822 Penfield Road - the Four Corners of Penfield - by the rent we derive from two wonderful businesses. They are Expressions in Photography and Simply Fabulous Boutique. We encourage Brothers from all over to check these businesses out and support them in their endeavors. We know you will be pleased with what you find there!

### Sad News

We bade farewell to Brother William L. Beil, who passed to the Supreme Architect of the Universe on February 6th. Our sympathy to his family.

We will also miss our dear Brother, Gordie Oakes, who moved to the Celestial Lodge on March 10th. Gordie was one of the few remaining who could claim he was Raised in the Masonic Home in Utica when he was a very young boy. I was so honored to present him with his 65-year pin last year when I was Master. Gordie was always a true gentleman and our prayers are with his family at this time of mourning.

### Sickness and Distress

Brother Peter Derry had knee surgery in February and is recovering very nicely.

Our organist, Brother Bill Fay, got a visit from W.: John Rees, W.: Angelo DiCataldo and R.:W.: Don Brugger. They hustled him off to lunch at the Fairport Inn. He was in good spirits and in good health. He is now in the Fairport Baptist Home and is doing well. His organ playing is greatly missed at the Lodge and we all wish him well. Bill would welcome any visitors.

We received some communication from W.: Gary Langdon. He is in Farmington and also would like visitors or phone calls to help pass the time. He is mostly confined to the house and is getting bored.

We also send our thoughts and prayers out to R.:W.: John Tijou and his wife, Edda and W.: Mike Adamus and his wife, Ida. Both of these ladies are going through difficult times.

### Happy News

Congratulations to Brother Gregg Kellar and his wife on the birth of their new daughter, Fiona. She was born on January 24th and everyone is doing well!

Tom Ward became a grandfather for the first time on February 16th when his daughter, Trina, and her husband, Nelson, had a baby girl named Elena Grace.

Senior Warden, Roger Lynch, became a grandfather again with the birth of Caleigh Besser.

Brethren, please do not forget the Brotherhood Fund. If you need more information, please contact Brother Patrick Shea.

We all are looking forward to Springtime and warmer weather and to seeing you in Lodge! If you need a ride, call Tom Ward at 889-5932.


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### From Whence We Came

February was a month of celebration and Light in ERAC. I cannot say enough about the job Well Done by our Junior Warden, Brother John Hellaby and his Lady, Kelly. They spent a great deal of time on the preparations for our Valentine's Day Ladies Celebration held on February 14th, and it showed. Twenty four couples enjoyed a wonderful meal and quiet conversation while listening to mellow jazz. I can say for certain that all who attended, most importantly the Ladies, were quite pleased they had. Thank you, also, to Brother Bruce Bernhard and Brother Kern Haynes, who attended for the sole reason of helping.

On February 28th, we were treated to an educational program on the Building of KST, presented by Brother Zach Taylor. Prompted by a question concerning the use of a Lewis, Brother Zach spent the past few months researching and developing a presentation that provided a great deal of information to Brothers, both new and "well seasoned." Well Done, Brother Zach!

### Whither Are We Traveling

On April 11th, we will be sharing more Light with our newest Brothers by presenting the "Walk-About the Lodge" Program. Your Junior Warden has decided it is time to welcome in (or simply wish for) Summer by providing a "Summer Picnic" - a feast of hamburgers, hots and all the things that remind us of Summer.

On April 25th, we will be presenting the Douglas MacArthur and Daniel Carter Beard Awards for excellence in Scouting. I am not going to disclose who the recipients are as I do not wish to spoil the surprise. Please come and support our Brothers who will be receiving these prestigious Awards.

Until we are again called together...

**From the Secretary's Desk**  
I watched a military funeral on TV not too long ago. It was

a hometown funeral, not at Arlington National Cemetery. Just another one of our unsung heroes being laid to rest. A US Navy Corpsman, less than 21 years of age, who died while giving aid to the US Marine Squad with whom he was stationed.

As a Veteran, I was fortunate enough to serve on funeral detail many times ... more than I would have liked, to be honest. Some in Arlington National Cemetery. Some at sea.

But this particular funeral stood apart to me for one very moving reason. The Honor Guard for this fallen sailor was U.S. Marines, resplendent in their dress blues, standing tall and proud to serve as an Honor Guard for their fallen comrade. Normally, the Honor Guard would have been Sailors. But, for this fallen hero, it was Marines - the grunts with whom he had served and for whom he had given his life. The Few - The Proud - men who had welcomed this young man into their unique Brotherhood. Semper Fidelis - always faithful!

I thought again of that service and of the Marines standing tall to bid their comrade at arms - their Brother, farewell when a similar call came for us, Freemasons, to gather in farewell for one of our Comrades, one of our Brothers. Perhaps there's a world apart from those U.S. Marines and Freemasons. Perhaps there is! But, there is one area in which we can, and should, make a valid comparison ... we, too, are a Band of Brothers, always faithful to our calling, always ready to lend a hand when called upon. A band of select men, few in number, but proud of that for which we stand. And, when one of ours is called home, we stand to say farewell and to support those whom he left behind. The few, the proud ... the always faithful Band of Brothers of which I am proud to be a member.

We may not stand as tall anymore. We may not look as resplendent as those Marines. We may be a tad grey around the temples. But, let me tell you, Brothers, when we gather at the casket of one of our own, in the eyes of the bereaved family, they see us in their hearts for what we are in ours ... the few, the proud, the Masons. ✖

# Union Star Lodge No. 320

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2nd Mondays  
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The year has gone by way too fast. Hopefully by the time you read this we found a Lodge to help out our Brothers who missed the 2nd Degree, and do not have to delay our scheduled 3rd Degree. These are good problems to have, but it plays havoc on the Trestleboard. Hopefully, by next month's article, I can introduce all six of our new Master Masons.

First, thanks to all the Brothers for conferring a great 2nd Degree. Special thanks to Brother Ken Tomaszewski for his work as Master in the East, Brother Troy Shouse for his work as Senior Deacon and Brother Andrew Cotraccia for his work with the Q&A Section. Last, but not least, a very special thanks to W.: Larry Millerd for his work on the Middle Chamber Lecture. I hope someday I can match his level in presenting that work.

I also extend another thanks to the Brothers of Union Lodge in Lima who helped one of our Brothers learn part of his 2nd Degree and allow us to give that same Brother his 2nd Degree. It was a great night and a great Degree. This is truly what Masonry is all about.

### April Events

- 11th - Regular Communication - 7:30 p.m.
  - 20th - Masters and Wardens at Northfield Lodge - 6:30 p.m.
  - 23rd - Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin
  - 25th - Fellowcraft - 7 p.m.
- ### May Events
- 9th - Summoned Communication - 7:30 p.m.
  - 14th - Open Installation of Officers - 1 p.m.
  - 20th - Joint Investiture Service at Fairport Masonic Hall - 7:30 p.m.
  - 23rd - Fellowcraft - 7 p.m. ✖

## Monroe District Annual Widows Luncheon

Sponsored by Masonic Service Bureau  
Saturday, April 23rd at Burgundy Basin  
Doors open at 11 a.m.; Lunch served at Noon

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Worshipful Master, Robert Buchanan, Senior Warden, John Lemke, Junior Warden, Byron Barnes, and Senior Grand Warden, Thomas McMullin, at Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

April means Spring showers. The snow is gone. We welcome the re-birth of the earth with flowers and budding trees. No more excuses for staying inside. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship that is unique to Freemasonry.

The Degrees are not going to be conferred this Spring as anticipated. Brother Terry Adams, our Junior Warden, requested the 2nd Degree be exemplified in March. This allowed the Officers the opportunity to sharpen their Ritual and our new Brothers a chance to witness the Degree without stress. Good job, Terry. April is open.

R.: W.: Dwight Turner and his wife, Mildred, are now residents of the Fairport Baptist Home. They recently moved into the Assisted Living Wing. Brother Bruce brought his father to Lodge in March.

R.: W.: George Nasra, DDGM, and R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz, GSB, were present at the Lodge meeting for the Membership Awards presentations. Those in attendance were Sy Kopen (51 years), Easton Kelsey (36 years), Harvey Nusbaum (50 years), Warham Quinlan (46 years) and Dave Taber (51 years). Carl Mosher (61 years) and Jerry Bills (40 years) are in Florida. Many others had their names called and were remembered by those present. Brothers Kopen, Nusbaum and Taber received 50-Year Aprons on behalf of the Grand Master.

#### Farewell Faithful Brother

It is my sad duty to notify you about the passing of Brother Albert Castellani, who would have been 105 on April 16th. He joined the Lodge on April 23, 1951 and went to the Celestial Lodge on March 1st.

#### April Birthdays

The following Brothers have April birthdays: Charles Blazey (2nd), Jeremy Leichtner (3rd), James Martin (7th), Stuart Bobry (8th), John Byam III (9th), Seymour Kopen and Randy Darling (16th), Jason Moore (18th), Raymond Anderson (20th), James Lindstrom (21st), Arthur Friedman (22nd) and Nick Miraglia (28th). We wish for all a great day and a prosperous and healthy year ahead.

The programs for April are yet to be determined as there was no need for Degrees. It is hoped to be out to bring home the Traveling Gavel. ✘

On February 28th, Unity Lodge hosted a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night where ten friends had the opportunity of having R.: W.: Thomas "Tim" M. McMullin, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, address them, on what it means to him to be a Mason. Our Senior Warden, John Lemke, and Brother Alex Guilday also spoke that evening, with R.: W.: Cliff Short fielding questions from our guests. Special thanks to Linda Michielsen and the Etolian Chapter OES for putting on a wonderful dinner that night!

April 11th is a scheduled 3rd Degree. Please contact R.: W.: Tom Grape or R.: W.: Joe Privitera if you wish to participate in the Degree Work. There will be a Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Make reservations with W.: Tom Michielsen, DSA, at: tmichie1@rochester.rr.com Degree will start at 7:30 p.m.

#### April Birthdays

Hoppy Birthday (to all our Easter Babies) to the following Brothers - Richard Bean, Dale Bond, Raymond Cody, Gary Cornelius, Robert Crystal, Clarence Dinger, Charles DiPilato, Richard Fisher, Alexander Guilday, Franklin Higgins, Robert Kennedy, Earl Lenhard, Cedric Lodge, Jerry Luedeman, Rick Randolph, Jim Robb, Arthur Rogers, Bill Stoddart and Derek VanHouten. I hope you enjoy your day.

#### April in History

The American Revolutionary War began April 19th, 1775, with the battles of Lexington and Concord. Some people speculate that many Masons had ties to the cause of the War. Congress proclaimed the end of the Revolutionary War on April 11th, 1783.

April 18th, 1775, was the midnight ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes in Boston, Massachusetts. Revere, an American Revolutionary hero, was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston, and the Grand Master of Massachusetts, 1794-97.

George Washington took office in New York as the first President of the United States, April 30th, 1789. Masonically, he was Raised August 4, 1753, in Fredericksburg (Virginia) Lodge. He was Charter Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, Va., April 28, 1788, and re-elected December 20, 1788.

Harry Truman, our 33rd President, signed the Marshall

Plan into law on April 3rd, 1948. He received his Masonic Degrees in Belton Lodge No 450; organized and became a Charter Member of Grandview Lodge No. 618. He served as both District Lecturer and Deputy Grand Master for several years before he was elected Grand Master of Masons in the State of Missouri in 1940. He always claimed this was the greatest honor that had ever been bestowed upon him.

Truman received the first Gourgas Medal of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, while he was serving as a Senator, and worked for servicemen and women through the Masonic Service Association during World War II. Elected Vice-President in 1944, he became President upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt on April 12, 1945. Upon his death, he was buried on the grounds of his Library with impressive rites. These included the only Masonic funeral service ever televised worldwide.

Sir Winston Churchill was made an honorary United States Citizen on April 9th, 1963. He was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, a member of Studholme Alliance Lodge No. 1591 and Rosemary Lodge No. 2851. (The Churchill Society claims he resigned from his Lodges in 1912.)

#### Born in April

Our 5th President, James Monroe, was Initiated in Williamsburg (VA) Lodge No. 6 on November 9, 1775, but there is no record of his taking any further Degrees. The records of Cumberland Lodge No. 8 in Tennessee, June 8, 1819, show a Reception for Monroe as "a Brother of the Craft."

