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Former Patient Acknowledges Shrine Hospital Life Lessons

Excerpt from letter to the Chief-of-Staff, Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Springfield by Ronald Hill, a former patient ...

Upon reflecting on the past fifteen years and everything I have experienced, it is clear my visits to Shriners Hospital in Springfield have made a very powerful impact on my life, character and perspective. This essay is one that I submitted as part of the college application process. I think it sums up my thoughts on my "challenge" nicely. So much of who I am and what I believe in never would have been possible without the life lessons I have learned from the Shriners Community.

My Challenge

The most influential moment in my life has been my birth. My early arrival and medical complications scared my parents, doctors and relatives. The issues that resulted from my premature birth made me "different." I walk "funny," one of my legs is about half-inch shorter than the other and I probably will never be an Olympic athlete.

Although I was raised to be a patient child, a patient fetus



I was not. I managed to shock everyone by popping out of the womb two-and-a-half months premature. Unnerved by my early arrival, doctors ordered an immediate CAT scan, revealing severe hemorrhaging. This discovery caused them to label me as in "grave condition." While nurses placed me in an incubator bundled in tubes and sensors, the doctor, unoptimistic of my fate, offered my parents counseling. Mom and dad, simply overjoyed by my arrival, refused and patiently waited three weeks for me to be released from the clutches of the incubator.

In the beginning things didn't seem so bad. My first steps around the kitchen weren't very different from most toddlers' first attempts at tottering around. I wobbled, tripped, I fell ... I wailed at the top of my lungs. Normal - just a little later than everyone else. But my legs remained rotated at an odd angle. I didn't gain the typical confident swagger of a two-and-a-half year old who had mastered the art of marching across the living room, much to the delight (and often terror) of his parents. I was different. I had a challenge. My "challenge," as it turns out, had a name. According to the doctors and medical professionals we visited, I had mild cerebral palsy. CP for short.

By the time I was five, my family and I were referred to the Shriners Hospital for Children® that helped kids like me - kids with challenges. My first visit to the clinic was shocking. It looked like a normal doctor's office, but rather than being surrounded by kids with hacking coughs or other children my age showing off a shiny new cast to their parents, I was surrounded by ailments, handicaps and challenges I had never imagined possible. Here I was, barely able to read, and already I had been presented with a scary image of what my life could have been like - of what my challenge could have been. It was a chance to see my life laid out before me in a way that most five-year-olds, most teens and even most adults rarely get a chance to see. I was lucky. The problems I thought I had and the issues I whined about were all insignificant when juxtaposed with problems I could have had to face.

Most brushes with death involve car accidents, or incurable diseases. My near-death experience was birth. Since then, I have been forced to come to grips with the possible alternate outcomes of my life. I have been taught not to dwell on the bad hands you are dealt because, in the grand scheme of things, most of the "problems" or complaints you have are insignificant. At the age of five, that's a pretty big lesson to learn. Didn't get that new Star Wars action figure for Christmas? It was fine ... at least I could walk. Shoes wet from the rain? At least I had feet.

There are still moments in my life where I pause, reflect and think to myself, "It could have been so much worse." I go through each day thankful for the opportunities that have been presented to me. When things go my way, I feel truly lucky. When they don't, I find an alternate solution and remind myself I have no reason to complain.

My "challenge" is the best thing that has ever happened to me.

Have-a-Heart Campaign Now in Progress

The 2011 Campaign to benefit the two Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester is now underway at Eastview, Marketplace and The Mall at Greece Ridge. Western New York Masons, Concordant Bodies, family members and friends are helping collect funds to support this worthwhile cause, under the direction of General Chairman, R.:W.: George Foehner. Organizations scheduled to participate this year include:

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ERAC
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Lalla Rookh Grotto
Lalla Rookh Caldron
Scottish Rite
York Rite
Order of the Eastern Star,
Fairport and Starlight Chapters
Daughters of the Nile.
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Masonic Development Course

1-Day only

Saturday, April 2nd

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

at Union Star Lodge Hall
3 Main Street, Honeoye Falls

Cost: \$35

Contact: R.:W.: George Foehner
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Reservations due by March 12th
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Camp Turk accepts children between the ages of 8 to 16 years old.

We will be offering One-, Two- and Three-week Sessions:

Boy's Session

Option 1 (1 Week):	July 3rd to July 9th	\$500.00
Option 2 (2 Weeks):	July 3rd to July 16th	\$900.00
Option 3 (3 Weeks):	July 3rd to July 23rd	\$1,100.00

Girl's Session

Option 1 (1 Week):	July 24th to July 30th	\$500.00
Option 2 (2 Weeks):	July 24th to August 6th	\$900.00
Option 3 (3 Weeks):	July 24th to August 13th	\$1,100.00

*Limited space with each option

Contact Mollie Denslow at (315) 392-2081 for additional information or visit our website at: www.campturk.org

If you are interested in hosting a Camp Turk Information Night in your area, give us a call and we will send one of our Committee members out to your area.

Financial Assistance Available



Damascus News see page 9



Editor's Corner

This is the second issue which has been completed using InDesign®, the Adobe program to which I upgraded a few months back. We are gaining! There is still much to learn and most of it involves the final preparation of documents for publication.

As a result of these recent experiences, I have been forced to change the deadline due date for copy for each issue. **The 5th of each Month preceding the Month of Publication** is the new deadline. It is necessary to gain additional time up front so we are able to tweak the final copy and prepare the files for the printer.

We still have some difficulty conveying these deadlines and our guidelines to authors, so I am repeating a few of them here. If there is any doubt in your mind as to what we need or would like, please send us an email or give us a call. We will try to explain more fully.

Articles should refer to your Lodge or Organization events and activities...what happened at your last meeting and what you are planning for the next month or two! **You have to ignore the current month.** You probably will not have had a meeting before the deadline and, if we catch it, I do not allow speculation on those wonderful events two weeks after the due date, which ultimately were canceled for one reason or another.

Talk about it in your article for next month! Remember, you are informing members who do not attend meetings for one reason or another, just what has happened and what is going to happen. If your membership is like mine, you get 20% active attendees; 40-50% live out of town, and the remainder are infirm, don't drive at night or are in assisted living facilities and can't come. They are still Dues-paying members, are entitled to know what is going on and you should feel obligated to keep them up-to-date.

Be sure to look at the right calendar month, so any dates you publish agree with the day you write about. Make sure names of Brothers are spelled correctly; also any speakers or presenters who attend. We know a lot of people and are able to catch some errors, but there are still plenty of names we are unable to screen.

Use MORI to obtain the birthdays and anniversary dates of Raising for your Brothers. I vowed years ago to use the former so EVERY Brother would get his name in the paper at least once a year. I'd rather wish them a happy birthday than list them in the Distress column!

Lastly, if you don't have a confirmation of us receiving your article within 72 hours, check with us. Last month, the column for the President of the Service Bureau went to the Trash basket, as did another article. We had no reason to check that, and only found it after he questioned why it wasn't published. Jan does a great job of cataloging and responding, but we need you to be pro-active to help us defeat the Gremlins!

Thanks for reading. ✕

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By Gary Sanford

As I'm looking to the New Year ahead and thinking about

the many different functions the Masonic Service Bureau does and has done over the last several years, the question that comes to mind is "How may we improve on the services we provide to the Masonic Community of Greater Rochester?"

I have asked this at our meetings and the MSB did do a survey a couple of years ago to try to get viewpoints from you, our customers. What I have learned is that we need to talk with you in person to get feedback, not by a form letter or a question to a group, as that just doesn't get the results that are needed. Sometimes it may not be what we want to hear, but what we need to hear to move forward and improve.

That is the same for our own organizations to which we be-

long. We need to take the time to meet with a small group in an informal get-together to be able to hear each other's voice. These should be comprised of different types of members - those with longer service, past leaders, non-leaders, younger/newer members, etc. - so we hear from them as to what we can do to help make this Fraternity improve. By personally asking others to participate in one form or another, helps to keep them active and keep attending our different events. This I believe is one method to help us all succeed.

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

MASONIC CARE COMMUNITY
of New York

Embassy Program
R. W. Derek VanHouten
Co-ordinator

By Derek E. VanHouten

I'm sure many of you saw the Masonic Care Community "Wish Lists" several years ago. Below is the newest one from the MCC Community. If your Lodge would like to supply either funds or with actual materials, please contact me.

It's important that each Lodge enlists the help of one Brother who would be will-

ing to serve as an Ambassador to the MCC. This would be a multi-year assignment and would give the Brother the opportunity to speak on occasion in his Lodge on matters and subjects relating to the Masonic Care Community. He would answer to his respective District Chairman, in this case it would be R. W. Richard Brewer of the Wayne District, R. W. Richard Trescott of the Livingston District or W. Bernard Lazerson of the Monroe District, with overall responsibility of R. W. Derek VanHouten as the Embassy Coordinator for the Region. Unfortunately, there are several Lodges whose Masters have not yet appointed an Ambassador and they are missing out on a very worthwhile endeavor set up by the Board of Trustees of

the Masonic Hall and Home.

Another area each of our readers may contribute to is the Annual Brotherhood Fund Program where even our Grand Master is suggesting you consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Masonic Care Community this year. If an individual makes a single donation of \$100 or more to the Masonic Care Community or for allocation by the Grand Master, he or she will receive a one-of-a-kind beautiful 100th Anniversary brass etching and presentation case brass rendition of the Masonic Hall on 23rd street, which can easily be hung in your home.

Bus Tours

The Board of Trustees has approved the renewal of Bus Trips to the Home and, if you have never been there, we

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of New York

Activities	NuStep Machine	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
	Personal Computer Resident Area	\$550	\$550
	Color Printer	\$350	\$350
	Total Activities		\$6,400
Automotive	Wheelchair Van - 12 Seats & 4 Wheelchairs	\$55,000	\$55,000
	Total Automotive		\$55,000
Grounds	Lawn Treatment (1 year)	\$8,000	\$8,000
	Annual Flowers (1 year)	\$4,500	\$4,500
	Total Grounds		\$12,500
Information Systems	Personal Computer (36)	\$550 ea	\$19,800
Total Information Systems			\$19,800
Nursing - Adirondack	Vander Lift	\$4,300	\$4,300
	Scout Chair	\$1,000	\$1,000
	18x19 High-back Recliner Wheelchair	\$800	\$800
	Digital Camera & Memory Card	\$400	\$400
	Television for Living Room	\$800	\$800
Total Nursing			\$7,300
Nursing - Catskill/Niagara	Low Beds (35)	\$1,400 ea	\$49,000
	Prime Air Mattress (8)	\$3,000 ea	\$24,000
	Radios for Resident Rooms (300)	\$40 ea	\$12,000
	Specialty Chairs (8)	\$600 ea	\$4,800
	Television for Atrium	\$1,500	\$1,500
	Crossword & Puzzle Books for Residents (300)	\$5 ea	\$1,500
	Total Nursing Facility		
Occupational Therapy	Shoulder Exerciser	\$346	\$346
	Exercise Bike for Therapy Pool	\$2,250	\$2,250
	Exercise Treadmill for Therapy Pool	\$1,950	\$1,950
	Total Therapy		
Physical Therapy	Recliner Chairs (6)	\$600 ea	\$3,600
	Staph-check Full Mattress (6)	\$380 ea	\$2,280
	Staph-check Twin Mattress (6)	\$320 ea	\$1,920
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would encourage you doing this sometime in the Spring. The MCC is situated on about 475 acres of land in Utica and, to this writer, is a real gem that, unfortunately, many of you have not availed yourselves of the chance to see. A bus trip, with a lovely tour and lunch at Acacia Village, is a great way to enjoy a free day, if you are looking for a break in the Spring or later in the year.

If there are any questions, contact your respective District Chairman or me. ✕



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Have-a-Heart Campaign

For The Ronald McDonald House's – The House Love Built
Masters and Wardens Association

By R.: W.: George Foehner
Greetings and Happy New Year from your Have-a-Heart Committee.

We started this Campaign in early Fall and, as you read this,

the Campaign will be in full swing. Hopefully, we have done our job well and are prepared to set a new high of \$20,000, which is our goal. More sticky hearts, better locations and

new banners are some items accomplished to assist our volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers ... while making the calls and contacts for the work assignments, the reason why I became a Mason is now crystal clear. It's the good men and women who give of their time to make our Campaign such a success.

Organizing this Campaign is very enjoyable when you have such wonderful cooperation from eager-to-serve Brothers and Sisters. The Committee thanks all these super people and hopes our 2011 Campaign will be a huge success. Check your April Masonic Times to see how we made out.

See you at the Malls. ✕

Marketplace Mall		
Mall Chairman - Mark Hutton (705-1914)		
Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., January 29th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m. 3 p.m.-9 p.m.	Nunda Station 682 Livonia 778
Sun., January 30th (Noon - 6 p.m.)	Noon - 6 p.m.	York Rite
Mon., January 31st (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36
Tue., February 1st (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Union 45
Wed., February 2nd (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 3 p.m. 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Geneseo 214 Mount Morris 122
Thu., February 3rd (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Oatka 759
Fri., February 4th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Union Star 320
Sat., February 5th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Union Star 320
Sun., February 6th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 6 p.m.	Union 45
Mon., February 7th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36
Tue., February 8th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Oatka 759
Wed., February 9th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Union Star 320
Thu., February 10th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Scottish Rite
Fri., February 11th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Oatka 759
Sat., February 12th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Oatka 759
Sun., February 13th (Noon - 6 p.m.)	Noon - 6 p.m.	Union Star 320

Eastview		
Mall Chairman - Gary Sanford (944-6892)		
Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., January 29th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163
Sun., January 30th (Noon - 6 p.m.)	Noon - 6 p.m.	Northfield 426
Mon., January 31st (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Seneca 797
Tue., February 1st (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163
Wed., February 2nd (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Fairport-Flower City 476
Thu., February 3rd (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eagle 619
Fri., February 4th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Seneca 797
Sat., February 5th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Webster 538
Sun., February 6th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 6 p.m.	Wakan-Hubbard 154
Mon., February 7th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Webster 538
Tue., February 8th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	OES-Fairport 444
Wed., February 9th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fairport-Flower City 476
Thu., February 10th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Daughters of the Nile
Fri., February 11th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Webster 538
Sat., February 12th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Seneca 797
Sun., February 13th (Noon - 6 p.m.)	Noon - 6 p.m.	Northfield 426

The Mall at Greece-Ridge		
Mall Chairman - Eugene Crews (317-8846)		
Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., January 29th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Sun., January 30th (Noon - 6 p.m.)	Noon - 6 p.m.	Craftsman Robertson 969
Mon., January 31st (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Craftsman Robertson 969
Tue., February 1st (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Valley-Simes 109
Wed., February 2nd (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Kendall Social 713
Thu., February 3rd (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	OES-Starlight 507
Fri., February 4th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Sat., February 5th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Valley-Simes 109
Sun., February 6th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 6 p.m.	Fame 722
Mon., February 7th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fame 722
Tue., February 8th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Lalla Rookh Grotto
Wed., February 9th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Lalla Rookh Caldron
Thu., February 10th (3 p.m. - 9 p.m.)	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36
Fri., February 11th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Clio 779
Sat., February 12th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 9 p.m.	Clio 779
Sun., February 13th (Noon - 9 p.m.)	Noon - 6 p.m.	Eureka 36

COMMITTEE CHAIR STANDS DOWN!

By Thomas M. Paglia
Emeritus Chairman

After eight years of being Chairman of the Masonic Veterans Service Committee (now known as the Military Outreach Program), I have stepped down to have R.: W.: Dennis Breheny take over the helm. Dennis is well-qualified with a great background in Veterans Affairs. He is also a Veteran himself, so he will know the needs of the Veterans.

In the many years as Chairman, I have made some very close friendships, which will last a lifetime. The members of the VA Volunteers who normally attend visitations are very special to me. It takes a special breed of person to help the Veterans and commit themselves to monthly visitations.

Many Volunteers have accumulated many years with thousands of hours, used their own funds (which could amount to thousands of dollars) and helped many Veterans get on with their lives.

As I have often told others, there comes a time when you

need to step aside; no one is as indispensable as we may think, but life goes on without you.

It has been a love and satisfaction "tour of duty" and another chapter of my life comes to a close. I will continue to go to the VA for our weekly and monthly visitations. As you get older, you find out you are not capable of doing what you did at half the age. I have spent 35 years (my wife, Cora has 30 years) at Canandaigua VA Facility and will continue until the legs say that's it.

