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Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Medal presented to R.:W.: M. Donald Darrohn III

By Skip Waterstreet

M.:W.: Vincent Libone, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, presented the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Medal to R.:W.: M. Donald Darrohn III as part of the ceremonies celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Masonic Hall on 23rd Street in New York City. Many dignitaries were in attendance on December 5th for the Re-Dedication event. In presenting the Medal, Grand Master Libone remarked it was especially fitting and appropriate that he becomes "the newest recipient of the cherished Meda in his capacity as the 'Grand Landlord' of the Masonic Hall."

Active in Monroe District Masonic Programs for many years, Brother Don is the current President of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home. He was the last District Deputy to serve the First Monroe District and the first appointed as District Deputy of the Monroe District, as his term ran 1998-2000. In 2005, he was the recipient of the Masonic Service Bureau's Distinguished Community Service Award. He has received numerous other accolades for his volunteer efforts. R.:W.: Darrohn is a Past President of the Masonic Service Bureau. *



Thank You

What a Special Event!

I thought I was attending a Table Lodge as a member of my Lodge. Seated at the Head Table, I wasn't sure I was in the right place. Asked to say a few words about the Masonic Care Community - I was delighted and overwhelmed by the gift of \$1,000 for the Masonic Care Community. Brothers! ... Thank you a thousand times!

On behalf of all Trustees, Administration and Staff at the Home, our sincere appreciation.

I really must express a special thank you to R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, for carrying the banner of the Masonic Care Community; to W.: Patrick Mulrooney for running with the idea and bringing it home; and to R.:W.: George Nasra for inspiring the District to make it happen.

Donald Darrohn

Robert L. Anderson Award Night



Maggie Brooks
Monroe County Executive

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks has earned a reputation as a dedicated and respected leader since being sworn in as Monroe County's fifth County Executive in January 2004. She is the first woman to lead the County of Monroe since its establishment in 1821 with 65% of the vote—the largest margin of victory for a candidate for County Executive in the County's history. Well-known for her fiscally responsible leadership and commitment to always protecting the interests of local taxpayers, she was re-elected to a second term in 2007 by a historic 74 percent of the vote. Maggie continues to lead County government with an inclusive, collaborative style and has energized new vision for the future of Monroe County.

As County Executive, Maggie is the Chief Executive Officer

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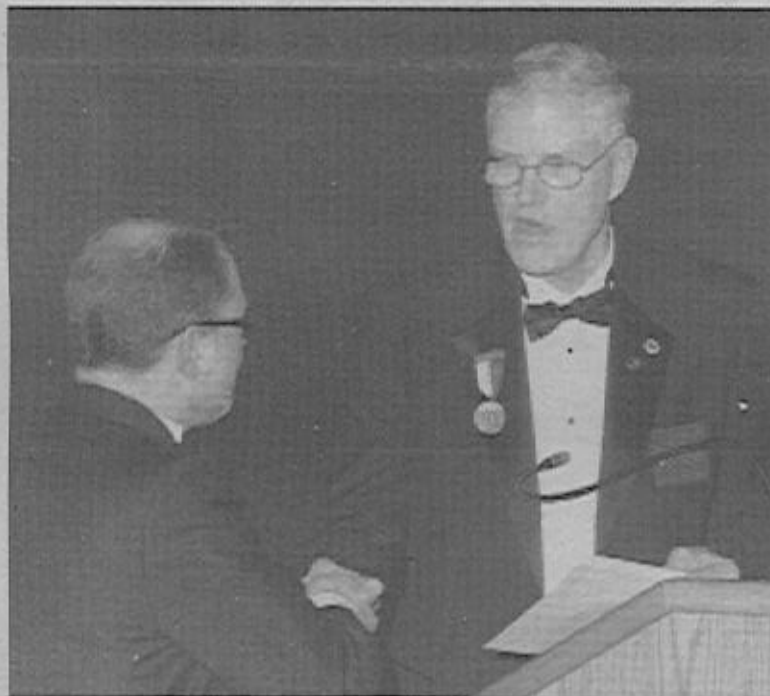
Raoul L. Frevel, Sr. of Baltimore is currently serving his second three-year term on the Shriners Hospitals for Children® Board of Trustees. He was re-elected at the 135th Imperial Council Session - the Shriners' 2009 annual international convention - held in San Antonio. Frevel served as Imperial Potentate (president and CEO of Shriners International) in 2004-2005.

Frevel is a consultant of operations and was Chief Executive Officer of Atlantic Caterers, Inc. from 1977-1997. Atlantic, an off-premise caterer, is a family business that has been incorporated since 1968. He has also been active in the National Association of Catering Executives in Maryland.

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R.:W.: George Nasra presented a check in the amount of \$1,000, proceeds from the Table Lodge, to R.:W.: Donald Darrohn, President of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall & Home, for use of the Masonic Care Community.

Attention! Monroe District Incoming Masters-elect, Wardens and Secretaries!

Your District Leadership Team Invites you to Attend ...

"Master's Chair" Retreat

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By Ron Morthorst, PM

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travel plans include your lady.

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For a change-of-pace, plan to join us May 18th and find out what is "The Greatest Secret in Masonry." Just call Ron Morthorst 334-4196 and let us know you are coming. *

Damascus News see page 8



Editor's Corner

When he picks up this newspaper and sees his picture on the front page, R.:W.: M. Donald Darrohn III will, undoubtedly groan. He does not seek, nor does he desire, publicity. It is my opinion, however, that the amount of time he devotes, and has devoted, to our great Fraternity is something all Brothers should know. A soft-spoken individual, Brother Don has always been ready to whisper wise counsel in my ear, and has done so over the years. I know other individuals have benefited from his efforts, as well as the Craft in general. He works very hard to help keep us moving in the right direction. He is very deserving of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Medal.

By the way, I found out about this presentation by reading "From the Grand East" in the Spring issue of *The Empire State Mason*. In typical fashion, R.:W.: Darrohn said nothing and reluctantly answered my questions. Congratulations, Don.

Camp DeMolay

On the right side of this page is an advertisement for Camp DeMolay. This beautiful facility at Sodus Point on Lake Ontario has been opened for the season and awaits your presence. Twenty-six miles from the Shrine Center, you can enjoy a scenic Lake Road drive, or shorten your trip by taking Route 104 to Maple Avenue, then North to Lake Road and East for about three miles.

I mention this here, because we are trying to encourage members of the Fraternity to use this facility and contribute their resources to help maintain the Camp. We are pleased that Triangle Girls, DeMolay Boys, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and other groups make good use of the buildings and grounds, and provide services - cutting and splitting wood for the fireplace and fire pit; clearing fallen limbs and branches from the meadow and driveway; walking the beach and picking up driftwood and trash along the shore - that save us from having to hire workers.

Financial support is needed to offset the on-going expenses at the Camp. We need to keep electric power; telephone, as cell phone service is spotty, with roaming to Canada a distinct possibility; we must carry insurance - our single highest expense - to cover our buildings and our guests in case of injury. These expenses are not new, but the decline in investments, the regulations requiring us to adjust our portfolio allocations and the low interest rates, have reduced available funds over the last two years. We could use your help!

Lastly, and not because it is unimportant, look for an increase in subscription rates for the *Masonic Times* for 2012. The Committee investigating these conditions hasn't met to determine the actual figure yet, but, frankly, I don't see any alternative if we are to keep the paper going.

Thanks for reading. ✕

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Most of the Lodges will have their Master attending Grand Lodge this month; if he can't make it, they still should have a Representative there. This is where you have the responsibility and opportunity to represent your Lodge at the Annual Meeting to discuss and vote on the many different topics being presented. Your voice does matter and is counted when the ballots are taken. The experience you gain from being there and meeting with other Brothers from around the State is a great one and, as you interact with them, you will likely develop friendships that will last a lifetime.

It is always interesting to have those conversations and see what they do differently from, and like, your Lodge. The

real challenge is to find that one item that you bring back to help improve your Lodge, as it is there if you take the time to look.

This is also the time of year when the weather finally gets warm and it is usually warmer there than here in Upstate. That's another good reason to attend. Whoever does attend should take the time to tour our Grand Lodge Building as each of the Lodge Rooms is about the same physical size; however, they are all different in the type of architecture they display.

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. ✕

**Monroe District
Joint Investiture Service
Friday, May 20th - Fairport Masonic Hall
Open to Masters, Masters-Elect
and Past Masters
Dinner (reservation required) at 6:30 p.m.
Investiture Service at 7:30 p.m.**



We're Trying Something New ...

District-Wide Old-Fashioned Picnic/Fair

Saturday, August 13th

at Damascus Shrine Center

Sponsored by District Grand Lodge Officers

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PRINCE HALL AFFILIATES HOLD SPRING EVENTS



At the 37th Annual Spring Banquet in March, 2010 Queen Sister Lucretia Holt (right) strolled the Queen's Last March on the arm of escort, Brother Robert Frasier, Sr., 2011 Worthy Patron of Estella Chapter No. 7, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, Inc., State of New York. Brother Frasier will assist Worthy Matron, Sister Edna Majors, for the ensuing year.



Companions of Haggai Chapter No. 41, Most Excellent Prince Hall Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York and its Jurisdictions, held their 11th Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner last month. Above, Mrs. Shirley Thompson expresses her gratitude for the award presented to her (left) by Excellent High Priest, Bing C. Reaves, Sr., as Master of Ceremonies, R.:E.: James A. Ghent, Jr., listens. Below, keynote speaker, Dr. Emeterio "Pete" Otero, receives his plaque from Companion Reaves, following delivery of his remarks (lower left) to more than 100 guests in attendance. Last year's Award was presented to the Masonic Service Bureau and accepted by Executive Director, R.:W.: Charles Waterstreet, from James Ghent, who is a Past President of the Bureau. *



Brothers of Oatka Lodge in attendance at the Monroe District Table Lodge included members of the Military Honor Guard who posted the Colors to open the festivities. (We did not receive an article from Oatka Lodge this month, but I wanted to publish this photo anyway. SW)

PRINCE HALL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Submitted by Robert N. Grice, 32°

Wednesday, June 1st, at Seneca Hickory Stick Golf Course (4568 Creek Road, Lewiston, New York), the Brothers of the Prince Hall Foundation will hold their 2011 Scholarship Golf Tournament. Join them for fun and sport to benefit youths. The event marks the unofficial opening of the 166th Annual Grand Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Free & Accepted Masons of New York State. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Reverend Dr. Gregory Roberson Smith, Sr., 33°, and District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Reverend G. Michael Tydus, 33°, will lead golfers from the Adams Mark Hotel Head-

quarters in downtown Buffalo. The Prince Hall Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Corporation, supporting Youth Development and Educational Programs, throughout New York. A portion of your fees may be tax deductible. In addition, there are sponsorships and underwriting opportunities available. Checks should be made payable to Prince Hall Foundation, and your reply can be mailed in care of Robert N. Grice, 104 Dorchester Rd., Buffalo, NY 14213. Early registration will be greatly appreciated.

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Spring is here! It sure was a long, cold and snow-filled Winter. But even in Western New York, May means Springtime. The "newness" of Spring also brings newness to Lodge Rooms across our area - Election of Officers with new duties and thoughts ahead to a new Masonic Year. Before we fast-forward to that, there are events upon which we must reflect and enjoy before we fully close out business for this year.

Table Lodge

The Monroe District Table Lodge in March was a really great event. Being in Cathedral Hall in the old Downtown Rochester Masonic Temple was a special treat. A number of Brothers from Livingston District were in attendance. We all had a great time.

Ladies Night

The Livingston District "Ladies Night" was once again a nice event. We had near 70 attending for a delicious dinner and interesting program from Mercy Flight.

Lodge Growth

Degree work in Livingston District Lodges has produced a number of new Brothers. Livonia and Union Lodge each have several new Brothers. Union scheduled their 3rd Degree in April; Livonia is having theirs in early June.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night events in several Livingston Lodges produced a number of Petitions. That means additional Degree work in our future. The Craft is growing!

