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## Scottish Rite Medal for Masonic Service to Skip Waterstreet



Illustrious Charles Hancock, Deputy's Representative, and Illustrious Peter Samiec, Deputy for New York, with recipient of Medal, Skip Waterstreet.

At the Valley of Rochester's Annual Symbolic Blue Lodge Awards Night in October, a special presentation was added to the program. Illustrious Charles O. Hancock stepped to the podium and announced that Charles "Skip" Waterstreet was selected to receive the North-

ern Masonic Jurisdiction's Scottish Rite Medal for Masonic Service, a recently created Award by Sovereign Grand Commander, John Wm. McNaughton. According to an article in *The Northern Light*, seventeen of these Awards were presented last year.

### The Medal for Masonic Service

The Medal for Masonic Service may be conferred by the Supreme Council or by the Sovereign Grand Commander upon any Master Mason, whether or not a member of this Jurisdiction, who fully embodies the Tenets of the Masonic Fraternity based on the recommendation of three of his peers in his locality. This was the second time a nominee was selected from New York State for this prestigious Award. Due to scheduling conflicts, it was the first Award to be presented in the State.

R.:W.: Charles N. "Skip" Waterstreet, Jr., was Raised in John A. Robertson Lodge in November, 1964. He served as Master of the Lodge in 1976, 1984, 1985 and 1994-95. When the

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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of the

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Mat, Herb, Garry,  
Bill, Mike & Skip*



Daniel Carter Beard  
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7:00 p.m.

Fairport Masonic Hall  
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Presentation by

R.:W.: James E. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York  
(and a former Fairport Scouter)

Family, Friends and Scouters are invited; wear your Scout Uniform

Dick is 91 years young and has a long and distinguished Scouting career of 70 years ... from being an Eagle Scout (with Bronze Palm) as a youth, to serving on 17 Wood Badge Courses as an adult. He is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. He became a Master Mason almost 69 years ago at age 22 on January 18, 1943, with Continental Lodge No. 287, New York City. He also is a member of Cyprus Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar. He is a WWII Veteran and a Life Member of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. He has given us all a lifetime of service and is deserving of this fine Award.

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## Editor's Corner

I will forego my usual monologue this month, while I bask in the glory of the receipt of the Scottish Rite Medal for Masonic Service. You know about this from the article on the front page of this issue of the **Masonic Times**.

Arriving slightly late (due to another obligation earlier that evening) for the presentations of the Symbolic Lodge Awards, for which I have taken pictures the last few years, I was still able to secure a seat in the front of the room near where the recipients were acknowledged. I did not have to stand up and block the view of the family members and guests in attendance.

When it was announced that there was a special presentation this evening, I thought how lucky I was to be right up front to get this photo, as well. When the name of my Lodge and Raising date were mentioned, I was stunned ... it was immediately apparent to me that I was the recipient! I placed the camera on the chair next to me, knowing I would not be able to use it this time. I was speechless, forgot Masonic protocol and even what was said about me by Charlie Hancock and Peter Samiec. My knees were weak and shaking, as I stumbled my way to the podium to (I hope) thank those responsible for my nomination and receipt of this Award.

It is an honor to be recognized for your efforts. As I mentioned to the Board of Directors when I showed them the Medal, I serve at their pleasure and direction and the Award is as much theirs as it is mine. From the position as Editor of the

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By R. W. Gary Sanford

As I take the time to review and think about what to write, I am brought back to the values in which we all share and believe. I do believe that initially it was our parents and family members who instilled them in us. No matter what Masonic organization we belong to or support, it is our enjoyment and positive feedback we receive that keeps us enjoying being with them. As I heard someone say recently, it is difficult for me to bring in new members as almost everyone I am around belongs to the Fraternity.

**Masonic Times**, I can only produce as good a paper as the material supplied by my correspondents. As the saying goes, "I couldn't have done it without them!"

In this season of Thanksgiving and holiday generosity, my thanks to all the writers, the Staff of the **Masonic Times** and to you, my Readers.

While I usually only recognize them once or twice a year, I mentally thank them every month for their diligence and faithfulness in keeping their Brothers and Sisters informed of events and

When we attend our varied meetings, being formal or informal, we need to remember we are all there to support that group and those attending. We all will have different views, opinions and need to show respect and courtesy to everyone, as we ask that they show it to us, not just those who happen to agree with us at that time. Remember, we come from many different backgrounds and need to keep our minds open to new ideas as well as "listen" to others. As I know from personal experience, this is not as easy to do, as it is to say. As we move forward, we need to keep improving ourselves, the Fraternity and the ways in which we interact with each other.

As many of us have a Masonic emblem on the vehicle we drive, we need to remember others see us for the behavior we display. Please remember, when we speak at those meetings or speak about someone, that message is seen as to who we are. Let us all be proud of what this Masonic Fraternity provides for us.

If there is any way in which we at the Masonic Service Bureau may help your organization or if you would just like a presentation of what the Service Bureau does, please contact us at 671-9730 and we would be glad to assist. □

activities. It is really a chore ... something that needs to be done but something which doesn't make you leap for joy as the deadline arrives. You must have had this responsibility to fully understand the burden.

Thanks doesn't seem adequate for those who assist in the production. They are critical to the paper's success, and I am grateful for their help.

For you, I hope the articles are pertinent, informative and useful.

Thanks for reading. □

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Interested young men are asked to email  
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87 South Main Street, Fairport

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# Supporting our Deployed Troops

By Dennis Gellasch, Past Commander

James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12, Masonic War Veterans

The Masonic Service Bureau offers grants each year to area charities to assist in the work they do. This year it was suggested that the Masonic War Veterans be considered for a grant and the payoff has been overwhelming. Dennis "Gil" Gellasch, Area Representative, Past Commander of James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12, told us the grant was used to send books and purchased treats to the Troops and asked if we would publish this information.

He received a couple of thank you email letters from those who received the shipments and these heartfelt responses will make your day! Here is the latest THANK YOU from the Platoon Leader who was told that this was the Masonic War Veterans effort - with assistance of that wonderful Service Bureau Grant that funded the effort.

This was the last shipment going into Iraq. Gil felt that these last few Army guys and gals needed to know we still support them during the spin down in Iraq. Our efforts will be only into Afghanistan from here on ... more of my ("Gil") Marine Units. Again, thank you to the Masonic Service Bureau for the Grant!

Dear Mr. Gellasch,

First, I would like to express an abundance of appreciation for all that you, the Cooper Marine American Legion Post No. 603, James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 Masonic War Veterans, Gates-Chili VFW Post No. 412 and the Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Rochester have provided to my Platoon. The care packages we received are a great display of support from members of the community and allow us to be reassured that people back home still support what we are here to accomplish.

All of the boxes we received have contributed to increasing morale amongst the men thus far. Immediately, they attempted to hoard the fruit snacks as well as the package of Slim Jim Beef Jerky. Many others thought they would claim an entire box of crackers for their Squad. In the end, we were able to

divide up the snacks and keep them on display for all to indulge upon.

We are also very appreciative of the books sent. As it has been quoted numerous times, and I paraphrase, "war is a few frightful moments followed by endless boredom." The amount of books sent will alleviate the boredom we experience. There are only so many times one can check Facebook throughout the day. With the draw-down of Missions, this allows us more time to indulge in reading and other activities to help give us moments of peace.

I have attached a photo of the Platoon that we have taken while in Iraq. We continue to train and keep ever vigilant as the days to withdrawal come closer. Hopefully, this means we are able to return sooner than projected.

We are grateful for the boxes sent and pray you support other units with as much enthusiasm as you have shown us. Keep us, as well as our fellow service members, in your thoughts and prayers. From Camp Taji, Iraq; 1st Platoon Alpha Company 1st Battalion 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment 2nd Brigade Combat Team 82nd Airborne Division, We say All the Way! Airborne! Lets Go!

ILT Wells Crawley

**Second letter:**

Dear Masonic War Veterans,

Thank you very much for all of the hospitality and generosity you have sent us in the few short months we have been in Iraq. We received numerous care packages from your organization and each one brought much joy to my Soldiers. They loved the fruit snacks as well as the chips. We have accumulated one heck of a library here now and each day books are returned and taken out by the Soldiers.

Your devotion to sending these care packages display support and caring that is unknown to many in America. We are fortunate to be in a very special position. As Soldiers, we are in a fraternity that has spanned from our Nation's conception and continues to this day.

Our ranks are filled with Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who know

what it means to devote oneself to something greater. It is always touching to receive care packages not only from loved ones, but from strangers who have no connection to you except through that of the uniform. By being service members, we have a deeper connection that many civilians will never understand and while we heckle each other and debate

who is in the toughest Branch or who is the top dog among the Armed Forces, we still truly care for others no matter what Branch they serve in.

Again, thank you for all you have done to support my Unit and Service members abroad. We are forever grateful for all you do to support us.

All The Way! Airborne!

Wells Crawley, 1LT, IN



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**We're Moving**

The Masonic War Veterans have had a busy Fall and have many activities planned for the coming year. The MWV Post No. 12 has voted to move the James A. Hard /Wayne Charter Post No.12 from Fairport to Webster Masonic Lodge at 30 Orchard Street, Webster. The move will take place next year and our first meeting in Webster will be Thursday, February 23, 2012.

We have also voted to raise the MWV Post No. 12 Dues to \$20 per year. We have not had a Dues increase for over 20 years and the increased funds will enable us to better support the many Veterans who are on active duty and those who are returning home.

**Mark Your Calendar**

December 7th - Pearl Harbor Day - Charlotte Pier (Wednesday) 7:30 a.m. We will hope the weather is better than last

year. Breakfast is served following the ceremony at the Greece American Legion Post at 344 Dorsey Road, Rochester.

December 17th - Holiday Party with the Grotto Legion of Honor. Dinner at Fairport Masonic Hall at 6:30 p.m. Social - 5:30 p.m. Ladies and Guests are invited. Our fundraiser Gift Auction will follow dinner. Please bring a \$5 or \$10 wrapped gift (marked for Him or Her) for the auction.

December 21st - Our next Canandaigua VA Medical Center Birthday Party at 2:30 p.m. All are invited to join us for lunch at the Villager Restaurant, 243 S. Main Street, Canandaigua at 12:30 p.m.

If you would like to support the Military, help some of the returning Veterans or find out more about the Masonic War Veterans of Post No. 12, please contact me or a member of this Post.

**History of James A. Hard's  
Military Service Continued**

James A. Hard enlisted on April 18, 1861 in Company E of the 37th New York Volunteer Infantry for two years. He traveled to Long Island and then to Washington by rail, mostly in cattle cars and box cars that were hot during the day and cold at night. He went to a reception at the White House and met President and Mrs. Lincoln. He was stationed in Alexandria, Virginia, during July and August to maintain Civil order.

Some Army units came into Aqua, VA, near Fredricksburg by boat and unloaded hundreds of wagons carrying guns, supplies and caisson. They had a lot of rain that Spring and the horses would sink into the mud up to their knees. So his Regiment attached ropes to the wagons and about a hundred soldiers would pull each wagon onto solid

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**1st Platoon Alpha Company 1st Battalion 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment  
2nd Brigade Combat Team 82nd Airborne Division**



# Livingston District

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"The" Season is once again upon us. That being the loved and dreaded Holiday Season. Regardless of your beliefs, it seems that the month of December is a time when we all find those extra moments of thought and interaction with those who are so important to us. Dinners, parties, get-togethers, phone calls or just quiet reflection. Maybe it is because the year is ending and we look back at what has transpired and gaze ahead as to what may come our way.

It's a time to eat more than we should, spend more than is expected and complain about all of it as well. If we were told that next year, next December, we could not have all of these things and it was all taken away, how upset would we be? For all the hustle and bustle, all the traffic and crowds in stores, all of the mess the relatives leave after a long visit, you still wouldn't trade it in. Why?

Some may say it is because it's just habit. Just what we all do. I'd like to think there is a reason - even if we sometimes fail to recognize it. All of these things surround us with the most important aspects of our lives, the ones we love and care about. Despite family squabbles and the stress of the Season, it still warms our hearts. It's the memories of the Holiday Seasons-past and the thoughts of those yet to come - all surrounded by what really matters to us the most.

As Masons, our Masonic Year is filled with events and meetings. There are many who spend numerous nights a week away from home, being gone in the pursuit of what we all want to make better - Society around us. Maybe the team engaged in all this effort needs a few more teammates.

We all know of the 80/20 rule. It seems like most organizations function with 20% of its members doing 80% of the work. Even our regular Lodge meetings appear that 20% (or maybe less) of the members come to a meeting. 100% would be great. Realistic? Probably not. How about if we shoot for 70/30.

Of the many Brothers who receive the **Masonic Times**, how many of you come to Lodge on a regular basis? How about just attending a Lodge dinner? How many of you can think back and can't remember the last time you attended a Lodge function?

Regardless of the answer to any of these questions, we want you with us. No one cares if you remember any passwords, or any aspect of Opening Lodge. We know you are our Brother. We can whisper in your ear. We can help you out with things. That is why we are Brothers. We would like to have you with us just because we would like to have you with us. No other reason. We want to see you. Just like we look forward to spending time with our families. After all, you ARE part of the family, our great Masonic family.

Livingston District is busy with Degrees, meetings, programs and dinners. Don't hesitate to come and join us. We can't wait to see you.

I, personally, look forward to seeing all of you "out and about" during the Holiday Season. All the best to you and your families!

## Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.

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My thanks to the Brothers who participated in the walk-through of the Bristol Masonic Ritual at our last meeting. It was interesting in reading how the "Oldest and Most Unusual Craft Working in England" was done. I plan on working with this Ritual more in our future meetings and am endeavoring to get more details about the Degrees.

This month is our Annual Meeting, which is a Summoned Meeting. The members should have received the Summons Notice by now.

We will be presenting a "Budget Framework" and various reports from the working committees. It is vital for our upcoming year that the budget be presented and understood by the membership. We will be discussing a number of topics including fundraising and our yearly Dues structure.

Because of the success we had with

our November Dinner, we will again be starting the evening with dinner at a local restaurant across the street. We will be eating at 6:00 p.m. at Q's Restaurant and then continue with our meeting at the Lodge Hall at 7:30 p.m. If you missed the dinner last month, the food was very tasty; there is a good variety of meal selections and cost is pleasantly inexpensive! If you are able to join us,

please let me know so I can get a headcount for the restaurant.

In closing, the Officers and I want to reiterate to the members that we are deeply committed to working with you and we know it is vital to support one another as we go forward this year. We are still very excited about working together to support a different direction for the future of Eunice Lodge!

## Union Lodge No. 45

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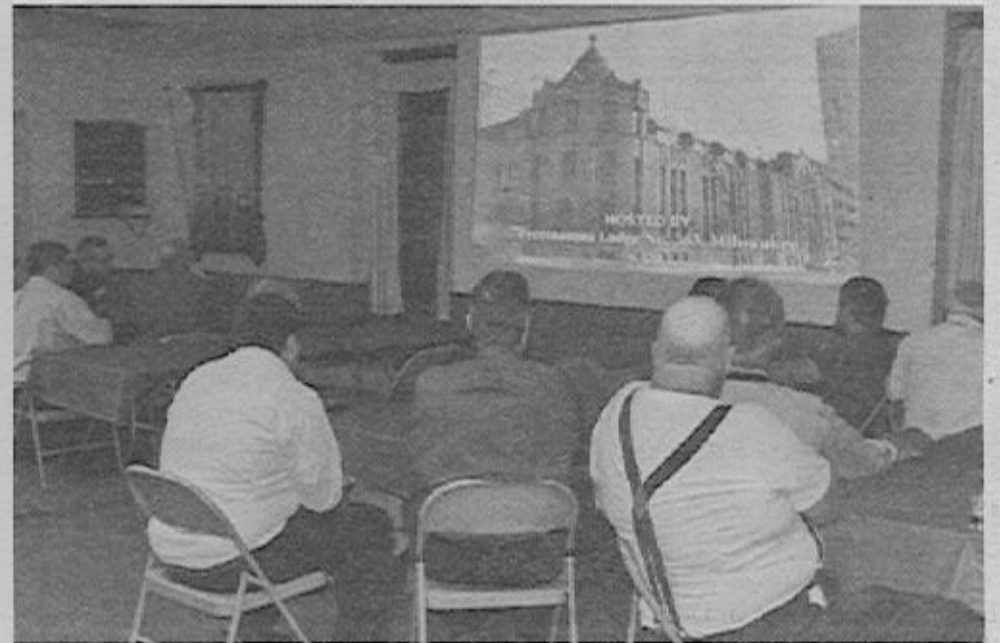


Lima Masonic Hall  
1391 Rochester Street  
Lima 14485

What an exciting two months ... it sure has been packed full of Masonic endeavors. This month will slow a little to give us a breather. We can start again in January and give it our all for the second round.

Because of the Holidays, there is only one meeting in December (8th), but it is an important one. It is, of course, our Annual Meeting, at which the Secretary and Treasurer will present their Annual Reports and we will have the NEW BUDGET in place for review, discussion and passing. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.

Brothers, I wish the very best to you over the Holidays. For those traveling, have a safe journey. God Bless you all!



There was a nice crowd at Union Lodge's BBF Night that included 14 guests.

Livingston District Recipients of Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards presented by Ill.: Joe Bourcy, Ill.: Peter Samiec, R.:W.: Jim Sullivan and R.:W.: Mike Grady.



Union Lodge, R.:W.: Jim Slocum escorted by R.:W.: Roy Moses.



Nunda Station Lodge, Charles Duryea, escorted by W.: James VanSickle.



Livonia Lodge, Donald Detmer, escorted by R.:W.: Joe Shanks.



Eunice Lodge, R.:W.: Joe Shanks accepted for Richard Lafave.



Brothers from the Livingston District listening to instruction from the Grand Lecturer.



**Nunda Station**  
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It has been a long time since I first sat in the East and I am amazed at how many changes have occurred since. Like most, I tend to first notice the changes in others, but in quieter times, I reflect on changes in me. I don't have the boundless energy

that once kept me moving nonstop. Now I do things in stages, letting my energy keep pace with the task; I don't have the rah-rah enthusiasm I once displayed. That has been replaced by a deeper and sincere energy and I don't get bothered by things that once used to excite me. Patience and tolerance are a wonderful substitute for apoplexy.

I mention these things because I feel good about them; I see them in my Lodge Brothers and they are examples of the teachings of the Craft coming to fruition. Freemasonry is a wonderful staging area for the kind of men we all want to be ... loved by our families, trusted by our neighbors and our own best friend.