There are two people who have given me constant support all these years – Larry and Marge Hood. My feelings and thoughts for them go beyond words. They were always there when I needed support and I'm sure they will be there to guide me when needed.

The best to all who have helped me – especially the Masonic War Veterans who have now made it an ongoing monthly visitation program.

Remember the Veterans who now need us. They gave their all. ✕

Support of Re-Dedication Program of Tompkins Chapel Yields Recognition

(See form on Page 16)

On June 25th, we hope you will all join us as we commemorate and celebrate the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel at a special Re-dedication Program at 10 a.m.

It would be great if every Lodge in the State of New York was involved and recognized by making a monetary donation to this endeavor. A Commemorative Book with the history of the life of M.:W.: Daniel Tompkins, as well as details on the Chapel and its contents, will be available to all who attend. Consider the following options for involvement as an individual, a group, Lodge or District.

- Underwrite a Window.

Donation: \$500

The Commemorative Chapel Book will contain photos of all the stained glass windows in the building. Your Lodge will be listed in the book as the underwriter of a window (early sponsors can select a specific window).

- Sponsor a Commemorative Floral Wreath to adorn the exterior of the Chapel.

Donation \$350

- Sponsor a Floral Arrangement (inside the Chapel).

Donation: \$200

Your donation will put fresh flowers in the Chapel for the St. John's Day Weekend events. Your Lodge will be listed as a sponsor in the Chapel Commemorative Book. The sponsor name will also be shown at the base of the floral arrangement

- Purchase a Business Card Ad in the Commemorative Chapel Book.

Donation \$100 ✕



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I hope all Brothers and their families are doing well in Wayne District. I have almost completed all of my Official Visits with only two Lodges left. I will be in Marion Lodge on February 8th and Humanity Lodge in Lyons on March 9th. If any Brother has missed their Official Visit, you are more than welcome to come on those nights to join us. Both Lodges open at 7:30 p.m.

Masters and Wardens

Just a reminder to the Brothers ... The Masters and Wardens Association meeting will be February 24th at the Wayne Lodge Hall, Ridge Road, Ontario. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the Meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be from the Masonic Home. All Brethren are welcome. If you wish to come for the dinner, please contact the Association's President, Joel Falbo, at (315) 331-2911.

The Grand Sword Bearer, R.:W.: Jay Dewispelaere, is starting to instruct the Masonic Development Course at Sodus Lodge Hall on January 29th, February 26th and March 26th, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon. Please give R.:W.: Dewispelaere a call if you would like to participate.

The Assistant Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: R. Brewer, is keeping very busy with his monitoring of Ritual. He has been to Pultneyville, Sodus, Rose, Wolcott, Drumlin Square and Wayne Lodges.

Best wishes to all and may God keep you and your families safe.

tended for your support and to those who could not attend but did make donations.

During the month of January, we held the Entered Apprentice Degree for two new Brothers. We will be holding the Fellowcraft Degree on February 16th. Please try and make it to support the Degree and get to know our new Brothers. They need to get to know you! Dinner will be at the Yellow Mill Restaurant if you wish to attend.

Dues and Brotherhood

Don't forget about your Dues, my Brothers; our Secretary is working at getting those new Dues Cards out, so let's make his job as easy as possible and take care of your Dues in a timely manner. Your help with this is greatly appreciated. Also, let's not forget about that line on your Dues Notice for the Brotherhood Fund. If you can give a little, that would be great. The Fund needs your support.

Happy Valentine's Day

Now for the most important part of this article, please do not forget that February 14th is Valentine's Day! My Brothers, please take a moment and let that special someone in your life know how much you appreciate her. I know my wife has been a great supporter of all of my Masonic endeavors and, without that backing (and constant reminders about where I am suppose to be on any given night), I would not be able to get the things done that I need to. Many of us spend a great deal of time away from home being Freemasons and this is our opportunity to say thank you for the support.

As always, my Brothers, I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge Hall.

Monroe District

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The New Year is still young, but the Masonic Year is well underway and our Lodges have been busy working at Initiating, Passing and Raising Brother Masons, as well as putting on diverse programs and events. Remember that your District Leadership team is here to provide assistance, guidance and help whenever you need us. This is our primary function and our number-one priority is to ensure the success of individual Lodges and the District.

Let Us Help

Do not wait until problems arise to call on us. Let us work together to prevent problems and to ensure your team and your Lodge are successful on an ongoing basis. Reaching out for assistance, my Brothers is a sign of strong leadership, and it is never a sign of weakness. Asking for help does not reflect badly on the Master of the Lodge or his Officers. Freemasonry is primarily a Brotherhood and we should do a better job working together and coordinating our efforts to the betterment of our Lodges, the District and our Fraternity.

This brings me to emphasizing the important role of two Masonic Bodies in the District: The Masters and Wardens Association and the Purple Club. Both, in my opinion, have been neglected and both deserve our support as they serve important and essential functions in the District.

The Purple Club

The Purple Club can be an important advisory committee for the current District Leadership Team. The newly elected Officers traditionally present their programs to the Purple Club and should periodically provide updates on the "State of the District" asking for feedback, advice and assistance where needed. In turn, the members of the Purple Club should provide wise council and guidance to the Leadership Team where they see fit. This provides a much-needed coordination and continuity in leadership.

Masters and Wardens

The Masters and Wardens Association is a committee of current Masters and Wardens as well as current Secretaries of Lodges who meet regularly to coordinate programs and initiatives within the District and to provide support to each other. Leadership can be a very lonely experience - even disorienting, overwhelming and frustrating at times. The importance of tapping into the experience - building on and emulating the successes of others, as well as learning from our collective failures, cannot be overemphasized. The next Masters and Wardens meeting will take place at Webster Lodge on January 31st at 6:30 p.m., immediately prior to the School of Ritual. I will be there with the District Leadership Team and I expect every Master, Warden and Secretary of the 13 Lodges in the Monroe District to be there as we discuss the role and function of this important Body.

District-Wide Table Lodge

Stay tuned for more news in the near future about the District event of the year, which is shaping up to be a great success. I am referring to the District-wide Table Lodge that will take place on March 29th. This event, which will likely attract well over 200 Brothers, will be held at Cathedral Hall (our former Downtown Temple). We are working on inviting all three top Grand Line Officers of the Grand Lodge of New York. This program, in line with the District's motto for the year "One Brotherhood, One District," will be remembered as a premier event for the District for many years to come. The preparations W.: Patrick Mulrooney and his team are working on will include a gourmet dinner in a beautiful and nostalgic Masonic venue. It's definitely an event that should not be missed.

I am encouraged by the energy of individual Brothers in the District. I also congratulate the Lodges for the successful programs which I had a chance

to attend or hear about. Every one of our 13 Lodges has something special going on. Each Lodge has its own character and is unique in its own way. This is true for the Lodges that are successfully putting on excellent Degrees and exemplifying our beautiful Ritual. It is also true for the Lodges that are successfully bringing in a large number of Brothers and providing them with effective mentorship to become active Masons for years to come. The same goes for Lodges that have more of a community service focus, the Brothers who regularly invite each other for a popular Spaghetti Dinner, a social gathering or those who are visible in their community through fundraising and charitable events.

We all do it differently, my Brothers, but we all have those values and ideals in common that make us Freemasons. Nothing is more Masonic than the two mottos adopted by this beautiful country of ours - IN GOD WE TRUST, and E PLURIBUS UNUM. The same mottos apply to our Fraternity and should be etched for eternity in the heart and mind of every Brother Master Mason. An unwavering belief in God as well as tolerance are two cornerstones of our Masonic Fraternity. In my previous article, I stressed the importance of education at the individual level as I encouraged each and every one of you to research Masonic teachings and ideals and to develop a better understanding of the history and core values of our Fraternity. It is only when we are well grounded in those core values that we will be able to thrust our Fraternity forward and ensure its relevance to future generations.

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

Grand Sword Bearers Monroe



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In my last article we discussed how to get started in putting together a portfolio needed to compete for the Twain Award. The goal is to increase Masonic awareness and carry forward. If you have any questions about competing for this Award, feel free to contact your Staff Officers, whose telephone numbers and email addresses are noted below our pictures. The Twain Award is further explained at:

www.msana.com

Public Relations

This month we will continue our focus on Public Relations. Each Lodge should have a Brother who is designated as a Public Relations/Communications Officer. The Brother, or Brothers, who have taken on this role, have an important duty, which is simply this ... to increase Masonic awareness both within the Lodge and in the community-at-large.

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Another month of Winter has passed and we are now into February. As an update to my last article, we did pretty well at the 2010 Holiday Auction in support of our Surviving Spouses Program. Sixteen Brothers and their wives attended the event and we were able to raise \$350. That's not bad and we had a lot of fun as well. Thank you to all who at-

This month I would like to spotlight Webster Lodge. Brother Paul Jason Kolacki, who is both Senior Warden and Public Relations/Communications Officer for the Lodge, along with W.: Scott Cronk, reported the following:

- Webster Lodge has been running a Spaghetti Dinner on the first Friday of the month from October to May. The dinners, although run by the Brothers, are worked by the volunteer members of local non-profit organizations. The proceeds from these dinners are given to the respective organizations, such as, the Friends of Webster Trails, the Webster Museum and a variety of children's sports teams, such as Little League.

- Twice a year Webster cleans a stretch of Route 404 between Phillips Road and Salt Road.
- The building which houses Webster Lodge is provided to both the Boy and Girl Scouts for a variety of meetings, awards, parties and celebrations.

- Webster Lodge also works with the American Red Cross to support blood drives in the Lodge building.

- Webster Lodge supports the Firemen's Parade by helping at the concessions while the Firemen march in the parade.

Brothers, what Webster Lodge is doing is an example of how it goes about increasing Masonic awareness outside of the Lodge. We recognize that each Lodge goes about increasing Masonic awareness in its own way and in a manner that fits with the Lodge. Like the commercial says, "What's in your wallet?" What is it that your Lodge is doing to increase Masonic awareness? It can be both outward looking as Webster Lodge demonstrates, or it can be inward looking. However your Lodge goes about increasing Masonic awareness; don't keep it a secret - this is not Ritual.

Please send me your reports, letting me know what your Lodge is doing to increase Masonic awareness. By making the time to articulate what your Lodge is doing to increase Masonic awareness, you are laying the groundwork for completing a submission to achieve the Twain Award. How to complete a submission and deadlines are posted on the Twain Award website at: www.msana.com.

Masonic Development Course

By the time you read this, your District will have completed the *Masonic Development Course*. Due to popular demand, and in recognition of the numbers of new Brothers joining the Craft, your Leadership Team will be offering a one-day *Masonic Development Course*. It will be held on Saturday, April 2nd from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Union Star Lodge Hall in Honeoye Falls. The cost is \$35 and includes course materials, a continental breakfast and pizza for lunch. The reservation deadline is March 12th.

Make your reservation with R.:W.: George Foehner, at 586-5255. Advance payment is required.

Road to the East

For those Brothers in the Chairs, particularly the Wardens, we have the Annual *Road to the East* Program (RTTE) commencing February 19th. The Course is presented in

three separate sessions - beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding by 1 p.m. The cost is \$75 and includes the required 24" Gauge. If possible, we encourage Lodges to underwrite the cost of this Course for their members who enroll. Payment is required at time of reservation. The schedule and registration for the RTTE are as follows:

February 19th
Union Star Lodge Hall
3 N. Main St., Honeoye Falls

February 26th
Constellation Lodge Hall
21 N Main St, Perry

March 5th
Eunice Lodge Hall
3141 State St, Caledonia
To register, contact one of the following:

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Your Leadership Team wishes you continued success.
To be continued... ❧

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The Reason ...
On the deadline day of the *Masonic Times*, a story unfolded in Henrietta that a child had been abducted in Elmira and an Amber Alert was sent out by the Elmira Police.
An alert Rochester-area citizen spotted the suspect vehicle and followed it to the Microtel Hotel on Lehigh Station Road

in Henrietta. Through the Amber Alert Program, actions of the Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies and New York State Police, the child was recovered and the abductors arrested.

This is what the Masonic Safety Identification Program is about; it's why we do it and this is your reminder we need your help!!!!

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

We have identified a few Masons with American Sign Language skills who have agreed to help with our deaf program outreach for some successful programs with the deaf community. Do you possess such skills? We can use your help. Contact us at the numbers listed below so we can set up events to serve the deaf community!!!

Brothers, it does not take much to set up an event and staff it - just a little creativity and forethought. Will you help????

Contact Information
Information about the Masonic Safety Identification Program is available on-line at www.nychip.org. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the program and involvement from your Lodge!!! We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at:
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Circle of Life
The circle of life is something we just can't escape. It

brings us both joy and sadness. It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Brother Bert Bastinelli. He laid down his Working Tools and joined the Great Architect. He will be surely missed.

It's seldom that we are able to report on the great joy of that circle, but that seems to be changing. Brother Brennan Coon has been keeping us updated on Julia's progress and she is coming along very well.

Brother John Georges' young son is doing well and is a ball of energy.

Brother Chris Cameron gave us quite a surprise just before the Holidays by informing us that his wife is pregnant with their first child. Please join us in congratulating Chris and his wife.

It's always comforting to know wherever that circle leads us in life, that our Brothers are there in numbers - in front of us, beside us or behind us. ❧

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I am sure you are counting the days to Spring like I am. This past month we have two Brothers who were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. I hope you will join us for the Raising of these Brothers to the Degree of Master Mason. More details to come.

Upcoming Events
Have-a-Heart Campaign
I am asking all members of Valley-Simes Lodge to please help with this year's Have-a-Heart Campaign at The Mall at Greece Ridge. Valley-Simes Lodge is scheduled to staff:
Tuesday, February 1st
3 p.m. - 9 p.m. and
Saturday, February 5th
12 Noon - 9 p.m.

Please advise the Master what days and times you can help staff the booth and ask your family members to help. We need a lot of workers. Remember, this is a District event. It's a great way to show the public who we are and what Masons are about. You can help and have fun at the same time.

Our scheduled meeting for February 8th has been canceled. Instead, we will have a

Regular Communication on February 22nd. Please mark your calendar.

Brotherhood Fund

As of this writing, some Brothers have stepped up and contributed, but more participation is requested. I ask every Brother to give as much as they can, but please make a donation ... it really does help.

February Birthdays

Douglas W. Torrance and Richard G. Giedd (3rd), Olin-do Nardone and Gary E. Lind (5th), Gerard D. Merze (6th), Donald R. Brown and William R. Anderson (9th), Herbert Spencer (10th), Jeffrey W. Amering (16th), Michael S. Bailey (18th), Bryan C. Anderson and Scott A. Herzog (19th), Jack Palmer (20th), David B. Dahrsnin (24th) and Stephen J. Moore (28th).

Congratulations, Brothers; I hope you have a great Birthday!

February Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Brothers who were Raised in the month of February and thank you for all you have done for Masonry:

68 Years Samuel Bogorad
24 Years William Anderson
David Dahrsnin
Sion Honea III

Thank you for your support. Next month I hope to report on the consolidation that was our topic at the January meeting.

From the Secretary

To my Lodge Brothers who normally receive my emails ... Recently I purchased a new computer with Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2010 installed. This now makes my email server, "Windows Live Mail." I do not like it, and I am finding (and concerned) that some of the Brothers are NOT getting my emails. If you have not received an email from me since December 1st, then you should send me an email with a short note, your full name and email address. My email address is: hspence1@rochester.rr.com

I will get you back on the list. Many thanks.

Dues

As of January 3rd, our total membership is 118 ... 65 Brothers paid their 2011 Dues plus 13 who received their Dues via remit, hardship or being over 90. Further, we had one NPD, 10 Brothers have not paid their 2010 Dues and 40 Brothers have not paid their 2011 Dues. Many thanks to all the Brothers who sent donations to the Brotherhood Fund with their Dues. All-in-all, we are doing well with the mailing of 78 Dues cards as of January 3rd. Keep paying your Dues. I wish you and your families a most Happy and Healthy 2011. ❧

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have a great meal and a great time working and talking with your Brothers. The dinners are generally the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, but check our schedule on our website www.cliolodge.org or call Brother Bill Hunn (329-0318).

