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## Ronald McDonald Houses Get Have-a-Heart proceeds



R. W. George Fochner, Chairman of the Have-a-Heart Campaign, presented a replica check to Patty Schwarzweller in the amount of \$19,000 on behalf of the Masonic Organizations of Western New York. The Annual Fundraiser in area Malls provides dollars to purchase supplies needed to care for guests and maintain the properties.

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## VS + CR = Inspiration Lodge No. 109 Chartered April 13th, 2011

By Skip Waterstreet

With a twinge of sadness in their hearts, Brothers of Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109 and Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969 bid farewell to the separate entities and consolidated to form Inspiration Lodge No. 109. The Charter was signed on April 13th, 2011, by M. W. Vincent Libone, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. This culminated a year's worth of meetings to approve a new set of By-Laws, a budget, a new line of Officers, pick a meeting night and time and other miscellaneous items, which had to be agreed upon to complete the consolidation. The Information Packet had to be completed and forwarded to the Committee on Charters for approval, with the By-Laws requiring the approval of the Judge Advocate of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

This new Lodge, whose meetings are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, from September through June, was then required to hold an Installation of Officers at the next scheduled meeting date. Because the incoming Master had not previously been installed as a Master, it was necessary for him to be invested with the Secrets of the Chair.

Following dinner on April 26th, the Purple Club of the Monroe District conducted the Investiture Service in a cer-



Newly Installed Master, W. Richard T. Smith (left), observes greetings shared between two Deputy Grand Masters. Center is R. W. Joseph Crociata, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia shaking hands with James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, on the historical occasion.

emony open only to Past Masters or current Masters of other Lodges. W. Richard T. Smith, Master-elect of Inspiration Lodge, was duly invested by R. W. George Nasra, District Deputy Grand Master, with the assistance of RW James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master.

The Lodge was then opened for the business of the evening. R. W. Derek VanHouten, Installing Master; Installing Chaplain, W. Michael Hueston; and Installing Marshals, W. Gary Burke and W. Joseph Steffen, entered the Lodge Room and began the Installation Ceremony. The Marshals escorted the Officers

of the new Inspiration Lodge to seats on the North side of the Lodge.

### Unique Installation

Dignitaries were then introduced. R. W. Joseph Crociata, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was escorted to the East by R. W. Charles N. Waterstreet, Jr. Brother Crociata is a member of Inspiration Lodge, having been Raised in the former Craftsman Lodge in 1981, and a good friend of the Master-elect, Richard Smith.

R. W. Myron Dox then escorted R. W. George Fochner

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## ERAC Lodge Honors Service to Youth

By Bruce Katz

On April 25th, at the Damascus Shrine Center, Worshipful Master, Patrick Mulrooney, welcomed 50 Brothers and guests to an Award Presentation for Service to Youth. Brothers Kern Haynes and John Hellaby III were presented the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award and Mr. Michael Hellaby received the Douglas MacArthur Award for Exemplary Service to Youth.

Scouts from Troop 134 presented our Nation's Colors for the opening. R. W. George Nasra, District Deputy Grand Master, read the Award Proclamations and R. W. Phil Hurwitz, Grand Sword Bearer, assisted in the presentations. Other guests included Troop leaders, family and Mr. Adam Clegg, District Executive from the Seneca Waterways Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

**Douglas MacArthur Award**  
The Douglas MacArthur Award recognizes distinguished or outstanding voluntary com-

munity service by non-Masonic organizations or individuals whose actions exemplify our shared concern as Masons for the well-being of the minds and bodies of the youth of our communities in New York State. It is named for Brother and General Douglas MacArthur and is authorized by the MacArthur Family.

### Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is approved by the Boy Scouts of America and honors outstanding service to youth through a connection with the Scouts. It may be presented to any Master Mason who has made significant contributions to youth through Scouting.

Daniel Carter Beard was one of the first National Scout Commissioners of the Boy Scouts of America and also helped his sister organize the Camp Fire Girls. "Uncle Dan" Beard was a Freemason in a New York Lodge.

Brother Kern Haynes was cited for his commitment to Scout-



(l-r) Patrick Mulrooney, Kern Haynes, John Hellaby III, Michael Hellaby, Rich Friedman, Adam Clegg from Seneca Waterways Council, BSA, after the presentation of the "Douglas MacArthur Award for Dedicated Service to Youth" and "Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award" on April 25th.

Photo by Ms. Onna Hellaby

ing in his past roles, as well as his current role of Scoutmaster of Troop 134 in Rush. Both Eagle Scouts, Brother John Hellaby and his "brother" Mr. Michael Hellaby were recognized for their continuing commitment to Troop 140 in Scottsville. John has been active as a town and District Co-Chair of the Annual "Scouting for Food and Clothing" Campaign for over a decade. Michael has supported his Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster while continuing his studies. The importance of family support to enable volunteer participation was also mentioned. By coincidence, Mike and John's father Mr. John ("Al") Hellaby II was recognized

three days later as Outstanding Citizen by the Town of Chili. "Al" was previously recognized by ERAC with the MacArthur Award for his volunteer work with Scouting.

Brother and Scouter Bruce Katz gave a brief historical context of why Scouting places particular importance on service to others. Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the worldwide Scouting movement, wrote that prevailing vice of selfishness was particularly troublesome since so many other evils had its roots in it. Making it a habit to "Do a Good Turn Daily" enables the development of an unselfish character.

# Damascus News see page 11



Editor's Corner

Many of you may already be aware that the price for a subscription to the Masonic Times has increased to \$9 per year (group rate) beginning in January. I sent an email message out, followed up by a mailed hard copy shortly after the Board of Directors approved the increase. At the present time, there is no increase for Individual Subscriptions or for the rate Concordant Bodies pay for members who are dual affiliates. I am now awaiting the fallout from this decision. I hope the response is positive and the newspaper will survive.

This issue is late. After spending a couple of days cutting copy and deciding what to leave out, I received some late material that allowed me to fill an additional four pages. This enabled me to publish a couple of articles that I had decided to eliminate, rather than spend the extra money to include them with some extraneous filler material. The majority of this information is relevant, so the heck with the budget. We don't have another issue until September and, by then, these articles will not be relevant.

I hope you will read the article by Sergeant Rob Buchanan on the American Flag and the Birthday of the United States Army. Check out the new fundraising opportunity for those of you who shop online, and provide support to the Masonic Service Bureau...at no cost to you! Mark your calendar for the Masonic Service Bureau's Awards Night on June 22nd. We will give away \$24,000 to some very deserving Charities. Also, several Education Assistance Awards to some of our bright young men and women to help them pursue their higher education goals. Look for opportunities to stay in touch with your Masonic Brothers and Sisters over the Summer. There is lots to read in this issue.

**Thank you**  
My sincere thanks, once again to all the correspondents from the various organizations. I know how tedious and painful this task, on occasion, can be. I appreciate your efforts and, I hope, so do your members.

I will be speaking to the incoming Masters, Wardens and Secretaries at the gathering at Camp DeMolay on June 4th, informing them of the guidelines for submitting articles and soliciting feedback on the publication. I will also reiterate the many services available through the Masonic Service Bureau. I am continually amazed at the number of MASONS who do not know we have a Loan Closet of sick room equipment. This service is free to ANYONE...no residency requirements. You just have to pick up the items when you need them and return them when you are finished. Sorry, but we don't have personnel to deliver and pick up, which hurts some of our elderly persons in need. Loan Closet hours are 9:00 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday.

Thanks for reading. ✕

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By Gary Sanford

It has come to that time of year when most, if not all,

Lodges go what we call "dark" for the next two months. Some Lodges do get together during that time when they will have a Golf Tournament or a picnic, either at a member's home or at a park. Please remember that the Bureau does have Camp DeMolay available for those who would like to have their get-together on Lake Ontario at Sodus Point; just give the Office a call to make your arrangements.

One thing to remember is that the Bureau does not close for the Summer and is available to help you. Our local Grand Lodge Officers are available to help or assist you and I know they have some activities planned, so be sure to read their columns. I also know they have already started to put their plans together for the next Masonic Year. Most of the Incoming

Masters have put together their Trestleboards for next year or will be putting the final touches on them over the Summer. This is when we need to remember to offer them assistance so that their year may be successful.

### Directory

The Bureau will be working at putting together the Monroe District Masonic Directory over the next couple of months, so be sure to get the information on your new Lodge Officers to us. We have also assisted Livingston District with their Directory and are willing to help others if they contact us.

### Contact us

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. ✕

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sonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester, NY, Inc. portal. It will tell you this on the upper right side of the web page. Use the link at monroemasonic.com, or type in your browser, www.msbg.com, to see the opportunities available. Any problems? Any questions? Contact Ken Hecker at (585) 760-9395 for help. ✕

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we were able to achieve a slight increase over last year's total. I hope it means that Jan and I are doing the job for which we were hired and the Brothers and Sisters of this great Fraternity wish to assure we are there to help the community and our members with their needs in the future.

As a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Corporation, all contributions are tax deductible.

I apologize in advance if any name(s) have been overlooked or misspelled. We believe that every individual or organization who has donated to us, either through our solicitation letter or

directly to the Service Bureau, since May 1st of 2010 through May 1st of 2011, is listed below. Please bring any errors or omissions to my attention.

Again, thank you all.

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## June 14 - Flag Day and Birthday of the United States Army, (1775)

By Rob Buchanan

In celebration of Flag Day and the U. S. Army's Birthday on June 14th here is a little information on the Flag of our Country.

**The United States Flag**

On January 1, 1776, the Continental Army was re-organized in accordance with a Congressional Resolution, which placed American Forces under George Washington's control. On that New Year's Day, the Continental Army was laying siege to Boston which had been taken over by the British Army. Washington ordered the Grand Union Flag hoisted above his base at Prospect Hill. It had 13 alternate red and white stripes and the British Union Jack in the upper left-hand corner (the Canton).

In May of 1776, Betsy Ross reported that she sewed the first American Flag.

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars,

white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Between 1777 and 1960, Congress passed several acts that changed the shape, design and arrangement of the flag and allowed for additional stars and stripes to be added to reflect the admission of each new State.

- Act of January 13, 1794 - provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.
- Act of April 4, 1818 - provided for 13 stripes and one star for each State, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new State, signed by President Monroe.
- Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 - established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.
- Executive Order of President

Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

Today the flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with six white. The stripes represent the original 13 Colonies, the stars represent the 50 States of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well ... Red symbolizes Hardiness and Valor; White symbolizes Purity and Innocence; Blue represents Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice.

**The Military**

National and organizational flags, which are mounted on flagstaves equipped with finials, are called Colors. Military personnel passing a military formation in which an uncased National Color is being carried, salute at six steps distance and hold the Salute until they have passed six steps beyond it. Similarly, when the uncased Color passes by, they salute when it is six steps away and hold the Salute until it has passed six steps beyond them.

A salute is also rendered ...

- When the United States National Anthem, "To the Color," "Hail to the Chief" or foreign

national anthems are played.

- To uncased National Color outdoors.
- On ceremonial occasions (such as Change of Command, and Military Parades).
- At reveille and retreat ceremonies, during the raising or lowering of the flag.
- During the sounding of honors.
- When the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag is being recited outdoors.
- When turning over control of formations.
- When rendering reports.

**Outdoors**

The Flag Code States that, when giving the Pledge of Allegiance outdoors "Persons in uniform should REMAIN SILENT, face the flag, and render the military salute." When the pledge is given, if you see a man or woman in uniform saluting but not reciting the pledge, that is the reason for their silence.

**Indoors**

When giving the Pledge of Allegiance and when the National Anthem is played indoors, officers and enlisted personnel stand at Attention and face the music, or the flag if one is present.

**U.S. Navy Ships**

When military personnel (of any service) board U.S. Navy

ships, either as an individual or as a unit leader, they salute according to Naval procedures.

When boarding a naval ship, upon reaching the top of the gangway, face and salute the national ensign. After completing this salute, salute the Officer of the deck who will be standing on the quarter deck at the head of the gangway. The officer of the deck may be a commissioned officer, warrant officer, or petty officer (enlisted). When saluting the officer of the deck, request permission to board, "Sir (or Ma'am), request permission to come aboard." The Officer of the deck will return the salute.

When leaving the ship, render the same salutes in reverse order, and request permission to leave, "Sir" (or Ma'am), request permission to go ashore."

**For Veterans**

Excerpt from the FY09 National Defense Authorization Act that was signed by President Bush October 14, 2008 ... National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Print) SEC. 1081. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

**Flag**

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NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS.

Section 301(b)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new sub-paragraphs:

A) Individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;

B) Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and

C) All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

**Salutes are not required when:**

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- Addressing a prisoner.
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- Either the senior or the subordinate is wearing civilian clothes (a salute in this case is not inappropriate, but is not required.)
- Officers of equal rank pass each other (a salute in this case is not inappropriate, but is not required.)

Please remember if you have a U.S. Flag that you have to retire due to its condition, drop it off at your local American Legion prior to June 14th for proper handling.

**DAISY Foundation Recognizes Shriners Hospital Nurses**

The nurses at Shriners Hospital for Children®-Springfield were presented The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses at a ceremony held during Nurses Week. The award is part of The DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the super human efforts nurses perform everyday.

The award was presented to all the nurses who work at Shriners Hospital. "Each of our nurses provides compassionate, skilled nursing care in the various departments they work in throughout the hospital," stated, Patricia King, Director of Patient Care Services.



Presenting the award was Bonnie and Mark Barnes of the not-for-profit Daisy Foundation based in Glen Ellen, CA. The foundation was created in memory of their son J. Patrick Barnes, 33, who died in 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

At the presentation the nurses received a certificate commending them for being "Extraordinary Nurses." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people."

For this first award in honor of all the

nurses, the hospital received a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa. The statue is on display in the hospital's lobby.

Patricia King & sculpture



Said Bonnie Barnes, President and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human work they do. The kind of work the nurses at Shriners Hospital for Children® are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The Daisy Award."

"We are proud to be among the hospitals participating in The DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes everyday. It's important that our nurses know their work is highly valued, and the DAISY Foundation provides a way for us to do that," stated Mark L. Niederpruem, Hospital Administrator.

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## WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

On May 21st, the Wayne County Shrine Club held its annual Bullhead Dinner at Connelly's Cove restaurant. In addition to the usual attendees, it was great to visit with several infrequent attendee Wayne County Shriner Masons who joined with us for this evening. Connelly's Cove is a lovely setting on Sodus Bay, where we look out the dining room window and see boats tied up at the dock and an expanse of water. Of course, the Bullheads weren't the only bull at the dinner!

The evening started with cheese and crackers and baby bullheads for appetizers and Lee Collier favoring us with an invocation. After more food than most of us could consume, President Gerry Rohrer started the program with a joke, too long to recite herein. Howard Combs gave an informative presentation on bullheads and their life cycle. To the consternation of a few, he did not address the whiskers of these catfish or whether they purr. He mentioned that they are an easy fresh water fish to clean, but that one must be wary of their horns.

Jim Miller, representing the Divan, recounted the salient May Shrine activities, namely the first Bob Anderson award for community accomplishments being presented to Maggie Brooks, and the 37 new Nobles who joined our ranks at Eric, Pa.

He spoke of Cruz nights beginning and the need for help at those weekly events. He reminded all of the June 1st meeting with the Ladies where the Knickerbocker Ceremonial will take place to receive 20 more Nobles into our Shrine. He mentioned the June 18-19 Arts & Craft Show and the coming activities of the Geneva and Auburn Shrine Clubs.

Gerry announced that the next meeting of the Wayne County Shrine Club will be Thursday, July 21st, the location to be announced. All look forward to next May for another evening of bull and bullheads.

- Mark Your Calendar •
- Shriners •
- Classic Car •
- "Cruz-in Nights" •
- Every Friday •
- 5 to 8 p.m. •
- thru September 9th •
- Damascus Shrine Center •

Thank You to the Masons

Many thanks to the Lodge Members who were so wonderful to the women who attended the April 23rd Widows Luncheon. As I approached the door, there stood - waiting to greet us - Brother Roger Lynch. Thank you, Roger. Then more Masons waited inside to escort the Ladies to a table to receive a corsage and on to our table. It was wonderful and it made me feel like a Princess. The music was so nice and the food was delicious.

It was enjoyable to hear the laughter and joy we all were experiencing and all the "hellos" and "how are you" from others attending. I just cannot explain the feeling and joy I had in my heart when I left that afternoon.

Thank you, Unity Lodge, for my lunch and the fellowship I had at my table with the Unity Lodge Master and his wife. God Bless to all the Masons who took the time to make us all feel wonderful. Thank You, Thank You. And a special thank you to John and Judy Lenzi for making sure I was invited to the luncheon.

*Thank You*

Sula Baxter



Gail Sanford, Queen

I hope everyone had a good Mother's Day. It was great to have a day with sunshine after all this rain.

I am looking forward to going to Supreme Sessions this month, which will be held in Tampa, Florida.

Please make sure you look for us on some of the Cruz Nights at the Shrine Center. We will be selling baked goods. Our Ladies are great cooks, so save some room for dessert!

Our sessions will start again in August. We have many events planned, which I hope you can attend.

May everyone have a safe enjoyable Summer with family and friends.

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By Don Brugger  
I hope the Woodsmen are all in good health and in good spirits. We have certainly endured some crazy weather, even for Rochester, this year. It seems the long-awaited Rochester Spring has finally arrived. Even though the April Showers have come along a little late, at least the cold weather seems to be over.

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**Sickness and Distress**  
Don Freeman's condition remains the same. George Sprin- get is progressing satisfactorily and is getting out and about. If you know of any Woodsmen in need of our assistance or sympathy, call our Scribe, Don Bell. Remember, Rochester Forest No. 133 is your Forest, let's re-Member it. We'll see you at the stump.

**Sausage Roast Reminder**  
Our next event is the Annual Sausage Roast at Kiwanis Camp Smile in Webster. As usual, you should bring your own beverage, tablecloth and utensils plus a Dish-to-Pass. The facility will be open at 5 p.m. We will probably be eating around 6 - 6:30 p.m., depending on weather and sausage grilling. You should be getting a card with details soon.

**Membership**  
You will also be receiving a copy of our Petition for Initiation. Woodsmen, our membership is shrinking and new members are a must if we are to continue as a viable Forest in the Rochester Area. Please give it some thought and ask your Lodge Brothers if they would like to be a member of an organization that really gives you more bang for your buck.