Upcoming Events

Livingston District will also have a number of exciting events coming up ...

- May 15th - Annual Communion Breakfast in Mt. Morris
- June 11th - District Golf Outing Conesus Country Club.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. ✖

I think Lodges should be constantly recruiting good men, not only through positive response to interest shown, but through our every action with each other and in the community. I also think that how we receive, train and Raise our Brothers is vital to their developing sense of Masonic Brotherhood. If the measure of success is new member participation, then we have done our job well. Our most recently Raised Brothers have been attending and participating not only in Lodge but in our social and community efforts as well. They are the lifeblood of any Lodge's future.

We recently hosted our Annual Talent Show and, based on the enthusiasm of the participants and support of their families, concluded once again that this is an effort that links our Lodge to the community where we live. These are our children and the children of our friends as well. We couldn't garner that much goodwill with the best advertising campaign you could ever put together. That's just the by-product of why we do what we do.

Grand Lodge Session

On May 2-3, I will be in New York City representing Nunda Station Lodge at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. In that capacity, I will be called upon to vote on the following items. Between the writing of this article and my attendance, I will be taking the sense of the Lodge on these proposals:

1. Unite Erie Districts 1 and 2 into "Erie District."
2. Approval of Sunday Lodge meetings for obsequies or "public ceremony."
3. A \$2 per year increase in the per capita payment to

Grand Lodge for the period 2013-2017

4. Update mailing rules to include plain envelopes and email.

Grand Lodge Proposals

1. Brother permitted to speak once to a question.
2. In Elections, Candidates can speak once with a limit of five minutes; no nominating or seconding required.
3. Move that Grand Lodge Elections occur on the first day of Session (not the last)
4. Proposed Grand Lodge Budget (\$1.6m)
5. Grand Master nominations (all the various committees)

Following the Election of all Grand Lodge Officers, a Public Installation will be held using the George Washington Inaugural Bible. All DDGMs and Staff Officers will be re-commissioned during St. John's Weekend in Utica - June 25th.

I mention this weekend because it is a casual (for the visitor) family time and a very enjoyable opportunity to visit the Masonic Home in Utica. It's also a great time to reconnect with Masonic friends from over the years.

Finally, when I started this year I was nervous about whether I could handle the demands. I'm not as energetic as I was the last time I held the Office, but I was assured by my Brothers of their confidence in me and they would give me any help I needed. Both turned out to be wholly true. Their trust, kindness and support will be a treasure I shall enjoy all the days of my life.

In closing, I wish my successor and the incoming Officers the best of years as they pick up the responsibilities of leadership for Nunda Station Lodge.

Trestleboard

May 3rd - Election of Officers, 7:30 p.m.; Steak Roast at 6:30 p.m.

May 15th - Communion Breakfast at Mt. Morris

May 17th - Lodge Officer Installation, 7:30 p.m.

May 23rd - Livingston District Association Meeting at Avon, 6:30 p.m. dinner

June 11th - District Golf Tourney at Conesus Country Club ✖

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I had a wonderful time with my Brothers, their wives and our special guests at the 7th Annual Livingston District Ladies Night last month. I am very pleased we had a number of Brothers from Union Lodge present and two of our widows were able to join us. I hope everyone had as good a time as I did!

This month I am really looking forward to attending the 230th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in New York City. I always have a fun time and enjoy the events that happen throughout the Session. It is my honor to represent Union Lodge and be a part of our Livingston District contingent. I

will report back on the outcome of the various Masonic proceedings at our first meeting in May.

On May 12th, we are scheduling our Annual Awards Night. We have a lot of awards to present to our Brothers. We will be sending out invitations to our members who will be receiving Certificates. I hope to see all the Brothers there who represent the many years of Masonic service. I am also sending a special invitation, via this column, to our award recipients ... **Please join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m.** We will be holding our monthly "Fellowship, Facts and Food" on that night. I know a "highly interesting" Masonic topic will be pre-

resented following the dinner. Our meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Our second meeting, on May 26th, will be Elections for the ensuing year. I hope that all our members in the area can join us and participate in this very important Masonic duty. I know all our Brothers will support our newly elected Officers.

As I look a bit forward in my calendar toward June, keep your calendars open for our Installation of Officers and our Annual Steak Roast. If you are interested in joining us and perhaps bringing a friend, please let us know. We will need a valid headcount for the Steak Roast. ✖

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter Holiday and all is well with you and your loved ones. As the month of May rolls in and as we hope for some nice warm, sunny days, we still have many functions as the Masonic Year is coming to the end.

The first is this year's Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The District will be, once again, well represented with ten Lodges sending representatives. One of the major proposals will be the first vote on raising the per-capita two dollars per year for five years to help cover expenses of Grand Lodge and balance their budget.

On May 15th, the District will be holding our Annual Memorial Service at St. Paul's Church, located on the corner of William and Church Streets, in Waterloo. I encourage all Lodges in the District to attend this important Service. Please invite family members of our deceased Brothers to attend and, if necessary, provide them transportation.

The District Investiture Service for our new Masters will be held on May 23rd at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall in Phelps. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Service to follow at 7:30 p.m. Reservations would be appreciated - please contact Ron Galens at 727-3766.

The District will again be marching in the Memorial Day Parade in Waterloo, the Birthplace of Memorial Day, on May 30th. The District will be forming on the corner of William and Clark Streets at 5:30 p.m. with the parade commencing at 6 p.m. We will be wearing white gloves and aprons. We have been told that a part of the Grand Line may be marching with

us. Cars will be provided for those who would like to attend and are unable to march. Refreshments will be provided after the parade at Pocahontas Lodge Hall.

There has been a good amount of Degree work being held throughout the District. Many Lodges have held Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights and have been successful in attracting many good men to our Fraternity.

On the subject of Degree work, I have to mention John Hodge Lodge. On March 21st, John Hodge Lodge Raised five new Master Masons. This was one of the most impressive events I have experienced as a Brother Mason. The work started with the Lodge opening at 5:30 p.m. with 50 Brothers from several Lodges present. The Ritual was performed in an impressive manner. At approximately 7 p.m. the Lodge went from labor to refreshment for dinner and an additional 10 Brothers joined us for a great Roast Beef Dinner. We resumed the Degree by adding 10 chairs to the Lodge Room that was filled to capacity. The remainder of the Degree was performed in an almost error-free manner.

What was most impressive to me is that this was a Lodge that just 7 or 8 years ago had trouble getting enough Brothers to open. They now have Brothers who truly enjoy each other and the Fraternity. They are now able to open with many Brothers sitting on the sidelines. Their attendance at each Communication is one of the highest in the District. NOTE: They feel their success is attributed to successful Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights and by promoting the Fraternity in the community. They also thank the Brothers of the District who have helped them when they were getting started.

When I first started attending Lodge meetings throughout the District, I was always impressed with pictures I saw of dining rooms filled with men enjoying dinner and fellowship. I couldn't imagine what that must be like until, on the 23rd, the dining room was filled with 60 Brother Master Masons and five, newly obligated, Brother Master Masons. IMPRESSIVE! ✖

Livingston District Annual Communion Breakfast May 15th - Mt. Morris



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April showers have come and gone; May is here. I hope everyone had a Happy Easter with your families and loved ones.

We just finished another exciting month with conferring a 1st Degree on April 5th and a 2nd Degree on April 19th. Special thanks to Brothers William Hargrove and Ken Gibbs for their work in the East as Masters of these two Degrees. Great Job! Many thanks to all Brothers who participated in these Degrees. Your hard work in preparation sure showed.

The 3rd Degree is scheduled

for June 7th starting at 5:30 p.m. There will not be a Potluck Dinner that night. Instead, we will be having a dinner after the first section of the Degree and all Brothers are welcome to participate in the Degree as well as dinner. Please support your Lodge on this night!!!

On March 26th we had an All-You-Can-Eat Roast Pork Dinner. My thanks to everyone who helped in planning and preparing this dinner. Also, a Special Thanks to the many Brothers, friends and families for supporting the Lodge by coming that night to have a wonderful meal.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep the following Brothers in your prayers:

Brothers Bruce Huie, Pete Adams and George Landstrom. Also, all our Soldiers (both men and women) and their families.

Upcoming Events

May 2nd-3rd - Grand Lodge, NYC

May 3rd - Move-Up Night

May 17th - Election and Installation of Officers

May 23rd - Investiture Service for incoming Masters at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, Phelps

June 7th - 3rd Degree, starting at 5:30 p.m.

June 21st - Lodge Steak Roast Night

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Brothers David Retchless (5th), Michael Patrick (9th), John Davis (10th), Ralph Adams (18th), Gordon Campbell (20th), Dale Gelder and William Smith (22nd), Glen Webster (27th), and Donald Sabin (30th).

Masonic Anniversaries

Here are the Brothers of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge who were Raised in the month of May:

- 1954 Ralph Adams
- 1956 Kenneth Pedersen
- Donald Tiffany
- 1961 F. Lee Walters
- Glen Webster
- 1962 Robert Kloepfel
- 1970 Ransie Brooks
- Otis Davis
- 1972 Richard Kauder
- 1973 George Durkee
- 1975 Thomas Hudson
- 1977 Bobby Dorgan
- 1980 Bruce Andrews
- Chris Howard
- Timothy Piper

Congratulations and best wishes to these Brothers.

Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th Thursdays



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Finally, Spring has arrived... the grass is green, not white; perennials are emerging; trees are starting to bud. Daytime temps are reaching the 50s and 60s and night temps are above-freezing.

Soon our Snowbirds will be returning, bringing sunshine with them.

Grand Lodge convening signifies the end of this Masonic Year and the beginning of a new one. Blue Lodges will be holding elections and installation of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Brotherhood Fund Drive is in full swing and needs all Brothers to contribute as generously as they can. Thank you to all Brothers who have already donated.

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers have (or will) reach milestones in years of service in 2011:

- 65 Years Frank K. Bennett
- Vincent L. Olney
- 60 Years Leon R. Perkins
- 45 Years Allen S. Congdon
- Gary A. Stewart
- 40 Years William D. Hall
- 35 Years Robert N. Roys
- William H. Webb
- Dale J. Carver
- Thomas D. Ewing
- 30 Years Richard E. Lovejoy
- 20 Years Kenneth R. Hall

June 9th - will be our last meeting before the Summer break. There will be a Picnic Dinner with hots, hamburgers and salad. Brothers please try to attend to show your support for our new Master and his Officers. It is very encouraging to see many soldiers on the sidelines.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

know of a good man whom you would like to introduce to the Lodge, let me know and we can make plans to make this happen. My Brothers, we are grow-

ing, slow and steady, so let's keep it up.

As always, my Brothers, I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

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In March, R.: W.: J. DeWispelaere and I went to our training in Utica. It was great to hear from others in the State

In the District

Three Lodges are finishing their Ritual work on the 3rd Degree and we will have 12 new Master Masons in our great Fraternity.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, May 1st - Please remember the Pasta Dinner at the American Legion located on Knickerbocker Road in the Town of Ontario. The Pasta Dinner is served from 3 p.m. through 6 p.m. at \$7.50 a plate. Wayne Lodge, Ontario Fire Company and the American Legion are hosting this dinner and all proceeds will be donated to our local Comfort Home called the "Pines of Peace." Also assisting us is Brother Pro Konstantinou of Wayne Lodge. Brother Konstantinou owns a restaurant in Ontario and is donating

enough sauce, meatballs, salad and dessert for 150 people. (Here's hoping we "sell out.")

May God Bless you all and keep you safe.

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays



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It is hard to believe that another Masonic Year is quickly coming to a close. By the time you receive this, we will (more than likely) only have two Communications remaining for the year. How time flies when you're having fun!