Our 15th President, James Buchanan, was Raised in 1817. He was Junior Warden in 1821 and 1822 and Master in 1825. Also, he was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

#### Died in April

Benjamin Franklin, American inventor and statesman, joined St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, February, 1731.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd President, was Raised in Holland Lodge No. 8 in New York City, in 1911; achieved 32nd Degree Scottish Rite in 1929 and joined the Shrine in 1930.

Henry Ford was Raised November 28th, 1894, in Palestine Lodge No. 357, Detroit, Michigan. He was also a member of Zion Lodge No. 1.

General Douglas MacArthur was made a Mason "at sight" in Manila Lodge No. 1, the Philippines.

So that all happened in the month of April...

Happy Spring! Have a great Month!

**Olive Branch**  
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By W.: Doug Poole, Secretary

Spring is almost sprung, so please ignore any snow that falls before Mid-May. Weather here in Western New York can be a bit crazy. So start planning your gardens; just keep the snow shovel within reach!

Work is coming along well in the new Lodge. The Lodge Room, as well as the Dining Rooms, should be done. The kitchen is the last project to be done. Those areas will take more work and professional planning. We need to be sure Brother Bill MacPherson is

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happy with the kitchen so we can do a German Table Lodge.

Plans are underway for our merger with Batavia Lodge. There are many steps we have to go through. As our 200th Anniversary is in 2011, we are being especially attentive so we keep our original Charter Date and don't have to start over. We are the only Lodge West of the Genesee to not turn in our Charter after the Morgan Affair.

#### Sickness and Distress

I am glad to say I am finally home. I am very humbled by the actions of Olive Branch and the Brothers for all they did to get me home. The ramp and the enlarged doors are really over the top! You guys are fantastic.

Prayers are still needed for our Past Master, Nevin Brick. He was just like me with a strange ailment. Recovery is long and hard. Add a prayer for his wife, Kathy, also. These events are harder on the family.

Due to the date of Grand Lodge, Elections will be the second Wednesday in May - that's May 18th. ✘

#### Oakland Lodge

No. 379, F. & A.M.

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



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It has been a few months since I last got an article into the **Masonic Times** on behalf of Oakland Lodge. I apologize for this and can only tell you that my professional life has been monopolizing my time and preventing me from putting any effort and time towards the social organizations to which I belong. The weather of Western New York has been of no help either. Extreme weather conditions have caused us to cancel a couple of Communications this Winter. Some other communications were cancelled due to my work and family vacations of other Officers. If the weather ever breaks, we can once again meet and start our work.

I was hoping to be able to give a long report of what Oakland Lodge has been doing and what we are planning on doing in the near future. The lack of communications is preventing me from giving any great detail of the workings of Oakland Lodge. Rumor from our Secretary is that we might have a Candidate or two who are interested in becoming Masons and joining Oakland Lodge. This would be wonderful since it has been a couple of years since any Degree work has been performed at our Lodge. Hopefully, I will give a better report on this topic and many others in next month's article.

The Brotherhood Fund contributions continue to keep rolling in and all I can say is thank you to all the Brothers from Oakland Lodge who have already made donations to this worthwhile cause. If you would

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#### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, April 1st  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

at Webster Lodge Hall  
30 Orchard Street

Adults - \$7 Children - \$4







# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

April 2011

## Shrine and Divan Meetings

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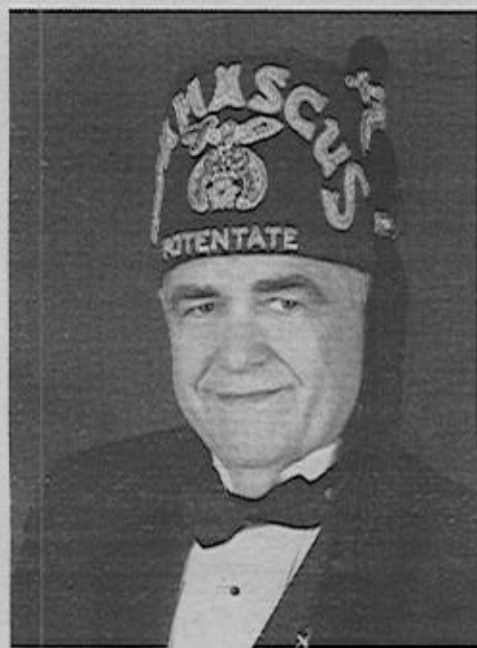
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## Shrine Office Hours

Monday — Friday

9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Website: [www.damascusshrinemasons.org](http://www.damascusshrinemasons.org)



## RICH FRIEDMAN POTENTATE



April is a huge month at Damascus. We truly have something for everyone. As this is the month that baseball begins, let's go over the starting lineup. All reservations to these events can be found at our website, [www.damascusshrinemasons.org](http://www.damascusshrinemasons.org) or by calling the Office at (585) 671-7701.

### Hospital Awareness Night April 6th

The month kicks off with a presentation from Springfield and Erie Shriners Hospitals for Children®. The Hospital Awareness Night is another great opportunity for all of us to bring our Blue Lodge Brethren and their ladies to the Shrine. The presentation they will hear will no doubt stir them emotionally as it does us. Our Hospitals are the reason we do what we do. Could there be a more "Noble" cause than healing children?

I have said it before and will state it again, "Being a Shrine Mason means healing children."

### Noble Bring-a-Brother Night April 9th

On April 9th, we will see how one child, now a grown man, was helped by Shriners Hospitals. Our former patient and now Shrine Mason, Dan Caro, will be visiting Damascus as part of our Noble Bring-a-Brother Program. You have seen a lot of Dan in your email and as part of the February *Damascus News*. I hope I do not have to state the obvious.

This is a critically important event for Damascus. In my heart, I truly believe anyone who is not yet a Shrine Mason who comes to this event will want to become one very badly. I also believe WE, as a Shrine, will be energized and motivated by Dan's message.

This is also the Shell-a-Buck Dinner. You will receive a fine steak done by the meat kings of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. All guests will eat free and also, the Ladies of Nobles will only be charged \$1.00.

We must get as many potential Shrine

Masons to this event as is humanly possible! The future of Damascus depends on it, plain and simple. We cannot sustain ourselves without an influx of new members. I know I have learned a lot from some of the new faces on the Divan and it has been a great experience hearing what our younger members are looking for. Think of how much it would affect us all if we had a big number of new members, all brimming with new ideas and new energy. WOW!

### Casino Niagara Bus Trip April 17th

On Sunday, April 17th, get ready for a fun, relaxing time as we take a great bus trip to Casino Niagara. It was a blast last year. For just \$32 per person, you will receive \$20 slot dollars, a \$5 food voucher, pizza, bread, wine and soda on the trip up and snacks on the way home. All of this and the comfort of someone else driving. The trip will leave Damascus at 11 a.m. SHARP and return around 7:30 p.m. At the moment we have 49 reservations available.

Sean Noonan promises you will win if you play next to him. I will test that theory since I was the runner-up to William H. Macy for being cast as the "Cooler." You do not want to play next to me!

Remember ... Photo ID is required for the slot and food voucher.

### Shrine Cookbook

In this issue you will see an article about the Damascus Shrine Cookbook. First Lady, Joanne, has worked on this book night and day for months. We saw a proof and it is beautiful! There is a pre-order form in this edition of the *Damascus News*.

Joanne has decided that our family will contribute the production and printing costs. That means the \$15 per book fee will be 100% for the kids. Let's support her generosity by buying up this book and selling it far-and-wide. If you are reading this and are out-of-town, we can ship it.

We ordered 1,000 books. They are purposely not identifiable with this particular Shrine year so they can be re-ordered or sold at any time without stale dating.

Do the math folks - (actually I had to have Ill. Bob Anderson do it for me) if it's a sellout, we raise \$15,000 for the kids. Talk it up with your friends and family.

Checks will go to the Office and should be made out to Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Please put "Cookbook" in the memo part of your check and attach the order form.

### Last thoughts

In conclusion my Noble Brothers, NOW is the time to build our membership. You already know Damascus will be in great hands in 2012 with the leadership of Gary Burke. I want to give him lots of fresh troops to work with next year. If we build the foundation in 2011, Gary will build the house in 2012.

My motto is Let's Do IT! For this month I am amending that due to how important April will be for us. We HAVE to Do IT!

Those kids who need healing are depending upon it.

## Hospital Awareness Night at Damascus

On April 6th we have an Open Meeting that will feature two speakers from Erie Hospital and Springfield Hospital - the two Shriners Hospitals that Damascus supports. We will hear the latest information and status of each Hospital and the Revenue Cycle Program being piloted at Erie.

A great dinner of Chicken French, Angel Hair Pasta, Broccoli and a Homemade Fudge Brownie will put you in the right frame of mind to hear about our calling; helping kids who cannot help themselves. Come and show your

support. The Hospitals are the most important part of our phrase, "Fun with a serious purpose."

It is incumbent on every Shrine Mason to learn what is going on in the Hospital System as this information affects all that we do as Shrine Masons.

For reservations, call the Office at 585-671-7701

or on-line at:

[www.damascusshrinemasons.org/hospital-awareness-night](http://www.damascusshrinemasons.org/hospital-awareness-night)

We hope to fill the room for this event, so do your part and reserve today.

## DAMASCUS SHRINE



### 2nd Annual Seneca Casino Bus Trip

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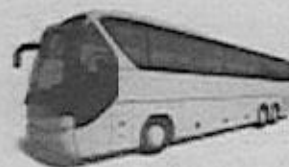
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Each time you search the web with GoodSearch's Yahoo-powered search engine, about a penny will be donated to the hospital. This may not sound like a lot of money, but if enough people use this tool, it adds up.

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To give you a sense of how the money can add up, the ASPCA has already earned more than \$30,000 through GoodSearch. GoodSearch has been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *CNN*, *Oprah Magazine*, *Good Morning America* and more.

**Hospital Patient Participates in  
Special Skiing Camp**

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie patient Lucas (Richard) Slusher of Andover, OH, was one of 14 teenage amputees from across the country who traveled to Park City, UT earlier this month to participate in the Annual Un-Limb-ited Camp sponsored by Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Salt Lake City.

This special camp helps teenage amputees sharpen their skills on adaptive skis and snowboards. Throughout the week-long camp, each camper received daily skiing or boarding lessons from professional instructors. Nurses, prosthetists, physical therapists, occupational therapists and recreation therapists from Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Salt Lake City attended the camp as counselors. In addition to the activities, the participants received an opportunity to bond with other teenagers just like themselves.

**3rd Annual Shriners Hospital  
Charity Golf Outing is June 27th**

Attention all golfers! It's time to mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Shriners Hospital Charity Golf Outing to be held on Monday, June 27th

This year's event will be held at the scenic Lake Shore Country Club in Fairview, PA. Registration and lunch will begin at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12 noon. The registration fee of \$125 per person includes lunch, green fees, golf cart and dinner. In addition to golf, the event will include course games, prizes and a Chinese Auction of great merchandise.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the pediatric medical services at Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie. For more information, call the Hospital at (814) 875-8782.

**Looking for a Speaker?**

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Shriners Hospitals for Children® is called "The World's Greatest Philanthropy," something that should be first and foremost in the minds of all Shriners. A lot of changes are taking place within the system and at individual hospitals, like Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie.

As your Shrine Clubs and Units plan their programs for the coming year, why not invite someone from the Hospital to speak with your group? There are 13 Shrine Temples affiliated with the Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie. All of these Temples have representatives on the hospital's Board of Governors who are also available to speak at meetings.

If you are interested in setting up a speaking engagement with someone from the Erie Hospital, please call either Rick Ellis, Associate Director of Development (814) 875-8807, or Bob Howden, Director of Public Relations (814) 875-8782. Group tours of the Hospital may also be arranged by calling Bob Howden.



At the February meeting of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, Terry Wihlen (left) Damascus Board representative, presented the Hospital with cash donations of \$307 in honor of Noble Patrick Mulrooney, and also three bags of toys and games donated by the Damascus Wheelers. Accepting the items on behalf of the Hospital was Jeff Stephenson, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors.

**Directors Staff  
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Wednesday  
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**9th** Welcome to a very special Noble Brother Bring-a-Brother Night with special guest Noble Dan Caro. You will NOT want to miss this one! The Shell-a-Buck Dinner will be served with Fairport-Flower City Lodge and their amazing Grill Crew will be serving you steak with all of the trimmings!