**Youth Soccer Sponsorship**

Thank you, Brother Dan Vasile, for the report on your team's performance in the Youth Soccer League this past Summer. Brother Dan coached a group

of boys who proudly wore uniforms displaying the Square and Compasses and our Lodge name. From a Lodge perspective, it was a good way to let the community know what we do. But, most important, it helps men like Brother Dan build character and teamwork in our youth.

**Congratulations**

Our Lodge Brothers congratulate Brother Charles Duryea who received the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Brother Charlie is our Lodge Chaplain this year and, in his manner and presence, exemplifies those qualities for which the Award is designed to celebrate. Congratulations Brother.

On October 18th, in lieu of our scheduled meeting night, 18 of our Lodge Brothers attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. It was preceded by a delicious din-

ner put on by the Eastern Star Chapter. As a result of our attendance, our Lodge has earned the District's Attendance Plaque for the year, which we will display proudly in our Lodge. Also, our Officer Line were in attendance, the top seven members will qualify us for the Howard Potts Award, which will be given at next Grand Lodge Session in May.

During the upcoming weeks, all of us will celebrate with family and friends as we enjoy the blessings that enrich our lives. It is also an opportunity to reach out to those whose lives can be made richer by a kindness, a thoughtful word or a remembrance. Let each of us ever be mindful of how we can make a difference.

**Upcoming Events**

- December 6th - Regular Meeting
- December 20th - Regular Meeting, Annual Reports; "Oyster Stew-Chili Night."

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The Holiday Season is upon us. Ark Lodge will be active in December with the "ringing of bells" and food delivery to the needy for the Salvation Army. We will also have our Annual Christmas Party on December 14th at St. Michael's Orthodox Church; catered by Club 86.

As we gather around to celebrate this Holiday Season, let us reflect on our many blessings as a Fraternity of Brothers who share a common experience and moral compass. We are fortunate to belong to a wonderful "band of Brothers" who will help, aid and assist us in all our endeavors. We are truly blessed by our Fraternal ties.

Kylenc and I wish all the Brothers and their families a joyous Holiday. As you gather with family and friends, let us continue to be mindful of the needs of others. Please consider giving of your time and talent to a worthy cause this Holiday Season and make a difference by helping make the Holiday special for someone.

We have received and acted upon six Petitions and will have had the 1st Degree by the time this issue reaches you. We are planning a 2nd and 3rd Degree early in the New Year.

On October 25th, ten Brothers of Ark Lodge attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Pochahontas Lodge in Seneca Falls. With the Master, Wardens, Deacons and Masters of Ceremony present, Ark Lodge earned the Howard Potts Award which will be presented at Grand Lodge in May. Thank you to all the Brothers who attended the Convention.

**Congratulations**

On November 2nd, Ark Lodge presented Brother Carl W. Fribolin the Grand Lodge Certificate of Excellence for Service to the Community at a recognition dinner at the Geneva Country Club. Brother Fribolin belongs to Robinson Lodge in Jasper, but has spent most of his adult life in the Geneva Area. His service to the community has included Finger Lakes Health, Smith Opera House, Keuka College and the Scouting Program of the Finger Lakes.

At a very youthful age of 93, Brother Fribolin is still active as owner of White Springs Winery on Route 14 just south of Geneva. The recognition of Brother Fribolin also included an Honorary Membership in Ark Lodge which makes him only the sixteenth Honorary Member of Ark Lodge in our 204-year history. We are pleased to recognize such an outstanding Brother and citizen of Geneva. He has truly exemplified the Masonic Compact which states that "charity is the distinguishing human virtue, and that personal community service is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity." Brother Fribolin has been, and continues to be, a great ambassador for Freemasonry.

**Salvation Army Assignments**

Tuesday, December 13th - "Ringing the Bells" at Tops Friendly Market, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 15th - Distribution of the Holiday food boxes.

**Resolve?**

Please consider a New Year's Resolution of making a commitment to get more involved with your Lodge and your community in the New Year. Attend a Lodge Communication or a Lodge program. Offer to present a program at Lodge. Bring a Brother to Lodge. Get involved, stay involved and get active in the Fraternity. While the effort is small, the reward will be great.

or Secretary a call. Remember it is the Season of the year for giving and you are reminded about the Brotherhood Fund.

**Upcoming Events**

December 6th - We will have a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. It is also the Official Visit of our District Deputy. Everyone is invited, just bring a dish-to-pass; come and enjoy.

December 9th and 16th - Game Nights - starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish-to-pass; come join in the fun.

December 20th - Junior Deacon Night, when he will be questioned about

his Office.

**Sickness and Distress**

We are sad to report the passing of Brother Howard Burgess. Many may remember him serving as the third Ruffian.

**December Birthdays**

We send December Birthday greetings to Brothers John Bowles (1st), Gary Yancey (14th), Jerome Phillips (17th), Everett Grimsley (21st), Ronald Galens (22nd), William Lally Jr. (25th) and Ernest Day (30th).

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Service Awards were presented to Brothers of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge by R.: W.: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master (left), assisted by R.: W.: George Meyers, District Deputy Grand Master (right) on September 20th. Recipients were (front from left) Donald Tiffany (55 years), Charles Romeiser (65 years) and Donald Sabin (60 years). 2nd row - F. Lee Walters (50 years), Glen Webster (50 years) and Paul Adams (50 years). 3rd row - Jesse Gillespie (35 years), Lowell Falkey (35 years), Ernest Bishop (25 years), Garry Clock (30 years) and Kenneth Gibbs (Lodge Master).

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By R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles

We wish all Brothers and their families a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy New Year! May we all have good health in the coming New Year.

In early December, we will be calling upon Brothers for help in the "Ringing of the Bells" for the Red Kettle Fund. Brother Ernie Day will be Chairman of this event. We will also be delivering Poinsettias to our Surviving Spouses in the coming weeks. If there are any Brothers who would like to help delivering these, please feel free to give the Master

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### Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in December:

1947	John Record
1952	Frederick Gifford
1960	Bernard Dell
1962	William Goodman
1975	William Tatro IV
1978	Charles Anderson
1990	John Sherman
1994	Perry Adams
1995	David Smith ☐

ation also welcomed several Brothers from around the Ontario/Seneca/Yates (O/S/Y) District and Past Grand Master, Edward Gilbert. Together with photos of the 1900 Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony, an excerpt of the Ceremony's Masonic Minutes was read from the original, hand-written record. This rare and special opportunity was enjoyed by all who attended.

On November 3rd, several Brothers from Milnor Lodge participated in a Table Lodge, hosted by Seneca Lake Lodge at the Dresden Hotel. Following the meal, District and Grand Lodge Historian, Jim Rice, provided a delightfully informative program on the U.S. One-Dollar Bill. The event was well attended and enjoyed by Brothers from all around the O/S/Y District.

On November 6th, several Brothers from Milnor Lodge attended a 90th Birthday Party in Victor for Brother Leon Perkins, who has made many significant contributions to our community. We again wish Leon a very Happy Birthday and thank his family for including us in the celebration!

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 3rd - Milnor Lodge will continue their annual tradition of "Ringing the Bells" for Salvation Army at Wade's Market on Route 96 in Farmington. Thanks to Brother Bud Peglow for keeping this tradition alive



Brothers from Milnor Lodge join Past Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward Gilbert, in re-dedicating the original Victor Town Hall Cornerstone in Victor Civic Park. (l-r) Donald Raw, Sr.; Glenn Thon; Norm Smith; Joel Steele; John Purdy; Jim VanWyk; Tom Ewing; Eldon White; Worshipful Master, Dustin Gress; Past Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward Gilbert; and Bud Peglow.

year-after-year. Brothers may contact Bud if they want to participate and all are invited to stop by Wade's to contribute to the effort.

On Thursday, December 8th, Milnor Lodge will initiate two new Candidates, with the Degree of Entered Apprentice commencing at 7:30 p.m. (please arrive at 7:15 p.m.). Milnor Lodge meets at 12

Canandaigua Street (Route 21), Shortsville. All Brothers are invited to join us for the special event! If Brothers would like to join us for a Venison Dinner preceding the Degree, please arrive by 6:15 p.m. and RSVP in advance to Jim Hartz (301-8306).

Here's to good health and cheer this Holiday Season! ☐

## Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th Thursdays



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On October 15th, Brothers of Milnor Lodge (Victor) participated in a re-dedication of the Town Hall's original, 111-year-old Cornerstone. The re-dedi-

# Wayne District

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sonic Hall in October. The meal was cooked and served by Richards Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. The Ritual conferred that evening was Opening and Closing of the Masonic Lodge and was monitored by Grand Lecturer, R.: W.: Charles E. Toombs, who was pleased with the Ritual. Good job to all who participated.

Masters and Wardens of Wayne District had their first meeting at Drumlin Square Lodge Hall. Reminder ... we will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month, except November and December when we will meet on the SECOND Thursday of those months due to the Holidays.

### Wayne Lodge

January 28th - Wayne Lodge will be holding a Brother Bring-a-Brother Membership Program. The presentation will be "The Last Full Measure." 5:30 p.m. - Social and Hors d'oeuvres; Valley open bar; 6:30 p.m. - Dinner (reservations required); 7:30 p.m. - Program. Ladies invited. \$15 per person for

Members and their Ladies. Dinners for Master Mason guests and their ladies are complimentary. Also, dinners are complimentary for members who bring and are First Signers for a Master Mason guest with a fully paid (\$100.00) Petition. If any questions, please call the Master of Wayne Lodge 975-1110.

With the upcoming Holidays, it is a time for appreciation and a time of giving. Please remember the Widows and Spouses, Soldiers who are away from home and the Brothers who may be having a hard time due to the economic hardships in our area. The Master of your Lodge knows who these people are and a special effort should be given to help these people in need. This is one of the reasons why we became Master Masons - to help our fellow Man.

Stay well and I hope your Holidays are free of concerns. God speed. ☐

## Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays



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How time flies when you're having fun! It is now the last month of 2011 and soon enough we will be welcoming in the New Year. I hope an enjoyable Thanksgiving was had by all; now we look forward to endless Holiday shopping and expanding waistlines while enjoying this festive time of year.

### Degree Work

The Lodge held the 1st Degree on November 16th with the AGL in attendance to observe our work. Thanks to all the Brethren who took part in the Degree; a fine job was done by all. At this point the 2nd Degree is planned for January 18th; I will have an update on this in the January article.

### Symbolic Lodge Award

This year, Brother Tom M. Krest was selected to receive the Symbolic Lodge

Award, which is presented each year by the Valley of Rochester, AASR. The Lodge was not able to attend the Award Ceremony due to the District Grand Lecturer's Convention.

On November 2nd we were joined by Brother Joseph Oelgoetz, 32°, 2nd Lt. Commander of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, who presented the Award to Brother Krest. Brother Krest was selected to receive the Award this year for his many efforts around the Lodge making needed repairs and his overall dedication. This is a tough choice to make every year as we have so many deserving Brothers who put a great deal of time and effort into the Lodge. Congratulations, Brother Krest, and thank you to all my Brothers for your hard work and dedication not only to the Lodge, but to the Craft.

### Lodge Holiday Party and Fundraiser Mark Your Calendar

December 21st - the Lodge will be holding its Annual Holiday Party and Fundraiser to benefit our Surviving Spouses Program. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with some social time and dinner at 7:00 p.m. An auction will follow the usual Pot-Luck Dinner so please bring a dish-to-pass. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so we have a list of who is bringing what, this way we don't end up with sixteen salads and a plate of cookies for dinner.

For the auction, please bring a wrapped gift, labeled for a lady or gentleman. The gift should cost no more than ten dollars. In the past, this event has been very successful and has allowed the Lodge to hold the Surviving Spouses Luncheon at a very limited cost to the Lodge. Let's keep up this tradition and make this a great year as well. Keep in mind ... this is not only a fundraiser, but a family event. It is a chance to get together with your Lodge Brothers and Sisters to enjoy some Holiday cheer.

### Happy Holidays

To all my Brothers and their families, wherever you may be ... I say Happy Holidays and wish the best for each and every one of you in the coming New Year. May the warmth of the Holiday Season be with you and find you in the embrace of family and friends. Safe travels, my Brothers, and please take a moment during your Holiday celebra-

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tions to consider those who will not be home but in harm's way defending our great Nation, for they are giving us one of the greatest gifts of all - the freedom to live as we do. God bless the men and women of the Armed Forces and may the Great Architect return them home soon and safe!

As always, my Brothers, I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge! □

## Wayne District Membership and Member Retention Committee

By W.: Joel A. Falbo, Chairman

As I said in the November article, my topic this month will cover a few

suggestions on how to find prospective Candidates to invite to a Brother Bring-a-Friend Event.

Let's start simple ... have you considered your friends and co-workers? This seems a little obvious, but it never hurts to mention it. The first thing to think of is whether or not they even know you are a Mason. If they don't, perhaps you could try bringing it up in a conversation. Perhaps you could mention your plans for an evening or a weekend that involves a Masonic activity and then see where the conversation ends up. They may have an interest and make the perfect person to invite.

OK, so you have talked with friends and co-workers; now we can take a look at the community around the Lodge. This approach can take a bit more work and have varied results, but may be worth the effort. At the very least, you will be successful at informing the public about who we are and what we do. Try hold-

ing an Open House; invite the public in to take a look at the Lodge Hall.

For this event, you will want to set up some displays and have a good amount of information to hand out and as many Brothers as possible to talk to your guests. You will want to do some advertising in advance of the Open House - this could be an ad run in the local paper or as simple as getting some posters up around town. Set out some simple refreshments and see how it goes from there. Also having information on the front of the Lodge, or the main door, is not a bad idea, but be sure to have some contact information available. You never know who may be stopping by the Lodge while you are not there; it could just be a future Brother knocking at the door.

Last, but not least, consider the events held in your town during the year. Is there a chance you may be able to set up an information booth or get involved in

some way? In many cases, this can be at very limited cost. Many events do not charge not-for-profit groups for space or may offer a reduced rate. Again, some simple items of interest to display and informational handouts, with a few Brothers to staff the booth, is all that this takes. Remember to get contact information from those who are interested so an invitation can be sent to them. Be sure to have contact information for the Lodge to hand out.


These are just a few simple ideas to try, my Brothers. As they say, "start thinking outside the box" and try things the Lodge has never done before. Remember there are no bad ideas. As Thomas Alva Edison once said, "I haven't failed; I've found 10,000 ways that didn't work." Good luck and remember I am here to help.

As always, my Brothers, I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge! □

# Monroe District

District Deputy Grand Master - George Nasra, 233-8275

**District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District**



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Our Masonic Year is in full swing, our Lodges are busy with their work and our District programs are in place and on schedule. I thank the Assistant Grand Lecturers, V.: W.: Bill Edwards and R.: W.: Mike Nohle, for their hard work in putting in place the Grand Lecturer's Convention and Schools of Ritual. Also, a big thank you to R.: W.: George Fohner and R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz for the educational programs in place. I hope many of you will make it to the *Masonic Development Course*, the *Road to the East* Program and I hope you will continue to learn and improve your knowledge of the symbols and secrets of our beloved Fraternity.

Many of you have called or sent emails expressing your frustration with your inability to obtain timely or accurate information or response when contacting Grand Lodge. I have noticed many times the problem can be minimized or eliminated if the communication is forwarded to the appropriate person. I am including here some "Do's and Don'ts" for Grand Lodge Communication:

### DO ...

- Send requests for Dispensation and communication intended for the Grand Secretary's Office to Brother Tom Wilder, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Secretary, at the following email: [adminassistant@nymasons.org](mailto:adminassistant@nymasons.org)
- Include other appropriate persons on the email, i.e., the Grand Marshal when sending communication to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Marshal for the Deputy Grand Master and the Admin-

istrative Assistant, Tom Wilder, for the Grand Secretary.

- Always include your DDGM on all communication with Grand Lodge to ensure I am in a position to assist you should any problems arise.
- Give yourself and Grand Lodge enough time and avoid last-minute requests.
- Always be courteous and professional in all communications. Anything else will result in the opposite of what you are hoping to accomplish.


### Do NOT ...

- Send an email to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or Grand Secretary expecting an immediate response if you have an urgent matter, as they may be out of the office or not available at the time.
- Send Dispensation requests to the Grand Secretary without including his Administrative Assistant.
- Wait until the last minute to send requests to Grand Lodge expecting quick response and resolution of the problem.
- Proceed with any Degree work without a formal Dispensation from the Grand Master, as this is a violation of Masonic Law and could result in serious consequences for your Lodge.
- Express your frustration in an email as this is always counterproductive to what you are attempting to accomplish.
- Send anonymous or emails without including your full name, title, Lodge number, address and contact information, including address and phone number, as you may need to be contacted via means other than email at times.
- Leave your DDGM out of any communication with Grand Lodge as he may be able to assist you in case difficulties or problems arise.

I hope these tips will help you with your communications and interface with Grand Lodge and remember that your District Leadership Team is here to help you. Let the DDGM know of any problems you have as soon as possible, before you try to take matters into your own hands and contact the Grand Master. It is better for me to be aware of the situation when I receive a phone call from the Grand Master.

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

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By R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz

I have taken up reading *Morals and Dogma*, by Brother Albert Pike. It can be a difficult book to read. I feel as if I were reading James Joyce's *Ulysses* all over again. I do come across a passage that makes sense to me. I'll show you what I mean, but first ... Who is Albert Pike? For a quick biographical sketch, I checked *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry*, by Ill. Brother S. Brent Morris, 33°.

Brother Morris, in his book, relates the following - Brother Pike lived during the 19th Century. Apparently Brother Pike was blessed with a high I.Q. He completed two years at Harvard at the age of 15 years old. Due to a dispute he had with the University over tuition, Brother Pike dropped out of school and headed West - eventually settling in Arkansas.

Brother Pike was a self-made man. He studied Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England, and passed the Arkansas bar. He would go on to become a newspaper publisher, accomplished litigator and would later serve the Confederacy. Brother Pike's views of black people reflected the thinking of his time. On one hand he vowed to leave Freemasonry if he had to refer to black Freemasons as Brothers, but, on the other hand, he supported Prince Hall Freemasonry. He spoke out against slavery, but kept slaves of his own. The Brother was complicated.

Brother Pike's position as a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army would nearly cost him his citizenship. With the ending of the Civil War, Brother Pike petitioned President Lincoln for amnesty. In return, a warrant was issued for his arrest because of the actions of those

under his command. Brother Pike fled to Canada to avoid being arrested. As a testament to his standing, he was able to secure an amnesty granted by President Johnson. Brother Pike managed to pull this off roughly four months after he fled to Canada. Upon his return to the U.S., he swore an oath of allegiance. Interestingly, he later declined a full pardon.

