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Monroe County Freemasons Honor Tradition

By R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz
The Freemasons of Monroe County and surrounding communities will be hosting a Table Lodge at 6 p.m. on March 29th in Cathedral Hall, 875 East Main

Street, Rochester, co-sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau.

This will be a historic gathering of Freemasons in Monroe County. Over 200 Freemasons from all walks of life will gather

in a tradition that dates back centuries. Freemasonry is one of the oldest men's fraternities in the world, dating back to a time before the Industrial Revolution.

Many famous Freemasons have distinguished themselves in politics (George Washington, Harry Truman, Gerald Ford); the arts (Mozart, Beethoven, Duke Ellington); and literature (Rudyard Kipling, Robert Burns, Roscoe Pound). Freemasonry is an educational fraternity dedicated to making good men ... better.

A Table Lodge is a multi-course banquet, whose tradition dates back to the 1700s. What distinguishes a Table Lodge are the Ritual Toasts performed throughout the meal.

Monroe County Freemasons will be returning to the old Masonic Temple (which houses the Auditorium Theatre) for this historic event and will gather in the historic Cathedral Hall.

Facts on Masons

Please note - the capitalization of the first letter of the following words generally associated with

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye

you are hereby Summoned to:

Monroe Masonic Table Lodge

March 29, 2011

Cathedral Hall, Old Masonic Temple

875 East Main Street, Rochester

Advance Sale Tickets Only!

\$40 per person; Cannons provided for Toasts

Checks payable to Masonic Service Bureau

Call 671-9730 for additional information and reservations

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to meet and greet your Brothers.

6:30 p.m. sharp - Dinner and first Toast.

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, coffee/tea,

with Chocolate Cake for Dessert

Dress: Tuxedo or Dark Suit



Annual Tribute to Our Widows

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau

Mark Your Calendar

It is time to pay tribute to our Widows. We will be doing this on Saturday, April 23rd, at the Burgundy Basin with the doors opening at 11 a.m.; lunch served at noon.

Again, we are asking each Lodge Master to appoint a Brother to coordinate your Brothers and Widows involvement.

No Tickets Will Be Mailed

We are following the same successful process as last year regarding tickets. No tickets will be mailed. Letters have been sent to all Secretaries of the Monroe District Lodges with a form to return to the Masonic Service Bureau.

It will require:

- The name of each person attending
- Their choice of Entree - Chopped Sirloin Steak or Stuffed Chicken Breast



- A check for the full amount and names of those listed

The cost for the sit down luncheon will be \$18. We are happy to have Rick Howe providing the music again for everybody's enjoyment.

Should you have any questions, contact Garry Cranker, Committee Chair at 260-4546. You may also contact the Masonic Service Bureau Office at 671-9730.

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

By R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz

The Freemasons of Monroe County and surrounding communities raised \$19,000.00 for the Ronald McDonald Houses. For the first two weeks of February, displays have been set up at The Mall at Greece Ridge, Eastview and Marketplace Malls.

Mall patrons, for a donation, would purchase a red paper heart on which they could write whatever message they felt appropriate. These hearts, in turn, were displayed on the booth.

The amount raised is significant given the challenging

economic times that we are in. This generosity of spirit is a testament to the support the Ronald McDonald Houses have in our community.

Area Freemasons and their families donated their time over to staff these displays and seek donations.

Our thanks to the Wilmore Management Group for their generosity in donating space inside the Malls for this fundraiser and to Label World for their generosity in donating heart decals for people to wear.

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NEW!! ... Education Assistance for Members of Masonic Lodges and Concordant Bodies!

In these times of job losses and career adjustments, adults are embarking on new paths of continuing education to qualify for new positions. We know of Members who have had to return to school to improve their lives and it's time we started putting some of our goodwill into our very own Masonic family.

Therefore, the Masonic Service Bureau's Education Assistance Committee announces that applications for the 2011 Continuing Education Assistance Award Program are now available.

It is the plan of the Committee to award TWO, up-to-\$500 Grants, on a one-time-only basis, as governed by the following criteria and rules:

1. Applicant must a Member-in-Good-Standing of a Masonic Lodge or Concordant Body in the five Districts supported by the Masonic Service Bureau.
2. Must be enrolled in an accredited Continuing Education Program.

Applications may be obtained from the Masonic Service Bureau; 979 Bay Road; Webster, NY 14580; Phone: 671-9730; or email: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com.

All Applications must be completed and postmarked no later than March 31, 2011.

Charity Grants

Each year the Masonic Service Bureau offers Grants to area Charities for the use of their actual charity mission and objectives.

Application is made by the Charity writing a request letter that outlines their purpose, other sources of funding, including a financial report and the project/activity to which the funds would be applied.

If you have a Charity of choice for whom you wish such consideration should be made, either contact them directly with this information, or contact the Masonic Service Bureau via email: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com or call 671-9730 and we will send the information to the charity.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2011.

Masonic Development Course

1-Day only

Saturday, April 2nd

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

at Union Star Lodge Hall
3 Main Street, Honeoye Falls

Cost: \$35

Contact: R.: W.: George Fohner
Ph: 586-5255; email: gfohner@frontiernet.net

Reservations due by March 12th
Advance Payment Required



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

from the Board of Directors
and Advisory Council of the
Masonic Service Bureau

Damascus News see page 9

Dated Material



Editor's Corner

Let's start off with one of my truisms...I hate to fly! It used to be fun, but now with all the cautions required to avoid potential terrorist activity (and I'm happy they want to keep me safe), it has really become a nuisance. However, when number one son lives in California and you want to visit, it is expeditious to fly.

The second reason for my displeasure is the fact that you can't get there from here. To get to San Jose required three flights: one to Charlotte; one to Phoenix; and one to San Jose. We were 10-1/2 hours in travel! I don't sleep well on airplanes, so I usually read. Since there is usually reading material in the seatback pocket, I check that out first. I'm always fascinated by what you can buy at Sky-Mall, even though I think some of the prices are ridiculous.

I also picked up the *US Airways Magazine* for November and browsed through it. A previous passenger had started the crossword puzzle without much success and a coupon of some sort was removed. With still plenty of time until we reached a destination, I glanced at some titles and read a couple that I thought would be interesting. Then I came to one, which I couldn't finish on the remainder of that leg of the trip, so I took the magazine with me.

The title of the article was *The Tyranny of E-mail* by John Freeman. It was listed as a "Must Read" by the editors and was described as "a compelling excerpt from a book just now hitting the shelves." When I think I will have some time to read it, I may buy the book to see what else it contains.

In it, he states, "All over the world we are working longer hours than ever, sleeping fewer winks, taking shorter vacations. In this environment, frazzled and fried, tied to a machine that gazes back at us more hours per day than even our spouses do, we do what makes the most sense: we send our messages the fastest way possible." The part about tied to a machine hit home with me! He goes on to say when Google offered their Web-based Gmail program with unlimited storage, he could store more e-mails than there are blades of grass in Kentucky.

Now my interest was really peaked, as I went to Gmail for the *Masonic Times* a few years ago. We were having some difficulty with the size of the files being transmitted. A couple of photos would send our *Road-Runner* account over the limit. I would come in on a Monday morning to find the "threatening" notice and have no idea if any email messages had been rejected. I'm sure many of you have sent messages to someone only to have them bounce back saying, "mailbox full." Well, we had no way of knowing if you submitted something that we didn't get...one of the reasons we ask you to check back with us if you send in an article and

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By Gary Sanford

Many of our Masonic Organizations have been or will be inducting new members soon. Hopefully, as we are moving forward, we are also taking the

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Masonry: Mason, Master, Grand Master, Lodge, Grand Lodge, and the titles for Masonic leaders Worshipful, Right Worshipful and Most Worshipful. It should be noted that the word 'Worshipful' is taken from the old English and denotes respect for authority; it bears no religious significance.

- Masons, also known as Freemasons, comprise the oldest philanthropic, community-oriented fraternal organization in the world. Masonry is not a religion, but its members must express a belief in a Supreme Being; each Mason is encouraged to practice the religion of his choice.
- The Masons stress building of character, knowledge patriotism, brotherhood, family involvement and community service among its members.
- The Masons trace their origins back to the Middle Ages, when operative stonemasons, responsible for the construction of majestic castles and ca-

we don't acknowledge it as having been received.

Quoting again, "We love e-mail. In 2007, 35 trillion messages shot back and forth between the world's 1 billion PCs; in the time it took you to read to this point (in his book), some 300 million e-mails were sent and received."

He goes on to say that E-mail goes with us everywhere. We are constantly checking our messages and, with the Smart Phone technology, it is easier than ever to stay in touch with the world. I have avoided those gadgets so far. I think it is absurd to have your hip constantly twitched with the vibrating attachment, but I know a lot of people who need, or think they need, this immediacy of contact. I used to think pagers were a nuisance, but I needed one.

Several years ago, my son, who was visiting here, checked his phone at least five times during a dinner out with the family. About the third time, I asked what was going on that was so important. Technologically-challenged Dad wasn't up to speed on the various things to which you could subscribe. He was getting his favorite foot-

time to provide Mentors for our newly Raised members so they may better understand us and our customs.

This should not be only for those new to the Masonic Fraternity but also to those joining one of our Concordant Bodies as well. We should be working with them to help them understand what it is we do and why we do it, such as when opening one of our meetings or doing a part in our installation ceremony. They are new to our Craft and eager to learn and understand us.

I know the Blue Lodges have the "Walk-About" Program for newly Raised Master Masons, which is designed to teach them some of the do's and don'ts and introduce them to the setup of the Lodge Room and its Officers. This I believe is part of what helps to keep them active and feel a member of our great Fraternity.

I know we all enjoy the thought of having a few new

members join our group each year; however, we shouldn't forget those who were active before us. In your organization when someone has missed a meeting or event do you have an individual responsible for investigating why they haven't been there? When was the last time we made that personal phone call or sent a handwritten letter to a member not recently seen? Have we made that contact to offer to provide transportation or see if they need some form of assistance?

This is another form of communication that will help us to increase our attendance, keep our members active and provide for more enjoyment.

Need Help?

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.

Harry S. Truman and Gerald R. Ford. To date, five U.S. Presidents have taken their Oath of Office on New York's historic St. John's Lodge Bible, including George Washington, who took his oath as the Nation's First President at New York City's Federal Hall on April 30, 1789.

- George Washington is the only Mason to serve as President of the United States and the Master of his Lodge simultaneously.
- At its peak in 1959, there were 4,103,161 Masons in the United States; today, there are about 1,700,000. Worldwide, there are an estimated 3,500,000 Masons in about 12,500 Lodges in virtually every free nation in the world.
- Masons are organized into Lodges, the leaders of which are called the Worshipful Masters. A Grand Lodge comprises local Lodges on a State-wide level. Each Grand Lodge in each State remains sovereign and independent. There is no National Grand Lodge.
- Nationwide, Masons contribute close to \$2 million daily to charitable causes across the United States.

ball team's game scores - their's or the opponent's. In my craziest days as a sport fan, I don't think I ever needed to know the scores that fast!

Now, it is a way of life, and I guess we will learn to live with it. "Today we can type a note on our computer in New York and it will be received in New Zealand in nanoseconds. We use e-mail to send documents, music, wills, photographs, spreadsheets, and floor plans, communicate with our banks, send invitations. We no longer have to fill out those irritating forms to receive a return receipt by post, proof that our important letter arrived. The computer does it for us. We can even get a message the moment someone opens our e-mail. In just this one area, e-mail has given us back several days each year.

But it would appear that we are spending that surplus time e-mailing. The average office worker sends and receives 200 e-mails a day - and that figure is rising. Forget about time spent stumbling absentmindedly around the Internet; this habit is destroying our ability to be productive. Information overload is a \$650 billion drag

on the U.S. economy every year. E-mail has made us a workforce of reactors, racing to keep up with a treadmill pace that is bound for burnout and breakdown and profound anger.

Suggestions have been made to put the *Masonic Times* on the website or send it out by email. At the moment, those files would be rather huge. We are trying to learn how we can put at least the general information pages on monroemasonic.com, and hope to have learned that knowledge before the start of Summer. I have made contact with another individual who may be able to offer some help in that regard. Meanwhile, we do our best to provide information in this publication to you in a fairly timely manner.

To read more of the excerpts on this subject, you can try the US Airways website...the issue might still be there...or pick up a copy of the book at your favorite retail outlet.

As for me, I'm going on a short vacation again...and, yes, I'm flying! Maybe I'll pick up some more interesting infor-

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The Re-Birth of Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay

By Gary L. Burke and Stephen R. Whittaker

On January 29th, Representatives of the Shrine, Consistory, York Rite and Craft Lodges attended a luncheon with the New York DeMolay Executive Officer, William Sardone, and the Deputy Region Executive Officer, Michael Storck, to discuss the re-institution of Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay. On that day, the Legion of Honor was conferred upon our own G. Michael Morris, Robert Schwarting and William Toth.

The Proforma Committee is attempting to secure names of eight Brothers who are willing to be part of the Advisory Council of the Chapter. Interestingly enough, mothers may

also serve on the Advisory Council! If there is a husband and wife team interested, we would be delighted of knowing. You may contact Jack Van Elzakker at the Consistory Office. The Chapter has had a long local presence and is in need of some adult leadership to get it started up once again.

In the meantime, it was suggested we survey all area Freemasons to learn if they have a son or grandson between the ages of 12-21 who may be available to join. Please email your information to Jack Van Elzakker, the Secretary of the Consistory at jackvan@rochester.rr.com.

DeMolay Preceptory of Rochester Conferred the Legion of Honor in January



New Legionnaires with members of the Investiture Team.



G. Michael Morris is invested with his Honorary Legion of Honor Cordon by Keith Rung, Commander in the East.



William Sardone, Executive Officer, New York DeMolay, dubs Robert H. Schwarting an Active Legion of Honor.



Keith Rung



William Sardone

The Hadi-Ya-Saga Preceptory (the meeting place of the youth of the tribe) brought together members of the Legion of Honor to confer this Degree upon Dad G. Michael Morris, Dad Robert H. Schwarting and Dad William H. Toth II.

The Ceremony was conducted by Dads Keith Rung, Commander in the East; Stephen Whittaker, Commander in the West; Charles Hancock, Commander in the South; Gary Burke, Grand Marshal; Richard Friedman, Grand Chaplain; and the Herald was Conor Powell, State Junior Councilor, New York DeMolay. Preceptors were Dads David Goodwin, Raymond Smith, Charles Waterstreet, Peter Van Elzakker, Mark Alvarado, Frank Rice, Robert Anderson and Bill Sardone participating.

Many Masonic dignitaries joined us including Past Grand



Legionnaire William Toth addresses remarks to audience following his investiture.

Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, Dad Bruce Widger, and District Deputy Grand

Master of the Monroe District, Dad George S. Nasra.

The Ceremony was followed by a reception for the Honorees and their guests in the Shrine Center Dining Room. Special thanks to Damascus Shriners for the use of their facility.

We are encouraged with the progress made over that weekend.

Education Assistance Applications Available!



The Masonic Service Bureau's Education Assistance Committee announces that applications for the 2011 Education Assistance Award Program are now available. Students may receive this grant on a one-time-only basis!

* All applicants must either belong to a Masonic Youth Organization or be sponsored by a Member of a Masonic Lodge or Related Body.

* Must be a High School Senior who has been accepted for 2011 enrollment at an accredited college OR a Student who is currently attending and will attend in the Fall, an accredited college on a full-time basis.

Applications may be obtained from the Masonic Service Bureau; 979 Bay Road; Webster, NY 14580; Phone: 671-9730; or email: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com.

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New 2011 Sessions Offered at Camp Turk this Summer

Preparing for Summer Camp is sometimes scary for both new campers and their parents. Separation is a part of growing up and camp is a great opportunity for your child to grow in a safe and structured surroundings with caring, trained staff.