**17th** 2nd Annual Seneca Casino Bus Trip - GINO TOURS and our hostess Carm invites you to sit back, relax and have fun on the trip up and back in a luxury coach. \$32.00 per person includes bus trip, \$20.00 Slot Dollars, \$5.00 Food voucher. Pizza bread, wine, soda & water on trip up. Snacks, cookies, raffles and Karaoke by Carm on the way home. DON'T FORGET ... MUST SHOW PHOTO ID FOR SLOT & FOOD VOUCHER!

**MAY**

**4th** Maggie Brooks Community Service Award - Our County Executive Maggie Brooks has graciously accepted our First Annual Robert L. Anderson Community Service Award. An elegant grazing station menu will begin the evening. Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel is coming to Damascus to help us with the Award presentation.

**JUNE**

**1st** Imperial Sir Wayne Latchut visit - Imperial Sir Wayne will discuss the Imperial Shrine with us, especially anything that is related to the 2011 Shrine Convention. We will be voting on our Representatives and voting on how they are to be directed to vote on issues based on the will of the Nobility whom they represent.

**Damascus News Boosters**

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**Wednesday, April 13th**

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# FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

By Joanne Friedman

## Pre-Order the Cookbook

What a GREAT first two months we've had! The Cookbook is complete, at the publishers and the presses are rolling. Thank you all so much for contributing your favorite recipes. My goal was to get 250 recipes and we got 270. The Cookbook should be ready by mid to late March; we are taking pre-orders at this time. Please see the pre-order form below.

## Recent Happenings

I've so enjoyed going to the Club and Units meetings. Seeing all of you again and meeting some of you for the first time has been so much fun. Speaking of fun ... if you missed the Hoedown/Square Dance, you missed a great night. I had forgotten what a fantastic workout you can get from Line Dancing and Square Dancing.

Our trip to Punta Gorda for the Western New York Shrine Winter Reunion was a good time and a nice break from the ice and snow of Rochester. We'd like to especially thank Mac and Dee Gath for organizing such a good event and for the hospitality of the day. We wish we could have stayed longer, but we had to return for the "Rat Pack is Back" Show, which was phenomenal!

What a fabulous night and the turnout was tremendous. We thank all of you who attended the show and also for all of the kind notes of support we've received since.

## Upcoming Events

The next big upcoming events in April are fast approaching and I urge all of you to start making plans to attend, if you haven't already.

Wednesday, April 6th, is Hospital Awareness Night; this is a great opportunity to see what's new at our Hospitals and how the kids are being treated.

On Saturday, April 9th, is a "can't miss" event - the Noble Bring-a-Brother Night with Dan Caro, a former Shriners Hospital patient turned Shriner. It's a night that will touch your hearts and something you will always remember. Please don't miss this chance to see the results of your efforts.

Another fun event will be on Sunday, April 17th. We will be going to Casino Niagara in Niagara Falls for the day. Bring your rabbit foot, lucky charms and plan on having a great time at the slot machines and craps tables.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, stay warm and remember that Spring is just around the corner.

# ASSISTANT RABBAN

By Oscar Wilson

WOW! Another year on the Damascus Shrine Divan. This will be my ninth year representing you as a member of the Divan. I thank you for the opportunity to do it again - this year as your Assistant Rabban. This year your Divan members are movers and shakers and we are going to get things done.

## Damascus Shriners Need a Few Good Men.

Our membership is the most important thing to your Divan. Without a strong and growing membership we will not be able to help our children. This year your Potentate and Divan are working hard to keep and grow our membership. But, we can't do it without your help today and tomorrow. Below are your Divan's plans for Damascus membership.

1) New Members: Ill. Sir Friedman has developed a Passport Program to help recruit a Mason or friend to become a member of Damascus Shriners. Information about this Program has been sent out for several months in the *Masonic Times* and *Damascus News*. If you have not received the information, contact a Divan member ASAP. We need your help in making this Program successful.

2) Membership Retention. It's your Divan and the Membership Committee's goal to keep our current Nobles and their families happy. The last thing we want is to see Nobles leave the Fraternity. Your Potentate and Divan have planned many great events. You can find the list of all the events on our website. Please plan on coming to as many events as possible and have a good time. If there is an event you would like us to look into, please tell one of your Divan Members and we will discuss it for this year or next. If you think there is something we should be doing better, please tell us. We will listen.

3) Lost in the Desert. If you know someone who was a Shriner and is not one now, please have him contact the

Office or Divan so we can talk to him about re-joining our ranks.

## Let's Play Ball

D a m a s c u s Shriners have signed up to sponsor a Webster Little League Team for

2011. I'm excited about getting the Damascus Shrine name out in the community. We are working with the Cruz Night Committee to plan a Little League Night at one of our Cruz Nights. We will be inviting the players and their families to visit and enjoy the night. Who knows, maybe a few fathers, uncles and grandfathers will join our GREAT organization.

## It's Time to Clown Around

As many of you know, I enjoy clowning around and making children of all ages happy. It's my goal this year (and the next few years) to have the Damascus Shrine Clowns and friends of the Damascus Shrine Clowns, "Clowning for Fun" Group, more active. The Clowns Unit will need to do more events for Damascus and the community. Since we are not having a circus for at least the next few years, we have to get creative. An idle clown is not a good thing ... he/she could be causing trouble.

This year, Friends of the Clowns are planning on hosting the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The clowns need everyone to make this a successful event. Please email me if you would like to help out with this event for our children and the children of our community.

The Clowns Unit is working with Frank Russell, Band Director for The Damascus Band, to develop a program to take to schools and church groups to help get the word of what the Shrine is all about. We are hoping to have the program ready by late Spring.



## Order Form for Damascus Shriners Cookbook

The *Damascus Shriners Cookbook* is now available for sale and delivery. There are 270 mouth-watering recipes in the book contributed by the Ladies and some of the Nobles of Damascus Shriners.

Cost - \$15 per book, Plus \$4.50 S&H per book, if mailed.

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Each time you search the web with GoodSearch's Yahoo-powered search engine, about a penny will be donated to the hospital.

The clowns will be active in local parades and with the Damascus Cruz Night this Summer.

We will be having a new clown class soon. Please let me know if you would like to be in the class.

## Happy Hours at the Damascus Oasis (Bar)

On February 3rd, we had our first Happy Hour and many Nobles and friends attended. Great chicken wings and hot fries were served and enjoyed. Kelly and John Hellaby learned many new balloon tricks.

The next Happy Hour will be April 7th. We will be serving food from 5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. We will be serving wings, fries, chicken nuggets and more. This is a great place to bring the family or come to hang out with your friends. From 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., I will be teaching balloon twisting to anyone who wishes to learn. If you wish to play cards with your friends, we will have a few decks available. If a Brother wants to practice Ritual, the Lodge Room is available. If a child needs a quiet room to do their homework, we will have a room available for "HOMEWORK."

## "OH WHAT A NIGHT"!

Noble Bring-a-Brother Night is April 9th. Again, Ill. Sir Friedman and your Divan are planning a night you will not

forget. You and your family can bring Masonic Brothers, brothers, uncles, friends and their family to this awesome event. You will leave saying, "WOW! OH what a night!" All guests will eat for free. We have made arrangements to have one of our own Shriner patients come and be our guest speaker. He has a story that will inspire everyone.

## Need a Place for a Party or Picnic?

Are you aware that you can have a family party or picnic at the Shrine Center? Over the last eight years, many of our Nobles have had a great party or picnic at the Shrine Center such as wedding (even your Ill. Sir Rich had his reception there), birthday, class reunion, baby shower and much more. As a Noble, you can rent the Shrine Center to host your event. You can reserve the Center by going to the website or contacting the Office today. All dates are reserved on a first-come basis, so book your event now.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year with Ill. Sir Rich Friedman and the rest of your fantastic Divan Members. Please come out and support your Divan this year. The thing to keep in mind is that Damascus is your Shrine and your Divan is here to help you make US the best Shrine in North America. Can We Do It? Yes, We Can, If We Work Together." 🌟



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## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

After a successful Valentine's Day Party, we are looking forward to Spring.

April 18th brings a dinner at the Old Erie in Weedsport; we are hoping to have the County Manager for Cayuga County as our special guest. As usual, we hope you will be able to attend with your Lady. If not, there are plenty of us at the "stag" table. Mark your calendar and plan to be there.

This year we will be honoring our Ladies at a special Sunday Brunch on May 15th. Look here (and watch your mails, either email or postal) for more information.

Spring must be coming. I've heard that some of our members who hide in the South are making plans to return. They may not be as early this year as they can watch the weather and know when we are telling the truth.

Congratulations to Lance Ward for being our Representative to the Springfield Hospital. There could be no finer man for the job. We look forward to your reports and attendance at our Club Meetings.

Just a gentle reminder ... as you clear out your garages and you find those returnable bottles and cans, we now recycle for our Hospital. The center is almost directly across from the Pizza Hut on Grant Avenue in Auburn. Just tell the employees to credit it to the Shriners. They will give you a receipt for your taxes, if you wish, and see that the credit gets to our "kids." Also, I can take them for you if you bring them to one of our meetings. That might save you a trip.

Until next month ... let's have a serious discussion with the groundhog!

## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Alice Anderson

The Perry Shrine Club met at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant and everyone enjoyed their dinners. Our speaker couldn't make it, but Ella Boxler, her mother, filled in about the Hidden Valley Animal Adventures. This was a five-year project and opened on Father's Day in 2010. Changes are continually happening and Woody attests to the great food. This is a family-owned and operated business. It is located 56 miles from Rochester, between Letchworth State Park, Niagara Falls and Darien Lake.

A trolley that holds 34 people, takes approximately a one hour excursion around the trail to see the animals. They have over 30 different species and everyone receives one cup of grain to feed the animals.

They have elk, water buffalo, cattle, ostrich, reindeer, alpaca, camels and walaby among others. Some of the animals are purchased from an out-of-state exotic auction.

In the Winter they have horse-drawn sleigh rides that last about 45 minutes. There is something for all seasons.

They also have a restaurant - The Lodge - Fine Dining and it can accommodate 240 people. They do weddings, conferences and just regular dinners. Downstairs is a Trailside Bar and Grill which is informal with live music. It sounds like a great place to visit.

Next month our meeting will be at The Lumberyard Restaurant and Phil Cox will be presenting the program.

## WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Frank Russell, Vice-President

The Wayne County Shrine Club held its regular dinner meeting on St. Patrick's Day at the Red Rooster Restaurant in Fairville. Most of those in attendance, including the ladies, wore some traditional green. Corned Beef and Cabbage was the bill of fare for those having such a desire. As usual, Lee Collier handled the blessing and benediction most reverently.

President Gerald Rohrer announced that Pete Adams, the Treasurer, was out of the hospital and in rehab secondary to a lower abdominal infection. He had undergone two operations at Strong Memorial Hospital.

John Ramsey has undertaken the Treasurer's responsibilities. John also won the 50-50. He donated his winnings towards the Shrine's fire truck maintenance. Lois Rohrer initiated an Irish word scramble. Cindy Russell was the champ unscrambler, figuring out 12 of the 15 words and phrases.

A very interesting and educational program was presented by Jean and Jack Dobson, with many beautiful pho-

tos taken during their three-week tour of Russia. These included many ornate and beautiful buildings, many of them churches. The metro system was adorned with many statues and murals depicting life in Russia. They found the people in Moscow stylish, akin to what we might see in New York City. In addition to Moscow, they visited Kiev and St. Petersburg. Did you know there are 11 time zones in Russia? That you can own an automobile, but there is an absence of parking lots so you just park on the sidewalk or where ever you can?

Jim Miller, representing the Divan, recounted the events going on in the Shrine during January through April. He mentioned an April 23rd tour of the Shrine Center for all of us to view things in need of repair.

The next meeting will be May 19th at Connelly's Cove for the traditional Spring Bullhead Dinner. The ladies are invited. Someone, who shall remain nameless for this report, prefers to think of this as a Catfish Dinner. Oh well, it will taste the same.