Sickness and Distress

Please keep W.: Frank Celona in mind; he lost his brother just prior to the Holidays.

Also, prayers for R.: W.: George Todd as his health continues to improve.

V.: W.: Harry DeHollander recently injured his elbow and is recovering well.

If you are aware of a Brother who is dealing with a health issue or needs our assistance or support, please let me know. I would appreciate the updates.

Upcoming Events

A few upcoming events you should keep in mind are the Have-a-Heart Campaign, which will have begun by the time you receive this article. Contact Brother Sean Noonan, (261-6311) our Secretary, if you want to help out with the Campaign. We will be working at The Mall at Greece Ridge again this year and we hope to do an outstanding job, as we did last year. See schedule on Page 3.

If you can make our meeting on February 1st, we will be hosting a guest speaker who will talk on home brewing. It should be a good one.

Our meeting on February 15th will be the 1st Degree.

On February 19th, Part One of the *Road to the East* is being offered at the Union Star Lodge Hall. If you are thinking about becoming an Officer of the Lodge, this three-part Course is a must-have. It will really help you learn what it takes to become Master of your Lodge. We may be able to get you in, but be sure to call me ASAP if you want to attend.

On March 12th, we will be conducting our 2nd Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. We could really use your help in selling tickets to the event and putting on the dinner. Contact Brother Bill or me to get your tickets.



R.: W.: George Nasra, District Deputy Grand Master (left), and W.: Mike Postilli, Master of Clio Lodge (right), presented 50-year Service Award Aprons to W.: Harry Hopkins (photo left), Brother Oliver Crist (photo above) and Brother Kenneth Mullen (photo below). All three Brothers were Raised on the same day in December 1960.



Dues Notices have been sent out. If you did not receive yours, please be sure to contact us.

In closing, I again congratulate our newest Brothers and I thank all of my Brothers of Clio Lodge and around the Districts for their help and support. I do not always remember to say thanks to everyone and I apologize to you if you are someone I missed. Please know that I am very grateful for the help and the support you have shown the Lodge.

Fairport-Flower City
Lodge No. 476
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Brian J. Bills

We were all stunned by the passing of Brother Brian J. Bills on December 30th. He was working as Postmaster of the Macedon Post Office when his time came. Our sympathies are extended to his wife, Paula, and son. A Masonic Service was conducted at the Fairport Masonic Hall on January 3rd. The Lodge Room was packed with family, neighbors, co-workers and Masons (Lodge, War Vets, Grotto, Scottish Rite and Shrine) friends all.

Some years ago the Lodge needed a Chairman for the Canal Days Food Stand. Brother Brian stepped forward and has served continuously, even though his health was failing. Did I forget to say he knew the Lodge needed the money as he was the Treasurer? He will be missed for his smile, his hard work and his Chili. Well done, good and faithful Servant.

Upcoming Events

On a happy note, February 14th is Valentine's Day. We are

planning a "Ladies Night Out." The details are being worked out. Check out the website - www.fairportmasons.com for final arrangements. Dress will be casual.

The 1st Degree is planned for February 28th with W.: Tom Goodrich in the East. All Officers will wear a tuxedo or dark suit.

February is Have-a-Heart month. We will attend the stand at Eastview Mall. We are near the food court, so coffee, food and restrooms are available. Let us get out and support the wonderful Ronald McDonald Houses Charity. Call the Secretary for available dates.

February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following Brothers: Peter Swanson (2nd), Terry Adams (3rd), Daniel Barish (6th), Ralph Hansen (7th), George Bracht (12th), Michael Despain (13th), Richard Budgeon and Maynard Hellman (15th), Frederick Ogborne II (18th), Bruce Keplin (26th) and Elmer Hess (27th). Best wishes for a prosperous and healthy year.

Come out and support the YOUNG Officers and their programs. Fairport-Flower City Lodge is alive and well. The future looks bright.

Union Star

Lodge No. 320

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 Honeoye Falls, 14472

2nd Mondays
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We are very busy at the Lodge now being in the middle of Degree season. This year has been especially rewarding as we have four newly Initiated Brothers and two more who should be Initiated by the time you read this article. Please help support our new Brothers as they are Passed and Raised for their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. You can help them with their memorization or by being there during the Degree to show its importance to the Craft.

Have-a-Heart Support

The Have-a-Heart Campaign is here now. Please contact Gary Sanford, Mark Hutton, or George Foehner to see if they need help. Union Star is scheduled to work at Marketplace Mall:

Friday, February 4th

12 Noon - 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 5th

12 Noon - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9th

3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday, February 13th

12 Noon - 6 p.m.

Contact Mark Hutton at 582-3023 to sign-up for a shift.

Dues Notice

Most of you have already paid your Dues for 2011. If you have not done so yet, please contact Gary Sanford at 585-425-4240 or email: ggsanford@aol.com

Recent Events

A special thanks to Brothers John Williams and Frank Habitzreuther for putting together this year's Christmas Party. We were honored to

have several District Officers present. I heard many positive reviews regarding this evening.

Those who attended our Fellowship Christmas Party at the Lodge Hall also had a great time and the food was excellent.

Upcoming Events

Date Change - Due to Valentine's Day falling on the 2nd Monday in February, we have moved our Regular Communication to the 3rd Monday, February 21st, per our By-Laws. This night will also be our 2nd Degree.

February

Don't forget ... Our February Meeting is the 21st (not 14th)

4th - Have-a-Heart Campaign - 12 Noon - 9 p.m.

5th - Have-a-Heart Campaign - 12 Noon - 6 p.m.

7th - 2nd Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

9th - Have-a-Heart Campaign - 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

13th - Have-a-Heart Campaign - 12 Noon - 6 p.m.

19th - *Road to the East* at Union Star Lodge Hall; 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

21st - Special Communication; 2nd Degree, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

26th - *Road to the East* at Constellation Lodge Hall, 21 N Main St, Perry, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

28th - Fellowship Meeting, 7 p.m.

March

5th - *Road to the East* at Eunice Lodge Hall; 3141 State St, Caledonia, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

14th - Regular Communication; 3rd Degree (First Section) Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

21st - 3rd Degree (Drama Section) Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

28th - Special Communication - 3rd Degree, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

29th - District Table Lodge, Details TBD

30th - School of Ritual at Oatka Lodge Hall; Masters and Wardens at 6:30 p.m.

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New Brothers

On December 16th, Webster Lodge was very fortunate to Raise seven new Master Masons. Seven, what a nice number of newly Raised Brothers - nice and big! Don't get me wrong; this isn't some numeric value in the manner of which an accountant adds up bushels of produce or yearly dividends. Granted, seven is a good quantity of newly Raised Brothers, but better than that, it's an excellent value for the number of excellent men being made Brothers. It's worthy to note that our new Brothers are energetic and worked very well with each other during their efforts to improve their proficiencies. They worked vigorously to learn those lines that some of us haven't thought much about in years. This is something I'm sure we're all happy to see; dedication, strong proficiency and a healthy sense of camaraderie.

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Brothers of Webster Lodge gathered for the annual breakfast and then delivered Poinsettias and visited with Brothers who are unable to attend Communications.

The growth of a Masonic Lodge can't get any better than that, my friends.

Our three Degrees for the first part of the year went pretty well. Although I'm sure many would agree with me when I say that Webster Lodge has a fair reputation for putting on a decent Degree, there is always room for improvement. Believe me, this I know. There is always room for improving one's skills. In doing so, we can better illustrate to those who receive these Degrees that the men who go through all that work, really take their work seriously; they really take the Craft seriously. It's this sense of dedication on our behalf, I feel, that helps new Brothers decide they, too, might like to step up and lend a hand; get involved; be part of the bigger picture.

It's what got me involved, and I haven't given it a second thought for an instant. So, as Master of Webster Lodge, I thank all those who worked so diligently to make these past Degrees as memorable and impressive as they were. Without their skills, our Degrees would not be what they are.

To close the topic of Degree work, I'd like to remind our Brothers that our second set of Degrees will begin on February 3rd, with a 1st Degree, of course. Brother Bill Gross will be in the East. We have, I believe, five or six Candidates lined up thus far, which is really super. And, although we

went through a set of Degrees just a short time ago, we'll be having more rehearsals. Practice makes perfect, or at least near-perfect. To assist in this, the Lodge will be reserved for the fourth Thursday of February and March for the purpose of rehearsal. Additional days will be announced.

Christmas Visits

This past Christmas Eve we got together for our usual breakfast and Poinsettia delivery/visitation of Brothers. I am pleased to report that all feedback from the Brothers was very positive. It was a great breakfast followed by a good deal of quality time with those local members who we're not able to see often.

For myself, I had a nice visit with Brothers George Heisenberger and Al Ribis. George poured a great cup of coffee and we spoke quite a bit about all kinds of things. Al and his wife were both home and we also had a nice visit. I've got to remember to pass a few words on to some Brothers for Al. From what I've been gathering from other Brothers, this was pretty much the day for all of us - enjoyable.

Upcoming Events

February brings, as all you boys know, Valentine's Day. Don't let yourselves forget two very important things. The first, of course, is the card. Don't forget the CARD. (Once more I say, "believe me," I know what I'm saying here.)

The second is pretty much a given, it's the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester. But, don't worry, we're only looking for volunteers to work the Eastview Mall on the following dates:

Saturday, February 5th
12 Noon - 9 p.m. (3 shifts)

Monday, February 7th
3 p.m. - 9 p.m. (2 shifts)

Friday, February 11th
12 Noon - 9 p.m. (3 shifts)

As you may be aware, the Monroe District Masons are one of the largest contributors to the Ronald McDonald Houses, mustering up thousands of dollars in contributions each year. Although we'll be asking for volunteers before this hits the press, feel free to send me an email or call me and let me know if any of the above times suit your schedule.

Additional events to come are as follows:

February 4th - the usual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Webster Baseball Travel League. Come on down to Lodge and have a great meal ... maybe even help out.

Don't forget our Fellowcraft meeting on February 10th.

In case you get this before the end of January, Webster will be hosting the next School of Ritual on January 31st at 7:30 p.m. These are three great opportunities to get together with your Brothers and have a good time. Don't let them slip by.

Until next month, take care and God bless.

Lodge voted in the affirmative to accept the By-Laws for our new venture with Valley-Simes Lodge and are one step closer to a consolidation of our two Lodges to form Inspiration Lodge No. 109.

As this was a Summoneed Meeting, it was frustrating to me that only 23 Brothers came out to witness Lodge History. We can excuse those who are living in faraway places or those who have health issues, but when a Summons goes out, it is expected that, health and business permitting, you will attend the Summoneed Meeting.

Since we felt this was a historical meeting, we took a picture of those in attendance from the East so that in the future those who were there can be justly proud they were a part of something greater than themselves and were united for the betterment of the Lodge.

Also, at the meeting, we decided the Lodge would purchase a "business card" ad for the Commemorative Book that will be created for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel.

On January 18th, we held the 2nd Degree for five Brothers - three from our Lodge and two from Valley-Simes Lodge. The Degree was well executed with our Senior Warden, Brother Richard Smith, in the East. The Questions and Answers were passed between W.: Nelson Bertch and Brother Scott Rice, Brother Brian Bell presented the Working Tools, and the Charge was given by W.: John Faro. Thanks to all for their assistance. A special thank you to W.: Erik Loepker, from Northfield Lodge, who did another steller performance with the Middle Chamber Lecture.

Happy Birthday!

Craftsman Robertson Lodge Brothers celebrating birthdays in February are: Robert Burns (6th); Kenneth Goodrich (9th); Ronald Hibbard (18th) and Scott Rice (27th). Many happy returns of the day, gentlemen.

Sickness and Distress

We wish Brothers Ken Skidmore and Rene VanDeVeire a speedy recovery from their recent surgeries so that, once again, we may greet them in Lodge.

Wakan-Hubbard

Lodge No. 154

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



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As this year started at Wakan-Hubbard, the Past Masters met at the Lodge Hall on January 6th to help prepare the incoming Master, Roger Lynch, and help arrange his Trestleboard for his year in the East. It may seem a long way away, but time will pass quickly. Roger has his Line Officers all in order and many nights filled already.

On January 10th, we had a dinner prepared by Junior Warden, Rick Yendall. Rick has worked hard all year trying to put together meals for the Brothers to enjoy, while trying to stay within budget. After the dinner, we had a short program, "It's All in Your Head," presented by Bob Vuosic from the Osher Learning Program. A short Lodge meeting followed.

On January 31st, a group of Brothers plan to attend the School of Ritual at Webster Lodge Hall. It will be the Second Section of the Master Mason Degree.

Recognition

66 years Bill Cobb
Bill Fay
44 years Emerson Lockard
35 years Art Johnson

Have-a-Heart Campaign

February 6th - We are taking part in the Have-a-Heart Campaign at Eastview Mall; staffing from 12 Noon - 6 p.m. Please sign up to help or just stop by.

February 28th - 1st Degree; preceded by a dinner. All are welcome.

In closing, I spent some time in the hospital during the Holidays; thank you for all of your calls and concern.

FAME

Lodge No. 722

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Greetings and Happy New Year to all our Brothers. I hope this coming year finds you all healthy, wealthy and wise.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Please check the schedule in this Issue for our commitment to staff the Have-a-Heart Booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge.

I wish you well. Peace. Yours for a song.

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One thing is for sure, Winter is here and we had better get used to it for a couple more months. Even though we were lulled into the belief that, with the thaws and lack of snow in the first part of 2011, Winter with good old Mother Nature was not going to just quietly step aside and let us return to the usual outdoor activities in the Rochester area. Dream on folks and hopefully in a few short weeks the grass will be starting to green up and we will again venture outside.

On January 4th the members of Craftsman Robertson

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 Deacon

December was a great month at Northfield Lodge. The Lodge was decorated for the festive season and an Open House was held on December 7th to coincide with the Annual Candlelight Night in the Village of Pittsford. This happens every first Tuesday of December and the town gets all fancied up as merchants keep their shops open late, carolers sing and horse-drawn carriage rides are offered. We had a few visitors to the Lodge to see what we are up to, and perhaps a new Brother or two will come from the effort.

On December 16th the Lodge came alive with a fantastic Holiday Party that was very well attended. Several Brothers and their other halves brought dishes to pass, which included Baked Ziti, Caesar Salad, Pizza, Cookies, Cakes and Pies. Children scampered about and it was great to see so much life in the Lodge Building.

Adding to the joy was Warren Paul, a well-known local



musician. He treated us to several folk/rock-oriented songs, as well as some Christmas classics, and a few of his own tunes. A very special thanks goes to Brother Tony Henderson, whose generous contribution to the Lodge helped make the entertainment possible. Unfortunately, Tony was not able to stay for the party as he had some dental work that day; we hope he is doing well by now.

We also received a Christmas present under our tree from one of Santa's renegade elves named Tooty the Elf. It was a dart board, which we hope will add to the camaraderie and fellowship found in our Lodge.

In January I gave my presentation on my book entitled *Four Bitter Pills for Feeling Better Fast*. The PowerPoint presentation lasted about 45 minutes and featured an appearance by Mary Poppins who sang "A Spoonful of Sugar Helps the Medicine Go Down." Once again, this portion of the meeting was open to the public, continuing our efforts to reach out to the community.

If your Lodge is looking for a program idea, I'd be glad to talk to you about this.

We are scheduled to staff the Have-a-Heart booth at Eastview Mall on January 30th.

Events This Month

Looking ahead in February, we will be having our Annual Sports Shirt Night on February 3rd. Perhaps after our meeting we will retire downstairs for an evening of fellowship and darts.

February 12th is when we plan to take our ladies for dinner on our Sweetheart's Night, followed by our participation in the Have-a-Heart Campaign again on February 13th. Finally, on February 17th, we will be holding our Fellowcraft Degree.

March Happenings

On March 17th, we will have another of our Open Houses as a very special event when Simply Crepes will assist us in making Crepes for dinner. On this special evening we will also hold our Awards Night. Why not plan ahead to join us on one of these nights and participate in the Journeyman Program by having your Masonic Passport stamped? ✕

his best efforts, he was unable to prevent 35 Brothers from attending the meeting and enjoying the bonds of Friendship and Brotherly Love. Following a feast-like meal of Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and all that make it special, we rolled ourselves into the Lodge Room for the program of the evening.