We offer a Spring Sausage Roast, Fall Steak Roast, a Holiday gathering in December, and possibly a Valentine Party; these are all strictly social events with the ladies. We meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Penfield Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m. Our meetings are usually preceded by an informal dinner at a local restaurant. Arrangements are made by those Woodsmen who desire to participate. Anywhere from 2-8 Woodsmen come to these dinners.

We offer our Degrees, usually in October, but a new member may be obligated at any of our monthly meetings and enjoy full membership. Of course, we encourage all to witness or participate in the Degrees. Any of our social events are open to guests and are opportunities to introduce prospective members to the Forest.

For information on membership or directions to the Sausage Roast site, call Don Bell (259-0647) or myself (458 6125).

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### Farewell

This will be my last **Masonic Times** article for my year as Master and I thank you all for this experience. I have learned so much these past two years while sitting in the East and attending the Grand Lodge Communications in New York City. My thanks to all Officers and Brothers for all the help you have given me throughout these past two years. I appreciate all you have done from helping with the dinners to participating in the Degree and Ritual work. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Master.

### Upcoming Events

June 7th - 3rd Degree starting at 5:30 p.m., there will be no Potluck Dinner, but we will be having a dinner after the 1st Section of the Degree. All Brothers are welcome to participate in the Degree as well as the dinner. Please support your Lodge on this night!!!

June 21st - Lodge Steak Roast at 6:30 p.m. All Brethren are welcome. Please contact Brother Ruggles or myself by June 14th if you are planning to attend.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to all the newly Elected and Appointed Lodge Officers for the coming year.

### Sickness and Distress

Please keep the following Brothers in your Prayers: R.: W.: Bruce Huie, W.: Pete Adams and W.: George Landstrom. Also, remember our Servicemen and Women and their families.

### June Birthdays

Ranse Brooks (1st), John Sherman (7th), Donald Fridley (9th), Dan Guth, Paul McIntyre and Kenneth Pedersen (11th), Tom Pardington (16th), George Landstrom (22nd), Bill Goodman (24th) and Barney Wandell (29th).

### July Birthdays

Ken Gibbs (7th), Ronald Van-Camp (9th), Ernie Bishop (12th),

Chris Howard (17th), Nick Day (29th), Rick Kauder (30th) and Robert Hines (31st)

### August Birthdays

Ken Overslaugh and Fred Wheeler (3rd), John Carney (23rd), Shawn Grube (24th) and Kenneth Carpenter and David Williams (26th).

### Masonic Anniversaries

#### June

1948 Harold Bloser  
 1953 David Retchless  
 1958 Lloyd Akin  
 1959 Roy Farnsworth  
 1972 Larry Gelder  
 1976 Lowell Falkey

#### July

1958 David Williams \*

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### Sad News

Word has been received of the passing of Brother Gordon Taylor on April 20th. No other details have been received.

### Upcoming Events

If all goes according to plan, we will have two new Brothers (Entered Apprentices) as of the May 11th Special Communication. Also, plans are that W.: Thomas Abraham will return to the East for the 2011-2012 Year.

Tom has indicated he would like to keep the Summer Awards Dinner in place, so keep the 3rd Wednesday of July open for the event. The Ramada (on the shores of Seneca Lake) provided us with a very nice venue for the evening last year so we will probably return there this year. W.: Rob Schwarting (Ark and Milo Lodges) has announced the Historical Lecture will be presented at Milo Lodge on June 29th. Here's a great opportunity to hear the seldom-presented Lecture.

Additionally, if you haven't seen the revitalized and refurbished Lodge facility, it will be worth the trip to Penn Yan. The Lodge building is on Elm Street just off the four corners of downtown.

We'd love to see you at our June meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Border City. \*

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### Accomplishments

We have completed yet another year and by the time you receive this, we will have gone dark for the Summer. I take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your support over the last year. The Officers of the Lodge worked very diligently in completing the Degrees and working through the required business of the Lodge. I also thank the Brothers and their wives for the hard work they performed behind the scenes. Keep in mind that just because you may not see a Brother at all of the Communications, he is not working hard for the benefit of the Lodge and the Craft.

We worked at getting the Lodges finances in order by adjusting the way we invest our money with the hope we can make the money work for us in the future. We Raised a new Brother, worked at getting the Lodge cleaned up as well as increasing our presence in the community. I can say with confidence, my Brothers, we are growing and moving forward all the time.

### Membership

At this point, we are very close to having a new line of Of-

ficers going through the Chairs with very few repeats. This is a sure sign of our growth and, if we can keep up with getting a couple of new Candidates each year, this growth will continue. I understand that some may look at only a couple Candidates as very slow growth but that slow growth has gotten us some very quality members who have all moved into chairs and are now very active in the Lodge. Let us concern ourselves with quality; this is what makes for an active Lodge, not necessarily quantity.

During the months as we gather with family and friends, take a moment and consider if there are any among you who would make a good addition to our Brotherhood. I challenge all of you to talk to at least one good man about who we are and what we stand for. Even if they are not interested in joining, they will know who we are and what we do. Please keep in touch with me if you do have an interested friend. We can hold a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at any time - perhaps even a family cookout to which we could invite potential Candidates.

Over the Summer I would like to work on the front of the Lodge Hall and complete some of the work we started last Fall. With a little concrete patching, some painting and a few display items, we will have the front looking presentable in no time.

### Brotherhood Fund

My Brother, can you spare twenty five cents? Just because we have gone dark for the Summer does not mean there are no Brothers in need. Along with my membership challenge, I have a Brotherhood Fund chal-

lenge for you. I want each of you to get an empty coffee can and put it where ever you put your spare change at the end of the day. Starting in June through the end of September, I want you to put twenty-five cents in the can every day. I know you're thinking, Brother Joel, that's only going to amount to about \$8 a month and around \$30 at the end of September. That's not very much. For each Brother's pocket change that isn't very much, but if 100 of the Brothers of this Lodge (we do have more than 100 members) make good on this challenge, it would mean we would have over 90% participation as a Lodge and a combined donation of over \$3,690. Not too bad for twenty-five cents a day. If you already make a donation each year, then keep up the good work and thank you.

So what do you say, Brothers, let's get those coffee cans and see if any other Lodge in the District can keep up with us! I will ask that you please get all those quarters converted to a check for Brother Hargrave; it would be funny giving him a hundred cans of quarters, but let's make things easy on our Brother.

### Upcoming Events

June 1st - Public Installation of our new Line of Officers. We hope to have a great turnout and will share a wonderful meal prepared by Tri-Star Chapter, OES. My thanks to all the Brothers who have taken a Chair for the next year; your continued support is greatly appreciated.

My Brothers, I look forward to serving as Master for another year. The past year has been great fun and your support has made it even more enjoyable than I expected.

I wish for each of you a wonderful Summer ... full of the enjoyment with family and friends. Have fun, be safe and, as always, I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge! \*

## Monroe District

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April was a busy month in the Monroe District. Many of our Lodges have been busy Raising Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the Scottish Rite has been very active with several events, including Degree work, getting together the Team who will be guiding the nascent DeMolay group in the region, and also starting the discussion on next year's College of Freemasonry, which remains the signature event for the Valley of Rochester.

At the same time, the Shriners have been working hard on several fronts, including recruitment and fundraising. The Shrine Degree Team has been on the road helping Lodges in Monroe, Livingston and other Districts with their Degree work. WHAT A TEAM! My Brothers, this is Freemasonry at its best. Collaboration, Brotherhood and fun, all in the service of the betterment of oneself and the pursuit of Masonic Light, which brings us that much closer to Divine Truth.

As always, your District Leadership Team has tried to be with you as much as possible and we have been out to the Lodges witnessing all the good work you have been doing. We will try to make it to as many Installations as possible.

I am writing this article after having spent two days attending the Grand Lodge Communication in New York City. There is no better feeling than to be in that most beautiful building among Brothers witnessing Grand Lodge in action.

All the Officers of Grand Lodge were Elected and Appointed to another term, uncontested.


The first reading of the Resolution to increase Grand Lodge Assessment by \$2 per year for 5 years starting in 2013, was voted upon and passed. Another vote was taken and passed to allow Lodge Communications, including Summonses, to be delivered via email as long as those Brothers who do not have access to email be contacted via the traditional manner.

Also, the recommendation of the Custodians of the Work to ensure the continued integrity of our beloved Ritual, and to prevent further erosion of its content, by eliminating the "short form of closing" was overwhelmingly approved by a cheering crowd.

The message of our Grand Master was, at the same time, simple and powerful. I will summarize it in these few sentences...

You are Grand Lodge, and each one of us carries the responsibility of making our Fraternity better. ... Our organization needs us and we should answer the call. ... We should always remember the basic Tenets of our Fraternity and live according to its teachings.

Living according to Masonic teachings is never easy and sometimes confusing. I offer



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here a personal view of a controversial topic with the hope it will generate further study and informed discussions within the Fraternity. My aim is to share my thoughts, learn from others, but certainly not to impose on others my own views of Freemasonry.

I was having lunch, not too long ago, with a Brother whom I consider a close friend and a wise mentor. During our conversation, he broached the subject of politics, the role Freemasons should have in their communities, how we present ourselves to others around us and how we explain who we are and what we do to the new Brothers we bring into the Craft. It was a long and interesting conversation, which touched on these and many other topics, but the discussion of politics stayed with me. I found myself thinking about it for days after our meeting. The question I keep asking myself is this, Does Masonry really forbid all political or religious discussion among Brethren?

The book of Masonic Law informs us, for example, that a Lodge is not permitted to engage in formal political activity such as soliciting votes for or against a particular candidate. It is also a fact that no member of a Lodge can use his membership to obtain votes in a political campaign. We also read in the book of Masonic Law about the importance of maintaining harmony in the Lodge and the role of the Master in maintaining such harmony.

In the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Master informs the Brother at the Altar that Masonry forbids sectarian discussion within its Lodge Rooms. Note that he does not say that Freemasonry forbids religious or political discussion, only petty discussions that aim to divide the Brothers and disrupt the harmony of a Lodge Room are forbidden. At the same time, one of the Tenets of our beloved Craft is Tolerance, which may be defined as the practice of recognizing and respecting the beliefs of others.

I would like to contrast the concept of Tolerance with the concept of Justice. Justice should always be blind and is often represented by a woman, hoodwinked, in one hand she carries a sword and in another a scale. To be just in your judgment, you don't want to know anything about the person except the facts that will help you determine a just verdict. Tolerance, on the other hand, implies you know the other person. If what you know of others leads you to believe they do not necessarily share the same political or religious views you do, yet you still respect their opinions, you have practiced Tolerance. While you may strive to know them better and share something of your own self with them, you remain respectful, accepting and still able to afford them the same Brotherly love that you afford any other Brother who has walked the same road and taken the same oaths in Masonry you have taken. You have mastered the concept and practice of Tolerance.

I have always maintained that practicing Masonic ideals is never easy. Being tolerant of others and always mindful of our own biases and prejudices is difficult. This is especially true during times when others around us speak the words of hate and anger. I still maintain,

however, that there is nothing more Masonic than Tolerance, even during the most difficult times. I will conclude this article with the first paragraph from Brother Rudyard Kipling's famous poem "If" ...

*If you can keep your head  
when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming  
it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when  
all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their  
doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be  
tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal  
in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way  
to hating,  
And yet don't look too good,  
nor talk too wise.*

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

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Monroe**



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By R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz

My first year as one of your two Staff Officers has now passed. Thank you for all the Fraternal kindness shown to me. The Official Visits, Degree work, District Table Lodge, Ronald McDonald Houses fundraiser and educational programs are memories I will cherish. Our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: George Nasra, has maintained his visibility in the District by attending as many Masonic events as possible. As he has shown, by example, there is more to being a Grand Lodge Officer than just Official Visits.

My colleague, and your other Staff Officer, R.:W.: George Foehner, is an integral part of this Team and whose friendship we all cherish. His leadership in organizing the Ronald McDonald Houses Fundraiser is remarkable. His input and effort is why our Educational Programs have been successful this past year.

Masonic Education is about taking life's experiences and making them more meaningful. Read any part of the Standard Work and, I believe, you will see what I mean.

**Speaking of Education ...**

On June 4th at Camp DeMolay (8039 Lake Road, Sodus Point) from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., your Leadership Team will be presenting the Master's Chair. The first part of this Program (9 a.m. - 12 Noon) is for the Masters-elect for 2011-12. The purpose of this Program is aptly stated in the program materials.

It is the objective of this New Program to see that every Master, upon entering Office, is familiar with all the material he will need to assist him in successfully achieving his goals and objectives and to be a Good Master. There are at least two parts to what we are trying to accomplish - one part is teach-

ing the Incoming Masters the "nuts and bolts" of the Master's Station. The far more important part is inculcating in them the desire to do the job properly.

At 12 Noon, we are inviting both incoming Wardens and your Lodge's Secretary to join us for lunch. The balance of the Program will be devoted to team-building as a District. This will be a perfect opportunity for Lodges to come together and share ideas for making this upcoming year memorable for everyone.

**St. John's Weekend**

St. John's Weekend will take place on June 24th and 25th. The festivities this year will take on added significance. Grand Lodge will be re-dedicating the Tompkins Memorial Chapel (100th Anniversary). The Chapel is located on the grounds of the Masonic Care Community in Utica. The re-dedication ceremony itself will take place at 11:30 a.m. on June 25th. More information about this event can be found on the District's Facebook page (Monroe Masonic District).

**Masonic Development Course**

On December 3rd, the Masonic Development Course will be offered in a one day session, starting at 8:30 a.m. and finishing at 3 p.m. A light Breakfast will be offered beforehand and there will be a Pizza Lunch. We will gather at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls.

**Road to the East**

The Road to the East will be presented in two installments next year on February 18th, and February 25th, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A light Breakfast will be offered beforehand and there will be a Pizza Lunch. We will gather at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls.

Details on the cost and how to register for both programs will be forthcoming.


Brothers. I wish each of you a peaceful Summer. See you in September.

To be continued . . . \*

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Congratulations to the incoming Worshipful Masters and Officers of the Monroe District Lodges. This is an exciting time for you, as the Masonic Year is just beginning. This is a great opportunity for you to make a positive impact in your Lodges and the community.

The Worshipful Master and Lodge Officers have many responsibilities. One of those is learning and presenting the Masonic Ritual. Our Ritual is a very important part of our Masonic Heritage. Properly performed Ritual is impressive to watch, engages those present in the ceremony and can inspire Brothers to be fired up about the Ritual and Freemasonry as a whole. Great Ritual work inspires others to become Ritualists!

We look forward to working with you again this year as Assistant Grand Lecturers. Our goal is to build on the good work from this past Masonic Year and continue to P.U.M.P. up the quality of Ritual in the District. As you may remember, P.U.M.P. is an acronym defining Ritual Proficiency as equaling Understanding the Ritual plus Memorizing the current standard work correctly and Presenting the Ritual in a quality manner. By expanding the goal of Ritual proficiency beyond memorization and recitation, we want to strive to achieve Ritual excellence in the District.

The first School of Ritual will be Monday, August 29th at the Shrine Center in Webster. (NOTE: Confirming this and will let you know ASAP) The topic covered will be the Opening and closing of the Lodge.

During the Summer months, we encourage the Lodge Officers and members to study their Ritual. This is a great time to go for a long walk and work on memorizing the Standard Work. You could also reflect on what the Ritual means to you. If you would like assistance with the Ritual, please give us a call. We would be glad to help.

We encourage incoming Masters to appoint a Ritual Director who can work with the Lodge and us to help P.U.M.P. up Ritual in their Lodge. \*

**Monroe District  
New York Masonic  
Safety Identification  
Program**

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Are you involved in Village or Town events over the Summer? Would there be an opportunity for you to schedule a Safety Identification Program? We are willing to assist you with arrangements and personnel ... contact us at the email addresses in the logo above, or call Don Tubman at 889-4725. \*

**Area 15  
Brotherhood  
Fund**

R.:W.:  
**Derek VanHouten**  
Area Chairman

Having ventured to New York City recently to attend Grand Lodge, I report to YOU the comments about our current Campaign. In a letter received just prior to going to New York, it was pointed out that we have only received \$509,849 from only 8,354 contributors. Considering there are almost 50,000 Brothers in the State, this is a poor showing. The Campaign for this Masonic Year ended last month, but you may make a contribution at any time and I would encourage you to do so. Re-

member that any monies given are tax-deductible and help the Grand Lodge run their many Programs, such as the Masonic Care Community, Livingston Library, Military Outreach Program, Child ID Program and several others.

At Grand Lodge it was mentioned that, for the sum of \$100, a beautiful Brass Etching of the Masonic Hall would be sent to you and we have sent out 1,000 of these with another 1,000 ordered. The Program is so successful that next year a Brass etching of the Tompkins Chapel will be available for YOU for the contribution of \$100, which is in addition to any other monies YOU are encouraged to give.

The Annual Report given at Grand Lodge included the following, "We are also promoting the 'Wall of Remembrance' and the 'Wall of Honor' at the Masonic Care Community, which will give individuals and Lodges an opportunity to permanently honor those who are special to them. These donations will also go to the MCC."

We learned that R.:W.: Robert Stack is undergoing radiation treatments so I ask you to keep him in your prayers. \*



**MASONIC CARE  
COMMUNITY**  
of New York

**Embassy Program**  
R.:W.: **Derek VanHouten**  
Co-ordinator

At the Grand Lodge Sessions, it was announced that the Second Phase of Acacia Village will be dedicated on St. Johns Day, June 25th, 2011.

Please bring your family with you to St. John's Day as it's a day for parades, a classic car show, good (carnival-style) food and fellowship - along with a chance to see the 400-acre facility that is the "GEM" that we, as Masons, own. Some of the facilities with which you may not be familiar are:


- Independent living at Acacia Village, Rehabilitation Services at the Health Pavilion for anyone following a stroke or elective surgery such as hip or knee replacement or other serious conditions.
- Residential Adult Care at Wiley Hall for moderate health-care needs.
- Our full-time Skilled Nursing Care at the Health Pavilion, which is one of the most advanced facilities in the country and where long-term healthcare services are provided, if required.

If you would like a private tour you may contact the MCC at (315) 798-4800 or (800) 322-8826 on their website www.mccny.org or through your Lodge Ambassador. Speaking of Lodge Ambassadors ... all Lodges, except one, have a designated Brother to pass along information regarding the Masonic Care Community for which the Board of Trustees of Grand Lodge is responsible. \*



### Inspiration Lodge Continued from Page 1

**Inspiration Lodge No. 109**  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays - 7:30 p.m.



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R.: **W.: Herbert Spencer**  
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and R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz, Grand Sword Bearers, to the East. The Assistant Grand Lecturers, R.: W.: Michael Noble and V.: W.: William Edwards, were conducted by R.: W.: Herbert Spencer. They were followed by R.: W.: George Nasra, District Deputy Grand Master, on the arm of R.: W.: Richard Snyder.