## Charitable Gift Annuity Program

Submitted by Karen Motyka

Mr. Richard Martin is an 88 year old, retired Engineer from the City of Springfield. He served in the Army in World War II and was wounded at Normandy. After his discharge, he volunteered for more than thirty years as the financial secretary for Disabled Veterans and volunteered for more than twenty years for the Boy Scouts.

Recently Mr. Martin took advantage of the Charitable Gift Annuity Program offered by Shriners Hospitals for Children®. What is the CGA Program, you ask? A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is a contract where you transfer cash, securities or other assets to Shriners Hospitals for Children® in exchange for guaranteed regular payments for life. Interest rates on the annuities range from 5% to 9.5% depending on your age; you choose the frequency of your payments. CGA Annuities are available in several options ... single-life; double-life (you name a second beneficiary who receives survivor's payments throughout their life); and deferred payment annuities. CGA is a wonderful way for you to secure steady payments for yourself and loved ones while furthering the Hospital's mission of helping children overcome medical problems and improve their lives beyond what was thought possible.



When we asked Mr. Martin, "Why did you choose to donate to Shriners Hospitals for Children®?", he stated that he is very careful where he spends his money and he has always been impressed by the good work done by Shriners Hospitals. He was glad to see the money used where it is directed - toward direct patient care.

Thank you, Mr. Martin for supporting us through Shriners' Charitable Gift Annuity program. If you would like more information on Charitable Gift Annuities and other planned giving vehicles, contact your local hospital Donor Relations/Development Office or email [DonorRelations\\_NE@shrinenet.org](mailto:DonorRelations_NE@shrinenet.org).

## April Birthdays

Robert Anderson  
Jason Appel  
A. Robert Banker  
Wesley Beard  
Charles Blazey  
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Ivar Hultman  
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George Nasra  
Erwin Newell

Joseph Oelgoetz  
Arnold Palmer  
Gordon Palmer  
Sante Panella  
Dale Polmateer  
Andy Reynolds  
John Rogalski  
Harold Roxburgh  
Norman Sandle  
Wellington Sanger  
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## Calendar Winners for February

| DAY  | NO. | WINNER          | DAY  | NO. | WINNER            |
|------|-----|-----------------|------|-----|-------------------|
| 2/1  | 652 | Jennifer Starr  | 2/15 | 015 | Shrine Center     |
| 2/2  | 946 | Shrine Center   | 2/16 | 793 | Joe Nye           |
| 2/3  | 052 | Shrine Center   | 2/17 | 071 | Shrine Center     |
| 2/4  | 756 | Shrine Center   | 2/18 | 723 | Gary Burke        |
| 2/5  | 559 | Shrine Center   | 2/19 | 103 | Shrine Center     |
| 2/6  | 412 | Shrine Center   | 2/20 | 299 | Peg Cooper        |
| 2/7  | 210 | Shrine Center   | 2/21 | 478 | Shrine Center     |
| 2/8  | 743 | Shrine Center   | 2/22 | 937 | Shrine Center     |
| 2/9  | 089 | Shrine Center   | 2/23 | 933 | Shrine Center     |
| 2/10 | 272 | Shrine Center   | 2/24 | 699 | Donald Cox        |
| 2/11 | 431 | Russell Gillett | 2/25 | 088 | Shrine Center     |
| 2/12 | 647 | Renee Fanard    | 2/26 | 201 | Deb Stanton       |
| 2/13 | 554 | Louis Paul      | 2/27 | 531 | Edwin Dickson     |
| 2/14 | 405 | Shrine Center   | 2/28 | 841 | Clarence Bogardus |

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# WHEELERS UNIT

By Bruce Chilton, Secretary

Due to a fair amount of pressure applied by a certain Wheelers Past President (and rightfully so) I am finally performing a stated part of my responsibility as your Secretary by submitting an article for the *Damascus News*.

Past Presidents, Past Potentates, Past Right Worshipfuls and Past Masters ... what would we do without them? I guess they all have a place; we just haven't determined where that place is.

Because we haven't complied with our duties to put articles in the *Masonic Times*, let me first tell you a little about us - for those who may not know who we are. We are called "The Wheelers" because we either own, or wish we owned, a motorcycle. One of those two options is also required for membership in this elite group. The other option is that you are a member of the Shrine. We have over 100 members and our main function is to have fun. We have never met without our ladies and have no intention of changing that.

Our meeting night is the 4th Tuesday of the month, excluding December, and we choose a different restaurant each month in which to meet. That choice is left to the ladies. The dress is biker casual and Fezzes are NOT required. The Dues are \$5.00 per year. If you have an interest in joining or would like more information, you can contact me at [boxman@rochester.rr.com](mailto:boxman@rochester.rr.com) or contact the Office at (585) 671-7701 and they will steer you to the proper person.

The Wheelers have already held a couple of successful events under the guidance of our 2011 Officer Line consisting of Matt Sansone and his Lady, Ilana, and our Vice-President (AYSM) Bill Gurnett and his Lady, Gretchen. Let's not forget the efforts of the Imperial Grand Master, our Treasurer, Terry Wihlen, Sr., and his Lady, Jo-Caroll. If you're not a Wheeler, you'll not be able to figure out the letters after Bill's

name. They are one of many "secrets" the Wheelers have and are unobtainable until you join.

So far we held the infamous Wheelers Installation, followed in February by the Annual Hog Degree, Chili and Soup Cook-off and the Euchre Tournament. I'm happy to announce that Worshipful Brother Pat Mulrooney, who is a STAUNCH ritualist, has now blessed the Installation and the Hog Degree. His fear was that we may have, in some way, made fun of the Masonic Ritual in either of these fun events and he now has seen that this isn't the case. Pat, in fact, now is a Hog himself. Congrats, Pat!!!

The April meeting place is yet to be determined, but the event will be our annual CYCLE BLESSING. As April can mark the beginning of the Riding Season we have a "pro" bless our bikes to help us assure a safe riding year for our membership. None other than the Rev. Charles Roberts will be performing the service this year and he and his wife will be our guests at the dinner.

I'll list some highlights of the activities for the coming year, but this is not the complete list

April 9th - Dan Caro Event; Dan will receive a Motorcycle Escort (weather permitting), courtesy of the Wheelers

April 26th - Cycle Blessing; Noble and Rev. Charles Roberts presiding-Place TBD

May 24th - Meeting TBD

June 28th - Meeting TBD

July 16th - Grand Master's Day at Camp Turk - The Wheelers will ride to this event and will be joined by our Buffalo Brethren

August 14th - Annual Ugly Run; this is a Poker Run and all proceeds go to the Kids

We hope to see many of you at these events and we are all looking forward to the Damascus Wheelers Riding Season. Ride Safe and God Bless.

## Dan Caro

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much in demand as a public speaker. He travels the country encouraging others to not just overcome life's hardships, but to view adversity as a gift that can drive us toward reaching our full potential.

This inspirational Mason and Shrine Mason will play for us as well as be our Guest Speaker.

### Passport Program

Damascus Shrine initiated a Potentate's Passport Program this year. The program is designed to expose our Brother Masons to the great fun and fellowship of the Shrine as well as making them a part of the "Worlds Greatest Philanthropy," Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Shrine Masons support 22 state-of-the-art hospitals where there has never been, or ever will be, a financial obligation to the family. We will be healing our one millionth child in 2011. One million healed children due to the great efforts of Shrine Masonry. You can be issued a Passport on the spot at this event or by requesting one from the Office in advance by calling the number below.

We invite any and all Master Masons to attend this event. We do need an accurate count for dinner so here are your options for reservations.

You can make a reservation by calling the Office at (585) 671-7701 or by reserving on-line at:

[www.damascusshrinemasonss.org/noble-bring-a-brother-night-with-dan-caro](http://www.damascusshrinemasonss.org/noble-bring-a-brother-night-with-dan-caro)

This is truly an event you will not want to miss. Join us!



## Noble Bring-a-Brother Night April 9th

Shell-a-Buck Dinner - Steak Dinner for \$1.00  
Guests eat free.

Featured Speaker - Noble Dan Caro

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. Program Begins at 4:30 p.m.  
Oasis will open immediately following the Program  
Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

For reservations, call the Office at 585-671-7701 or make reservations online at: [www.damascusshrinemasonss.org/noble-bring-a-brother-night-with-dan-caro](http://www.damascusshrinemasonss.org/noble-bring-a-brother-night-with-dan-caro)

Reservations are a MUST!



## SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten, P.P.

A few weeks ago, Past Potentate Robert Anderson gave me a small square (about 3/4") that had an imprint of a clown on it. He indicated that, when they paid checks out at the Circus, they often made an imprint from this to the papers. Something that many of us never knew, unless you worked in the finance room during those times. Eventually this will be on display in

one of the cabinets in the hallway at the Shrine Center.

On another subject, I welcome Noble Matt Muller as co-historian for Damascus Shriners, with the approval of the Ill. Richard Friedman, Potentate. Noble Matt is a young Shriner and has a great interest in historical material for the Shrine. Together we hope to widen the interest of the Nobility as to what you may have or know of that would be of interest to all Nobles of Damascus.

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### Oakland Lodge

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still like to make a contribution to this program, it's not too late. This program runs until the end of May. The best place to make your contributions is at our Regular Communications. If you are unable to make our Regular Communications, mail them to our Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Ken Smith at 137 Lake Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. I would also ask that you please include what area you would like your contribution to be designated in the memo portion of your check.

I hope this article finds all my fellow Brothers experiencing a happy and healthy Winter season. Keep praying, the snow has to stop sometime.

May we all remember and pray for those who have and are still fighting to keep this great Nation of ours free and safe. May the blessings of heaven rest upon all my fellow Brothers and their families wherever they may be throughout the world. ✕

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If it would be possible for me to type this column while standing and give the entire region a round of applause, I would do it. The reason for my gratitude? I could not be more proud and overly impressed with the turnout for a Masonic Memorial Service that took place on February 26th. I know my column from last month's issue of the **Masonic Times** had nothing to do with it at all.

Last month I wrote about the importance of the Masonic Funeral Service. My personal story, while I hoped would inspire all of us to recognize the importance of the Memorial Service, was not yet in everyone's hands before this service on February 26th. Deep within the Masons of this area is a true and meaningful sense of duty and honor to our fellow Brothers. That duty was on display to the tune of 100 Brothers at a Memorial Service for a lost Brother that not one of us had ever met.

Linked to this area, but receiving his Degrees and residing far away in North Carolina, this Brother's family and friends found a comfort in our efforts. Probably through miscommunication, the family experienced disappointment in another state when no Masons showed up for a scheduled service. Imagine what they must have thought when the seemingly endless column of Masons filed in the Lodge room in Fairport. They kept coming in, one after another. I am sure the family could now see and feel a part of what was in the heart of their lost loved one. This Memorial Service was one year to the day of when this Brother was raised. Thank you and well done to everyone!

Our additional duties and activities as Masons are alive and well in the area. The *Road to the East Course* is now over for this Masonic year. We had a very good class of Brothers who are just a step or two away from being Master of their Lodge. The presentations, topics and discussions from the class are always interesting. This year was no exception. Congratulations to all those who participated in the class. We hope your experience was a good one, and the light you received carries you far in your journey into the East.

Livingston District has been a busy place in the last few weeks. Union Lodge had a giant screen Daytona 500 party that was very well attended. The general consensus is that many of us were not race fans, but we all seem to enjoy a great party. It was great to see so many Brothers attend.

Our District Bowl-a-Thon to benefit the Theresa House was once again a fun event. There is just something about the pizza and wings at Mt. Morris Lanes. It is worth going just for that!

Degree work is plentiful in Livingston District. Nunda Station had a Master Mason Degree for two new Brothers. Congratulations! Livonia is in the middle of Degree work for four new Brothers. Union Lodge will have a Master Mason Degree for their two new Brothers on April 14th. Union Lodge would love to have you attend. Don't forget to contact R. W. John Gallant to make your reservations.

Livingston District's Brother Bring-a-Friend Night activities are in full swing as well. Phoenix, Nunda Station, Mt. Morris and Geneseo Lodges held all their events in March. Union Lodge has one coming up on April 21st. If your Lodge has not had one of these events, come on out and join us for one on the 21st. It's a good way to get ideas, and support Masonry for guests and potential new Brothers.