Brother Pike became a Mason when he was forty-one (41) years old. He received the Scottish Rite Degrees; communicated to him by a leading light in our Craft, Dr. Albert Mackey. Brother Pike would go on to revise the Degrees of the Rite, and would later become a Grand Commander in Scottish Rite.

Despite the difficulty in my understanding what Brother Pike is telling me, I do come across a passage that's written as if it were yesterday. Here is an example... "When the thirst for wealth becomes general, it will be sought for as well dishonestly as honestly; by frauds and overreachings, by the knaveries of trade, the heartlessness of greedy speculation, by gambling in stocks and commodities that soon demoralizes a whole community.

"Men will speculate upon the needs of their neighbors and the distresses of their country. Bubbles that, bursting, impoverish multitudes, will be blown up by cunning knavery, with stupid credulity as its assistant and instrument. Huge bankruptcies, that startle a country like the earthquakes, and are more fatal, fraudulent assignments, engulfment of the savings of the poor, expansions and collapses of the currency, the crash of banks, the depreciation of Government securities, prey on the savings of self-denial, ... If his country is fighting by a levy en masse for her very existence, he aids her by depreciating her paper, so that he may accumulate fabulous amounts with little outlay. If his neighbor is distressed, he buys his property for a song. If he administers upon an estate, it turns out insolvent, and the orphans are paupers. If his bank explodes, he is found to have taken care of himself in time." P. 68, AASR edition, Southern Jurisdiction, see [www.archive.org/details/moralsdogmaofanc00pikeiala](http://www.archive.org/details/moralsdogmaofanc00pikeiala)

I hope to see as many of you as can make both the *Masonic Development Course* (December 3rd) and the *Road to the East* (February 18th and February 25th)

I wish each and every one of you and your families, the blessings of this Holiday Season. To be continued ... □

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By R.:W.: George Foehner

I attended a Table Lodge at Oatka Lodge. It was a terrific time; food was great and the fellowship was out of this world. Then last month, the District received an Award from the Ronald McDonald House. What a wonderful October for the District.


But now it is time to get down to business and direct our energy to the Have-a-Heart Campaign. The schedules are done and the Lodges and Concordant Bodies are being notified as to dates and times for reporting to work. I will finalize the remaining items on the Have-a-Heart Agenda, which includes many personal visits to our sponsors and malls to make sure we will have our good locations.

I have received some great responses and sense the Lodges are eager to get started, as I travel throughout the District. We need your support more than ever this year as we are only running a fourteen-day Campaign.

In closing, I thank everyone for their cooperation and support during the District Team's recent Official Visits.

Wishing one and all a Happy Holiday Season.

"A Proud Mason" □




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#### District Round Up

The September School of Ritual was held at Unity Lodge Hall. Thank you to Unity for hosting this event. The topic for the evening was the First Section of the 1st Degree.

The race is on for the 2011-2012 School of Ritual Attendance Banner. The top Lodges in the running are Webster, Unity, Inspiration and Fairport-Flower City Lodges.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held October 17th. Congratulations to Inspiration, Union Star and Webster Lodges for earning the Howard Potts Award. This required that their top seven sitting Officers be in attendance at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. The



R.:W.: Charles Toombs, Grand Lecturer, witnessed the transfer of the Attendance Banner at last month's Convention from W.: Roger Lynch, Master of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge to W.: Paul Kolacki, Master of Webster Lodge.

Masters will be presented the Howard Potts Award at Grand Lodge in May.

Congratulations to Webster Lodge for receiving the Attendance Banner for the Grand Lecturer's Convention.

#### Upcoming Plans

The next School of Ritual will be held on Monday, January 31st at Webster Lodge Hall. We are looking to change the Program and try something new. The work for the evening will be the Degree Lectures. We are planning to cover the Standard Work, Floor Work and also discuss the interesting history of these Lectures.

At the March School of Ritual, we will be holding a Monroe District Ritual Competition. Ritual Competitions have been held elsewhere in the State with great success and we would like to have a similar event in our District. Stay tuned for the additional details.

We wish you all an enjoyable Holiday Season. □

### Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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To all new Officers of Monroe Lodges, Concordant Bodies and to the Grand Lodge Officers ... please call me at 889-4725 to plan your Masonic Safety Events for your Trestleboards, schedule the equipment and to appoint your Lodge's new CHIPS Coordinators. We have STILL only heard from a few Lodges so if each Master were to appoint a Chairperson for their Lodge, we would have a Masonic force to set up and deliver a high-quality Child ID Program that could really serve the community.

There has recently been a renewed interest in the program. Regrettably, Sean Brown has stepped down as Training Coordinator. Sean served for three years in this role but due to family commitments, is unable to continue at this time.

If anyone would like to help Rick Downs and me with training, your efforts would be appreciated.

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the Program and involvement from your Lodge!!! We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at [datubman@yahoo.com](mailto:datubman@yahoo.com), or [rdowns@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rdowns@rochester.rr.com). You can contact Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you have questions or suggestions. □

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I hope our Canadian Brothers had a great Thanksgiving last month in much better and warmer weather - a miscue on my part not to remember some Canadian holidays that are different than ours. I recall all the great trips to Canada to visit family for their Thanksgivings in October and the bad times when we tried to go in November to share ours. There will be overnight stays along the way North because of snowstorms; members of my family getting sick or hurt; and return trips by bus or train because of the troubles.



V.:W.: Hugh Woodside (left) with Father, W.: William W. Woodside, Jr.

#### A Special Presentation

At our October 24th meeting, Worshipful William W. Woodside, Jr. presented his son, Very Worshipful Hugh H. Woodside, the Lewis Jewel from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. It is awarded to a Master Mason Initiated in a New Jersey Lodge when his father is a member of a Lodge in New Jersey and in good standing at the time of his son's Initiation.

Worshipful William W. Woodside, Jr. was not only in good standing but he occupied the East of Congdon-Overlook Lodge No. 163 at all three Degrees for his son. Congratulations, Hugh, on making your father a very proud and happy man and Brother by following in his footsteps.

The Trestleboard, is a list of misinformation. If a meeting is canceled due to inclement weather, it will be broadcast on WHAM Radio and Channel 13 TV in Rochester. The Degree will move to the next scheduled meeting night, if possible.



Fairport-Flower City Lodge recipient of Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. (From left) W.: Tom Goodrich; Ill.: Joe Bourcy; W.: Sy Kopen; Mark Soeth, Recipient; Ill.: Peter Samiec; R.:W.: Jim Sullivan and R.:W.: George Nasra.

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December 12th is a Summated Meeting. No dinner that night due to the Questions and Answers that need to be addressed along with short reports.

#### Upcoming Events

January 2nd and 5th - Rehearsals for the 3rd Degree, 7 p.m.

January 9th - 3rd Degree. Social Gathering - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

January 23rd - Business Meeting and "Walk-About" for the new Brothers

Remember those in need of our thoughts and help. □

### Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476

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

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Greetings to one and all. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Just one meeting in December. W.: Bernie Lazerson will host a Family Latke Hop on December 12th. This is open to Brothers, family and friends. This has been a fun experience of the Jewish tradition and should prove to be again. Please let Brother Bernie know how many to plan for at 271-7446.

#### Sickness and Distress

W.: Sy Kopen, our Master, is being treated for a blood clot in his liver. No sign of cancer, but he is in great discomfort. You know he isn't feeling well when he hasn't sent any good emails. Pray for a quick recovery and send a card or give him a call at 703-8181.

A Pub Crawl in Fairport was enjoyed by several Brothers in early November. It is always enjoyable to spend leisure time with fellow Lodge members.

#### December Birthdays

December is an awkward month to have a birthday, but the following Brothers celebrate another candle on the cake:

Warren Reigelsperger (4th), Robert Robbins (5th), Harold Goodwin (6th), Alan Libglid (7th), Tom Goodrich (8th), Ellis Hormats (10th), Gary Moore, Mike Morris, Murray Russell and Dave Taber (12th), Jay Stubbings (18th), Morton Stein (19th), Harold Davis and Stanley Steinberg (20th), Irwin Rosenbloom (22nd), Scott Clemons, David MacIntyre and Peter Moore (23rd), William Gerber (24th), Carl Mosher (28th), Martin Lukacher (29th) and Bernard Weltman (30th). We wish for a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

We wish for all of you a wonderful experience during the coming Holy Days! These are days of family, fellowship and sharing. God bless!!! □

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

December 2011

**Shrine and Divan Meetings**

**Dinner Reservations Required**

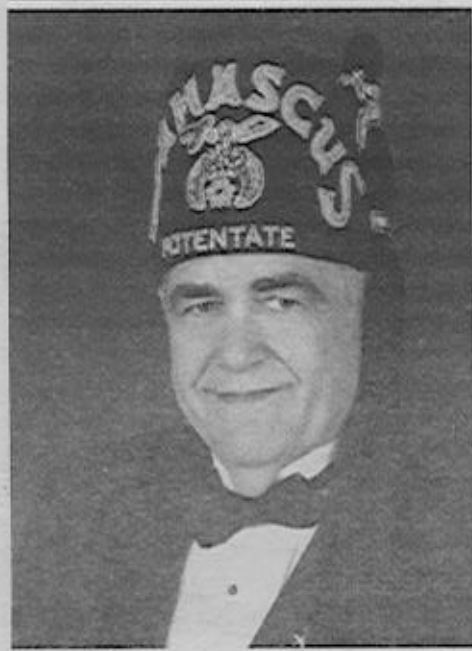
**Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565 by Monday NOON**

**Shrine Office Hours**

**Monday — Friday**

**9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.**

**Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org**



**RICH FRIEDMAN  
POTENTATE**

As I sit down to write this article, I find it amazing how fast time goes when you are having fun. Joanne and I had a great time in 2011 and we owe it all to YOU, the Shrine Masons of Damascus Temple. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your caring, commitment and loyalty to Damascus. Words cannot adequately describe how much pride I feel about all of you.

**Annual Meeting**

December will be a fine culmination to this year. We begin on December 7th with our Annual Meeting and Elections. This evening will be "July in December" ... commencing with a Summer Bar-B-Que, consisting of Bar-B-Que Chicken, Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions, Coleslaw, Macaroni Salad and Dessert — all for \$12. Dinner is at 6 p.m.; meeting will follow.

After a wonderful meal, we will conduct our Annual Meeting where our new Leadership Team will be elected and the first reading of the Budget for 2012 will take place.

We will also be doing a Temple of Remembrance Ceremony for all departed Nobles. This is a tiled meeting.

**Knickerbocker Ceremonial**

December 10th will be a very special day for Damascus. We will perform our Knickerbocker Ceremonial on our Fall Class of Candidates, dedicated to class sponsor, Timmy Kelly, who will be in attendance for this event.

Timmy is a special young man and anyone who attends this event will have a very warm feeling of pride in our part of making Timmy's life what it is now. You will be amazed and moved by this young man and his family. Truly, Nobles, you do not want to miss this one!

**Geneva Holiday Party**

December 17th is the famous Geneva Holiday Party. See the ad elsewhere in this issue for details. This is a great event and one you and your Lady will really enjoy.

**New Year's Eve Party**

The year literally ends on New Year's Eve with a party at the Shrine Center. Just a kick back for a no-stress party. We hope you can join us! See the ad elsewhere for details.

**Moving On ...**

My Brothers, I want you to understand how I feel about Gary Burke and the year 2012 for Damascus. Few Potentates have ever been blessed as I was having Chief Rabban, Gary Burke, as the Second-in-Command of Damascus. Gary is a great man and Mason, supported by a great Lady, Deb. Gary will provide a great year for all of us and he is just the guy to do it!

I ask that any of you reading this who enjoyed this year to put your shoulder behind the wheel for Gary and the rest of the Leadership Team in 2012. We have a young Divan, motivated and energetic who are primed and ready to keep Damascus going in the right direction.

I intend to support Gary with everything I have. He has become a very special person to me, not just in our Shrine interactions, but as a Man and Brother.

Gary deserves our support. Can we give it to him? LET'S DO IT!



**CHIEF RABBAN**

*By Gary Burke, Chief Rabban*

As you read this article, we will be into the Holiday Season; Deb and I extend our sincere wishes that each of you have a very enjoyable Season, making memories with family and friends that will last well into the future.

**Installation of Officers**

Speaking of memories that will last, I remind each of you that the Damascus Shrine Masons Installation of Officers will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. This will be an OPEN Installation that will afford each of us the opportunity to invite friends and family. It would also be a great time to invite a potential member or two, as well.

**"Shell-a-Buck" Steak Dinner**

The dinner will be the famous "Shell-a-Buck" Steak Dinner with all the fixings, prepared by our Brothers of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. It's rumored they have already been planning and preparing for this dinner for some time. So if you hold a 2012 Dues card, your dinner will be just one (\$1) buck. All others will be \$15. As always, Social Hour will begin at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the Open Installation at 7 p.m.

We will be joined by our very dear friend - the Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: James Sullivan. We will have to hold a very brief meeting of the Nobles at the conclusion of the Installation to vote on and adopt the Budget for 2012.

**Make Your Reservations Now!**

So don't wait, call in your reservation

tions to the Recorder's Office at (585) 671-7701 or the Reservation Line (585) 671-3565 no later than Noon on Friday, December 30th, so our Brother of Fairport-Flower City Lodge won't have to work on New Year's Day.

**New Year's Eve Party**

Speaking of New Year's Day, have you made plans to go any place to celebrate New Year's Eve? Why not join us at the Shrine Center as your Potentate and First Lady, Rich and Joanne Friedman, and my Lady, Debi, and I say farewell to 2011 and welcome in 2012. See details of the party elsewhere in this publication.

**Let's Grow Membership**

As we move into next year, I would emphasize that membership will continue to be a major push for Damascus. You have done a tremendous job this year; let's keep the momentum going in 2012.

I would charge each of our new Nobles who joined this year, to reach out to those Brothers who you know, who are not yet Shrine Masons and encourage them to become a part of the world's greatest philanthropy. Share with them the opportunity to enjoy the fun and fellowship of Damascus. Encourage them to be a part of helping the one million kids through our wonderful hospital system.

This charge to reach out to our non-Shrine Brothers extends to each and every member of Damascus as well. Don't stop asking now. Be a part of our membership growth. Every part of Damascus should focus on a goal of a 5% growth factor. That would be an overall gain of 5% for Damascus, as well as each club or unit. So take a look at your segment and make your goal to increase membership by that amount, or maybe even a bit more.

There will be a membership incentive announced in the next issue that I believe will make you look good! You will hear a lot from me about the IRR factor as I make my way around this next year. We need each of you to be Involved as we work on the Retention of members and Restoration of those who we lost for whatever reason.

We have had a great team on the 2011 Divan and as we move into 2012, I'm confident you will agree we have equally talented and dedicated individuals who have the best interest of Shrine and in particular, Damascus in their hearts. But the Divan can't do it alone; they need only a handful of Nobles doing the best they can. We need your support.

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## Summons

You are hereby summoned to attend the regular monthly meeting of Damascus Shrine

**December 7th, 2011**

**7:00 p.m.**

for the purpose of

**Election of Officers**

for Damascus Shrine for the year 2012

### Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

**December 7th - 7 p.m.**

**"July in December" Dinner - 6 p.m.**

**\$12 per person**

**Bar-B-Que Chicken**

**Italian Sausage w/ Peppers & Onions**

**Coleslaw ~ Macaroni Salad ~ Dessert**

Reservations are a MUST for event. Call the office at (585) 671-7701 to make your reservations or email our Recorder, Pat Mulrooney, at recorder@damascusshriners.org



**Burke, Chief Rabban**

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Your support in attending the various events planned during the year is vital; your support for the fundraising activities for Damascus as well as the Hospitals is critical. We can plan and execute what we believe to be the greatest events, but without your support, they're nothing! Be

a part of it all; don't sit on the sidelines.

In closing, I would say we also welcome your comments and suggestions as to how we can improve Damascus, whether it be an event or operationally. Communicate with us so we can grow and prosper. "Together we can" make it happen. □

**Party at the Shrine  
New Year's Eve**

Join Potentate Rich Friedman & First Lady Joanne  
along with  
Chief Rabban Gary Burke & Lady Debi

As we bid farewell to 2011 and welcome in 2012

**Saturday, December 31st**

All this for only \$28 per person,  
\$5 per child (12 and under) ... maximum \$10  
Delicious buffet dinner served at 7 p.m.

Dance the night away to the sounds of our very own Rick Howe  
8 p.m. to Midnight

Enjoy a late-night dessert, then welcome in the New Year!

*Of course, everyone will be given the usual party hats  
and noise makers expected for a party of this nature  
... especially a Shrine party!*

*Dress casually; be comfortable and ready to party the night away. (No Eez)*

**Bring the Kids, if you choose ...**

*For our younger parents who have children, we will have movies in the Lodge  
Room and you can check in on them (or they on you) at any time, knowing they  
are just a few feet away while you can enjoy the party. Bring a sleeping bag, blanket  
and pillow or whatever makes them comfortable while watching the movies or even  
dozing off a bit.*

Reservations required by Wednesday, December 21st. Send a  
check for amount due, reserve using the website or call the Reservation  
Line at (585) 671-3565. Provide the number of adults and  
children attending. Pre-payment is preferred, but not required.

**Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles:**

**Rev Hugh B. Chittenden**  
*November 14, 2011*

**Charles W. Westfall**  
*November 6, 2011*

**Charles H. Holliday, Jr.**  
*November 11, 2011*

**Carl F. Mason, Jr.**  
*November 19, 2011*

**Damascus Legion of Honor  
Holiday Party**

**Wednesday, December 14th**

at Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 5:00 p.m.  
(Hors d'oeuvres ... Cash Bar)

Sit Down/Served Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Roast Beef \* Mashed Potatoes \* Vegetable Rolls &  
Butter \* Coffee & Tea \* Dessert

**\$12 per person**

RSVP no later than December 9th  
Call (585) 436-8216

**December 10th**

**Knickerbocker Ceremonial Day at Damascus**

Registration - 4 p.m. \* \* \* Ceremonial - 4:30 p.m.

This will be a special event given the presence of Timmy Kelly, one our best known Shriners Patients. Timmy has done it all despite a tremendous amount of adversity in his life. This is an Open Event; Ladies invited.

Ceremonial Day at Damascus will be a memorable one. Timmy Kelly and his family will be in attendance and his story is so moving. It is, as his father, Tim, says, "Nothing short of a miracle."