R.: W.: John Krupp, Deputy Grand Marshal, then announced the entrance of R.: W.: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. It is not very often that two sitting Deputy Grand Masters would be present at a Lodge Installation Ceremony.

Installing Chaplain, W.: Michael Hueston, offered the prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Officers of Inspiration Lodge were then duly installed in their proper Stations and Places by R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, with the assistance of R.: W.: James Sullivan. They are:

- Master **Richard T. Smith**
- Sr. Warden **John Faro**
- Jr. Warden **Scott Rice**
- Treasurer **Glenn Stahl**
- Secretary **Herbert Spencer**
- Chaplain **Nelson Bertch**
- Sr. Deacon **Scott Mason**
- Jr. Deacon **Charles Howell**
- Sr. MC **Frank Sackett**
- Jr. MC **David Mura**
- Stewards **Joseph Meli**  
**Brian Bell**
- Marshal **Royden Guess**
- Tiler **Richard Giedd**

Installed as Trustees were: **Robert Anderson II**, for a 3-year term; **Joseph Steffen**, 2-year term; and **Thomas Belt**, 1-year term.



Dessert was special cake in honor of Inspiration Lodge.



R.: W.: Joseph Crociata presents his long-time friend, W.: Richard Smith, a gift to recognize his Installation as Master.

The Charge to the Brethren was delivered by R.: W.: Joseph Crociata, who also approached the East, at the conclusion of the Ceremony, and presented the newly installed Master with a George Washington Gavel, which is a replica of the gavel President Washington used to lay the Capitol cornerstone in 1793.

Other remarks were offered and the Brothers adjourned to the Dining Room for Dessert.

#### Transition

While awaiting word from Grand Lodge of the approval of the Consolidation, both Lodges

continued to operate with their normal programs. Valley-Simes Lodge held an Awards Night in April where W.: Arthur Cohen and W.: Donald Johnson were presented with their 50-year Aprons and Certificates. Separately, Craftsman Robertson Lodge presented the General Douglas MacArthur Service to Youth Award to Donald Hood, for his many years of service to, and interest in, the youth of Irondequoit. Both of these events had been scheduled prior to receiving the notice that the Charter of Inspiration Lodge had been signed by the Grand Master.



W.: Art Cohen (above) and W.: Don Johnson (below) received their 50-year Aprons from R.: W.: George Nasra, DDGM, and R.: W.: George Fochner, Grand Sword Bearer, with Master of Valley-Simes, W.: Mike Hueston, assisting.



#### From the Master

The consolidation has been completed and our new Lodge has emerged "INSPIRATION No. 109." We had a Tiled Installation of Officers on April 26th. It was attended by many Brothers, including some from out-of-state, along with a number of Grand Lodge Officers. Due to our circumstances, it was necessary for us to hold Elections and another Installation of Officers, which will be an Open Meeting on June 14th at the Damascus Shrine Center. Everyone is invited - wives, lady friends, family members or anyone else who wants to come. There will be a Swiss Steak Dinner preceding and Dessert to follow the Installation. Reservations are required; the Calling Committee will be in contact with you, or call me or the Secretary, R.: W.: Herb Spencer.

We will have one more meeting before going dark for the Summer. It will be on June 28th and will be WILD SHIRT Night, so everyone come out wearing something WILD.

In August, we will be having our Clam Bake/Steak Roast on Saturday, the 13th, at Brother Frank Sackett's home in Bloomfield. More details will be announced at our June 28th meeting.

We expect to be doing some Degree work this Fall, as we already have a Petition. We will need support from as many of you as can possibly help. Please let me know if you are interested in participating, so we can build a new Degree Team within the Lodge.

I thank you for allowing me to sit in the East to start our new Era. I am looking forward to working with all of you toward a successful year.

#### From the Secretary

We have 216 Brothers on our Roster, the result of the

consolidation of Valley-Simes and Craftsman Robertson Lodges. About 155 Brothers live locally (within 40 miles of the Lodge) and there are another 50 Brothers who live outside of New York State.

NOTE: With over 200 members in the Lodge, we are able to utilize the Non-Profit mailing rate of the United States Postal Service. However, in order to make use of the permit held by the Masonic Service Bureau, it is necessary that the return address say Masonic Service Bureau and will be on pre-printed envelopes. Normally, the Annual Solicitation in the September-October timeframe is the only other use for this permit. Please open mail you receive to be sure you don't discard information from the Lodge.


DUES - always a sore subject with me. We currently have 45 Brothers who have not paid their 2011 Dues. There are also 9 Brothers who have not paid their 2010 Dues. Kindly check the latest Dues card you have; this will give you a clue if you are delinquent. If you owe Dues, you will receive an arrears notice in the next few months. Included will be details on payment of Dues for 2011. You may call me or the Master to discuss your situation, if you have a problem paying your Dues. Dues payments should be sent to my home: 2243 Johnsarbor Drive West; Rochester, NY 14620-3623. Other contact information is in the logo above.

Please send me an email message so I may obtain your email address. I have had to delete several Brothers from the email list because the message could not be delivered as addressed. I am looking forward to hearing from you and greeting many of you in Lodge.

**ERAC**  
Lodge No. 163  
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2nd & 4th Mondays  
7:30 p.m.

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#### From Whence We Came

As I sit here contemplating the words I will pen, I find myself distracted by the fact that this will be my last article as Master of ERAC Lodge. If I do nothing else at this writing, I want to ensure that I convey, in the sincerest possible way, my gratitude. My Brothers, it has been the highest honor, and greatest privilege for me, to serve you as Master of ERAC Lodge. There would not be enough space in the entire **Masonic Times** for me to name, individually, all those who have supported us and have personally touched my life over this past year. Thank you, my Brothers. Thank you for making this a very special year for me, for the Lodge and for Yourselves!

April was a month of Learning and Recognition. Our first meeting was one of Further Light. Brother Rich Friedman did an outstanding job of presenting the "Walk-about the



R.: W.: James Sullivan addressed the Brothers at the Inaugural Communication from the floor.



W.: Ralph Jurgens congratulates Donald Hood upon his receiving the General Douglas MacArthur Service to Youth Award from Craftsman Robertson Lodge. Master, R.: W.: Derek Van Houten holds the Medallion which accompanies the certificate.



Lodge." This program, while intended for our new Brothers, is one that provides even the most seasoned members with insight into the inner workings of the Lodge. Thank you and well done, Brother!

Our second meeting found us honoring three very worthy individuals for their achievements and dedication to Scouting - Mr. Michael Hellaby and Brothers John Hellaby and Kern Haynes. Please read the accompanying article for the highlights. My thanks to Brother Bruce Katz for taking the lead and making this wonderful event happen.

**Whither Are We Traveling**

My Brothers, I am very much looking forward to the next several years in ERAC. We have an enthusiastic and knowledgeable Line of Officers coming through the ranks. Each has something different to bring to the Craft, and each is very dedicated to serving Freemasonry, our Lodge and you. I know they will be honored by your presence at our 2011 Installation of Officers, to be held on June 13th at the Shrine Center. More information will be forthcoming.

In closing, I again express my sincerest thanks to each of you.

**From the Secretary's Desk**  
By David Upham

As we move from Spring into the month of June, everything around us is moving into the busy and happy months of Summer. So it is in ERAC. In a way, it is our New Year at Lodge. New Officers are installed to lead us for the next year. Like New Year, we have the opportunity to happily reflect on a year well spent and look forward to what the new Lodge year may bring.

To the Outgoing Officers, I can honestly say, "Well done, good and faithful Servants!" We have truly enjoyed the past year! We enjoyed great fellowship, we ate supremely well, brought in a double class of new members, and ended the year in the black, financially, albeit with some cash infusion from our Trustees.

ERAC continued its tradition of giving scholarships to deserving students to the tune of over \$16,000!

Our dedication to the Ronald McDonald House continued through the year and is already scheduled to continue through the next Lodge Year.

New educational and training programs have been started and will continue to be refined and grow during the coming year.

We saw two of our Officers appointed to Grand Lodge Offices as District Representatives to our Grand Lodge. Attendance at meetings is up considerably.

And, yet, there is room for improvement, as there always is. Masonry is all about personal growth. This past year, at the time of this writing, nine of our faithful members were called home by the Great Architect of the Universe. Eight former members were dropped from the roles for Non-Payment of Dues. Two have Dimitted from membership in ERAC. One other faithful member has been lost for other reasons. Our total membership declined by eight. Outstanding Dues payments represent several thousands of dollars that have not been able to be applied to our operating and charitable expenses.

And that takes us into this new Lodge year. Anticipation is

a wonderful thing, but, in and of itself, anticipation is only a pipe dream! To turn anticipation into reality involves the three P's - positive attitude, planning and participation! Our incoming Staff of Officers has a great Trestleboard lined up for us with some new and innovative programs on the schedule ... which will amount to nothing without participation of the Brothers of ERAC.

So, what should we, in the quarries of our Craft, do this year?


- Attend ERAC functions as regularly as we can.
- Encourage other Brothers to attend also, offering them a ride if transportation is an issue.
- Communicate with our members in sickness and distress via visit, phone or cards.
- Attract members to our Craft - carry a Petition with you at all times and consider each man with whom you meet a potential member.
- Pay our Dues as soon as we are able. If we find we are unable to pay our Dues for any reason, contact the Lodge and we will make every attempt to help!
- Always remember that all of Masonry is judged by what others see in you!

In conclusion, 2010-2011 was a banner year! 2011-2012 can be even better, but it is not up to your Officers; from here on in, it is totally up to you! ✕

**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

It was a clear and numbingly cold night, so much so that frostbite was a threat to every appendage. And yet, several Northfield Brothers and their friends and families braved the elements to watch an early season Rochester Red Wings game. Brothers Glenn Hedges, Eric Loepker, Jon Buck, Jim Deasey, Mike Zona, Dave Adams, Todd Enright, Josh Loepker, Devin Littlefield, Steve Michener and their friends and families basked in the warmth of Brotherly fellowship along the third base line at Frontier Field.

Also, on Maundy Thursday in April, when Northfield Lodge was closed in accordance with our By-laws, six Brothers attended Webster Lodge, as they continued to visit every Lodge in the District, to fill their Journeymen Passports.

At our Election Night in May, the following Brothers were elected to these Offices:  
Master **Michael Zona, Jr.**  
3-yr. Trustee **David Adams**  
Sr. Warden **Jason Zona**  
Jr. Warden **Steve Michener**  
Treasurer **Todd Enright**  
Secretary **Michael Zona, Sr.**

They, as well as the other Brothers, will be installed at our meeting on June 2nd.

**Where Did It Go?**

As the Lodge goes dark in June and another Masonic Year draws to a close, we are re-

minded how quickly time flies, and the importance of making every day count. Tomorrow offers new opportunities, while yesterday is a memory to be learned from. There were many highlights at Northfield Lodge this year and several architectural challenges to be overcome (gutters). Just like life itself. Under the guidance of our Master Eric Loepker, we have completed another course of cobblestone in the construction of our building not made by hands. We wish to thank him for his good cheer, kindly encouragement, and for setting us to work.


**Stop Your Whining and Get on the Bus**

In addition to all the Lodge-based activities planned for next year, we are planning a tour of Keuka Lake Wineries during peak foliage season. The excursion will take place on Saturday, October 22nd. It promises to be a fun day beginning in Canandaigua at 10 a.m., returning by 5 p.m. and then having dinner. The Lodge will be hiring a limo or party bus to drive us. Reservations must be made early so, if you are interested in attending, please contact Steve Michener at: smichene@rochester.rr.com by June 2nd (it's this early because we have to make a deposit to reserve the spot). Spouses and friends are invited to participate. The cost will be between \$48 and \$62 per person, depending on the number of people we have. So far interest is high, so please jump on board quickly. ✕

**UNITY**

**Lodge No. 479**

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



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**Mark Your Calendar**  
Summer Picnic

Sunday, June 19th - Annual Summer Picnic at Owens Lodge in Pineway Park.

Bring a dish-to-pass and table service; the Lodge will provide meat and beverages. **Please RSVP to Cliff Short** at short4us@rochester.rr.com or Phone: 402-1023 with number of people attending!

**June Birthdays**

Keith Bower, Edward Cone, Steven Daycock, Wesley Evans, Bill Flemming, Daniel Fletcher, Don Fox, Thomas Friedo, Walter Gay, James Gillette, Tim Hull, Bernard Johnson, Robert Judd, Robert Langfelder, Scott Laundry, Glenn Lawson, Arthur Maupin, U. S. Army, William Patrick, George Reiber, Patrick Schwartz, Robert Scott, Elmer Semmler, Curtis Lee Taylor, Timothy Wheeler and Jeffrey Wood

**July Birthdays**

Roger Catlin, Garry Cranker, William Fredenburg, Donald Freeman, Vincent French, Nicholas Giagios, Howard Hall, John Hennessey, Matthew Henshaw, John Hinds, Alvin Ingram, Guenther Kaschner, Brian Keery, Clark Long, Ames McCafferty, Harry Michaels, William Monell, Robert Owen, Joseph Palazzo,

Robert Songin, Frederick Steele, William Teasdale, Raymond Unger Jr., Robert VanKeuren, Edward Vargo and John Vertigan

**August Birthdays**

Jason Bouquin, Donald Carlile, William Christopher, John Dyer, Michael Edelman, Glen Gardner, Michael Henningsen, John Jamele, Robert Jones, Harold Ketchum, John Lemke, John Lont, Craig Mollon, Michael Mosehauer, Thomas Paglia, Bruce Peckham, Rudolph Reiber, Michael Schwartz, William Staub, William Steele, Richard Stowe, Dennis Tianello, Michael Waterhouse, Matthew Westphal and Martin Zillman.

**Important Dates**

June 13th - Public Installation of Officers

June 14th - Flag Day and U.S. Army's Birthday

June 19th - Picnic at Pineway Park; Dish-to-Pass; Start serving at 3 p.m.

July 30th and 31st - Pancake Breakfast at Unity Lodge Hall and Spencerport Canal Days


Thanks to all Elected and Appointed Officers of Unity Lodge for assisting me in having a great year as Master of the Lodge.

Enjoy your Summer! ✕

**Fairport-Flower City**

**Lodge No. 476**

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



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On May 9th, the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Master **Seymour Kopen**  
Sr. Warden **Terry Adams**  
Jr. Warden **Andy Woepel**  
Treasurer **Adam Junod**  
Secretary **Bernie Lazerson**  
Trustees **Peter Moore**  
**Peter Hastings**

Appointed Officers include:  
Sr. Deacon **Scott Mosher**  
Jr. Deacon **Paul McLaughlin**  
Sr. MC **Dan Cashman**  
Jr. MC **Matt Gouveia**  
Stewards **Andy McLoughlin**  
**Eric Schillinger**  
Marshal **Ian Grace**  
Tiler **Mark Soeth**

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Chaplain **Tom Goodrich**  
**Upcoming Events**

On June 13th - Installation of Officers

June 25th - Treat yourself by attending St. John's Day in Utica. There will be a re-dedication of the Tomkins Memorial Chapel, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. The cornerstone was laid by M.:W.: Samuel Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master, of Palmyra in 1908. Besides the formal ceremonies in the Chapel, there will be music, food, tours, food, sale of Masonic wares and, did I mention, food?

June 27th - Regular Communication will be informal.

July 25th - Lodge Picnic will be held in Perinton Park. This is open to family and friends. Our Little League team will be invited to join us.

**Summer Birthdays**  
June

Ernest Politz (4th), Philip Averbach (5th), Morton Sarachan and Tommie Richenderfer (6th), Larry Bleichfeld (8th), Steve MacIntyre (11th), Tom Gilchrist (14th), Eric Dreoson (19th), Frank Kazdan (26th) and Bob Hess (29th).

**July**

Phil Kates and Bill Nardone (1st), Fred Edgecomb (2nd), Brian Alexander (4th), Scott Pellegrino (6th), Bernard Parry and David Stein (9th), Dick Scott (10th), Dennis Finucane (11th), Jasen Scheerens (12th), David Coon (14th), Sean Miller (22nd), Hyman Graver (23rd), Dwight Turner (25th), Jerry Bills (26th), Wayne Montaque (27th), Ted Summers (28th), Isaac Sarfaty and Rick Downs (29th) and Larry Hood (31st).

**August**

Halford Johnson (1st), Cy Kloner (3rd), Lee Rosenthal (5th), Mark Soeth (9th), Herbert Ross (13th), Ed Wheeler (14th), Ralph Kraft and Greg Whitney (17th), Harvey Nusbaum (22nd), Bill Burgess (23rd), Sreeram Dhurjaty and Corey McNeil (26th) and Bruce Turner (30th).

Happy Birthday to all and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

We look forward to a quieter time during the Summer, a time for family and enjoying the outdoors. Enjoy!!! Soon enough the leaves will begin falling and it will be time to pick up our Working Tools and demonstrate to the world the worth of our values. ✕

## Union Star Lodge No. 320

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2nd Mondays  
7:30 p.m.



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### Good News

I have the honor of introducing our four new members - Brothers Dan Falkner, Ryan Flaherty, Arthur Movalli and Ken Samarra who were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 25th. We are very proud of the work these Brothers have already done and look forward to seeing them at future Lodge meetings.

### New Officers

Our new Officers for the ensuing year are:

Master **Frank Habitzreuther**  
Sr. Warden **Ken Tomaszewski**  
Jr. Warden **Troy Shouse**  
Secretary **Gary Sanford**  
Treasurer **Terry Hatch**  
Chaplain **Richard Bull**  
Sr. Deacon **Kenneth Hecker**  
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Organist **Martin J. Reitz**  
Tiler **Richard Horton**

### Upcoming Events

June 13th - our last meeting before we go dark. Please come and support our new Line and don't forget it is Sport Shirt Night, so remember to leave your coat and tie at home. This will also be a "Walkabout" for the new Brothers and a refresher for others.

June 20th - Family and Friends Fellowcraft Steak Roast. Make sure you sign up by June 15th. Contact Scott May (624-3959) or Gary Sanford (425-4240) to make your reservation.

June 18th and 19th is the "Festival on the Green," held next to the Lodge Hall in Honeoye Falls. This is the festival where we run a food stand and is our largest annual fundraiser. We need all our Brothers to help support this activity for success. This year we will be continuing the Child-ID Pro-

gram and adding our matching collection for the Honeoye Falls Food Cupboard. Contact Scott May to sign up for a timeslot, if you have not done so in Lodge.