Spring is near Brothers! I hope to see you all out and about as we crawl out from under our blankets of snow. See you soon! ✕

**Union Lodge  
No. 45**

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

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I extend my personal thanks to the Brothers and friends who worked on the Have-a-Heart Campaign back in February. It is good to know we had a small part in raising the \$19,000 for the Ronald McDonald Houses. I hope everyone had a good time and look forward to helping out again next year.

Unfortunately, since I wrote last month's article we've had to re-schedule the Master Mason Degree for our Fall Candidate Class. The Degree will be held on April 14th, our first meeting this month. I am repeating my request to our members who can travel and join us, to please plan on attending our dinner

and Degree. We will be having a delicious dinner put on by our good friends in the 384 Club preceding the Degree. I am still planning on holding our monthly "Fellowship, Facts and Food" on that night. The "highly interesting" Masonic topic will be presented following the dinner and before the Degree that will start at 7:30 p.m.

Brethren, we will be putting on a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on Thursday, April 21st. Our invitations have gone out and we are looking forward to an interesting evening. I am sending a "Call-out" to all our members in the area to plan on attending the dinner and program. I want to present to our invited guests a well attended evening and a true representation of the high caliber of our membership.


Scheduled for our last meeting on April 28th, our two stellar Deacons, Brothers Joe Gallant and Tim Harvey, will once again present their unique Lodge Walk-About Program to our newly minted Master Masons. Their presentation is very interesting and I hope you can attend. Who knows, there might even be line dancing!

Brothers, please do not forget the Grand Lodge Brotherhood Fund Campaign. As this Masonic Year is entering into its last full month, please consider donating. I know that R. W. Roy Moses will enjoy talking with you and in describing the donation options. It is our goal to keep Livingston District at the top of the percentage list again! ✕

**Nunda  
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By R. W. William Lindsay

Freemasons in every jurisdiction would agree that one of its primary jobs is to "make good men better." Every action of a Lodge should be grounded in this principle and we, at Nunda Station Lodge, have a long history of implementing that responsibility. Part of that process is introducing non-Masons to the Craft and we did that on March 15th. Brothers from this Lodge brought their guests to our Lodge rooms and we presented a program of information that touched upon the history of the Craft and the history of this Lodge.

We especially emphasized some of our many efforts to support our youth and strengthen the community which we call "home." We talked about our

participation in the Ronald McDonald House Have-a-Heart fundraiser. We talked about our support for Dalton Fright Night (Halloween), Christmas in Nunda, a Cheerleading Scholarship, our booth at Nunda Fun Days, the Youth Talent Show, the Baseball Campership and that several young folks have gone to Camp Turk on a Lodge Scholarship.

Our guests had the opportunity to ask questions and get information relevant to their specific interests. We have every reason to believe a new class will be forming soon.

March was also the month when we welcomed two new Brothers to our Lodge from the last class. Marcus Hugy and Daniel Vasile, men with roots in this community, were Raised to the Sublime Degree on March 1st by a team composed of Nunda Station members, with some assistance from our District Team. Yours truly was in the East and I must comment upon the work done by my Lodge and Association Brothers. I am certain Brothers Hugy and Vasile will remember all their lives the night they were Raised. When done right, the Ritual of Raising has all the rhythm and intensity of a fine orchestral piece. Our team included work done by Brother Douglas Cox, a member of our 2010 class. Well done, team.

I mentioned in my last column "at our February meeting, the Lodge authorized a search for a Stair Lift for our meeting place, which we hope will result in a purchase and installation. We know many Brothers who will be glad if we can do it." I am pleased to report that, through the diligent work of W. Brother James Van Sickle, a stair lift has been purchased and installed. Now we have a way for Brothers to get up and down the stairs who might otherwise have felt challenged by the effort. A big "thank you" Brother Jim and your team of Phil Cox, Bob Cox, Clarence Bogardus and Ken Buckley. These people made it happen. And to any Brothers who want to see it or try it out before meeting night, give me a call and I'll show it to you. You can take a look at our new carpet which they also installed.

I remind all our Brothers that now is the time to be encouraging applications to Camp Turk for the young people in your life (ages 8-16). There are two sessions - one for boys and one for girls; campers can register for 1-3 week encampments. Application materials are in the current issue of *Empire State Mason*. Our Lodge has helped with the fees in the past upon application to the Secretary in a timely fashion.

Grand Lodge will meet May 2nd and 3rd in New York City and I will be traveling there with

the Livingston delegation to represent Nunda Station. Prior to that I will review all the legislation to be acted upon and get a sense of the Lodge's support.

### Trestleboard April

5th - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

9th - Ladies Night at Conesus Country Club

19th - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

25th - Livingston District Association Meeting at Phoenix Lodge

### Degree Performance


Nunda Station Lodge held a Master Mason Degree on March 1st for two new Brothers. It was a terrific night in many ways. The evening started with a delicious dinner prepared by the Eastern Star.

The highlight of the evening was watching the Worshipful Master of Nunda Station Lodge, Edwin Dickson, confer the Degree. It was a real treat to watch someone confer a Degree as about "Word Perfect" as can be done. Ed also delivered the Charge to the two new Brothers. At 92 years old, Ed is an inspiration to us all. Not only was he terrific for this 3rd Degree, but he was again the very next night. Not for another 3rd Degree, but he traveled to Livonia Lodge and did the answers on the "Why's and Wherefore's" for Livonia's 1st Degree. He is my hero! When you may feel that you can't learn a piece of Ritual, think about it again, and give it a try. ✕

**Eunice Lodge  
No. 830**

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7:30 p.m.

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By R. W. Gordon Bell  
A new month is approaching along with warm weather. Also, the Snowbirds are returning.

Our Lodge was dark for the month of March, but it will be back in order April, May and June.

The Worshipful Master has ordered a Summons to the membership of Eunice Lodge to attend the April 7th meeting to discuss our Dues structure for the upcoming years. We would like to lower our Dues, if at all possible. Your input will be a great help. Also, on the evening of April 7th, we have the great news that we will have seven Petitions on which to vote.

Remember, we meet on the 3rd floor of the big stone building on the circle in Caledonia.



Worshipful Master Edwin Dickson (center), with Nunda Station Lodge's two new Master Masons beside him, and surrounded by the capacity crowd that attended.

HELP WANTED


April 30th is the "Old Fashion Field Days" at the Estes Farm in Caledonia. We will again have our Food Stand in operation. We will need setup help, also. While you work, you can see the horses, mules, donkeys and oxen plow the fields as they did years ago. Bring your family and friends to the greatest FREE show in Livingston County.

Trivia

Has anyone ever noticed which eye is closed on the Civil War Statue?

**District Deputy Grand Master**  
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By the time you read this report, the Official Visits by the Staff Officers and myself will be completed. At several Lodges, Degrees will have been completed and we will have Raised and welcomed new Brothers. Please remember, these Brothers are new to the Fraternity and need to be mentored. If you find yourself sitting next to a new Brother, bring him into your conversations. If he looks confused, explain to him what is going on when you have a chance. Ask him if he has any questions.

We will also have completed the Road to the East Program and will be holding a Masonic Development Course on April 16th. If you are interested in taking this Course, which will enhance your understanding of our Ritual, please contact R. W. : Fred Newton.

Upcoming Events

There are a few dates coming up that should be noted:

The Grand Lodge trip will be leaving from Phelps on Saturday, April 30th, and returning Wednesday, May 4th. If you are interested in going on a trip to New York City, please contact me at (315) 651-2529 and I will give you the details.

The Annual Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Church at 2 p.m. on May 15th in Waterloo.

On May 21st we will be holding our next O/S/Y Association meeting. We will meet at the Wagner in Penn Yan at 8 a.m. for anyone wishing breakfast; then crossing the street to the Lodge at 9 a.m. for the meeting. This meeting is open to all Masons and is a good way for you to know and influence District activities. At least one Representative from each Lodge should be present.

Investiture Service

The Investiture Service for the incoming Masters will be held on May 23rd.

The Brotherhood Chairman, R. W. : Eldon White reported at our last O/S/Y meeting that the District is ahead of last year's numbers. But, there are a few Lodges that are behind and need to focus on the Program. Remember, the Brotherhood Fund was one of the programs the Grand Master highlighted

**LIVINGSTON DISTRICT MASONIC ASSOCIATION**  
SEVENTH ANNUAL  
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**SATURDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
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in his message to you. We need your support to be able to continue many of our needed programs. If your situation allows, please consider a gift to the Brotherhood Fund.

Hopefully, we have had the last of the snow for the season. I can't wait for some nice days to start yard work this Spring. I wish you and your families a healthy and very happy Easter.

**Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200**  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays



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Hopefully Winter is over and Spring is around the corner. March was also a cold and bitter month for us all. I hope all is well with everyone. The month of March has been a very productive month in the Lodge. We have balloted on two Petitions. One is for Affiliation and the other is to be duly elected to become a member of our Lodge.

The 1st Degree is scheduled for April 5th starting at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Just bring a Dish-to-pass and join your Brothers for dinner. Brethren, please come and participate in the conferring of the Degree. It's really wonderful when the sidelines are full and new Brothers are brought to light for the first time and see the support the Lodge they are joining has to offer.

A special thanks to Brother Daniel Biery for having our Pool Table refurbished. What a wonderful job they did!!! Please come and see for yourself. I know the table will get more use during Game Night.

Upcoming Events  
2nd Degree will be in May -

Date TBD  
3rd Degree will be in June -  
Date TBD

May 1st-4th Grand Lodge, New York City

May 3rd - Move Up Night  
June -Steak Roast Night

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

**Sickness and Distress**  
Please keep the following Brothers in your prayers:  
R. W. : Bruce Huie and W. : Pete Adams.

**Masonic Anniversaries**  
The following Brothers were Raised in April:

- 1950 Robert Hines
- 1951 George Landstrom
- 1959 Robert Spink and Frederick Wheeler
- 1960 Paul Adams
- 1965 Douglas Nicot
- 1967 John Roush
- 1969 Ronald VanCamp and Milton Lum
- 1974 Ramon Howard
- 1975 Dale Gelder
- 1983 Ernest Day
- 1984 Michael Klimeczko

**April Birthdays**  
We send April birthday greetings to Bobby Dorgan (7th), Todd Ruggles (8th), Jay Ford and John Roush (9th), Vincent Rozella III (12th), Norman Schafer (16th), David Mowers (19th), Robert Lash and Robert Spink (26th), Stephen Durso, Sr. (28th) and James Gostley (29th).


**Friday Fish Frys!**  
*April 1, 8, 15*  
**and 22**



**Wayne Lodge Hall**  
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**\$8.50 per Dinner**  
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**District Deputy Grand Master**  
Wayne District



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Hope all is well with you and your loved ones. Spring is on the way!!!! The Lodges in the District seem to be doing well. Wayne, Macedon, Pultneyville and Sodus are very busy with Degree work. The Grand Sword Bearer, R. W. : DeWispelaere, is currently holding class instruction for the Officers of the Lodges on the Masonic Developmental Course and is getting ready for the Master's Chair Course to start right after elections in May. R. W. : DeWispelaere and I planned on going to Utica on March 26th for updates and instructional lectures from Grand Lodge.

May 1st - Benefit Dinner

Wayne Lodge, the Ontario Fire Company and the American Legion are having a Benefit Dinner for our local comfort home called the Pines of Peace. The date is May 1st, from 3 p.m. through 6 p.m. The American Legion, where the dinner will be held, is located on Knickerbocker Road in Ontario, just north of the intersection of Ferguson Road. The planned meal is a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner with a Vegetable, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Mixed Juice, Milk or Coffee. The price is \$7.50 and all profits will be directly given to the Pines of Peace.

Wayne Lodge started this tradition when the non-profit organization (Pines of Peace) opened its doors in 1998. Since 1999, the Masters of Wayne Lodge made it a point to assist this ministry with their mission by providing a little financial support. In 2007, the Lodge asked for assistance with the local Fire Department and this year the Lodge is also receiving help from the American Legion.

Wayne Lodge and the other organizations feel it is important to help the Pines of Peace with their kind and caring way of helping families in their time of need. The professional and personal way of showing each and every person that passes through those doors of the Pines of Peace are treated with respect, dignity and love. These caregivers always deal with people as if they were part of a family, thus making a very difficult time a time of ease for all who are involved.