An Eventful April

On April 6th, the Box of Remembrance was opened (a little late) and the Lodge was able to make a donation of \$50 to the Masonic Home. Keep feeding the box, my Brothers. As always, let's keep the Brotherhood Fund in mind. To date, the Brothers of the Lodge have been able to donate \$1,050 with 23 contributions. That's not bad considering the hard economic times. If you would like to donate to the Fund, it's never too late. Just let Brother Chuck Hargrave know and he will get you taken care of.

We completed the Degree work for the year on April 20th with the Raising of Brother James R. Aylesworth, the son of W.: James Aylesworth. I take this opportunity to welcome our new Brother into the Craft. If you have not been to the Lodge to meet our new Brother yet, please make it a point to do so. I also thank the Shrine De-

gree Team for their help in performing the 3rd Degree. Those Brothers do some great work and it was a pleasure having them at the Lodge. The Eastern Star Chapter also contributed by providing the Brothers with a great meal. My thanks to all the OES members who helped out; it was greatly appreciated.

The Lodge completed the T-Shirt Sale during the month of April and shirts have been distributed to Brothers who pre-ordered them. If you ordered, but have not picked up your shirts, please contact me so I can get them to you. We do have a few XL shirts available at the Lodge for \$10. If you did not get to order one, supplies are limited and once they are gone, that will be it until the next order is made. Please take a moment to thank Brother Rob Zanin for putting this together; he did a great job.

Upcoming Events

On May 1st, the Lodge will have its Annual Surviving Spouses Lunch at the Log Cabin Restaurant. I will report on the event next month. All arrangements are coordinated by R.: W.: Richard Brewer and R.: W.: Bill Jones.

On May 4th I am planning on doing the Walk-About the Lodge for our new Brother as the program for the evening. If you have not seen this in the past, the purpose is to introduce our new Brother to the current Officers of the Lodge and to what each Officer's duties are.

Our final meetings of the year will involve the Election of Officers on May 18th, and then the Installation of Officers on June 15th. At this point, the Installation is to be Open to the public so please come and support your Officers for 2011-2012. We may be holding a dinner before the Installation; once I have this finalized I will get the information out to all.

Membership


Under the topic of membership, we do have one Candidate-in-waiting for the 1st Degree when we return to Labor in the Fall. Let's get him a couple of friends so he won't be lonely. I would love to hold a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night before we go dark for the Summer. If you

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What a night! March 29th was the Monroe District Table Lodge, which we had envisioned and planned for as a signature event for the 2011 Masonic Year. What made it special was its location - Cathedral Hall in Downtown Rochester, which so many of our Brothers called home since its Inauguration in 1929. It was a grand evening of Masonic fun and Brotherhood with almost 200 Masons from Monroe and the surrounding Districts in attendance. This special event was made possible because of the efforts of so many and could not have happened without the support and enthusiasm of the Masters and Wardens; the Purple Club; the Concordant Bodies - Grotto, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine; individual Lodges within our District and beyond; and the Masonic Service Bureau. At the risk of forgetting some, I will mention a few individuals who contributed significantly to the success of the Monroe Table Lodge 2011.

First to be recognized is W.: Patrick Mulrooney who chaired the team for the Table Lodge event. When I had asked Brother Pat several months ago to take the lead on the preparation

and execution of this signature event for the District, I knew he would do an excellent job. Still, Brother Pat exceeded my expectations with the attention to details and the perfection in all aspects of preparation and execution. He truly made this a magical night for all of us.

My thanks to the District Leadership Team - R.: W.: George Fochner and R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz - for their invaluable help and support at every step while still attending to their busy schedule during the past several months.

I need to recognize the Purple Club, more specifically R.: W.: Don Tubman and R.: W.: John Zabel, for being one of the first to step up and provide financial support to make the initial down payment for Cathedral Hall. Brother John Zabel also created the protocol for the entrance of Officers and the Presentation of Colors.

My thanks to the Grotto, more specifically Brother Bernie Lazerson, for stepping up and providing complimentary tickets for a number of Brothers.

R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet deserves special recognition for his support, managing the incoming reservations, creating a District Honorary Membership Certificate for the Deputy Grand Master and much more. Also, thanks to Jan Porter for her time and effort managing the reservations with Brother Skip and spending hours helping with the preparations.

R.: W.: Richard Friedman provided invaluable help and support throughout the preparation phase, served as Chaplain for the evening and delivered the Tiler Toast with his

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usual superb and impeccable manner. R.:W.: Gary Sanford served as Junior Deacon and W.: Joe Oelgoetz served as Senior Deacon.

Thank you to Brother Mike Sukhenko for creating the logo on the Cannons used during the event. Brother Scott Rice found and purchased the Cannons, spent his own money and assisted with the preparations the night of the event. R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, R.:W.: Tom Grape and Brothers Joe DiTucci and John Hellaby helped out with the registration table the night of the event.

Brother Scott Mason introduced the idea of having Active Military Brothers present the colors and helped coordinate this portion of the evening; the entrance of the Color Guard in dress blues set the tone for the whole event.

Allow me to recognize those Brothers who participated in the Color Guard: Brothers Harold Roxburgh, SFC; John Mainville, SFC; Joe Dombrowski, SFC; Rob Buchanan, SFC; Byron Barnes, SSG; Timothy Wheeler, SSG; and many thanks to Major Daniel Fletcher for receiving the Colors and delivering the First Toast.

Also, R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz, R.:W.: George Foehner, Ill. Joe Bourcy and W.: Joe Oelgoetz who each delivered one of the Toasts that evening. I am also grateful for the participation of all surrounding Districts for their support and for being present with us that evening.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Grand Line of Officers - M.:W.: Neal Bidnick, Past Grand Master; R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles, Junior Grand Deacon; R.: W.: John Dwyer, Deputy Grand Standard Bearer; R.: W.: John Krupp, Deputy Grand Marshal; and R.: W.: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master for graciously accepting to be our guests for the evening.

Well done, Brothers; you should be proud of your individual Lodges, your Masters and your District. In the upcoming days your District leadership will be evaluating this event and start the preparation



Head table guests, which included members of the Grand Line, were (from left): R.:W.: John Krupp, R.:W.: John Dwyer, R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles, R.:W.: James Sullivan, R.:W.: George Nasra, M.:W.: Neal Bidnick, R.:W.: Richard Friedman and R.:W.: Donald Darrohn.

for next year's Monroe District Table Lodge 2012.

On March 26th, the Grand Lodge Officers and I drove together to Utica to attend a Grand Lodge Officers training session. It is always nice to be

with Brothers and leaders from across the State to discuss and share ideas about Masonry. One of the items on the agenda that day was the proposal to raise Grand Lodge Dues by \$2 per year over 5 years for a total of \$10. We should all be in support of this initiative to ensure continued survival of our Grand Lodge and our beloved Fraternity. This proposal will be voted upon during the Grand Lodge session in May.

I will take this opportunity to congratulate the Lodges for another productive year. The incoming Masters are working hard on their Trestleboards and I am finalizing the dates for the DDGM Official Visits for next year.

We decided to hold a retreat for the Lodge Masters, Wardens and Secretaries on June 4th, which will be held at Camp DeMolay; 8039 Lake Road; Sodus Point. We are asking all incoming Masters to attend at 9 a.m. for a morning of fellowship and to participate in the Master's Chair Program. The Wardens and Secretaries will join us around noon for lunch as we continue with team building, to share thoughts on the role of the Masters and Wardens group and to prepare for another great year of Masonic activities.

Until then, may the Great Architect of the Universe watch over and protect you always. ✕



Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: James Sullivan, encouraged Monroe District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: George Nasra, to get on the level with him, prompting Brother George to climb up on his chair.



The Deputy Grand Master stepped into the middle of the floor to address the nearly 200 Masons in attendance.




For a finale, the Brothers joined hands in a circle around the floor and sang Auld Lang Syne.



With the assistance of the Grand Lodge Staff Officers and Masters or a Representative of all thirteen Lodges, R.:W.: George Nasra presented the Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: James E. Sullivan, with a Certificate denoting Honorary Membership in all Lodges in the Monroe District.

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By Phil Hurwitz
The second presentation of the *Masonic Development Course*, which had been scheduled for April 2nd, was canceled. We did not receive enough reservations. The Course will be presented again. More on dates and times will follow.

In the meantime, if your Lodge has five or more Brothers who are interested in taking this Course before the next District-wide presentation, then contact R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz at 720-6019 to discuss how the Course can be presented in your Lodge.

Twain Award

How is your Lodge doing with the Twain Award? You need to register no later than June 1st. The registration can be completed online at:

www.msana.com/twainaward
You can also download the Registration Form and submit it to the Masonic Service Association of North America. Final submissions are due by December 1st.

Competing for the Twain Award is a challenge worth taking. A Lodge is a gathering of men seeking self-improvement (making good men better). Finding ways to engage our Lodges as a whole can be a challenge. The Twain Award presents a perfect opportunity to get your Lodge involved.

Increasing Masonic awareness is not an esoteric concept, but something we can all understand. To be a Mason is more than belonging to a Fraternity. It signifies a belief that every day I can do better as a person (rough ashlar to perfect ashlar).

How many people outside our Fraternity appreciate that? That is what increasing Masonic awareness is all about. Being a Mason makes a statement; no explanation necessary. The process of competing for the Twain Award is a step your Lodge can take, as a whole, to get to increase Masonic awareness. If you have any questions or need further information, contact R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz.

Our efforts (your leadership team plus your Lodge) in publicizing your Lodge events in the community-at-large, remains a vital focus in the District. The goal is to increase Masonic awareness. The benefits can lead to increased membership of men of quality into your Lodge. We all know of good men who can benefit from our Fraternity; the challenge is in making good men into Masons. The Brother Bring-a-Friend Night (BBF) should be the culmination of efforts that went into increasing Masonic awareness.

What do I mean? The goal is to attract a prospective candidate who has been thinking about becoming a Mason and who has been researching what our Craft is all about. He may be ready to commit to joining the Fraternity. He has heard and read many good things about our Craft. He just needs some verification. The BBF can provide that needed "verification."

**How to do a BBF?
Get with The Gauge**

Increasing Masonic awareness is the process of making good Lodges ... better. Increasing Masonic awareness is a process that requires planning and execution (if you fail to plan,

then your plan will fail). The Twain Award is an opportunity for your Lodge to start a formal process of increasing Masonic awareness. I welcome any inquiry to help you get started, or if you have started, to help you with your planning.

There are tools to increase Masonic awareness that can be accessed online. Both the Monroe District and our Brother Districts participate in a Google calendar. Ever wondered what they were doing at Constellation Lodge or Nunda Station Lodge? A straightforward way to access this Google calendar is to go to:

www.monroeMasonic.com
Click on the link for a Regional Masonic Calendar.

Another portal to see what's happening is to go to the Monroe District Facebook page. Just go to Facebook.com and type in "Monroe Masonic District" into the search engine-box. At this page you can find out what other events are going on, share thoughts, links, video, pictures. This is a moderated list.

Summer Camp

Keeping children occupied during the Summer can be a challenge, especially if both parents work outside the home. Summer camp is a great experience. I still recall fondly my tenure at Boy Scout camp. Did you know that our Fraternity owns a Summer camp in the Adirondacks? It is called Camp Turk. 1, 2 or 3 week sessions are offered during July and August. The price is reasonable, considering what is provided. Registration is closing on June 1, 2011. Take a look at www.campturk.org for more information.

Education

The *Masonic Development Course* will be presented on December 3rd, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Union Star Lodge Hall, Honeoye Falls.

The *Road to the East* will be presented in 2 installments on February 18th and February 25th, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Union Star Lodge Hall, Honeoye Falls.

Details on costs and how to register will be forthcoming.

Your District Leadership Team is putting on the Master's Chair for incoming Masters. This is an important training course to review what is required in running a Lodge. The course will be taught at Camp DeMolay, 8039 Lake Road, Sodus Point on June 4th, starting at 9 a.m. A light breakfast will be provided.