NEW this year, Camp Turk will be offering shorter sessions to help those children who have never experienced a camp or been away from home for an extended period of time.

Camp Turk accepts children between the ages of 8 to 16 years old.

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

Boy's Session

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

Girl's Session

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

*Limited space with each option

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

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

Financial Assistance Available



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the further insight that might be gained. In reading, you may discover ways your Lodge can increase its Masonic awareness. Recall that this awareness is both external to the community in what we do, act or say and internal to our Lodge in fostering the bonds of Brotherly love and friendship.

After reviewing this material, then go ahead and link to the Twain Award web-page. There you will find the technical requirements for putting together and submitting a physical submission that I refer to as a portfolio.

When Should Your Lodge Get Started?

Now is a good time to outline what you want your submission to be about. This process will require your Lodge to do an inventory of sorts. This is a perfect project to pair long-time members of your Lodge with those Brothers who have recently joined the Craft. The synergy created by jointly working towards a common goal can be a reward within itself.

Once this committee is formed, it would thereafter meet on a regular basis. Tasks include defining your timeline and exemplifying how your Lodge is increasing Masonic awareness. You will need to register your Lodge with the Masonic Service Association. Registration commences in March, 2011. Submissions are usually due thereafter by December 1st. Beginning the process today should put your Lodge in a good position to have drafted a rough submission by September, 2011. This will then give you time to make whatever revisions are necessary before submitting your portfolio by the December 1st deadline.

Masonic Development Course

By the time you have read this, your District will have conducted two of the three Masonic Development Course sessions. The discussion among the Brothers attending has been lively and informative. R.:W.: John Gallant, Master of Union

Lodge and R.:W.: Mike Grady, DDGM for the Livingston District, have put together an excellent presentation that engages the entire class.

Your leadership team wishes peace, health and prosperity in this the new year.

To be continued...

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By V.:W.: William Edwards

What a great turnout! Over 80 Brothers braved the cold and snowy January weather to come to Webster Lodge for the School of Ritual. Fellowship was enjoyed and the Brothers of Webster Lodge demonstrated the Second Section of the 3rd Degree for our work and instruction. This included the Hiram Drama. We were unsure how well the evening would go as we have not seen this as the topic of instruction for a recent School of Ritual. We think it worked out well. Many Brothers have commented they enjoyed the evening and they gained further light in Masonry. Thanks again to all who helped make this happen!

During the drama of the 3rd Degree, there is a Masonic dirge that is sung called Pleyel's Hymn. The words of Pleyel's Hymn convey the spiritual nature of the Degree and if not sung, something is lost. The music was written by Brother Ignaz Joseph Pleyel, and published in 1791. The lyrics were written in 1813 by Brother David Vinton, an American traveling Masonic lecturer. A quick search on the internet will provide further material.

Masonry is a speculative or contemplative science. Our aim is to transform our inner ashlar from rough to smooth and in the process, adjusting the very fabric of our being. To that end, I include the lyrics from Pleyel's Hymn for your personal reflection. What personal meaning do you find in them?

Pleyel's Hymn

Solemn strikes the funeral chime.
Notes of our departing time,
As we journey here below,
Through a pilgrimage of woe.

Here another guest we bring;
Seraphs of Celestial wing,
To our fun'ral altar come,
Waft our friend and Brother Home

Lord of all! below - above-
Fill our hearts with truth and love;
When dissolves our earthly tie,
Take us to Thy Lodge on High.

We certainly appreciate the Brotherly hospitality we have received as we travel around the District to perform the Grand Master's Edict Degree evaluations. It is so encourag-

ing to see all the hard work and commitment the Officers are putting into the Ritual. It is especially rewarding to see the new Officers performing the Ritual for their first time.

One theme that is consistent is how important rehearsals are for the Degrees. It is equally important your Stewards and Masters of Ceremony attend. Though they do not have many spoken lines, they play such an important part with the execution of the Degree floor work.

The next School of Ritual is planned for Wednesday, March 30th, at Oatka Lodge Hall, Scottsville. The work of the evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. and we will include reviewing the Ritual for the Masonic Memorial Service. This is one of the most important activities we can perform - to recognize and honor our deceased Brother and also bring comfort to the grieving family.

Webster Lodge has taken the lead for the School of Ritual Attendance Banner with Unity, Wakan-Hubbard and Oatka Lodges close behind. We will be offering bonus attendance points for any Masters of Ceremony, Stewards or Marshals in attendance. So, if you haven't been to a School of Ritual in a while, we look forward to seeing you at Oatka.

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

While this news is encouraging, it is evident that vigorously promoting child safety will always be necessary. Parents and guardians play the most prominent role, by talking to their children in a calm and reasonable manner, being careful not to over-emphasize the frightening details of what might happen if safety guidelines are not followed. It is important to strike a balance between avoiding the issue and instilling a sense of fear in your child. The goal is to instill a sense of caution.

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

This is what the Masonic Safety Program is about ... this is why

we do it and this is your reminder that we need your help!!!!

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

We have identified several Masons with American Sign Language skills who have agreed to help with our Deaf Outreach Program successes with the deaf community in March! If you possess such skills, we can always use your help. Contact us at the numbers listed below so that we can set up additional events to serve the deaf community!

Brothers, it doesn't take much to set up an event and staff it; just a little creativity and forethought. Will you help????

Contact Information

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As of this writing, we have eight Candidates for our Spring Degree cycle. The Fellowcraft Degree will be held on March 15th at 7:30 p.m.

At our March 1st meeting our guest will speak on home brewing. I hope you are able to make it. At our February 1st meeting we elected our eight Candidates and watched a video on the US Flag. The video was presented by the Scottish Rite and was enjoyed by the Brothers.

We discussed a few upcoming events. Our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held on March 12th. The dinner will be at 4 p.m. and will go until we are out of food. The cost is \$9 per person. We need all our Brothers help from 9 a.m. onward on the 12th. Please contact me if you would like to help. We have advance sale tickets available; please contact me to get your tickets.

Our new Brothers have really come through for Clío. I am happy to announce that Brothers Mark Shapiro and Lou Cook have accepted the posts of Steward for the year. Please be sure to thank them.

Brother Blake Keller will be heading up a committee to plan a family event for the Brothers of Clío Lodge. This event will take place in the Spring/Summer. Brother Blake would be happy to have help. Please let me know if you are interested in joining his committee.

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Brother Mark Shapiro will be coordinating a Blood Drive for the Lodge. This will happen sometime this Summer.

Brother Ryan Amberge is working on bringing the Lodge into the 21st Century by helping us with our technology issues. I am excited about all that we have going on at Clio these days. We have an energy we have not felt in a while. If you

have not been to Lodge lately, you really should come out and experience it.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep Brother Randy Conlon in your thoughts as he recuperates at home with some health issues. Also keep in mind R.: W.: George Todd and W.: Gordy Smith as they deal with ongoing health concerns.

I hope to see you at Lodge. ✕

We were hopeful, but alas, our friends chose to wait for the Fall Session of Degrees. Let's give our Senior Warden, Jason Gartland, our full support for next year's Degree classes.

Our second meeting this month will feature a program on the significance of Degree work as it relates to Freemasonry. This should be a very informative evening.

Upcoming Events

We will be having a Lodge of Remembrance on April 28th and our Ladies Night will be on Saturday, May 7th. More on those next month.

Finally, special thanks to one Brother who has done an outstanding job this year. The Lodge would not run without him. He reminds me every meeting of what is upcoming and keeps me going in the right direction. The next time you see W.: Dave Foster, shake his hand and say, "Thank You!"

That's it for this month. Make sure to remember the Brotherhood Fund. I am certain W.: Keith Moore will have the tools of his trade at our next meeting. Thanks for reading and remember that many hands make light work. We'll see you in Lodge. ✕

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As mentioned in the February edition of the **Masonic Times**, Webster Lodge hosted the January 31st School of Ritual. There were approximately 80 Brothers in attendance and all went very well. The topics covered were the First and Second parts of the Second Section of the 3rd Degree, the Candidate Entrance and Raising, and the Drama of the Hiram Legend, respectively. Although most of the participants were from Webster, Brother R.: W.: Tom Grape lent a fine hand as First Craftsman. It was also good to see R.: W.: David Allen receive kudos as our Musician for the evening. Well done, Dave. Many thanks to the Brothers of Webster Lodge who attended and helped make this such a pleasant success.

The next School of Ritual will be at Oatka Lodge on March 30th and it will address the Lectures of the 2nd Degree.

Another February has come and gone, which means another Have-a-Heart Campaign has come and gone as well. This is a huge operation, the benefits of which will likely go a long way in the support of our local Ronald McDonald Houses. Volunteers from Webster Lodge included Brothers Ron Williams, Kevin Gerhard, Joe Lewis, Jim Moorhouse, Jeff Hershburger, Bruce Frazee, Kenny Cross, Warren Patterson, John Ross, Paul Kolacki, Jim Clancy, Hank Libera, Nick Haldoupis, Dave Allen, Bob Passino, Don Osborne, Richard Mandelik, Mike Nohle and James Pray. They worked the twenty-four, 3-hour shifts to which we committed. My thanks to these Brothers who helped support the effort. This is no easy task and I am very proud of the Brothers who stepped up. Thanks.

On March 3rd, V.: W.: William Edwards will be presenting a lecture on some of the history of Freemasonry. In particular, the history of our Ritual - what was it like through the early days and how it has become what it is today. The history of Freemasonry is one of Brother Bill's strongest interests and as such he has amassed a fair-sized collection of literature on the topic and is always eager to share his discoveries with his Brothers. So, I am confident his lecture will be very interesting.

Trestleboard Updated

As I am sure you have received your updated Trestleboard, you'll note that the next 2nd Degree will be held on Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. This will be a special Communication, as was the 1st Degree in February, with Brother Paul Kolacki in the East.

Brotherhood Fund

I'm taking a moment here to remind the Brothers of something very important - the Brotherhood Fund. There are



At the January 20th meeting, Brother Donald Osborne received his 50-Year Apron from R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz, Grand Steward, assisted by W.: Scott Cronk, Master.

a lot of worthwhile programs that are supported by the monies which Brothers like you donate. The list of charities consists of the Masonic Care Community, Masonic Medical Research Lab, Military Outreach, the Livingston Masonic Library, Masonic Benevolence Endowment Fund, Masonic Youth Programs, the Child ID Program and the various allocations by the Grand Master. You don't have to empty your checkbook to donate, even \$1 or \$5 will help. It's better to send a little than nothing at all. And, you must know it will go to a good cause.

Upcoming Events

Additional events to come include a Spaghetti Dinner on March 4th to benefit Webster Comfort Care. The Webster Baseball Travel League who received our help last month broke the record with \$1,591 in receipts. All I can say is "FANTASTIC."

The next Fellowcraft Meeting will be on March 10th. I don't know what work will be needed, but I hear we might need some shelf maintenance. Come down to Lodge and lend a hand; it's always good to help, no matter the cause.

'Til next time, God bless. ✕

Also, R.: W.: Bill Spillane recently underwent surgery. We are hoping he will be feeling better and be back to the Lodge by the time the Crocuses start to bloom.

Happenings

Our Annual Sports Shirt Night was held on February 3rd. R.: W.: Derek VanHouten spoke to us about his work with the Masonic Care Community and presented a name badge to Brother Jon Buck, who is our liaison.



Brother Jon Buck receives his Ambassador name badge from R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, Embassy Coordinator for the Masonic Care Community.

During the meeting W.: John Dudley announced that applications for the Masonic Service Bureau's Education Assistance Awards are now being accepted. If you are interested contact him.

Also during this meeting W.: Erik Loepker and Senior Warden, Mike Zona, presented a can of corn, cooking wine and olive oil to a Brother who had been jokingly complaining of not having been paid.

After our meeting, we engaged in Fellowship downstairs playing Cricket on our new dart board, which several Brothers (too many to mention) worked diligently to install.

We will have our 3rd Degree on March 3rd. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Jason Zona, Junior War-

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By Stephan Michener
Junior Deacon

To our less fortunate Brothers Wintering in Florida and other parts South, you don't know what you're missing. We've got temperatures that you can easily count with your fingers on both hands, and plenty of shovelable snow. What a Winter!

School of Ritual

On January 31st, six Northfield Brothers braved the elements and attended the School of Ritual at Webster Lodge Hall, which was preceded by a fantastic dinner. W.: Erik Loepker, W.: John Dudley, W.: Donald Fox, Mike Zona, Devon Littlefield and myself had a pleasant evening receiving instruction and ideas about presenting the 3rd Degree. It was both interesting and entertaining and a great chance to meet Brothers from other Lodges. School of Ritual only happens four times a year, but it is an invaluable experience in helping us to improve our Degree work. I want to gently encourage more of my Northfield Brothers to take the opportunity to attend these events which will help to strengthen the work that goes on at our Lodge.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep in your prayers Brother Josh Loepker who has begun dialysis this Winter.

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W.: Erik Loepker and Michael Zona presented "wages" to Brother Steve Michener, to let him know you are coming. We hope our Northfield Brothers, who have not come to Lodge in a while, will join us and get to know some of the Brothers who have been Raised since your last attendance. Hopefully, the weather will not keep you away. If getting a ride would help you attend Lodge, please let the Master or Secretary know so one can be arranged.

On March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, we will be having an Open House and will also have our Annual Awards Night. The event with Simply Crepes that night has been cancelled as the expense was simply prohibitive. However, another event is being planned.

March 29th promises to be a spectacular evening District-wide when a Table Lodge will be held at Cathedral Hall at the former Downtown Masonic Temple. I am really looking forward to this as the last time I was there (about 33 years ago) I was a teenager who got hired to help tear down a stage for one of my dad's Masonic organizations. I remember what a magnificent building it was. Unfortunately, the night before we took down the stage, the gentlemen who had attended the event the previous night had been having Limburger Cheese, and the odor continued to hang in the air the next day as we performed our arduous labor. Let's hope there's no Limburger Cheese involved this time as we enjoy this beautiful building.

Finally, to close out the month, on March 30th there will be another School of Ritual at Oatka Lodge. March looks like it will be a great Masonic month. x

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A four-letter word that equals the word YUCK. We have seen all the SNOW that we need for the rest of the Winter, YUCK. I cancelled the February 1st meeting of our Lodge because of the dire weather warnings that were to happen that evening. Hopefully we were prepared for that event.

We hope the Have-a-Heart Program was another success story, but we will have to wait and count all the money that was donated by the generous public. I thank my Brothers of Craftsman Robertson Lodge who manned the booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge, under the direction of Brother Joe Meli, who organized the work schedule. Thank you, Joe, for a great job!

We were there at the beginning of the campaign on Sunday, January 30th, and Monday, the 31st. It is a great venue to have fellowship and enjoy each other's company outside the Lodge room. I learned from Joe that we raised over \$770 in the two days we were at the Mall.

The expected snowstorm forced a lot of organizations to cancel their programs, and then the weather gods decided to spare the area, only giving us about 4 inches of snow instead of the forecasted 10-16 inches. Such a relief, but also a feeling of someone crying "wolf."

Sickness and Distress

Please keep Worshipful Ken Skidmore in your thoughts and prayers as he faces serious medical problems. Also, Worshipful Clyde Siverd and several others need our prayers.

Please inform us, or keep us informed of your condition, if you need our aid or sympathy.

Happy Birthday!

Nine of our Brothers celebrate their birthday this month. Call, visit or send a card to these men if you get a chance:

Duane King and Patrick McWhinney (1st); Clyde Siverd (8th); Jay Rodgers (15th); Joseph Meli (19th); Ronald Freida (20th); Douglas Fix (21st); Clifford Hayner II (23rd); and Richard Barth (30th). x



Sunday, January 30th, the Have-a-Heart Campaign booth at the Mall at Greece Ridge was staffed by Craftsman Robertson Lodge Brothers (from left) Ralph Jurgens, Scott Rice, Derek VanHouten, Richard Smith, Charles Howell, Joseph Meli (Lodge coordinator) and Brian Bell.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!
 Just a reminder ...