My father was the very first patient in this home and passed away with loved ones around him. The caregivers at the home kept us informed on what was happening and always made sure my father was never in any pain. He passed away in 1998 after a long, hard battle with cancer. This comfort home has two beds and a loving staff who are there 24/7. Since the passing of my father, this home has assisted, in a very caring manner, over two hundred families in their time of need. Please, if you are able to attend this benefit dinner, you will be helping support the Pines of Peace. We will be happy to serve you.

Friday Fish Frys

Wayne Lodge started Fish Frys the first Friday after Ash Wednesday. Takeouts are available. Please contact the Lodge for takeouts at (315) 398-9291 and if there are any questions, please contact the Master of Wayne Lodge, Mark Herrmann, at (315) 524-6505.

Each Friday during the Fish Fry event, different organizations will be donating fresh baked breads, pies, cakes, cookies, brownies and other great desserts for you to purchase. The proceeds from the Baked Food Sale will be donated to the Pines of Peace. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Please remember, Brethren in Wayne District, if you have an event you want others to know about, please get in touch with me and we'll get it in the **Masonic Times!!**

**Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180**  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays



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Spring is here! The weather is starting to warm up, the grass is starting to turn green and the trees are starting to come to life. After the long cold Winter, nothing is better for the heart than this wonderful season of re-birth. Open the windows and let the fresh air in; head out to the yard and let those golden rays warm your face. If you can't tell, I am very happy that Winter is now over!

First, I welcome back all our traveling Brothers who make the trip South for the Winter. It's good to have you home. If you are still traveling, I wish you a safe trip and look forward to your return.

We had a busy month of March at the Lodge. On March 2nd, we completed the Fellowcraft Degree. By the time you read this article we will have completed the Master Mason Degree as well.

On March 16th, we held a Table Lodge in grand old fashion. Great fun and a delicious meal was had by all.

On March 14th, W. : David Taber received his 50 years of service Award, which was presented by Fairport Lodge. Congratulations, Brother Taber and thank you for your years of dedicated service.

## Drumlin Square

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### Upcoming Events

On April 16th, at 5 p.m., the Lodge will be holding an Awards Night with the presentation of W.: Richard Parr, DSA, 70 years of Service Award. A 50-year Service Award for W.: Donald H. Wilkinson will be presented posthumously to his widow, Beverly, and family. In addition to the Service Awards, we will be celebrating Brother Parr's 95th Birthday. Congratulations and Happy Birthday W.: Brother Parr.

On April 20th, we will be holding the 3rd Degree; I have asked the Shrine Degree Team to help us with this conferral. Please try to make it to the Lodge for this Degree and welcome our new Brother. Dinner will be at the Lodge at 6:30 p.m.

On May 1st, the Lodge will be hosting our Surviving Spouses Program with a lunch at the Log Cabin Restaurant.

More details on this event will be forthcoming. My Brothers, please check the length of your Cabletow and try to attend these events; the support of our Brothers is greatly needed.

I will ask each of you to take a careful look around you. Do you see a gentleman who just might make a good addition to our Lodge and the Fraternity. Brothers, I would like to hold a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night before we go dark for the Summer. Please let me know if you have any possible candidates. I would like to send them an invitation to this event. The time and date is to be determined.

You know with the coming of Spring each year there is that first nice warm day when you can open the windows and let that old stale Winter air out and fresh-smelling Spring air in. Each year at that time I can always expect my wonderful wife to look over at me and say those words a husband

never wants to hear "it's time for Spring cleaning." Well, this year I think she makes a good point. We need to do some Spring cleaning. I will be planning a workday in the near future; many parts of the Lodge are in need of some cleanup and organization. Please keep an eye on the Lodge bulletin board for details as to when this will be.

### Brotherhood Fund

The Lodge's Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Brother Charles Hargrave, wants everyone to know that it's never too late to contribute to the Fund, so if you have a couple of extra bucks burning a hole in your wallet, why not put it to good use and support the Brotherhood Fund! Don't forget about the Box of Remembrance at the Lodge; it could use some feeding as well. That little box gets hungry.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge! ✕

# York Rite

## Hiram Chapter

No. 62

2nd & 4th  
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### What's Happening

Last month I wrote that the Chapter was planning to take its Candidates for the Chapter Degrees to the Degree Fest in East Aurora. Well, we did participate and gained six new Companions through the event. The work was excellent with the M.:E.: James McConnell, Grand Commander Knights Templar, conferring the Past Master Degree; M.:E.: Jeffrey Williamson, Grand High Priest, conferring the Most Excellent Master Degree; and R.:E.: R. J. Kessler, Grand Captain of the Host, conferring the Holy Royal Arch Degree.

The day was not very nice weather-wise, but everyone from

Hiram Chapter who wanted to attend, was able to make it. It was a long day for several reasons, but it was a good day. It was excellent to see so many members of the Grand Line present.

Our new Companions will be completing their membership requirements at our March 10th meeting. We discussed the Degrees and the new Companions' impression of the work and lessons taught by the Degrees.

By the time you read this, the Monroe District Table Lodge will be history. We hope all of our Companions participated in the event. This is the first time since 2002 that a Masonic event has been held at the former Downtown Temple. The event may be duplicated in the future, but we will see.

### Musings

The Royal Arch Degree is the completion of the 3rd Degree, at least York Rite Masons believe this. I have mentioned this in the past, but another term is also associated with the Degree, the word "perfection." In the Masonic Degrees, namely the Holy Royal Arch for the York Rite and the 14th Degree of the Scottish Rite, the term perfection does not mean being perfect or flawless. It means completion. In Masonry, the completion of the journey started in the 1st Degree is not totally complete in the 3rd Degree.

The 3rd Degree does make a man a full member of his Lodge and a Master Mason, but the Master's word is lost. The Ma-

son is given a substitute for the lost word and an indication that the true word may be found by future generations. The Holy Royal Arch Degree has the lost word being found and communicated to the new Companion. Thus the Candidate reaches perfection, the completion of the journey by the finding of the lost word.

Freemasonry, in its Rituals and Lectures, uses language in ways that the profane usually do not understand and try to use against the Fraternity. We see this clearly when some people get upset with the use of the term "Worshipful" for the Master of a Lodge. The same can be true with the word "perfection" or "perfect." By studying the English language the Masonic student can learn how rich the language is and how well it is used in the Masonic Rituals and Lectures. Much time and thought has been put into our Rituals to make them the best they can be. Is improvement possible? Of course, but it is not a trivial task.

There is much more to discuss, so come to a Chapter meeting where we will propound certain questions and see if we can find wise answers from our Companions. This should help us all to improve ourselves, both in Masonry and personally. See you in the quarries. ✕

### Support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

I hope you can join us at our meeting on April 20th. One of our topics for the evening will be some future planning for next year. We will be preceding our meeting with another special dinner being served up by Joy Woodley, a truly spectacular chef. She always manages to outdo herself each month. I need to remind the Companions, that we have to reach a minimum threshold of reservations for our dinners. The cost for the meals is still \$10 and I ask you to please let me know if you will be attending.

### Trivia

I have a small bit of Cryptic Trivia for our members ... Do you know what the origins of the Cryptic Degrees are?

"As with much of Freemasonry, no one knows for sure but there are several theories. One of the theories, the Scot-

tish Rite theory, is that the Cryptic Degrees were invented in France together with the other Degrees that were included in the Rite of Perfection, which later were collected into what is today the Scottish Rite, and that the Cryptic Degrees were brought to America just like the Scottish Rite Degrees by Stephen Morin from France in 1761. When the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S. was organized in 1802 in Charleston, the Degrees, which are now in the Scottish Rite, were organized, while some "detached" Degrees, including the Royal and Select Degrees, which had previously been given were now dropped. Some of those who had received these Degrees then conferred them on their own and established Councils in the process." ✕

## Haggai Chapter

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tegic planning initiatives as they relate to the campus; and working collaboratively with Academic and Student Services to create a culture of innovation and a focus on student success.

### Community Involvement

His extensive community work includes: Vice-Chairperson, Rochester Downtown Development Corporation; United Way of Greater Rochester Community Investment Cabinet; Board member, YMCA of Greater Rochester; Ibero-American Action League's Development Corporation Board; Treasurer, Action for a Better Community, Inc.; Head Start Program Policy Council Board; Rochester Rotary Club member; Rochester Hispanic Business Association member; and the Urban League of Rochester.

Otero has also served as Chairperson, Board of Directors, Ibero-American Action League, Inc.; President, Board of Trustees, Rochester Public Library; Chairperson, Rochester City School District's Hispanic Studies Steering Committee; Chairperson, United Way's Latino Leadership Development Program; and as a Scoutmaster for a Latino Boy Scout Troop. Otero has served as a member of the Rochester City School District Blue Ribbon Task Force to assess the District's financial practices. He has also served as a Board of Trustees member for the Eugenio Maria de Hostas Charter School.

### Shirley Thompson

Shirley Stephens Thompson was born and raised her first 10 years in New York City. She

attended public schools there and on Long Island, where her family moved. Raised during the turbulent Civil Rights era, she attributes those years, her Long Island experiences, and childhood visits to the South, with planting in her the seeds of working for social justice.

Her participation in civic affairs has taken many forms: Parent Representative at local and state levels; Board President of Freddie Thomas Foundation; chair of Sector 9 Neighbors Building Neighborhoods Committee; member of Genesee Valley Chapter of National Association of Negro Business and Professional Womens Clubs; Executive Committee of Group 14621 Neighborhood Association; and member, Board of Education, Rochester City School District, serving as President for two years. Over the years, she has also served the community through the Southeast Area Coalition; Literacy Volunteers of Rochester; Interfaith Jail Ministry; and Habitat for Humanity with her children while they still lived at home.

She is currently the Assistant Director of Volunteer Development and Community Outreach at the Greater Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross. One of her first accomplishments was working with community members and staff to create and launch the Black Youth Leadership Development Program.

Shirley is pursuing a Bachelor Degree in Social Theory, Social Structure and Change. She and Jim, her husband of 36 years, have three adult children and three grandchildren. ✕



### He Has Risen

Blessings to you and your families. This month marks the most important celebration in Christianity - the remembrance of our Lord's victory over death and sin. He has risen and with this, the cornerstone of our Christian faith was established. I wish each and every one of you and your families a wonderful and blessed Easter Season. Happy Easter!

### Zone 11 Happenings Commandery Events

Cyrene-Monroe No. 12 - Inspection/Election of Officers: Monday, April 18th, 7:30 p.m.  
Sagoyewatha No. 17 - Inspection (with Salem Town No. 16), Easter Observance and Election of Officers: Saturday, April 16th, 10 a.m.

As noted above, it is Inspection Season. Two of the three Commanderies within the Zone will be having their Inspections this month. I know that both Commanderies have worked hard to make their Inspections stellar. If your Cabletow is not too stretched and you are free during these times, please make an effort to attend these Inspections and support the Commanderies.

### Thoughts

I came across a few words of inspiration I want to pass on. The first two are from the movie "Kingdom of Heaven." They are knightly thoughts one can live by. The first is: "It is about

Right Action ... Right Thinking ... That is what God really wants ..."

The next "thought" is a knight's charge:

"Be brave in the face of your enemies ..."

Show courage at all times ... Tell the truth, always ... even if it results in your death ...

Protect those that are in need ...

The final "thought" is what I consider another "knightly charge." It comes from Ephesians 6: 10-18:

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

May you all have a wonderful Easter. In addition, may the grace of our Blessed Redeemer be with you! In His Name. ✕

## Doric Council

No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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When you see Companions John Burger and Gary Werth, congratulate them on joining Doric Council. In February, we finally got all our "ducks in a row" and John and Gary attended the Select Master Degree, signed our By-laws and became members of our Council.





# Order of the Eastern Star

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My thanks to everyone who made the effort to attend the School of Instruction in February at Fairport Lodge Hall. We had a good turnout in spite of the bad weather that day. Many thanks to all who gave me birthday cards, as it was also my birthday.

### Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons Projects

Donations from Clubs, Chapters and individuals for the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's projects need to be given to me by the middle of April so they will be available for the Grand Matron's Official Visit.

Gathering of States at Dover, Delaware, will be held April 1st-3rd. Anyone interested in attending must make reservations through our Grand Secretary.

### Mark Your Calendar

The Annual Lilac Luncheon has been scheduled for June 16th. More information will be sent to each Chapter Secretary. So save the date!!