August 20th - We need you this Summer to help support our Charity Program. We will, again this year, be working at the Erie County Fair in Buffalo on Saturday, August 20th from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. We changed the date to the weekend as several Brothers wanted to attend, but could not because of work. We need 12-15 Brothers for a day of Brotherhood. After we are done, you can spend the rest of the day enjoying the fair. Last year we had the honor of meeting our Past Grand Master, the M.: W.: Edward Gilbert, who was working at the food stand. I wonder who we will meet this year? Please mark your calendar and contact Frank Habitzreuther (486-4341) or Scott May to sign up.

### Means of Communication

To keep costs down we will continue using the **Masonic Times** as our main means of communicating Lodge events. If something changes between printings, we will email everyone and mail information to those who have requested. Please make sure the Secretary has your latest contact information. His contact information is at the top of the page. As always, you can check our website for the latest Trestleboard at [www.unionstarmasons.org](http://www.unionstarmasons.org). As soon as more information is available for the Fall, the new Trestleboard will be posted. So enjoy the Summer and come back with some interesting Summer stories, ideas and maybe even a few potential Candidates.

### Mark Your Calendar

#### June

13th - Regular Communication - Sports Shirt Night and "Walkabout" - 7:30 p.m.

17th - Festival on the Green Setup - 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

18th - Festival on the Green - 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

19th - Festival on the Green - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

20th - Fellowcraft Steak Roast - 6:30 p.m.

25th - Masters and Wardens at Pittsford Masonic Hall - 6:30 p.m.

#### August

20th - Erie County Fair Charity Fundraiser - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### September

12th - Regular Communication - 7:30 p.m.

## WEBSTER LODGE NO. 538

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



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### Table Lodge

On May 5th, Webster Lodge held its Annual Table Lodge. It was a good time with lots of guests from other Lodges, other Districts and even other States. Brother Kevin Gerhard and his Staff prepared an excellent meal. Put these ingredients together with some good wine, a few Toasts and you've got yourself a great time. I've got to say, we really had that point, point, point, left, right, and so on, down pat, too. It's just too bad there were so many men who sang like me that we drowned out those few who could sing. Once again, thanks to W.: Bruce Chilton for presiding.

### Change

My wife and I just bought a new computer. Let me tell you; it's fantastic. It's got more horsepower than the proverbial HEMI and it's faster than greased lightning. I love it. But, as it is new, it also has a bit of a learning curve, which brings a lot of frustration. Where's this command and where's that command. I'm lost.

With our old system I knew all the ins and outs. My computer life was comfortable. There was harmony on the home front. And now the current lack of said harmony reminds me of the old adage "no change is good change."

But then, that old saying doesn't apply to everything, does it? By the time you read this article, our Lodge will have had some changes by means of its Elections. Of course, that means a shift in the Officer lineup. Sometimes that shift is drastic and sometimes it's gradual. We at Webster Lodge are fortunate to see a gradual change, whereby the Brothers progress slow and easy through the ranks; each one learning and stepping up gradually.

In the past couple of years, Brother Paul Kolacki, Senior Warden, and I have spent some time discussing "changes." We've heard stories about some really good traditions and we've agreed to try to bring some of them back. We've also talked about preserving many of those things we feel are current programs, like the Corn and Sausage Roast, Crazy Shirt Night, Table Lodge and Historical Lectures. These great programs are what help keep a Lodge vibrant.

As we - you and I - look into this new year of Masonry, just think back on that new computer and its lack of harmony. Think back to that new machine where drastic change occurred too fast simply because some software nerd said "sure ... we can turn it inside out." And know this about the Brother, whom, I hope, we are at the time of this reading, calling Master. He's a good man who doesn't like to change things



Webster Lodge Brothers completed the Spring Highway Cleanup on April 21st. A big thanks to (l-r) Bill Jaranowski, Jim Clancy, Dave Allen, John Clapp, Nick Haldoupis, Aaron Proulx and Ken Heald for braving the cold, wind and the surprise snowflakes to do the work. It took about an hour and we were quite cold by the time it was over.

without reason. He likes to see exciting programs and he loves to hear about things that were done years ago. He likes tradition. This is going to be a great year for Webster Lodge. I just know it.

### Things To Come

June 2nd will be the Open Installation of Officers.

June 16th - Crazy Shirt Night with a Hot Dog Roast starting at 6:30 p.m.

July 14th - We'll be helping the Webster Fire Department again, after which we march in the parade.

July 23rd and 24th - will be our Annual Fishing Derby at Sodus Bay, held at Camp DeMolay. This is going to be open to the District this year. You can contact Mike Nohle or me for information.

"Til we meet again, God Bless."

## Wakan-Hubbard

Lodge No. 154

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



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### Recent Happenings

Saturday, May 5th was Highway Cleanup for Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. Some Brothers met at Dunkin' Donuts for coffee and then headed out to pick up trash on our designated stretch of highway.

On May 9th, we held our last Regular Meeting for my term and it was a busy one.

Brother Roger Lynch gave his report on the Master's Trip to New York City. Thank you, Roger, for going as my Proxy.

After waiting a long time for Grand Lodge to complete appropriate paperwork, we balloted on and welcomed William Woodside as a member of our Lodge.

Election of Officers for the upcoming year was completed.

### Sickness and Distress

I spoke to Rich Brockman, who is at home and said he's still in some pain, but was doing better.

### Upcoming Events

June 11th - Open Installation

of Officers, 2 p.m. All are welcome.

June 13th - Crazy Shirt Night and Strawberry Social

### Farewell

This is my last report for the year. Eight years ago, my father, who was a Past Master in both Scotland and the United States, became ill with Cancer. As a son, I wanted to do something to make him happy and proud by becoming a Mason and advance to be a Past Master. With help from a good friend, John Rees, the ball was rolling and I was on my way.

When I joined, I thought I was doing this for my dad, but ended up getting more out of joining for myself. With help from the elders of our Lodge, I learned what was necessary to travel through the Chairs. This has been a life-changing experience and I only wish I had done it sooner. The people I have met at our Lodge and other Lodges, were always willing to help me learn the Work and I am thankful for them. A Master doesn't run the Lodge by himself. He must surround himself with good Officers and I am grateful I had such a good team. We did some good work bringing new Brothers to Lodge, shared fellowship and the year passed before we knew it.

A special thank you to Junior Warden, Rick Yendall and Stewards Alan Hidrek and Joe Forbes for all their work on dinners and cleaning the Lodge Hall all year.



On May 14th, Union Star Lodge held a Public Installation of Officers. Brothers from the Valley of Buffalo, attired in Colonial Costumes, came to Honeoye Falls to perform the Installation. Back Row (l-r) R.: W.: Albert Hoffman; W.: Gerald Coleman; W.: Herbert Hahn; R.: W.: Bradley Keuther. Center Row (l-r) W.: G. Franklin Gaskill; R.: W.: Lawrence Kania; W.: Alan Stewart; R.: W.: Gilbert Adams; W.: Paul Czubaj; R.: W.: George Fochner. Front Row (l-r) R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz; R.: W.: Brian Singer; R.: W.: George Nasra, DDGM; W.: Scott May, Past Master; Franklyn Habitzreuther, Installed Master; R.: W.: George Beers; R.: W.: Richard Bull.

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

June 2011

**Shrine and Divan Meetings  
Dinner Reservations Required**

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

**Shrine Office Hours  
Monday — Friday  
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**Website: [www.damascusshrinemasons.org](http://www.damascusshrinemasons.org)**



## RICH FRIEDMAN POTENTATE

*By Rich Friedman, Potentate*

The Rock Group *Sly and the Family Stone* wrote a great song back in the day that proclaimed "Hot Fun in the Summertime." Welcome to hot fun in the Summertime at Damascus!

### June Meeting

June kicks off with a visit from Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut who hails from Ismailia Temple just down the road apiece. Imperial Sir Wayne is visiting to speak to us about what is happening at Imperial Sessions this year. There is much to learn about the Hospital System, in particular, and our efforts to make sure they are a viable entity long after all of us have passed to the big Lodge on high.

Keeping our Hospitals safe is a huge job and Imperial Sir Wayne is right in the forefront of this effort. This is also the first regular meeting for our new Shrine Masons. All will have a great night. This will be a tiled meeting.

### Cruz Night

We started Cruz Night on May 13th and, as always, we need many hands to

make light work. Please come out on any Friday night and pitch in, even if it is just for an hour.

### Arts and Crafts Show

June 18th and 19th kicks off the first "Help the Shriners Help Kids" Arts and Crafts Show. All proceeds from the show benefit the Temple. We need the revenue from this show to continue with our efforts to help the Hospitals. We need manpower! We will be doing our same menu as Cruz night without the fish fry. So we need help on the grill and some load in and load out help for the Artists. We also need you and your families to attend.

If this event goes well this year it could be a huge moneymaker in the future. Look at the model of Cruz Night and how it evolved into the big event it is now. This is another low-stress event that can make the Temple a good deal of money. Please plan on attending!

### Clambake

July 16th will see the Damascus Clambake in full form. The Team directing this event is working very hard to make this a fun and memorable day. All the clams and grill meat you can eat for \$30. Come on out and have a great social day with each other. This would be a great event to start bringing Masons whom we want to include in our Fall Class. The event begins at 1 p.m. There will be live music and a ton of fun.

### Distant Early Warning! Imperial Visit

Our new Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Mike Severe will be visiting Damascus on Tuesday, September 6th. Imperial Sir Mike is taking time out of an outrageous schedule to help us with our 1st Annual Years of Service Awards. We will be honoring our Nobility in 5-year increments from 5 to 60 years of Service. Awardees will be contacted by mail to invite them to this special event.

Fellow Nobles, it has been a great first half of the year. Damascus has been the place to be! After our Summer fun, we return with a bang! We still are 41 Petitions short of the magic 100. Can we do it?

If I have discovered anything during my time in Line, it is that when we work together ANYTHING can be done.

We CAN DO IT; WE will DO IT!



**Wayne Lachut  
Imperial Outer Guard**

Wayne Lachut, of Amherst, was elected to serve as Imperial Outer Guard for Shriners International during their

2010 Annual Imperial Council Session held in Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Lachut is a lifelong resident of the Buffalo Area. He retired from the Town of Amherst Engineering Dept at the age of 40. Currently, he is a broker/owner with McMahon Insurance Agency, a member of the EMS Group. He is also a Managing Partner of Highland Plaza Management, Inc., a holding company for commercial and residential property.

Mr. Lachut is a member of Livingstone Lodge No. 255 in Colden, NY. He is also member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite. He joined Ismailia Shrine in 1981 and served as Potentate in 2000. He was President of the New York Ontario Shrine Association in 2005-2006. Mr. Lachut is a Past Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie and is currently serving as an Emeritus Member.

Mr. Lachut enjoys golf, spending time at his cottage and collecting antiques. He and his wife, Janet, have two sons who are active Shriners.

## Damascus Shriners Old Fashion Clam Bake

*This is open to all Shriners, their Family and Friends*

**Saturday, July 16th**

**1:00 p.m. 'til ...**

**at the Shrine Center**

**979 Bay Road, Webster**

**All the Clams You Can Eat!**

**BBQ Chicken \* Italian Sausage (with peppers/onions)**

**Salt Potatoes \* Baked Beans**

**Macaroni & Fruit Salads**

**Draft Beer \* Soda \* Coffee & Tea**

**Tickets only \$30 per person**

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No tickets sold after Monday, July 11th

For tickets call the Shrine Office, 671-7701 or Wayne McCrossen, 615-9051

**Music by "PAD Sounds"**

**Damascus Shriners Cookbook**

**Did you get your cookbook yet? Great for gift-giving!**

### Damascus News Boosters

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*Come one, come all to the  
1st Annual Help the Shriners Help Kids  
Arts & Crafts Show*

**June 18th & 19th**

*at Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster*

**Show Hours — 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
No Admission Fee!**

The show will feature artists of all kinds on the spacious grounds of the Damascus Shrine Center is easily reached via Routes 590 and 104. \* \* \* Ample parking. Hot Dogs, Burgers and Sausage available hot-off-the-grill! A fun day for all!



## What's New in Erie...

### Imperial Potentate to Attend Hospital Day - June 5th

Imperial Sir George A. Mitchell and Lady Deanna will be in attendance at this year's Hospital Day Celebration at Shriners Hospital for Children® - Erie, on Sunday, June 5th. Also expected to attend, are Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, and Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut, Imperial Outer Guard.

Imperial Sir Mitchell is a former member of the Erie Hospital's Board of Governors and a Past Potentate of the Rameses Shriners in Toronto. He was elected Imperial Potentate at the 2010 Imperial Council Session in Toronto. Imperial Sir Mitchell is President and owner of Mitchell's Bunsmaster Bakery and Deli, and Maple Leaf Investments.

As part of the formal Hospital Day Ceremony, which begins at 12:45 p.m., all volunteer Shrine drivers will be recognized for their service to the hospital. A special gift will be given to each driver in attendance.

The Annual Hospital Day Festivities will run from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. As in past years, there will be self-guided tours of the Hospital, an Antique/Classic Car Show, Craft Fair, entertainment, food and more. Divans should plan to participate in the Shrine Ceremony. The Legions of Honor of all 13 Temples affiliated with the Erie Hospital have also been invited to attend and participate in the pass in review.

### Charity Golf Outing Planned for June 27th

Attention all golfers! The 3rd Annual Shriners Hospitals Charity Golf Outing is set for Monday, June 27th, at Lake Shore Country Club in Erie - a beautiful private club with spectacular views of Lake Erie. The Outing will have many other activities, including money holes and special prizes, that will add to the fun. All proceeds will benefit the pediatric medical services at the Erie Shriners Hospital. Last year's event raised some \$8,500 for the hospital.

Your \$125 Registration Fee includes greens fees, golf cart, prizes, lunch prior to the event and the awards dinner afterward. Thanks to the sponsorship of Rick Weaver Buick/GMC of Erie, participants will have a chance to win a new car and other great prizes for a hole-in-one on the par-3 holes. Look for the signs!

### Volunteers Continue to Play Big Role at Erie Hospital

We all know how important the Shrine drivers are to the Shriners Hospitals. These dedicated men donate countless hours of time driving patients and families to and from the Shriners Hospitals for Children®, including the Erie Hospital. These men will be recognized during Hospital Day on, June 5th.

There is, however, another group of volunteers who work at the Erie Hospital regularly, in such departments as the Outpatient Clinic, Child Life, Physical Therapy and the Motion Analysis Lab. There are also volunteers who repair wheelchairs and do sewing projects for the Hospital and its patients. Many of these individuals are Shriners or wives of Shriners, but others are from the Erie community.

In 2010, these volunteers (excluding the Shrine drivers) donated 6,211 hours of service to the Erie Hospital. This is up from 4,482 hours in 2009. If you place an hourly monetary value on these volunteer hours, it equals a donation of approximately \$109,000! What a great way to show support for Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie.

### East-West Shrine Game Moving to New Location

Officials from Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children®, along with Mayor Bill Foster of St. Petersburg and Sunburst Entertainment Group representatives, have announced that the legendary East-West Shrine Game® is moving to St. Petersburg's Tropicana Field on January 21st. The game will be televised live by NFL Network.

"Making the move to the Tampa Bay Area is very important to us," said Harold Richardson, Executive Director, East-West Shrine Game. "This community supports Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Tampa and is home to Shriners International Headquarters. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to play our game here."

Most recently held in Orlando, the Annual East-West Shrine Game, originated in 1925 and is the longest-running college all-star football game in the country featuring some of the highest-rated NFL draft prospects. Since the inception, 62 East-West Shrine Game alumni have been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame and 246 are currently active on NFL rosters.

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

## Cruz-In for Membership

By Paul Jason Kolacki

For those who may not be aware, the Damascus Shrine runs a Classic Car Cruise Night every Friday Night throughout the Summer months. This year the event began on Friday, May 13th and will continue through September 9th. One of the best parts about this Cruise Night is that ALL of the net proceeds benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children. It's a Charity Event!

The Damascus Shriners have partnered with Legends 102.7FM Radio, who is a huge supporter of our efforts. Thanks to them, our event is promoted extensively, and Radio Personalities from the Station are present weekly. This year, our list of new sponsors continues to grow, as do the number of our patrons, which is why I am contacting all of you.

### A Great Opportunity

Last Summer we were fortunate to have met individuals who really appreciate what Masons and Shriners are all about. Many of them were looking for more information on our Craft and a few have now even joined our ranks. This year, we plan to have actual recruiting booths, where Masonic and Shriner Pamphlets will be available, as will access to the LSOME Part 1 video.

Just think how great it would be if some of your Lodges sent representa-

tives to the Cruise Nights to talk about Masonry with our patrons! Not only would it help to foster a better understanding of our Craft, but it might lead to new memberships for your Lodges as well. We have Classic Cars and spectators who come from all over the County to our event.

Cruise Nights at Damascus are great! Last year, we averaged roughly 300 Classic Cars a week by the end of the season! That now makes us one of the largest in the Rochester Area. The scenic picnic grounds, shaded seating areas, great DJ Music and fantastic food items makes it the place to be every Friday. Great cars, music, food and drink just seem to go together. Come check it out and be sure to bring your camera!!

If you can assist us in staffing our recruiting booth, please contact me directly. My number is (585) 764-1189. All it would take is a couple of your members to do an effective recruiting job. My goal is to get as many local Lodges as possible involved so we can rotate weekly. Our Summer Schedule consists of 18 weeks, weather permitting. You could do as many or few as you like. Please consider this a personal request from one Brother to another! I look forward to hearing from you soon! Check the website: [www.rochester-cruisenight.com](http://www.rochester-cruisenight.com).

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**Directors Staff Dinner Meeting Wednesday June 22nd**  
Program - To Be Announced  
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Social Time - 5:30 p.m.  
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## SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten

### A Treasured Collection

Every once in a while, marvelous treasures come our way. On April 18th they were brought to our doors by Noble Lee Johnson and his wife, Marlene. About six months ago, I received an interesting phone call from Noble Lee about a collection of Shrine glassware and old Imperial Session pin backs. I made the mistake of asking him to place it in bubble wrap and send it to the Shrine. He indicated otherwise and said he would be coming to Rochester in the Spring to visit friends and would bring it with him.