To all who may not have noticed, please be sure to read the Benedict Arnold article I submitted in the February **Masonic Times**, written by our Junior Warden, Brother Byron Barnes. Due to its size, the article was placed on page 19 and was missed by many.



(Left to right) Byron Barnes, W.: Rob Buchanan and John Lemke wore white aprons at The Mall at Greece Ridge Have-a-Heart Campaign booth.

Look What's New!

With Special Dispensation, our DDGM allowed Unity Lodge to wear White Aprons while staffing the Have-a-Heart Campaign Booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge on Friday, February 4th. This was an effort to allow the public to see us as Masons. We believe it was good public exposure.

MASONICALLY, IT'S SPRING
 By Brother John Lemke
 Senior Warden, Unity Lodge

Masonically it's Spring. The buds are popping and the sun is higher in the sky. Winter has been long and I can see why you think it's still Winter, but it's not. Weather-wise, we can have a big snow storm in March



Hilde DiJames (right) chatted with Helga Jamale at the booth.

and even snow into April and May. The weather on a particular day doesn't define the season. I've seen it 65 degrees on Christmas, but it doesn't mean Spring has come early.

Economically it's Winter. I think early December. The sun comes out and I enjoy nice Winter days, but it's still Winter.

It seems maybe the economy, Masonry and society are related. The supply of civil order has been falling for a few decades. The demand for it has yet to rise, but it will. American men know what can be.

Masonry teaches good men how to live in a well-governed civil society with freedom and liberty. A well-governed Lodge with Brothers working together in a proper civil way will help produce a well-governed civil society.

As we finally get through our long Masonic Winter, we do not need to take as our lesson that big changes are needed in Masonry; they are not. The monks kept the secrets and knowledge through the Dark Ages so man would have it when the light came in the Renaissance. So it is with Masonry.

The knowledge, the light, has not changed. That which men want and need is as it has always been. The value of a civil, well-ordered society with freedom and individual liberty is as great now as in 1776.

Let us get back to basics. Let us do that which we know works regardless of the season. Now is the time to plant the seeds and put in the hard work that will be the reward, the harvest, of our children and grandchildren. Let us take our proper role as men, as Brothers and lead confidently to success.



W.: William Samar, Past Master Fayetteville (NY) Central City Lodge visited the booth on his 90th birthday.

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following Brothers who celebrate their Birthdays in the month of March: John Lee, Orville Gravelle, Robert Clark, Curt Vallentin, Harry Conover, G. Thomas Grape, Neil Laundry, Richard Bedoar, Craig McCann, David Olsen, Theodore Wolfley, Donald Hunter, David Haggmier, Joseph Picioli, Andrew J. Tascione and any others I may have missed. I hope you all enjoy your day!

Congrats are in Order

Brother Garry Cranker informed me that he and his wife are expecting their first grandchild! His daughter-in-law is due July 30th. Congrats to you and your family Garry!

Upcoming Events

March 14th - Past Masters Night. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.

March 29th - District Table Lodge at Cathedral Hall. Tickets available from the Service Bureau for \$40.00

March 30th - School of Ritual at Oatka Lodge Hall, Scottsville

April 11th - 3rd Degree; Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Degree Work at 7:30 p.m. x

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I hope this message finds you warm and safe after the recent storms. What storms? The ones in January were potentially furious. Actually they did not require us to cancel any functions. You Brothers in the South, do remember snow?

Seven Brothers were Raised to Master Mason on January 10th. They are Daniel Cashman, William Scott Harrington, Peter Lawrence Hastings, Andrew Joseph McLoughlin, Eric Peter Schillinger, Robert L. Wise and Scott W. Wise. We were concerned that no one from the District Staff was present to witness the Degree. Prior to the dramatic section, R.: W.: Brother James E. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, and R.: W.: John W. Krupp, Deputy Grand Marshal, knocked on our door. The Degree was not only witnessed, but the Deputy Grand Master gave the Charge. Many thanks for the visit and the work!

March 14th will be Awards Night. Service pins will be presented to Brothers with anniversaries twenty-five years and up.

The 2nd Degree will be conferred by Brother Terry Ad-

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ams, Junior Warden, on March 28th. Volunteers are welcome for Questions and Answers. Come out and support your Officers and our new Brothers.

The District School of Ritual will be held March 28th at Oatka Lodge Hall in Scottsville.

Make a Note

Brother Bill Cobb has moved to Grande Vie Senior Living Community, 2140 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield, NY 14526. He had been living with his son's family, but needed to be around more people. Bill has been a member for over 65 years. His birthday is March 27th.

March Birthdays

Speaking of birthdays, we have a few more for wishes - Murray Kellogg (2nd), Samuel Katz (3rd), Daniel Bliss (12th), Tom Trapanovski (16th), Mike Johnson (20th), Andy Woeppel (21st), Hugh Chittenden and Seymour Margolis (23rd), John Lindsay (25th), Bill Cobb and Don Cameron (27th). We wish for you a happy and healthy year ahead.

Spring should be in the air. We have our work cut out for us before Summer Recess. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and rewards of a job well done. *

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As I am writing this article it's been another snowy and cold week. I'm looking forward to hot sunny days ... Spring is March 20th.

A big thank you to those Brothers who stepped up and helped out at the Have-a-Heart Booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge. It was fun and for a great cause. A big thank you to Brother Frank Sackett for spending all day Saturday, February 5th; Frank has a way of getting people to give and they smile doing it.

Lodge Consolidation

The members of Valley-Simes Lodge have voted for the consolidation with Craftsman Robertson Lodge and all members in attendance voted yes. The new Lodge, to be named "Inspiration Lodge," is getting closer and closer to completion. The paperwork is at Grand Lodge and we are now waiting for the final approval. I will keep you informed of the progress.

Upcoming Events

March 8th - Lodge Meeting; Dinner before the meeting, and a talk about a Brother who was in our Lodge and produced one of the great movies, "A Love Story." Join your Brothers for all the details.

March 15th - 3rd Degree; Please join the Brothers of both Lodges as we Raise five Brothers to be Master Masons. The Degree will start at 7:30 p.m. and R.: W.: Derek VanHouten will be the Master in the East.

March 29th - The District Table Lodge at Cathedral Hall at the old Downtown Masonic

Temple. The cost is \$40 per person and a great night will be in store. Please join over 200 Masons and help make history. For tickets or questions please contact the Master, Mike Hueston.

March 30th - The last School of Ritual, at Oatka Lodge, Scottsville, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Please join your Officers and have fun and learn at the same time.

Brotherhood Fund

A big thank you to all the Brothers who have made their contribution. If you have not, we need you to please send the check today. The DDGM R.: W.: George Nasra has asked that every Mason do their part and send a check to help out this very important charity.

March Birthdays

Harvey Anderson (1st), Wallace Roworth (2nd), Harry Coates (3rd), Nelson Bertch (8th), G. Thomas Grape (9th), William Carr (10th) and Carl Ester (31st).

Please join me in saying Happy Birthday to these Brothers in the month of March and wish them many more.

Masonic Anniversaries

- 63 years Litchard Toland
- 60 years Mathew Gingold
- 58 years Gerald Merze and Jack Palmer
- 56 years Harvey Anderson and Myron Biggar
- 51 years Donald Petersen
- 50 years Art Hill
- 33 years Gary Burke
- 32 Years Jeffrey Miller
- 31 Years Harold Silvis

Congratulations to all of these Brothers who were Raised in March and we thank you for your years of service to our great Craft.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep Brother Bill Scheer in your prayers. He has given many years of service to the Craft and Valley-Simes Lodge and we extend a sincere thank you to him for that.

If you are not getting emails from the Master or Secretary, please call one of us as we want everyone to know what is going on with Valley-Simes Lodge. Have a great March and may God bless you. *

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The Lodge has a great year in the works with six new Brothers moving through the Degrees. We would be honored to have you come and support our new Brothers as they are Raised to Master Masons on March 28th. For those interested, there will be a Dinner at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Degree. If you are planning to attend the dinner but were not able to sign up at Lodge, contact W.: Scott May (scott.may@frontiernet.net or 330-9889) by March 24th.

Good News

It is with great pride the Lodge congratulates Brother Howard Stanley on receiving his 50-Year Apron (right). The Apron was presented by R.: W.: George Foehner with assistance from R.: W.: Gary Sanford and myself. It is great to see Brothers supporting our Craft for this many years. I hope to see many more of these given out in the coming years.

Masonic Development Course

There will be a one-day Masonic Development Course held at our Lodge on April 2nd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a great Course and I highly recommend it to everyone from the newly Raised Brother to those of more than 50 years. There is always something new to be learned. If you are interested, please contact R.: W.: George Foehner (586-5255 or gfoehner@frontiernet.net) to sign up before March 12th.

Brotherhood Fund

I am asking each of you to support the Brotherhood Fund with a donation. It doesn't mat-



Brothers and friends of Union Star Lodge posed for this photo during one of their shifts at a Mall for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. From left, Mark Hutton, Gary Sanford, Glen VanBuskirk (aka Buzzy), Amanda VanBuskirk (aka Pinky), George Foehner, Kerry Pugh (seated) and Tom Watson.



(From left): R.: W.: Gary Sanford, Howard Stanley, R.: W.: George Foehner, W.: Scott May at 50-Year Apron presentation.

ter how big or small your donation is, be it \$1 to \$1,000. All we ask is that you donate something. You should have received the envelope from Brother Will Nersinger. If not, please contact our Secretary for additional information.

Upcoming Events March

- 5th - Road to the East at Eunice Lodge, Caledonia; 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 14th - Regular Communication and 3rd Degree First Section Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 21st - 3rd Degree Drama Section Rehearsal; 6:30 p.m.
- 28th - Special Communica-

tion, 3rd Degree; 7:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

29th - District Table Lodge at Cathedral Hall; 5:30 p.m.
30th - School of Ritual at Oatka Lodge; M&W - 6:30 p.m.

April

- 2nd - One Day Masonic Development Course @ Union Star Lodge - 9AM-3PM
- 11th - Regular Communication - 7:30 p.m.
- 20th - M&W at Northfield Lodge - 6:30 p.m.
- 23rd - Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin; 12 Noon
- 25th - Fellowcraft Meeting - 7 p.m.

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From Whence We Came

As of the time of this writing, I am looking out of my window at the variety of scenes which this Season is displaying. Although the Winter Season can pose many challenges, it most certainly has a beauty all its own. With the coming of March, we can be assured that Spring, the Season of rebirth, is almost upon us.

January was a special month indeed. Ten Brothers were Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft in what I believe to be one of the highest quality Degrees I have witnessed in a very long time. Our Senior Warden,

Brother Mike Knolla did an outstanding job conferring the Degree from the East. Taking their cues and rhythm from him, our Officers presented the Work with pride, dignity and overwhelming enthusiasm!

I would like to recognize three Brothers individually for their unexpected performances. Unexpected only, because they are so young in the Craft. I approached Brother Jim Holman last Summer and invited him to fill a void within the Lodge - that of Musician. He readily agreed and, as such, has added tremendously to the atmosphere within the Lodge during our Degrees. Brother Holman was Raised in 2009. Thank you Brother Jim!

As is our custom in ERAC, we encourage our newly Raised Brothers to present the Questions and Answers during the ensuing year's Degrees. This year was no exception. Brother Jared Triggs, a first-year Mason, did an exemplary job of presenting the answers!

And finally, I cannot say enough about the presentation of the Middle Chamber Lecture by our Senior Deacon, Brother Chad Crawford. Despite

the fact he was only Raised in 2008, Brother Chad approached me last Summer and asked if he could present the MCL to our incoming Brothers. His desire to do so was in honor of his late Uncle, R.: W.: Paul Gleason, to whom this year's class was dedicated. I have witnessed many presentations of the MCL during my Journey, and can say without hesitation, that Brother Chad's was one of the finest.

Of the evening as a whole, I believe W.: David Crawford summed it up best, and I quote, "Best of all is my sincere belief that our late Brother R.: W.: Paul R. Gleason, Jr., was watching over the Degree tonight and was very proud of the work by the Brothers and his Godson, Chad. He would be very proud to have known this class was named for him."

Whither Are We Traveling

March is upon us and with it the promise of Spring, the Season of Rebirth. How appropriate that we will be Raising this year's class of Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason during that Season.

ERAC Lodge

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Saturday, March 26th, has been planned as a day of Celebration. A Celebration of Life; of Friendship; of Brotherly Love; and of Family. We will rap the gavel and call the Craft to labor at 2:00 p.m. sharp; commencing the 3rd Degree. Thus will our new Brothers complete the final steps which will place their feet upon the path of their new "Life's Journey." The Degree will be followed by a Celebration Dinner to honor our new Brothers and their families. I encourage every Brother to invite their Lady, family and even friends to attend the dinner, so we may join in celebrating together, the Bonds of Friendship and Love!

Program Change

Be it known that the program for our March 14th meeting has been changed. By the time you read this article, information about the new program should have been made known to you. I would also remind you that our meeting on March 28th was cancelled in lieu of our 3rd Degree Celebration on March 26th.

District-Wide Table Lodge

On Tuesday, March 29th, you will have the opportunity to attend an event unlike any that has occurred in the past 27 years! The Masonic Service Bureau is sponsoring the 2011 Monroe District Table Lodge to be held at Cathedral Hall at the old downtown Masonic Temple. There are only 215 seats available, so if you have not yet made reservations, do so now before all the seats are gone! See the ad in this edition of the **Masonic Times**; for more info or call the Masonic Service Bureau.

Until we are again called together...

From The Secretary's Desk

By David Upham

Charity begins at home!

That axiom has been around for a long, long time! And, yes, personally, I can see the truth in that statement. And, yes, I can only speak for myself!

As I grew up, my parents, especially my Dad and Granddad instilled in me a lot of positive life values, not the least of which was the "Golden Rule." Their interpretation of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" pretty much stopped with those first three words - Do unto others. Their reasoning was sound - Biblical in fact - that all of us are judged by those around us by our behavior in life. In short, "By your actions wilt ye be judged!"

A brief two years ago, my Dad graduated to the Supreme Lodge Above at the tender and young age of 93. He, and my Granddad, instilled lessons of Charity, Morality and Brotherly Love in my Brother and I for all of our lives. They taught those lessons to us through deeds more than through words and instructions.

I have been a Mason since 1963. It has only been recently that I have come to realize that those lessons of charity, morality and Brotherly Love they passed on were only partly based upon similar messages they gleaned from their parents before them. In both their cases, their behaviors in life that led them to live respected and die regretted were, in fact and in practice, honed to razor sharp perfection through their active participa-

tion in Masonry - by learning through what we teach on how best to practice those lessons in their daily lives.

Pretty well all gets started in the 1st Degree with the lesson of the penny ... but does it end there? Look at the Entered Apprentice's Charge where we are admonished to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!" And then the charge spells out our three principal duties, "to God, to our neighbors, and to ourselves."

Look at who falls last in the order! Let's move on to the Fellowcraft's Charge: "In maturity, we stand facing the needs and responsibilities of life. As Fellowcraft, we face our duties to our neighbor ... your personal contact with others may be circumscribed by the limit of the circle within which your daily life is lived; but your influence ... will reach further than you can conceive."

Again, in the Master Mason's Charge, we are admonished regarding our duties to God and our Neighbors, but takes it one step further to instruct us that by our character will we stand as upright men and Masons - it is by our character that we will be known!

Yes, charity does begin at home, but through the principles of our time honored Institution, if we practice what we preach with every step we take, we will surely live respected and die regretted. Could we ask for more than that? *

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Congratulations

The Attendance Award from the Grand Lecturer's Convention found its true home on January 31st when some Brothers and I went to the School of Ritual and I was presented the Banner on behalf of the Lodge. I am very proud; let's keep it for a long time.