### District Summer Event

Keep August 20th free for a trip to the Genesee Valley Museum. Bring your lawn chairs to listen to Fiddlers music in the big field.

God bless.

### Message From the DGL ...

Have your members been seeing the Lemonade stand? I hope it is out at every meeting where everyone can see it and add to the kitty. Mae and I will be pleased as (lemonade) punch to hand over a significant check at the Grand Matron's Official Visit. I have seen people drinking the lemonade

after meetings, so I hope we are doing well.

Also, if you drive past the corner of South and Elmwood, you will now see the "Burma-Shave" signs on both sides of Elmwood Avenue. Now is the season to think of a project your Chapter can do to raise funds for Mary Cariola Children's Center at the Sigl Center. Maybe you can plan on sponsoring someone for their "Walking on Sunshine" on September 25th or their other two events ... HOGS 'N ROSES Dice Run, Sunday, July 17th and Mary Cariola Co-Ed Golf Tournament, Monday, August 1st. Your Chapter could purchase a Cariola "Embrace the Difference" pendant at Reed's Jewelers. Both charities need advance planning to succeed.

We had a good turnout and great conversation at the School of Instruction. We also had a great birthday party for the District Deputy. As Ernie Ford sang (and some of us are old enough to remember him) "Another day older and deeper in debt." She got chocolates, a cup for cocoa and the first rabbit of the Easter season. Don't get me started on commercialization of Easter moving up to before Valentine's Day. I just look forward to buying Santa outfits in August.

Esther's Ray teaches us that sometimes we must seize the day to accomplish our goals. As the Romans said, "Carpe Diem!" ✕

**NOLATKA**  
**Chapter No. 320**  
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I really believe Winter is giving up the ghost as I write this in the first week of March. It isn't much warmer, but all the thoughts and plans of Nolatka Chapter are turning to look for Spring.

But first a word from our sponsors ... Ahem! Have you paid your Dues yet? If not, Sister Carol Wynings would like to hear from you soon. The Chapter runs on Dues and we don't want to run out of gas.

Our meeting on March 1st was quite interesting. The Chili Community Church Sunday School has provided us with a new Sentinel. He is dressed as a Babylonian Guard and is very imposing. I would not want to try to interrupt a Chapter meeting with him standing guard.

Our program was really useful. Matron Pat Dalykas invited a speaker from Lifespan to teach us about identity theft. His name is Jim Lind, he is a retired banker and one of his



specialties at the bank was security. Jim told us many stories about various scams to either get the victim to reveal their information or to donate to a sham cause. He started with the phone call from the bank saying that a false charge had been made against a credit card, asking the victim to prove the card was still in their possession by giving the secret number off the back. He did role playing with us being the victims and him being the fraud. He never did get Dean Hiler to tell him his Social Security Number. But Dean was almost there! Worthy Matron had deeper discussions with him after the lecture about the insurance she took out on her water main. And I talked to him about the opportunity I was given to help out a Nigerian widow get millions out of her country and into England. Altogether, it was quite educational and helpful.

The Worthy Matron announced that our April meetings will both have as their program rehearsal for Official

Visit. Sister Carol Pickworth reported on her experiments with Peeps® and hot ganache. Her results ... hot cocoa with floating Peeps® pieces. Our conclusion is that the table ornaments will be a little more mundane than hoped. Dean agreed to be Patron. We also discussed our fundraising. We are doing 50/50 tickets at a dollar each from now until the end of the year. Martha Loomis will be in charge of sales at meetings. Worthy Bob Crystal will be mailing out tickets to our outlying members inviting them to take a chance, too.

And we all got a chance to check out the assembly line of wine baskets for our raffle which ends in September. There will be five baskets, each drawn from the big pile of tickets at our Birthday Banquet on September 20th. Each ticket sold has five chances of winning. Tickets will be a dollar each; three for two dollars.

There is the yellow basket, with white wine, beef stick sausage, crackers, the all important bottle opener and a couple other goodies. The beige basket contains a bottle of Chocolate Dream wine, Raspberry blush



wine, candies and some other goodies plus a linen napkin to wipe your lips. The blue basket contains a bottle of blush, crackers and spreads. The brown basket contains four individual serving bottles and picnic supplies. The last basket has a Paul Masson carafe and Beringer's bottle (ah, memories of the dorm room!). Each basket contains glasses, our musician, Betty Reisinger has offered to provide hand towels and each of us plans to bring in something to add to the baskets to make them unique and worth winning. We will be in-



inviting you to buy a chance or more on these baskets and send the entry form and check to the Chapter.

I learned one thing at that meeting, too. Don't suggest a project and then not come to the next meeting. R.W. Jean Stewart has been appointed Chair of the Pie Baking Project. She did not object to the position because she was in Texas. In April, she and Worthy Matron will finalize plans for that project, how we will take orders, how we will deliver and so forth. Look for announcements in the May **Masonic Times**.

### Sickness and Distress

We received information that Kim Robinson and Bo Clark are both under the weather. Please remember them in your prayers. Let Jane LaPree know if you are not well, especially if you have had a stay in the hospital. We want to be able to pray for you. And be sure to let Secretary Wynings know of any change of address in time for her to let the paper know for their mailing.

Look for the Crocuses, Sisters and Brothers; they can't be very far off! ✕

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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My apologies for missing last month's article, things have been very busy for me requiring me to be out of town a lot. No more excuses though.

The January Conclave was the Annual Necrology Service,

remembering all of those Sir Knights who have joined the ranks of our Lord's children in Heaven. I was not at our February Conclave so I am going to report on a few events coming up.

Our Inspection is April 18th with a dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.; the Conclave will start at 7:30 p.m. I ask each Sir Knight to bring a dish-to-pass. Let's give our Inspecting Officer, Sir Knight Eric Benson, Eminent Grand Warder, a warm Cyrene-Monroe welcome. I am very hopeful all of the Officers will be at this Conclave and as many other Sir Knights will attend in order to make a good impression.

Remember, there will be a rehearsal on Sunday, April 17th at 3 p.m. in Pittsford Masonic Hall. If we have 9 Sir Knights at the rehearsal, it is considered a Con-

clave and we will receive points toward the Best Commandery Award.

Please note the Annual Election of Officers for Cyrene-Monroe Commandery will be held the same night as our Inspection, April 18th.

### Other News

Sir Knight Dave Lathers, PGC, mentioned that the Grand Commander for 2012 would like to hold a formal Ball during his tenure. There will be three locations throughout the State for holding the event. The Zones in our area will hold this Ball at DeMolay Commandery in Hornell. Sir Knight Dave would like to have a grand parade with all of the Sir Knights in full uniform. Please let Sir Knight Dave know if you would like to attend. I know this is quite a ways

in the future, but there will be a huge amount of preparation involved and to get a good head count early is essential.

The 81st Annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, on Sunday, April 24th, beginning at 8 a.m. This service will complete a memorable weekend of events in our Nation's Capital, including delegation dinners, tours and Masonic fellowship. The Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight William D. Hartman, will conduct the Service. Our Grand Commander, Sir Knight Jim MacConnell, has acquired a bus for the Sir Knights in

Western New York to attend this event in Washington, DC, leaving on Friday, April 22nd and returning on April 24th. Sir Knight George Emmons is the point person for organizing this year's trip.

May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you during this Lenten Season. ✕

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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Lodge of Perfection



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

**Light from the Rite**  
On January 20th those present at the monthly Valley of Rochester meeting, were treated to a fabulous roast pork dinner. Following dinner, the Valley's 33rd Club presented a continuation of the Light from the Rite program. Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33°, and Ill. John E. Zabel, 33°, presented an explanation of several of the Lodge of Perfection Degrees. The les-

sons, signs, tokens, regalia and words of the 4th, 6th, 13th and 14th Degrees were explained in great detail.

Ill. Hancock and Ill. Zabel also explained that other Scottish Rite Jurisdictions function differently in how the Degrees are presented. In some Jurisdictions one of the Concordant Bodies may open on a particular Degree, present that Degree and then close on that Degree.

The similarity with all the Jurisdictions is that the lessons taught in each Degree are the same, though different in how they are presented.

**Rite on the Road**

A dozen Brothers traveled to Constellation Lodge in Perry to present a "Rite on the Road" Program as part of the Valley's Membership Program. The Valley Brothers provided refreshments for the Brothers and ladies from the Perry and Warsaw area. The Order of the Eastern Star prepared and served a delicious home-style dinner for the couple dozen people present. During dinner, Commander-in-Chief G.

Franklin Gaskill, from the Valley of Buffalo, dropped in to witness the event.

The Valley's Membership Team presented the "Last Full Measure" followed by a DVD presentation on The Scottish Rite for the 21st Century. We then had the opportunity to tour this beautiful historic building that has been impeccably preserved. All guests received a membership package which also contained an application for membership. Several were filled out that night and hopefully more will follow.

**Degree Schedule**

April 21st - 18th Degree will be presented by the Valley of Rochester

April 29th - 18th will be presented in Buffalo for anyone who needs it before receiving the Consistory Degrees.

April 30th - 23rd, 31st and 32nd Degrees will be conferred in Buffalo in a Joint Session of the Valleys of Buffalo, Jamestown and Rochester. This will be a great opportunity to visit other Valleys to witness other ways of presenting Degrees. x

## New Name for Learning Center

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I am pleased to officially announce the new name of our Corporation. Please find the specific wording accepted from the June 10, 2010, Corporate Board of Directors Meeting in which the recommendations of the Name and Logo Committee comprised of Eric Ginette, James Elliot and Peter Samiec were approved.

Each Board of Governors may now take the steps necessary to re-name their individual Centers within the prescribed guidelines.

The existing Corporate stationery is being re-designed and was provided to each Center in late January or early February of 2011. The same re-design applies to our informational brochures and other paraphernalia.

I am also pleased to inform you that the Teddy Bear will continue to be the logo for the Corporation.

The Corporate website is under re-construction and will be accessible using both our new and most recent past name.

The Name and Logo Subcommittee recommendations that have been approved by the Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc. Corporate Board of Directors says, "These ideas are condensed into the following conclusions:

First of all, the committee wanted to shorten the name as much as possible while answering the overwhelming consensus for a closer identification of purpose.

This quickly leads to the name of Children's Dyslexia Center. Asking for 'dyslexia' to be a part of the name was very widespread in our feedback from the actual men and women carrying on this work."

The Rochester, New York, Children's Learning Center will from now on be named -

**CHILDREN'S  
DYSLEXIA  
CENTER  
IN HONOR OF  
FRANK & BETTE  
PAUL** x



**Rochester  
Council  
Princes of  
Jerusalem  
Evar Miller  
Sovereign  
Prince**

The 16th Degree was successfully conferred by the Council of the Princes of Jerusalem on February 26th at the Shrine Center. The major roles were performed by Rick Howe, who was also in charge of the set design and technical support; Matthew Miller, who is a new member of the Scottish Rite, played Joshua; and Pat Mulrooney, who performed his es-

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### AASR Valley of Rochester 2010-2011 Officers

|                                                   |                             |                                                      |                                |
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| <b>Rochester Lodge of Perfection</b>              |                             | <b>Rochester Council of the Princes of Jerusalem</b> |                                |
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## Valley of Rochester Spring has Sprung - 2011

April 21st at Shrine Center  
Degree Presentations (18°)  
Meat Loaf Dinner (\*\*)

April 30th at Buffalo  
23° Aboard Cruiser USS Little Rock / Lunch  
31° and 32° at Masonic Center (\*\*)  
A must attend for members of the  
Ill. Robert D. Pedersen, 33° Class of 2011  
Carpool from Office Parking Lot at 7 a.m.

May 6th at Penfield Country Club  
2011 Reunion Banquet (\*\*)

May 14th at Perinton Park, Fairport  
A short walk for a big cause  
Annual "Walk for Dyslexia"  
Registration - 9:30 a.m.

May 19th at Shrine Center  
Election and Installation / Steak Dinner (\*\*)

June 17th at Shrine Center  
Knights of St. Andrew Organizational Meeting  
Picnic (Ladies invited) (\*\*)  
A new adventure for  
our newer and younger members.