A dinner follows the Ceremonial ...  
Chicken French  
Angel Hair Pasta w/ Broccoli, in a Garlic Parmesan Sauce  
Tossed Salad ~ Bread and Butter ~ Dessert

Cost \$12 per person

Reservations are a MUST for event. Call the office at (585) 671-7701  
to make your reservations or email our Recorder, Pat  
Mulrooney, at recorder@damascusshriners.org

**December Birthdays**

David Benda	David Hatch	F. Murray Russell
Clarence Bogardus	Harold Herman	Robert Selbert
Mark Broyles	James Holman	James Showman
Geoffrey Buell	Robert Kennedy	George Simon
Stephen Campbell	Paul Kolacki	Timothy Slater
Dennis Carroll	Daniel Lewis	Dean Smith
Philip Cox	Henry Libera	Fred Smith
Robert Cox	Richard Lippincott	Frederick Stahl
Allan Cragg	David Locke	David Taber
Raymond Crandall	Frederick Ludwig	David Upham
M. Donald Darrohn III	Robert Mattick	Thomas Vasile
Harold Davis	Alvin Metcalf	Robert Verbridge
Daniel Emerson	G. Michael Morris	Lance Ward
Delbert Fix	Donald Osborne	Joseph Watson
Earl Gorton	Earl Pearce	Edwin Wiitala
Richard Green	Kenneth Pollard	Russel Williams
Roy Hamilton	Bradley Rathbun	William Williamson
James Harding	Charles Rouse	J. Peter Yendell

**DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2011**

**DECEMBER**

	7th	Damascus Summoned Meeting - Election of Officers -
	9th	CALL OUT - Shriners at Rochester Airport to greet Timmy Kelly who will arrive at 5 p.m. We need a bunch of Nobles in their Fezzes to greet Timmy. This event WILL bring media coverage.
	10th	Timmy Kelly Ceremonial
	17th	Geneva Holiday Party

**JANUARY**

	4th	Damascus Meeting - Installation of Officers
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**Legion of Honor to Retire US Flags**

*By John R. Faro, PC*

The Damascus Shrine Legion of Honor has undertaken the task of retiring your US Flags. If you have an American Flag in disrepair and it should be retired, please bring it to the Shrine Center at 979 Bay Road, Webster, and leave it in the container provided in the NORTH FOYER. Please see that it is folded so it will fit in the container provided.

The Legion of Honor is currently preparing a program for the retirement of flags. Hopefully the ceremony will take place as near to Flag Day, June 14th, as possible. Look for particulars in your future *Damascus News* and **Masonic Times**. In closing, to paraphrase John Muir, "In every walk through Masonry, one finds more than he seeks." □





## Mark Your Calendar ... Don't Miss the Fun, Food and Friendship!!

*New!* *New!* *New!*

### Western New York Shrine "Reunion"

**Tuesday, February 7th**  
11 a.m. 'til ... Lunch at 12:30 p.m.  
at Punta Gorda Elks Club

*on the beautiful Peace River*  
25538 Shore Drive  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
Ph: (941) 637-2606

**Cost: \$12.50 per person**  
Price includes tax and gratuity plus  
Coffee, Iced Tea and Dessert

Choose from the following Entrées ...

- 1) Chef's Salad w/Roll
- 2) Club Sandwich w/Chips
- 3) Reuben Sandwich w/Chips
- 4) Chicken Sandwich w/Fries & Coleslaw

Reservations are **REQUIRED** by January 30th

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Name of Your Shrine Center \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: **McKinley Gath**  
and Send to: McKinley Gath  
5061 San Rocco Ct  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
Ph: (941) 639-9464

**Hope to see you there! Thanks!**

## Geneva 2011 Christmas Party

Annual Christmas Party

### Saturday, December 17th

All Welcome

For All Shriners, Masons, Their Ladies and Their Guests

**Club 86 - Avenue E, Geneva**

5:30 p.m. - Hors D'Oeuvres - Personality Adjustment  
7 p.m. - Dinner Served

Entree Choices:

**Prime Rib**  
**Baked 1/2 Chicken or**  
**Broiled White Fish**

All dinners include soup, salad and dessert; Coffee and Service

**Price \$90 per Couple**

Please Specify Your Dinner Choice - Tables of 8 or 10

7 p.m.-10 p.m. - Music and Dancing with the great 14-piece band ...

### For Dancers Only

10 p.m. - Venetian Table

Raffles and Prizes \* \* \* Have your picture taken with Santa

**Reservations by Tuesday, December 13th**

Send Checks to: **Geneva Shrine Club**  
3394 Sutton Rd; Geneva, NY 14456

Accommodations Available with Special Prices for Shriners  
Ramada Inn Lakefront, Geneva (315) 789-0400  
\$65 per night with transportation provided to and from the party.

## Giving at Erie ...



At the October meeting of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, Damascus Board Representative, Terry Wihlen, (left) presented the Hospital with various donations totaling \$719. Accepting the check is Tom Foose, Chairman of the Hospital Board.

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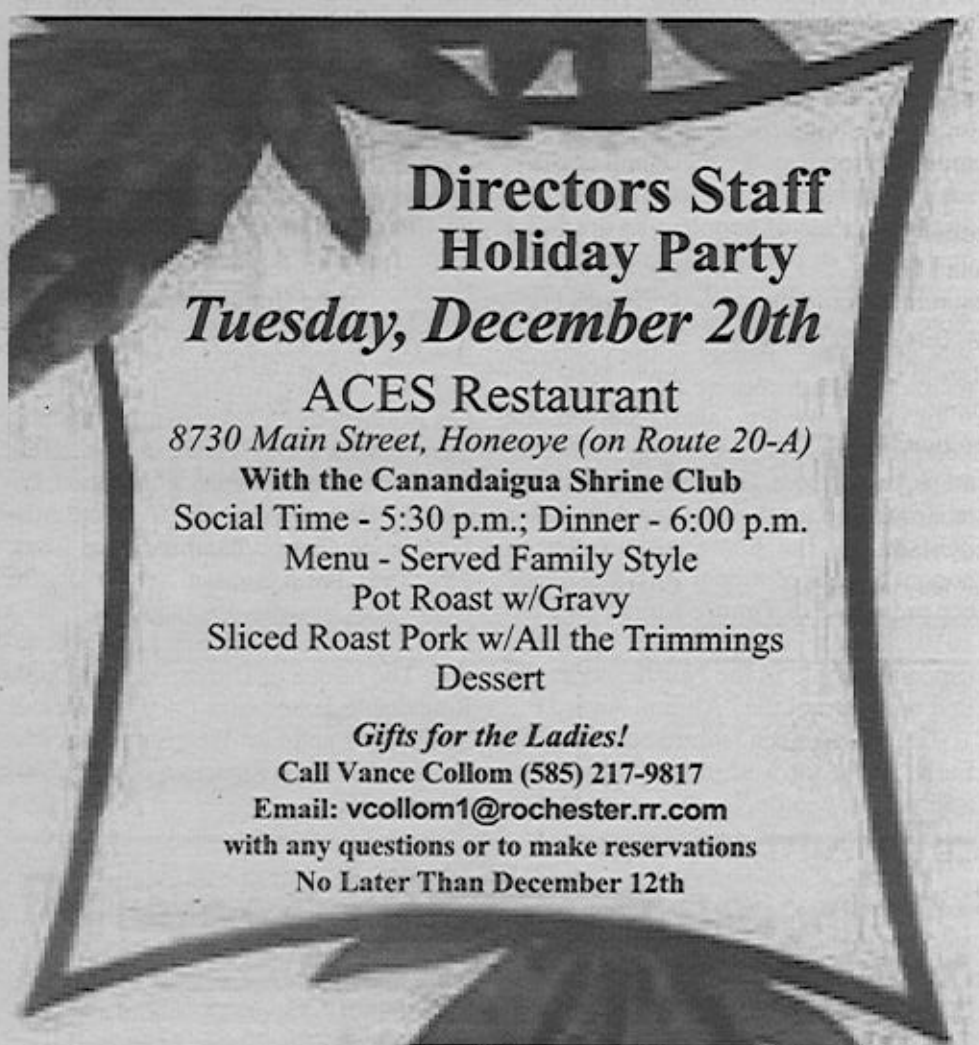
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## Directors Staff Holiday Party

### Tuesday, December 20th

**ACES Restaurant**

8730 Main Street, Honeoye (on Route 20-A)

With the Canandaigua Shrine Club

Social Time - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Menu - Served Family Style

Pot Roast w/Gravy

Sliced Roast Pork w/All the Trimmings

Dessert

*Gifts for the Ladies!*

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No Later Than December 12th



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## Meet the Damascus Class Sponsor Fall 2011



**Timmy Kelly**

Timmy Kelly loves life. He loves life so much he couldn't wait to get started. Timmy was born very premature at 26 weeks, weighing only 1 lb 15 oz at birth. He spent his first four months at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). When he was only 9 days old he underwent the first surgery on his heart. At 3 months old, he began having problems with his eyes. Despite numerous surgeries on his eyes, Timmy was diagnosed with blindness. At 18 months he was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy.

You might think that being blind and having Cerebral Palsy would be a major setback; not so for Timmy Kelly. These were only proven to be a "bump in the road". It was clear from the beginning that Timmy would be a fighter. Timmy is now 18 years old and has undergone 26 different surgeries.

Timmy is the youngest blind child in the history of the School District of Philadelphia to be mainstreamed. He attended kindergarten through third grade in the Philadelphia School District where he learned to read and write Braille. He was required to complete all assignments in Braille. Timmy is currently a Senior, Honor Student at Lower Moreland High School in Huntingdon Valley, PA. He has been selected as part of "Who's Who among Outstanding Middle School Students in America." In addition to "typical school work," Timmy has orientation and mobility, occupational therapy, physical therapy and vision support. He also participates in chorus and drama class and has acted in the school plays.

On November 10, 2004, Timmy received the 45th Annual Louis Braille Award, presented by the Associated Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. "Over the past 45 years, Associated Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired has celebrated the accomplishments of people who are blind or visually impaired and the efforts or organizations and individuals to promote independence for those with a visual disability." Timmy is the youngest recipient to ever receive this award.

In 2004, Timmy also received the Learning through Listening Achievement Award from The Philadelphia Unit of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D). "The first annual award in honor of an exceptional RFB&D member presented to Timmy Kelly." In June 2010, Timmy was honored by SPIN (Special People in the Northeast) as the first recipient of the "Alumni Award."

Timmy has been featured on the CBS Early Show on a segment called "Extraordinary People."

Timmy has been gifted with "the voice of an angel." He performed his first solo at age four at his pre-kindergarten graduation ceremony. Since that time he has developed quite an impressive resume. Here are some of the highlights:



**Timmy and Beyonce**

- Philadelphia Eagles - Timmy is well known in and around the Delaware Valley for his performances of the National Anthem for the Philadelphia Eagles Football Team. He first sang for the Eagles when he was only 10. Since then, Timmy sings at least once a year and is the "go to guy" for the playoffs. One of his most memorable experiences was singing the National Anthem at the NFC Championship Game for the Eagles vs. Atlanta Falcons. It was a frigid day in January, with a 5-degree temperature, wind gusts of 35 to 40 mph and actively snowing at game time. It was indeed a challenge, but one that Timmy handled as a true professional. Of course the Eagles won and went on to the Super Bowl.

- Philadelphia Phillies, including a performance of God Bless America in Game Five of the National League Champions Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2009.
- Timmy has performed at the Irish Festival in Wildwood, NJ, for the past several years, singing a variety of Irish favorites. He was also the Grand Marshal for the Parade as well.

In addition to singing, Timmy has also delivered motivational speeches throughout the Country for the Shriners Organization - including North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, California, Texas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, Maine, Kansas and Oklahoma.

As a way of "giving back to the community," Timmy performs at numerous charitable events including the following:

Maxwell Football Awards in Atlantic City New Jersey; Coaches vs Cancer in Philadelphia (2011 Timmy opened for Frankie Valli); President George W. Bush; First Lady, Mrs. Laura Bush; Governor Ed Rendell's Inaugurations (2003, 2007); Live on Good Morning America; Opened for Jonas Brothers in Philadelphia; Philadelphia Saint Patrick's Day Parade (since 2003); The United Cerebral Palsy Foundation; Eagles Fly for Leukemia; Dr. Theodore Atlas Foundation (Teddy Atlas) in Staten Island New York; The Associated Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Michael's Way Foundation; The Sunshine Foundation; The March of Dimes; Million-Dollar Roundtable Foundation (New Orleans & San Diego); and East West Shrine Football Games (2005 San Francisco CA and 2007 Houston TX).

## Imperial First Lady's Program

From experience, First Lady Patty Severe knows that children who sustain burn injuries need the very best care from trained and well-versed physicians, nurses and supporting clinical staff.

As noted in the *Journal of Burn Care & Research* and *Journal of Burn Care Reha-*

*bilitation*, there are concerns in the medical community about the future availability of a sufficient number of surgeons and nurses specializing in burn treatment. In addition, burn specialty care is not available in a formalized program, as nurses are taught on the job.

## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

2012? Yes, I know this is the last issue of 2011, I'm not getting ahead of myself. And yes, I do know you can still make reservations for the Shrine Christmas Party and I'm not going to give all that information again.

### So what about 2012?

Your Auburn Shrine Club REALLY wants YOUR input. ... Where would you like to see us meet this coming year? ... What price range should we be shooting for? ... Do you have an idea for programs and/or speakers?

This is our club. We want people to be active and attend our functions with enthusiasm. In order to do this, we need to hear from you. Yes, you. Haven't you said to yourself there is that special program you would like us to put on? Haven't you said, "Why don't we dine at \_\_\_\_\_?"

OK, now that you're thinking ... Remember, that special place must be open on Monday nights.

We are looking for programs that aren't expensive. And we want to do things YOU want to do.

### Call us ...

Jim Kahn (315) 253-2508  
John Cambareri (315) 253-0997  
Ken Pollard (315) 889-5053  
Chuck Minster (315) 364-7528  
Larry Pritchard (315) 252-4309  
Dave Bowman (315) 253-3947

### Write us ...

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We will be meeting this month. So PLEASE do it now! Thanks and see you in 2012! □

## Springfield News ...

By Ken Pollard

Greetings from the Shriners Hospital for Children®-Springfield. The Holiday Season is here and we wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

This is a busy time for our Hospital. Besides the regular activities, our staff is continuing to meet with the Baystate Hospital, also in Springfield, to find ways the two hospitals can work closer together to gain efficiency, save money and improve the medical care we provide to our children. This is an ongoing project and will take time to complete. Meanwhile, we are busy.

Springfield ranks third among all 22 Shrine Hospitals in the number of new patients with 2,000 since the first of the year and third in the number of outpatient visits with 12,000 so far in 2011. We lost a skilled surgeon in the Fall and this has affected the number of operations that have been performed since then. The average cost for each patient discharged runs between \$10,000 and \$16,000. Spinal operations are the most expensive and we do a large number of them because we have the surgical team who can do these delicate procedures.



For these reasons, First Lady Patty's goal is to raise funds and develop an educational fellowship for all medical professionals entering the burn reconstruction field. This fellowship will allow each medical professional to spend time at one of the four Shriners Hospitals for Children® that specializes in burn care, and learn the necessary treatment protocols and models of practice from their peers.

To support this program, make a donation using our secure online Order Form or send a completed Order Form to:

### Third-Party Pay Program

The Third-Party Pay Program is going well in that we have received \$1.6 million dollars since the program started. It is expected that this source of revenue will continue to grow.

Please note ... Shriners must understand that insurance coverage is not required for a patient to come to a Shrine Hospital. We still accept patients who do not have insurance and will continue to do so. However, if the child does have insurance coverage, then we will accept the coverage.

### It's Been an Honor ...

It has been my privilege to represent Damascus Temple on the Springfield Board of Governors for the past 11 years - 9 as a voting member. This means I must go off the Board according to Shrine Law. I will be an Emeritus Member of the Board. Damascus will be well represented on the Springfield Board by Lance Ward, PP, as the voting member and by David Bowman as the Associate Member. Both are vitally interested in the Shrine Hospitals and will represent us well.

I wish everyone a very Happy and Joyous Holiday. □

One of the highlights of my time on the Springfield Board was the presentation of the \$1,000,000 gift to the Shrine Hospitals by the late Noble Clinton Clark. Clint was a member of Damascus Temple and the Auburn Shrine Club for many years. He was also vitally interested in the Shrine Hospitals. At the dedication of his gift, above Paul Schenck, Clint's Nephew, made the presentation to the Hospital. Ken Pollard, John Reynolds and Lance Ward were also in attendance. Damascus Temple has other plaques with names of members, or former members, of our Temple on the Wall of Honor of the Hospital.

Shriners International Headquarters  
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PO Box 31356; Tampa, FL 33631

With each donation of \$25, you will receive your choice of a lady's beautiful pin or a gentleman's handsome tie (pictured right). An optional golden 18" chain, for those who wish to convert the pin to a necklace, is available for an additional \$10 donation. Multiple quantities can be ordered. □







## Springfield Pilot for a Day

On October 1st, William Bullis, Jr., an orthopedic patient from New York and his family participated in the Pilot-for-a-Day Program. This Program is a collaborative effort between Westover Air Force Base and Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Springfield. This give-back-to-the-community day is specially designed to meet the needs of our patients as they are "sworn in" and participate as a C-5 pilot for the day.

Just a few of the fun events planned for the patient and their family include:

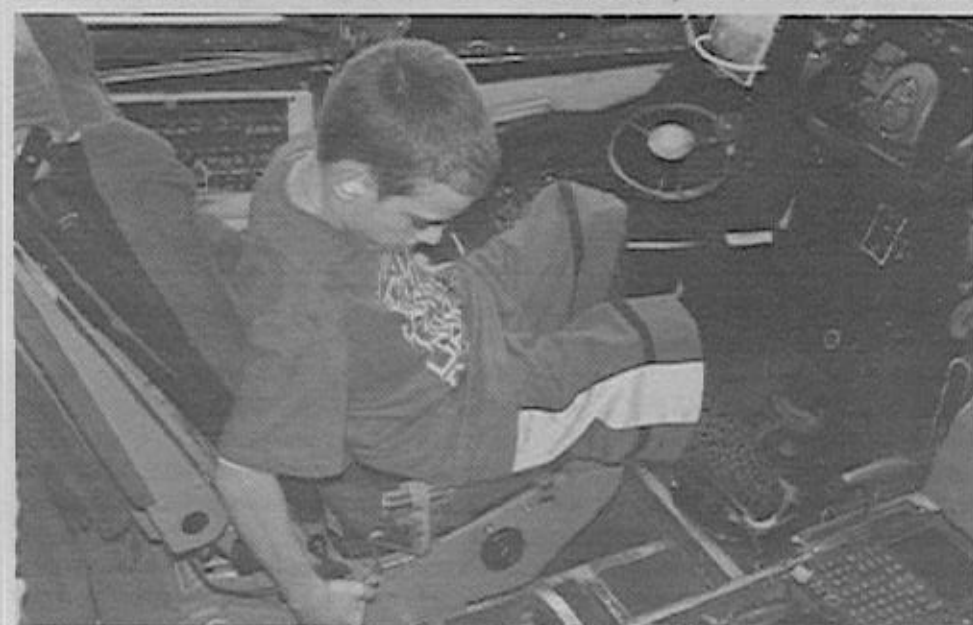
- Piloting a C-5 Flight Simulator to Hawaii or Alaska
- Climbing the control tower – one of



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- Tour the Fire Department and participate in water cannon practice
- Security briefing as it pertains to an Air Force Base
- Tour of an actual C-5 plane
- Front-seat view of multiple vehicles used on Westover
- Custom flight jacket, embroidered with name
- Standing ovation at Wing Commander's Call in front of 2000 Reservists

Thank you, Westover Air Force Base for this wonderful experience for our patients and their families!