Degrees

We are scheduled to prepare for the Entered Apprentice Degree at our meeting on February 24th. The Degree should take place February 28th, with Junior Warden, Rick Yendall, sitting in the East. Brothers, let's keep working with our Candidates.

Upcoming Events

March 28th - Fellowcraft Degree

April 25th - Master Mason Degree

In Closing

The Lodge has been low on numbers of attendees and without many of your faces. I know the weather has been bitter and the snow not much better. Travel is not good with the snow-covered roads. We can only hope that when it warms up, we will see each other and share some Brotherhood. *

District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District



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Thanks from the Heart

I start this month's article by thanking all Brothers of the Monroe District who have gone to the Malls and volunteered their time in support of our District's number one charitable effort. I am referring, of course, to the Have-a-Heart Campaign which raises funds for the Ronald McDonald Houses ... that home away from home, which comforts and supports families whose child is receiving care at Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong. Congratulations to all of you and especially to R. W. George Foehner for his able leadership as chair of the Have-a-Heart Campaign.

Also, by the time you read this column, your Staff Officers would have been busy at work preparing the Road to the East Programs. My thanks to R. W. Phil Hurwitz and R. W. George Foehner for their hard work, dedication to the District and for a job well done.

District Table Lodge

By now you must have heard about the District Table Lodge which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29th at Cathedral Hall in Downtown Rochester. The credit for coordinating this effort and making it happen goes to W. Pat Mulrooney for organizing this project and to R. W. Charles "Skip" Waterstreet for coordinating the reservations and ticket sales. My Brothers, I am deeply grateful to you for your help and assistance with this project.

In line with our theme for the year "One District, One Brotherhood" the District Table Lodge event will bring together Brothers from different Lodges in a place which once represented Freemasonry in Monroe County. A number of Lodges have once called Cathedral Hall their homes. I, myself, have taken my Scottish Rite Degrees in that building and have fond memories of participating in a number of Degrees with my Brothers in its majestic rooms. What better gesture could we have to symbolize our unity, honor our past and renew our faith in the future of our Fraternity than to meet again in the building which once housed our Lodges and Raised hundreds, if not thousands, of our Brothers. We will be there in all our glory and we will be breaking bread with Brothers from this and the surrounding Districts.

Our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. James Sullivan will be our guest speaker for the evening; I hope many of you will join us as this will truly be a historic event. For more information, please call the Masonic Service Bureau at 671-9730.

Our Challenges

My Brothers, to truly honor our past, we should look to the future and stay true to the core teachings of our Fraternity.

We should support our Lodges, provide education to our newly Raised Brothers, and practice Charity. In my Official Visit to your Lodge, you heard me talk about the 100% challenge when I asked that each and every one of us should participate in giving to the Brotherhood Fund whatever amount of money is affordable and possible. It is through the act of giving that you truly claim Freemasonry as your own.

The future of this Fraternity is yours to build. By giving to the Brotherhood fund, you are doing more than sending a check in support of the Masonic Care Community, the Livingston Library or the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. You are ensuring that your children and grandchildren will enjoy what you and I have had the privilege to enjoy - being part of the greatest Brotherhood in the world. Be generous, my Brothers, because your donations to the Brotherhood Fund are important and you can make a difference.

Looking to the future also includes turning our attention to the younger generation. Some of you may have read the emails announcing that the Rochester Chapter of DeMolay is being revived and will once again meet in the Penfield Masonic Hall. I cannot think of a more worthwhile effort than to support our youth and instill in them good moral character and leader-

ship skills. I urge every Master of a Lodge in Monroe County to bring this up at the next Lodge Communication and identify Brothers who might be interested in being involved in this Chapter revival. We are specifically looking for a Brother who might be willing to serve as Chapter Advisor as well as others to serve in various functions. Please contact me directly for further information.

Finally I thank all the Lodges who submitted their Annual Returns. I have noticed that several Lodges have a number of Brothers who were unaffiliated for Non-Payment of Dues. Each one of those Brothers deserves a personal call before being unaffiliated to inquire about the reasons they are not able to pay their Dues. There have been too many instances of Brothers unaffiliated who are disabled, elderly or otherwise unable to communicate with their Lodges their inability to make Dues payment. We owe it to those Brothers to keep them on our rolls and to make sure they are not dropped from the Fraternity at the time they may need us most. I will therefore ask each Master and Secretary to review their NPD lists and make plans to reach out to those Brothers accordingly.

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

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By W. Doug Poole

Winter seems to be flying by; I just wish it would find a faster plane! This may sound like a load of blarney. Very fitting as St. Patrick's Day is March 17th. And that is closely followed by the First Day of Spring on March 20th.

Leprechauns have been very busy remodeling the Lodge. A few walls have been torn out and work is ongoing on building the layout for our new home. Workdays are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. You don't

need any special skills, just a desire to work and we will take volunteers from any Lodge or Masonic Organizations.

Farewell to a Brother

Back in December we learned of the death of Brother Richard Boening. He showed up for a vote on sale of the Lodge Building and I asked him why he didn't regularly attend. Richard told me how he and several of the Brothers his age wanted to play Euchre after Lodge, but the senior members told them no. In his honor, I've purchased a couple of decks of playing cards so we can honor his request.

March Birthdays

Birthdays in March are for William MacPherson (15th), Joseph Sherman (19th), Andrew Lathan (21st) and Mike Smith (26th). I hope you all have a great Birthday.

Reminders ...

Please remember to pay your Dues. A few are still missing.

To every Brother, please make a contribution to the Brotherhood Fund. Can't you afford any amount of a donation to support our activities?

See you in Lodge! *

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Monroe District
Annual Widows Luncheon
Saturday, April 23rd at Burgundy Basin
Doors open at 11 a.m.; Lunch served at Noon

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

March 2011

Shrine and Divan Meetings

Dinner Reservations Required

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

Shrine Office Hours

Monday — Friday
9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org



RICH FRIEDMAN
POTENTATE

March and April will be huge months at the Shrine! We begin with the Table Lodge on March 2nd. Our guest speaker will be none other than our Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: and Ill. Tim McMullin. This will represent our first big membership event of the year!

Table Lodge

Nobles, we need YOU to get personally involved with the membership effort this year. Bring out Masons whom you think would be good Shrine Masons. If they need a Passport, call the Office at (585) 671-7701 and we will be happy to send them out ASAP.

The Shrine Table Lodge is a great venue to display the fun and fellowship Shrine Masons enjoy. There will be an excellent Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for just \$10, prepared by our new caterer, Maximilian's. A lot of the Divan attended a School of Ritual that was catered by Maximilian's and I think it is safe to say that you will not be disappointed with the food!

Passport Masons will eat for free, as per our policy. If you know a Mason who does not have a Passport yet, bring him along! We will be happy to issue his that night. There is no barrier to having our Brothers join us. All they need is an invitation from YOU to a fun event.

Hospital Awareness Night

April will also be a huge Membership Month. Our Shrine meeting will feature speakers from our two Hospitals - Erie and Springfield - who will let us know what is happening at those sites to heal children. This is an open event as well, so bring the ladies, your Masonic Brothers and their ladies! Dinner that night will be Chicken French with Angel Hair Pasta, Broccoli and Homemade Fudge Brownie. This dinner will also be presented by Maximilian's Catering for \$12 per person. Again, Passport Masons eat free!

Noble Bring-a-Brother Night

April 9th is the granddaddy of all Membership Events. We will be host-

ing a world-famous Shriner and former Shriners patient, Noble Dan Caro. If you don't go to another Masonic or Shrine event this year, make this one the program to attend. Noble Dan will inspire you with pride in our calling to heal children. I promise this will be a special night to be long remembered by Damascus Shriners.

This event will feature our "Shell a-Buck" Steak Dinner, prepared by the meat masters of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. If you liked the Prime Rib Installation Dinner, wait until you taste what these Brothers can do with a steak. All guests eat for free.

This is the meeting that will set us up for the BIG Ceremonial at Erie on May 14th. Think of the sight of all those newly fezzed Nobles and their Ladies visiting a Shriners Hospital right after their Creation in Damascus. What a day that will be!

Bus Trip to Casino Niagara

After all that hard work, April 17th will give us a chance to relax and unwind with our Ladies and Fellow Nobles as we board the bus for Casino Niagara. This trip was a big hit last year so we are doing it again. Keep your eyes peeled for details, but save the date now!

Why the Shrine?

Many Brothers have asked me why join the Shrine? The way I look at things, the only way to insure the future of Shriners Hospitals for Children® is to have a strong vibrant Shrine Membership.

The future of the Hospitals is not just predicated on money alone. It takes the pride and commitment of Shrine Masons who desire the Hospital System to have a Masonic foundation.

Freemasonry teaches us that by being faithful workmen in the quarry we will be rewarded in more ways than we can imagine. The feeling of camaraderie and esprit de corps is a huge piece of completing our spiritual temples while on earth. The great feeling we get by working as a happy team of Shrine Masons is irreplaceable - especially when it is directed towards children who cannot help themselves.

Most of you have children or grandchildren. I have witnessed the power of healing in sending patients to our Hospitals. Every time I do, I think about my boys and how blessed I am that they are healthy and happy guys. I can only imagine the relief parents feel when they know their children can be healed and taught the skills needed to overcome adversity with the love and caring they receive from Shriners Hospitals for Children®. I close my eyes and I see us all holding up each child we heal and being a part of their lives by donating our time and energy.

Shrine Masons are truly beacons of hope to children and families. That is my answer to "Why the Shrine?"

Visit our Website at www.damascusshrinemasons.org for details of all upcoming events.

See you in the quarries!

In Memoriam

Imperial Sir F.T. "Hogan" H'Doubler, M.D. June 18, 1925 – November 24, 2010



F.T. "Hogan" H'Doubler Jr., M.D., who served as Imperial Potentate of Shriners of North America (now known as Shriners International) during the 1980-1981 Imperial Year, passed away on November 24, 2010. Imperial Sir H'Doubler was born in Springfield, Missouri, on June 18, 1925. He attended Greenwood High School and was president of his senior class and a member of the football and track teams. In December 1942, at the age of 17, he graduated from high school a semester early to enlist in the Navy. He was assigned to the V-12 training program at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He earned his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the service at the conclusion of World War II, he re-enlisted in the Navy as a LTJG in the Medical Corps. During the Korean War, he volunteered to serve with the Fleet Marines. While treating a wounded

Marine, he received multiple gunshot wounds and was evacuated from Korea. Because of these injuries he received a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster and a Bronze Star.

Imperial Sir H'Doubler was Raised a Master Mason in Solomon Lodge No. 271 in Springfield, Missouri. He was created a Shriner with Abou Ben Adhem Shriners in 1956, and served as Potentate in 1968. Imperial Sir H'Doubler was elected Imperial Outer Guard in 1971. His Masonic memberships include the Scottish Rite, Valley of Joplin; York Rite Chapter No. 15 Royal Arch Masons; Zabud Council No. 25 Royal and Select Masters; St. John's Commandery No. 20 Knights Templar; Red Cross of Constantine; the Royal Order of Scotland and the Royal Order of Jesters, where he served as director. The Order of DeMolay conferred on him the Honorary Legion of Honor.

He was an Emeritus Trustee of Shriners Hospitals for Children®, and served as chairman of both the Medical Research Planning Committee and the Budget Committee. He was also a member of the Finance Committee and an Emeritus Representative of the Imperial Council. Imperial Sir H'Doubler is credited with starting the Stop Burn Injury Program, which is still active today.

Imperial Sir H'Doubler belonged to many professional organizations including the American Medical Association, Missouri State Medical Society, Greene County Medical Society, American Thyroid Society and the American Academy of Alternative Medicine, which he served as President in 1985.

He is survived by his wife Marie and four children: daughters Julie Thomas (Brad) and Sarah Muegge (Dave), and sons Kurt (Mary Anne) and Charles, and six grandchildren.

DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom

The members and guests of the Directors Staff had a good meeting and meal together on January 26th at the Yellow Mills Diner in Palmyra. The group decided to donate \$300 to the Shriners Hospitals for Children®. The check will be presented to Ill. Sir Richard Friedman at the March Table Lodge Meeting.

We have a number of skits ready for the Spring Ceremonial Degree and any Shriner or Mason is welcome to join in the fun. If you are a Mason and have not joined the Shrine, you can still participate in the activities and learn more about the Organization. Call the Damascus Shrine Center at (585) 671-7701 (Monday - Friday from

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and ask for a Shrine Passport. You will receive your Passport with your name and number on it by mail in about a week. You can then take the Passport to any Shrine function or any of the Shrine Club and Unit meetings or dinners at no expense to yourself. There are many big programs coming up this year, which are well worth your time to attend.

The next Directors Staff Meeting will be on March 23rd at the Yellow Mills Diner. The Fellowship starts at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. and everyone orders off the menu. We each get a separate check and if you have a Passport, the club will pay for your dinner. See you at the next meeting.



DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2011 MARCH



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



12th **Wheeler's Euchre Tournament, Hogg Degree, Chili and Soup Cook-off** - A great time starting at 2 p.m. - For details and reservations, go to:



www.damascusshrinemasons.org/upcoming-events/wheelers-euchre-tournament-hogg-degree-chili-and-soup-cookoff

APRIL



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



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

MAY

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

JUNE

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

WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Frank Russell, Vice-President

The Wayne County Shrine Club held its bi-monthly dinner meeting on January 20th at the Red Rooster Restaurant in Fairville. The members were pleased to welcome our new Potentate, Rich Friedman, and his Lady, Joanne. Joanne won the 50-50, the winning ticket drawn by "guess who?" She donated her winnings to the Club. She spoke of our visiting the hospitals. She also said she had received 175 recipes to-date and was looking for more. Rich had some inspirational words on what we do for children. He is looking for Passport Masons at the Club meetings and reminded all of the April 9th Bring-a-Brother Night.

A very interesting program was presented by Chris Davis, Executive Director of the Newark-Arcadia Historical Society. He spoke and showed slides of glass "whimsies," including some made at a former glass factory in Clyde. A "whimsie" was a decorative item made of glass by the glassblower on a whim. It was something he/she wanted to make and

take home for personal use. They were not for sale. Today we can see this done at the Corning Museum of Glass. Examples of the items, made primarily during the period 1850-1910, were sock darners, witch balls, smoking pipes and batons.

Jim Miller, representing the Divan, reminded the assemblage of important dates coming up, the importance of the Passport Program, the need for persons to get on the list of drivers to the Hospitals and the need for volunteers for Cruise Nights. Regarding the latter, he hoped each of the Clubs would agree to work one or two nights.

President, Gerry Rohrer, covered the essential business of the evening, explaining how to make footballs out of Oreo cookies and asking why he needs to spend a fortune on deodorant when he discovered people did not like him anyway. Then, in a moment of frivolity, he announced the next meeting being March 17th. Among other entree choices will be Corned Beef and Cabbage. Jack Dobson will be the guest speaker.

Hospital Awareness Night at Damascus

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

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

support. The Hospital's are the most important part of our phrase "Fun with a serious purpose."

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

For reservations call the Office at (585) 671-7701 or online at:

www.damascusshrinemasons.org/hospital-awareness-night

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

What's New in Erie...

Start Making Plans Now to Attend Hospital Day 2011

It's not too early to begin making plans to attend Hospital Day 2011 at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie. An Antique Car Show, a craft fair, entertainment and hospital tours are just some of the activities planned for this year's Hospital Day Community Open House which will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 5th, on the Hospital property. All events are open to the public at no charge. Refreshments, hospital clothing and gift items will be available for purchase.

In addition to Hospital tours, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., many other activities are planned for your enjoyment. There will be an Antique/Classic Car Show in the Hospital Parking Lot from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., musical entertainment from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., a craft fair and chair massage.