A little background on Lee and Marlene ... he was Raised in Pultneyville Lodge and now resides in Tallahassee, Florida. Lee recently received his 55-Year Certificate and he is almost 80 years young. Lee owned a fruit farm in Wayne County for many years and retired to Florida.

They took two-and-half days to drive here with the collection, which consists of over 40 pieces of glassware and close to 140 pieces of Shrine pin backs, the earliest one from Raja Temple in 1895.



The collection will be known as the "Lee and Marlene Johnson Collection" and takes up the entire center display case. The glassware includes several beautiful cocktail glasses from the Syria Temple 1905 era as well as a small collection of Camels. The pin backs are a sight to behold, all in a custom display case. Each pin is a story in itself so stop by and take a look.

Noble Lee also gave me a list of what each item is and where it came from. An example - 1898 Imperial Session in Buffalo, NY (pin), 1902 Imperial Session Kansas City (pin). Glassware - 1896 Al Koran, Cleveland, OH (small glass), 1901 Al Malaiyah, Los Angeles, CA. (Shot glass, Blue) and so many others.

They started to collect the items back in 1989 from E-bay, garage sales, flea markets and now are downsizing. They donated the collection to Damascus Shriners.

Thank you, Lee and Marlene, for this beautiful addition to our Shrine Center.

### More to Share

A last-minute contribution from Noble Thomas Grape produced a few "historical" surprises. He indicated that the several items he gave me were from several individuals. One was a "white metal" piece with "Damascus Temple, Rochester, NY" in raised letters and a little metal Shriner on it. Other items included two old fezes, a couple of Imperial newsletters, an interesting Damascus Picnic Pass from Noble Don Fox and several newsletters from Zyaria Temple. Thank you, Noble Tom, for letting us have these.

## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Alice Anderson

The Perry Shrine Club met at BWs in Pavilion April 28th. Our speaker, Ed Holwedel, presented a program on HAM Radio. Ed received his radio license on July 30, 1953. His call license is K2EFS. He received his first radio from his Dad built from an Atwater Kent Kit. Now the ham radios are so much smaller than when Ed started in his expensive, but extremely fun, hobby. No one actually knows where "ham" came from.

Ham radio is the licensed and private use of designated radio bands, for purposes of private recreation, non-commercial exchange of messages, experimentation, self-training, and emergency communication. Amateur radio, like other regulated radio services, operates under rules that limit the maximum power and the technical and operational characteristics of transmissions.

Amateur radio stations are issued with a designated call sign to allow identification of stations. Ed explained that CQ is a general call to anyone who hears you on the radio. VE3 is Ontario, Canada; W2 is NY and NJ and W1 is New England Area. With the computer, it is now very easy to find out which call letters cover which areas - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Call\\_sign](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Call_sign) - Ed has a world map on his wall to check out all the countries he has had contact with. Before the last two years, in order to receive a license, you had to know Morse Code, but that has now changed. Amateur radio operation is licensed by national governments. An estimated two million people throughout the world are regularly involved with amateur radio.

The power of amateur radio equipment is restricted, and operators must not cause interference to other authorized radio users. They may not broadcast to, or communicate with, the public with their equipment. They are only allowed to communicate with other licensed operators. National regulations governing amateur radio use are coordinated

under international agreements since radio frequency transmissions can cross multiple national boundaries.

Ed explained that the ionosphere is the upper atmosphere that surrounds the world and reflects radio waves or not depending on frequency of waves. Every day, it is different where the waves come down and skip around. The higher frequencies don't bounce off the ionosphere - they go through.

Sending a signal to a repeater will turn around and re-broadcast a signal to say Toronto (repeater on top of CN Tower) and you can talk to anyone within 50 miles of Toronto. Radio waves move at a speed of 186,000 miles per second. Compare that to a 22-caliber bullet that travels at 1500 feet per second.

There are authorized Pumpkin Patrols where HAMS are on viaducts to prevent people from throwing things on cars during Halloween. They help with runs for charities and Red Cross alerts in communities. In Genesee County, there is a motor home for the police that is covered inside with radios and ham radios but only the licensed operators can use the ham radios.

Ed had a variety of careers but his love for electricity certainly showed at the meeting. Thank you, Ed, for sharing with us your special hobby.

Jerry Hussong told us that, at this point, the Perry Shrine Cars are signed up for the Lilac Parade, Henrietta, Leroy and Nunda. They attended as many as 24 parades years ago and will certainly be adding to the parade list as the notices go out. At this time, no call out parades from Damascus have been announced, but with our weather it is hard to believe Spring is here.

Our PICNIC will be August 28th at The Lodge at Hidden Valley in Varysburg. We will do a tour after we eat in the Lodge. This is something you don't want to miss. PLEASE mark your calendar so you can come.

## Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

Wednesday, June 8th

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 \* Meat Loaf \* Scalloped Potatoes  
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## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By Dave Bowman

Well, it's the morning after another wonderful Auburn Shrine Club meeting. This one was at Devaney's in Weedport. Yes, I know the last note said we would be at Old Erie, but they hadn't opened for Spring yet. By the time you read this, I hope Spring might be here. Wouldn't it be great if I was complaining about how hot it has gotten already?

Cayuga County's new Administrator was our guest speaker and it was interesting to hear about the budgeting process and dealings between the different branches of government.

I'm guessing there were close to 40 people at the meeting. We stayed until we shut the place down.

Have you heard that our Hospital in Springfield has a new refined name? It is now "Shriners Hospital for Children" - New England." That should cover all the bases. A big shout-out to our Representative Ken Pollard for all his work. You know, we all appreciate the time, effort and hours Ken puts in; often we forget to thank him at the meetings, as he is so humble.

Lance Ward and his lovely wife,

Lynne, were at our meeting and we look forward to his reports in the future. We couldn't have gotten a finer man to work with our Hospital.

Notable Nobles included Jim VanHouten and his wife; Bob McManus and his wife; and John Erlich and his wife (who really knew where the meeting was). Welcome back from the South to Larry and Faye Pritchard and the Gordon Clarks. You have been missed! Gary Burke reported on the doings in Webster. I also noticed Buddy Rodgers enjoying the night.

June will be a Merry-go-Round Theatre outing. (There will be no Founder's Day Parade this year.)

August 15th - Steak Roast

Save those returnable cans and bottles for our kids at the hospitals. Bring them to any meeting and I will deliver them, or enjoy a ride down Grant Avenue, right across from Pizza Hut. Friendly people and all the money goes to the Shrine Hospital! Oh, and your tabs are as valuable as ever.

Until the September article, Remember, "No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child."

## Damascus Shriners ...

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ceived my jacket, went to the air traffic control simulator and then into the actual control tower.

There I got to fly the C-5 Galaxy Simulator with Lieutenant Rachels, which was so much fun! We then toured an actual C-5. The plane was so big; it was so cool getting to go inside and see

how everything worked. We went to the Wing Commander's Conference Room where I received a coin and plaque. I thanked everyone for a wonderful day.

It was the best day I could possibly ask for. I wish I could go do it all again. Pilot-for-a-Day is a great opportunity, and an amazing experience!"

## Pilot for a Day

By Danielle Moruzzi

My name is Danielle Moruzzi, I am 16 years old and live in Saugerties, NY. I was diagnosed with Juvenile Dermatomyositis in August of 2006. I started not feeling well, unable to do simple chores such as lift dishes to put them into the cabinet. My symptoms became worse over the period of a few weeks. My eyelids were so swollen one day I could barely open my eyes. I went to my Pediatrician and that's when I received my diagnosis. I had to wait one week to see a Rheumatologist in Albany, but she was not a Pediatric Rheumatologist and could not treat me. She contacted Dr. Rothman at Shriners Hospitals for Children - New England and I was seen the next day.

That is when I learned more about my disease and my treatment started. I learned that this disease involves muscle and skin. My muscles were very sore, especially my neck and arms. There were many things I could not do. I had to get large doses of steroids and other medications to help stop the progress of this disease. For months I traveled back and forth between Shriners Hospital in Springfield and Albany Medical Center. It was about eight months of IV treatments before I saw a drastic improvement in my health. By January, 2008, I was in remission.

In April, 2010, I had a flare-up and again went through the treatment process. This time I felt better so much faster because Dr. Rothman knew what medications worked best for me. I am



currently feeling much better and back to myself.

### "Pilot-for-a-Day" Program

I am a Junior in high school and training to get my private pilot's license at Ulster BOCES and River Aviation. A few months ago, the fabulous Dr. Rothman asked if I would be interested in the "Pilot-for-a-Day" Program. I did not know what to expect. Mom, Dad, friend Kayla and I were escorted from our hotel to Westover Air Reserve Base by a State Police escort where we met Dr. Rothman. I was introduced to everyone - the 439th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Swain; Chief Master Sergeant Skawski; Lieutenant Rachels; Sergeant Zacharies; Sergeant Couch; my photographer and a few others. They explained what was going to happen throughout the day. In front of 2,500 Air Force Reservists, I took an oath and was sworn in. I re-

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# DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2011

## JUNE

- 1st** Imperial Sir Wayne Latchut Visit - Imperial Sir Wayne will discuss the Imperial Shrine and the 2011 Shrine Convention.
- 5th** Annual Hospital Day; Erie, PA
- 8th** Legion of Honor Meeting
- 27th** 3rd Annual Golf Outing; Erie, PA
- 8th** Legion of Honor Meeting
- 18th-19th** Arts & Crafts Show at the Shrine Center - Indoor and outdoor booths ... Many talented vendors!  
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th  
Cruz Nights at Shrine Center

## JULY

- 3rd-7th** Imperial Session; Denver, CO
- 16th** Clambake at Shrine Center
- 21st** Wayne County Shrine Club Meeting  
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th  
Cruz Nights at Shrine Center

## AUGUST

- 15th** Auburn Shrine Club Steak Roast
- 18th** Perry Shrine Club Picnic; Hidden Valley, Varysburg  
5th, 12th, 18th & 26th  
Cruz Nights at Shrine Center

## SEPTEMBER

- 16th** Damascus Duffers Golf Tournament, Geneva Country Club  
2nd & 9th  
Cruz Nights at Shrine Center

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### Calendar Winners for April

DAY	NO.	WINNER	DAY	NO.	WINNER
4/1	400	Damascus Shrine	4/16	893	Gretchen Collins
4/2	286	Damascus Shrine	4/17	791	George Robbins
4/3	039	Damascus Shrine	4/18	122	Damascus Shrine
4/4	168	Damascus Shrine	4/19	887	Rosemary Smith
4/5	694	Bryan Manzer	4/20	331	John Patterson
4/6	229	Shannon Miller	4/21	541	Joe Rayburn
4/7	813	Rose Cruz	4/22	827	Guy Kio
4/8	827	Guy Kio	4/23	926	Gary Herrick
4/9	356	Damascus Shrine	4/24	366	Teri Rhuma
4/10	452	Russell Gillett	4/25	710	Roy Smith
4/11	538	Phyllis Langan	4/26	498	Damascus Shrine
4/12	175	Midge Griffiths	4/27	344	Damascus Shrine
4/13	945	Faye Pritchard	4/28	909	Karen Knapton
4/14	958	Jane Lux	4/29	887	Rosemary Smith
4/15	930	Darlene Phillips	4/30	001	Christina Jones



# Summer Birthdays



## June

- |                  |                      |                    |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Philip Averbach  | Stephen Gruttadauria | Carl Pollack       |
| Robert Avery     | Robert Harrold       | Raymond Sands      |
| David Balcom     | George Heisel        | Michael Schum      |
| Donald Braun     | John Hendricks       | Irving Schuth      |
| Thomas Burger    | Alfred Hermetet      | Eli Shockey        |
| Bruce Chilton    | Mark Herrmann        | Lawrence Silver    |
| Craig Chilton    | Dean Hiler           | D'wayne Simmons    |
| Craig Coleman    | George Hornung       | James Slocum       |
| Glen Cone        | Robert Hulek         | James Stevenson    |
| Gerald Cooper    | Bernard Johnson      | Charles Strickland |
| Vincent Costanzo | Robert Judd          | Philip Trautman    |
| Myron Dox        | Joseph Jung          | Steve Vachon       |
| Paul Farnung     | Ralph Jurgens        | James Verbridge    |
| Daniel Footer    | James MacConnell     | Harry Voss         |
| Donald Fox       | Daniel Maloney       | Burton Ward        |
| Donald French    | Frederick Martin     | Terry Wihlen, Sr.  |
| Charles Gauss    | Arthur Maupin        | John H. Williams   |
| Walter Gay       | George Metroka       | Rodney Williams    |
| Mark Gould       | Andrew Orbaker       | Ronald Williams    |
| Franklin Granata | John Pavlick         | John Zabel         |
| William Gross    | William Pipher       | George Zutes       |

## July

- |                    |                    |                     |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| John Archibald     | John Hennessy      | Gary Sanford        |
| Curtis Barker      | Lloyd Hilimire     | Theodore Sargent    |
| Bruce Bernhard     | Arthur Hill        | Frank Schrader      |
| Richard Bradstreet | Frederick Holderle | Stephen Shear       |
| Stuart Brickman    | Lawrence Hood      | Bernard Skopinsky   |
| Roy Bruno          | William Hook       | Scott Smith         |
| Daniel Burkhardt   | Richard Howard     | Robert Songin       |
| Lee Coller         | Worth Irish        | Jason Soyring       |
| Dennis Copeland    | Jeffery Jolley     | Fred Steele         |
| Mark Craib         | Daniel Jones       | Harold Tausch       |
| Charles Daly       | Brian Keery        | Theodore Tennant    |
| James De Lorenzo   | David King         | Benjamin Thorp      |
| Richard Downs      | Daniel Korn        | Rene Vandeveire     |
| Edward Eckerson    | Richard Lafave     | Robert Vaneuren     |
| Ron Edwards        | Clark Long         | Sandy Wagner        |
| Donald Fegley      | Joseph Marshall    | Wallace Wagner      |
| Dean Fero          | Wayne McCrossen    | Charles Waterstreet |
| Dennis Finucane    | John McDonald      | Robert              |
| William Fredenburg | Raymon Morgan      | Stephen Whittaker   |
| Donald Freeman     | George Morris      | John D. Wihlen      |
| Fritz Friedrich    | Richard Motzer     | John M. Wihlen      |
| Stanley Fritz      | William Newcomb    | Terry Wihlen, Jr.   |
| Harold Glerum      | Donald Raw         | John W. Williams    |
| David Hardy        | Oscar Reber        | Oscar Wilson        |
| Donald Heath       | John Roden         |                     |

## August

- |                   |                  |                     |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Robert Anwyl      | William Hart     | Carl Ransdell       |
| Benhur Atmosfera  | William Heary    | Michael Rapson      |
| Michael Baroody   | William Heim     | Lynn Rawleigh       |
| Leon Behnke       | John Hellaby     | Dennison Ripley     |
| Michael Bell      | Herbert Hofmann  | Richard Rockefeller |
| Eric Bryant       | Robert Jones     | Herbert Ross        |
| Luigi Campaniello | Frank Kelsey     | Leon Salmen         |
| Donald Carlile    | James Kirkwood   | Arthur Schuster     |
| Frank Celona      | Cyrus Kloner     | Robert Shaver       |
| William Colin     | Ralph Kraft      | Gordon Smith        |
| David Crawford    | John Lemke       | Ronald Spike        |
| Bruce Deets       | Leroy Lester     | George Steiner      |
| Robert Dinehart   | Richard MacGill  | Donald Stevens      |
| Joseph Ditucci    | David Majchrzak  | Robert Sweeny       |
| Frank Doebler     | Edwin Malchoff   | William Tobin       |
| Warren Doerr      | Dwain Maracle    | George Todd         |
| Thomas Dunn       | Michael McBride  | Barry Traub         |
| Thomas Ess        | Craig Mollon     | Peter VanElzakker   |
| Nicholas Eull     | Raymond Molyneux | David Wawrzaszek    |
| John Faro         | Ronald Morthorst | Fred Wayne          |
| Robert Ferguson   | Don Myers        | Edwin Wheeler       |
| Charles Fornataro | Thomas Paglia    | John C. Wihlen      |
| John Gallant      | Guy Parry        | Stuart Woodard      |
| Earl Gorton       | Ronald Patridge  | Martin Zillman      |
| Robert Greenlee   | Kenneth Pearce   |                     |
| John Harris       | Jay Peters       |                     |

### Dedicated to the Memory of Noble:

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it twice, but we got it done. Your Elected Officers for next year are:  
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 Jr. Warden **Pete Matthews**  
 Secretary **Blake Keller**  
 Treasurer **Frank Celona**  
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**Rick Rawle**  
**Craig Roberts**  
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The Appointed Officers for next year are:  
 Chaplain **Larry Vacarelli**  
 Sr. Deacon **Matt Scheffer**  
 Jr. Deacon **Mark Shapiro**  
 Marshal **Lou Cook**  
 Sr. MC **Jeff Robinson**  
 Jr. MC **Dale Waterhouse**  
 Stewards **Matt Cook**  
**Chris Konzal**

It is great to have a full line up and I thank all of the Brothers who have served this past year. I greatly appreciate your service as do all the Brothers of Clio Lodge.

Special thanks to W.: Sean Noonan, DSA, for his long service as Secretary and Brother Frank Sassone for his long service as Treasurer. I also thank Brother Patrick Purcell for leading the group of Clio Brothers who travelled to Union Star Lodge and retrieved the Traveling Gavel.

**Upcoming Events**  
 June 7th - Our last Regular Meeting of this Masonic Year  
 June 21st - We will be hosting a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We will be having a Steak Dinner and it will be Sport Shirt Night. If you would like to attend, please contact me. If you are bringing a friend, please let me know.

August 21st - Also, please add to your calendar our Clio Family Picnic. It will be held on Sunday, August 21st, at the Jennejahn Lodge (behind the Quest School). We have the Lodge from 10 a.m. 'til 8 p.m. Brother

Bill Hunn will be our cook; those attending are asked to bring a dish-to-pass. Please contact me if you have questions or need

more information. I hope you all have a happy safe Summer season. ✕

My Brothers, I apologize for missing an article last month. I hope you will forgive my mistake. I take this opportunity to thank V.:W.: Harry DeHollander and R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet for reminding me about my article for June.

I also thank V.:W.: Harry for acting as my Proxy and attending Grand Lodge on behalf of Clio Lodge and myself.

In April, we Raised five new Master Masons. I hope you will all welcome Brothers Larry Vacarelli, Rick Rawle, Matt Cook, Craig Roberts and Chris Konzal to Clio Lodge and the Craft.