## Shriners International Personal Essay Contest

By Jack H. Jones, Imperial Recorder  
Executive Vice-President

We know every Shriner has a story to tell. The 140th Anniversary of Shriners International is quickly approaching in 2012 and this is the perfect time to reflect on our rich history. We cannot think of a better way to do so, than by listening to the voices of the men who have made this organization so well loved and respected.

Shriners International is hosting a "Personal Essay Contest" that is open to all Shriners. Help us commemorate the 140th Anniversary of Shriners International by sharing your memories. Both Shriner and non-Shriner-affiliated judges will read all personal essay submissions anonymously and vote for the top three essays.

Winners will receive a plaque and pin; both the Shriner and his Temple will be acknowledged at the 138th Imperial Session in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 2012 in the presence of their fellow Nobles. The top three essays will appear in a commemorative anniversary coffee table book that will also premiere at Session.

**Change in Deadline Date**  
Essays must be submitted to: [shrinepr@shrinenet.org](mailto:shrinepr@shrinenet.org) by **January 31, 2012**. For a complete list of rules and guidelines, visit: [www.shrinersvillage.com](http://www.shrinersvillage.com) or call (813) 281-8162.

### Personal Essay Contest Rules and Guidelines

1. Your essay must be typed and double-spaced.
2. It must not exceed 1,500 words.
3. All essays must be non-fiction.
4. Must be a Shriner in good standing.

5. You must not include any personal names in your essay.
6. Each applicant must only submit one essay. It must be the original work of the submitter.
7. Each applicant must complete an Application Form.
8. Please spell-check your essay and use proper grammar.
9. A panel of Personal Essay Contest judges decides which entries win. Three entries will be chosen. All decisions will be final.
10. By submitting an essay, you acknowledge it has NOT been published before and it will become property of Shriners International. By submitting your essay, you give permission to Shriners International to publish your essay and/or parts of your essay, regardless of whether your entry is chosen as a winner. You also agree and understand you will receive no compensation, payment, or royalties from publication of your essay, and you agree to promptly execute any release necessary to allow publication by Shriners International.
11. Shriners International has the right to announce the winners of the Contest by any manner in which it deems appropriate.
12. Entries must be RECEIVED no later than January 31, 2012.



## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Alice Anderson

Well, you missed a great time at our last meeting. Greg Kinal presented a program entitled, "Presidential Indiscretions," with a slide show which was interesting, informative and hilarious. Greg has been a teacher for over 40 years and teaches Social Studies at Pembroke School. His students are very fortunate to have such an energetic teacher. We hope he comes back again on another topic.

He started with George Washington and continued with Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, James Buchanan, Grover Cleveland, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Bill Clinton.

The details were sizzling and hopefully didn't shock or upset the regard we have for our Presidents – guess some things never change.

**Editor's Note:** This article was filled with "spicy scoop" and Alice took a lot of time to prepare it. However, to avoid any risk of libel, the article in its entirety has not been printed. If you are interested in the details, I'm sure any Perry Shrine Club member who was present, would be happy to share their points of interest.

**Mark Your Calendar**

December 21st – Holiday Dinner at the National Hotel.

## Damascus Shriner Cookbook ... The Gift of Hope

Shrine Masons are Beacons of Hope for children who cannot help themselves. Our outstanding work makes children whole again.

During the Holidays, we will gather with our families to share our blessings. One of the things that Joanne and I will be thankful for is our children. We will also give thanks for Shriners Hospitals for Children and all of the children we have helped throughout the years.

What better way to celebrate the season of hope and giving than giving the Cookbook that allows us to continue to work for the KIDS.

Everyone likes to eat, and Shrine Mason families like to take care of children. By buying a bunch of Damascus Cookbooks you get to do both; provide a great bunch of recipes and have the warm glow knowing that every penny that you spent on that book will directly help a child's life.

Please call the Shrine Office to order your Damascus Cookbooks for the Holidays! Join us in supporting our great CAUSE!





## NORTHFIELD

Lodge No. 426

Instituted March 1857  
www.northfieldlodge.org  
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.



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By Stephan Michener, Junior Warden

"Action is the foundational key to all success." - Pablo Picasso

Brothers, I start this month with the above quote as a reminder to all of us that any success we hope to achieve in our endeavors will only occur when we take action. We have been busy at the Lodge, but must continue looking ahead, planning and organizing if we are to develop the Habit of Excellence!

### Looking Back

At our first meeting in October, W.: Mike Zona presented us with a Masonic trivia game and had many lapel pins, car emblems and a miniature set of Working Tools as prizes for correct answers. It was a fun evening and enjoyed by all who attended.

Also in October, we presented the Entered Apprentice Degree for a newly initiated Brother. The Junior Warden was in the East for the evening and also delivered the Historical Lecture. He immensely enjoyed the evening and expresses thanks to all who assisted in the Degree.

Another highlight of October was our Keuka Lake Winery Tour. It was a beautiful day to travel the Finger Lakes landscape and see the leaves at peak season. Brothers Ed Rummler, Don Fox, Erik Loepker, Dave Adams, Devon Littlefield, Mike Zona, Jim Deasey, Randy Griswald and Steve Michener, along with their significant others, boarded the limo bus in Canandaigua and visited several wineries to sample their offerings. We ate lunch at Heron Hill and were back in Canandaigua for a fine meal at Casa de Pasta. Everyone seemed to have a good time and it won't be long until plans are underway for next year's wine excursion.

In November, we had our Official Visit from DDGM R.:W.: George Nasra, and the Grand Sword Bearers R.:W.: George Fohner and R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz. The DDGM's use of Aristotle's quote "Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit," will inspire us to strive to make our actions into habits so we can experience success.

Although I have not been a Mason long, I witnessed one of the more excellent and classy moves I have ever seen during the Official Visit. With the DDGM's permission, the Lodge was brought down to the 1st Degree to allow our new Entered Apprentice admission. When the DDGM was announced he was escorted into the Lodge Room by our Entered Apprentice, or was it the other way around? It was a touching moment and I'm sure one to be remembered by all - especially our new Brother. Well done!

The Junior Warden and the Brothers of Northfield take this opportunity to acknowledge someone who has three times thus far this year made our gatherings warm and wonderful. Joy Woodley has helped feed us with wholesome, nutritious meals as we prepare for our labors. She is a fine cook and very much appreciated!

### Looking Forward

As I write this, plans are being finalized to have a guest speaker at our meeting on December 1st.

We also intend to have a Holiday Party at the Lodge sometime on December

2nd. The time and details for this gathering will be announced. You can call the Lodge at 586-2976 to get details as the time approaches.

On December 15th we will hold the 3rd Degree. If you can help us, please contact W.: Mike Zona at 303-1686.

### Correction

Contrary to what your Trestleboard says about Officers Meetings being held the last Monday of each month, they are scheduled for the last Tuesday of the month. You do not need to be an Officer of the Lodge to attend these meetings. These meetings are for planning purposes so we can be successful and achieve Excellence. We can use all the help we can get! If you have an interest in what activities happen at the Lodge, please plan to attend these meetings and let your voice be heard.

### Let's Eat

As a reminder, the Junior Warden is attempting to have a meal at every meeting. Please contact him for a reservation, by the Monday before the Thursday meeting. Plans are under way to have that Rochester Man Favorite "The Garbage Plate" at an upcoming meeting. Don't miss it! I can be reached either at 746-3960, or you can send me an email at:

[smichene@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smichene@rochester.rr.com)

Meals are usually about ten dollars. I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge real soon!

### From the Secretary's Desk

By W.: J. Michael Zona

A very special thanks to Fairport-Flower City Lodge Brothers Tom Godrich and Bernie Lazerson for allowing Northfield Lodge to borrow some supplies in the eleventh hour in order to confer the 1st Degree on October 20th.

Our new Entered Apprentice came to visit our Lodge for the November 3rd meeting, which also happened to be the night the Grand Lodge Officers made an Official Visit. The Lodge was opened on the 3rd Degree and then changed over to the 1st Degree, after which there came a knock on the Outer Door. The Grand Sword Bearers, R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz and R.:W.: George Fohner, sought admittance and were properly escorted to the East. What came next took everyone by surprise! The District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: George Nasra, was escorted into the Lodge by our new Entered Apprentice. What an honor for an Entered Apprentice and Northfield Lodge.

We were honored a second time with the presence of W.: Glenn Hedges who, owing to family commitments, has been unable to attend Lodge while caring for his grandson, who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis, and his son, who had surgery on both feet. Nurse Glenn, who was his usual self, brought some fun and laughter when least expected and most needed. Thanks Glenn for all the years of enlightenment. If anyone has not seen W.: Hedges in awhile, I assure you, he is still built like a linebacker.

Before delivering the message of the Grand Master, R.:W.: Nasra, with the assistance of the Master, presented a Certificate and Past Master Necktie to 12 of the Past Masters of Northfield Lodge.

1968	Donald Fox
1976	Glenn Hedges
1978	Raymond R. Beardsley
1982	Donald C. Smith
1991	J. Michael Zona
1993	John Dudley
1995	William Spillane
1997	Randy Griswald
2008	David Adams
2010	James Deasey
2011	Erik Leopker

The Lodge also presented Brother Steve Michener an Award for outstanding Masonic work - especially for

Northfield Lodge. Our Marshal, Jason Higley, sure put on some miles escorting the Brothers to collect their Dues.

### Upcoming Events

December 1st - A special night with a guest speaker

December 2nd - Holiday Party - We hope to see most, if not all our members, for this once-a-year family event.

December the 15th - PLEASE mark your calendar when the ceremonies of the 3rd Degree will be held.

The Lodge is growing by leaps and bounds owing to better communications and the variety of programs.

### Birthdays

#### November (Belated)

James Arlington, James Deasey, Donald Smith and Kenneth Van Duzer.

#### December

David Adams, Raymond R. Beardsley, Robert Borden, Mark Broyles, Robert Devisser, Devon Littlefield and Donald Woodruff.

Best Wishes to everyone. ☐

## Inspiration

Lodge No. 109

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### Grand Lecturer's Convention

Fourteen Brothers attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention from Inspiration Lodge last month, including the top 7 Officers required to earn the Howard Potts Award, that will be presented at the 231st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York in May. It will be my honor to accept it on behalf of our Lodge.

### Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

My sincere thanks to all Brothers who attended our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, especially the Brothers who brought friends with them. We had nine guests present and a good program was presented by R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet, W.: Clyde Siverd, W.: Glenn Stahl, and Brother Brian Bell. Thank you for a great job; I'm sure the guests were impressed.

On October 20th, the Scottish Rite Symbolic Blue Lodge Award was presented to R.:W.: John Faro. Congratulations, John, you certainly are most deserving.

### December Events

This month will be busy. We will have a 2nd Degree rehearsal on December 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrine Center.

On December 10th, R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet and I will be traveling to Washington, DC, to attend the Installation of R.:W.: Joseph Crociata as GRAND MASTER of the GRAND LODGE of the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. We expect to meet with W.: Ken Goodrich and Brother George Lloyd, who are also planning to attend. Brother Joe is a member of Inspiration Lodge and a good friend.



Inspiration Lodge recipient of Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. (From left) Ill.: Joe Bourcy; W.: Richard Smith, Master; R.:W.: John Faro, recipient; Ill.: Peter Samiec; R.:W.: Jim Sullivan and R.:W.: George Nasra.

### Holiday Party

December 13th we will be having a Holiday Dinner with our Ladies at the Shrine Center. You will be receiving more details on this shortly. It should be a good night! There will be live entertainment.

Bonus News ... if you pay your Dues on or before that night, your Dinner is FREE; Ladies will also receive a FREE Dinner if they bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child. These gifts will be donated to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie or Springfield.

### Trestleboard Change

The Trestleboard for December has been changed. There WILL be a meeting on December 27th. Due to the number of activities and events, it would be too long a period without a meeting to transact some business. I hope you will be able to attend both of these dates.

### December Birthdays

The following Brothers have birthdays in December:

Eugene Smith, Jr. (4th); Richard Lippincott (8th); James Moore (10th); David Mura (14th); Frederick Stahl (24th); John Auer (30th); and Michael Robinson and Joseph Gingold (31st).

### More Celebrations

It is always good to report happy occasions. I have learned that W.: Ken Schumacher has married his long-time band vocalist and friend, Lauren. Best wishes to you both.

Because we have new young Brothers in the Lodge, we have the opportunity to report on events that have been few and far between in recent years. Brother Aaron and Alison Hughes have a new addition to their family - Michael Gary, born November 2nd and weighing in at 9 pounds.

Our Senior Deacon, Brian Bell, and his wife, Gyllian, have a new baby girl in their family. Leah Elizabeth arrived on Saturday, November 5th. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz., and was 21" long.

Congratulations to all the new parents and the siblings.

### From the Secretary

There are still 25 Brothers who have not paid their 2011 Dues. Of those 25, there are 9 who owe for 2010. Please check the latest Dues Card you have. That may be a clue that you are delinquent.

Those Brothers who have not paid their Dues for two years were sent a Certified letter last month explaining they were about to become a statistic (Unaffiliated for None Payment of Dues). If there is a problem in paying your Dues, you may call me or the Master to discuss this. One-third of the membership has already received their 2012 Dues Card.

Assistant Secretary, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, will be filling in for me during the month of December while I am away. Mail for the Lodge should be sent to the Shrine Center address, Inspiration Lodge No. 109, Suite 2, 979 Bay Rd, Webster, 14580. To email Derek, please use: [derekhouten1@mac.com](mailto:derekhouten1@mac.com).

I am still trying to obtain email addresses from any Brother who is not receiving our messages. If you have changed your email address lately or have not received Lodge messages in the recent past, please send me an email. Thank you.

May each of you have a wonderful Holiday Season, whatever you may celebrate, with Family and Friends close-at-hand. ☐



## WEBSTER Lodge No. 538

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



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It's amazing just how quickly time marches on! It seems like just yesterday we had our Installation of Officers back in June, and now the year is just about half over! The month of December means many things to different people. Most of us celebrate the Holidays in one way or another and we usually find ourselves surrounded by good friends and family. It also becomes a very hurried time of the year, where it seems our list of things to do is never-ending! December will be a busy time for Webster Lodge as well, but I know it will be equally as rewarding. The time we spend together in the quarries just binds us closer as a Fraternity.

### Loss of a Brother

With regret, I must report that Webster Lodge has lost another Brother. Albert Ribis has laid down his Working Tools. Albert was a World War II Veteran and a member of the Painters and Contractors Union Local 72 for 27 years. He will be missed by all. Well done good and faithful servant!

### December Events

On December 1st, Webster Lodge will host a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program; a dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. As-of-late, we've been very fortunate that Webster has not only Raised, but RETAINED, many new Brothers. The Brother Bring-a-Friend Program coupled with proper mentoring of new members is an intricate part of that success. Please make plans to join us that evening and think about inviting someone you believe would make a great member of Webster Lodge. Keep watching your email for more information about this upcoming program.

December 2nd will be the date of our next Spaghetti Dinner. If you have never tried a Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner, what are you waiting for? One of the best around! The cost is just \$8.00 ... For that price you'll get a Salad, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Fresh Bread, Beverage and Dessert, plus service with a smile!

On December 8th, the Fellowcraft Club will assemble and hold their Annual Meeting along with Election of Officers. The work they do around the Lodge is much appreciated. If it needs fixing, painting, cleaning or more, the Fellowcraft Club will get it done.

December 15th is the date for our 3rd Degree. We're on track to Raise five new Brothers. This will be a formal dress event for all Officers; a dinner to begin at 6:30 p.m. I hope as many Webster Lodge members as possible will join us as these Brothers are Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason!



Webster Lodge Fall Highway Pickup Program Participants were: (left to right) John Ross, Bob Fisher, Dave Allen, Ken Heald, Bill Jaranowski, Ben Soltzick, Bob Passino, Don Osborne, Kim Soltzick, Nick Haldoupis, Ron Soltzick and Hank Libera.

Finally, we'll round out the month of December with our Annual Christmas Eve Poinsettia Delivery to shut-in members. For those interested in helping out, we'll gather at the Lodge Hall for breakfast at 8 a.m., and then head out in teams to visit with those Brothers and their families who are not able to make it to Lodge. This is one of the most enjoyable and meaningful things we do as a group. I've heard over and over from our shut-ins just how much they look forward to getting a personal visit from their Lodge Brothers at Christmas time. Please consider joining us that morning.

### Special Recognition

Webster Lodge has been fortunate so far when it comes to awards. First we received the Attendance Banner for the School of Ritual. Then on October 17th, at the Grand Lecturer's Convention, all our Officers were present to secure us the Howard Potts Award.

To top off that night, we also received the Attendance Banner. I guess you can say that so far it's been a "Banner Year" for Webster Lodge! All that's left to earn now is the Traveling Gavel, and plans are being made to retrieve it, too!

These Awards are certainly nice to receive, but even more important, they are a symbol of the dedication and involvement of our members. I am truly blessed to be associated with such a wonderful group of individuals to call my Brothers!

Several members of our Lodge attended the Scottish Rite Awards, which were held at the Damascus Shrine Center on October 20th. This year we selected W.: John Clapp to receive the Award. John is one of those individuals who can always be counted on to help with tasks that are so vital to the success of a Lodge. Recently, John has assisted with several Masonic Funerals and helped to make the process of bringing new and potential members into Lodge much easier with his accurate database recordkeeping. On Spaghetti Dinner Nights, John can be found in the kitchen helping to prepare all of the things necessary that help make that event so successful. There is so much more that Brother Clapp does as well behind the scenes that keep us running like clockwork. Congratulations to John Clapp on receiving his well-deserved honor.