The formal Shriners Ceremony begins at 12:45 p.m. The Hospital's volunteer Shrine drivers will be recognized as part of this ceremony. Divan members, Nobles and Ladies from all the affiliated Shrine Temples are encouraged to attend. Call (814) 875-8782 for more specific information.

New Computer Installed in Drivers' Lounge

A new computer has been installed in the Drivers' Lounge at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie. Put into place by the Hospital's Management Information Services Department, the new computer will give all Shrine drivers easier access to such things as up-to-date weather reports, road conditions, national news and so much more. In addition, the drivers will also be able to access the Shriners Village Website and obtain the latest information from Shriners International.

Mighty Otters Sled Hockey Team Does Well at Tourney

The Mighty Otters Sled Hockey

Team from the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie, captured first place in the Novice Division at the Eighth Annual Aladdin Shriners Invitational held in January in Columbus, OH. Seven sled hockey teams from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana competed in the two-day tournament. In the final game of the Novice Division, the Mighty Otters defeated the Mighty Penguins of Pittsburgh 2-1. LeeMar Jones scored both goals for the Mighty Otters.

The Mighty Penguins are also affiliated with the Erie Shriners Hospital. Tom Markley, the Mighty Otters goalie, had an excellent tournament, allowing only seven goals to be scored on 45 shots. Special thanks to the Aladdin Shriners for sponsoring this great tournament!

Bids for Kids Gala

In what could be one of the single-largest fundraising events for Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie, the proceeds from this year's Bids for Kids Gala will be divided among the Hospital and two other local children's charities.

Sponsored by General Electric Transportation, Erie's largest employer, the event was held at the new Bayfront Convention Center on February 19th. The evening included a Cocktail Reception, Dinner, a Voice Auction for several high-end items, a Wishing Well and Raffle Drawings. Hundreds of people were expected to attend.

The Bids for Kids Gala was an excellent opportunity for Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie. The evening included a video presentation about each charity and numerous Shriners employees were present at the event.

In addition to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie, the other two charities benefitted from the proceeds were the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Boys & Girls Club.

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



Jim Slocum (left), accepting his Membership Certificate from Board Chairman, Thomas Foose. Noble Slocum is the newest member of the Board of Governors, Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie, where he has represented the Damascus Shriners as an Associate Board Member for several years.



At the January meeting of the Board of Governors, Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie, Damascus Board Representative, Jim Slocum (left) presented the Hospital with a \$1,000 donation from the Canandigua Shrine Club. Accepting the donation is Erie Board Chairman, Thomas Foose.

Damascus Legion of Honor

Wednesday, March 9th

at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

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

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Salad * Swiss Steak * Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables * Rolls & Butter * Dessert

\$10 per person

RSVP no later than March 4th at 436-8216

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by David Bowman

Well, the groundhog says that Winter is over. Anyone want to buy a shovel? My wife says she's all done with it. Actually, I enjoy sitting by the fire watching her, it is not like I'm telling her how to do it.

Sickness and Distress

Marilyn Coleman is still in the Rehabilitation Center at Cayuga County Nursing Home. I visit quite often as the food is excellent. Sometimes I run into Bob Banker visiting Peggy. I'm not sure if he is there for the food or not, but Marilyn is coming along slowly. I've heard it is because she is afraid of how much laundry has built up at home. Bob tells me he is turning everything inside out to get extra days out of them.

In January my entire family made a trip to Florida to help my father-in-law move into a larger home. Yep, that's right, a larger home. He is 91 and a proud Shriner (no, he wasn't looking for a home near a school!) and wants to spend more of his time in the South.

As luck would have it, the Shrine East-West Game was being played while



Final Score ... East - 25; West - 8

we were there. My son asked if we could go. He is a Mason but we took him with us. So, three generations of Masons attended and had a wonderful time.

Ken Pollard would like to remind you that Dues for 2011 are being collected at dinners or you can mail it to him at: Ken Pollard, 5173 Plaster Point Rd., Cayuga, NY 13034.

Finally, welcome to our newest Auburn Shrine Club member, Mike Kinney, from Jordan, NY. Glad to have you with us and we'll see you on the 3rd Monday of the month.

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Alice Anderson

On January 27th, we met at the Lumberyard Restaurant and Mrs. Brenda Weaver was the speaker. Mrs. Weaver is a Salvation Army Representative to the Nunda Area. The Salvation Army is able to give emergency funding for food, housing, utility and medical bills. The people have to meet the requirements to receive help from this Agency. The need for assistance in the community is up for families and the Salvation Army has programs to help with Back-to-School and Backpack Food for Home.

Mrs. Weaver told of endowments left to our Community by Local Patrons and how this was a great benefit that helps our community serve people in hard times and has provided our local parks with playground equipment. All expenditures have to be approved by the Salvation Army's Board.

We received a thank you letter from the Shriners Hospital for money collected at our Christmas Party.

Jim Miller, our Divan Representative, spoke about introducing our Brother Masons to Shrinedom. He also reported on the upcoming Hoe Down at the Shrine and the Rat Pack at the Auditorium Theatre.



Mrs. Brenda Weaver gave a brief history of how the Salvation Army was started by a Minister, William Booth, and his Church in England, and how they helped the downtrodden people of London.



Gary Burke (left) and Oscar Wilson enjoying the meal. We always like to eat.

Damascus News Boosters

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March Birthdays

Harvey Anderson	G. Thomas Grape	Jeffery Russell
William Armstrong	William Gurnett	Paul Schenck
Thomas Baroody	Clifford Hayner	Gary Shultz
Gary Baxter	Glenn Hedges	Steven Sill
Gordon Bell	Sherwin Isaacs	Raymond Smith
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Kevin Faro	Richard Palmer	Charles Westfall
Kevin Florack	Larry Pritchard	Cyril White
Robert Fox	Clayton Ruggles	Eldon White
Henry Funk	Franklin Russell	Berislav Zlokovic

Calendar Winners for January

DAY	NO.	WINNER	DAY	NO.	WINNER
1/1	943	Shrine Center	1/17	669	Shrine Center
1/2	764	Shrine Center	1/18	516	Ken Pollard
1/3	654	Shrine Center	1/19	427	Shrine Center
1/4	726	Shrine Center	1/20	989	Shrine Center
1/5	401	Shrine Center	1/21	778	Shrine Center
1/6	723	Shrine Center	1/22	910	Shrine Center
1/7	033	Larry Wetherbee	1/23	091	Burton Ford
1/8	060	Shrine Center	1/24	017	Shrine Center
1/9	337	Shrine Center	1/25	243	Shrine Center
1/10	476	Shrine Center	1/26	195	Shrine Center
1/11	563	Shrine Center	1/27	062	Shrine Center
1/12	668	Shrine Center	1/28	712	Roger Rawleigh
1/13	684	Shrine Center	1/29	418	Shrine Center
1/14	622	Shrine Center	1/30	830	Shrine Center
1/15	046	Shrine Center	1/31	186	Shrine Center
1/16	641	Shrine Center			



(l-r) Oscar Wilson, Harry Litz and Jim Miller enjoying the social camaraderie.

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Ye Olde Shrine Table Lodge

Join your fellow Nobles for a night of fellowship and fun! On Wednesday, March 2nd, Damascus Shrine will hold its 4th Annual Table Lodge. This ceremony was written specifically for the Shrine and is based on the Table Lodge format used in many Lodges.

In our busy lives, we often do not get the time to just sit down, relax and have a good time with our fellow Brothers and Nobles. This event gives us all that opportunity. This is a perfect time to invite your Brother Master Masons to an event. This is our first big membership event of the year. Get those Passport Masons going!

We believe the Table Lodge is a celebration of everything that Shrine Masonry stands for – fun, fellowship and helping our “kids.”

Our guest speaker is Senior Grand Warden and Past Potentate, Tim McMullin. Tim is a great Shrine Mason with an upbeat and positive message!

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner \$10 per person; Guests are free!

Dress Code – Business Suit and Fez

Cocktails at 6 p.m.; Opening of the Festive Board – 6:45 p.m.

Reservations are a must!

Make your reservations with the Office by Monday, February 28th

Phone: (585) 671-7701

Email: office@damascusshriners.org or
www.damascusshrinemasons.org

Seats may be limited, so reserve now!

MEMBERSHIP

By Ill. Bruce Chilton

Membership is everyone’s responsibility. Damascus is at a critical point in its history regarding membership. With an average age of 68 years old, we must begin to bring in Shrine Masons in larger numbers.

The advantage any Concordant Body has in membership is that we all deal with pre-qualified potential members as our pool of Candidates is entirely made up of Master Masons.

This year our Potentate has challenged us to lofty goals and we CAN meet that challenge.

The Game Plan

- Talk up your pride in being a Shrine Mason at every opportunity. Enthusiasm is contagious. If a Master Mason sees and hears your happiness at being a Shrine Mason it will have a huge impact on the people around you.
- Invite Master Masons to all Shrine events from your club and unit meetings to the major events occurring at the Shrine Center. Bring your Damascus News to Lodge so the Brothers can see the spirit and fun of what we do as Shrine Masons.
- Send names and addresses to the Of-

fice to have Passports issued. Then follow up with those Brothers and make sure they received it and plan on attending events with you as a sponsor. Your personal touch will make a big difference.

• Make sure you invite Master Masons to the Table Lodge to be held on March 2nd at the Shrine Center. More information is featured in this issue of the Damascus News; call the Office at (585) 671-7701 or visit the website at:

www.damascusshrinemasons.org/shrine-table-lodge

• You will begin hearing a lot of promotion for our first Noble Bring-a-Brother event this year because our special guest is Noble Dan Caro who, despite being badly burned as a child, overcame all obstacles to become a famous jazz drummer and motivational speaker. You will not be sorry if you bring Candidates to this event on April 9th.

If your Club or Unit wishes to put on its own Noble Bring-a-Brother event, contact me to set it up.

Your membership team consists of Wayne McCrossen, Joe DiTucci, me and every member of Damascus. With a little work and enthusiasm we can meet or exceed any goal before us.

Attention Senior and Junior Wardens!

We can present an audio/visual program that will warm the hearts of all who see it. Our presentation is not a recruiting program for the Shrine. It is our opportunity to show you the great work of the Shrine. Please contact Rich Friedman or Gary Burke through the Shrine Office.

NEW! ... FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS AT THE OASIS!!

Happy Hours at the Damascus Oasis (Bar)
1st Thursday of Every Month

February 3rd we had our first Happy Hours and many Nobles and friends attended. Great chicken wings and hot fries were served and enjoyed.

The next Happy Hours will be Thursday, March 3rd and a special one on Monday, March 7th. We will be serving wings, fries, chicken nuggets and more from 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. This is a great place to bring the family or just to hang out with your friends.

From 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., I will be teaching balloon twisting to anyone wishing to learn. March’s balloons will be St. Patrick’s Day themed.

If you wish to play cards with your friends, we will have a few decks available.

If your children need a quiet room to do their homework, we will have a room available for “HOMEWORK.”

Call Oscar Wilson for more details
(585) 748-0511 or email: roscosc@earthlink.net

Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles

Gordon J. Klehamer
January 21, 2011

Irving G. Spalty
February 14, 2011



Noble Bring-a-Friend Night

April 9th

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

Featured Speaker - Noble Dan Caro

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

For reservations, call the Office at 585-671-7701 or make reservations online at:
www.damascusshrinemasons.org/noble-bring-a-brother-night-with-dan-caro

Reservations are a MUST!



Zama Temple No. 14, Daughters of the Nile, staffed the Have-a-Heart Booth at Eastview Mall. (Left to right) Gail Sanford, Diane Romanyshyn, Virginia Gramse, Vicky Ball, Robin Locke and Joyce Bernhardt. It was believed to be their first appearance in this program.



Zama Temple No. 14

89th Annual Installation of Officers

Sunday, March 27th

Installation - 2 p.m.

At Webster Masonic Lodge Hall; 30 Orchard Street, Webster



Social Hour at 4:30 p.m. ~ ~ ~ Dinner at 5 p.m.

At Green Lantern Inn; 1 East Church Street; Fairport

\$28.00 per person

- Entree Choices are:
- Grilled Sirloin Filet
 - Haddock French
 - Herb Stuffed Chicken Breast

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Mail this slip and check for \$28 per person before March 20th

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Mark your menu choice: _____ Grilled Sirloin Filet
_____ Haddock French
_____ Stuffed Chicken

Name of Member attending _____

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Sadness

An unfortunate part of life, and also something we often encounter as Masons. That sadness coming when we, as people, lose a loved one and as Masons when we lose a Brother. It's times when the family needs its loved ones, immediate family and our Masonic family near. How doubly unfortunate it is when the one we lose is a member of both families - immediate and Masonic. I will get to those details in a minute.

I am sure many of you have experienced great friendships with your Brothers. Much of this comes from our shared philosophical ideals and beliefs ... that's probably what drew us to Masonry in the first place. What a comforting feeling it is to walk into a Lodge Room and be surrounded by your Brothers. A bond sealed by the common road traveled and search for the same light. That's probably a bond that is rooted in the same regard for family, our neighbors and our Country. Connection ... What a great thing to have with another individual.

When we have children, many of us a long time ago, we watch them grow, explore and, hopefully, take on those characteristics that we so want for them.

In my case, many of you have come to know my son Ian. He became a Mason in 2009 at the ripe old age of 21. I could not be more proud of him. It is probably a stretch for a 21-year-old youngster to be surrounded and socialize with, what I am sure looks like a "bunch of old guys." Those of you who know Ian, have extended the hand of Brotherly love and I am sure what feels much like "fatherly love" to him. What a great connection. He does greatly enjoy it and has come to know many of you.

My daughter, Andrea, some of you may have met as well at picnics or Masonic social events. I could not possibly write down a wish list of what I would want a daughter to be, that would compare to the reality of Andrea. We kid her with the nick name "June Cleaver." That might give some indication of her makeup which is rare for a 25-year-old these days.

With such great qualities in a young woman, why would it surprise me that when she ventured into the world of finding a guy, she would make the right choice as she has done. As she embarks upon that marriage path with Paul, it is only natural

that the parents on each side will eventually meet; it's just a natural occurrence. As we "old guys" know, when you get married, you not only gain a spouse and partner, but you in many ways, marry their family as well.

Many a comedy TV show or a comedic routine talks about the "in-laws." Oh, what disastrous stories they weave. Many of us may actually know of these problems, issues or stories as being true tales of someone we know.

Imagine the joy of being as far away from those crazy "in-law" stories as humanly possible when you find yourself on the day of that first meeting ... meeting the parents of your daughter's boyfriend. I guess you have such a meeting because this young couple has each decided they found "the one." There is a purpose to this get-together. We are all the "old and wise" ones. We need to size up what our child is getting into!

Well, Nancy and I had that fateful meeting several years ago. What did we find, you ask? We found instant family; none of the horror stories. Just two people we instantly connected with. Heck with the kids. We socialized with Tom and Jeni - going out to dinners, holidays, cookouts, you name it. Tom even got me back into golf. Once again, a wish list could not be written that could compare with the reality of Tom and Jeni.

With a connection like that, it only seemed natural that Tom might be interested in Freemasonry. He was. Tom had his 1st Degree on October 14th. Those details I mentioned that I would get to in the first paragraph? We lost Tom on January 21st after a sudden and aggressive cancer diagnosis.

Even though Tom had barely started his Masonic travels and was not yet acquainted with many of our Brothers, the family greatly wanted a Masonic service. It is what Tom would have wanted. They also requested that I do the service and a eulogy. A very emotionally difficult task when it is your immediate and Masonic family all-in-one. Having so many of you Brothers there helped in many ways as I was surrounded by an even larger family. Tom's wife, Jeni, and the rest of his family, were so touched and impressed with the number of Masons who were there ... many who had yet to have the opportunity to meet Tom.