In May, we elected new Officers for the Lodge. We had to do



Seven Clio Lodge Brothers were introduced at Union Star meeting (top photo). All Brothers present as Clio accepted the Traveling Gavel (above). Want to retrieve it for your Lodge? May have to wait until Fall; must be Tiled Meeting, Clio meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in Hilton.

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Harmony being the support of all institutions, especially this of ours. How often do we hear this? At least twice at every Lodge meeting - once at Opening and once at Closing. Do we hear it so often we don't "really" hear it?

How many of us have the opportunity to visit other Lodges? We go to the meetings at our own Lodge, we may venture out for Degrees or other meetings within our own District and possibly other Districts. We see a cross-section of how these Lodges interact, how they conduct business and how each Brother contributes - or may (unfortunately) contribute negatively to the proceedings.

Do these interactions, either positive or negative, leave a lasting impression on you? If you are at a meeting and see harmony and Brotherhood through the roof, do you walk away with a warm feeling and a clear vision of what we are all about? You just can't wait for the next meeting. On the other hand, when you find yourself immersed in the exact opposite, how do you feel when you get in your car and drive home after the meeting? Do you mark your calendar in anticipation of going back again? Probably not.

What is the old joke about the second most common phrase within a Lodge room after "My Brother?" It is, "We've never done it that way before!" Now that I have you smiling, what does that really mean? That means someone or a group of someones, doesn't want to change. I'm not talking about Ritual or anything standard and what we are all charged to do as Masons. I am talking about all the other "stuff" - a motion to pay a bill, a discussion on a new fundraising idea, when we should have a dinner, etc.

I have come to some recent conclusions. One I could see, but was more clearly demonstrated by the way it was said at Grand Lodge by R.:W.: Rich Friedman as he was giving a report as the Chairman of the Custodians of the Work. Rich mentioned the Ritual and the proposed change in our Ritual Book to remove the use of a Short Form Closing (which passed). He also mentioned Lodges using Ritual Books in Open Lodge, which is not to be done. His clear message or moral of the story is ... Lodges that do really good Ritual work have an active Lodge with members who come to meetings; the Lodge grows and thrives. Bingo! Right on target!

So the opposite being that Lodges that struggle to make an attempt at doing the Ritual, have open books to read the Ritual and don't put high value on learning the Ritual, will have issues, low attendance and general struggles at being an active Lodge.

Now add to that some negative input, complaints at every turn and never wanting to listen to new ideas, and you have a recipe for a Lodge going down the tubes.

One idea is lost on the negative ones who perpetuate these issues. None of us "own" the

Lodge. It is not "ours." We are not the dictators or the rulers who need to keep everyone else in line. Masonry is a "loan" to us just as life itself. We are but the caretakers of our existence until we are called Home. How we spend that time is our choice. How we spend that time in pursuit of further light in Masonry should be viewed the same way.

Teamwork, an open mind and the self-realization that any one of us is not the "owner" of our Lodge will create something really special. You may hear about it a couple times during a meeting. It's called "Harmony," my Brothers. And with that, members keep coming back and new people want to join. Without it, guys leave, and new ones don't join.


If you come to a meeting and see a total of five guys sitting there, including Officers, take a moment. How is your Ritual? How is your Harmony? Making both of them really great is in your own hands!

Our labors are almost complete for this Masonic Year. Have a great Summer and let's hit the ground running in September! See you soon, my Brothers. ✕

**Nunda Station**  
**Lodge No. 682**  
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As an outgoing Master for the second time, I have reflected on my year of service to the Lodge. As I wrote earlier, I had some doubts about my ability to meet all the Master's obligations. But as I soon learned again, when your Brothers are with you, no task is impossible.

During my year, this Lodge was a strong and supportive presence at the District level;

all Lodge-community events were carried out; two new Brothers were Raised; handicapped modifications were made

to the Lodge Room; the Lodge was re-carpeted and, with the help of the OES Sisters, we had

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**Livingston District Masonic Association**  
**Benefit Golf Tournament**

**Saturday**  
**June 11th**  
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 Dinner and Prizes - 5 p.m.

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**Nunda Station**

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some wonderful meals. Attendance was steady and the quality of the Ritual was maintained. I feel good about all that was done and I leave the Lodge in good shape for the new Officers. The Elected and Appointed Officers for 2011-2012 are: Master **E. James VanSickle** Sr. Warden **Richard Trescott** Junior Warden **Philip Cox** Sr. Deacon **William Wright** Jr. Deacon **Robert Martin** Treasurer **Kenneth Buckley** Secretary **Robert Cox** Trustees **Edwin Dickson** **Gerald Hussong** **Clarence Bogardus** Chaplain **Charles Duryea** Marshal **Donald Thompson** Sr. MC **Marcus Hugy** Jr. MC **Daniel Vasile** Tiler **Donald Cox**

I thank these Brothers for their willingness to serve the Lodge and community; we can all look forward to a good year with this team.

I also publicly thank R.:W.: Gerald Hussong who is stepping away from the Secretary's desk after many years of service. His record and the regard in which he is held say more than I could ever capture in writing. Thank you, Brother Gerald.

Brother Clarence Bogardus will be chairing the Food Tent at Nunda Fun Days and is looking forward to having everyone participate. The Nunda Station Booth on the Carnival Grounds, with its well-known food, draws people to it. This is a great opportunity to put a face on our Lodge in public and let them know how we support many community and youth activities. Please let Brother Clarence know your work availability.

At our May meeting, we approved financial support for a youth soccer team that will be coached by Brother Dan Vasile and will consist of youth from the Keshequa District. Brother Dan brings a healthy enthusiasm to the task of coaching and he promised to field a team of which we can all be proud. Thanks, Brother Dan.

**Grand Lodge Session**

Finally, I attended the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge on May 2-3 representing Nunda Station Lodge. It was an enjoyable and happy trip as I met many new people and renewed some longtime friendships. Grand Master M.:W.: Vincent Libone stressed his theme of being "Masonically F.I.T." - displaying Faith, Integrity and Trust in all our dealings within our Lodges and our communities. He encouraged each to move forward on that theme.

I had the opportunity to vote on the items I mentioned in the May column. Rather than go over that here, I plan to make a full report to our members in a regular Lodge meeting.

Following the Election of all the Grand Lodge Officers, a Pub-

lic Installation was held using the George Washington Inaugural Bible. DDGMs and Staff Officers will be re-commissioned during St John's Day, June 25th. I mention this because it is a casual (for the visitor) family time and a very enjoyable opportunity to visit the Masonic Home in Utica. It's also a great time to reconnect with Masonic friends from over the years.

**Trestle board**

June 2nd - 4th Nunda FUN DAYS

June 11th - District Golf Tournament at Conesus CC

June 25th - St John's Day, Utica

August 14th - Lodge Livingston District Picnic at Ricky Green Park, Conesus, 1 p.m. Bring a Dish-to-Pass, place setting, meat to grill; all else furnished). Rain or shine - it's a good time. ✕

**Union Lodge No. 45**

2nd & 4th Thursdays  
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**Mark Your Calendar**

It is good to have an easy and "closing" month ahead of us. In June, our last month before the Summer break, we will be having a couple more activities.

June 9th - Our meeting will be the Installation of our new Officers, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall. I hope all our members can join us as the new Officers take their respective Chairs. I am sure everyone will do well; I wish the new Officers all the best for their year and I offer my continued support during their tenure.

June 16th - We will be finishing up our activities with our Annual Steak Roast at the Kirkwood Estate. This event is always a good time, the food is great and the fellowship is wonderful. If you are interested in joining us and perhaps bringing a friend, please let us know. We will need a valid head count for the steak roast.

Personally, I am looking forward to June; Summer is here and my Masonic Year is coming to a close. It has been a very busy year with lots of events and, looking back, very rewarding.

We welcomed four new members to the Lodge - Brothers Craig Bailey, Doug Morgan, Dan Ahlstrom and Jeff Tanner. We started the "Fellowship, Facts and Food" Dinners. We also participated in many District activities.

I thank all my Brothers at Union Lodge for making my tenure as Master both enjoyable and memorable. I could not ask for a better group of friends and Brothers. ✕

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*By Doug Poole*

It has been the practice to pretty much shut down the Lodge for the Summer months. This year we have too much work to do on the new Lodge Building. By now, the Lodge itself is all finished and ready for paint.

As soon as that is done, we move on to the Dining Room. Hope had been we would be ready to dedicate our new Masonic Community Center in October. We were a little optimistic.

**Help Us Out**

The Master has decreed we will keep working all Summer. They are cutting the work schedule down to Monday and Wednesday. Anyone who wants to come and work is welcome. Just call the Master to find out the work schedule. If all you want to do is find fault, there is a creek nearby to jump in.

**Upcoming Events**

June 15th - 1st Degree for two Candidates. Senior Warden Donald Keys is in charge of the Degree. We will need help so please offer to assist. I hope to be able to handle the 2nd Degree, depending how well my voice is doing.

Welcome to three new Dual Members. Brothers Jim and Mike Rosenbeck of Batavia Lodge are now also on the roles of Olive Branch Lodge. Also, our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Donald Ku-

nego, is also a member of our Lodge. He was a member of Olive Branch until he moved to Bergen. Glad to have you all aboard.

**Sickness and Distress**

We are all very sad at the passing of our Past Master, Nevin Brick. He worked very hard to keep Olive Branch Lodge going when it looked like we might have to turn in the Charter. It was surprising to see how quickly his health went down hill. I was truly shocked when I got the phone call he had passed to "the House not erected by human hands, eternal in the heavens." Plans are underway for a suitable memorial for a great Brother and friend. Enjoy your rest.

**Best Wishes**

Last, but not least, congratulations to our new Officers. We still have a large amount of projects ahead of us. See you around the Altar. ✕

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The Masonic Year is quickly coming to an end. Many decisions still need to be made and business taken care of before we can look towards the Summer recess and putting down our Working Tools for a couple of months. I do hope I have kept the members of Oakland Lodge informed of the happenings this year. I apologize, once again, for not getting an article in every month, but my professional life has been monopoliz-

- 1st Lt. Cmdr **Alexander Arthur**
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The Masonic War Veterans had a busy May by supporting four Memorial Day Ceremonies, which included the Downtown Rochester and Town of Greece Parades. We had an Open Meeting and Installation of Officers on May 26th at which the Fairport Eastern Star Sisters served a Swiss Steak Dinner which was finished with their usual excellent desserts.

The Officers for 2011-2012 are as follows:  
Commander **Vance Collom**

ing my time over the past 3-4 months. I'm hoping this part of my life will become more stable allowing me to devote more of my personal time to Masonry next year.

At our first Communication in May, the business was to nominate Officers to lead Oakland Lodge next year. Once again we will see some familiar faces in new places. If everything goes smoothly, we will have Elections at our second Communication in May and will plan for Installation of the following Officers-elect:

- Master **Kenneth Smith**
- Sr. Warden **Arthur Robinson**
- Jr. Warden **Henry Robinson**
- Treasurer **David Beardsley**
- Secretary **Richard Smith**
- Chaplain **Keith Granger**
- Sr. Deacon **Robert Kemp**
- Jr. Deacon **Gerald Hoffmeister**

- Sr. MC **Michael Rhodes**
- Jr. MC **Richard Robinson**
- Steward **Daniel Hamilton**
- Marshal **Thomas Scott**
- Tiler **Thomas Scott**

I believe the members of Oakland Lodge will be joining the members of Warsaw Lodge in a Dual Installation of Officers. The time and date of this Installation has not been finalized yet.

I thank all the Brothers from Oakland Lodge who contributed to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund this year. During tough and unsteady economic times, it is nice to see everyone dig a little deeper to contribute to this Fund.

As we approach Memorial Day, may we all take the time to stop and thank all those who have and are still fighting to keep this great Nation of ours free and safe. It's truly amazing and noble of those who put their life in harm's way every day to allow us to experience the freedoms we have. If it were not for these people, we might not have the freedom to be Masons and be part of the greatest Fraternity in the world today.

Hopefully, this article finds all my fellow Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy start to the Summer Season. Don't worry, the rain has to stop sometime and allow us to enjoy warm Summer days.

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

Our combined Summer Picnic with the Grotto Legion of Honor will be June 20th at Bushman Cabin in Henrietta Town Park. The picnic will begin with a Social Hour at 5 p.m. Dinner will follow, and the usual fresh strawberries and ice cream social for dessert. More details available by calling Vance Collom. (Also, refer to Legion of Honor article in Grotto Section of this issue.) ✕



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## Widows Luncheon

As a member of the Masonic Service Bureau Council, I attended the Widows Luncheon where the Masons honor the Widows of their departed Brothers. I had a great time! It was fun to help pin corsages on the ladies and see their faces light up. I saw many people I haven't seen in awhile and see how well they are doing.

## Grand Matron's Official Visit

On May 14th, Monroe District and Wayne District hosted our Annual Official Visit from the Grand Matron, M.W. Janet Siano and Grand Patron, M.W. John Whitney. It was well attended, everyone enjoyed good conversations, ate heartily and some went home with very nice "raffled" baskets. Congratulations to Mary Hall who received a "Super Star" Award from the Grand Matron. Mary is truly an outstanding member and most charitable within the community.

## District Official Visits

The Official Visits of the Monroe District have been fun at each Chapter we've visited and we are looking forward to the remaining Visits:

June 14th - Mary Jane Holmes in Brockport; 7:30 p.m.

June 15th - Lilac Star at Webster Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.

## Lilac Luncheon

June 16th - Lilac Luncheon at the OES Home in Oriskany. The Luncheon will be on the grounds of the Home; cost is \$9. Make sure you make your reservation with Karen Leipold by June 7th.

## District Summer Event

August 20th - Everyone in the District is invited to gather at the Genesee Country Museum and Village. Advance "discounted" admission tickets (\$10) will get you into this gem of local history. Pre-paid reservations go to Mae Bauer or through your Chapter Secretary. Friends and family may also come along. Bring your lawn chair, comfortable attire and be prepared to listen to the "Fiddler's Fair" music in the Big Field.

## Grand Chapter Session

October 13th-15th

Forms have been received by the Grand Lecturer and Chapter Secretaries. Reservations will have to be in soon so we may obtain the Holiday Inn, where we stayed last year. See your Chapter Secretary for the reservation form. Only paid registrations will reserve a seat in the Sessions. Early registration will be \$12 and registration at Sessions will be \$17. I have been informed that cards will not be sent to Officers this year for early registration at Grand Sessions so please take action through your Chapter.

God Bless.

## From the

### District Grand Lecturer

I have been very impressed with the first three Official Visits R.W. Mae Bauer and the other Grand Officers of Monroe District have made. It confirms my belief that Monroe is a welcoming and organized District.

I look forward to Monroe District's participation in the "Country Festival of Stars" at the Oriskany Campus on July 22nd and 23rd. I am encouraging as many as can come to

arrange a convoy to Oriskany. It is a great day reminiscent of country/village fairs of yore, and will conclude with a great Chicken Bar-B-Que at 6 p.m. Your Secretary has the dinner reservation form. It is also a great opportunity to see the new building, network and shop.

## Support of District Project

Please mark your calendar for the "Walking on Sunshine" Event on September 25th. R.W. Mae and I will be looking for Stars to walk with us. Remember, some of the other "walkers" will be in wheelchairs. If you cannot walk with us, please consider being a sponsor. We hope to present a considerable check from OES to the Mary Cariola Center at the District Banquet.

## Grand Sessions

October 13th - 15th

I have been given the responsibility of receiving and coordinating all the hotel room requests for the Annual Grand Chapter Session in Binghamton this October 13th - 15th.

Hotel Reservations should be in my hands no later than June 10th. Please help me out by being prompt. We will be staying at the downtown Holiday Inn, which is five blocks from the Headquarters Hotel. Going through me and being on time will increase the odds of the District participants being given rooms close to each other and near the Hospitality Suite and at the pre-arranged rate.

Your Chapter Secretary has been sent a form for any Sister(s) or Brother(s) to use to make the reservation. I have also distributed copies at Line Officers Meetings and will be glad to send one to you individually if asked.

We continue to collect for Alex's Lemonade Stand and the Honor Flight Program.

Have a great Summer, Sisters and Brothers. Be sure to look for me at Oriskany and please plan now for Grand Chapter. ✽

pita egg salad sandwiches can come to all my parties.

Carol Pickworth was the elegant hostess, serving coffee and tea. All she was lacking was the sterling silver urns. The cookie plates were gorgeous and there was a brownie plate with "O" "E" "S" and "3" "2" "0" in yellow icing. Quite impressive (and quite delicious)! It's a good thing I skipped lunch, because all those sandwiches were more than an adequate dinner. I will remember that night for one thing, mostly. Carol Wynings had the Most Worthy Neil Laundry laughing so hard he couldn't talk. Now if you are curious, you could come to a Chapter meeting and learn how she did it.

The Lemonade Stand sold a lot. Thanks for all for the effort.

This month we will have outside speakers and (of course) refreshments, so once again, please come and sit on the sidelines and be entertained, educated and nourished.

## Fundraising Projects

We have two projects going in Chapter ...

First is the Wine Basket Raffle. Each meeting we are gathering the small items we will be

putting in the baskets. We have crackers, wine glasses, korkensiehers, decorated tea towels, etc. The drawings will be in September. Each ticket will be "in the hat" for five different drawings. You can buy a ticket from any Officer over the Summer or you could come to a meeting.

Our second project is a Double 50/50. We wanted something our out-of-town Sisters could do to help the Chapter replenish our Treasury and we figured we could ask you all to sell tickets to your neighbors and friends. It would give you a chance to talk to non-members about OES and broach the subject while offering them a ticket. It sounded so good that local members wanted THEIR 50/50, too.

Carol Wynings will be sending our out-of-towners a set of tickets and at the June meeting, we will distribute to our locals. At \$1.00 contribution a ticket, everyone can participate. The ticket stubs, with name, address and phone number, should be sent to the Secretary or Matron with the contribution. We will have two separate drawings. The tickets will even be different colors.

## Monroe District All-Stars Upcoming Events

**June 29th** - Bring a Dish-to-Pass and participate in a "Quarter-a-Dip" Dinner; 6 p.m. at Spencerport Lodge Hall

**July 7th** - All-Stars Meeting at Perkins Restaurant (Stone-Ridge Plaza); 7:30 p.m. Details of final preparation for the District Chicken Bar-B-Que.

**July 23rd** - Pilgrimage Day at Oriskany

**August 13th** - District Chicken Bar-B-Que and Peach Festival at Firemen's Field in Webster, Serving Noon until Gone. Delicious Dinner is \$8; Peach Shortcake and Peach Pies are also available.