Finally, it was my pleasure to recently present W.: Scott Cronk with his Past Master's Apron. Scott served Webster Lodge as Master in 2010-2011. He has always been one of my mentors and I'm fortunate to have been able to follow right behind him in the Officer Line. The responsibilities of being a Lodge Master



W.: Paul Kolacki, Master, (right) presented W.: Scott Cronk with his Past Master's Apron.

are enormous, but with the help of Past Masters like Scott, the job becomes a bit easier and more rewarding. On behalf of all Webster Lodge Members, we recognize Scott for all his efforts and hope he will continue to be a part of our success for years to come! You can wear your Apron proudly!

### Happy Holidays!

How good and it is pleasant to dwell together in unity. During this Holiday Season, my wife, Cynthia, and I extend to each and every one of you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. We are excited about the future of Freemasonry in Monroe District and Webster Lodge, and look forward to all that is yet to come in 2012 and beyond!

## UNITY

Lodge No. 479

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



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I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - a Happy Holiday to everyone! The message of being all in this together, a Brotherhood of man, is good to have reaffirmed once-a-year. As we work together to be better, in

particularly trying times, we think how we can live our lives, following the path Masons have travelled for centuries. Fellowship now is certainly good.

In October we had our Bring-a-Friend Night and we conferred the 2nd Degree twice. Senior Warden, Chuck Cutler, sat in the East and everyone contributed, doing a good job and making the Degree enjoyable. It is good to have a group of Brothers moving forward. R.: W.: Cliff Short has done a great job in preparing them.

### Upcoming Events

I look forward to our 3rd Degree on December 12th. Unity will need the help of many to make this Degree as it should be for the Brothers. It is good to be in the position of needing a Dispensation.

Our Holiday Party is Monday, December 19th. Unity will provide the meat; please bring a dish-to-pass and your tableware. This, of course, is a family event. In past years, Santa has found a way to stop by even though he must be busy. I expect he will again this year.

### December Birthdays

Birthday wishes are extended to the following Brothers:

Robert Borden, M. Donald Darrohn, Daniel Donovan, Brian Ferguson, David Fraser, Howard Gleffe, Robert Humphreys, Laurel King, Ray Mandeville, William Mattern, William Mitchell, Fred Palmeroni, Earl Pearce, John Riess, Norman Rollo, Louis Sanfilippo, David Sarver, James Simmons, Scott Simpson, Howard Smith, Dana Spencer, William Tipton, Darwin Turner, Edwin Wicks and Brother Lemke.

### Brotherhood Fund

By James Robb

I have taken on the duty of being the Lodge Chairman for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund this year. The Pledge Drive will be from October 2011 to May 2012. I am doing this because I desire Unity Lodge to stand out in its efforts for the Grand Lodge Charities.

Every Mason is bound to help, aid and assist to the best of his abilities when asked to do so. It is simple - "People Helping People." Our Grand Lodge has many ways to do this. All are listed on the contribution envelope. All are important and wherever you designate your donation, you can be assured it will go to the cause selected by you on the contribution envelope.

Please take a moment to prayerfully consider the charities on the contribution envelope when you receive it in the mail and send your donation back to me in the included envelope. Remember no amount is too small.

This year, with a \$100 contribution to either the Grand Master's Allocation or the Masonic Home Care Community, the donor will be presented with a metal etching of the Tompkins Memorial Chapel. You will be glad you were counted among the caring.

Previously, the Grand Lodge sent out a mailing for a contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Any contribution made as a result of that mailing will be credited to yourself and Unity Lodge for this Campaign.

So long until next year. □



Webster Lodge recipient of Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. (From left) Ill.: Joe Bourcy; W.: Paul Kolacki, Master; W.: John Clapp, recipient; Ill.: Peter Samiec; R.: W.: Jim Sullivan and R.: W.: George Nasra.



Unity Lodge recipient of Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. (From left) Ill.: Joe Bourcy; W.: John Lemke, Master; Mike Edelman, recipient; Ill.: Peter Samiec; R.: W.: Jim Sullivan and R.: W.: George Nasra.



## Union Star Lodge No. 320

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We are entering that time of year when we are in the giving spirit. We pause to give up thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, we give gifts to those we love and cherish and we give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Let us also give some of our time to welcome a new Brother into the Fraternity.

### Upcoming Events

We will be conferring the 1st Degree



Union Star Lodge recipient of Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. (From left) Ill. Joe Bourcy; W. Frank Habitzreuther, Master; recipient; Ill. Peter Samiec; R. W. Jim Sullivan and R. W. George Nasra.

## ERAC Lodge No. 163

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Two months in and ERAC has held its Annual Awards and Brother Bring-a-Friend (BBF) Programs with great turnouts. Congratulations again to all our Award Recipients. Per usual, for the older Brothers who were unable to attend, I believe we will again be using our Holiday visits to deliver in person as many of the Grand Lodge Certificates as possible.

Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Program added to the large number of Petitions already in hand so, as I write this, we are submitting our Petitions for Dispensations for both class sizes of eight and to hold a second set of Degrees on a non-meeting night as we work towards advancing a class whose size, for ERAC, is second only to that of the one-day class with seventeen Petitioners.

My Brothers, given that we did no extra recruiting this year, it is truly a tribute to the hard work of all our members over the preceding years; to the work and Trestleboards of the Masters who have come before me, to the work of the Officer Lines who have toiled in the quarry, to the members who came to our meetings in the rain and snow, to all the Brothers who have made ERAC the wonderful Lodge of which I now have the privilege and honor to be Worshipful Master.

But my Brothers, as great a tribute as this is to all your hard work in years past, it is an even greater challenge to rise to this year. We have worked hard to raise both the quality of the Degree work in ERAC and the expectation of

on December 12th at 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Come and let us show the Candidate we support him in this, one of the most important times in his life.

Our Annual Christmas for the ladies will be at the Mendon Country Club on December 17th; Social Hour - 5:30p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m. To reserve a spot at the feast, please call John Williams (583-1188) or Frank Habitzreuther (486-4341) no later than December 11th.

### December Birthdays

Those who have matured by another year are Brothers Robert E. Eisenberg, Jack Nau, Eugene E. Gordon, Scott M. May, John P. Yendell, Mark F. Hutton, Clifford E. Mosholder, Richard A. Ash and Richard W. Horton.

### Dates to Remember

December 10th - Decorate Lodge, 9 a.m.

December 12th - 1st Degree, 7:30 p.m.

December 17th - Christmas Party with the Ladies at Mendon Country Club, Social - 5:30 p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

December 19th - Fellowcraft Party, 7:00 p.m.

proficiency in our new members and a large class is no reason for us to take even the smallest step back in either of these areas.

I recently sent out an email reminding our Brothers that every member has a role in every Degree as we form the Symbolic Lodge and provide protection to our new members in the darkness as they take their obligation. I hope the members of ERAC will rise to this challenge and come out for both sets of Degrees en masse. I take this opportunity to remind the Brothers that each member also has a role to play in ensuring our new members achieve suitable proficiency in our Degrees and I would encourage both our Past Masters and others to assist Brother Patrick Nicholson in presenting the L SOME Program and to volunteer for our Mentoring Program. Thank you in advance, Brothers, for rising to this occasion.

### Mark Your Calendar

As per our Trestleboard, one set of Degrees will be held on the 4th Monday of January, February and March. Should our Petitions for Dispensation be approved, the second set of Degrees will be held on the 1st Monday of February, March and April (the latter, coincidentally, being my 33rd birthday). Please pencil these in your calendar. Notices of the Special Communications, if approved, will go out by email and letter according to our By-Laws in confirmation of these dates.

In December we will hold only one meeting - our Official Visit. Please come out to hear the words of ERAC's own, District Deputy George Nasra, and our Grand Lodge Staff Officers. I also believe this will be the evening of ERAC's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off!

### From the Secretary's Desk

By W. David G. Upham, DSA

Hard to believe how quickly the weather has changed here in Upstate New York. We've gone from Fall to fallen leaves in no time at all and now, as I look out the window, I see naked trees waiting for yet another season to come.

But, naked branches and the often grey skies notwithstanding, I do love Fall. To me, it is that time of year when things go from the slower pace of Summer back into a time of life getting back into full swing! Vacations, for the most part, are but a memory. And the active life begins anew for our Lodge!

Above, the Worshipful Master has alluded to the busy schedule we face for the months ahead as well as to the exciting events we have already enjoyed at ERAC Lodge. Can you believe it? Two full classes of potential new Master Masons! Kind of makes me remember what an old Past Master told me one time regarding the Lodge Charter, "Besides giving us the right to hold meetings and conduct business, the real power of that charter is that it allows us, as Masons, to fulfill our primary obligation and duty - to make new Master Masons!" Yep, it is an exciting time at ERAC Lodge!

But, for a second, let's take a look at what the financial impact is to us from bringing sixteen new Brothers into the Masonic Family:

- We need to buy all new Candidate costumes as the ones we now have are

- falling apart. Cost per Candidate - \$150.
- Each Candidate receives certain items with each Degree, such as an Apron, Corn/Wine/Oil, and a Masonic Bible. Cost per Candidate - \$100.
- Candidates do not pay for dinners before Degrees. Cost per Candidate - \$25.
- Sixteen new Brothers ... Priceless

### Dues Notices

Brothers, by now, all of you have received your Annual Dues Notices. Some of you have already responded with your Dues payments. Many of those responses also have included generous donations to assist with the expenses of running ERAC Lodge. More of you have yet to respond to the Dues Notice.

The cost of running a Lodge continues on a daily basis. The membership Dues payments account for 98% of our income. Please, if you are able, do not delay in sending your Dues check to us. And, if you are able, please include an additional donation which will not only assist us in meeting our financial obligations, it will help up maintain our Dues at their current level.

Fraternal best wishes from Doreen and me to you and yours.

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My Brothers, just in case you were wondering, Oakland Lodge is still going strong and I apologize for not getting an article into the **Masonic Times** before this issue. Just when things were starting to get more consistent in my professional career, my oldest daughter entered into Middle School and suddenly, I think, I accepted a part-time job as a taxi service. It seems we were traveling somewhere different each night between sporting events, marching band practices and competitions.

Oakland Lodge has a fine Line of Officers who were elected, appointed and installed to lead your Lodge this year. Once again, we have some familiar faces in new places. The Officers for Oakland Lodge this Masonic Year are:

Master  
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Jr. Warden  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Chaplain  
Sr. Deacon  
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Sr. MC  
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Henry Robinson  
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Richard Smith  
Keith Granger  
Robert Kemp  
Gerald Hoffmeister  
Michael Rhodes  
Richard Robinson  
Daniel Hamilton  
Thomas Scott  
Tommy Kemp

I would highly encourage all members to come to our communications and support the Officers who have been

chosen to lead your Lodge this year.

I also thank all Officers who attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Constellation Lodge in October. Oakland Lodge was only one of two Lodges in the Genesee-Wyoming District that qualified for the Howard Potts Award. Congratulations to our neighbors, Constellation Lodge, who also qualified for the Award.

Normally, by now we would have already had our Official Visits for the year by our District Deputy, Staff Officer and Assistant Grand Lecturer, but due to some health issues with your Worshipful Master, these visits were postponed and have not been rescheduled at this time. I will let everybody know as soon as these dates have been rescheduled.

### Brotherhood Fund Campaign

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is in full swing again and the best place to make your contributions to this fund is at our monthly Communications. For those Brothers who are unable to attend, you may mail your contributions to our Lodge Chairperson, Kenneth Smith, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. Also, please include a note along with your contribution as to what category you would like the contribution to be designated.

Hopefully, this article finds all my Brothers and their families recovering from a happy and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday. This is always a special time of the year for my family as my oldest daughter was born the day after Thanksgiving 12 years ago. This just adds to the many things for which I have to be thankful.

May we all take some time this Holiday Season to remember all those who have and are still fighting to keep this great Nation of ours free and safe. Many people have paid the ultimate sacrifice to allow us to live with the freedoms we often take for granted every day.

May the blessings of Heaven fall upon all my fellow Brothers and their families wherever they may be throughout the world.

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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Greetings, Prophets and Brothers! I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving feast with your families and friends.

December 21st will be our Annual Holiday Dinner and Election of Officers – the closing of 2011. There will be a Turkey dinner with all the trimmings served at 6:30 p.m. Please let Prophet Dick Topel, PM, know if you are coming! The Election of Officers meeting to follow at the usual time of 7:30 p.m.

### Officers Nominated for Election

The nominated Officers are:

Monarch	Ron Morthorst
Chief Justice	Jim Toogood
Master of Ceremonies	Dick Topel
Secretary/Treasurer	Ken Milner
Venerable Prophet	Frank Habitzreuther
Trustee	Bernie Lazerson

The remaining Officers will be appointed by the incoming Monarch. □

### Thanks for the Privilege

Prophets it has been my privilege and honor to serve as your Monarch these past two years. Though we have struggled mightily and endured much at times, we have grown stronger and a little larger. Let us never forget the sympathy and good fellowship that binds us together. We have a great group of Brothers and will continue to be such.

My Prophets, Masons are charitable men. We strive to aid our Brothers, their families and the communities in which we live. Prophet Brother R.:W.: George Fochner is a Brother, who exemplifies this tradition. We Masons, largely because of Prophet Brother George, raised more money for the Ronald MacDonald House than any other

group in the community. That is something of which we can all be proud.

In closing, may you all have a truly enjoyable and peaceful Holiday Season. □

## Legion of Honor

By Richard Topel, Commander

### Holiday Dinner

We will be joining Masonic War Veterans for our Annual Holiday Dinner with our Ladies. Check out the Masonic War Veterans article in this issue of the **Masonic Times** or call Dick Topel at 663-2547.

Two of our member Prophets, Richard and Howard Topel, had the honor to be on the Honor Flight for World War II Veterans who went to Washington, DC. They were escorted by their sons, Richard and Paul. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for them and thoroughly enjoyed by all. □

## Sickness and Sympathy

Prophet Howie Topel's wife, Mary, severely fractured her hip and is currently at the Hamilton Manor Nursing Home (1172 Long Pond Road) for rehabilitation. Your kind words of encouragement and prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Prophets Al Pulcino and Fred Cornell have had their share of troubles this year and could use a friendly phone call or visit.

We should also remember that Prophets Bill Fredenburg and Joe Minas could always use a ride to our meetings. □

### Please let us know!

Call the Grotto Office 671-6320 or the Monarch 271-7446 if you know of any Prophet in need of our aid or sympathy. □

## Telephone Message Center

By Ron Morthorst,  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

We have a message center system in operation that we use to contact you, our Prophets, when we have an announcement or a message of importance from us to you. PLEASE listen to it and write down what it is about so you can act accordingly. Let your Lady know about this new system. Thank You for your cooperation. □

## Membership

By Ron Morthorst, PM

### Membership

You are a member and some have been a member for many years. Did you realize your Grotto is going to celebrate its 120th Anniversary in 2012? We are the oldest fully operating Grotto in the Realm and you are part of it. Congratulations are in order!

### An Opportunity ...

AN OPPORTUNITY EXISTS NOW for a Brother Mason to join Lalla Rookh Grotto through our Fee-Waived Initiation Program - that means FREE! We have set up this limited-time program for our Anniversary Celebration next year.

Let's face it, times have changed. We have many opportunities to spread our good works and fellowship to the members of our Craft and their families. Who are you going to ask to join you as a Prophet in your Grotto? I have all the necessary paperwork you need to present to a Candidate and I'm just a phone call away -- Ron Morthorst at 334-4196. Call me today and we can take care of it.

Remember, we meet at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the Month. Meetings are held at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster. The facility offers free parking in a wide-open, well-lighted area for your safety, and there are NO stairs to climb -- everything is on ground level!! I'm available to assist you at any time!!!! □

## Anniversary Celebration 2012

Plans are being worked on for our 120th Anniversary Celebration in 2012. This will be a class program for everyone to enjoy. We would hope all Prophets who are able will make an effort to attend this Celebration. We hope to have programs set up soon so you can plan to attend. If you have an idea or thought for this endeavor, call Ron Morthorst 334-4196. Don't be bashful; we need fresh ideas and your help on this! □

## Lalla Rookh Caldron Daughters of Mokanna

By Donna Laundry, MCO

On Sunday, October 30th, Lalla Rookh Caldron, Daughters of Mokanna, held its Installation of Officers. The Installing Officer was Past Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Quenda Stern, of Toronto. Our own Past Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Beverly Murray, was the Installing Marshal.

The Daughters and the Offices to which they were Installed are as fol-

## Attend Grotto Meetings

### Wednesday, December 7th

Pearl Harbor Day  
Charlotte Pier, 7:30 a.m.  
Followed by breakfast at  
Greece American Legion,  
Dorsey Road

### Saturday, December 17th

Holiday Party with  
Masonic War Veterans,  
Fairport Masonic Hall

### Wednesday, December 21st

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

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Rodeval	Sula Baxter
Zulaika	Nancy Lynch
Ishta	Carol Wynings
Morgianna	Janice Bueg
Zeldina	Patricia Pearson
Arrah	Beverly Murray
Directress	Betty Madison
Marshal	Marcia Morrison
American Flag Bearer	Dorothy Merritt
Canadian Flag Bearer	Cecil Losinger

Donna was MCO in 2009 and is filling in this year for Daughter Sue Wilson, who moved to North Carolina in June. After the Ceremony of Installation, Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, served a dinner.

Our next meeting will be on December 8th, and we will be collecting Toys for Tots and food shelf items.

### Join Our Group

Membership in the Daughters of Mokanna is open to relatives of Grotto members or of Master Masons in good standing. We are a small but amiable group and would welcome new members. If interested, please contact Donna Laundry by phone at 964-2135 or by email at:

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Merry Christmas to all and my hope is that many wonderful memories be created for you at this Holiday Season. □

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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

## Symbolic Lodge Awards

On October 20th, the Valley of Rochester hosted the 26th Annual Symbolic Lodge Awards at the Damascus Shrine Center. Six Districts were represented and 148 were in attendance to witness their Brothers honored for their continued service to their Lodge. R.:W.: James E. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master of the State of New York, attended and was accompanied by his Line - R.:W.: John Krupp, Deputy Grand Marshal; Junior Grand Deacon, R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles; and Deputy Grand Standard Bearer, R.:W.: John Dwyer. Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Deputy for the State of New York, and Ill.: Steven R. Whittaker, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, were also in attendance.