Our younger Brothers have taken up the gauntlet and have continued raising the bar. This was evident in the presentation of the Historical Lecture, delivered by Brother Zachary Taylor. If he and our other young Brothers continue to strive for excellence as they have, I and the Past Masters of ERAC may find ourselves in the "Ritual Unemployment Line."

Christmas Eve at the Ronald McDonald House was made special by several of our Brothers and their families who, as in years past, chose to celebrate this Holiday in service to the community by serving dinner to the families staying at the RMH. Thank you for all you do, my Brothers!

Table Lodge

My sincerest regrets to all who were unable to attend our 2011 Table Lodge. To say that a good time was had by all would be a gross understatement. Sixty-two Brothers, representing more than eight Lodges, enjoyed the fun and fellowship that only a Festive Board can provide! Our Junior Warden, Brother John Hellaby, and his (sometimes motley) band of characters did a wonderful job of preparing and serving a great Steak Dinner! I will not attempt to thank everyone individually as so many did so much!!! Well done Brothers!

We were honored to have several dignitaries in attendance ... R.: W.: George Nasra, DDGM; R.: W.: Bob Ruggles, Junior Grand Deacon; R.: W.: John Krupp, Deputy Grand Marshal; R.: W.: Rich Friedman, Past Junior Grand Warden and R.: W.: Jim Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master's address to the Brethren was informational and inspirational to say the least. The highlight of the evening for me, though, was the lesson to which our Deputy Grand Master and the other Grand Line and District Officers reminded us. As leaders in the Craft, it is indeed our duty to lead, but more importantly, to serve the Craft and our Brothers. This was evidenced, when each of them took up a tray filled with desserts and proceeded to "serve" their Brothers around the table. Remember, as your feet tread rung after rung of the ladder in our Fraternity, each rung affords you greater opportunities to serve.

Whither are We Traveling

Make plans now to bring your Lady to a Ladies Valentine Celebration she will not soon forget. February 14th will find us celebrating our good fortune for the Ladies in our lives. I will not steal the Junior Warden's thunder by disclosing too many details. Suffice it to say, it will be a very special evening indeed ... a catered dinner with music, dancing and more.

On February 28th, we will receive instruction on the building of King Solomon's Temple. Brother Zach Taylor has been working hard since last Spring - researching and preparing this presentation.

This is a great opportunity for gaining more Light about our Craft. If you know Brothers from other Lodges (or even Districts), please invite them to attend.

Until we are again called together...

From the Secretary

By W.: Dave Upham

I received my monthly "Short Talk Bulletin" from the Masonic Service Association in Maryland. (You, too, can subscribe...just ask me how.) This month it was an interesting article by the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, the Most Worshipful and Brother Thomas K. Sturgeon. While the article is too long to post here, I thought I would give you some of his thoughts:

"For the last one-half century, membership in Freemasonry has continued to decline. Candidly, that may be phrasing it too gently since our Fraternity has lost approximately 66% of its members. No matter what your opinion is on membership (numbers), I think we can all agree that a membership issue does exist. I suggest solutions to this issue require a need for change that makes the Fraternity more contemporary to 2010 than to a past era, say 1910.

1. "Some Grand Lodges still do not permit a member to invite a good and decent man to join, instead still depending on the ancient and archaic policy of requiring an interested man to ask. ... If we expect our membership numbers to rise, this practice must change.

2. "Gaining membership is one problem. Another is getting Brothers to attend Lodge meetings and be present for the conferring of Degrees.

3. "Courage to change also means that the Ritual of the three Degrees can be printed and we must discontinue the

use of codes and ciphers.

4. "...We simply have not done a good job of making certain our dues and fees have kept pace with the cost of living increases.

5. "We need to be more aggressive in dispelling the misinformation about our Fraternity. We must become more transparent, while at the same time maintaining our privacy."

Whether or not I - or you - agree with all his statements, they do give us something to contemplate. As for me, my contemplations have taken me to the place where I easily understand and agree that there are problems within the Craft of Freemasonry that threaten our future.

On the whole, membership is declining. For many Lodges (ours included) incoming finances often are insufficient to cover the increasing operating expenses, let alone contribute more than modestly to support our charities. As we face the future, one thing is certain. We cannot continue to do things the way we always have and expect the results to change to meet the times in which we now live. The axiom, "If nothing changes, nothing changes," has never been more appropriate. To do nothing and expect better results will not solve our problems; nor will sitting back and waiting for someone else to do it for us.

We all have obligations to the Fraternity. We have the obligation to bring in new members - each of us. We have an obligation to financially support the Fraternity. We have an obligation to attend and participate in Lodge meetings. We have the obligation to practice what the Fraternity preaches in every aspect of our lives so those who observe us will become more aware of what it is we stand for as Freemasons. ✕

Important Dates

Have-a-Heart Campaign
We are scheduled to staff at The Mall at Greece Ridge on:

January 29th
12 Noon - 9 p.m.

February 4th
12 Noon - 9 p.m.

Please contact Senior Warden John Lemke at 637-8520 or email: jlemke55@gmail.com to schedule a time to help.

Best wishes and Happy Birthday to all who celebrate a birthday in February.

Thanks to all who attended our Holiday Party! We had a Great turnout. ✕

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Happy Valentines Day to all.

REMINDER ... There will be NO Unity Lodge Meeting on February 14th.



W.: John Jamele, wife Helga and St. Nick at Unity's December Holiday Party.

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Lodge No. 163

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From Whence We Came

Our December meeting was memorable for a number of reasons. Old Man Winter decided to swing into full action and grace us with an early Winter storm. I do not remember how much snow we actually received, but I can state without hesitation that travel was treacherous at best. Despite

Before I begin my article, I will take a moment to say thank you to a group that is not thanked enough in my opinion.



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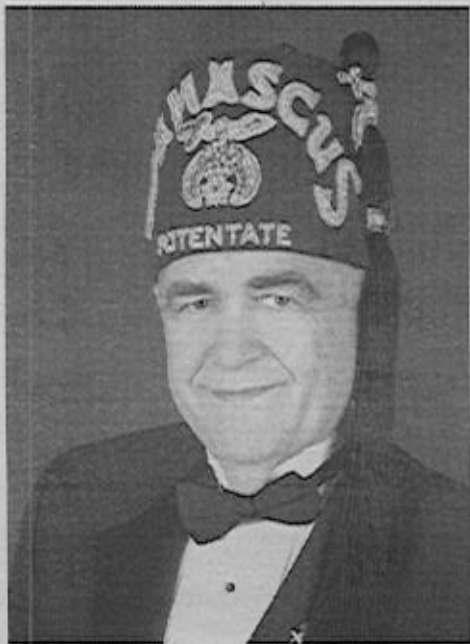
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RICH FRIEDMAN
POTENTATE

Our Installation of Officers was a fantastic night - one to be long remembered. Over 200 people were in attendance and a great time was had by all. We were honored to have our Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and two Past Grand Masters in attendance.

What that night proved to me is that, with a little effort, our Shrine Center can boom. Apathy is the biggest issue facing any volunteer organization. The Damascus Shrine Masons kicked the rust off, came out in force and made a magical night happen. This is just the beginning....

The Rat Pack

Our Rat Pack event will take place on February 17th. This is our MAJOR fundraising event of the year. It is replacing the Circus. I would ask all Nobles to make sure you attend this event. Think of it this way ... donate your time and a little money the same way you did for the Circus. This time you will be entertained and it is a four-hour time commitment - not four days! You can make reservations online at:

www.damascusshrinemasons.org/news/the-rat-pack-is-back
 or by calling Ticketmaster at:
 (800) 745-3000.

Please make your reservations today!

Hoe Down

The Hoe Down & Bar-B-Que promises to be great fun! This event will take place on Wednesday, February 2nd. We will have a full Bar-B-Que menu of Bar-

B-Que Chicken, Pulled Pork, Homemade Corn Bread and more! The meal will be catered by the Char Broil who does a great job on these kinds of dinners.

The delicious meal will be followed by a great Square Dance called by one of the area's best callers, Mike Callahan. Bring your Lady do-si-do. Dress for this event is totally casual, including jeans, etc. Make your reservations by calling the Office at (585) 671-7701 or online at: www.damascusshrinemasons.org/ho-down-square-dance

Come on down and watch a New York City boy flop around on the dance floor!

Passport Program

The initial mailing of the Potentate's Passport has been sent. If you know any Master Mason who does not have one, just contact the Office and let them know the address of the Brother. One will be sent immediately. Our membership has dropped down into the 700s - the goal is to get back over a thousand this year.

We can do it if you make it happen. Remember our Incentive Program ... if you are the top-line signer of three new Nobles, your Dues will be remitted. If you have already paid your Dues, we will remit 2012.

Nobles, WE must get this done. Make sure every Mason you know who is not a Shriner gets the opportunity to see why we are so proud of Shrinedom.

Upcoming Events

Our March meeting will be our Shrine Table Lodge. It's a great place to bring your Masonic Brother to enjoy a great night at the Shrine. This Table Lodge was written for the Shrine and will make you proud to be a Shrine Mason. Our guest speaker is our Senior Grand Warden, Tim McMullin, who also is a Past Potentate of Kalurah Shrine.

Dinner will be Corned Beef and Cabbage with Potatoes, Salad, Ice Cream topped with Crème de Menthe; catered by Maximilian's Catering, our new Caterer. Maximilian's is owned by a Brother Mason and almost a Noble. We think you will find the quality of food at Damascus going to the next level. Dinner is \$10 and this is a STAG event.

Make your reservations by calling the Office at (585) 671-7701 or online at: www.damascusshrinemasons.org/shrine-table-lodge

Nobles and Brothers all, let's keep the momentum going. Damascus is the fun place to be this year and in the future.

Always keep in mind that we do what we do for the kids. Healing children is what the Shrine does. Your efforts result in more children being healed. It truly is that simple.

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MARCH
2nd A Damascus favorite is back! The Shrine Table Lodge will be a "Grand Event" as R.: W.: Tim McMullin, our Senior Grand Warden and Past Potentate of Kalurah Temple will be our guest speaker. A Corned-Beef and Cabbage Dinner with all the trimmings will be served for \$13 per person. **This is a stag event.**

12th Wheelers Euchre Tournament, Hogg Degree, Chili and Soup Cook-off - A great time starting at 2 p.m. - For details and reservations, go to: www.damascusshrinemasons.org/upcoming-events/wheelers-euchre-tournament-hogg-degree-chili-and-soup-cookoff

APRIL
6th Hospital Awareness Night - This Open Meeting will feature two speakers from Erie and Springfield Shriner's Hospitals for Children®. Come out and hear what is new at the hospitals that Damascus Supports. A great dinner before the event will make your night! For more information and dinner reservations go to <http://damascusshrinemasons.org/hospital-awareness-night>

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

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**2011 Divan and Friends**

# AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

OK, I know you are reading this at the end of January, but I'm trying to write it on New Year's Day. That is just a warning so you don't lick the ink; it is probably 90 proof!

At this writing we have made plans for the coming year. We will be having programs with such diverse themes as Valentine's Party, Matthew House, Brunch with our lady friends, the Merry-Go-Round Theater, Springfield Hospital, Historic Cayuga County and too many more to mention. So you need to block off your calendar now for the Third Monday of the Month.

The Christmas Party in Geneva was better than ever. I say that because the weather was fine for traveling, the food was outstanding and the band was so good I danced more than my one annual rug-cutting. Ken Pollard said to be sure to thank my wife, Beth, for doing the raffle baskets of goodies. Thank goodness we could ask Marilyn Coleman about it. It is tough to follow a legend like her. Marilyn had told us earlier this year we needed to find a replacement. Now come on, maybe someone will do it, but a replacement is quite a stretch. So, thanks Beth.

We were honored to sit at the table with our outgoing Club President, John Cambareri. John has done a great job and

helped us organize for this year as well. He and his wife seemed to enjoy the fact I couldn't walk to the bar and remember the drink orders correctly. I have sent a picture montage from the party, hope you recognize us all spiffed up.

### Gifts for Hospitals

A separate paragraph is needed here to let you know that Ken Pollard was honored to accept a check for \$500 to the Springfield Hospital. Ken and Springfield can almost be said in the same mouthful. Erie Hospital also received a check for \$500. Everyone stood and cheered such a wonderful thing and I'm sure you feel the same way.

You should be a month into your New Year Resolutions. Here is one of mine ...

"I resolve that if anyone brings their bottles/cans to a club meeting, I will see that it is taken, the next day, to the nickel Redemption Center for benefit of our Hospital." How about that? You don't even need to make a special trip. I make the trip for our special mission.

### Dues


Dues are due - \$10 to Ken Pollard for 2011 would be in order. If you have lost his address and won't see him at the next meeting, he is receiving mail at: Ken Pollard, 5173 Plaster Point Rd., Cayuga, NY 13034.

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### February Birthdays

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## SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten

What a magnificent structure the Masonic Temple Facility was when our fathers were members of the Craft. Recently, Noble Ron Williams loaned me a colorful postcard that shows the facility at 875 East Main Street. This was taken probably a few years after it was completed in 1936 and shows none of the discoloration that exists today.

We will place this in the Historical display case in the hallway for all to view. Thank you, Ron, for sharing this bit of History with us.



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| DAY   | NO. | WINNER         | DAY   | NO.  | WINNER          |
|-------|-----|----------------|-------|------|-----------------|
| 12/1  | 840 | Shrine Center  | 12/17 | 319  | Jim Kahn        |
| 12/2  | 606 | Gene Christie  | 12/18 | 753  | Frank Shefsick  |
| 12/3  | 919 | Terri Williams | 12/19 | 244  | Shrine Center   |
| 12/4  | 361 | Sharon Cox     | 12/20 | 912  | Shrine Center   |
| 12/5  | 915 | Shrine Center  | 12/21 | 106  | JoAnna Allen    |
| 12/6  | 341 | John Patterson | 12/22 | 667  | Shrine Center   |
| 12/7  | 219 | Jeff Read      | 12/23 | 609  | Shrine Center   |
| 12/8  | 818 | Gary Cox       | 12/24 | 454  | Shrine Center   |
| 12/9  | 565 | Harry Oropallo | 12/25 | NONE |                 |
| 12/10 | 371 | Shrine Center  | 12/26 | 640  | Shrine Center   |
| 12/11 | 740 | John Greene    | 12/27 | 912  | Shrine Center   |
| 12/12 | 418 | Jessica Fisher | 12/28 | 241  | Shrine Center   |
| 12/13 | 776 | Randy Cox      | 12/29 | 055  | Bonnie Lewis    |
| 12/14 | 741 | Richard Day    | 12/30 | 022  | Edgar Hollwedel |
| 12/15 | 990 | Shrine Center  | 12/31 | 703  | Shrine Center   |
| 12/16 | 297 | Shrine Center  |       |      |                 |

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An Old-Fashioned Square  
Dance and Bar-B-Que  
Bring Your Lady  
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February 2nd  
at Damascus Shrine Center  
Bar-B-Que at 6 p.m.; Square Dance to  
follow  
\$12 per person**

Join renowned Caller, **Mike Callahan**, in a fun night at Damascus. The evening will begin with a Bar-B-Que of Grilled Chicken, Pulled Pork, Homemade Cornbread and all the fixings for \$12 a person! The dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the dance to begin at 7 p.m. For everyone who suffered through traumatic gym class square dances in High School, this will be a very corrective experience! Great food, great fun! Make your reservations by calling the Office at (585) 671-7701 or online at: [damascusshrinemasons.org/hoe-down-square-dance](http://damascusshrinemasons.org/hoe-down-square-dance).

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**Western New York Shrine "Reunion"**

**Wednesday, February 16th  
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Hope to see you there! Thanks!

**"Ladies of the  
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Share your favorite recipes with Joanne:  
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**What's New in Erie...  
Foundation Grant will Purchase  
New Surgical Tool for Hospital**

Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie has received a \$13,000 grant from the Glenn and Ruth Mengle Foundation that will be applied toward the purchase of a Stryker Cordless Micro Sagittal tool for use in surgical procedures.

This cordless tool system allows for precise, unencumbered maneuverability and improved sterile technique because there are no wires and hoses. The driver operates using battery power and as a result, can be used for wiring, pinning, drilling, tunneling, reaming and sawing during surgery.

The Stryker system has a combination of unequalled power and the sensitive speed control for performing routine and difficult drilling procedures. For example, the operator can select slow speeds for delicate screw insertions, fast speeds for maximum power and numerous adjustments in between. For these and other reasons, the physicians prefer to use this type of device in surgery.