We are inviting all incoming Wardens and Secretaries to join us for lunch. This will give us all an opportunity to share in fellowship and network. We will conclude at 3 p.m. Please RSVP no later than May 22nd.

You can contact me at my phone number or email listed below my picture.

To be continued...

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By Michael Nohle
Ritual

The word "Ritual," according to the Encarta Dictionary is an *established and prescribed pattern of observance or, it is the observance of actions or procedures in a set, ordered and ceremonial way.* We have put much emphasis on the importance of Presentation, Understanding, Memorization and Proficiency with regard to conferring our Ritual. At our Schools of Ritual and Instruction, we have stressed how meaningful and impressive Ritual can be when done well and how effective it can be with regard to impressing wise and serious truths on our minds.

I recently realized another aspect of conferring Ritual on which we haven't put much emphasis. That is, it can and really should be fun! Yes, it is serious business, but much of what we do in Degree work is theatrical and if we look at it as something we can have fun doing, perhaps the stress and pressure we often feel could be lessened. Next time you step up to take part in Ritual delivery, try to think about it in this way and maybe you will have fun and the result may ultimately be better work. Have fun!

Attendance Banner

The School of Ritual Attendance Banner has resided at Unity Lodge for a long stretch and Unity Brothers should be very proud of their achievement. This year the results are in and it was a close race. Coming out on top is Webster Lodge. Congratulations to the Officers and Brothers of Webster Lodge and thank you for your support of our Schools. In second place, by a very narrow margin, is Unity Lodge, followed by Oatka and Wakan-Hubbard Lodges. Congratulations to all your Officers and Brothers, as well, and thank you also to the Masters for your strong support. We believe the true reward from attending the Schools of Ritual is the education and knowledge of our Ritual which is beneficial to all.

Investiture Service

The Monroe District Joint Investiture Service will be held

on Friday, May 20th, at Fairport Masonic Hall. A Steak Dinner will precede the Service. The Service is open to Masters-Elect and Past Masters only, as we will be investing the new Masters with the secrets of the Chair. Formal invitations and sign-up forms will be sent to all Lodge Masters in the near future. We hope all Monroe District Lodges will participate with us in the Ceremony of Investiture.

As always, if we, your District Assistant Grand Lecturers, can be of service to you and your Lodges, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to serve.

**Monroe District
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We have had no reports on recent activities or requests for assistance with a Safety Identification Program. There is still time to make arrangements before the end of the Masonic year. Or, how about over the Summer? Are you planning an event in your area where you could incorporate an Identification Program? Contact us at the email the logo above, or call Don Tubman at 889-4725.

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Our May 9th meeting is a Summoned Communication and will be the Election of next year's Officers. This will also be our Awards Night. There will be a dinner prior to the meeting. If you wish to join us for dinner and did not sign-up in Lodge, please call Scott May at 330-9889 before May 5th to make reservations.

My second year as Master has gone by very fast. I thank all the Brothers of Union Star Lodge for making a second year as enjoyable as the first. We have had a lot of fun this year in Lodge and meeting turnout has been on the rise.

Recent Events

I also extend thanks to the Brothers of Clio Lodge in Hilton who allowed one of our new Brothers to take his 2nd Degree with them. It was another great night and a great Degree.

Good News

After working on several different charity ideas, we have decided to start supporting the Honeoye Falls Food Pantry. We are planning to involve the community by matching their

donations during the Festival On The Green this year. We are still working out the details. Special thanks to Frank Habitzreuther for his work on moving this project forward.

We have some other great things in the works. We are working on purchasing new collars and jewels for every Station. We are also working on Masonic polo shirts so Union Star Lodge can be identified outside of Lodge or at other special events. Stay tuned for more information.

Upcoming Events

On May 23rd, we will be holding our Fellowcraft meeting at Flaherty's in Honeoye Falls. This will be a dinner for the incoming and outgoing Masters. If you wish to join us for dinner and did not sign up in Lodge, please call Scott May before May 16th to make reservations.

May

9th - Summoned Communication, 7:30 p.m.
14th - Open Installation of Officers, 1 p.m.
20th - Joint Investiture Service at Fairport Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.
23rd - Fellowcraft Meeting at Flaherty's, 7 p.m.

June

13th - Regular Communication - Sport Shirt Night and Walk-About, 7:30 p.m.
17th - Festival on the Green (Setup), 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
18th - Festival on the Green, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
19th - Festival on the Green, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
20th - Fellowcraft Steak Roast, 6:30 p.m.
29th - Masters and Wardens at Northfield Lodge Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Fairport-Flower City
Lodge No. 476**

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



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The Lodge only meets once during the month of May. We will hear the Grand Lodge Report from the Master at the May 9th Communication. This will also be a Summoned Meeting for Election of Officers for the ensuing year. Don't be afraid of coming and then being elected to an office. We try to elect Brothers who don't show up.

Fifteen of our Brothers enjoyed the District Table Lodge held in Cathedral Hall of the former Rochester Masonic Temple. It was a big crowd and enjoyed by all. Check the **Masonic Times** for some pictures.

The Lodge will host the District Investiture Service and Steak Dinner on Friday, May 20th. Only Masters-elect and Past Masters are entitled to attend the meeting. All Brothers are welcome to the dinner.

We will host a special Masonic Eagle Scout Recognition on May 21st at 7 p.m. Thirty-some Eagle Scouts of Perinton, their parents, Scout Members and Leaders will be in attendance. All Masons and their friends are welcome to attend this 1st Annual Eagle Scout Award Program. Come and support these fine young men and YOUR Officers.

Brotherhood Fund

Have you given to the Brotherhood Fund yet? All checks should be made out to the "Brotherhood Fund" and mailed to W. Bernard Lazerson, our Secretary. You have until the middle of May to contribute for the current year.

Upcoming Events

Saint John's Day in Utica should be a big affair this year. The Tompkins Memorial Chapel at the Home and the Grand Lodge building are 100 years old. I am sure it will be a time to remember for all who attend the last Saturday in June.

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following Brothers - Reed Patterson (1st), John Leonard (3rd), David Green and John Harris (6th), Ken Richards and Hank Wiener (8th), Bruce Budd (9th), Brett Shulman (10th), Alan Weinberg and Roy Forest (11th), Carl Dattel (16th), David Mawhiney and Craig Carey (17th), Clint Emery and Jonathan Kirwan (19th), Michael Flanagan (25th) and Kermit Moyer (28th).

Brother Wiener wins the prize at 92 years. Best wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead.

Any of you Snowbirds who are back from hibernating, come and join us for good fellowship and fun. We would like to know what you are up to.

**WEBSTER
LODGE NO. 538**

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



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My Brothers, the last week of March was certainly a busy one. March 29th was the District Table Lodge; March 30th was Masters and Wardens meeting, followed by an excellent School of Ritual. March 31st was our second 2nd Degree. Three nights in a row sure proves for solid tug on the Cabletow. I have to say, though, I was very pleased to see so many of you throughout these events. It's another indication of the dedication of the Webster Brothers.

The District Table Lodge was an experience to remember. For me, I don't recall seeing so many Brothers in one room before, so I was particularly impressed. There were 14 Brothers from Webster Lodge in attendance, which made it even more enjoyable.

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RICH FRIEDMAN POTENTATE

April was a big month for Damascus Shrine and May will continue on in a big way.

Award Night

On May 4th, none other than Maggie Brooks, the Monroe County Executive, will visit us. Ms. Brooks will be the first person to receive the *Robert L. Anderson Award* for Community Service. This Award was named for Robert L. Anderson because of his hard work and dedication to his community and not just the Shrine.

Bob was a very philanthropic man who affected the lives of many people in a very positive way. This event will begin with

grazing stations and move into the Lodge Room for the Award presentation. As an added benefit, we will have Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel in attendance. Imperial Sir Raoul is a dynamic speaker and will bring a great message about our hospitals.

Open Ceremonial Trip

On May 14th, we will be leaving bright and early for a great and historic day in Erie, Pennsylvania. A full schedule of events appears in flyer form.

We will be taking our Emma Schumaker/David P. Crawford Class to Zem Zem Temple in Erie where we will hold our Open Ceremonial. We will then go to the Shriners Hospital for Children[®]-Erie for a tour of the facility. After the tour, we will return to Zem Zem for lunch and then back home! A great day of fellowship, fun and fezzes!

It is our sincerest hope that we have full busses for this event. I think that seeing the Hospital for yourself will convince you that you made the right choice in being or becoming a Shrine Mason.

My Brothers, we have accomplished much in the first few months of this year, but there is much more work to be done.

We have a very active Summer Campaign mapped out in terms of fundraising for the kids and for ourselves.

Cruz Nights

The net proceeds from Cruz Nights 2011 will be going to the kids. That makes it imperative we have a good crew of workers. Over the last few years, we see the same crew show up time after time and God bless them for doing it.

This year, with so many big events planned WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! When our manpower chairman puts out the call for action, please answer the call.

Cookbooks

Thus far, the cookbooks First Lady

Joanne produced are selling very well. If you do not have your own copy, please purchase one today! They make great Mother's Day gifts, or if you are an early bird, they would make a great Holiday gift. Not only are the recipes great but also EVERY PENNY goes to Shriners Hospitals. Look for the order form to mail order, or purchase your copy at any upcoming Shrine event. You can even stop by the Office and pick one up!

Upcoming Events

My Brothers, we need to keep the fun and momentum going. This Summer we will not only have our Friday Car Cruz, but you will be reading about the following events:

- First Annual Help Shriners, Help Kids Arts and Crafts Show to be held on our grounds in June.
- Ham Jam Radio Festival to be held on our grounds.
- The Clambake to be held on our grounds.

So you see, there is much to jump in and have fun with. Stay tuned for more information.

April Review

Hospital Awareness Night

The first week of April was a huge success. Hospital Awareness Night was very well attended. Those in attendance were exposed to many of the great things we are doing for our kids. Erie and Springfield are at the forefront of treatment and research for a variety of problems. It is obvious the Hospital model is changing in order to fit our current times, but in no way, shape or form are we moving away from our Mission ... to heal children with no financial obligation to their family. Our Doctors take their time; get to know the whole patient and not just the issues that brought them in the door.



Emma Schumaker listens intently and knows so well what the Shriners Hospitals for Children can achieve.



Erin and Emma Schumaker were in attendance. Erin told the riveting story about her journey in reaching Shriners Hospitals. She stood as living proof that what we are told about how the Hospitals operate is completely true. Emma got a little gun shy but managed to say, "Thank you very much" to the Nobles and their ladies for helping her go from a bleak future to one with limitless possibilities.

Now You See It ... Now You Don't!

We've been wondering when the barn on the property in front of the Shrine Center was going to collapse, but wonder no more. The house and barn have been razed, the lot leveled and soon grass will be covering all evidence of its existence. Thank you to Noble Joe Stefan, Empire Wrecking Co., Inc., and his industrious crew for such a fine job. 🍷



As has been true thus far, whenever we take the time to show our Brothers what we do and who we are, we produce Petitions.

Dan Caro

Noble Bring-a-Brother Event

A packed house, a great program and the chance to be with one of the most inspirational men on the planet, Noble Dan Caro, who could ask for anything more?

Dan Caro is an amazing person. Despite all of the adversity he has faced he truly believes he has NEVER had a bad day. What a great perspective on life. We choose how we feel each and every day.

Anyone attending this event came away with a warm feeling for Dan as an individual, The Shrine as an organization with a desire to continue to be of help to our fellow men. What a fantastic night!

All of the non-Shrine Masons attending joined us. Why would any Mason hesitate? We learn throughout our Degrees how important charity is. In fact, we see it "extending beyond the grave through the boundless realm of eternity." As a Shrine Mason, you get the best opportunity to fulfill the Masonic need for charity. Think about the one million children we have helped. Think about how this help influenced their lives and the lives of those around them. Isn't this the mission in a nutshell?