We have all been involved with Masonic Memorial Services - more often than we would like. Our Masonic presence at such a time of grief is so important, my Brothers. It is probably one of the most important duties we have as Masons. On that occasion when the call goes out for a Masonic Service, please make every effort to attend - even if you have not been in Lodge for a long time. When those Working Tools slip from the fingers of our departed Brother, this is a time when we need you the most.

I sincerely thank you all for being such a great family. See you soon!

Livonia Lodge No. 778



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Livonia Lodge has officially become the Home of Forrest Vosler Masonic War Veteran Post No. 58. We have duly elected and installed our Officers - R.:W.: Richard Trescott, Post Commander; W.: Gordon Lawrence, 1st Lieutenant Commander; Brother Brian Dietz, 2nd Lieutenant Commander; Brother Donald Baylor, Financial Officer; W.: Steven Shull, Adjutant; W.: Ronald Baylor, Quarter Master & Chaplain. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m.

On January 19th we held a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. We had a very nice dinner at 6:30 p.m., after which R.:W.: Rick Howe, put on the Program with R.:W.: Richard Trescott; R.:W.: Michael Grady, DDGM, gave a talk on Free & Accepted Masons.

We have received four Petitions as a result of this program and are looking forward to doing Degree work soon! Our 1st Degree will be March 2nd.

We had a group birthday party for R.:W.: Roy Moses, his wife Sue (not present), Brother Donald Baylor and W.: Ronald Baylor. Other birthdays earlier in January were R.:W.: Rick Howe and Brother Robert Watson, Jr. All in all, we had a great evening.

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My Brothers, let's keep thinking Spring is around the corner! January was bitter cold with the average temperature of 21° and February seemed to be even colder. Hopefully, March will be warmer. This year our little groundhog friend (Punxsutawney Phil) didn't see his shadow.

I hope everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day and treated their spouse to a night out on the town.

I take this time to congratulate AGL, Brother Jed Brandow. We had the pleasure on Tuesday, February 1st, when Brother Brandow became one of Garoga-Sincerity's new members by affiliation.

January 29th Brothers of Livonia Lodge spent the day at Marketplace Mall from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. with the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Nunda Station Lodge was there from Noon to 3 p.m. and we took in over \$750 that day! *

Union Lodge No. 45

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

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Sad News

On a very sad note, I am sorry to report we lost a good friend and Brother - Thomas Mattozzi. Tom passed away in January. In the short time I had the privilege to know Tom, I knew he was a remarkable person. He will be truly missed. All of us extend our deepest sympathies to Tom's wife, Jennifer. We are truly sorry for your loss and we are keeping you and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

I thank all the Brothers and friends who worked on the Have-a-Heart Campaign at the Marketplace Mall on February 1st and February 6th. I appreciate very much that they were willing to take time from their hectic schedules, come and help at the booth. I can say our Livingston District Banner looked great hanging from the front of the booth and with all the personalized hearts covering the

sides, the only space available was across the entrance.

With all our School of Rituals behind us, I personally thank R.:W.: Roy Moses for some very interesting evenings. Although the attendance was smaller than I would have liked, (having more Brothers is always good), the information that was presented was very interesting and we are always learning new things about our Ritual.

Our monthly "Fellowship, Facts and Food" Dinner will be preceding our meeting on March 10th. I want to remind all our members that you have a "Standing Invitation" to join us for Dinner. If you would like to assist our chefs with bringing a dish-to-pass, please let us know. As I write this column, I have been told our Masonic presentation for this month, is "a secret," and I expect it will be just as interesting as all our previous presentation have been.

On our last meeting of this month, we have scheduled the Master Mason Degree for our two Brothers who started their Masonic Journey back in October. I request all our members who can travel and join us, to please plan on attending the Degree. We will be having a delicious dinner put on by our good friends in the 384Club preceding the Degree. Please join us to assist the Brothers in having an evening they'll always remember.

Finally, we are in the last few months of the Grand Lodge Brotherhood Fund Campaign. We are rapidly gaining on the fifty percent mark of our Lodge membership! If you have not yet sent in your donation, please consider contributing to the fund soon. We want to keep the Livingston District at the top of the percentage list again this year! *

1989 Robert Patrick, Jr. Reminder ...

I remind those Brothers who have not done so, to remit their Dues. *

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

Chartered 1807
3rd Wednesday

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March is upon us and with it, hopefully the completion of Winter. Consider getting out and about to more Masonic functions now that hibernation is over.

If all went as planned, our program for the February Communication was a presentation by Matt McFetridge about his experiences as a student in China. Matt is the son of Brother Lance McFetridge. He's the first Keuka College student to study in China in their Chinese Program. Keuka has a number of Chinese enrolled as full-time students while staying in China. A contingent of Chinese students also live and learn at the Keuka Park Campus. Matt was the first American student to reverse the process.

Upcoming Events
March 5th, 12th and 19th - Road to the East. If interested, contact R.:W.: Frederick J Newton, Grand Steward, for more information.

Game Night is the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month until further notice. All are welcome to come. Just bring a snack-to-pass and join in the fun. Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

March 26th - All-You-Can-Eat Roast Pork Dinner, serving at 4 p.m. Until dinners are sold out!!!! \$ 8.00 for Adults; \$ 5.00 for Children. Please come and support your Lodge.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep Brothers R.:W.: Bruce Huie, W.: Pete Adams and Lee Walters in your prayers.

From the Secretary's Desk March Birthdays

We send March birthday greetings to Roy Farnsworth and Robert Taylor III (7th), Charles Anderson and Ramon Howard (22nd), Garry Clock and Clayton Ruggles (23rd) and Howard Burgess (31st).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in March:

- 1954 Nelson Gulvin
- Robert Lash
- 1972 Norman Schafer
- 1981 Stephen Phillips

Ark Lodge

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The Campaign for the Brotherhood Fund was off to a good start under the leadership of W.: Charles Rouse, Jr. If you haven't yet responded, please consider doing so soon. Remember, if you are unable to participate in service projects directly, the Brotherhood Fund is a way to fulfill your service to others.

Our January meeting program was a presentation by O/S/Y Staff Officer R.: W.: Fred Newton who spoke of all the educational opportunities available to Brothers, both through the Statewide Programs, the Library and locally.

Remember, our meetings are the third Wednesday of each month - that's March 16th. We'll leave the light on for you (heaters, too). ❧

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I have good news! The ground hog did not see his shadow so we are certain to have an early spring! OK so I'm being optimistic; at any rate with the coming of March we will be pushing on with Degree work.

We held a second 1st Degree during February; one of our new Brothers was not able to attend the first 1st Degree.

The 2nd Degree will be held on March 2nd and 3rd Degree will be on April 6th. I will be sending out emails as these dates get closer, reminding you of the work to be performed and dinner arrangements. I have also made a request to the Shrine Degree Team for some help with the 3rd Degree; I will keep you informed of the outcome of those plans as that date gets a little closer.

As always, having a good showing of the Brothers on the sidelines for the Degrees is very important. Thank you to all who have attended the Degrees

up to this point. Let's keep up this show of support and continue to attend.

At the 1st Degree, we had a few Brothers in Lodge whom we have not seen in some time. If you have not been to Lodge in awhile, come on down. If you need a little refresher beforehand, give me a call; I would be happy to work with you.

On February 2nd, W.: Patrick Mulrooney did us a great service and performed the Historical Lecture for the 1st Degree. The lecture was well attended and, as always, performed beautifully. A big thank you to W.: Mulrooney for his help.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother Chuck, our Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Hargrave, has reported that contributions have been very good from the Brothers. Thank you to all who have given. If you have not made a contribution and would like to, please contact Brother Hargrave; he would be happy to assist you.

Calendar Reminders

There are a couple of important dates to keep in mind during the month of March. First we have Daylight Saving Time on March 13th. Don't forget to move those clocks ahead one hour. Then we have St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Finally, we get to say goodbye to Old Man Winter on March 20th with the First Day of Spring.

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



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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March Madness

My Prophet Brothers, I bring you greetings and felicitations! March is the month for Madness in college basketball and mayhem and madness in the Grotto. This month we will be celebrating with our Ladies at a "Mad as a Hatter" March gathering at the Shrine Center, March 16th. Prophets will wear Fez's adorned with whatever

you deem interesting and appropriate. Ladies will likewise wear hats festooned as you please. Prizes will be awarded (judging to be done by Prophets under secret ballot ... Masons are good at that). Fun, food and frivolity will fill the air.

This is a departure from the Trestleboard which lists our March meeting as a Prophet Bring-a-Brother Night. That event, Bring-a-Brother Night, will be April 20th. Prizes will be awarded at that time for the most new Candidates. The Monarch and Master of Ceremonies will be the judges. Also, please note that all our newly Elected and Installed Officers will be dressed in full uniform and leading us in good cheer.

Around the Realm

Around the Realm, March is mushing and mashing the snows of Winter. Starting us off is our March 5th Tartan Ball in Erie, PA, an event not to be missed. I am going! Who is go-

ing with me?

• March 12th - Farah Grotto Monarch's Ball in Warren, PA. They are one of the most hospitable Grottoes in our ESGA.

• March 26th - Zuleika Grotto Variety Show in Buffalo. We have placed a full-page ad in support of their efforts.

• March 29th is the District-Wide Table Lodge to be held in Cathedral Hall. It is a time for ALL Master Masons to come together in the spirit of good fellowship. Please support it; it is for the good of the Craft! That is why our organization is doing what we can to support "all poor and distressed" Master Masons. We can do nothing less.

My Prophets, we still dearly miss our departed Prophet Brian, but we must all pull together and carry on whatever our differences may be. Now is not the time to bicker over minor grievances.

So long for now and see you in Grotto! ❧

Grand Historian



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On January 19th, Lalla Rookh Grotto held its Annual Grotto

dinner meeting at Keenan's Restaurant. Monarch, Bernie Lazerson, discussed his plan to present a Full-Form Ceremonial this year.

This was exciting news to our members, as we haven't presented one in several years. For the Grotto history buffs, in a recent Grotto Magazine I referred to the Elfin King in the cast of early ceremonials. From our Minutes Book, I found him again in the late 1920s. Lalla Rookh had moved into the new Masonic Temple on Main Street; the Ceremonial was presented in Cathedral Hall.

At that time, the Full-Form Ceremonial was conferred on 19 Candidates, by a cast of 40 Prophets. Besides the cast as we know it today, there was the

Elfin King, a Dancer, Magician, four Oriental Guards, four Mokka Guards, four Courtiers, four Councilors, two slaves, five Imps, nine Singers, a Jester, Bones and a stage crew.

Along with the costumes that were used, wigs and beards were worn by many and makeup was applied while an actor sat in our \$15 barber chair. There were revisions of the Ritual each year at Supreme Sessions.

Some Grottoes continued to do things their way. I was surprised to find the Elfin King alive and well in the late 20s, along with his singing and dancing Imps.

So it is with history, things were not always what you think they were. ❧

Rochester Forest No. 133

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
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By Joseph Raubar
Grand Tall Cedar
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Fellow Tall Cedars, Cedar-ettes and Brethren, our Installation of Officers occurred on our regular stated meeting night of January 26th. It was held at our usual location - The Wakan-Hubbard Masonic Hall in Penfield. Installation was preceded by a sumptuous Dutch-treat dinner at the nearby Duchess Restaurant.

Open Installation was conducted immediately after our regular meeting as per incoming GTC Joseph A. Raubar's wishes. Installing Officer was Don Brugger with Herb Spencer as Installing Marshal. PGTC Ted Powley ascended to his missed position of SDGTC and PGTC Cy White as JDGTC, PGTC Don Bell as Secretary, and PGTC John Zabel, due to

their outstanding performance of these duties last year were re-installed in these positions. Herb Spencer agreed to come onboard as Sentinel and was so installed. Angelo Di Cataldo and my wife Judith A. Hirsch - Raubar filled out the sidelines. Our videographer for the evening was PGCT Cy White.

Extra event highlights included a special greeting from our District Deputy (who unfortunately could not be present due to other obligations), my wife being allowed to crown me with my GTC hat, jewel-of-office, and a celebratory KISSY. Due to the generosity of the Forest membership last year we had been awarded a Diamond Certificate from The Tall Cedar's Foundation (Last award was in 2004).

The only thing that marred this otherwise perfect evening

was not having many Cedar-ettes on the sidelines and a useful quantity of our now 29 members to fill out the Appointed Officer Line. Needed is a Preceptor (or floor Ritual Guide), a Chaplain and three Rangers. We have more than enough local members to accomplish this and to show the other area Concordant Bodies our desire to remain a viable Masonic outlet.

Interested persons, please contact Don Bell at your earliest convenience so we can add you to our Officers' Roster and arrange for your Installation at the March meeting. I personally know getting to the Lodge Room entrance is a struggle, but if you take it one step at a time, you can easily rise to this need. I hope to see many more of you at the next meeting(s). ❧

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

Girl's Session

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

*Limited space with each option

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

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By Mae S. Bauer

My thanks to everyone who made the effort to come out for the first Line Officers' Meeting on January 15th at Fairport Lodge Hall. We had a good turnout, even with the bad weather that day. Only Mary Jane Holmes Chapter was not represented and they will get their Lemonade Stand at a later date. We went through the activities for the coming year and each group got together for their organization, election of Officers and discussion of their responsibilities during the year.

Tri-District Meeting

The Annual Tri-District Meeting will be held March 30th, 7:30 p.m., at the Batavia Masonic Temple, 200 East Main Street, Batavia. This year they will be honoring Color Bearers and Marshals.

I will be contacting the Matrons to assign the Monroe District responsibilities for this function:

- We are asked to provide 12 dozen cupcakes – they are to be chocolate with white frosting and sprinkles – some with red and some with blue sprinkles.
- Monroe District is also to provide five or six Officers of the evening.
- Each Chapter has been requested to bring their flag and standard which will be displayed around the room.

Reminder to Chapters

Donations from clubs, Chapters and individuals for the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's projects need to be given to me by the middle of April.

The School of Instruction was held February 12th at Fairport Lodge Hall. If you didn't attend, your Matron should be reporting about what went on and what was covered.

Here's hoping the weather (according to the groundhog) in the future will be better and many of our Sisters and Brothers can get out and attend activities. May you all have a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

God Bless.

From the DGL ...

By Robert Crystal

Our District charity is the Mary Cariola Children's Center at Al Sigl Center. In checking their website, I found that Mary Cariola Children's Center has served thousands of children (from birth to age 21) with cognitive delays since 1949. These

children have all been referred by their home county health department or school district because their needs can't be met by public or private schools.

They offer a day school, adaptive equipment and specialized therapy. One of their fundraisers is a "Walking on Sunshine" Walk, which I hope to be able to join on September 25th and meet someone whom I can invite to the District Banquet in October where we will present a check from the Order of the Eastern Star.

I encourage all Chapters in the District to think of the two projects - Alex's Lemonade Stand and Mary Cariola and ways in which you, as Stars, can raise funds for them. Each Chapter has received a calendar from the DDGM of the District activities for this term. Plan something around them with a goal of sending a generous check in July for the Lemonade Stand and October for Mary Cariola.

Has anyone been traveling to other Districts or States? I would love to hear of any Star adventures you may have had. I'll start. When I was doing one of my mission trips, I was sent to Santa Ana, CA, but I was housed in Los Angeles. Every day I would go past this church on my way to work. Then one day I was given the assignment to visit that church. As I spoke to the Secretary while I waited for the Pastor to come, I mentioned that I belonged to a lot of charitable organizations, "such as Eastern Star." She immediately started telling me about the Chapter and District where we were, and invited me to come to the next meeting, which was in two nights, "If I felt OK being examined." So I went, and the Chapter Room was huge. So was the kitchen. I had a great time and met the head of Companion Dogs for the Blind, who put on a demonstration for us all as the program for the evening. I had a great time and I still wear the red shirt the Secretary gave me as a memento. That is an example of the outgoing, friendly nature of Star helping out a lonely, wayfarer. Anyone else have a story to tell? *

**Corinthian/
Fellowship**
Chapter No. 322
Order of the Eastern Star
2nd & 4th Wednesdays

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By Robert Crystal

Do you feel like a mama bear coming out of her Winter den to greet the Spring? If the *Farmer's Almanac* is right, the Northeast will be pleasant and warm this March. Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter is also

coming out of our Winter den and greeting the world. We look forward to getting into our Chapter Rooms and getting back into regular meetings.