The hospital currently has one of these cordless drivers and it is used numerous times during the day and week. As a result, Central Supply frequently must clean, disinfect and resterilize the driver and attachments so it is ready for use. Purchasing an additional unit for the hospital will further enhance surgical procedures.

**Shriners System Launches  
New Corporate Newsletter**

Shriners Hospitals for Children® has launched a new quarterly newsletter. Called *Leaders in Care*, it will be published in March, June, September and December.

Beginning with the March issue, *Leaders in Care* will feature four pages of content devoted to news and information from the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie. The other hospitals will have similar localized issues for distribution in their service areas. Most of the content of the new publication will be devoted to news and information that applies to the entire Shriners Hospitals for Children® system. With the launching of *Leaders in Care*, individual hospital newsletters, like Erie's *High Hopes*, will no longer be published.

**Motion Analysis Lab  
Has New Manager**

Dr. Dustin Bruening has been named Manager of the Motion Analysis Laboratory (MAL) at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie. He joined the MAL staff as an engineer in September, 2006. A graduate of the University of Utah



At the December meeting of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, Damascus Shriners representative Robert Anderson (left) presented the hospital with a check for \$500 on behalf of the Geneva Shrine Club. Accepting the donation on behalf of the hospital is Board of Governors Chairman, Tom Foose.

with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering, Dr. Bruening received his M.S. degree in exercise science—biomechanics and his Ph.D. degree in biomechanics and movement science, both from the University of Delaware. He also has served as an adjunct faculty member and a research advisor in the department of sports medicine at Mercyhurst College in Erie.

The co-author of numerous professional journal articles, Dr. Bruening has a special interest in figure skating, as a former coach and two-time National Figure Skating Championships competitor.

**Zem Zem First Lady's Project  
a Big Success for Erie Hospital**

This year's Zem Zem Shriners First Lady's Project was a big success with First Lady Barbara Richardson and members of her project team presenting the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie with funds totaling \$40,706.45. The funds will be used to purchase a Hand and Foot Mentor Pro, a new computerized wheelchair seating mapping system, and various equipment for a new feeding clinic being planned — all for the hospital's rehabilitation department.

First Lady Barbara, her husband Illustrious Sir James Richardson, and two members of her project team, Sue Feige and Pam Henning, attended the December meeting of the hospital's Board of Governors and presented the donation to Illustrious Sir Tom Foose, Board Chairman.

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

**Damascus Legion of Honor**

**Wednesday, February 9th**

at Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour – 5:30 p.m.  
(Hors d'oeuvres ... Cash Bar)

Dinner – 6:30 p.m.

Salad \* Ham and Scalloped Potatoes  
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\$10 per person

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# Livingston District

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Ahhh, February! The tropical paradise! Hey, I can dream, can't I? Actually, things are pretty much what you make of them. I'm not really much of a Winter person, but as I say, "things are what you make of them." As much as I would like to be a Snowbird and jet off to a warm location, I would really miss a few things around here. Wegman's! What can I say? They don't have Wegman's in Hawaii. But, it is all my Brothers and the many Masonic activities I would miss. I would think of it as missing my family.

February is also the month we take that special day to recognize our sweethearts - Valentine's Day. Of course, it should not be the only day for such things, or we would find ourselves in the doghouse much of the time! Our ladies are very patient as we venture out from home all those nights in pursuit of our many Masonic activities. Hopefully, we take special time throughout the year, but February has a special day just for this. Let's all make sure we let them know just how special they really are.

Looking back, Masonically, at January, we hit the ground

running in Livingston District. The last Session of the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* was held at Eunice Lodge Hall in Caledonia on January 12th. It was really great to share this Course with Monroe and Genesee-Wyoming Districts. We were able to have a Session in each of our Districts. We are doing the same with *Road to the East* - the first and second sessions being in February. The first will be at Union Star Lodge Hall in Honeoye Falls on February 19th, and the second at Constellation Lodge Hall in Perry on February 26th. There is still time to sign up if you hurry!

Our Livingston Schools of Ritual kicked off on January 10th in Livonia. These are really great sessions and fun. We have three more in February that you can attend - February 14th at Eunice Lodge Hall, February 16th at Livonia and February 22nd at Mt. Morris. All starting at 7 p.m. Please join us.

We also have Degree work taking place at a number of the Livingston District Lodges. They are often preceded by a very tasty dinner. We would love to have you join us to welcome these new Brothers into the Craft. If you feel like traveling, let me know and I can let you know what events are taking place.

Our Springtime (gee, it sounds nice to say "Springtime") will be quite busy, as well. Bowl-a-Thon in March, Ladies Night in April and Communion Breakfast in May. All along with our usual activities. We hope to see you at an upcoming event.

Don't forget your sweetie on February 14th!

lo" and drop a dollar or two in the donations bucket. We will welcome your company and appreciate your donations.

**School of Ritual**  
 We are participating in the second Livingston District School of Ritual on February 8th at 7 p.m. This School of Ritual will be held along with Genesee Lodge and we will be meeting in Mt. Morris. Our two Lodges will be presenting the "work" of the evening. I hope all our members can join us. R.:W.: Roy Moses always presides over an interesting evening and we are continually learning new things about our Ritual.

Our monthly "Fellowship, Facts and Food" Dinner will be preceding our meeting on February 10th. Once again, I am sending out an "Invitation" to all our members to join us for dinner. If you would like to assist our chefs with bringing a dish-to-pass, please let us know. As I write this column our Masonic presentation for this month has yet to be finalized; however, I expect it will be as interesting as our previous presentation have been.

**Road to the East**  
 The Tri-District *Road to the East (RITE)* classes are scheduled for these next two months.

The scheduled dates are February 19th, February 26th and March 5th. These classes are very interesting and focused on preparing future Lodge Officers. I expect that Union Lodge will be as well represented in these classes as we were in the *Masonic Development Classes*.

On our last meeting of the month, we will confer the Fellowcraft Degree for our three Brothers who started their Masonic Journey back in October. I request all members who can travel and join us, to please plan on attending the meeting. We will be having a unique dinner before the Degree. The main course will be a delicious batch of Brother Ron Manning's "Meaty Manly Meal O'Chili." If you have never had the privilege of tastings Ron's concoction, please join us for dinner. It is a meal you'll always remember.

## Nunda Station

### Lodge No. 682

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

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By R.:W.: Bill Lindsay

Nunda Station Lodge is busy and happy. We gained a mem-

ber by association in December. R.:W.: Donald B. Griffing, who now has a farm near Nunda (on our mountain toward Danville), originates from Steuben District. Our two Entered Apprentices will have completed their 2nd Degree at our January 18th meeting. Their 3rd Degree is scheduled for March 1st.

On January 29th, a crew from this Lodge is scheduled to open the 2011 Have-a-Heart Campaign at Marketplace Mall at noon. Funds raised support the Ronald McDonald Houses. It has been personally satisfying to support this Masonic effort over the years.

At the start of this year's Campaign, we were informed that Masonry has raised over \$275,000 for the Ronald McDonald Houses on Westmoreland Road and at Strong Hospital since 1988. Thanks are in order for all the Masons, the Concordant Bodies and families and friends who join in every year to make this a success. We can't forget the countless number of people (young and old, rich and poor) who support this effort with money and love.

I would remind everyone that it is possible to contribute at other times during the year by scheduling a time to prepare a meal for the residents of the RMD House. More information in this activity can be had by contacting the RMDH at 333 Westmoreland Drive, Rochester 14620-4696; Ph: 442-5437.

The Have-a-Heart Campaign seems to me to be a wonderful example of how Freemasonry

can be a positive and vital force in the community. By ourselves, we Freemasons might not be able to come up with the funds noted above. Without our organization support, the general public probably wouldn't be able to get its resources focused. There are so many ways Lodges and groups of Brothers can help build better communities, which is another way of saying "spreading our beneficent light on all mankind."

On a sad note, I mention the passing of Gene Hill - a Past DDGM of this District, a good friend of this Lodge, a warm and wonderful human being who made all our lives richer by his presence. We will all miss him.

## Grand Lodge Education Assistance

**Reminder ...** Grand Lodge Educational Assistance forms are available from your Lodge Secretary.

**Requirements ...** The effort is directed at the sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters of Master Masons in good standing, belonging to Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York. Awards totaling over \$500,000 are made annually based upon academic achievement, community involvement and financial need.

**All applications must be complete and postmarked by April 1st, including the signature of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge and be embossed with the Lodge Seal.**

# Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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## District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District

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**George E. Meyers**



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I hope you all have a Happy New Year. Going into Christmas I was a little down as the Season seemed so commercial. However, as Christmas grew closer our Lodge rang the bell for the Salvation Army and found many generous people. We had a very successful blood drive; my church had a special collection and donated the money to Haitian Relief; I read in the paper about a yearly Christmas Day Dinner for the needy and people who would be home alone; and I finally heard a few true Christmas Carols. I then realized our Great Architect of the Universe is looking over us and directing much human kindness in a sometimes heartless world. It also reminded me of all the good work and activity I see in the Lodges and District. I see caring Brothers and Lodges working hand-in-hand, building an even stronger District.

It is hard to believe this Masonic Year is going so fast; we're already more than half way through. I have completed all my Official Visits except my Homecoming, which will be scheduled later in the year. I have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome all Lodges have given my Staff Officer and me. I have grown closer to many Brothers, made many new friends and enjoyed traveling the District. I would ask Brothers to make a New Year's Resolution to make a difference in their Lodges and, if your Cabletow allows, that you begin traveling to the Lodges in the District. Get a team together and go get the Traveling Gavel.

Our Staff Officer, Fred Newton, and I are beginning to make his visits to all the Lodges. He is bringing a message on educational opportunities in the District.

**Road to the East**  
 The first will be the *Road to the East*, which will be three Sessions, held Saturday mornings - March 5th, 12th and 19th. If interested, please contact Fred and he will give you more details.

We have also attended several Degrees in the District and encourage everyone to travel to attend a Degree in another Lodge. It is a great time for a seasoned Brother and a new Brother to travel together and visually see the Degree they recently completed. It's a good time for some mentoring.

I am also pleased with the role our AGLs, Jed Brandow

and Bruce Huie, have played by attending many of my visits and by helping Lodges coordinate their Degrees. Their support makes my job a lot easier. I am also excited with the way Lodges are supporting each other with Degree Work. Just recently, I attended a 1st Degree at John Hodge Lodge. If you remember several years ago the Lodge met with only three Brothers. With the help of many in the District and the dedication of a few Brothers, they have become one of the most active Lodges in the District. This night the Lodge had all the Chairs filled with their Lodge Brothers and another dozen of their Brothers sitting on the sideline. They Initiated five new Brothers. Their Ritual was excellent with many Brothers stepping up and doing Parts for the first time. Their many rehearsals fostered an impressive night of work and instruction. They now meet with twenty or more Brothers in attendance. I believe they expect to have a second group of five Candidates this Spring. This is just one example of a Lodge that has taken the Grand Master's Message to be FIT to heart.

If a Lodge needs help in any way, please contact me and we will work to get you the requested support.

## Union Lodge No. 45

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

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It always seems curious to me that February is one of the shortest months, but it always seems to be one of the busiest with a bundle of Masonic events scheduled. Usually the weather is not sympathetic to our plans. With all the cold weather finally closing in, I can appreciate the "pressure" on ol' Punxsutawney Phil to keep his eyes closed, not see his shadow and predict an early Spring.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**  
 Right at the start of this month, Union Lodge will be helping in the Have-a-Heart Campaign at the Marketplace Mall on February 1st and February 6th. If any of our members are at the Mall on these days, please stop by, say "Hel-

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The last couple of days in December were bitter cold and it was great to see all that snow go around us elsewhere for the New Year. It was nice not to have to shovel a foot-and-a-half of snow. Hopefully, February will be milder. I guess we will have to wait and see what Mother Nature will bring us.

On January 4th, R.:W.: Frederick J. Newton, Grand Steward, made his visit. He talked about his responsibilities in the District regarding Masonic Education. He is planning the *Masonic Development Course and Road to the East Sessions*, more information forthcoming.

Don't forget, Game Night is the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month until further notice. Please be there by 6 p.m., and the fun will start at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to come. Just bring a snack-to-pass and join in the fun.

### Sickness and Distress

Please continue your thoughts and prayers for all our Service Men and Women and their families.

### Sad News

It becomes my sad duty to inform all the Brothers of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge of the passing of Brother W.: William G. Sergeant, Sr. on December 16th. He will be sadly missed by all. Let us all pray for those whose hearts are heaviest and who, in this time, need Thee more than ever. Please continue your thoughts and prayers for his family.

### Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in February:

1945 Jim Piper  
1951 Don Sabin

### February Birthdays

We send February birthday greetings to Perry Adams (3rd), Doug Galens (12th) and Jesse Gillespie (15th). \*

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

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I do believe I've made the deadline for this month's article. I was somehow a week behind all December and missed it.

November proved to be a tough month for Masons in Geneva.

Tom Bryan (Ark Lodge's Tiler) and his brother-in-law, Jack Hilyer, of Geneva Lodge both passed away within hours of each other. Both events were unexpected. Tom and Jack (who had been attending many Ark Lodge meetings) were very active and will be sorely missed.

The Christmas Season got off to a good start on December 15th with our Annual Christmas Party. Forty-seven Brothers from Ark and Geneva Lodges gathered to celebrate the Season. The event was catered by Club 86 with the usual excellent results. Everyone went home with a door prize - either a centerpiece or bottle of wine. Thank you once again to Tom Abraham for his efforts organizing the event and to Lance Ward for the publicity and recordkeeping.

The next day we distributed Salvation Army food baskets to individuals in the City of Geneva. Teamwork made short work of the task. Geneva and Ark Lodges also teamed up for a daylong ringing of the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. Reports were that it was a very successful day for the kettle.

Soon you will be hearing from our Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Charlie Rouse, Jr. Ark Lodge has always responded generously. Please continue to respond as generously as your means permit.

Remember our meetings are always the third Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you at our next meeting. \*

## Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th Thursdays



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It's 2011 - Happy New Year to all. I hope the Holidays were enjoyable for all my Brothers with friends and family. I often thought that as we grew older, things would slow down a little, but it seems the years go by faster.

Thanks again to Brother Corky and his better-half, Joyce, for our December meeting's fine dinner.

Thanks to Brother Ken Hall for our January meeting dinner.

The Brotherhood Fund Drive is in full swing. Brothers, please contribute as much as your Cabledow will allow. We Masons have so many important projects that need all the funds we can give.

**Reminder ...** 2nd Degree on the second meeting in February and the 3rd Degree on the second meeting in March.

Finally, Brothers, keep Brother Eldon's wife, Denise, in your prayers. \*



# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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### For Whom the Bell Tolls

My Prophets, no man is an island and no one knows when the Funeral Bell will toll for one of us. Sadly, tragically, that bell tolled for Prophet Brian Bills on December 30th. As John Donne reminds us, we can rest assured we will yet enter another world when we pass on, but the date and time is not of our choosing. He and his good works will be sorely missed. Prophets of the Mystic Order know these things. Unfortunately, we also must add to the roles of the lost but not forgotten.

Also, Prophet Frank Voegtle passed away on December 29th. These two tragedies ne-

cessitated canceling our traditional Board of Governors Meeting at Keenan's Restaurant on January 3rd.

Further, I felt it necessary to delay the Officers' Installation on January 19th, as we had some confusion in the Craft. Therefore, we asked for, and received, permission from the Grand Monarch, Shu Sutherland, to convene on our usual meeting night, February 16th for a Closed Installation of Officers. At this time we will be installing Monarch, PM Ken Milner. This will be preceded by a Swiss Steak Dinner put on by the ladies of Fairport Eastern Star Chapter at 6:30 p.m. Please let Dick Topel or me know if you are attending. Almost all of you have paid your current Dues, so the dinner is free!

We will also have to elect Prophet Kel Kelsey as Trustee, a Prophet as Treasurer and a Prophet as Secretary. Yes, you read that correctly - we are electing a new Secretary as well. Prophet Ken Hutchinson has decided this is the year to pass the torch on to a new Prophet to fill his shoes of Office - if that can even be done. Prophet Ken has given us many years

of faithful service and given me much good counsel. Missing his exemplary performance of duties is a given. Thank you in bunches from all of us and I know your kind words and gentle nature will still be at every meeting, albeit the sideline.