See you in the quarries.



Talented Dan Caro drumming.



Noble Nathan Van Loon delivers a new Noble's viewpoint.



Potentate, Richard Friedman (right) presenting Noble Gerald Rohrer with the Joe Shriner Award for his dedication to the Shrine.

Noble Bring-a-Brother Night



Potentate Richard Friedman addressing audience at Noble Bring-a-Brother Night.



Chief Rabban, Gary Burke (left) talks about the Hospital Program and Bruce Chilton, Past Potentate, shares the subject of Freemasonry and the Shrine history and philosophy with NBB attendees.



Potentate Richard Friedman presenting Honorary Membership Certificate to Noble Dan Caro.

Hospital Awareness Night



Noble Vance Collom (right) presenting checks to Hospital Representatives.



Robert Howden, Director of Public Relations at Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie, reporting on what's new at their Hospital.



Mark Niederpruem, Administrator at Shriners Hospital for Children®-New England, reporting on what's new at their Hospital.

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(Above) Potentate, Rich Friedman, introducing his wife - First Lady, Joanne Friedman. (Below) He's promoting the *Damascus Shriner's Cookbook* - a project of the First Lady.



Cookbooks were given to the Hospital Representatives to promote in their areas.

Damascus News Boosters

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| | Ron & Mary Sterling | |

New Name for Springfield Hospital

By Ken Pollard

Our Hospital has a new name - Shriners Hospital for Children®-New England. This better describes the area where a larger percentage of our patients come from.

Spring is always a busy time at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-New England and this year is no exception. For some time, the Board of Governors and Staff of the Hospital have been working on a Strategic Plan for the future of this Hospital. A major issue of the 22-Hospital System is that we are losing \$1,000,000 every business day in 2011. We have high hopes for the Third-party Pay Program that began in April at Springfield, but this is not the entire answer. Each Hospital has to make changes in the way it operates. Springfield has an action plan that begins now and will take at least three years to complete.

We have made drastic changes in the Radiology Department and the way we bill for anesthesia services. We will be expanding our outreach and telemedicine programs and more changes will be forthcoming. These will be reported in future issues of the **Masonic Times**.

One thing remains constant - we need kids from throughout Damascus Land to treat. We need to keep the Hospital active and use as much of its capacity as much as possible. Our doctors,

nurses and medical staff are outstanding, world-class professionals. We have to keep them busy - so keep your eyes open for children whom we can help and then call our Hospitals and assist the family in completing the simple application. We are not here to make it hard to get admitted to our Hospitals.

I hope you attended the Hospital Night at the Shrine Meeting in April. If so, you had the opportunity to meet our Administrator, Mark Niederpruem, who gave an excellent report on this Hospital. You also heard from the PR Director of the Erie Hospital. Their talks did not overlap in information, but presented a great overview of the Hospital System - preparing for meeting all the challenges of the future. Springfield is starting its 86th year of treating children and is looking forward to 86 more years with our support.

Damascus has a new member of the Board of Governors - Lance Ward, PP. Lance began his service in 2011 and has already made an impact and is most interested in learning the operation of the Hospital. Damascus currently has five members who serve on the Board of our Hospitals. Each one would be glad to discuss our progress as we go forward. Just ask one.

See you at the Oasis.

What's New in Erie...

Erie Hospital Moving Ahead With Ambulatory Model

As Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie (SHC-E) moves forward with its transitioning plans, establishing an ambulatory model at SHC-E continues to be the best course for the facility. The exact composition of the ambulatory model remains under discussion.

SHC-E and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh continue to explore a variety of opportunities to broaden their relationship and enhance pediatric medical care in Erie. The two entities already have a strong working relationship with pediatric orthopedic surgeons from the Pittsburgh Hospital supplementing the SHC-E medical staff.

The ambulatory model proposal, with all the necessary documentation to support this model, has been submitted to the Shriners Corporate Strategic Assessment Task Force as directed. This Task Force will review the proposals submitted by all 22 Shriners Hospitals and make final recommendations to the Corporate Joint Board. The Task Force or the Joint Board will ultimately determine the direction for all the hospital proposals.

The Erie Hospital Board of Governors and the hospital leadership are committed to the local mission and to advancing an ambulatory model. In the meantime, SHC-E will continue to function as a hospital, performing both out-patient and some in-patient surgeries onsite, with other inpatient surgeries being performed at UPMC Hamot, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Philadelphia.

All parties, including the Shriners Corporate governance, are committed to expediting the decision-making process as quickly as possible. Once this occurs, all of the relevant details will be shared.

Mark Your Calendar Hospital Day 2011

Don't forget, Hospital Day 2011 will soon be here! Plan on coming to Erie on Sunday, June 5th, and be part of the Annual Hospital Day festivities from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As in past years, there will be self-

guided tours of the Hospital, an Antique/Classic Car Show, Craft Fair, entertainment, food and more. Divans should plan to participate in the Shrine Ceremony which begins at 12:45 p.m.

Bids for Kids Fundraiser Was a Big Success

The General Electric "Bids for Kids" Fundraiser held February 19th at Erie's Bayfront Convention Center raised approximately \$125,000, including corporate matches, for three local children's charities, including Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie.

The Erie Hospital's share of the proceeds amounts to \$41,260.90, which includes corporate matches.

More than 400 people attended the event which included a cocktail reception, dinner, a voice auction for several high-end items, a wishing well and raffle drawings.

The "Bids for Kids" Gala was an excellent opportunity for Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, to be showcased at such a large community event and receive outstanding financial support as well.

New Camera System

Some great new technology is coming to the Motion Analysis Laboratory (MAL) at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie; a new, high-speed-motion capture system. The new motion-capture (camera) system will allow the Erie MAL to expand its capabilities. The new cameras have a higher resolution, allowing them to see smaller markers placed on the patient's body, as well as markers that are closer to each other. This will be especially beneficial for foot modeling, for example, where the motion of individual bones can now be analyzed separately. The camera system software also has the ability to perform real-time biofeedback, where data is calculated and displayed while the subject is actually performing the movement. This may open new doors for patient treatment, particularly in rehabilitation.

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

May Birthdays

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| Robert Bailey | Dale Gelder | William Michener |
| Peter Bowers | Mike Grady | Arthur Miller |
| David Bowman | Charles Grimm | Stephen Mitchell |
| Robert Breen | Kenneth Hall | Donald Munger |
| Gregory Brown | Marshall Hardy | Gary Orbaker |
| Hampton Brown | Edgar Hollwedel | Jordan Pappas |
| Kenneth Buckland | Michael Hueston | Warren Patterson |
| Gary Burke | Jefferson Huff | Michael Pollock |
| Howard Combs | Paul Humphrey | John Ramsey |
| Ralph Cox | Douglas Hunt | Gary Rathbun |
| Roger Cox | Phillip Hurwitz | David Retchless |
| Robert Curtis | Eilia Jahjah | Jay Riggs |
| Harry Dainty | Pedro Jimenez | Gerald Rohrer |
| Randy Darling | James Kahn | William Snyder |
| Edward Denton | David Klionsky | Ralph Talcott |
| Donald Dill | Gordon Kotzin | Gary Thompson |
| Myron Dox | David Larson | Josue Traverzo |
| John Dudley | Joe Lewis | Donald Tubman |
| Asaf Durakovic | Dean Locke | Harry Tyson |
| Clark Engelsen | Lyle Maldoon | Alan Weinberg |
| Bruce Frazee | Roland Maracle | Robert Wharmby |
| Charles Frear | John McCall | |
| Richard Friedman | Timothy McNelly | |

Calendar Winners for March

DAY	NO.	WINNER	DAY	NO.	WINNER
3/1	901	Sandra Vasquez	3/17	317	Deborah Cammille
3/2	018	Damascus Shriner	3/18	227	Tiff Flint
3/3	626	Lorraine Anderson	3/19	679	Dan Burkhart
3/4	744	Damascus Shriner	3/20	537	Gerald Rayburn
3/5	732	Damascus Shriner	3/21	678	Tom Meyers
3/6	912	Glen Essher	3/22	165	Damascus Shriner
3/7	599	Damascus Shriner	3/23	166	Damascus Shriner
3/8	136	Timothy Fitzpatrick	3/24	290	Damascus Shriner
3/9	209	Damascus Shriner	3/25	763	Judith Rooney
3/10	172	Damascus Shriner	3/26	020	Charles Giehl
3/11	657	Donny Grace	3/27	311	Damascus Shriner
3/12	988	Damascus Shriner	3/28	768	Virginia Ficcaglin
3/13	664	Jim Kiesa	3/29	041	Shannon Stoddard
3/14	973	Damascus Shriner	3/30	328	Todd Wyckoff
3/15	928	Brett Robbins	3/31	146	Damascus Shriner
3/16	522	David Fanaro			

**Directors Staff
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DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2011

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.

14th Ceremonial Day - The Damascus Ceremonial is going to be held on May 14, 2011 in Erie, PA. The Ceremonial is open to the Ladies and families. It is our own Knickerbocker Ceremonial that shows how the Shrine started, when it became "fun with a serious purpose" and where we are now, standing tall to help kids who cannot help themselves. Many Nobles have not visited a hospital. This is a great chance to do so.

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.

18th-19th Arts & Crafts Show at the Shrine Center - Indoor and outdoor booths ... Many talented vendors!

Friday Nights ... May 13th - September 9th

The Famous Damascus Cruz Night is BACK!

The proceeds for this year's Cruz Night go 100% to Shriners Hospitals for Children® after expenses. The Manpower Director is Bruce Chilton. Please email Bruce to volunteer at: boxman@rochester.rr.com. We need all hands on deck to help this year!

Dedicated to the Memory of Noble:

George Stear
April 2, 2011

Albert John Neracker
April 3, 2011



There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

For Internet searches, download GoodSearch - Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie toolbar at:

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Ceremonial Day in Erie May 14, 2011

Damascus Shrine Masons, Candidates for Shrine Masonry and our Ladies will travel to Erie, PA, for our Ceremonial on May 14th.

Here are the logistics:

- ☞ A bus will leave Weedsport at 6:20 a.m.
- ☞ Busses will leave the Shrine Center at 7:30 a.m.
- ☞ Arrive in Erie about 10:45 a.m.
- ☞ We will disembark at Zem Zem Temple and conduct the Ceremonial at that time.
- ☞ Following the Ceremonial we will visit Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie.
- ☞ Following the tour we will go back to Zem Zem for lunch.
- ☞ Arrival at Shrine Center will be about 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: Please call the Office at (585) 671-7701 to schedule a Fez fitting. We will be fitting them on May 4th. We might also do a special fitting day. Keep your eyes open for more information.

Your Initiation Fee (if unpaid) will be due on Ceremonial Day.

We MUST know if you are coming or not and this goes for Nobles and Candidates. Please call the Office to let us know if you can make the Ceremonial date.

LET'S DO IT!

Cruz-In for Charity

By Paul Jason Kolacki
Cruz-In' Night Chairman

It's hard to believe, but we are just a short time away from the start of the 4th Friday Night Cruz-In' Season at Damascus Shrine Center. This year the event will kick off on Friday, May 13th, and run EVERY FRIDAY until September 9th. Every year it just keeps growing. At the end of last season, we had 289 beautiful classic cars on display. By all accounts, those attendance numbers now make us one of the largest Cruz-In' Nights in the Rochester area!

However, you do not have to own a classic car or motorcycle to attend. We highly encourage anyone who appreciates and likes to view these vehicles to come on out. There is virtually something for everyone to enjoy. Bring the kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors; don't forget the camera!

Also, bring your appetite ... we've gained a reputation for having one of the best Friday Night Fish Frys in town! In addition to fish, you can also enjoy Chicken Bar-B-Que, Hots, Hamburgers, Italian Sausage, French Fries and much more. Beverages, including soda, water and beer, are also available.