In 1985, Ill.: Robert Pettitt, 33° came up with the idea that many of our Sym-

bolic Lodge Brothers give much to the Craft in time and energy. While they may not aspire to lofty heights, such as a Lodge Office or Grand Lodge Office, they are always working in the quarries and taking care of the Lodge needs. Ill.: Brother Pettitt recognized there should be an award to bring light to the efforts of these hard-working Brothers. As a result, the Symbolic Lodge Awards were created.

The District Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were acknowledged and the Award Recipients were escorted to the East. As each District was announced, the respective DDGM was asked to assist R.:W.: James Sullivan and the Illustrious Peter J. Samiec, 33°, in receiving the honorees as they were presented with a framed Certificate of Appreciation.

After the Awards presentations, Ill.: Joseph E. Bourcy, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, and Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°, recognized R.:W.: James Sullivan's continued support of the Symbolic Lodge Awards, as well as his support of the Valley of Rochester. R.:W.: Sullivan was then presented an Honorary Membership in the Valley of Rochester. Welcome, Brother Sullivan, to our Valley.

Ill.: Brother Bourcy then invited Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, to the podium for his presentation. Ill.: Brother Hancock then read the biography of a very prominent and distinguished Brother. As Ill.: Brother Hancock finished reading this Brother's biography, Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Deputy for the State of New York, went into the audience and escorted R.:W.: Charles "Skip" Waterstreet to the East. Ill.: Brother Hancock and Ill.: Brother Samiec then presented R.:W.: Brother Waterstreet the Scottish Rite Masonic Service Award. This

was only the first of two such Awards presented in New York State. Ill.: Peter Samiec then spoke of the great service R.:W.: Waterstreet has provided to the Rochester Masonic Community and again congratulated him on receiving this very prestigious Award.

Ill.: Brother Peter Samiec, 33°, then stepped to the podium and gave a stirring talk about the Supreme Council's Vision and its focus on the needs of those Brothers who may need our support. He also talked about the Scottish Rite's support of the Symbolic Lodges. Our goal is to assist the area Lodges and help them, not make them feel we are there to recruit new members. "We will be a Fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our Members."

Brother Samiec then introduced R.:W.: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. R.:W.: Sullivan congratulated all the recipients of the Symbolic Lodge Awards and R.:W.: Waterstreet. He thanked the Ill.: Samiec and the Scottish Rite for the efforts they are taking in the support of needy Brothers and reminded all of us that we need to take care of each other. We are all Masons whether in the Lodge Room or any of the Concordant Bodies.

After the program ended, everyone retired to the dining room for pizza, wings and beverages. By all reports, everyone had a good time. □

## Scottish Rite Medal

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Lodges merged in 1996, he accepted the Office of Treasurer of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, a position he held until the consolidation into Inspiration Lodge in April, 2011. Skip is also currently a member of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, and Damascus Shriners.

Most Masons know him as Editor of the **Masonic Times**, a position he has held since January, 2003, and as Editor of the **Damascus News** Section since it was incorporated in the newspaper in September, 2006. Skip was elected Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester New York, in January 2004, where he continues to serve.

Recognition by his Brothers and Masonic organizations is demonstrated by the following honors bestowed upon him:

- General Douglas MacArthur Service to Youth Award
- Grand Lodge of New York Dedicated Service Award (2004)
- Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay International (2007)
- Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge do Estado do Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, near New York, in 2008.

Skip currently serves on the Grand Lodge of New York Committee on Publications. □

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### Valley of Rochester Winter's Coming (Brrr!) - 2011

December 3rd at Shrine Center  
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Degrees start at 9 a.m.

December 3rd at Shrine Center  
Knights of St. Andrew Induction and Dinner  
Knighting Ceremony and Officer Installation - 4:30 p.m.  
Social - 5:30 p.m.  
Scottish "Festive Board" Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)

December 11th at Jack's Place  
Blue Cap Club Brunch at Durand Eastman Park - 11:30 a.m.  
For DSA Members and Invited Guests

January 14th at Social Lodge, Kendall  
BBB Program - "The Last Full Measure" (\*\*)  
Social - 5:30 p.m. \*\* Dinner - 6:30 p.m. \*\* Program - 7:30 p.m.

January 19th at Shrine Center  
"Lite from the Rite" Educational Program/Meeting (\*\*)  
Social - 5:30 p.m. \*\* Dinner - 6:30 p.m. \*\* Program - 7:30 p.m.

January 28th at Wayne Lodge Hall, Ontario  
BBB Program - "The Last Full Measure" (\*\*)  
Social - 5:30 p.m. \*\* Dinner - 6:30 p.m. \*\* Program - 7:30 p.m.

February 16th at Shrine Center  
"Lite from the Rite" Educational Program/Meeting (\*\*)  
Social - 5:30 p.m. \*\* Dinner - 6:30 p.m. \*\* Program - 7:30 p.m.

February 18th at Shrine Center  
Presentations of 4°, 8°, 14° and 16°  
Coffee and Donuts at 8 a.m.; Lunch (\*\*)  
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### Kenneth "Rick" Howe 1st Lieutenant Commander

On September 23rd, Sy Kopen and I headed for Lexington, MA, to attend the Annual Membership Conference. We got reacquainted with many old friends and gained some valuable information to bring back to our Valley. It was a great weekend, culminating with a scrumptious Clambake, with Steak and Lobster. The feast was held at the Scottish Rite Museum and Headquarters Complex.

On October 26th, Charlie Hancock, Jack VanElzakkar, Joe Oelgoetz and I trekked to Amherst to visit Harmony Lodge. We were witness to some exemplary Ritual and floor work. We were entertained and inspired by Andrew Hammer's talk on the Traditional Observance Lodge. The talk was based on his book "Observing the Craft." After Lodge we were treated to a Table Lodge with a feast of four choice pasta dishes. (no wonder some of us Masons are getting chubby).

#### Rite on the Road

We had two Scottish Rite information presentations. On October 29th, at the Shrine Center in Webster and on November 5th at Milo Lodge in Penn Yan.

Our guests were treated to dinner, a public Degree and an overview of what it means to be a Scottish Rite Mason. All had a great time. Brothers in Orleans and surrounding Districts should enter January 14th in your calendar and plan to visit us at Social Lodge in Kendall. I encourage those in Wayne District to mark January 28th as we will be taking the "Rite on the Road" to Wayne Lodge in Ontario.

#### College of Freemasonry Theme "Masonic Leadership"

On April 13th and 14th, 2012, there will be a College of Freemasonry, sponsored by the Concordant Bodies in the Rochester Area. We have a stellar line up of speakers. Greg Smith will be our keynote speaker. His presentation will be on our theme with a series of videos. The afore mentioned Andrew Hammer will speak on the "Traditional Observance Lodge" and there will be a speaker on DeMolay. Paul Stillman will provide our entertainment with his classic impersonation on famous Freemasons. It portends to be a great weekend of Masonic education. Keep those dates open. You will be kept informed as the time nears. □



At the Annual Meeting, four Sublime Princes were appointed Ambassadors to their respective Blue Lodge. From left, John Lemke, Unity Lodge; Jim Slocum, Union Lodge; Matt Muller, ERAC Lodge; Eric Lubberts, Wayne Lodge.

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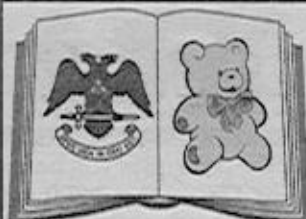


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### What's Happening

As a Royal Arch Chapter, we are working on doing one of the tasks we were chartered to do, namely Initiating new members into the York Rite and the Chapter. Our November meeting was the start of our Degree Cycle for the year. I am writing this prior to the meeting, but I know our Companions did the best job possible and our Candidates got a good introduction into the Rite. Let us keep up the good work by getting better and doing all our work as well as we can do it. I thank all the Companions who helped in Conferring the Degrees of Mark Master Mason and Past Master.

The Chapter will meet twice in December, as was mentioned in last month's **Masonic Times**. We are doing this so we can be prepared to complete our Degree Cycle for our Candidates. We are also meeting twice so the Companions can convey to the High Priest and the Chapter leadership the direction they would like to see the Chapter going. We are over ten years into a new century and we need to look for where we need to adapt or change to better service our members.

### Musings

Companions, you may think I spend too much time on change, but we must adapt and change those things we can change in order to prosper into the future. We cannot change our Ritual; only Grand Chapter can do that. We can, however, do such things as improve the Conferral of Degrees and improve our general meetings such that you, the Companions of the Chapter, want to be present at our meetings. We want our meetings to be enjoyable and somewhat educational in nature.

We all have time constraints these days that are different than those of our forefathers. Years ago, there were fewer distractions or other activities to fill a man's time. Now there are many ways for a man to fill his time. We have the internet, video games, social networking, reality TV and more activities for children whom parents need to support, etc. The question to be contemplated by all our Companions is ... why do you come, or not come, to a Chapter meeting? Your answer needs to be communicated to the High Priest and the other Chapter Officers to help them find new ways to make coming to a meeting a priority and not a duty.

Freemasonry has much to offer the male population through our Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commandaries and Consistories. We just need to find ways to help our members to understand the lessons of all our Degrees and the methods that can be used to apply the lessons to their lives. Society in general would be greatly improved if more men followed the lessons taught in our Degrees.

Well, enough philosophizing as we are now entering the Holiday Season and the start of Winter. We wish all the best of the Season, no matter how you celebrate

this Season or the principles you honor at this time of year. I know that shortly after you read this article that I will be cutting a tree to be placed in my house and decorated. It is a very old custom, but one my wife and I like to do at this time of year. Oh, there will be good food and fellowship to be enjoyed.

So until the New Year, we say, as that famous poem ends, to all a good night. ☐

## Doric Council

No. 19 Cryptic Masons  
(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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This month we will be holding our fourth meeting of the Cryptic Year and the last one for 2011. I have it scheduled as an "Open Meeting" in my Trestle-board, but we will be having an interesting presentation.

We are continuing our dish-to-pass dinners which are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. We hope everyone can join us for dinner and bring your appetite!

### Cryptic History

For this month's column I wanted to (re)-present a bit of local Cryptic History - about Doric Council itself. This was originally published in our 150th Birthday Program in 2010, but I thought it would be interesting to those who were unable to attend and those who did not read the program.

Doric Council No. 19 was organized on October 31, 1860, at which time a Petition was presented to the Grand Council of the State of New York to formally establish a Council in Rochester; the Charter was granted by the Grand Council on June 4, 1861.

The first elected Illustrious Master was William E. Lathrop. Doric Council first met in a Masonic Hall on the top floor of the Chappel Block which was situated where the Wilder Building now stands. In 1872 it moved to a building on Exchange Street (now demolished); then in 1903 to the Masonic Temple at the corner of North Clinton and Mortimore Streets (now a parking lot); in 1929 to the new Masonic Temple on East Main Street; and when that building was sold, the Council moved to its present home in the Pittsford Temple on Church Street.

During the first year, meetings were held on various days of the week, but in 1862, the regular meeting nights were scheduled for the first and third Saturdays of the month, except for July and August. In 1872 the meeting nights were changed to the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Subsequent changes in meeting dates have been: in 1897 to the second and fourth Fridays; in 1900 to the second and fourth Mondays; in the Depression Years of the 1930s, the second Mondays were dropped with meetings held on the fourth Mondays; in recent years, meetings have returned to the third Wednesdays of the month, excluding the Summer.

I look forward to seeing you all this month and I wish all our Companions Happy Holidays! ☐



Zone 11  
News

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### Upcoming Events

#### Christmas Toasts

December 16th - DeMolay 22, 7:30 p.m.; 34 Maple Street, Hornell

December 17th - Sagoyewatha 17, 10:00 a.m., 67 Ontario Street, Phelps

December 19th - Cyrene-Monroe 12, 7:30 p.m., 17 Church Street, (Northfield Lodge Hall) Pittsford

#### Regional Seminar/School of Instructions

##### Western Region - Zones 11 and 12

Saturday, December 17th - Batavia Commandery No. 34; Morning Sessions Begins at 10 a.m., Attica Masonic Temple, 39 Main Street

Have a Happy Holiday Season! ☐

## Cyrene-Monroe

Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993

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Sir Knights, as the Commander of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery and as part of the order of business prescribed by Grand Commandery, I am to present a program at each Conclave. While I enjoy finding things of interest involving our Order to present, I feel that only those Sir Knights in attendance hear these programs. Therefore, instead I will begin presenting my Conclave programs in my articles so you may all benefit from the items I would normally give during our monthly gatherings.

This month I thought I would refresh our memories as to who we are as Knights Templar and where our magnificent Order is derived from. This is especially relevant to those new Sir Knights who received their orders within the past year and for those who just received them on November 5th at the Pilgrimage held in Hornell. Much of this article is from internet sites and I will list those sites at the end for those interested in continuing the search for more information.

The Knights Templar is an international philanthropic chivalric Order affiliated with Freemasonry. Unlike the initial Degrees conferred in a Masonic Lodge, which only require a belief in a Supreme Being regardless of religious affiliation, the Knights Templar is a Masonic Concordant Body in which membership is open only to Freemasons who profess a belief in the Christian Religion. The full title of this Concordant Body is The United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta.

The word "United" in this title indicates that more than one historical tradition and more than one actual Order

are jointly controlled within this system. The individual Orders "united" within this system are principally the Knights of the Temple (Knights Templar), the Knights of Malta and the Knights of the Red Cross. The Order derives its name from the historical Knights Templar.

One theory of the origins of Freemasonry claims direct descent from the historical Knights Templar through its final 14th Century members who took refuge in Scotland, or other countries where the Templar suppression was not enforced. Although the theory may not be dismissed, it is usually deprecated on grounds of lack of evidence by both Masonic authorities and historians.

The Order of Knights Templar today exists as the top-ranking Masonic organization in the York Rite of Freemasonry. The Order today requires membership in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and in some jurisdictions, membership in a Council of Royal and Select Masters; however, membership in Cryptic Masonry may be omitted in New York State.

The managing body is a Commandery, the Presiding Officer is a Commander (titled Eminent), and meetings are called Conclaves which are held in Asylums. A local Knights Templar Commandery operates under a state-level Grand Commandery, but American Commanderies also operate under The Grand Encampment of the United States. This is unique among American Masonic Bodies, as most report to the State level alone.

While a Chapter bestows the Royal Arch Degrees, and a Council bestows the Cryptic Degrees, a Knights Templar Commandery bestows three Orders and one passing Order onto its members. This is opposed to the Standard Degree System found elsewhere in Freemasonry, and they are the only ones not to deal with the Hiram Legend. The York Rite Orders are:

- The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross
- The Passing Order of St. Paul, (or Mediterranean Pass)
- The Order of Malta
- The Order of the Temple

The original medieval Order of Knights Templar was established after the First Crusade, and existed from approximately 1118 to 1312. There is no known historical evidence to link the medieval Knights Templar and Masonic Templarism, nor do the Masonic Knights Templar organizations claim any such direct link to the original medieval Templar organization. The official motto of the Knights Templar is In Hoc Signo Vincas, meaning "in this [sign] you will conquer."

A Knight Templar Pilgrimage is associated with elaborate regalia and the rituals drawing upon the traditions of medieval Knights Templar. The Pilgrimage uses these rituals to impart moral instruction consistent with the biblical teachings of the Christian tradition.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross emphasizing the lesson of truth. Elements of this Order were practiced in Ancient Lodges before the final form of the Master Mason Degree came into use. It is still practiced in the full ceremonial form by the Knight Masons of Ireland and the Knight Masons of the United States, and as the Red Cross of Babylon in the English Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees.





# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District OES HiLights



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By R.W. Mae S. Bauer

Here's hoping everyone survived Thanksgiving and no one ate too much.

We had Grand Sessions and the 2012 Grand Officers were elected and installed. It was exciting at this Session when our own R.W. Kenneth Milner was elected and installed as Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of New York. He will be proceeding to the Grand East at the side of the Associate Grand Matron, R.W. Keri Rhebergen. After Installation, we had a great get-together with R.W. Keri's Clinton-Essex District to help celebrate and kickoff 2012.

Our next two years are going to be exciting and full. R.W. Keri's been spending a lot of time in Monroe District, getting to know our members. We're looking forward to many memory-building events along the way.

The Monroe District Banquet was held November 3rd at the Burgundy Basin where we thanked our 2011 Grand Officers and welcomed the 2012 Grand Officers. A new Grand Officer, R.W. Beverley Goodell, a member of the Necrology Committee, was warmly recognized. She will do an outstanding job. The District Deputy Grand Matron, R.W. Mae S. Bauer, and District Grand Lecturer, R.W. Robert Crystal, are continuing their responsibilities for a second year.

### District Bus Trip

Because of the December 3-4 bus trip to Lancaster, PA, there will not be a District Christmas Party this year.

All Chapters are in the process of Elections and Installations of Officers who will serve in 2012. May you all have a great year!

## Starlight Chapter Shined at Reception

By R.W. Jan Porter

Starlight Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, sponsored a "grand" Reception for R.W. Kenneth Milner, Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York. We hosted many from around the State and enjoyed the camaraderie of old friends and making new ones.

There were lots of crafts and related OES items for sale. Raffle tickets were available for an opportunity to win baskets, creatively prepared and donated by Chapters and members as a fundraiser for "Ken's Operators" - the official name of the fundraising supporters. A 50/50 Raffle was offered as a classic standby for profit.

Starlight Chapter thanks everyone who worked on this special event. They should be very proud of the job they did.

I also wish you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God Bless.

From District Grand Lecturer  
By Robert Crystal

What a great Fall we have had! I enjoyed the daylight out of Grand Sessions this year. Our hotels had been flooded by Hurricane Irene and were re-opened just in time for our Convention.

The Elections were lots of fun, with groups from each nominee's home District putting on a little degree. Monroe District had a 6-foot-tall candlestick telephone we wheeled down the aisle and Chris Hampton proved that in a previous life she was a Hello Central type of operator. Even those of us who just walked and wore teal polo shirts had fun. R.W. Ken is using the candlestick telephone as his symbol ... his career was spent with the telephone company.

After returning home, Monroe District Grand's Association had a dinner and a meeting at which new Officers were installed.

R.W. Ken Milner's Reception was a great event. Starlight Chapter really hosted a gala evening at which many Eastern Star members attended from across the State.

The following week, many attended our Annual District Banquet.

I was really impressed by the awarding of the Grand Patron's Volunteer Medal to R.W. Ken Rhodes. His Masonic resume was consumed with an impressive involvement in Concordant Bodies, Eastern Star and Organization of Triangle. He is, as the Masons say, "a great laborer in the quarries of our Craft."