A big "Thank You!" to Associate Matron, Pat Pearson, for organizing the luncheons we had while the Chapter was "closed." It was a great opportunity to get together during daylight hours. It was fun to sit around a big table in the restaurants and gab away; no chairs to stack, no lights to turn off, no thermostat to turn back.

We have lots of planning and organizing to do at our March meetings – that's the cost of taking a vacation. When you get home the lawn needs mowing and the dust is two weeks deep on the dining room table. So let us get back to work, Sisters and Brothers. I look forward to having R.W. Claude Gramse sitting in the East next to W. Barb McMinn. I hope our Officers will all be able to attend. And for our Sisters and Brothers we haven't seen in a while, I have a question ... Do YOU know someone who would be a great addition to our Chapter? Is your sister, mother, daughter or neighbor, someone you would be proud to be seen with at the Corinthian-Fellowship table at the District Banquet?

When the lights came up after I had been sworn in, back many years ago, I looked down at the lady who had walked next to me. It was Agnes Robinson, who sat three rows ahead of me in church for the last 12 years. And when I remarked on it, the voice of Ruth said, "small world!" It was Jean Coleman, who had worked with me at DSS for twenty years. I had been asked to join by Marilyn Israel, whose son I had mentored in DeMolay. My point is, that Agnes or Jean, God bless them, had never spoken to me about joining Star. That was then, this is now. We can't afford to wait for Marilyn to ask, Jean and Agnes have to ask, too. So look around, and if there is someone you respect, someone you would enjoy knowing better, ask her!

Fundraising

Norma Lee continues to manage us in our beehive on the second Saturdays. I have heard from the residents of Pinnacle Place that they gain a lot from our bake sale. They enjoy coming to shop from us and the price is right. It is also our Chapter's income for all our activities, so everyone benefits.

Sickness and Distress

We continue to pray for Beverly Van Huben's recovery. Her fall has kept her from a lot of activities she enjoyed for years.

We also keep Margery Williamson in prayer. She has promised us she will be well enough to come to Chapter very soon. The Snowbirds will be back soon. Oh, boy, we're going to have a good time in March!*

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Batavia Masonic Hall
200 East Main St, Batavia

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Order of the Eastern Star

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

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By Robert Crystal

I am wishing a happy St. Patrick's Day to all who are looking to celebrate! I am looking forward to seeing Carol Pickworth's outfit. She always comes up with something unique. And, since it doesn't include pink of any type, Carol Wynings might wear something for the Holiday, too. All of you are invited to wear green. I think I will wear my Grand Chapter Vest. (the Grand Matron's and Patron's colors are purple and green.)

By now, you have all heard about the great presentation the Gates Police made at our January meeting and learned that Rick Huff, (Sue's husband) was unable to come for our first February meeting. But he will attend our meeting March 15th and we hope to see an example of River Dance, Clog Dance, or something appropriate for the Season. His presentation on fire preparedness and prevention was wonderful. Since Linton

Warner and Alice Hassett are in charge of refreshments, I plan to be in attendance, for sure.

Sickness and Distress

We are saddened to report that our long-time member, Wilda "Billie" Robinson passed away February 8th after a long illness. Our deepest sympathies and prayers of comfort go to Sister Kim Robinson and the family.

Sister Jane LaPree is out of the snow and into the sun, so Worthy Matron asked the Secretary to take on the Hospitaler's task. If you need us to pray for you or someone in your family, call Carol.

We received a thank you letter from the Salvation Army. We have helped them at every chance and they are grateful. That is the way to go, Sisters! The people who wrote that letter will probably mention us when they ask other organizations for help, and when someone asks, "Who baked this pie?" we were mentioned. "Who donated this coat?" Eastern Star. So I thank you, too. You do this writer proud. I am glad you are my Stars!

Worthy Pat Dalykas and DDGM, Mae Bauer, got together and have scheduled May 3rd as our Official Visit. Please call Pat and ask what Chair you can fill. That includes sideliners chairs. It would be great to see a full Chapter Room! For some of you, it has been a while since we saw you. Use this as an excuse to get back into the swim of things. Remember, we can come get you and the Chapter Room is accessible. Come join the fun! *

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Light from the Rite

On January 20th, those present at the monthly Valley of Rochester were treated to a fabulous Roast Pork Dinner. Following dinner, the Valley's 33rd Club presented a continuation of the *Light from the Rite* Program. Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, and Ill.: John E. Zabel, 33°, presented an explanation of several of the Lodge of Perfection Degrees. The lessons, signs, tokens, regalia and words of the 4th, 6th 13th and 14th Degrees were explained in great detail.

Ill.: Hancock and Ill.: Zabel also explained that other Scottish Rite Jurisdictions function differently in how the Degrees are presented. In some jurisdictions one of the concordant bodies may open on a particular Degree, present that Degree and then close on that Degree. The similarity with all Jurisdictions is that the lessons taught in each Degree are the same, though different in how they are presented. March 17th will be a continuation of the *Light from the Rite*. The 16th, 17th, 18th and 28th Degrees will be explained in a similar fashion. If you missed

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the night in January you need to see the next presentation. **Rite on the Road** A dozen brothers traveled to Constellation Lodge in Perry to present a "Rite on the Road" Program as part of the Valley's Membership Program. The Valley Brothers provided refreshments for the Brothers and ladies from the Perry and Warsaw Area. The Order of the Eastern Star prepared and served a delicious home style dinner for the couple dozen

people present. During dinner Commander-in-Chief, G. Franklin Gaskill, from the Valley of Buffalo dropped in to witness the event. The Valley's Membership Team presented the "Last Full Measure," followed by a DVD presentation on The Scottish Rite for the 21st Century. We then had the opportunity to tour this beautiful historic building that has been impeccably preserved. All guests received a membership package which also contained an application for membership. Several were filled out that night and

Valley of Rochester Spring is Coming - 2011

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

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

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

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

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

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

**May 14th at Perinton Park, Fairport  
Annual "Walk for Dyslexia" - 9:30 a.m.  
Registration**

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

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hopefully more will follow. **Degrees** The 17th and 28th Degrees are on March 12th. On April 21st, the 18th Degree will be presented by the Valley of Rochester. On April 29th the 18th Degree will be presented in Buffalo for anyone who needs it before re-

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

THE FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB

Presented by
The Chapter of Rose Croix
of the Valley of Rochester AASR

Sunday, March 27th
at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

2:30 p.m. - Doors open; Light refreshments
3:00 p.m. - Ceremony of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb
with Choral Accompaniment by the
Hilton Baptist Choir
5:00 p.m. - Hors d'oeuvres (cash bar social)
followed by Roast Turkey Dinner - \$15 per person

This is a public presentation of one of the most beautiful and inspiring of the Scottish Rite presentations. It honors the memory, and family, of members who have passed away during the last year. Friends and families are invited to witness the ceremony and enjoy the dinner which follows. (\$15 per person except the surviving spouse or a son or a daughter representing the family)

**Dinner Reservations are Required by
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Final Reminder ... 2011 Abbott Scholarships

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

Eligibility Requirements

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

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

www.scottishriteonline.org

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

**Valley of Rochester, AASR
Attn: Valley Scholarship Chairman
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Rochester, NY 14618-4617**

Dr. Jose Di Diego Awarded \$198,000 American Heart Association Grant

Dr. José Di Diego, M.D. of the Cardiac Research Institute at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) was recently awarded a three-year grant totaling \$198,000 from the American Heart Association Founder's Affiliate. The grant will be used to examine the basis for the similarities in the electrocardiogram (ECG) of people with Brugada Syndrome and those who experience an acute myocardial infarction or heart attack.



The ECG measures the electrical activity of the heart and is an integral component of monitoring the function of a patient's heart. Abnormal heart rhythms or cardiac arrhythmias are the leading cause of death of Americans and have been a major focus of MMRL research for over 50 years. MMRL scientists have discovered many of the mechanisms responsible for cardiac arrhythmias as well as the cellular basis for the J wave and T wave of the ECG. These findings have provided cardiologists a more accurate means of diagnosing and treating heart disease.

The MMRL is the leading center of study for the Brugada Syndrome in the United States. The Brugada Syndrome is an inherited cardiac arrhythmia syndrome that generally afflicts individuals as they reach their third and fourth decade of life. Some are individuals who have not been sick a day in their lives until one day, they experience a cardiac arrest in their sleep, often without warning. This Syndrome has confounded doctors for decades and has left many families devastated.

The objective of Dr. Di Diego's recent grant award is to provide cardiologists alternative and more effective approaches to prevent and treat life-threatening heart rhythm disorders based on the root cause of the problem rather than on the basis of symptoms presented. This is the fourth AHA Award to Di Diego since joining the MMRL 22 years ago; he was the recipient of a Fellowship and two other AHA Grant Awards.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has gained international renown and wide acclaim in the scientific and medical community as a leading cardiac research center. The hallmark of the institute is its innovative and imaginative approach to fighting heart disease. The MMRL's legacy of scientific breakthroughs has helped to generate new heart medications and develop diagnostic procedures for the management of cardiac arrhythmias, and has aided in the advancement of life-saving technologies. The MMRL is also one of the top genetic screening centers in the world dedicated to helping families afflicted with sudden death Syndromes.

Dr. Di Diego Promoted to Manager Experimental Cardiology Program

By Ronald P. Kamp

Dr. Jose DiDiego, M.D., Research Scientist at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL), has been promoted to the position of Manager of the Experimental Cardiology Program. Dr. DiDiego's responsibilities include scheduling protocols and coordinating other aspects of the experimental cardiology research projects as well as the MMRL's research in partnership with institutions such as Mohawk Valley Heart Institute, Gilead Pharmaceuticals and Cornell University.

Dr. DiDiego received his M.D. from the School of Medicine at Buenos Aires University in Argentina in 1984. He joined the MMRL as a Post-doctoral Fellow in 1988 and accepted a research scientist position in 1993. DiDiego is a member of the MMRL Safety Committee and Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee. Dr. DiDiego's main focus is research into cardiac arrhythmias or irregular heartbeats. He is considered an expert in cardiac electrophysiology and arrhythmias.

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We are two-thirds through Winter and Spring is just around the corner.

We still have our Monthly Birthday Party at the Veterans facility in Canandaigua. The March visit will be March 16th. We will meet at 12:30 p.m. for lunch at the Villager Restaurant, 332 South Main Street, Canandaigua, and then go to the Canandaigua Veterans Facility at 2 p.m. Any Masonic Brother is welcome to join us. It's a time you will never forget.

March Meeting

On March 24th, we will meet at the Fairport Masonic Hall. We will open at 6:45 p.m.; the

meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. we will not have any more dinners until further notice.

We are still looking for new members. If you know of a Brother who is a Veteran of this Country or one of our Allies, invite him (or them) to join us.

If possible, try to make each meeting for the next few months because we have several things to talk about that may affect the future of our Unit. These are hard times and we are going to need assistance from all members to help us stay afloat.

Remember to always keep faith with all Brothers.

Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen

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The Wearing O' the Green is prevalent and I see Leprechauns everywhere. Even the streets are putting on the green. The aroma of Corned Beef and Cabbage is in the air.

Facts About Dependents and Exemptions

Some tax rules affect every person who may have to file a Federal Income Tax Return - these rules include dependents and exemptions. Here are some important facts to know about dependents and exemptions that will help you file your Tax Return.

1. Exemptions reduce your taxable income. There are two types of exemptions: personal exemptions and exemptions for dependents. For each exemption you can deduct \$3,650 on your 2010 Tax Return.

2. Your spouse is never considered your dependent. On a Joint Return, you may claim one exemption for yourself and one for your spouse. If you're filing a separate Return, you may claim the exemption for your spouse only if they had no gross income, are not filing a joint Return, and were not the dependent of another taxpayer.

3. Exemptions for dependents. You generally can take an exemption for each of your dependents. A dependent is your qualifying child or qualifying relative. You must list the social security number of any dependent for whom you claim an exemption.

4. If someone else claims you as a dependent, you may still be required to file your own Tax Return. Whether you must file a Return depends on several fac-

tors including the amount of your unearned, earned or gross income, your marital status, any special taxes you owe and any advance Earned Income Tax Credit payments you received.

5. If you are a dependent, you may not claim an exemption. If someone else - such as your parent - claims you as a dependent, you may not claim your personal exemption on your own Tax Return.

6. Some people cannot be claimed as your dependent. Generally, you may not claim a married person as a dependent if they file a joint Return with their spouse. Also, to claim someone as a dependent, that person must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. resident alien, U.S. national or resident of Canada or Mexico for some part of the year. There is an exception to this rule for certain adopted children.

Facts About Filing Status

The first step to filing your Federal Income Tax Return is to determine which filing status to use. Your filing status is used to determine your filing requirements, standard deduction, your eligibility for certain credits and deductions, and your correct tax. There are five filing statuses: Single, Married Filing Jointly, Married Filing Separately, Head-of-Household and Qualifying Widow(er) with Dependent Child.

Here are some facts about the five filing status options you should know so you can choose the best option for your situation.

1. Your marital status on the last day of the year determines

your marital status for the entire year.

2. If more than one filing status applies to you, choose the one that gives you the lowest tax obligation.

3. Single filing status generally applies to anyone who is unmarried, divorced or legally separated according to state law.

4. A married couple may file a joint Return together. The couple's filing status would be Married Filing Jointly.

5. If your spouse died during the year and you did not remarry during 2010, usually you may still file a joint Return with that spouse for the year of death.

6. A married couple may elect to file their Returns separately. Each person's filing status would generally be Married Filing Separately.

7. Head of Household generally applies to taxpayers who are unmarried. You must also have paid more than half the cost of maintaining a home for you and a qualifying person to qualify for this filing status.

8. You may be able to choose Qualifying Widow(er) with Dependent Child as your filing status if your spouse died during 2008 or 2009, you have a dependent child and you meet certain other conditions.

Upcoming Due Dates

March 15th - February Payroll Taxes and Corporate Tax Returns

March 20th - December thru February Sales Tax Returns and Annual Sales Tax Returns

March 31st - Electronic W2s and 1099s must be Forwarded

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

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to tmichie1@rochester.rr.com.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, March 4th

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

at Webster Lodge Hall
30 Orchard Street

Adults - \$7 Children - \$4



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York Rite NEWS

Hiram Chapter



No. 62

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What's Happening

My thanks to V.E.: Joe Oelgoetz for organizing the York Rite participation in the Have-a-Heart Campaign. We, your Chapter, Council and Commandery held forth at Marketplace Mall on Sunday, January 30th, from Noon to 6 p.m. This was the first Sunday of the Campaign. The group on Saturday had a great day with longer hours, but we had a better day – raising more money with fewer hours. The Sir Knights were in uniform and the Most Eminent Grand Commander, James McConnell, was present. There were several donations from families who had used the Ronald McDonald facility in either Rochester or Buffalo. Thanks again to all the Companions and wives who supported our day at the Campaign.

As I write this, the Chapter is planning to have our Candidates complete their Degrees at a "Degree Fest" to be held in East Aurora on Saturday, February 19th. We do have several Brothers who need all or some of the Degrees to reach the Holy Royal Arch and become full members of the Chapter. This should be an exciting day for our Companions, and our Candidates, who attend. We will let you know in the next article how this went.

The Companions of the Chapter were invited to, and did participate in, the Valentine Party sponsored by the Valley of Rochester. I am sure all the Companions who attended had a great time.