Activities for Everyone

This year also promises to include some fun activities for the kids provided by the US Army Recruiters and Shrine Clowns! We'll sell 50/50 Raffle Tickets weekly, which will also qualify you for some nice door prizes including a Free Oil Change, courtesy of Kost Tire & Auto. Those of you who are real car enthusiasts will probably be familiar with the name of Mecum Auto. Mecum runs the world's largest classic car auction, an event that takes place several times each year around the US, and is broadcast live nationwide on the Discover HD Theatre Channel.

New Sponsors

Mecum Auto Auctions has now become an Official Sponsor of our Cruz-In' Nights. This year the owner, Dana Mecum, has provided us enough door prizes to last throughout the Summer!! These are very collectible items. There is even a good chance Dana Mecum will make a personal appearance or two during the Summer to support our efforts.

Along with Mecum Auto Auctions comes another new sponsor, Elmer's Auto Parts of Webster. Owner, Jim Guck,

has been buying and selling classic cars for many years and is considered to be a local expert when it comes to these fine autos. We are extremely pleased to welcome these newest Sponsors.

Each week, you can listen for Cruz-In' Night information on Legends 102.7FM, WLZG Radio - Rochester's Oldies Station and another one of our great sponsors. Legends Radio Personalities and Laser Sound DJs Mike Vickers and Paul Jason will be on hand weekly to spin the great oldies music you love and handle all of the announcements. Mike is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to vintage autos, and a lot of fun to listen to.

Did I also mention we've been told by our patrons that the Damascus Shrine is the most scenic spot - and their favorite - on the Cruise Circuit? The new and improved views of the Bay from our Pavilion and Deck are breathtaking. I can't think of a better way to spend a Friday evening. Many car owners bring their lawn chairs and relax under the beautiful shade trees. You're encouraged to do the same.

This Cruz-In' Night serves a very important purpose. All the profits, after expenses, go directly to the Shrine Hospitals for Children! That's the bottom line and we need your help. Whether you come out and support the event financially by purchasing food, or raffle tickets, or helping us by becoming a staff member.

Volunteer to Help

We always have a critical need for staffing. Those who are regular workers give us almost every Friday Night throughout the Summer. That's a big commitment! We have a great volunteer staff, but more of you are needed to offer some relief. Any time you can give to our effort would be greatly appreciated! Bruce Chilton is our Staffing Chairman, so if have certain Friday dates that you can work, please let Bruce know. His email address is:

boxman@rochester.rr.com

Whether it's one, two or more Fridays, your willingness to assist will make a big difference to help the kids! We can't do it without you! So come out and see for yourself what all the excitement is about. You've heard about the fantastic Cruise Nights, so why not be a part of it this Summer? We look forward to seeing each and every one of you.



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AUBURN SHRINE CLUB



Submitted by David Bowman

Things are hopping in the Auburn Club this Spring. We had a great turnout at our March meeting with "Roscoe" (Oscar) the clown and his sidekick "Whoopsie." What great, lighthearted fun for the evening. Roscoe tells me he has been busy this Spring going to different Shrine Circuses around the area. We also had the chance to view the new Shrine Cookbook, firsthand. They had just arrived and our Potentate brought the first box to us. Many of the books were purchased that night and, for only \$15, could you blame us? I hope everyone recognizes that the Lady behind the man was a driving force and chief typist for the endeavor.

At the March meeting, "Roscoe and Pal" entertained the throngs. Burt Ward enjoyed the evening along with the Lew Hares.

It was a special evening in another respect. Long-time member, Joe Marshall, was able to attend. It was nice to see him and Wilda looking so good. Rich Nuhn was with us and I thought he and Joe were dressed by the same person. Rich tells me he is Master of the Cato Lodge again this year. You can't mess with success!

The Auburn Club has been challenged by the Potentate to bring in 15 new Shriners this year. Damascus is ahead of last year's numbers and is looking forward to a good year. So guys, when you are at Lodge, take a look around and see if there isn't someone you would like to have as

a Shriner. More members, more fun! The offer has been made to do a Ceremonial here if we have some men to bring in.

Seen in the crowd at the March meeting included Burt Ward (his wife was praying for him), John Erlich (he wouldn't have the fish because his buddy, Buddy Rodgers, was in Key West enjoying the fishing), the VanVlacks, Lew and Ruth Hares and I also spotted Don Heath. When I heard the geese before the meeting I figured I'd find Ken Pollard and, sure enough, he was back North!

Missed by all and remembered in our prayers, was long-time friend, Marilyn

Coleman. There was so much Marilyn did for our Club and the Shrine. Those moments at Christmas Parties, Thanksgiving Dinners and Marilyn just being Marilyn, will be remembered and missed.

We were reminded that our Hospitals need our support in more than money. Remember to mention our services to friends and to our Doctors.

In the future, look forward to Brunch May 15th at the Springside Inn, a night at the Theater in June and our Steak Roast on August 15th. All of these will require reservations, so check the contact person and let them know you will be there.

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Alice Anderson

Meeting night was fun at The Lumberyard for Perry Shrine Club. After dinner, our speaker, Glenn Camuto, gave a presentation on carbon monoxide. Glenn works for New York State Office of Children and Family Services and is a Fire and Safety Representative. If anyone wants to have him help with fire safety, etc., he does Monroe County and you can reach him at (585) 238-8563.

Carbon Monoxide is a clear and present danger. Amanda Hansen's teenage life ended by a defective boiler while she slept in the basement in 2009. Her death is what made the NYS Legislation put into effect on February 22, 2010, a new requirement of installation of carbon monoxide detection in one-family, two-family, condos, co-ops and multiple dwellings.

I know this is long, but it is a very important topic. Because carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless, it is not always evident when it has become a problem in the home. Often people who have a mild to moderate problem will find they feel sick while they spend time at home. They might feel a little better outside in the fresh air, but will have recurring symptoms shortly after returning home. If other members of the family have recurring bouts with flu-like symptoms while fuel-burning appliances are being used, it may be time to have the house checked by a professional.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Besides having a professional come into your home to check your appliances, a carbon monoxide detector can be used to keep a constant watch over the levels of carbon monoxide in the home throughout the year.

Symptoms of CO Poisoning

Low levels of carbon monoxide poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning or other illnesses and can have a long-term health risk if left unattended. Some of the symptoms are the following:

- Shortness of breath
- Mild nausea
- Mild headaches

Moderate levels of CO exposure can cause death if the following symptoms persist for a long measure of time:

- Headaches
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Light-headedness

High levels of CO can be fatal causing death within minutes.

Treatment Options

There are immediate measures you can take to help those suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Get the victim into fresh air immediately.
- If you cannot get the people out of the house, then open all windows and doors. Any combustion appliances should be turned off.
- Take those who were subjected to carbon monoxide to a hospital emergency room as quickly as possible. A simple blood test will be able to determine if carbon monoxide poisoning has occurred.

CO is found in combustion fumes, such as those produced by cars and trucks, small gasoline engines, stoves, lanterns, burning charcoal and wood, and gas ranges and heating systems. CO from these sources can build up in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces. People and animals in these spaces can be poisoned by breathing it.

Red blood cells pick up CO quicker than they pick up oxygen. If there is a lot of CO in the air, the body may replace oxygen in blood with CO. This blocks oxygen from getting into the body, which can damage tissues and result in death.

Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.

Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters (catalytic) indoors. Although these heaters don't have a flame, they burn gas and can cause CO to build up inside your home, cabin or camper.

If you smell an odor from your gas refrigerator's cooling unit, have an expert service it. An odor from the cooling unit of your gas refrigerator can mean you have a defect in the cooling unit. It could also be giving off CO.

When purchasing gas equipment, buy only equipment carrying the seal of a national testing agency, such as the American Gas Association or Underwriters' Laboratories.

Install a battery-operated CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each Spring and Fall.

Make sure appliances are installed and operated according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes. Most appliances should be installed by qualified professionals. Have

the heating system professionally inspected and serviced annually to ensure proper operation. The inspector should also check chimneys and flues for blockages, corrosion, partial and complete disconnections, and loose connections.

Never service fuel-burning appliances without proper knowledge, skill and tools. Always refer to the owner's manual when performing minor adjustments or servicing fuel-burning equipment.

Never operate a portable generator or any other gasoline engine-powered tool either in or near an enclosed space such as a garage, house or other building. Even with open doors and windows, these spaces can trap CO and allow it to quickly build to lethal levels.

Install a CO alarm that meets the requirements of the current UL 2034 safety standard. A CO alarm can provide some added protection, but it is no substitute for proper use and upkeep of appliances that can produce CO. Install a CO alarm in the hallway near every separate sleeping area of the home. Make sure the alarm cannot be covered up by furniture or draperies.

Never use portable fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent unless it is specifically designed

for use in an enclosed space and provides instructions for safe use in an enclosed area.

• Never burn charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent.

• Never leave a car running in an attached garage, even with the garage door open.

• Never use gas appliances such as ranges, ovens or clothes dryers to heat your home.

• Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in any room where people are sleeping.

• Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce CO.

• During home renovations, ensure that appliance vents and chimneys are not blocked by tarps or debris. Make sure appliances are in proper working order when renovations are complete.

Our Representative was the Assistant Chief Raban, Oscar Wilson. He brought cookbooks, which is a fundraising project by the First Lady, Joanne Friedman. Thank you, Joanne, for all your hard work in putting our recipes together. The cost is only \$15 and ALL profits go to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Everyone attending that night bought at least one cookbook. I know they will enjoy the recipes and also know they are helping the children.

Damascus Legion of Honor Past Commanders' Dinner with our Ladies and Guests will be held on

Wednesday, May 11th

at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres (Shrimp, Cheese & Crackers, etc.)

Cash Bar

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Roast Beef * Salad * Potatoes * Vegetables

Bread & Butter * Dessert

\$10 per person

RSVP no later than May 6th at 436-8216

Attire

Officers and Past Commanders should wear a tux or dark suit. Of course ... wear your Fez and Medallion!



Brooks

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of Monroe County, a Chartered County Government with an Annual Budget of \$932 million, nearly 4,500 employees and a population of 735,000. Maggie oversees a broad range of governmental operations which affect the safety, health, recreational opportunities and general welfare of the residents of our community.

When first elected as County Executive, Maggie saw it as a tremendous opportunity to make a real difference in the community. Known for her desire to have a positive, long-lasting impact on the residents of Monroe County, Maggie contributes to numerous community service efforts annually.

Each Spring, Maggie honors her commitment of service to others by playing an important role in the United Way Campaign; an invaluable resource to the hundreds of thousands of calls for help from local children, families, Seniors and persons with disabilities. She endorses the fundraising effort by appearing in local television spots that encourage residents to donate. Maggie has also inspired hundreds of Monroe County employees to contribute to the cause. In 2010 alone, they contributed \$338,000 to the Annual Fundraising Campaign.

Maggie also devotes much of her time to programming and initiatives for Seniors living in Monroe County. Each year, she kicks off the "Coats for Seniors Program," a campaign which encourages residents to donate gently used coats to needy Seniors across the community. Since its inception, over 3,000 coats have been collected and donated. At the end of the campaign, any remaining coats are given to shelters and clothing closets.

Many Seniors have also taken part in the Monroe County Prescription Discount Program. Pioneered by County Executive Brooks, the program provides savings on the purchase of prescription drugs for the uninsured and underinsured. This free program is open to all Monroe County residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health cover-

age. To date, the discount program has yielded a cost savings of over \$1-million to residents in Monroe County.

Maggie takes pride in the future generations of Monroe County and believes our children are the leaders of tomorrow. At the end of last year, the Monroe County Pediatrics and Visitation Center was completed and opened its doors as the County's premier medical home for foster children in our community. The 22,000 square foot facility is home to Starlight Pediatrics, a center for children to visit with their parents in a safe, supervised setting. The facility hosts a wide array of medical services; including pediatric health, health care coordination, mental health and developmental screening. The Pediatrics and Visitation Center also hosts a community visitation center, birth parent education and extended health care for children in transition out of foster care.