Grand Representative, Beverly Thompson, presented R.W. Ray Di-James a check for \$250 raised by her Chapter for the benefit of Honor Flight.

It made me so proud that as busy as we are, we take time to honor and award those to whom we owe so much - those who have given to the Order and those who have given to our country.

As I mentioned in the November article, I continue to challenge every Chapter to have a new member for Initiation at each Official Visit. Where can you find all these new faces? They are your relatives, friends and neighbors. Tell them what we do and they will ASK if they can join. Americans are the most giving, generous and fun-loving people on this Earth, and we have something to give them. We can give them a place to be generous and have fun.

I will be posting in this space the successes of each Chapter after our Official Visits. Ready, set, GO!!!

We also thank those who attended to welcome R.W. Ken into the Grand Line. We look forward to traveling around the State and meeting up with everyone again.



Grand Matron, Norma Reynolds, introducing Monroe District Leaders, (left) R.W. Mae Bauer, DDGM and R.W. Robert Crystal, DGL (right).

## NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Matron

W. Alice Hassett - 581-2053

Patron

W. Robert Crystal - 473-0279

Secretary

R. W. Carol Wynings - 594-4692

Community Christian Church  
2647 Chill Avenue, 14624

By Robert Crystal

Nolatka had a year-end meeting on November 1st to hear all reports and hold Elections. Everything went as planned and expected. We had a great meeting and kept it to under two hours, even with a real discussion of the proposed Amendments.

Pat Dalykas was applauded for her great job as Matron and she wished Alice Hassett all the best and promised to be right beside her helping out this coming year.

Carol Wynings reported on the well-received dinner we served at the District Grands Association meeting.

The Chapter voted to donate to the District Grand Matron's Charity, Mary Cariola Center.

The District Grand Lecturer spoke about membership and how important it is that we tell people about Eastern Star. The Spirit will move people to join, but they have to know we are here. We began singing the new Grand Matron's Hymn and everyone enjoyed that favorite "oldie." At the Grand Matron's request, Betty Reisinger played "In the Garden" as the Chaplain's "traveling music."

We then adjourned to our refreshments. In honor of the Grand Matron's Charity, we had a pink party. The hors d'oeuvres were shrimp; the drinks were raspberry cider, raspberry ginger ale and Guava Soda. The sweets were pink and purple Winnie the Pooh cupcakes, pink sugar wafers, pink lollypops, pink starbursts, strawberry pudding and pink, white and brown coconut taffy. All was served on pink paper plates. Not unexpectedly, there were no leftover shrimp. The few leftovers of the sweets were donated to our hosts, the Community Christian Church. Altogether it was a very successful party.

Sisters and Brothers, we all invite you to come to our next meetings. The Patron has asked our refreshment committees to restart the tradition of having a "mystery ingredient" at our refreshments. The publication schedules of the **Masonic Times** prevents me from telling you about the November 15th meeting, but ask one of the Nolatka members what it was.

### December Events

Come to the December 6th meeting to see what the next committee does.

December 11th - Holiday Party. Call Alice Hassett to reserve your place!

## Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter No. 322

Order of the Eastern Star  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

W. Patricia Pearson, Matron  
544-9171

R.W. Robert Crystal, Patron  
(315) 597-1342

Secretary

R.W. Betty Reisinger  
647-1391

805 Blossom Road  
Rochester 14610

By Robert Crystal

### Sunshine Committee Report

Margery Williamson is still not 100% and would love to get a card. I recommend one with a pet on it - furry, not scaled, though. I don't know what she thinks of cold-blooded varmints.

The "Butterfly Sister," Rita Galliani, fell on her way back from buying ice cream at the store down the road from her apartment and broke her arm. She ended up at Rochester General Hospital. She will be moving when she gets out of rehab. The story doesn't go so far as to what happened to the ice cream. Ask Edna Monell or Betty Reisinger or Rita's daughter Judy Lewis what the new address is and send her a card, too. If you can find one with butterflies, go for it!

### A Remodeled Meeting Place

We continue to enjoy the improvements our hosts, the Brighton Reformed Church, are doing. There is a completely new commercial-quality kitchen and a wonderful ramp from the parking lot to the front door. The new floor now is complemented by a rehabilitated ceiling and repaired furniture. It's like a whole new meeting place. This month, when the furnace came on, we were impressed that the fans sent the warmth into all corners of the room ... QUIETLY!

Pat Pearson has all these good things to start her year as Matron. Now if she can just shake the Corinthian-Fellowship tradition of snow deep enough to suggest a cancellation on Installation, she will start with a 100%.

Pat Pearson and Betty Reisinger are getting together to do a new roster and term-plan booklet. Pat has a niece who is computer savvy and has agreed to put it into electronic format for them. Betty has even agreed to stop talking about computers as "those devilish contraptions from California and Japan." I will be helping mail them out to all our members. You can save the Chapter postage for two ounces by coming to a meeting. And get hugged in the bargain.

### Come Join Us!!

December 14th - Installation

December 29th - Dinner Party at Chesapeake Factory, Monroe Avenue. Sisters and Brothers are invited to join us. Call Pat Pearson for reservations - 727-8196.



Necrology Committee members, R.W. Beverley Goodell (left) and R.W. Reita Lucy (right).





# OES State Dignitaries Joined Monroe District to Celebrate!



Escorting our State Leaders - (l-r) R.W. EvieAnn Heller; M.W. Harry L. Tyson, Grand Patron; M.W. Norma E. Reynolds, Grand Matron; and R.W. Chris Hampton.



Escorting the Honoree of the evening - (left to right) R.W. Evie Ann Heller; R.W. Elaine Milner; R.W. Kenneth R. Milner, Associate Grand Patron; Roxanne Boyer (Ken's Niece); and R.W. Chris Hampton.

## Introduction of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons



(l-r) W. Carol Peters, Matron of Starlight Chapter; M.W. Norma E. Reynolds, Grand Matron; M.W. Neil E. Laundry, Past Grand Patron 2003; R.W. Raymond DiJames, Patron of Starlight Chapter.



Introduction of M.W. Ruth M. Howe, Past Grand Matron 2005 and M.W. Ron Charon, Past Grand Patron 2005.



Introduction of M.W. Janet R. Siano, Junior Past Grand Matron 2011 and M.W. John Whitney, Junior Past Grand Patron 2011.



Entertainment was provided by the Eagle Star Singers.

### Rochester Forest No. 133



Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
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#### MDA Labor Day Telethon

Our Masonic Year begins with the MDA Labor Day Telethon – our primary charity. One thing that makes ordinary men want to be a Mason (and later a Tall Cedar) is “seeing” our participation with national and local charities. Though the Telethon has a variety of positions to fill, most visual is being an “on-air” Pledge Taker.

Again this year, I helped Buffalo’s Telethon as a Pledge Taker and assisted in gathering part of their \$303,000 donation. I am, however, saddened to report that the Tall Cedar’s usual presence at Rochester’s Telethon was again sorely missing. In fact, according to the current Staff Manager, our usual continuous presence has been “notably absent” for the last few years. We need to do better for this MDA Event, because this is our primary charity. Please try to keep this date available. Also, take note

- Staff Management has changed. Now you must call 424-6560 up to two weeks in advance to select a specific time slot for any available position, but tell them you desire to be an “ON-AIR” Pledge Taker. Remember as a TCL Representative, be sure to wear your pocket name badge and pyramid.

On September 28th, our annual Steak Roast Fundraiser was held. There was some confusion in the Craft due to not having the minimum attendance by the RSVP date. However, I wish to extend A BIG BRAVO to the 22 who did attend for braving Hurricane Irene’s wrath and in helping this TCL event produce a profit for our annual MDA donation.

#### Congratulations ... New Members

October’s meeting was one you should not have missed. Our membership increased by TWO! Our Treasurer, Brother John Zabel, was the Master of Ceremonies and, using the Full Form with Prologue and Royal Court, did a superb presentation of our Initiation Degree on Brothers Rob Russo and Glenn Scott. All members are requested to extend to Tall Cedars Rob and Glenn an appropriate congratulations when you meet them in any other Concordant Body meetings you both attend. We hope that this is a start of a renewed membership gain action. The attending members and I doubly enjoyed this Ritual refresher. It has been a long time since our Forest has done an Initiation and I haven’t seen one since I was Initiated in 1977.

PGTC Cy White has agreed to remain as the Pre-Meeting Dinner Committee Chairman for this Masonic Year. If attending any meeting, contact him prior to the meeting (315) 597-9546 to find out where we are dining. Also, call him if you have a favorite dining establishment you wish him to consider for his PMD list.

#### A Moment of Glad Tidings

New York State Royal Arch Chapter Grand Charities has a new donation plan. It’s called the Zerubabbel Society.

GTC (and RAM Companion) Joseph A Raubar is the most recent donor to join as # 99. He received the coveted Z.S. Award Medal in a ceremony at RAM Chapter Tonawanda Keystone No 71. The medal was presented by Grand RAM Scribe R. J. Kessler.

Our December 28th meeting will be our Annual Christmas Party. The membership will be notified of the details by the Secretary.

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# In Memoriam

## Brown, Hampton J.

Hampton J. "Jim" Brown, 82, went Home to his Lord November 16th leaving his wife, Margaret; 2 children and a grandson to remember him. Jim was a member of Eunice Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine. He was very active in the Damascus Shriner Circus Clowns Unit, where he was known as "Sleepy the Clown." There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

## Chaffer, Robert E.

Robert Chaffer, 85, met his Maker on September 1st. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Martha; 3 children, 7 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. Robert was a member of Fame Lodge. Wishing you a garden of loving memories.

## Chittenden, Rev. Hugh Barrett

On November 14th, Rev. Hugh Chittenden, 93, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith leaving 2 sons, 2 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren to share his memories. Hugh was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine and York Rite. May he find peace with the Lord.

## Cole, Robert Nelson

On October 21st, Robert "Big Chief" Coles, 82, laid down his Working Tools. His wife of 64 years, Martha; 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren will remember a full life of volunteering. He was a member of Scottish Rite. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

## Garrison, Russell E.

Russell Garrison, 93, went to the waiting arms of his wife on October 28th. Two children and 10 grandchildren survive him. Russel was a member of Inspiration Lodge. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

## Holliday, Charles Henry, Jr.

Charles Holliday, 87, passed away November 11th leaving 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren to remember him. He was a US Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II and the Army National Guard. Charles was a 51-year Mason, member of Geneva Lodge, a member of Damascus Shriners and a Jester. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

## Mason, Carl E., Jr.

Carl Mason, 69, was received into Eternal Glory on November 19th. His wife of many years, Joan; 2 children and 2 grandchildren are left to cherish his memory. Carl was a 22-year Mason, a member of ERAC Lodge and a member of Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

## Ransdell, Carl

We have received word that Carl Ransdell, 95, was received into Eternal Glory on April 7th. Carl was a member of Damascus Shrine. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

## Redington, Harry E.

On November 14th, Harry Redington died at age 83. Harry is survived by his wife, Louise; 2 children, 4 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. Remembrance is a golden chain that ties all the love and sorrows.

## Ribis, Albert

On October 28th, Albert Ribis, 91, went to the Celestial Lodge. His wife, Yolanda; daughter, 3 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter will cherish his memory. Albert was a World War II Veteran and a 27-year member of Webster Lodge. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

## Roe, Henry E.

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Henry Roe, 82, on June 5th. He will always be cherished by 3 children, and 3 grandchildren. Henry was a member of Ark Lodge. There is a link death cannot sever, Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

## Storm, Elmer M. "Breezy"

We have received word that Elmer "Breezy" Storm, 81, passed away July 5th. He was a Veteran of the US Navy and Air Force. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Elmer was a member of Eunice Lodge. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

## Westfall, Charles William

Charles Westfall found loving peace in the arms of the Lord November 6th at age 90. Charlie is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Emily; 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. He was a Veteran of World War II and a 50-year member of Union Star Lodge. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

## Widows to be Remembered

Baisch, Frances K., 89, widow of Orren H. Baisch (Unity Lodge), passed away October 17th.

Bennett, Esther S., 91, widow of Leonard G. Bennett (Drumlin Square Lodge), passed away October 26th.

Hartwig, Priscilla Rose, 85, widow of William H. Hartwig, Jr. (Fame Lodge), passed away July 20th.

Hessney, Dorothy Ann, 79, widow of Isaac Hessney, Sr. (Garoga-Sincerity Lodge), passed away August 11th.

Phillips, Theresa W., 97, widow of Earl Phillips (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away November 15th. □

## Hard Post

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ground. They pulled all of the wagons free and received a commendation from their General. Their reward for receiving the commendation was a ration of whiskey. That was the only time that happened and the whiskey tasted so bad that James gave his to a buddy.

James A. Hard's first battle was the Battle of Bull Run, VA, in the Fall of 1861.

His toughest battle was at West Point where his Regiment lost more men than in any other battle.

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery

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An Order emphasizes the lesson of faith, the Order of Malta requires the Mason to profess and practice the Christian faith. The Pass Degree of the Mediterranean Pass or Knight of St. Paul prepares the Candidate for the Order by introducing the lesson and example of the unfearing and faithful martyr of Christianity. The Order is centered on allegorical elements of the Knights of Malta, inheritors of the medieval Knights Hospitaller.

Highlighting the lessons of self-sacrifice and reverence, the Order of the Temple is

## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### JANUARY

- 4th Damascus Shrine Installation  
7th LIVINGSTON - Road to the East - Mt. Morris  
11th DeMolay Open House, Fairport Masonic Hall  
26th OES "Ken's Operators" - Perkins Restaurant  
1500 Ridge Road West  
31st MONROE - School of Ritual - Webster

### FEBRUARY

- 4th LIVINGSTON - Road to the East - Perry  
18th Road to the East - Union Star  
Lodge Hall - Honeoye Falls  
25th Road to the East - Union Star  
Lodge Hall - Honeoye Falls

### MARCH

- 29th MONROE - School of Ritual - Hilton

### APRIL

- 13th-14th College of Freemasonry



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By Ronald P. Kamp

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Here is a list of all the battles in which James A. Hard participated:

1861 - Fairfax Court House, Blackburn's Ford, Bull Run, Munson's Hill, Bailey's Cross Roads, Second Munson's Hill and Annandale Battle - all in Virginia.

1862 - He fought in the Battle of West Point, Seven Day's Battle of Virginia, Gaines's Mill, Ganett's and Goldings Farm, Glendale, Malvern's Hill, and Crampton's Pass - all in Virginia. He also fought in the Battle of Antiedam in Maryland.

1863 - James A. Hard participated in

meant to re-ignite the spirit of the Medieval Knights Templar devotion and self-sacrifice to Christianity. The history of this Masonic Order is long and convoluted, with the Order's Ritual differing between that conferred in England and in the United States. That practiced in the United States has a slight militant zeal to the lesson of Christianity, whereas the English Ritual is more allegorical. However, the American Ritual is most impressive and more emphasis is placed on the solemnity and reverence associated with the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ.

This ends my first installment of my Conclave programs; I hope you find them enlight-

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the Battles of Fredericksburg, Franklin's Crossing, Mary's Heights and Salem Church - all in Virginia.

During the Battle of White Horse Landing along the bank of the York River, his Commanding Officer, Captain L. C. Brown was killed beside him. James A. Hard had one bullet hole in his coat, but was never wounded in any battle in which he participated.

He remained a Private throughout his two years of service and was Honorably Discharged from the Army on June 29, 1863.

More to come ... □

ening. Our life in the service to Jesus, our Lord, always has room for growth and offering these insights is worthy of all Sir Knights and others to have access to their significance.

As I mentioned earlier, the following are websites of reference for more information:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/York\\_Rite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/York_Rite)

[http://grigorfedan.com/main/Modern\\_Day\\_Knights\\_Templar\\_The\\_Masons](http://grigorfedan.com/main/Modern_Day_Knights_Templar_The_Masons)

<http://www.athensmasons.org/OhioKT/ktex.html>

May the peace of our Lord be with you. □



# Big Calendar for December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Chio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners December 14th	Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Board of Governors, <i>Shrine Center</i>	Clio - Hilton Northfield - Pittsford Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps - (OV) Nunda Station Oakland - Castile Inspiration - Rehearsal OES - Fairport, Nolaka, Starlight	Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine - Annual Meeting, Elections OES - Liac Star Masonic War Vets - Charlotte Pier <b>Pearl Harbor Day</b>	Fame - <i>Shrine Center</i> Milnor - Shortsville, 1° Union - Lima, Annual Meeting Webster - Fellowcraft Hiram Chapter Wayne District - M&W Lalla Rookh Caldron	Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street Northfield Holiday Party	OES - District Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA Milnor - Ringing of Bells
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
OES Nolaka Christmas Party	ERAC - <i>Shrine Center</i> - (OV) Fairport-Flower City, Latke Party Union Star - Honeye Falls, 1° Unity - Spencerport, 3° Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield, Annual Meeting Avon Springs	Inspiration - <i>Shrine Center</i> Holiday Party Seneca - Webster Ark - Ringing of Bells OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship, 1 Shrine Legion of Honor Ark Christmas Party	Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford, 3° Webster, 3° Scottish Rite - <i>Shrine Center</i> Ark Food Basket Distribution	Garoga-Sincerity Game Night OES Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7 p.m. \$8 adult 133 South Union Street Spencerport	Sagoyewatha - Phelps Geneva Shrine Club Holiday Party Union & Union Star Christmas Party, Mendon Country Club Scouter Award Presentation, Fairport MWV & Grotto LOH Holiday Party, Fairport
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Unity - Spencerport, Holiday Party Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club	Clio - Hilton Nunda Station - Annual Meeting Oakland - Castile Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps	Drumlin Square Holiday Party - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto Doric Council - Pittsford MWV Birthday Party at Canandaigua VA <b>Hanukkah</b>	Fame - <i>Shrine Center</i> Webster - Fellowcraft Hiram Chapter	Garoga-Sincerity Game Night OES Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7 p.m. \$8 adult 133 South Union Street Spencerport	Sagoyewatha - Phelps Geneva Shrine Club Holiday Party Union & Union Star Christmas Party, Mendon Country Club Scouter Award Presentation, Fairport MWV & Grotto LOH Holiday Party, Fairport	Christmas Eve
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Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Shrine Club	Inspiration - <i>Shrine Center</i> Damascus Wheelers Unit Meeting	Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon Damascus Directors Staff	OES - Corinthian-Fellowship - Holiday Dinner Party	First Day of Winter	Christmas Eve	New Year's Eve

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