As you read this, the Grand Chapter of New York will be close to, or holding, their Convocation in Albany. This will lead to a change in Grand Chapter leadership. In this regard, we congratulate M.E.: Jeff Williamson on a very successful year as Grand High Priest. We look forward to the leadership of the incoming Grand

Chapter Team and hope the incoming Grand High Priest or any member of the Elected Grand Line will come and visit Hiram Chapter.

For those Companions who have not attended a meeting in a while, you are missing something. Our King, Companion Richard Horton, is doing an excellent job of providing refreshments. We also have a program or a discussion on some portion of the York Rite or other related Masonic topics. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated and you may learn something new and interesting or be part of a lively discussion.

Musings

At the conclusion of the 3rd Degree, there is a statement that "what was lost may again come to light through the efforts of future generations." There is more to this statement than you may realize. As the Ritual of Freemasonry grew in the 18th and early 19th Centuries, there was a connection built by English Grand Lodges between the Master Mason Degree and the Holy Royal Arch Degree. It has been said that the Holy Royal Arch is the completion of the Master Mason Degree. There is truth in this statement as most Companions who have completed the Holy Royal Arch Degree will attest.

Why did the Master Mason Degree need a conclusion wrapped up in the Holy Royal Arch Degree? Well, in our current Master Mason Degree Ritual there is really no need for a conclusion as it has a very good conclusion in the Raising of a Brother to the Degree. There is, though, in human nature a need to find anything that is lost. As noted in the Bible, a shepherd will leave the flock to find the lost sheep. A woman will scour the house for the coin that was lost. Thus it was determined that Freemasons needed to find that which was lost and thus the Holy Royal Arch Degree was developed to indicate the work needed to find what was lost.

The developers of the Holy Royal Arch Degree also determined it was of such a high importance in the Masonic family that, originally, it was conferred only on current and Past Masters of a Lodge. This, as I may have stated in other articles, was true when the Holy Royal Arch Degree was under the control of the Grand Lodge and conferred by Lodges. When the Royal Arch Degree

was divorced from the control of Grand Lodge and a separate Grand Body, Grand Chapter, with its associated local bodies, Chapters, were established, it was determined that the Holy Royal Arch Degree would retain the requirement of a Candidate to have been a Master. This led to the Past Master Degree as part of the York Rite Degree line.

There is much more to the Holy Royal Arch Degree than the completion of the Master Mason Degree. This is all taught the Masonic way through drama, allegory and symbols. As with all Masonic Degrees, the true meaning of the Degree is determined by the individual Mason working to apply what he sees in the Degree to his life.

We can get into more detail of the York Rite Degrees and their meaning during tiled Chapter discussions. Come and express your views and learn the views of other Companions during one of our meetings. ✽

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There are a lot of interesting things that happen in March. There is National Reading Day, Mardi Gras, Mathematical Pi Day, St. Patrick's Day, the Spring Equinox signaling the end of Winter and of course Doric Council's Annual Table Council Dinner!

I am happy to announce we will be holding our Annual Table Council in place of our meeting on March 16th. As a theme this year, in honor of St. Patrick's Day (on Thursday the 17th), I am asking everyone to wear something "green" along with our standard purple regalia. We will be making some type of fashion statement that night for sure!

A delicious multi-course dinner will be served up by Joy Woodley, a truly wonderful chef. She always does a great job. We will be having multiple toasts, good wine, interesting trivia and a guest speaker. I know the evening will be one to remember, at least until next year.

I need to stress to all the Companions, that we must get a good number of attendees for the dinner. The more the merrier! We will work hard to keep the cost for the Table Lodge as low as possible and I have to request that you please let me know if you will be attending. ✽

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Installation of the Sovereign Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees



(L-R) Sovereign Master, Ron Bertie; Installing Officer, M.E.: Harvey Ward, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter RAM of Florida; and Installing Marshal, M.E.: Anthony Marrota, Jr., current Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Florida.

By Ronald J. Bertie

Ronald Bertie, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, State of New York, and a member of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, was installed as Sovereign Master of George H. Wolf AMD Council No. 387 in Belleview, Florida. Ron is also a member of Sagoyewatha Commandery, Knights Templar in Phelps.

The Installing Officer was M.E.: Harvey Ward, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter RAM of Florida, and the Installing Marshal was M.E.: Anthony J. Marrota, Jr., current Grand High Priest,

Grand Chapter RAM of Florida. There were over 60 members, guests and friends present to enjoy a dinner prior to the meeting. Several donations were presented to Masonic-related charities. A very interesting Masonic-related paper was presented by Brother Frank Sender on the history of ancient religions.

Ron is a Committee Chairman in the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of New York where he has been active for over 20 years. This will be his last year as Chairman of a committee. Ron is currently the Drill Master General of the Grand Commandery of Florida. ✽

Zone 11
News
Zone Commander
SK Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

Have-a-Heart

I thank all those Sir Knights and their ladies who helped make the first-ever York Rite Have-a-Heart event successful. We were able to have members of the York Rite and their ladies at the Have-a-Heart Booth at Marketplace Mall from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Several members dressed the part. There were a few Sir Knights in their uniform, as well as our very own Right Excellent Edward (Ted) Powley, Grand Master of the Third Veil, donning his red Royal Arch coat.

Fun was had by all. We were also graced with the presence of Sir Knight James MacConnell, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of New York, and his Lady, Marsha.

What a great turnout for a great cause – the kids and their families at the Ronald McDonald Houses. Thanks to all!

Zone 11 Happenings Commandery Events

- Cyrene-Monroe No. 12 –**
- Easter Observance: Monday, March 21st, 7:30 p.m.
 - Inspection/Election of Officers: Monday, April 18th, 7:30 p.m.
 - Installation of Officers: Monday, May 16th, 7:30 p.m.
- Sagoyewatha No. 17 –**
- Inspection (with Salem

Town No. 16), Easter Observance and Election of Officers: Saturday, April 16th, 10 a.m.

• Installation of Officers: Saturday, May 21st, 9 a.m.

DeMolay No. 22 –

• Inspection/Installation of Officers: Thursday, May 19th, 7:30 p.m.

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

2011 Grand Encampment Easter Event

Alexandria, Virginia
April 22 – 24, 2011

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

Hotel Accommodations

The headquarters hotel will again be the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia, located approximately four miles from the Memorial. Our special Knights Templar rate will be \$105 per room, based on double occupancy. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling (703) 845-1010 or 800-HILTONS (mention Knights Templar).



(From left): Sir Knight William Flesher, Eminent Commander of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12; E.: John Zabel, High Priest, Hiram Chapter No. 64; R.E.: Ted Powley, Grand Master of the Third Veil; Sir Knight Joe Oelgoetz, Zone Commander, Zone 11, Knights Templar; and Companion and Sir Knight Rick Howe.



V. E.: Joe Oelgoetz assists patron with writing name on heart for posting on the booth wall.



(From left): Patty Lovett, Sir Knight Joe Oelgoetz, Zone Commander, Zone 11, Knights Templar; R. E.: Ted Powley, Grand Master of the Third Veil; Sir Knight William Flesher, Eminent Commander of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12; Companion and Sir Knight Rick Howe and Companion and Sir Knight Ruel Lovett.

Transportation to Washington

We again are sponsoring a bus to Alexandria for the Easter weekend. The bus will leave LeRoy Park and Ride at 7:15 a.m. sharp on Friday - April 22nd. We will stop at Exit 43 in Manchester at our usual stop by 8:30 a.m. then on to Syracuse; South on 81 to 70 to 476 Beltway to Hotel. We will stop along the route to pick up passengers until the bus gets full.

The cost of a seat on the bus is \$80 per seat and if we get more than 30 passengers the price drops to \$60. The first 40 get seats! Snacks, coffee and games; bathroom on the bus. We also stop at rest areas and lunch and supper for Friday evening.

Make bus reservation with Marsha MacConnell at 585-494-1815 or email: jmac13p@aol.com

Meals

A meal package is available for \$50 per person, which includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast buffet. You can order just the Saturday Banquet for \$35.

Order your meal tickets from the Grand Encampment Office. Make your check payable to:

Grand Encampment
and mail to:

5909 West Loop S, Ste 495, Bellaire, TX 77401-2402
Cut-off for both meals and hotel reservations is March 25th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

For further information go to the Grand Encampment

website at:

www.knightstemplar.org

Itinerary

The current plan this year is to go to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers on Saturday morning and tour the Washington Memorial Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday morning go to the Easter Sunrise service, return to the Hotel to change out of our uniforms, check out and return back to LeRoy by 7 p.m. at the latest. We will stop at Mechanicsburg for lunch.

Our Grand Commander is planning other events during this great weekend get-away. For further information, go to the Grand Encampment website:

www.knightstemplar.org

Grand Commandery

This is a heads-up to let you know information concerning the Grand Commandery Conclave, as I receive it. At the last Zone Officers meeting, the Grand Commander informed us that the dates for the event will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 16th - 18th.

It will be held at the Clarion Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) of Batavia. That's very convenient for Zone 11. Room rates are going to be at \$75 per room per night. That is a deal! Mark your calendar. Let's have a strong showing of Zone 11 Sir Knights for our Grand Commander.

As we approach the renewing season of spring, may our Lord and Savior renew you life! IN HIS NAME!

Chilton, Craig L., Jr.

Craig Chilton, 47, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on February 10th. He will always be cherished by his surviving parents, siblings, family and friends. Craig was a member of Webster Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

Goodwin, Harold H.

Harold H. Goodwin, 67, passed away February 4th. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; 2 children and a grandson. Harold was a Vietnam Veteran and a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge.

Klehamer, Gordon J.

On January 21st, Gordon Klehamer, 86, said goodbye to his Earthly home, leaving a dear friend and companion, Anne; a son, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren to remember him. Gordon was a World War II Air Force Veteran and a member of Northfield Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Lane, Claude E.

We have received word that Claude Lane, 99, departed from a lively life of accomplishments on December 15th. Four sons, 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren will cherish the memories of his life. Claude was active in community organizations and a member of Dundee Lodge and Scottish Rite - Corning Consistory. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Mattozzi, Thomas J.

On January 21st, the loving arms of the Lord embraced Thomas Mattozzi at age 63. Tom is survived by his wife, Jennifer, 2 children. He was a Military Veteran and a member of Union Lodge. You left us with a garden of memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Pusateri, Cosmo

Cosmo Pusateri, 77, was received into Eternal Glory December 16th. His wife, Josephine, 4 children, and 8 grandchildren will cherish his memory. Cosmo was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Robinson, Wilda R. "Billie"

Wilda Robinson, went to the waiting arms of her husband, Kenny, on February 8th. The members of Nolatka Chapter and her extended Order of the Eastern Star Family will cherish her memory and accomplishments during her lifetime. Billie is survived by 3 children, 2 "exchange-student daughters," 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

Schantz, Homer A.

At age 96, Homer Schantz was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven on January 21st. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Courtney, 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Homer was a member of Unity Lodge. Death leaves a heartache no one can

heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Spalty, Irving George

On February 14th, Irving Spalty, 86, went home to his Lord leaving his wife, Mary, a daughter and a grandson to share his memories. He was a decorated Navy Veteran of World War II. Irving was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

Trickey, Vern A.

On January 28th, Vern Trickey, 82, went to the Celestial Lodge. He is survived by 5 children, 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Vern was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War and a member of Canandaigua Lodge for more than 50 years. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

Widows to be Remembered

Domaine, Lorraine V.

82, widow of Charles Domaine (Fame Lodge) passed away January 27th.

Minster, Jean Marie, 93,

widow of Albert Minster (Unity Lodge) passed away January 24th.

Pinkney, Jean K., 87,

widow of Donald Pinkney (Webster Lodge) passed away January 24th.

Spaghetti Dinner

Clio Lodge Hall

287 East Avenue; Hilton

March 9th and March 23rd

Adults - \$6

Serving 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Dinner includes:

All-you-can-eat

Spaghetti & Meatballs;

Salad, Bread & Butter,

Ice Cream;

Coffee, Tea & Milk

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

APRIL

- 2nd **Masonic Development Course - Union Star Lodge Hall, Honeoye Falls**
- 9th **Damascus Shrine Noble Bring-a-Brother Night**
- 11th **Unity Lodge, 3° - Spencerport**
- 17th **Shriners Bus Trip to Casino Niagara**
- 21st **Scottish Rite, 18° - Shrine Center**
- 23rd **Widows Luncheon; Burgundy Basin**
- 30th **Scottish Rite, 23° - Aboard USS Little Rock, in Buffalo; 31° and 32° at Masonic Center**

MAY

- 2nd & 3rd **Grand Lodge Sessions**
- 6th **Scottish Rite 2011 Reunion, Penfield Country Club**
- 14th **Learning Center Walk-a-Thon, Perinton Park**
- 19th **Scottish Rite Election and Installation**
- 20th **Joint Investiture - Monroe District**

October

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


Annual Widows Luncheon
Saturday, April 23rd at Burgundy Basin
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Don't forget to send your check to the Masonic Service Bureau for your reservation for the Monroe District Table Lodge. March 29th.

Big Calendar for March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners March 9th and 23rd	7 Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Board of Governors, <i>Shrine Center</i> OES - Etolian Shrine Lunch Club	8 Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, <i>Shrine Center</i> OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	9 Oatka - Scottsville Webster - Fellowcraft Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship Shrine Legion of Honor Ash Wednesday	10 Fame, 2° - <i>Shrine Center</i> Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lima, Webster - Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron	11 Garoga-Sincerity Game Night - Phelps	12 Scottish Rite, 17th & 28th Degree Presentation - <i>Shrine Center</i>
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins	14 ERAC, <i>Shrine Center</i> Fairport-Flower City Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club	15 Clio, 2° - Hilton Craftsman Robertson w/ Valley- Simes, 3° - <i>Shrine Center</i> Nunda Station Oakland - Castile	16 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto Doric Council - Pittsford LIV-School of Ritual, Livonia	17 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite - <i>Shrine Center</i> Wayne County Shrine Club Caldron Executive Council St. Patrick's Day	18 Estella Chapter, PH, OES, 37th Annual Spring Banquet, Lodge on the Green	19 Road to the East - Union Star, Honeoye Falls
20 First Day of Spring	21 Canandaigua - Shortsville Unity - Spencerport Union Star - Honeoye Falls RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club	22	23 Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon Damascus Directors Staff OES - Corinthian-Fellowship	24 Fame, <i>Shrine Center</i> Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lima James A. Hard/ Wayne Charter Post No. 12 Perry Shrine Club Wayne M&W - Ontario	25 Garoga-Sincerity Game Night - Phelps Milnor, 3° - Victor	26 ERAC, 3° - <i>Shrine Center</i>
27 Scottish Rite, Feast of the Pas- chal Lamb - <i>Shrine Center</i> Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile, Installation of Officers - Webster Lodge Hall	28 Fairport-Flower City Union Star, 3° - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club	29 District-Wide Table Lodge - Cathedral Hall, Downtown Rochester - 5 p.m.	30 School of Ritual - Oatka Lodge Hall, Scottsville Masters & Wardens	31 Webster, 2°	1	2
5 Road to the East at Eunice Lodge Hall, Caledonia	4 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street	3 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield, 3° - Pittsford Webster	2 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia, 1° Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine - Table Lodge OES - Lilac Star	1 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, <i>Shrine Center</i> Northfield - Pittsford Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight	5 DON'T OUTLIVE YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME! GUARANTEE! Call Bernie Lazerson (585) 242-9720 for safety and security---- An Independent Broker/Agent with over twenty-five years experience	5 Doerrer Jewelers Warren Doerrer (585) 232-4874 1100 Temple Building (Opposite the Liberty Pole) 14 Franklin Street Diamonds - Gems Gold Jewelry Silverware Masonic Jewelry Jewelry Repair Special Order Work Competitive Prices
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