Maggie is also proud to partner with George Mercier each year to co-sponsor the Mercier Literacy Program. The Mercier Literacy Program was founded in 2002, and is the only community-based nonprofit focused exclusively on child literacy. For the past three years, Monroe County has awarded a total of \$150,000 in grant monies to the program, with George Mercier matching half of the funding. The grant allows the program to deliver high-quality reading and writing instruction to our community's youth and represents the culmination of a unique public-private partnership. Together with George Mercier and other community partners, Maggie ensures a bright future for Monroe County's youngest residents. She believes that a strong education is the key to success for our children, and that providing them with the support they need, will bring them one step closer to achieving their dreams.

As County Executive, Maggie is devoted to Monroe County and has made it a top priority to always put the residents of this community first. She continues to serve as the voice of Monroe County and its 735,000 residents and will continue to lead by example in the years to come.

of Baltimore Court No. 82. He is also a member of Baltimore Forest No. 45, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, the Order of Quetzalcoatl, Mile Hi Teocali No. 69 and Chesapeake Teocali No. 100. He is also a life-member of the Cabiri.

Frevel served as the Chairman of the Masonic Youth Committee in Maryland and was Chairman of the Grand Master's Masonic Youth Day from 1983-1997. He was awarded the Thomas Jacob Shryock Award in 1997 from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, recognizing his outstanding service to the Masonic Fraternity.

Within the Baltimore Community, Frevel served as President of the 40 West Lions Club in 1982 and was a member of the Baytown Royal Order of Moose. Frevel also served on the Vestry of St. Matthews United Church of Christ from 1990-1992, and he is currently a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Frevel and his wife, Rosie, have two sons, Raoul, Jr., and Christopher; daughter-in-laws, Shawn and Kelly; and three granddaughters, Julianna, Brianna and Campbell.

Frevel

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where he received the "Mason of the Year" Award in 2004. He has been a member of DeMolay, serving on the Supreme Council, Executive Officer of Maryland from 1995-1997, the 5th Past International Master Councilor, Past State Master Councilor of Maryland and Past Master Councilor of Tuscan Chapter. He served as President of the DeMolay Foundation of Maryland from 1986-1992, and he holds the Order of DeMolay Legion of Honor. Frevel was also inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame in June 2004, and in June 2005, he was honored with the DeMolay Supreme Council Member of the Year Award.

Frevel served as Potentate of Boumi Shriners in 1992. He received the 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary of the Scottish Rite in October 1997. Frevel is a member of Scottish Rite, Chesapeake Consistory, Valley of Baltimore, Orient of Maryland and the Past Director of Royal Order of Jesters

ZAMA TEMPLE NO. 14
Queen's Luncheon
 in honor of
Queen Gail Sanford
Saturday, June 4th
 Buffet Menu - \$23 per person
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 at Burgundy Basin
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Social Gathering at 12:30 p.m. ~ ~ ~ Lunch at 1:00 p.m.
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Make check in the amount of \$23 per person, payable to Zama Temple No. 14, enclose with this slip and mail to: Carol Colegrove, PQ; 8 Cynthia Drive; Geneva, NY 14456

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 Name of Guest Attending: _____

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Mark Your Calendar ... Shriners Classic Car "Cruz-in Nights" ...
Fridays, May 13th thru September 9th





Installation of Officers for Zama Temple No. 14, Daughters of the Nile



Gail Sanford, Queen

On March 27th, I was installed as Queen of Zama Temple, Daughters of the Nile. The Installation was attended by more than 100 people at Webster Lodge Hall and I thank everyone who made this day so special for me. A wonderful dinner followed at the Green Lantern Inn in Fairport.

This year, Daughters of Zama Temple participated in the Have-a-Heart Fundraiser at Eastview Mall. Each year, the Masons sponsor this fundraiser at three local Malls to raise money for the Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester. I had the honor of being present when a check in the amount of \$19,000 was given to the House. Refreshments and tours of the Westmoreland Drive facility were available for all who attended. It is a facility to behold; if you're ever in the area, stop by and see what's available in "The House that Love Built." I am so glad we were able to participate in something that is for such a good cause. I hope to participate every year.

Starting on May 13th, we will be selling baked goods at the Shriners "Cruz Nights," so make sure you leave room for dessert.

I am looking forward to the Queen's Luncheon on June 4th at the Burgundy Basin; I hope to see you all there.



Outgoing Queen, Joan Davis, (left) signing the Bible under the direction of Ellie Canfield, PQ.



New Queen, Gail Sanford, being crowned by Carol Colegrove, PQ.



Many Past Queens were present to be received and introduced in the East.

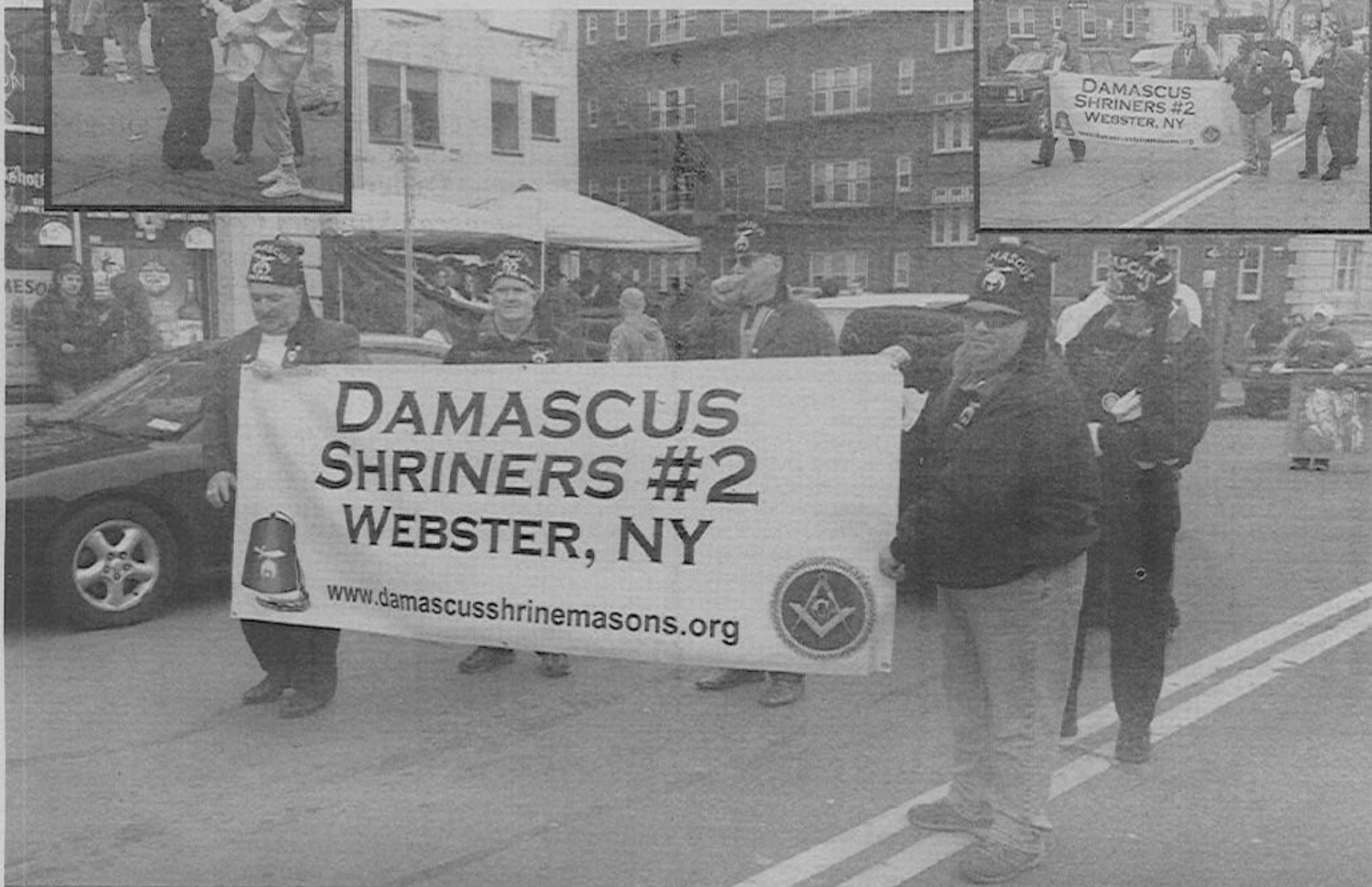
St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Calling all Shriners ... Parade Season has started ... Don't miss out on the parades this Summer! Everyone loves a parade and you should show Damascus Shriners to the community!



A favorite character in the parades ... "Fez Head Fred" (aka Matt Mueller) being escorted by Noble John Hellaby.

(Inset) Chief Rabban Gary Burke couldn't help himself when it came to clowning around.



Proud to show off the name ... even in the rain ... making themselves known in the community ... alerting them to our charity.

Walter Breuning, World's Oldest Man and Shriner, Passes Away at Age 114

Walter Breuning, the world's oldest man, retired railroad clerk, Mason and Shriner, passed away at the age of 114 in Great Falls, MT, on April 14th.

When asked about his secret to longevity, he offered this advice to reporters and visitors alike, "If you keep your mind busy and keep your body busy, you're going to be around a long time."

He lived what he preached and kept busy in a railroad career that spanned 50 years. In 1963 he retired at the age of 67, but did not remain retired long. He returned to work as a manager and secretary for Great Falls Shrine Club until the age of 99.

Breuning had been a Shriner for

more than 60 years and served as President of the Great Falls Shrine Club. He cited the desire to help others as his reason for becoming a Shriner.

In 2009, in recognition of his 50 years of service to the railroad and to honor its 113th birthday, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation surprised Breuning with a \$50,000 donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children® in his honor.

In lieu of cards and flowers, Breuning asked that donations be made to the Algeria Shriners Hospital Patient Transportation Fund or Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic (1304 13th S., Great Falls, MT 59405)



Standing from left: Imperial Sir John Cinotto, John Hayes, Sr., Imperial Potentate George Mitchell and Larry Neilson. From Left to right sitting: Walter Bruening and First Lady Deanna Mitchell. During the visit in February 2011, Walter was presented with the First Lady's tie.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® Honored with Amerinet Achievement Award

Amerinet, a leading healthcare group purchasing organization, today announced the winners of its third annual Amerinet Healthcare Achievement Awards. Amerinet grants these honors yearly in recognition of member excellence for commitment to the reduction of healthcare costs and improvements in the quality of patient care delivery. Sixteen outstanding members were selected for creating and implementing cutting-edge advances in operational efficiencies during 2010.

Shriners Hospitals for Children®, a healthcare system of 22 pediatric specialty hospitals headquartered in Tampa, FL, was recognized in the area of community impact and innovation.

The Healthcare Achievement Awards offer an opportunity for Amerinet to underscore acute and non-acute care member facilities that met the highest standard of excellence addressing a value-of-care mission. "These awards recognize and celebrate members who are innovators, collaborators and leaders," said Todd Ebert, Amerinet president and CEO. "These nominees truly excelled at meeting the challenges of the healthcare industry delivering high-quality, cost-effective patient care."

About Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a

health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay. For more information, please visit:

www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

About Amerinet

As a leading national healthcare group purchasing organization, Amerinet collaborates with acute and alternate care providers to create and deliver unique solutions through performance improvement resources, guidance and ongoing support. With better product standardization and utilization, new financial tools beyond contracting and alliances that help lower costs, raise revenue and champion quality, Amerinet enriches healthcare delivery for its members and the communities they serve. To learn more about how Amerinet can help you successfully navigate the future of healthcare reform, visit:

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For the 2nd Degree, our Senior Warden, Paul Kolacki, was in the East. As usual, he did a great job. Brother Paul has definitely distinguished himself as "proficient" within the ranks of the Lodge. No one who has met him and knows his accomplishments can possibly believe otherwise. If all goes well and he's able to serve in the East in the ensuing year, Webster Lodge will be very blessed.