**September 9th** - Backwards Dinner (Wear something backwards!!) 6:30 p.m. at Spencerport Lodge Hall. Donation \$8. *Have a great Summer! We'll see each other at OES Events!*

## Corinthian/ Fellowship

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By Robert Crystal

## Weather or Not ...

We know that every Matron will have at least one meeting called on account of snow. After all, this is Rochester. But, our current Matron, Barbara McMinn, is an overachiever. She had a "snow" day and a "tornado" day. It was interesting to look out from our Chapter Rooms and see a wall of black, yellow and green clouds descending on the Chapter Room. Not a single one of us was in doubt that we were in for some heavy weather. I was glad when Barb decided, after consulting with her kitchen cabinet, to call people and tell them not to come.

We who had gathered for the Tureen Supper managed to get by. I made Bean and Beef Burritos and learned how hard that meal is to make. We all got by with eating what had already been brought, but I missed dessert. I remembered too late the Ernestine Ulmer Frank motto, "eat dessert first, you never know what will interrupt dinner." (She actually said, "Life is short, eat dessert first.")

## Member Updates

Sister Norraine Voegt is settled into her new digs. Call Betty Reisinger to get her address. I visited her and there are not enough cards on her dresser.

Speaking of cards, thanks to Marilyn Israel for the great birthday card. I will try to bring it to Chapter to show you all what is going out in our name. It is beautiful! Don't forget to send Beverly VanHuben a "hurry up and get better soon" card.

I am looking forward to seeing our other Sisters who have

## Pilgrimage Days

Plan now for a trip to Oriskany. There will be an informal dinner with no speeches Friday night (July 22nd), organized by the Grands, and there are rooms in a local motel that night.

For those who don't want to stay overnight, there will be a convoy of Nolatka members leaving Saturday morning, July

been under the weather - Margery Williamson and Norma Lee. Both of them have promised to get back to meetings soon. I hope so!!

I was pleased to see so many of my Sisters from Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter at Nolatka Chapter's Official Visit. It warmed my heart to see Sisters supporting one another. That truly is living out the obligations we take at our adoption. Brava, bravissima!

I look forward to our Official Visit. I also look forward to the snacks after. I hope that, since it is in our own Chapter, we will see many of our local members. As always, if you need a ride, call the Matron and she will find a way to get you here.

## Bake Sale

Our bakers and merchandisers continue to serve us well at the Monthly Bake Sale at Pinnacle Place. If you would like to bake cookies, mini-banana bread or brownies, or make tuna or chicken noodle casserole to sell, call Norma Lee. Even though she doesn't get out as much as she used to, she still runs the Bake Sale and will be glad to hear from you.

This is one of those Ruth and Naomi activities. We each do a little bit and together we get a lot done. And in the doing, we all benefit. The Chapter makes a little money, the residents of Pinnacle Place get good homemade food and the Order is increased by people hearing about what we are doing.

## Upcoming Events

Oriskany Pilgrimage is July 23rd, with opportunity to go on Friday the 22nd, eat with the Monroe group and stay overnight, or travel Saturday morning for the big doings.

There will be a Corinthian Fellowship Summer Picnic (date and place to be determined).

August 13th - Monroe District All-Stars Chicken Bar-B-Que in Webster

August 20th - Monroe District Summer Event at Genesee Country Museum

Our Chapter has always been at these functions in numbers, so let's plan on being there again in 2011. Being a Star is fun!!! ✽

23rd. (I am trying to figure out who can drive my car so I can ride with Carol Pickworth in her new Caddy.)

It promises to be a great day of strolling, seeing the new building, meeting other Stars and shopping, capped off by a great Bar-B-Que. So mark your calendar. I would like to see a passel of Nolatkans. ✽

## NOLATKA

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By Robert Crystal

June already? I remember seeing snow on my windshield what seems like just days ago!!

It was a great party at the Official Visit and so nice to see Sue Whalen sitting in the North. Well done, Sue! It was altogether a great evening for me - both as Patron and District Grand Lecturer. And the food! I feel sorry for all the Sisters and Brothers who decided not to come. My dears, you missed a chance to come and sit on the sidelines and then have a feast. Whoever made the baby

# Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory  
Chapter Rose Croix  
Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection



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

**Chapter of Rose Croix**

On April 21st, the Chapter of Rose Croix presented the 18th Degree for the Valley members and the Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen Class. Brother Thomas Goodrich, DSA, was the Most Wise Master for this Degree and the cast, under the direction of Brother Sy Kopen, MSA, did a superb job at presenting and conveying the message of this Degree. Thank you, Brothers, for all your hard work.

**Consistory**

On April 30th, 72 Brothers traveled to the Valley of Buffalo to witness and participate in this year's reunion. Upon arriving at the Valley of Buffalo, we were bussed to the Buffalo Navy Yard where we were directed to board the USS Little Rock for the presentation of the 23rd Degree, The Four Chaplains Degree. This Degree is taken from an actual event that happened during WWII. The Valley of Buffalo's portrayal of this Degree was expertly done. We returned to the Valley of Buffalo where we were treated to a wonderful lunch. Following lunch, the Valley of Rochester presented the 31st Degree in their usual wonderful manner. Special thanks to Commander-in-Chief of Buffalo, Frank Gaskell, for stepping up and performing the part of the Commander-in-Chief when Brother Patrick Mulrooney, DSA, was unable to make the trip due to some family issues. Thank you, Brother Rick Howe, DSA, for your hard work in the directing of this Degree and to all the Brothers who participated. The afternoon culminated in the presentation of the 32nd Degree presented by the Valley of Buffalo, Valley of Jamestown and the Valley of Rochester.

This wonderful day of Brotherhood had a total of 165 Brothers in attendance for these Degrees. Thirty-one new Sublime Princes from Rochester, fifteen from Buffalo and three from Jamestown witnessed a day of Degrees they should never forget.

**Reunion Banquet**

On May 6th, 91 Brothers and ladies gathered at the Penfield Country Club to again welcome our newest Sublime Princes to the Valley of Rochester. Twenty-one of our new Brothers and their ladies were in attendance for this great night. Brother Ralph Pate served as the Orator of Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen Class. He gave an overview of Ill.: Bob's Masonic career which was very well received. Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen then

addressed the new Sublime Princes and told them their journey in Masonry started with their first three Degrees and the Scottish Rite Degrees were not a culmination but only more light in Masonry. That they would get out of the Scottish Rite what they put into it and to remember that the Symbolic Lodge is the source of our future.

Thank you, Ill.: Brother Bob, for your service to the Valley and your friendship. I hope you had a good trip back to Florida. We all look forward to seeing again you soon.

**DSA Presentations**

As has been the custom at our Reunion Banquet, I had the honor of announcing the recipients of the 2011 Ill.: John B. Mullan, 33°, Dedicated Service Award. This year's recipients are Brother James Clancy, 32° DSA,

Brother McKinley Gath, 32° DSA, Brother Franklyn Habitzreuther, 32° DSA, Brother Gordon Hubble, 32° DSA, and Brother John Lemke, 32° DSA. Congratulations, Brothers.

**Summer Events**

Some Summer events to put on your calendar are:

June 16th - Knights of St. Andrew kickoff at the Shrine Center at 5:30 p.m., social hour followed by a grilled NY Strip Steak and fixings.

July 17th - Family Picnic and Baseball Game. Rochester Red Wings vs. Buffalo Bisons.

August 6th - The 6th Annual Clambake and Steak Roast at Camp Morris, Wayland; 11 a.m. - 'till. Reservations are needed for all these events. COME JOIN ALL THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. Hope to see you all there. x

**Scottish Rite Freemasonry Supreme Council, 33° Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Annual Meeting**

Chicago will be the site of this year's Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Approximately 1,800 33rd Degree Masons and their Ladies, from 15 Northeastern States, are expected at the meeting August 28th-30th.

The 2011 Session will be highlighted by the Conferral of the 33rd Degree upon 173 Scottish Rite Masons who were elected at last year's meeting in Philadelphia. The 33rd Degree is awarded for outstanding achievement within the Fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry.

The Executive Session, attended by the Officers of the Supreme Council, will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 26th and 27th. Luncheons honoring the 33rd Degree Candidates and their Ladies are scheduled for Sunday at Noon. Later, the Sher-

aton Chicago Ballroom will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service.

Sovereign Grand Commander, John W. McNaughton, will preside over a General Session of the Supreme Council on August 29th. Prominent leaders from other Masonic organizations throughout the world are expected to be in attendance.

A number of other events have been scheduled, including a Monday luncheon and evening, entertainment featuring "The Second City" improvisational troupe for attendees. Also, a Masonic Marketplace will allow vendors to offer Masonic-related items for sale.

The 2011 meeting will end with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the 33rd Degree at Cleveland in August, 2012. The 200th Anniversary Meeting is slated for Washington, DC, in 2013. x

## Photos & Biographies of Valley of Rochester's Class of 2011

Beginning here and continuing on the facing page are the newest Sublime Princes, who were welcomed into the Valley of Rochester at the Reunion Banquet in May. The Class, in honor of Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen, 33°, travelled to Buffalo for the Reunion Degrees. Additional photos from the trip can be found on Page 20. Ill.: Pedersen's photo is from **Masonic Times** archives; other photos supplied by the Scottish Rite Office.



**Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen, 33°**



**Gary S. Antinore, age 67, Master Mason for six years, member of Renovation Lodge, No. 97. Resides in Albion; retired.**



**Robert G. Ball, age 59, Master Mason for one year, member of Constellation Lodge, No. 404. Resides in Perry; retired.**

### Interested in Degree Team?

The Scottish Rite is looking to put together a Degree Team for the 1st Degree. Our purpose will be to, at a Lodge's request, confer the entire Degree.

The Degree Team will dress in one of the many costumes available to the Rite. If you are a member of the Scottish Rite and wish to do a specific part, please call Frank Habitzreuther at 486-4341 or email: animalhab@aol.com. x

**AASR Valley of Rochester  
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**Valley of Rochester  
Summer 2011**

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

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**Summer Family Outings - Mark Your Calendars**

**July 17th at Frontier Field**  
Baseball Game - Red Wings vs Bisons  
Picnic - RPO Concert - Fireworks (\*\*)  
Gate Opens at 5 p.m.; Game Starts at 6:05 p.m.  
Pre-Game Picnic at "The Nest"

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**August 6th at Camp Morris; Wayland, NY**  
Clambake/Steak Roast and much more (\*\*)  
Lunch at Noon - Clams at 2 p.m. - Steaks at 5 p.m.  
Bring your favorite Dish-to-Pass  
**Rain or Shine!**

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**... Then it's back to our Regular Meetings!**

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**September 15th at Shrine Center**  
Annual Meeting - Awards Presentations (\*\*)  
Social - 5:30 p.m.      Dinner - 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

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**\*\* Make your reservations On Time!**  
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Byron E. Barnes, age 34, Master Mason for three years, member of Unity Lodge, No. 479. Resides in North Chili; employed as a National Guard recruiter.



Bruce C. Bernhard, age 71, Master Mason for seven years, member of ERAC Lodge, No. 163. Resides in Fairport; retired.



Daniel L. Biery, age 63, Master Mason for one year, member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, No. 200. Resides in Phelps; a physician.



John C. Breitung, age 46, Master Mason for ten years, member of Seneca Lodge, No. 797. Resides in Rochester; employed as a tech.



Michael B. Cholach, age 44, Master Mason for one year, member of Wayne Lodge, No. 416. Resides in Ontario; employed as an IT consultant.



David D. Dakin, age 57, Master Mason for eight years, member of Webster Lodge, No. 538. Resides in Rochester; an analyst.



Bruce E. Deets, age 59, Master Mason for thirty seven years, member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462. Resides in Ontario; a utility manager.



Matthew A. Dehmler, age 30, Master Mason for two years, member of Seneca Lodge, No. 797. Resides in Macedon; employed as a scientist.



Richard C. Downs, age 39, Master Mason for five years, member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, No. 476. Resides in Fairport; a police lieutenant.



Vincent I. French, age 28, Master Mason for one year, member of Unity Lodge, No. 479. Resides in East Rochester; employed in manufacturing.



Armand A. Gallucci, age 46, Master Mason for one year, member of Seneca Lodge, No. 797. Resides in Pittsford; self employed.



Allen J. Green, age 55, Master Mason for fifteen years, member of Pultneyville Lodge, No. 159. Resides in Williamson; retired.



Richard D. Green, age 69, member of Hornellsville Lodge, No. 44. Resides in Canisteo; retired.



William E. Heim, age 48, Master Mason for one year, member of Webster Lodge, No. 538. Resides in Rochester; a project engineer.



Jeff M. Holler, age 43, Master Mason for ten years, member of Renovation Lodge, No. 97. Resides in Albion; a head cook.



Steven M. LaLonde, age 52, Master Mason for one year, member of Renovation Lodge, No. 97. Resides in Albion; a professor.



David C. Leisten, age 25, Master Mason for one year, member of Inspiration Lodge, No. 109. Resides in Rochester; employed as emergency medical technician.



Earnest C. Luckman II, age 46, Master Mason for four years, member of Renovation Lodge, No. 97. Resides in Knowelsville; employed as a loader operator.



Paul O. McLaughlin, age 60, Master Mason for one year, member of Fairport Flower City Lodge, No. 476. Resides in Brighton; employed as an optical engineer.



Alvin Metcalf, age 57, Master Mason for four years, member of Inspiration Lodge, No. 109, and ERAC Lodge, No. 163. Resides in Rochester; employed as a quality advisor.



Peter W. Moore, age 61, member of Fairport Flower City Lodge, No. 476. Resides in Fairport; employed as a financial advisor.



Scott D. Mosher, age 42, Master Mason for one year, member of Fairport Flower City Lodge, No. 476. Resides in Pittsford; employed as a quality engineer.



Ralph E. Pate, age 67, Master Mason for one year, member of Pultneyville Lodge, No. 159. Resides in Williamson; retired.



Joseph C. Pitts, age 29, member of Corning Lodge, No. 168. Resides in Corning; an entrepreneur.



James R. Ryan, age 52, Master Mason for five years, member of Wayne Lodge, No. 416. Resides in Ontario; and is a sheet metal worker.



Matthew T. Scheffer, age 37, Master Mason for one year, member of Clio Lodge, No. 779. Resides in Hilton, NY an electrical engineer.



Douglas W. Seeber, age 55, Master Mason for three years, member of Constellation Lodge, No. 404. Resides in Leicester; in the financial services business.



Isaac R. Taylor, age 39, Master Mason for four years, member of Inspiration Lodge, No. 109. Resides in Rochester; an environmental tech.



Robert C. Watson, age 62, Master Mason for one year, member of Livonia Lodge, No. 778. Resides in Wayland; retired.



Robert C. Watson Jr., age 40, Master Mason for one year, member of Livonia Lodge, No. 778. Resides in Nunda; a correctional officer.

# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter



**No. 62**  
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7:30 p.m.

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### What's Happening

It's cold and rainy as I write this. I don't know where Spring went, but it is not here. So let us look at the good stuff that is happening. The Chapter rehearsed for our proficiency exam on May 11th. The exam

was scheduled for May 28th. As of the writing of this article, I don't know how we were rated, but I thank all the Companions for doing their best.

### Upcoming Events

June 9th - Our Annual Picnic at King's Bend Park, thanks to Companion John Dudley. The plans are not completed yet, but it is suspected the start time will be 5:30-6:00 p.m. for Brotherhood and fellowship with food being served about 6:30 p.m. Details will be sent to all Companions. The Chapter supplies the meats with the Companions bringing a Dish-to-Pass. Be sure to bring your own place setting, beverages, etc.

June 11th - Plans are in the works for a York Rite Degree Fest on Saturday, June 11th. Hiram Chapter will be conferring the Past Master's Degree

that day. We will also be supplying needed cast members for the other Degrees that day. We hope that all our current Candidates will be able to attend this Festival.

If you have not been to a Chapter meeting for a while, there are some changes in the organization of Grand Chapter. Hiram Chapter is now in a new District with seven other Chapters. We are the western most Chapter. The District runs from Rochester to Geneva, Port Byron and Seneca Falls. The District includes all the Chapters in Monroe and Wayne County. There are changes in some of the charities; come to Chapter to find out about the changes.

### Musings

As we enter the Summer Season, we should take some time to relax - really relax - and

also time to assess our personal philosophy and where we fit in the Craft of Freemasonry. As individuals we need to assess our commitments to family, occupation, etc., to make sure that we are doing what is good for us and brings us pleasure. Personally I plan to do some reading and maybe some writing on the Rites I belong to. I also plan to study and learn more Degree work.

As Companions and Freemasons, we should all work on improving ourselves in Masonry (at least that is what we said in the First Degree lecture). Spend some time this Summer getting together with Masonic friends and discussing the coming year in your Chapter or Lodge. If you have friends that are not Masons, discuss with them the benefits of Masonry and encour-

age them to explore becoming a Freemason. There are many good men out there who don't know about our Craft, but would benefit from it, if they knew enough to pursue membership.

We should be proud of our membership in our Chapter and other Masonic organizations and should strive to show others what we are learning about ourselves and our relationship with others. It is amazing what the Craft does for one, once we start getting involved in various Masonic activities and when we start looking for the hidden teaching of our Rituals.

We hope to see more Companions at our meetings this coming Fall. We will have information about our Fall activities in the next issue of the **Masonic Times**, so stay tuned. ✕

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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Our Annual Inspection was passed with flying colors. Sir Knight Eric Benson, Grand Warder, was the Inspecting Officer and he reported that everything went well. We were joined by Sir Knight Cy White and Sir Knight Ted Powley from our Sister Commandery Sagoyewatha, which filled out the line a little more. The April Conclave was also our Annual Election of Officers.

The Elected Officers are:  
Commander **Bill Flesher**  
Generalissimo **Don Brugger**

Captain General **Dave Lathers**  
Recorder **Charles Roberts**  
Treasurer **Larry Dunn**  
Trustee **Don Beardsley**  
Appointed Officers are:  
Sr. Warden **Benny Vitullo**  
Jr. Warden **Charles Hancock**  
Prelate **John Dudley**  
Sword Bearer **Rick Howe**  
Warder **Arnold Palmer**

The Public Installation of these Officers was May 16th.

The Easter Observance for Cyrene-Monroe Commandery was held on May 2nd. While we did not have a large turnout for the event we did have a very moving ceremony of our Lord's resurrection. General Order No. 3, the Grand Commander's Easter message and the message from the Grand Prelate were both read by the Eminent Commander. The service was culminated with a stirring homily by Sir Knight and Reverend Charles Roberts.