February 8th- save the date! The Grotto will staff the Have-a-Heart Booth in The Mall at Greece Ridge, under the direction of our own Prophet, R.:W.: George Foehner. Congratulations to you Prophet George (as I know I have not yet done so) on becoming a Grand Lodge Officer. No one deserves it more than you. The times for staffing the Booth are from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please see Prophet Paul Farnung, Prophet Jim Toogood or me for the hours you wish to participate at the Booth.

### The Grotto Scroll

Has anyone noticed that the Scroll of activities has not been seen lately in the *Masonic Times*? That is because the usual Officer has forgotten it is one of his duties. Please look for it to Mystically re-appear in the March Issue. Fear not, my Prophets, all will return to normal!

See you in Grotto. \*

## Secretary's Corner

By Ken Hutchinson, PM

On December 30th, our Treasurer, Brian Bills, died suddenly while at work as Macedon Postmaster. For the Prophets of Lalla Rookh Grotto and Brothers of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, this comes with crushing force in its unexpectedness, for he was cut down in the prime of life, in the midst of a career rich in noble achievements and full of bright promise for the future.

I believe the Treasurer and Secretary should be elected, start out at the same time and, after the Installation, will be ready for the transaction of business. Also, it's not necessary to be from Past Monarchs, but these Officers may come from the rank and file.

Our Grotto is not a one-man organization. My years of service have brought me a keen

realization of my own shortcomings. These days as Grotto Secretary were the happiest days of my term, along with becoming E.S.G.A. President, and writing the Grand Historian articles in the Supreme Council Grotto Magazine.

I've been honored by being elected since 2003 and I hope your confidence and esteem have not been misplaced.

### Sickness and Distress

**Prophet Frank L. Voegtle**, born July 15, 1923, 87 years old. Passed away December 29, 2010. Survived by his wife Norraine. Initiated November 16, 1966. 44 Years of service.

**Prophet Brian Bills**, born November 30, 1949, 61 years old. Passed away on December 30, 2010. Survived by his wife, Paula, and son, Casey. Initiated a Prophet May 16, 2001.

Our condolences to Howard and Mary Topel on the passing of their son, Howard F. Topel,

67 years old, on January 7th.

It is very cheering to be remembered when one is ill and the thought that one is not forgotten contributes to a speedy recovery.

If you know of anyone in sickness or distress, contact your Monarch, or any Officer.

### February Birthdays

Thomas McCulloch (6th), James Toogood (13th), Charles White (14th), George Foehner (18th), Edward A. Miller (20th) Moso Okita (21st) and James Pray (24th).

Now, let us all take hold with willing hands and a steadfast purpose to help our incoming Monarch to accomplish more and better things this year. Only in this way can our Grotto become what we wish it to be ... the greatest and best of all social orders.

Now, Prophets, until we meet again. I wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous year. \*

## TRIVIA

**Q:** Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

**A:** It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would then touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

**Q:** Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called "passing the buck"?

**A:** In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility, he would "pass the buck" to the next player.

**Q:** Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right, while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

**A:** When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. That's where women's buttons have remained since.

**Q:** Why do ships and aircraft in trouble use "mayday" as their call for help?

**A:** This comes from the French word *m'aidez* - meaning "help me" and is pronounced "mayday."

**Q:** Why is someone who is feeling great "on cloud nine"?

**A:** Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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

A few weeks ago, when the snow was all piled up around us, I walked out of my house and headed down the snow-covered sidewalk toward my car. As I stepped onto the parking lot I realized the lot was not snow-covered but had been plowed and what was under the snow was a sheet of ice. My rubber-soled boots were great in the snow, but useless on the ice. As I started moving toward my car all I could think about was slipping on this stuff and landing on my newly repaired shoulder. Just as I reached for the door on the car I started sliding. I just prayed I would stay upright. As I slid past the back of the car and down the parking lot my arms were flying all over, but my feet stayed under me. I eventually stopped and wondered how I was going to get back up to the car in one piece. With a little luck I managed to make it back up without any more difficulties.

You might be asking what in the world does this have to do with the Scottish Rite? A few years ago, the Supreme Council directed the Valley's of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction to implement the ICE Program. We needed to make everything we do, Inspirational, Convenient and Enjoyable. The programs and events we have scheduled for this New Year are all inspirational, convenient and should be enjoyable. Nothing like the ice incident I encountered in my parking lot. Please come out and support your Brothers who have put a lot of effort into these programs to make them inspirational, convenient and enjoyable for you.

On February 5th, we are having another "Explore the Rite" Night for any new and interested Brothers. This is a great opportunity to introduce a Lodge Brother to the Scottish Rite.

On February 12th we will again be having a Valentine Dinner for the Ladies. This year we it will be held at Sanibel Cottage, 1517 Empire Boulevard, Webster.

Our stated meeting on February 17th will be another "Light from the Rite" Night. We will be recognizing the Lodge Ambassadors as well as presenting a program about The Royal Order of Scotland. This is another opportunity for all of us to learn more about Masonry.

Our Degree Schedule will continue on February 26th with

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The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Rochester, State of New York, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose officers are:

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the 4th, 7th, 14th and 16th Degrees. We are looking forward to another great class this year and always appreciate everyone's support. Please call the Office with your reservations for all of these events.

### Share a Ride

Over the next few weeks, we are going to start a program called Share a Ride. While I was recuperating from shoulder surgery, I got a feeling (for what it's like) not to be able to just jump in the car and go wherever I wanted to go. I needed to call someone to give me a ride to a meeting or the doctors and

everything else I needed to do. I know we have many Brothers who would love to be able to get out to a Scottish Rite Meeting as well as a Lodge Meeting, but are unable. Our intent is to have a list of Brothers who would be willing to pick up and take Brothers to a meeting.

If you would be interested in helping another Brother with a ride, please call me or the Office so you can be put on the list. For any Brother who would like to take advantage of this Program, you can also call the Office and we will match you with someone to give you a ride. x



## 2011 Abbott Scholarships

Applications must be received by April 1, 2011, and must be complete for consideration.

### Eligibility Requirements

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

The only form that can be used for 2011 submissions, are available at:

www.scottishriteonline.org

This form can be filled out online and printed for submission. Completed forms should be returned to:

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



## THE FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB

Presented by

The Chapter of Rose Croix  
of the Valley of Rochester AASR  
**Sunday, March 27th**

Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

2:30 p.m. - Doors open; Light refreshments

3:00 p.m. - Ceremony of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb with Choral Accompaniment by the Hilton Baptist Choir

5:00 p.m. - Hors d'oeuvres (cash bar social) followed by Roast Turkey Dinner - \$15 per person

This is a public presentation of one of the most beautiful and inspiring of the Scottish Rite presentations.

Each of our members who has passed away this past year and their family will be recognized and honored.

Friends and families are invited to witness the ceremony and enjoy the dinner which follows.

(\$15 per person except the surviving spouse or a son or a daughter representing the family)

Dinner Reservations are Required by  
Wednesday, March 23rd.

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(Payment may be made at the door)

## Valley of Rochester Winter 2011

February 5th at Shrine Center  
"Public Degree" BBB

Evening Dinner w/ Ladies (\*\*)

Master Masons interested in learning about the Scottish Rite are invited as Valley guests (\*\*)

February 10th at Marketplace Mall  
Staffing Have-a-Heart Campaign; 3-9 p.m.

February 12th at Sanibel Cottage  
Valentine Dinner with our Ladies / Dinner (\*\*)

February 17th at Shrine Center  
"Light from the Rite"  
Business & Information Meeting / Dinner (\*\*)

Please note ... DATE CHANGE  
February 26th at Shrine Center  
Degree Presentations (4°, 7°, 14°, 16°)  
Lunch (\*\*)

March 12th at Shrine Center  
Degree Presentations (17°, 28°)  
Country Breakfast(\*\*)

March 17th at Shrine Center  
"Light from the Rite"  
Business and Information Meeting / Dinner (\*\*)

March 27th @ Shrine Center; 3 p.m.  
Feast of the Paschal Lamb / Dinner (\*\*)

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

April 30th at Buffalo  
23° Aboard Cruiser USS Little Rock / Lunch  
31° and 32° at Masonic Center (\*\*)  
Carpool from Office Parking Lot at 7 a.m.

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

Note: The Clambake/Steak Roast at Camp Morris has been re-scheduled to Saturday, August 6th.

\*\* Make your reservations On Time!  
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity  
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## MMRL Scientists Discover New Genetic Links to Sudden Cardiac Death

By Ronald P. Kamp

Cardiac Research Institute scientists at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) discovered 23 gene mutations that are associated with Brugada and Early Repolarization Syndromes. This discovery was possible through a collaborative effort with investigators around the world. These new findings will help us better identify individuals and family members who may have a pre-disposition for Brugada Syndrome and who are at risk for sudden cardiac death.

The Brugada Syndrome is an inherited Cardiac Arrhythmia Syndrome that generally afflicts individuals as they reach their 30s and 40s. Some are individuals who have not been sick a day in their lives until one day, they experience a cardiac arrest in their sleep, often without warning. This Syndrome has confounded doctors for decades and has left many families devastated.



Elena Burashnikov

The Early Repolarization Syndrome, like the Brugada syndrome, targets mid-age males,

although both Syndromes can strike at any age, including young infants. MMRL scientists were the first to point out that an early repolarization pattern on the ECG could be associated with lethal arrhythmias. Both Syndromes fall under the umbrella of J-Wave Syndromes, a term coined by MMRL investigators. The study titled "Mutations in the Cardiac L-Type Calcium channel associated with inherited J-Wave Syndromes and Sudden Cardiac Death" appeared in Heart Rhythm, a journal of the Heart Rhythm Society.

The authors of the study include MMRL investigators Elena Burashnikov, Ryan Pfeiffer, Hector Barajas-Martinez Ph.D., Dan Hu Ph.D., Mayurika Desai and Charles Antzelevitch Ph.D. As a result of this study, the investigators conclude that tests for these gene mutations may be a valuable diagnostic tool to help identify individuals at risk for the Brugada syndrome. The Cardiac Research Institute at the MMRL is one of the top genetic screening centers in the world dedicated to helping families afflicted with sudden death syndromes.

The Cardiac Research Institute at the MMRL is a leading center internationally for study of Lethal Cardiac Arrhythmias. Their scientists have developed experimental models of life-threatening Cardiac Arrhythmias that have aided in the development of new therapeutic modalities to combat sudden death in infants afflicted with congenital syndromes such as Long QT, Short QT and Brugada syndromes. Please visit [www.mmrl.edu](http://www.mmrl.edu) to learn more about MMRL research. ❧



## MMRL Scientist Takes Top Prize at International Competition

Two papers from the Cardiac Research Institute at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) in Utica were selected as finalists in the annual Poster Competition of the international Cardiac Electrophysiology Society held in Chicago on November 13th.

A poster, presented by Dr. Hector Barajas-Martinez's, describing a "hotspot" in calcium channel genes that predisposes to the J-Wave Syndromes and is capable of causing sudden cardiac death, won top prize in the competition. The second poster presented by Elena Burashnikov's dealt with the association of 23 genetic defects in cardiac calcium channel genes with sudden cardiac death syndromes. Individuals carrying these genetic mutations, who are usually in their 30's or 40's die suddenly, sometimes without any warning.

According to the senior author on both papers, Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the MMRL, "finding the genetic basis for these syndromes provides us insights into the mechanisms underlying sudden death as well as to the best approach to therapy for these patients. We are delighted to have our scientists recognized for their outstanding cutting edge research."

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL), a not-for-profit medical research and educational institute, is one of the leading centers worldwide dedicated to helping patients with cardiac disease. The MMRL has established one of the largest biobanks of DNA in the world of patients with abnormal heart rhythms. Please visit [www.mmrl.edu](http://www.mmrl.edu) to learn more. ❧

## Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen  
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It's Have-a-Heart time and time to think about your own Sweetheart. Does she want candy, roses or a romantic dinner or getaway? You had better do something or believe me you will spend the rest of the year paying for your thoughtless oversight. Have a heart and be kind to your sweetheart now and throughout the year.

### 2011 Mileage Rates

- 51 cents per mile for business miles driven.
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical and moving purposes.
- 14 cents per mile driven for charitable services.

The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 extends numerous taxpayer-friendly tax rates and incentives for two years. The Tax Relief Act of 2010 extends lower marginal individual income tax rates, marriage penalty relief, lower capital gains tax rates, and more than 50 other tax benefits popularly referred to as the "Bush Tax Cuts."

In addition to the extension of the "Bush Tax Cuts," the measure:

- Provides a two-year AMT patch
- Includes temporary estate tax relief
- Extends the deduction for elementary and secondary school teacher expenses
- Extends the deduction for state and local general sales taxes
- Extends the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses
- Reinstates the research and development credit
- Extends the credit for energy-efficient appliances
- And more!

The Internal Revenue Service is changing some procedures that will affect the filing and processing of certain taxpayers' Federal Tax Returns for the 2011 filing season. In January 2011, the IRS will send a new notice to some taxpayers identified as being victims of an

identity theft that has affected the filing or processing of their Federal Tax Returns in one or more

prior tax years. These taxpayers have previously contacted the IRS concerning the identify theft and the IRS has validated their identity, verified that they were victims and adjusted their accounts.

The new notice will provide the taxpayer with a 6-digit Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN), valid for a single use only when filing their 2010 Federal Tax Return. To be effective, all six digits of the 6-digit IP PIN must be input, even if the first digit is zero. The IP PIN avoids delays in processing victims' Federal Tax Returns by helping the IRS distinguish between the genuine taxpayer, who has been issued the IP PIN, and a possible identity thief.

### Do I have to File a Tax Return?

You must file a Federal Income Tax Return if your income is above a certain level; which varies depending on your filing status, age and the type of income you receive. If you file a Federal Income Tax Return, you must file a State Income Tax Return even if you have no state tax liability.

Consult the instructions for Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ for specific details that may help you determine if you need to file a Tax Return with the Internal Revenue Service this year.

There are some instances when you may want to file a Tax Return even though you are not required to do so. Even if you don't have to file, here are seven reasons why you may want to:

1. Federal Income Tax Withheld - You should file to get money back if Federal Income Tax was withheld from your pay, you made estimated tax payments, or had a prior year overpayment applied to this year's tax.
2. Making Work Pay Credit - You may be able to take this credit if you had earned income from work. The maximum credit for a married couple filing a joint return is \$800 and \$400 for other taxpayers.
3. Earned Income Tax Credit - You may qualify for EITC if you

worked, but did not earn a lot of money. EITC is a refundable tax credit; which means you could qualify for a tax refund.

4. Additional Child Tax Credit - This refundable credit may be available to you if you have at least one qualifying child and you did not get the full amount of the Child Tax Credit.

5. American Opportunity Credit - The maximum credit per student is \$2,500 and the first four years of postsecondary education qualify.

6. First-Time Homebuyer Credit - The credit is a maximum of \$8,000 or \$4,000 if your filing status is married filing separately. To qualify for the credit, taxpayers must have bought - or entered into a binding contract to buy - a principal residence located in the United States on or before April 30, 2010. If you entered into a binding contract by April 30, 2010, you must have closed on the home on or before September 30, 2010. If you bought a home as your principal residence in 2010, you may be able to qualify and claim the credit even if you already owned a home. In this case, the maximum credit for long-time residents is \$6,500, or \$3,250 if your filing status is married filing separately.

7. Health Coverage Tax Credit - Certain individuals, who are receiving Trade Adjustment Assistance, Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance, or pension benefit payments from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, may be eligible for a Health Coverage Tax Credit worth 80 percent of monthly health insurance premiums when you file your 2010 Tax Return.

### Upcoming Due Dates

January 30th - Form IT-204-LL and fee is due  
January 31st - W2s and 1099s mailed to recipient  
February 15th - January Payroll Taxes  
February 28th - Farm Tax Returns for those who do not estimate their taxes and Paper W2s and 1099s mailed to Social Security and IRS

March 15th - February Payroll Taxes and Corporate Tax Returns

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to [tmichie1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tmichie1@rochester.rr.com). ❧

## Tompkins Memorial Chapel Commemorative Book

On June 25th, join the Masonic Care Community as they commemorate and celebrate the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel at a special Rededication Program at 10 a.m.