**Summer Family Outings - Mark Your Calendars**

July 17th at Frontier Field  
Baseball Game - Red Wings vs Bisons  
Picnic - RPO Concert - Fireworks (\*\*)

August 6th at Camp Morris; Wayland, NY  
Clambake/Steak Roast and much more (\*\*)

\*\* Make your reservations On Time!  
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity  
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Don't be Late!  
Late Reservations may have to be accepted  
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Why not sign up on our  
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Sponsored by Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc.



## Rochester Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia

We're walking to raise money to help children with Dyslexia learn to read and write. Up to one in five U.S. school children are living with Dyslexia.

Dyslexia can't be cured, but it can be overcome. The program offered at the Children's Dyslexia Center in Honor of Frank & Bette Paul, at 3300 Monroe Avenue in Pittsford, offers the most effective treatment of its kind in battling this disorder. No one else in the nation has a program remotely like it, with one-on-one professional tutoring offered to children free-of-charge. We need your help.

**Saturday, May 14th (Rain or Shine!)**

9:30 a.m. Registration  
10:30 a.m. Start  
11:30 a.m. Family Picnic

Walk along the Scenic Erie Canal, beginning and ending at the Perinton Park on Route 31F in Fairport

The course to walk is approximately 3 miles

For Information, contact:

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established role of King Darius of Persia.

They were supported in parts played by John Faro, Tom Goodrich, Tom Grape, Don Tubman, Derek VanHouten, Sy Kopen, Chris Bowles, Jim Miller, Ryan Reese, Bruce Katz and

Evar Miller. The Degree was directed by Evar Miller.

Several members of the new class were surprised to see their sponsors, dressed in costumes, appear on stage in the banquet scene. Charles McDonald, of Lockport; Tim McGee of Buffalo; and George Laird of Syracuse, all served as good role models for the class to follow. x



# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Bernard Lazerson, Monarch

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### April Arrives...

And none too soon for many of us. January was Janus-like, giving us Winter and a couple days of warmth. February was as nasty as could be; however, your Officers were installed and began their work. March saw a sparsely attended, but profoundly informative, "Mad as a Hatter" Party.

We began with a prayer for Prophet Paul and Carol Ann Farnung's new addition, Prophet Jr. Leo—their first grandchild. We next dined on Danny Wegman's finest. Then a change of pace - an impromptu discussion. Talking with women, one often gets some fairly honest information. When presented the correct way, men can derive much helpful information from them. The next step is to move forward in our planning, to include them and thus enhance our Fraternal Joy.

As you, my Prophets, look over at our returning Grotto Scroll, I call your attention to some significant upcoming events.

Board of Governors' meeting as per usual is followed by the April 18th Legion of Honor meeting, where yours truly will propose that we do more work with the Masonic War Veterans to visit, help and give joy and comfort to all our Veterans. Our Veterans have given us the freedom we so dearly cherish and we can always give more of ourselves for them.

Wednesday, April 20th, we are inviting Master Masons to explore our Merry Band of Brothers, to see how they and their families can benefit by becoming a Prophet. Remember,

### Attend Grotto Meetings

**Monday, April 4th**  
Board of Governors Meeting - 7 p.m.  
Grotto Office

**Monday, April 18th**  
Legion of Honor Meeting

**Wednesday, April 20th**  
Prophet Bring-a-Master-Mason Night  
Refreshments after the meeting

**April 29th-30th**  
ESGA Spring Meeting & Chief Justice Conclave in Binghamton

See Monarch for details.

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(Bernie)

my Brothers, no one need walk on water, or part any waters for that matter, to get in! However looking good in a fez is a small consideration for you to make.

### Call to the ESGA

On April 29th and 30th, the ESGA, the Empire State Grotto Association, to which we belong, is requesting our presence at the 85th Annual Spring Meeting. It is being held at the Riverside Hotel in Binghamton. Rates are reasonable. There is an ice breaker party to start (Winter must last longer in B-town), a Ladies' Breakfast, and a President's Banquet followed by a "Hospitality" Room. Apparently, if you cannot keep pace with the events, they have defibrillators and surgical teams on hand. The Monarch, the Chief Justice and one or two others will be attending. Who else would like to go? See the Monarch. We may car pool, or not.

### Happy Holidays

My Prophets April contains Easter, the holiday of re-birth and redemption, and Passover, the holiday when humans broke the bondage of service to man and began man's service to the

Creator of all people and service to one another. Let us all meet on the level, act by the plumb and part upon the square as Brothers of one another and with all our human Brothers and Sisters. Then we can be reborn as true children of the Almighty. So Mote it Be. x

## Grand Historian



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During the month of February, most watched the World News on CNN in stunned amazement. At the civil resistance by the civilian population of Egypt. We saw it happening in less than a month, there was civil disobedience and demonstrations along with riots.

At first, President Hosni Mubarak's military stood up to disperse the organized protesters. Then the Army joined in with the crowds. As days passed, the military started to side with the civilian rebels. Do you see a parallel with our own revolution that lasted until October 1781?

This month I will whisk you back to the evening of December 16, 1773. Most remember high school and college American History.

Victory in the French and Indian War was costly for the British. At the conclusion in 1763, King George III and his government looked to tax the American Colonies as a way to recoup their cost and re-establish control over the Colonial Government.

Along the American Coast, the major coastal cities were ready for the possibility of British shipments. In Charleston, the tea-laden ships were per-

mitted to dock, but their cargo was co-signed to a warehouse where it remained for three years until sold by Patriots to finance the revolution.

Three ships from London, the Dartmouth, the Eleanor and the Beaver, sailed for Boston Harbor from November 28th to December 8th, 1773, loaded with tea from the East India Company. The shipments of tea to Philadelphia and New York were not allowed to dock.

In Boston, the arrival of the ships started a furious reaction. A crisis came to a head on the morning of December 16, 1773, at a mass meeting at the Old Meeting House. It was early evening, quarter-past six. Sam Adams jumped to his feet, accepting defeat.

"This meeting can do nothing more to save our Country." ... when the meeting broke up, a citizen sitting on the stair asked, "Does British tea mix with salt water?" A howl erupted from the Meeting Hall and all knew what was going to happen.

St. Andrew Masonic Lodge was to have their Annual Meeting on that Thursday evening. Two of Paul Revere's Clubs, The North Caucus and St. Andrew's Lodge, are known to have a hand in it. The Masons had met the night the ships had arrived.

Recorded Meeting Minutes read, "Lodge adjourned on account of a few Brothers present. N. B. Consignees of Tea took the Brothers' time." Most of their members were there to be disguised as 150 Mohawk Indians and left two-by-two,

joined by others outside.

Then, stopping to go into a blacksmith shop, they put coal dust on their hands and faces. All carried clubs or tomahawks to open the boxes of tea and dump them into the harbor.

Three British armed ships, guarded the "tea ship," but no attempt was made to resist or were shots fired on either side. Likewise, Sam Adams, leader of the Sons of Liberty, told his men, "do not damage the ships, nor rigging or sailors aboard."

Thousands of spectators watched in silence. By nine o'clock p.m., the Sons of Liberty had emptied a total of 342 crates of tea into the Boston Harbor.

Fearing any connection to their treasonous deed, the Patriots took off their shoes and shook them overboard.

They swept the ship, the ship's decks and made each ship's First Mate attest that only tea was damaged. Freemason, Lend-all Pitts, led the Patriots from the wharf, tomahawks and axes resting on their shoulders. A life played as they marched home.

Note ... The Sons of Liberty, led by Samuel Adam, met for meetings at the Liberty Tree. A second group of the Sons of Liberty, were in New York, meeting at the Liberty Pole. For all its patriotism and uplift that it implies, it's motto, "Pugna Pro Patria" - Latin for, "Fight for your Country."

After the Boston Tea Party, groups of the Sons of Liberty sprang up in most major cities along the Coast, but that was, as you know, 237 years ago. x

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# Big Calendar for April 2011

| Sunday                                                                           | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                      | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                             | Friday                                                                                                            | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Garoga-Sincerity Game Night - Phelps</p>                                                       | <p><b>9</b></p> <p>Northfield Lodge "Adopt-a-Highway"<br/>Shrimers BBB Night w/Dan Caro, Shrine Center<br/>Haggai Chapter Awards Night, Whittier Party House</p>                      |
|                                                                                  | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Canandaigua - Shortsville<br/>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle<br/>KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford<br/>Lalla Rookh Grotto Board of Governors, Shrine Center<br/>OES - Etolian</p>                              | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>Clio - Hilton<br/>Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center<br/>Garoga-Sincerity, 1° - Phelps<br/>Nunda Station<br/>Oakland - Castile<br/>OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight</p> | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Drumlin Square - Palmyra<br/>Livonia<br/>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br/>Damascus Shrine, Hospital<br/>Awareness Night<br/>OES - Lilac Star</p>                                                                                                          | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Eunice - Caledonia<br/>Northfield-BBB, Pittsford<br/>Webster - Awards Night</p>                                                                                                   | <p><b>1</b></p> <p>All Fools Day</p>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>3</b></p>                                                                  | <p><b>4</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>5</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>6</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p><b>7</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p><b>8</b></p>                                                                                                   | <p><b>9</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                  | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>ERAC-Walk-About, Shrine Center<br/>Fairport-Flower City<br/>Unity, 3° - Spencerport<br/>Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield<br/>Shrine Lunch Club</p>                                                      | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>Seneca - Webster<br/>Valley-Simes, Shrine Center<br/>OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane<br/>Holmes - Broekport</p>                                                           | <p><b>13</b></p> <p>Oatka - Scottsville<br/>Webster - Fellowshipcraft<br/>Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps<br/>Craftsman Robertson Fellowshipcraft<br/>Dinner; Rick's Prime Rib<br/>Masonic Service Bureau<br/>Monthly Luncheon Meeting<br/>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship</p> | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>Fame - Shrine Center<br/>Milnor - Shortsville<br/>Union, 3° - Lima,<br/>Webster - Fellowshipcraft<br/>RAM - Hiram<br/>Lalla Rookh Caldron</p>                                    | <p><b>15</b></p>                                                                                                  | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>Ronald McDonald House<br/>Reception and Have-a-Heart<br/>Proceeds Presentation<br/>Drumlin Square Lodge<br/>Awards Night<br/>O/S/Y Masonic Development Course</p> |
| <p><b>10</b></p> <p>Clio Lodge<br/>Spaghetti Dinners<br/>April 13th and 27th</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                  | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Canandaigua - Shortsville<br/>Union Star - Homeoye Falls<br/>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle<br/>KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford<br/>Grotto Legion of Honor<br/>Shrine Lunch Club<br/>Auburn Shrine Club</p> | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>Clio, 3° - Hilton<br/>Craftsman Robertson - Shrine Center<br/>Nunda Station<br/>Oakland - Castile<br/>OES - Nolatka, Starlight (OV)</p>                                  | <p><b>20</b></p> <p>Ark - Geneva<br/>Drumlin Square - Palmyra<br/>Livonia<br/>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br/>Lalla Rookh Grotto<br/>Doric Council - Pittsford</p>                                                                                                          | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>Webster<br/>Bunice - Caledonia<br/>Union, BBF - Lima<br/>Scottish Rite, 18° - Shrine Center<br/>Caldron Executive Council</p>                                                    | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>Garoga-Sincerity Game Night - Phelps</p>                                                      | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin</p>                                                                                                                             |
| <p><b>17</b></p> <p>Damascus Shriner Bus Trip to Seneca Casino</p>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                  | <p><b>25</b></p> <p>ERAC, Shrine Center<br/>Fairport-Flower City<br/>Union Star - Homeoye Falls<br/>Unity - Spencerport<br/>Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield<br/>Shrine Lunch Club</p>                                      | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>Wheeters - Cycle Blessing</p>                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Oatka - Scottsville<br/>Tall Cedars of Lebanon<br/>Damascus Directors Staff<br/>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship</p>                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>Fame, Shrine Center<br/>Milnor - Shortsville<br/>Union, Walk-About - Lima<br/>James A. Hard/ Wayne Charter<br/>Post No. 12<br/>Perry Shrine Club<br/>Wayne M&amp;W - Ontario</p> | <p><b>29</b></p> <p>Good Friday<br/>Earth Day</p>                                                                 | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>Old Fashion Field Days: Estes Farm, Caledonia</p>                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>24</b></p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>Easter Sunday</b></p>                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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