### Upcoming Events

June 9th - Annual York Rite Picnic at Town Park in Pittsford. Meats and beverages will be provided. Bring your own table service and a Dish-to-Pass.

Watch for further details this event.

May the Blessings of our Lord and Savior rest upon all Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery, and our Sister Commanderies. ✕

**Doric Council**  
No. 19 Cryptic Masons  
(Chartered 1861)  
3rd Wednesday



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I thank my Companions who have agreed to serve with me again this year. Somehow, at our last meeting, the members managed to overlook my shortcomings and elected me for a consecutive term. I hope I am

able to do an acceptable job as your Illustrious Master for my second year. I am looking forward to the new challenges I know next year will bring and I trust that all our Companions will join me.

The Council meeting on June 15th will be an Open Installation of our Officers, which will be preceded with another special dinner being served up by Joy Woodley, a truly great chef. She continues to create an outstanding dinner for us each month. I need to remind the Companions that we have to reach a minimum threshold of reservations for our dinners. The cost for the meal is still \$10 and I ask you to please let me know if you and your Lady will be attending.

In keeping with my last few columns, here is another bit of Cryptic Knowledge for our members. This opening paragraph is excerpted from Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia: The Cryptic Rite, Copyright 1961.

"This is one of the smallest but one of the most important and certainly one of the most

curious of all the Rites. It might well be called the Rite of Aeneas, because of its long wanderings. One of its oddities is that the two Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master have associated with them a ceremony known as Super Excellent Master, which is not considered a Degree, yet it is more dramatic than most Masonic Degrees. Another peculiarity is that there has long been a difference of opinion as to which of the two Degrees should be conferred on the Candidate first. They should both precede the Royal Arch yet, in early days, were often limited to Royal Arch Masons. The Super Excellent is the dramatization of an incident mentioned in the lecture of the Principal Sojourner in the Royal Arch Degree. Both the Royal and the Select are of the type known as French Ecossais, Ninth Arch, or Secret Vault Degrees and the name Cryptic was given them by Rob Morris as derived from the Greek *crupe* or the Latin *crypta*, meaning vault." ✕

## Scottish Rite

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Photos from Reunion Degrees. (Below) 18th Degree Cast; (Bottom) Valley of Rochester's new Sublime Princes, members

of the Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen, 33°, Class; (Right-Top) Cast of 31st Degree; (Right-Bottom) All 51 Sublime Princes at the Buffalo Joint Session of the Valleys of Buffalo, Jamestown and Rochester.





# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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### June at Last

June 6th, 1944, General Eisenhower's Allied forces landed on French shores, saved the world from a maniac and we rejoiced. Today we celebrate in the Grotto and all Summer long. We begin June by obligating our New Prophets - hooray! - at our June meeting. It will be our Traditional Picnic meeting at the Shrine Center; however, we will break from RE-FRESHMENT TO LABOR to accomplish our task of Prophet Obligations. Yes, my Brothers and Prophets, bring your fez. We do things just slightly different in the Grotto.

### Upcoming Events

As you, my Prophets, look over our returning Grotto Scroll, I call your attention to some significant upcoming events. Board of Governors meeting is followed by the Annual Golf Outing, then the above-mentioned June regular meeting, and then the Legion of Honor meeting. Please note the Legion of Honor meeting in June is a PICNIC! It is our traditional Strawberry Social on June 20th at Henrietta Town Park gathering at 5:30 p.m. - joining together the Legion and Masonic War Veterans. Contact Dick Topel if you are coming and what help may be needed. Thank you.

### Sickness and Distress

Barb Izzie, our go-to person at Supreme Council, is still undergoing chemotherapy and welcomes your hopeful thoughts.

Prophet Ken Rhodes, PM, was in the hospital recently with a bit of a stroke. He is on the mend, thankfully and welcomes your good wishes.

### More News

The Empire State Grotto Association (ESGA) had its 85th

Annual Spring Meeting. It was great renewing old friendships and enjoying good fellowship, but no major news or announcements. Thanks to all from Lalla Rookh Grotto for attending.

### Upcoming Events

Change of Date - the July 2nd, Annual FRANK GHYZEL DAY at Frontier Field has been moved to August 2nd, with us welcoming the Brighton Volunteer Firemen and the Ghyzel Family at the "Will Call" desk at 6:30 p.m. to pick up tickets for the 7:05 p.m. game. A great time last year will be even more fun this year. Come on out and celebrate the life of Frank Ghyzel - please call me to tell me if you are coming. Ticket prices will be at a greatly reduced group rate.

August 18th - Appreciation Day Picnic ... it is free; however, you need to send a \$10 check to Ron Morthorst to confirm your attendance. Your check will be returned to you at the picnic. We will gather for this event at 4:30 p.m. for socializing; the traditional picnic eating to take place after everyone's arrival. Please come for the hospitality and the fun.

I close with the usual wish for good health and good fellowship, and a reminder that the September Board of Governors Meeting is in August - Specifically Monday, August 29th at 7 p.m. Sorry, no exceptions for anyone's schedule problems. Your attendance is needed to finish planning the Fall events.

Thank you to all my fellow Prophets and Ladies.

## Grand Historian



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We are approaching that time when Masonic activities wind down for the Summer. It seems like this year's calendar is busy well into June with events listed throughout the Summer. For the latest or to make reservations, phone our Monarch, Bernie Lazerson, at 271-7446

### June Birthdays

Paul Farnung (1st), Emil Schirano (3rd), Heinz Gunkel (16th) and Jim Slocum (27th).

In the last few days, you received the Grotto Magazine in the mail. In it was the Grand Historian's article, Part I - "Charles A. Lindbergh, Pilot and Mason." In a few months it will feature Part II - "Lindbergh - Solo Across the Atlantic." Beyond that will be the "HMS Gaspée Affair -1772."

In the Fall there will be future articles include; "HMS St. John" was attacked in (1764), "HMS Liberty" (1768) the Sons of Liberty in a second act of open defiance against the British Crown, burned the Liberty on Goat Island.

### Sickness and Distress

I had a message that Barb Izzie, our Supreme Council Office Manager is having medical problems. She has been moved to an assisted-living facility. She would very much appreciate cards and letters. Please keep her in your prayers.

Mail is collected daily at her home and taken to her. Send to:  
Barbra Izzie  
510 Sunbury Rd.; #32  
Deleware, OH 43015

If you know of any Prophet in sickness or distress, kindly notify our Monarch or any Officer.

To my fellow Prophets, I wish each and every one a pleasant Summer. Try to include the Grotto activities listed in our Trestleboard in your plans.

## Legion of Honor

By Ronald Morthorst

June 20th - Joint Picnic with the Masonic War Veterans at Henrietta Town Park, Bushman Cabin. Ladies invited.

Dick Topel will do his famous Strawberry Dessert. We must have reservations so we can order the food. Please call Dick 663-2547 or Ron 334-4196 by JUNE 15th.

## Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, June 6th  
Board of Governors  
Meeting - 7 p.m. Grotto Office

Saturday, June 11th  
Spectacular Annual Golf Tournament  
Old Hickory Golf Course  
Steak Dinner (see Ad)

Wednesday, June 15th  
Traditional Picnic Meeting with all our  
New Prophets  
Shrine Center  
Gather at 5 p.m.; Eat at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 20th  
Legion of Honor and Masonic War Vets  
Strawberry Social at  
Bushman Cabin, Henrietta Town Park  
Gather at 5 p.m.; Dinner & Fun to Follow

Tuesday, August 2nd  
2nd Annual Frank Ghyzel Day at  
Frontier Field  
Gather at 6:30 p.m. at  
Front Gate for Tickets

Thursday, August 18th  
Appreciation Day Picnic  
for Grotto and Caldron  
Bushman Cabin, Henrietta Town Park  
Gather at 4:30 p.m.

Monday, August 29th  
Board of Governors  
Meeting - 7 p.m. Grotto Office

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## PICNIC PLEASURES

Time to reminisce the days gone by ...

Lalla Rookh Grotto's  
5th Annual

Appreciation Day Picnic

Thursday, August 18th

Henrietta Town Park

Social Hours ... 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Eat at 6 p.m.

Hots \* Italian Sausage \* Hamburgers \*  
Salads

Dessert \* Liquid Refreshments

THIS IS A CATERED FUNCTION ...

We must have reservations to get an accurate  
count for food.

The cost is \$10 per  
person\*

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it's time to think GOLF!!!

## Lalla Rookh Grotto

Golf  
Tournament

June 11th

Old Hickory Golf Course

6655 Big Tree Road, Livonia

Starting Tee Time 9:30 a.m.

Entry fee is only \$45 per person  
Enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments on the  
course, food on the turn. Steak Dinner and prizes.

We use the Callaway scoring system.

Entry Deadline is June 2nd  
To make your reservation or get  
more information, call Dick Topel  
at 663-2547

Make checks payable to & send with reservation form to:  
Dick Topel, 949 Bennington Drive, Rochester, NY 14616  
Please list complete names of players on separate sheet.

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_



# In Memoriam

**Bantuwanis, George M.**

George Bantuwanis, 81, passed away March 31st, leaving his wife, Ann, to remember him. George was a member of Pocahontas Lodge in Seneca Falls and the Damascus Shriners. He also served our country in the US Army. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

**Brown, Burton L.**

Burton Brown, 88, laid down his Working Tools on May 2nd. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Loretta, 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Burt was a proud World War II US Navy Veteran and a member of Oatka Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

**Daycock, Charles E.**

On April 17th, Charles Daycock, 76, was received into Eternal Glory, leaving his wife, Doris, 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren to share his memories. He was a member of Unity Lodge. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

**Fox, Paul Frederick**

Paul Fox, 94, went to the waiting arms of his wife on May 15th. Two children and 3 grandchildren survive him. Paul was a World War II Veteran, a 45-year Mason of Northfield Lodge and Scottish Rite.

May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

**Hockenbrock, Donald R.**

On May 10th, Donald Hockenbrock was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven. His wife, Eleanor, 2 children and 3 grandchildren are left to remember him. Don was a member of Damascus Shriners and Scottish Rite. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

**Lockard, Emerson "Mike"**

Emerson Lockard, 72, departed his Earthly family on April 24th. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy. Mike was a US Army Veteran and a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

**Montondo, Charles G.**

On May 3rd, Charles Montondo, 87, entered into rest leaving his wife, Elda, 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren to survive him. He was a US Army Veteran of World War II. Charles was a member Pultneyville Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners. Memories are like threads of gold; they never tarnish or grow old.

**Taylor, Gordon E.**

Gordon Taylor, 85, went Home to his Lord on April 20th. The Brothers of Ark Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts.

**Weir, Robert M.**

Robert Weir, 92, joined his wife in Heaven on April 30th. He is survived by his daughter and 2 grandchildren. Robert was a member of Oatka Lodge. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

**White, Clifford S.**

We have received word that Clifford White, 83, went to the Celestial Lodge on January 1st. Clifford was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

**Widows to be Remembered**

**Lind, Wilma H.**

Wilma Lind, 94, widow of Bernard O. Lind (Valley-Simes Lodge), passed away April 29th.

**Pigage, Thelma B.**

Thelma Pigage, 86, widow of Carl "Mike" Pigage (Valley-Simes Lodge), passed away May 6th.



## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

**JULY**

- 14th Webster Firemen's Parade
- 16th Wheelers Ride to Camp Turk - Grand Master's Day
- 17th Valley of Rochester - Frontier Field Day
- 23-24th Webster Lodge Fishing Derby - Camp DeMolay
- 25th Fairport-Flower City Picnic
- 30-31st Spencerport Canal Days - Pancake Breakfast at Unity Lodge

**AUGUST**

- 13th District-Wide "Old Fashioned" Picnic - Shrine Center
- 14th Wheelers Annual Ugly Run
- 20th OES - District Summer Event - Genesee Country Village & Museum; Old Time Fiddler's Fair
- 20th Erie County Fair
- 21st Clio Family Picnic

**SEPTEMBER**

- 15th Scottish Rite Annual Meeting - Shrine Center

**OCTOBER**

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

**DECEMBER**

- 3rd Masonic Development Course - Union Star Lodge Hall - Honeoye Falls

**FEBRUARY 2012**

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

## Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen  
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Summer is about to begin. Most of us have turned our thoughts to golf, fishing, yard work and vacations. The governments have not stopped working and the tax laws continue to evolve. Therefore, I will continue to monitor them and publish, as much as space allows, those changes that might be of use to the most of you.

**What Happens After You File?**

**Change of Address**

If you've changed your home or business address, make sure you update that information with the IRS to ensure you receive any refunds or correspondence. The IRS offers several tips for taxpayers who have moved or are about to move:

1. Change Your IRS Address Records - You can change your address on file with the IRS in several ways:

- Write the new address in the appropriate boxes on your Tax Return;
- Use Form 8822, Change of Address, to submit an address or name change any time during the year;
- Give the IRS written notification of your new address by writing to the IRS Center where you file your Return. Include your full name, old and new addresses, Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number and signature. If you filed a Joint Return, be sure to include the information for both taxpayers. If you filed a Joint Return and have since established separate residences,

each spouse should notify the IRS of their new address; and

• Should an IRS employee contact you about your account, you may be able to verbally provide a change of address.

2. Notify Your Employer - Be sure to also notify your employer of your new address so you get your W-2 Forms on time.

3. Notify the Post Office - If you change your address after you've filed your Return, don't forget to notify the Post Office at your old address so your mail can be forwarded.

4. Estimated Tax Payments - If you make Estimated Tax Payments throughout the year, you should mail a completed Form 8822, Change of Address or write the IRS Campus where you file your Return. You may continue to use your old pre-printed payment vouchers until the IRS sends you new ones with your new address. However, do not correct the address on the old voucher.

5. Postal Service - The IRS does use the Postal Service's change of address files to update taxpayer addresses, but it's still a good idea to notify the IRS directly.

**What if You Made a Mistake?**

Errors may delay your refund or result in notices being sent to you. If you discover an error on your Return, you can correct your Return by filing an amended Return using Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. Here are four reasons to file an amended Return:

1. You did not report some income,
2. You claimed deductions or credits you should not have claimed.
3. You did not claim deductions or credits you could have claimed.
4. You should have claimed a different filing status. Caveat (Taxpayers who filed a Joint Return cannot choose to file separate Returns for that year after the due date of the Return)

**If You Receive a Notice**

It's a moment many taxpayers dread. A letter arrives from the Internal Revenue Service or the State - and it's not a refund check. Don't panic; many of these letters can be dealt with simply and painlessly.

Each year, millions of letters and notices are sent to taxpayers to request payment of taxes, notify them of a change to their account or request additional information. The notice you receive normally covers a very specific issue about your account or Tax Return. Each letter and notice offers specific instructions on what you are asked to do to satisfy the inquiry.

If you receive a correction notice, you should review the correspondence and compare it with the information on your Return. You should forward a copy of the notice to the person or company that prepared your Tax Return for their opinion because maybe the government made a mistake or confused another taxpayer with you.

- If everyone agrees with the correction to your account, usually no reply is necessary unless a payment is due.
- If there is disagreement with the correction the government made, it is important that you respond as requested. Write to explain why you disagree. Include

any documents and information you wish the government to consider, along with the bottom tear-off portion of the notice. Mail the information to the address shown on the notice. Allow at least 30 days for a response.

Be sure to keep copies of any correspondence with your records.

**About Amended Returns**

Taxpayers who need to make a change or adjustment on a Return they already filed can do so by filing an amended Return. Here are the things every taxpayer should know about amending your Tax Return.

1. Taxpayers should file an amended Return if they discover any of the following items were reported incorrectly: filing status, dependents, total income, deductions or credits.
2. Generally, you do not need to file an amended Return for math errors as the government will be able to make the correction for you.
3. You also do not usually need to file an amended Return because you forgot to include forms - such as W-2s or schedules - when you filed; the government normally requests those forms from you.
4. Be sure to enter the year of the Return you are amending at the top of Form 1040X or use the correct Amended Form for your jurisdiction. Generally, you must file the Amended Form within three years from

the date you filed your original Return or within two years from the date you paid the tax, whichever is later.

5. If you are amending more than one Tax Return, prepare an Amended Form for each Return and mail them in separate envelopes to the processing center for the area in which you live. The instructions list the addresses for the centers.

6. If the changes involve another schedule or form, attach it to the Amended Form.

7. If you are filing to claim an additional refund, wait until you have received your original refund before filing an Amended Form. You may cash that check while waiting for any additional refund.

8. If you owe additional tax, you should file an Amended Form and pay the tax as soon as possible to limit interest and penalty charges. Interest is charged on any tax not paid by the due date of the original Return, without regard to extensions.

9. An amended Return cannot be filed electronically, thus you must file it by paper.

**Upcoming Due Dates**

June 15 - May Payroll Taxes and 2nd Quarter Estimated Taxes Due.

June 20 - Sales Tax Due

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# Big Calendar for June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Drunlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star	<b>2</b> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster	<b>3</b> Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street	<b>4</b> OES - Line Officers - Fairport
<b>5</b> Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner June 8th and 22nd	<b>6</b> Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Board of Governors, Shrine Center OES - Eolian Shrine Lunch Club	<b>7</b> Clio - Hilton Northfield - Pittsford Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolauka, (OV)	<b>8</b> Oarka - Scottsville Webster - Fellowcraft Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship Shrine Legion of Honor <b>Shavuot</b>	<b>9</b> Fame - Shrine Center Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Union Star - Honcoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club	<b>14</b> Inspiration (I) - Shrine Center Seneca - Webster OES - Leesh - Hilton; Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	<b>15</b> Ark - Geneva Drunlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto Doric Council - Pittsford	<b>16</b> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite - Shrine Center	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Canandaigua - Shortsville Unity - Spencerport RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club	<b>21</b> Clio - Hilton Nunda Station Oakland - Castile Garoga-Sincerity	<b>22</b> Oarka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon Damascus Directors Staff OES - Corinthian-Fellowship	<b>23</b> Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lima James A. Hard/ Wayne Charter Post No. 12 Perry Shrine Club RAM - Hiram	<b>24</b>
<b>Father's Day</b>		<b>21</b> <b>Flag Day</b> <b>Happy Birthday US Army</b>				<b>25</b> St. John's Day - Utica
	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> ERAC, Shrine Center Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club	<b>28</b> Inspiration - Shrine Center	<b>29</b> MON - Masters and Wardens - Pittsford Masonic Hall	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
		<b>28</b> <b>First Day of Summer</b>				<b>2</b>

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