It would be great if every Lodge in the State of New York was involved and recognized by making a monetary donation to this endeavor. A Commemorative Book with the history of the life of M.:W.: Daniel Tompkins, as well as details on the Chapel and its contents, will be available to all who attend. Consider the options in the form below for involvement as an individual, a group, Lodge or District.

Mail form at right with your acknowledgment copy and check. ❧

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# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter



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### What's Happening

Companions, the leadership of your Chapter has not changed for this coming year, but we have changed our meetings, just a little bit. We will be meeting on the Second Thursday of the month for our Stated Convocation and will not meet on the Fourth Thursday, unless we call a meeting to confer a Degree or other special function. Therefore, mark your calendar for the Second Thursday of the months of February, March, April and May for Regular Meetings.

The second Thursday in June will be our Annual Picnic.

You can be assured there will be an educational talk or discussion at each of our meetings so it will be worth your while to attend. I also expect the after-meeting refreshments will continue to be excellent.

The Chapter has several Candidates in-waiting for some or all of the Degrees. We will be working to see they all have the opportunity to complete their York Rite Journey. There is a Degree Fest in the planning stages, as of this writing, which we plan to attend and, if needed, participate in. The date is not firm yet, but communication will be sent when it is so our Candidates and Companions can attend.

The pictures accompanying this article were taken at our December Convocation where the Grand High Priest and Grand Captain of the Host were present. The details of the meeting were in last month's **Masonic Times**.



Grand High Priest M. E. Jeffrey Williamson pins Zerubabel Society Medal on lapel of E.: John Zabel, High Priest.



Companions in attendance for Grand High Priest's visit.

### Musings

Let's take a moment and look at the Mark Master Mason Degree. This is the first of the Chapter Degrees. The Degree has many lessons, but the prime lesson, I believe, is honesty and integrity in your work. The Degree shows that being honest in the presentation of your work will prove the esteem people have in you is correct. The respect people, co-workers, etc., give you is directly related to you in being honest in all your dealings.

Your integrity is directly related to what you do as it is related to what you say. Your honesty comes into play when you state you can or will do something you can, indeed, do. Your integrity shows when you do what you said you would do. This is all shown in the Mark Master Mason Degree in the character of the new Workman, Candidate, as he presents work for inspection. The overseers of the work may not recognize important work, but it does not stop the Workman from presenting what was found, and not claim it as his own.

The new Workman in the Degree, upon being found untrained, was vouched for by the overseers and properly trained. Thus, by being honest in his work and having the integrity to be honest and to follow directions, when supplied, the Workman was able to obtain his due reward.

If this is not fully comprehended, then you either have not paid attention to the Mark Master Mason Degree, or you are not a York Rite Mason. This can be corrected by either attending the conferral of the Degree or petitioning the Chapter to take the Degrees. Either way you win.

The Mark Master Mason Degree is so called as the Brother receiving the Degree is charged with developing his own mark and registering it with the Chapter. The use of a mark is very old. I have seen the mark of stonemasons on stones laid in ancient cathedrals. The marks are truly unique and were used to identify the work of specific craftsmen. This was similar to, but more important than, the "Inspected by No. 3" tags found in your new clothes. This is also similar to the signatures on the cowling of Charles Lindbergh's airplane of the people that built it for its historic flight.

In Freemasonry, the more time you spend in watching or conferring Degrees helps you, the Brother, learn more about yourself and improve yourself for the purpose of enjoying life and your place in it. Let's hope that this year will bring each of you all you need and deserve. ✕

## Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered 1861)



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Ahhh, the month of February! What a chilly and blowy month! I came across these two pieces of trivia about this month - "The Romans and the Celts regarded February as the start of Spring" and "When the cat lies in the sun in February, she will creep behind the stove in March." Unfortunately as I write this column, my two cats and Yellow Lab are busy competing with each other over the sun spot slowly moving across the Living Room rug. I fear we will be cursed with a cold March.

We will be holding our Select Master Degree during our meeting on February 16th. We will be preceding our meeting with another special dinner being served up by Joy Woodley, a truly outstanding chef. She always does a great job. I need to remind the Companions we have to reach a minimum threshold of reservations for our dinners. The cost for the meals is still \$10 and I ask you to please let me know if you will be attending.

Our February meeting will also be the Official Visit of R.:I.: Richard Anderson, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. He will be joining us to observe the Degree and present a message from Most Illustrious David Raymond, Grand Master of the Grand Council. Richard is a fun speaker and I look forward to greeting him in the East.

I hope all Companions will plan on joining us for this month's Select Master Degree and Grand Principal Conductor's visit. ✕

Zone 11  
News

Zone Commander  
SK Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

### OEVS LO VVLT

As I write this article, we have just celebrated our Lord's Birthday (Christmas) and are preparing to welcome the New Year of 2011. Since I am between classes at MCC, I have had some time to watch a few movies. One in particular that I like is "Kingdom of Heaven." When it first came out, I went and bought the Official Sword of Ibelin (the sword the central character in the movie receives from his father).

I was looking at the sword the other day and on it's hilt, surrounding a red Maltese Cross the Latin, words "OEVS LO VVLT" are inscribed. I went to the Internet to see if I could find a translation. I did.

It means "The Lord Wills It." What a great slogan. God does have a will, and he does want us to know it.

### On a Personal Note...

As most of you know, I have been on a search for what God's will is for me. I have decided to leave a career in business and have begun a career in health care by studying to become a nurse, as well as searching for a job as a nurse assistant, until, hopefully, I achieve my rank as an RN.

I have wrestled with this. Is this God's will for me? I want to live the rest of my life in the place where God wants me to live. I want to fulfill his will, to be in the right place and position of his plan. Not just in generalities, but in the details. Not just when things are good, but when they are difficult. As a Knight of Christ, it is only in this place of God's Will that I will find myself experiencing the Life that Christ came into the world to set me free to live. Therefore, may I live by the code of OEVS LO VVLT - THE LORD WILLS IT!

### Zone 11 Happenings

#### Commandery Events

#### Cyrene-Monroe No. 12 -

- Next Conclave is February 21st, Opening will begin at 7:30 p.m.
- Easter Observance: Monday, March 21st, 7:30 p.m.
- Inspection/Election of Officers: Monday, April 18th, 7:30 p.m.
- Installation of Officers: Monday, May 16th, 7:30 p.m.

#### Sagoyewatha No. 17 -

- Next Conclave is February 19th. Opening will begin at 9 a.m.
- Inspection (with Salem Town No. 16), Easter Observance and Election of Officers: Saturday, April 16th, 10 a.m.
- Installation of Officers: Saturday, May 21st, 9 a.m.

#### DeMolay No. 22 -

- Regular Conclaves - First and Third Thursdays of each Month, 7:30 p.m.
- Inspection: Thursday, May 19th, 7:30 p.m.

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

### 2011 Grand Encampment

#### Easter Event

Alexandria, Virginia  
April 22 - 24, 2011.

The 81st Annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will again be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, on Sunday, April 24th, and will begin at 8:00 a.m. This service will complete a memorable weekend of events in our Nation's Capital, including delegation dinners, tours and Masonic fellowship. The Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight William D. Hartman, will conduct the Service.

#### Hotel Accommodations

The headquarters hotel will again be the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia, located approximately four miles from the Memorial. Our special Knights Templar rate will be \$105 per room, based on double occupancy. Please make

your reservations directly with the hotel by calling (703) 845-1010 or 800-HILTONS (mention Knights Templar).

### Transportation to Washington

There will be a bus traveling from Western New York, leaving on Friday morning, April 22nd. Cost per person is at \$80. (If we get 40 riders, then it goes to \$60 per person).

### Meals

A meal package is available for \$50 per person, which includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast buffet. Order your meal tickets from the Grand Encampment Office ... make your check payable to:

### Grand Encampment and mail to:

5909 West Loop S, Ste 495,  
Bellaire, TX 77401-2402

Cut-off for both meals and hotel reservations is March 25th. No tickets sold at the door.

Special events include a Wreath-laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns on Saturday, April 23rd. Our Grand Commander is planning other events during this great weekend get-away. For further information, go to the Grand Encampment website:

www.knightstemplar.org

As we approach the re-wining Season of Spring, may our Lord and Savior renew your life! OEVS LO VVLT - THE LORD WILLS IT! ✕

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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Sir Knights, the Annual Christmas Toast was well attended and was an enjoyable evening with our fellow Sir Knights and their Ladies in attendance. Despite my lack of planning for the dinner, everyone seemed to enjoy the meal as it was. The Toasts, themselves, and the singing were certainly invigorating, putting us all in the spirit of the Season of our Lord's Birth.

It seems like it has been a long time since our last Regular Conclave; there is much to pass before we meet again.

First, is the Annual Inspection at our Conclave on April 18th. We need to start rehearsing now so we can make a good impression on our Inspecting Officer. That night we will have a meal starting at 6:30 p.m. I promise to make better plans for that meal this time; if you plan on attending please bring a dish-to-pass.

In regards to rehearsals, for February and March we will meet at 3 p.m. on the Sunday preceding the Regular Conclave (February 20th and March 20th) at Northfield Lodge to rehearse the Tactics and Sword Manual. There may be more times forth-

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# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District OES HiLights



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By Mae Bauer, DDGM

The New Year is here and many Chapters are in full swing of activities. Let's hope the snow will not cancel any more Chapter meetings.

By the time you read this article, each Chapter will have the little Lemonade Stands that R.W. Mark Fenton made for them and gave to me just before he and Marge left this white Winter land for the warmth of Florida. I distributed them at the first Line Officer's Meeting on January 15th.

Please plan on attending the School of Instruction on February 12th at Fairport Masonic Hall starting at 8:30 a.m. with goodies and coffee. Please have your questions and comments ready.

M.W. Wanda and R.W. David Williams became great-grandparents for the first time on Christmas Day when their first great-grandson was born. The little guy is going to need everyone's prayers as he was born 3-1/2 months early. At this time he is doing well and breathing on his own at times.

For the benefit of 2011 Matrons, District Official Visits are as follows:

- April 5th Fairport
- April 19th Starlight
- May 3rd Nolatka
- June 14th Mary Jane Holmes
- June 15th Lilac Star
- TBA - Corinthian-Fellowship, Leah and Etolian

## Mark Your Calendar August 20th

The Summer activity will be a day at the Genesee Country Museum in Mumfords on August 20th. More information will be forthcoming as I receive it. God Bless.

**A Message from the DGL...**  
*Just a dollar contribution  
One little bill  
Makes a world of difference  
To the folks on "the hill"*

Al Sigl Center sits on the hill at the corner of Elmwood and South Avenues. It hosts Rochester Rehab, Medical Motor Service, the Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis and Epilepsy organizations, ARC of Monroe County and Rochester Hearing and Speech. Every Spring, they put "Burma Shave" signs along Elmwood Avenue for commuters to see. We encourage every Chapter in the District to plan a fundraising event for Al Sigl Center for this Spring or Summer. I encourage you to plan something public, both to publicize the Al Sigl Center but also to publicize the good works that Eastern Star does. ("Do not hide your light under a bushel, but put it on the table to give light for all to see.")

Let the DDGM and me know, so we can publicize, attend and praise it. Be creative! ✕

## NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

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

**Matron**  
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**Patron**  
**W. Robert Crystal**  
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**Secretary**  
**R. W. Carol Wynings**  
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Community Christian Church  
2647 Chill Avenue, 14624

Well, Sisters and Brothers, we have had our first meeting of 2011. Matron, Pat Dalykas, was unable to attend so Associate Matron, Alice Hassett, pre-

sided and discovered that her memory of the Ritual didn't include gaveling. Other than that, she did very well. Welcome to the East, Alice!

Our meeting included a presentation by Rick Huff, Sue's husband. He is with the Churchville Fire Department. He gave quite a talk about fire safety, including escaping a fire, smoke alarms, Monoxide Alarms and fire extinguishers. I, for one, decided to get an escape ladder after his presentation. He also gave us some good clues about fire escape awareness in hotels, something very useful for Sessions. To cap off the evening, Betty Reisinger and Carol Pickworth provided croissants and chicken salad and pound cake for refreshments. We all went home with full tummies, fire safety pamphlets and red fire chief hats.

Worthy Matron has several more program meetings scheduled for this year. I hope one of them will pique your interest and pull you in to come and sit in meeting with us - Identity theft, personal safety, Suzanne Feathers and others. Let us know if you need a lift. We'll be glad to come and get you.

Secretary, Carol Wynings, reported that it is important to tell two people your new address when you move. The Post Office charges the Chapter and the **Masonic Times** for returned mail/address corrections. So if you move, don't forget to call Carol and WRITE TO the **Masonic Times**! In these tight financial times, please save money wherever you can.

Chaplain and "Sunshiner," Jane LaPree, reports that all the Christmas cards made it to their destinations and our shut-ins were delighted with the musical cards. She also was happy to announce that she had no sickness or distress to report. This is wonderful news, Sisters and Brothers. I pray she can continue to make that report.

January is a really big birthday month for Nolatka. We send all you January babies all

our love and congratulations. (By the way, Carol Pickworth says it would have been OK to tell her age, because she's proud of it; but if the lawyer advises not to...)

Worthy Matron and Patron ask that if you have any ideas for a charity event this Spring or Summer for the State and District OES charities, let them know. They will be glad to hear from you.

Happy Valentine's Day! ✕

## Corinthian/Fellowship

Chapter No. 322  
Order of the Eastern Star  
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**Secretary**  
**R.W. Beverly VanHuben**  
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## Monthly Luncheons

Are you looking forward to your next Cor-Fel\* get-together? Our Christmas Luncheon was such a success that the table appointed Pat Pearson to make arrangements for a January and February luncheon as well. We want to meet for lunch so our Sisters and Brothers who cannot get out in the evenings can sit with us. As far as I am personally concerned, if there is food, I will consider any meeting a success! So call Pat Pearson, Worthy Matron, Barb McMinn; or Patron, Claude Gramse, for details of the February lunch.

December was at Yanni's in Chili (or Gates); January is Ridge Road East at the Family Diner; but February might end up in Greece or Henrietta or Paducah, so call and get your info.

## Sickness and Distress

Sister Bev VanHuben, Secretary, claims to be making an effort to rehab herself, but she hasn't jogged past my house yet.

Come ON, Bev, we're all cheering for you! Get a MOVE on!

Norma Lee is holding her own and we are cheering her on, but with less noise.

Rita Galliani and her daughter came to the luncheon and assured us Rita would be coming to meetings soon. That's good, because I gave her daughter an application. (That is why I am not mentioning her name. I will, if accepted and Adopted).

Margery Williamson sent her regards by way of Merilyn Israel and assured us she would try to get strong enough to come, too.

Frank Voegtle's passing notice should be elsewhere in this issue. Good-bye Frank! We will all miss you a lot.

## Bake Sales

Matron Barb is helping out with the Bake Sale, so Norma only needs to supervise. I forgot to ask for the unsold Goulash. When I complained that no one thought to sell it to me, I was informed we sold every single item. And Pat Pearson had an order she delivered to a former resident. So we actually sold more than we brought in!! Any Sister or Brother who is good at making Valentine cookies, let one of us know. If you would enjoy sitting in the Dining Room at Pinnacle Place and keeping us company during the bake sale, please call us!

Look to the March issue of **Masonic Times** for what we have planned for the Spring. We look forward to the return flight of our migrating Snowbirds. Anyone who has a green thumb is welcome to volunteer for our gardening adventure at Brighton Reformed Church where we meet.

\*(For Your Amusement... The CorFel mines are in Viseu, Northern Portugal. That is 200 miles due east of Madrid. They mine pegmatite from them, which is an ore from which uranium, tungsten, and tantalum are smelted. [Greek pēgma, pēgmat-, something fastened together ])

## Cyrene-Monroe

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coming depending on our proficiency with each Section of the Inspection. Please review your lines for the "Rehearsal of Duties" and your lines for the regular Opening and Closing of the Commandery.

May the peace of Christ be with you all during the coming year and may His blessing give you comfort and joy. I look forward to seeing you all again at the Conclaves. ✕

## Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, K.T.

3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.



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Sir Knights, the Commandery held its stated Conclave in November. The Conclave had the Officers doing their official Tactics and some of their respective duties. We continue to pray for the family of Sir Knight Jack Hilyer who laid down his sword since our last **Masonic Times** article.

December's Stated Conclave was our Christmas Observance. A special word of thanks to Sir

Knights Taber, White, Powley, Day and our own Choir Director, Frank Russell, and any others who I may have omitted for doing a great job in setting up the Asylum and handling all the arrangements and leading the singing. We thank all our guests who attended, especially Grand Commander MacConnell and his Lady Marsha who were present. Commander Roberts presented a video program on remembering The Gift, with only a minor inconvenience with technical equipment, but surely a number of joyful tears were shed. It was truly a festive, joyous and memorable Conclave.

We truly missed you if you were not present due to sickness, distress or another reason. We pray you will make every effort to attend the upcoming Conclaves. Remember, some of us meet for breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant in Phelps, at 8 a.m. prior to our Saturday Conclaves; why not join us?

## Upcoming Events

Our January Conclave (and each month thereafter) we concentrated on doing the Tactics, Ritual and Duties to Perfection for our upcoming Inspection that will be held on, April 16th at 10 a.m. by Sir Knight Fred Beiter, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer. We need YOUR presence though to make each of the Conclaves prior to April very productive in this work. Officers are to work hard to memorize Tactics and Duties. Each Conclave will

be opened in Full Form as you already know. I hope to see many of our members out to assist us in forming lines, etc.

February is a time to highlight love. May we exemplify that love unto our Ladies, families and friends. Don't forget!!!

My Lady, Leslie, and I wish for you and your lady and family a Blessed Season of Love in Christ to you all. Hope to see you all at the February 19th Conclave at 9 a.m. ✕

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## Benedict Arnold

By Brother Byron Barnes, Junior Warden, Unity Lodge

The story of Benedict Arnold is a tragic one. Outside of educated circles, little is known of Benedict Arnold. When I was in school, we learned of a Benedict Arnold who was a traitor and put American Colonists in utter danger. On the playground, those kids who did not see others point of view were called traitors and thus labeled a "Benedict Arnold."

Personally, all I knew of Benedict Arnold was that he was a traitor. By the end of high school, I knew he fought in the Revolutionary War, but I did not know how important he was to the success of the Colonists.

Arnold was charged with treason in September of 1780. Arnold planned to sell the defenses of West Point so the Fort could be seized by the British. After his plot was exposed, Arnold defected to the British Army and was given the rank of Brigadier General.

As it has been written in American History, Benedict Arnold was simply a traitor; in Canada and Britain, though, Arnold is seen as a hero who helped the Crown in the American Revolution. This essay is a brief synopsis of the life and accomplishments, and subsequent downfall, of the little-known Patriot turned traitor.

Benedict Arnold V was born in Norwich, Connecticut, on January 14, 1741. He was the great-grandson of Benedict Arnold III, who was the three-time Governor of the Rhode Island Colony. He had a modest formal education. He settled in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1762. He became prosperous after becoming the proprietor of a drug and bookstore. He gained wealth through his trade in Canada and the West Indies. It was said that his father, Benedict Arnold IV, was an alcoholic and had squandered the wealth gained by his great-grandfather.

Arnold was a self-made man who also was a Captain in the Connecticut Militia. Through his travels, Arnold became a Freemason and affiliated with Hiram Lodge No.1 on April 10, 1765.

During the French and Indian War, Arnold was part of raids against the French. After the Battles of Lexington and Concord, Arnold led his militia company with a group of volunteers to Cambridge on April 29, 1775. There he joined forces with Ethan Allen. Allen's "Green Mountain Boys" and Arnold's Militia attacked and took the forts at Crown River and Ticonderoga. Arnold waived command and served under Allen as a volunteer. Arnold was cited for his conduct at these battles and returned to Cambridge. Reports from the field stated Arnold was insubordinate to his commanders and spent more time with captured British Officers than he spent with his own Commanders. The report relied on the testimony of Colonel James Easton, a person with whom Arnold had many disagreements.

In Cambridge, Arnold was ordered to serve under General Richard Montgomery in his campaign in Canada. The Canadian invasion of 1775 was unsuccessful. In the Battle of Quebec in 1775, General Mont-

gomery was killed and Arnold was wounded. The Continental Army retreated to Crown Point and Fort Ticonderoga.

Arnold's next engagement was at the Battle of Valcour Island. Arnold had successfully drawn the British Fleet into a position that limited their power, but the reinforced British Fleet won the battle. In the escape, Arnold used one ship to stall the British enough for the rest of the decimated American Fleet to escape. Benedict Arnold ran his own ship aground in the battle, to aid the escape of Colonial Forces. Arnold would not get much military credit until the battle of Ridgefield on April 27, 1777.

Benedict Arnold took command of the Militia after the death of General Wooster. His attacks defeated the British sending them running to their ships. For this victory Arnold was promoted to the rank of Major General. Unfortunately this promotion came after the promotion of five other Generals who did not outrank Arnold.

Benedict Arnold would see action in the Battle of Saratoga in 1777. It was in this battle that Arnold petitioned General Horatio Gates for a direct attack of British forces. Aided by Colonel Daniel Morgan, Benedict Arnold marched Troops against British Forces at Freeman's farm. Morgan's Riflemen nearly broke British lines. The engagements on September 19, 1777, weakened the British and caused British General Burgoyne to surrender on October 17, 1777.

In John Trumbull's 1822 painting, "The Surrender of General Burgoyne" most of the prominent Officers are pictured. Not pictured was General Benedict Arnold. In June of 1778 Arnold was placed in command of Forces at Philadelphia. In Philadelphia, Arnold married the daughter of a British Loyalist, Margaret Shippen. Philadelphia was the beginning of the end for Arnold. Not being a part of Philadelphia social elite and surrounded by British loyalists, Arnold was seen as a pariah and was brought up on charges of misconduct. Even though he was cleared of these charges it did nothing to help his reputation. More charges of misconduct and pressure from Pennsylvania authorities led General Washington to reprimand him for trivial charges.

General Washington, recognizing his service, and recognizing that he was not liked by his peers, assigned Arnold to Command West Point. West Point was a strategic stronghold for the Colonists and its defenses were a well-guarded secret. It was at West Point that Benedict Arnold made a fatal lapse in judgment. Having been snubbed by his peers, passed up for promotions and countless charges of misconduct being brought against him, Benedict Arnold decided to betray his Country and Countrymen. He



### Andrews, Dwight H.

Dwight Andrews, 94, went to the waiting arms of his wife on January 6th. His children, family and friends will remember his life of accomplishments. Dwight was a World War II Army Veteran for which he received many military decorations. He was a member of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shriners. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

### Beachner, Randall G.

On December 28th, Randall Beachner, 92, went to the Celestial Lodge, leaving 2 children and 5 grandchildren to survive him. Randall was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II and a member of Seneca Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shriners. May he find peace with the Lord.

### Bills, Brian J.

Brian Bills, 61, departed from a lively life of accomplishments on December 30th. He is survived by his wife, Paula, his son, Randy, and many family members and friends. Brian was very active as a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, Scottish Rite, Lalla Rookh Grotto and Masonic War Veterans. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

### Burroughs, Raymond J.

On January 9th, Raymond Burroughs, 93, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith. His wife of 70 years, Edna, 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild are left to cherish his memory. Ray was a member of Unity Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

### Dauids, William

On December 24th, William Dauids, 97, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven.

formulated a plan to surrender West Point to the British Commander, Sir Henry Clinton.

Benedict Arnold sent a series of letters communicating the Fort's defenses and his plans to John Andre. John Andre was an Aide to Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief of British Troops. Arnold sent his Troops away from the Fort to weaken their defenses. He also drew diagrams of the location of Troops to make the British's advance easier. On September 29, 1780, John Andre was apprehended by American Troops and Arnold's plans were exposed. He escaped capture and joined the British Military. He led Raids on forts in Virginia and New York, solidifying him as a traitor. At the surrender of Yorktown, Arnold was at General Cornwallis's side as he surrendered. Arnold then went back to Britain with Cornwallis.

Benedict Arnold has been galvanized in American History as nothing but a worthless traitor. There are a multitude of sources strictly focusing on his misconduct and incompetence. There is not too much to be said on his accomplishments. Even instances of valor and competence are blackened by further stories of incompetence and cowardness. The question still to be asked is, "if Benedict Arnold was treated

He is survived by his daughter, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Dick was a member of ERAC Lodge and Shriners. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

### Gurney, Frank C.

Frank Gurney, 87, laid down his Working Tools on January 4th, leaving his wife of 58 years, Elsie, 2 children and 4 grandchildren to remember him. He was a World War II Navy Veteran and Past Commander of Brighton American Legion Post. Frank was a member of ERAC Lodge and Starlight Chapter, OES. Though absent you are very near; still loved, still missed and very dear.

### Hill, Clarence Eugene

Gene Hill, 82, departed his Earthly family on December 25th. He is survived by his wife, Linda, 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was a member of Union Lodge, Scottish Rite and LeRoy Chapter, RAM. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

### Hillbrandt, Larry

Larry Hillbrandt, 63, went Home to his Lord on January 11th. He will always be cherished by his wife, Beverly Ann, and a son and stepson. Larry was a member of ERAC Lodge. We wish you the gift of a memory whenever you need to know, the one you love still walks with you wherever you may go.

### Kassel, Kenneth G.

Kenneth Kassel, 88, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on December 23rd. His companion, Teresa Biehler, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild survive him. Ken was a World War II Veteran and belonged to Fame Lodge. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

### Merrill, Howard J.

Howard Merrill, 93, passed away September 29th. He was a member of Scottish Rite. May he find peace in the arms of the Lord.

### Sergeant, William G. Sr.

William Sergeant, Sr., 70, entered Eternal Rest on December 16th, leaving his wife, Geraldine, 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren to remember him. The Brothers of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts.

### Voegtler, Frank L.

Frank Voegtler, 87, went from the loving arms of family and friends to the arms of Jesus Christ. His wife, Norraime, and the members of ERAC Lodge and Lalla Rookh Grotto will remember him. Remembrance is a golden chain that ties all the love and sorrows.

## Widows to be Remembered

**Bastian, Evelyn**, 83, widow of Willard Bastian (Milnor Lodge), passed away January 8th.

**Clark, Jean M.**, 91, widow of Gerald Clark (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away September 6th.

**Donals, Arline B.** Arline B. Donals, 93, widow of Ralph Donals (Valley-Simes Lodge), passed away November 27th.

**Hummel, Margaret**, 94, widow of Robert Hummel (Valley-Simes Lodge), passed away January 7th.

**Thibaut, Rosella**, 83, widow of Jack Thibaut (Northfield Lodge), passed away December 29th.

## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### MARCH

- 4th Webster Spaghetti Dinner
- 5th Road to the East - Eunice Lodge Hall, Caledonia
- 25th Milnor Lodge, 3rd Degree
- 28th Union Star Lodge, 3rd Degree
- 30th School of Ritual - Oatka Lodge Hall, Scottsville

### APRIL

- 2nd Masonic Development Course - Union Star Lodge Hall, Honeoye Falls
- 23rd Widows Luncheon; Burgundy Basin

### MAY

- 2nd & 3rd Grand Lodge Session
- 14th Learning Center Walk-a-Thon
- 20th Investiture

### October

- 1st Grand Master's Ball, Buffalo
- 16th Scottish Rite Artisan Works Gala Event

better by the Continental Congress and his peers, would he have done what he did?"

We may never know the answer. Arnold spent the remainder of his days in England. He worked as an unsuccessful merchant and was never given the command he wanted. He died in England in 1801.

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# Big Calendar for February 2011

| Sunday                                                                            | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                            | Friday                                                                                                            | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Clio Lodge<br/>Spaghetti Dinners<br/>February 9th and 23rd</p> | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Canandaigua - Shortsville<br/>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle<br/>KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pitsford<br/>Lalla Rookh Grotto Board of<br/>Governors, <i>Shrine Center</i><br/>OES - Etolian<br/>Shrine Lunch Club</p>                         | <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Craftsman Robertson -<br/>Fellowcraft Party<br/>Seneca - Webster<br/>Valley-Simes, <i>Shrine Center</i><br/>OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane<br/>Holmes - Brockport</p>                                          | <p><b>9</b></p> <p>Oatka - Scottsville<br/>Webster - Fellowcraft<br/>Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps<br/>Masonic Service Bureau<br/>Monthly Luncheon Meeting<br/>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship<br/>Shrine Legion of Honor</p> | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>Fame, <i>Shrine Center</i><br/>Milnor - Shortsville<br/>Union - Lima,<br/>Webster - Fellowcraft<br/>RAM - Hiram<br/>Lalla Rookh Caldron</p>                                     | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>Garoga-Sincerity Game Night -<br/>Phelps</p>                                                  | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>OES - Line Officers, School of<br/>Instruction - Fairport</p>                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>13</b></p>                                                                  | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>ERAC, Table Lodge, <i>Shrine Center</i><br/>Fairport-Flower City<br/>Unity - Spencerport<br/>Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield<br/>LIV-School of Ritual, Caledonia<br/>Shrine Lunch Club</p>                                        | <p><b>15</b></p> <p>Clio, 1° - Hilton<br/>Craftsman Robertson - <i>Shrine Center</i><br/>Nunda Station<br/>Oakland - Castile</p>                                                                                                  | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>Ark - Geneva<br/>Drunlin Square, 2° - Palmyra<br/>Livonia<br/>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br/>Lalla Rookh Grotto<br/>Doric Council - Pitsford<br/>LIV-School of Ritual, Livonia</p>                      | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>Eunice - Caledonia<br/>Northfield, 2° - Pitsford<br/>Webster<br/>Scottish Rite - <i>Shrine Center</i><br/>Damascus Shrine, <i>The Rat Pack is Back</i> - Auditorium Theater</p> | <p><b>18</b></p>                                                                                                  | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>Road to the East - Union Star,<br/>Honeoye Falls</p>                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>20</b></p>                                                                  | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>Canandaigua - Shortsville<br/>Unity - Spencerport<br/>Union Star, 2° - Honeoye Falls<br/>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle<br/>KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pitsford<br/>Grotto Legion of Honor<br/>Shrine Lunch Club<br/>Auburn Shrine Club</p> | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>Valley-Simes - <i>Shrine Center</i><br/>LIV - School of Ritual, Mt. Morris</p>                                                                                                                                | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>Oatka - Scottsville<br/>Tall Cedars of Lebanon<br/>Damascus Directors Staff<br/>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship</p>                                                                                   | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>Fame, <i>Shrine Center</i><br/>Milnor, 2° - Shortsville<br/>Union - Lima<br/>James A. Hard/ Wayne Charter<br/>Post No. 12<br/>Perry Shrine Club<br/>Wayne M&amp;W - Ontario</p> | <p><b>25</b></p> <p>Garoga-Sincerity Game Night -<br/>Phelps</p>                                                  | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>Wayne District - <i>Masonic Development Course</i>, Sodas<br/>Road to the East, Constellation<br/>Lodge - Perry<br/>Scottish Rite, Degree Presentations - <i>Shrine Center</i></p> |
| <p><b>27</b></p>                                                                  | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>ERAC, <i>Shrine Center</i><br/>Fairport-Flower City, 1°<br/>Union Star - Honeoye Falls<br/>Unity - Spencerport<br/>Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield<br/>Shrine Lunch Club</p>                                                      | <p><b>1</b></p> <p>Clio - Hilton<br/><i>Shrine Center</i><br/>Craftsman Robertson,<br/>Northfield - Pitsford<br/>Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps<br/>Nunda Station<br/>Oakland - Castile<br/>OES - Fairport, Nolaoka,<br/>Statlight</p> | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>Drunlin Square - Palmyra<br/>Livonia<br/>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br/>Damascus Shrine<br/>OES - Lilac Star<br/>Groundhog Day</p>                                                                       | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Eunice - Caledonia<br/>Northfield - Pitsford<br/>Webster, 1°</p>                                                                                                                 | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Webster Lodge<br/>Spaghetti Dinner<br/>5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child<br/>30 Orchard Street</p> | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>Scottish Rite, Public Degree<br/>Presentation - <i>Shrine Center</i></p>                                                                                                            |
| <p><b>Washington's Birthday</b></p>                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>1</b></p>                                                                   | <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>DAMASCUS SHRINE MEETING</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>3</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b>4</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>5</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>6</b></p>                                                                                                   | <p><b>7</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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