Upcoming Events

May 5th will be our Annual Table Lodge, which will start at 6:30 p.m. Please have your reservations to Brother Bill Gross as soon as possible.

May 6th and June 3rd will be our final Spaghetti Dinners before going dark. If you haven't attended one yet, you have two chances until next year. Let's show our Spaghetti Dinner Staff we appreciate their hard work by attending the upcoming dinner. April's dinner was for the Webster Fire Explorer Post No. 586. Nick Haldoupis tells me 295 dinners were served and the Post received \$1,681. That's another record, my Brothers.

Our Annual Summoned Communication will be May 19th. The purpose for this meeting will be, as I'm sure you know, for the Election of Officers. There will also be a dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Reservations will be required and the date for final reservations will be announced.

For the Past Masters of Webster Lodge, we have two important dates. May 12th will be the

Webster Lodge Past Masters Association Annual Meeting. The second important meeting is the Joint Investiture Service which will be held on May 20th at Fairport Masonic Hall. There will be additional communications regarding both of these meetings at a later date.

Another Year

As May comes to a close, so will my term as Master of Webster Lodge. Without a doubt, this has been the most rewarding year of my Masonic life. I've never had the pleasure of working so closely with so many fine men before. There wasn't a single subject needing attention that I thought would be too arduous for our Masonic Team. A great deal of thanks is owed to those Brothers who stepped forward and lent a hand throughout the course of the year. From the simplest task of setting up tables to making phone calls or arranging activities, every bit of help has been very much appreciated. Without such abundance of support no Lodge can possibly prosper.

It is comforting to know that many of these extraordinarily helpful Brothers will continue to make yet another advance to the seat in the East. It is also comforting to know that those Brothers who have no wish to travel down that path are, in their own ways, just as dedicated to the Lodge and their friends. And at the end of my term in the East, I thank all the Brothers for, what I believe to be, a great year.

Til next month, take care and God bless.

to our Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: James Sullivan. Brother Jim was surprised, indeed, when he was presented with an Honorary Membership from each and every Lodge within the Monroe District. Congratulations, R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, an Honor well deserved!

Whither Are We Traveling

As our Masonic Year begins to draw to a close, we have two very important meetings prior to our Installation of Officers in June.

May 9th is our Annual Communication when we will do two very important things. First, we will elect our Line of Officers for the ensuing year. Second, we will pay Tribute to those Brothers who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above. (Please join us in a salute to our departed Brothers and planning for our Future.)

I am very pleased and proud to announce that one of ERAC's own has been selected to receive the Dedicated Service Award. Worshipful David Upham has given decades of service to the Craft, with no plans of stopping anytime soon. Please come and join us on May 23rd to congratulate him on his achievements!

Until we are again called together...

From the Secretary's Desk By W.: David Upham

The morning after the Raising of 10 new Brothers, I was reflecting upon the Rite of Raising. For some reason, I took a mental leap to our Charter, that document from some Grand Body of Competent Jurisdiction that empowers us to work. And it brought to mind something one of our Past Grand Masters shared with me ... the Charter has two main purposes - First, it establishes us as a Just and Duly Constituted Lodge and Second, it empowers us to conduct the Three Degrees of Masonry. He continued, expanding on his second point, to inform me that our main purpose for existing is to confer the Three Degrees of Masonry on those men who are worthy and well-qualified to become members of the oldest Fraternity in the world.

His point ... that we exist to make new Masons! Which brought him to our main obligation to the Craft.

We all have an obligation to extend the usefulness of our Order - an obligation of continuing the line of membership from time immemorial into the future. We are obligated to bring in new members - each and every one of us - such that our gentle Craft continues to bring its beneficent message to the world as we know it.

From this conversation, it became clear to me that the obligation to make new Masons, which falls upon each and every one of us, is a two-fold obligation. As we are, as men, mortal by nature, we must bring in one Mason who will replace us when we inevitably stand before that all-devouring scythe of time to be gathered into that Grand Lodge above. That is our obligation to the Craft's Membership Management ... to maintain the membership count due to mortality ... to assure the continuance of the Craft.

Beyond membership maintenance, it is our duty to bring in one additional member to provide for a continuing membership increase - the growth of the Craft that our Tenets and efforts be not diminished in the sands of time.

The world around us is growing. It will continue to grow. To remain

a viable institution, we need to be a Craft that is growing as well. It is not acceptable for us to sit back and watch our numbers decrease. It would not be acceptable for us to stem the tide and become even static in our numbers. We have only met our obligation when each and every one of us has done his duty to bring in two or more new Masons.

To help you on your way to meeting this obligation, I always come to Lodge with a stack of blank Membership Petitions. I've been waiting for you to walk up to my desk and ask for one - not so much because someone has asked for it, but because you wish to be prepared when someone does! Are you carrying a blank Petition with you? Do you keep one in your glove compartment? Do you keep that Petition in mind when you are talking with a man who has the qualifications to carry on the Tenets of the Craft? Are you duly and truly prepared to meet your obligations?

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By Stephan Michener Junior Deacon

A total of nine Brothers from Northfield Lodge attended the District-wide Table Lodge at the end of March, held at Cathedral Hall in the old Masonic Temple on East Main Street. It was a fantastic evening.



Northfield Brothers Jason Higley and Devon Littlefield show off their Bow Ties at the District Table Lodge.

Several Brothers have also been working diligently to get around to all the Lodges in the District, to get their Passports stamped by the time Lodges go dark in June. These Brothers are participating in the Journeyman Program, which is open to



Northfield Brother Jon Buck prepared a festive St. Patrick's Day Dinner, before the 3rd Degree.

all Brothers in the Monroe District. Northfield Lodge is sponsoring the program. The purpose of this program is to encourage all Masons to get out and visit other Lodges and be received by Brothers in "foreign lands." We at Northfield hope to be receiving Brothers from around the District as they complete the Journeyman Program and come to Northfield to receive their award for having filled their passports with stamps from around the District.

Also, on March 17th, we Raised our new Brother, Ryan Thomas Sawyer. The Degree was presented by the Shrine Degree Team, with the assistance of some Northfield Brothers. As always, it was a moving evening and the Degree Team did a wonderful job. Since it was St. Patrick's Day, Brother Jon Buck treated us to a splendid Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. In addition to all the preparation, Jon took care of the cleanup and the Lodge thanks him for his labors!

During the month of April we held our Adopt-a-Highway Event. We also spent some time freshening up the Lodge a bit and doing some Spring cleaning. To reward the Brothers and their families who participated, the Lodge had a picnic to celebrate. Also in April several Brothers and their families got out to the ballpark and attended a Red Wings game, which was followed by fireworks and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Events like these remind us that our fellowship is not just restricted to the Lodge room.

Looking Ahead

On May 5th we will hold Elections for next year's Officers. That night will also be the Annual Communication. If you haven't been to Lodge in a while perhaps this would be a good night to attend as you will have a say in the leadership of your Lodge. Both current and future Officers would appreciate hearing from you about what you would like to see being done in Lodge and how your desire for "more light" can be fulfilled.

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

Looking ahead to June 2nd we will be holding the Installation of Officers. Although this will be the conclusion of this Masonic Year before the Lodge goes dark, let us remember that this occasion will commence a new beginning and an opportunity for further growth and enlightenment. Our building continues.



Lodge Brothers in attendance at the District Table Lodge.


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From Whence We Came

Where do I begin? ... March was a month packed with excellent meetings and exciting events. March 14th and March 28th found us enjoying brief business meetings, each with a short program of Masonic Light, after which we were able to adjourn to the Oasis early for good company and a few hands of Euchre. We have had a pretty busy past few months so it was a nice change and very enjoyable to just relax amongst Brothers.

March 26th was a very special day. We were honored to Raise eleven Brothers (9 from ERAC Lodge and 2 from Oatka Lodge) to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Many thanks to our Brothers from Oatka for joining us and lending their assistance in this great and important undertaking! Congratulations to our newest Brothers! We are very proud indeed to call each of you Brother!

March 29th was a day that will be remembered for quite some time. At approximately 6:30 p.m., 200 Brothers from around the State converged at Cathedral Hall in the old Downtown Masonic Temple for a Table Lodge of historic proportions! The evening began with a grand entrance of Officers, followed by a full-dress Military Presentation of the Colors. What a sight it was, my Brothers; what a sight it was ... Our District and Grand Lodge Officers did a very fine job as Master and Wardens for the evening. One of the highlights was the presentation made



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~ ~ ~ Claude H. Wright ~ ~ ~

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By now I hope you will join me in saying goodbye to the long days of Winter and enjoy the nice weather outside. If you missed the Monroe District Table Lodge, you really missed a great and very memorable night. It was nice to see 200 Brothers from around the Districts in old Cathedral Hall. What a fantastic event it was and W.: Pat Mulrooney, and everyone who helped, should be commended for a job well done.

Upcoming Events

Please plan to attend the May 10th meeting. There will be a dinner starting at 6 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be a report from the Master in regards to what took place at the Grand Lodge Meeting on May 2nd and May 3rd.

Consolidation

We have received word from Grand Lodge that the Grand Master signed the Charter on April 13th and our new Lodge-Inspiration Lodge - is official. A big thank you to both Lodges for the excellent work the Committees did to move swiftly, using due diligence to make the merger happen in a timely manner.

Lodge Clambake

The date has been set for the Lodge Clambake for Inspiration Lodge. Please plan to join us on Saturday, August 13th, starting at 3 p.m. at Brother Frank Sackett's house in Bloomfield. I thank Frank and his wife, Kay, for all the hard work they both do to make this event really special for everyone. There will be lots of food, games and fun for all. The cost is \$12 per family. You are asked to bring a dish-to-pass and lawn chairs; the rest is supplied by the Lodge. More information next month, but please save the date.

May Birthdays

Raul Fernandez (3rd), Andrew

Bauridel (6th), Gordon Kotzin (14th), Robert Knyrim (22nd), Michael Hueston (23rd), Timothy Babcock (24th), Gary Burke (26th), Daniel Miller (27th) and Russell Garrison (29th).

Happy Birthday to these Brothers and we hope you have many more Birthdays.

Masonic Anniversaries

- 65 Years Russell Garrison
- 61 Years Harry Steinorth Jr.
- 53 Years Raymond Sterling
- 50 Years Richard Lippincott
- 46 Years Wesley Warren
- 35 Years William Babcock
- 32 Years Michael Robinson
- 30 Years Joseph Gingold
- 29 Years Timothy Babcock
- 28 Years Richard DeCrocce
- 26 Years Edward Schmitt
- 24 Years David Ogden Michael McBride

Please join me in thanking these Brothers for all their years of service to our Fraternity.

Thank you to the Brothers who have attended meetings and supported the District Programs. My wish was to have many more Brothers on the sidelines this year and that did not happen for a lot of events. If there is something the Lodge can do to help to get you to join your Brothers at an event or meeting, please let one of your Officers know; we are open for suggestions. Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

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What turned out to be the last Tiled meeting of Craftsman Robertson Lodge was a Past Masters' Night. R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet was in the East, W.: William Shelby, DSA, in the West and W.: Ralph Jurgens in the South. They were assisted by: W.: Duane Smith, Senior Deacon; W.: Joseph Steffen, Junior Deacon and W.: Nelson Bertch joined in at Marshal. The evening was arranged by W.: Clyde Siverd, DSA.

There were only two items of business to handle: the minutes from our previous communication had to be read; and we presented a Bible to one of the newly Raised Master Masons. Each Past Master in attendance was asked to briefly give highlights of his year in Office, but the highlight might have been when R.: W.: Waterstreet entered the Lodge wearing his Tricorn Hat. The Masters of 1976 were given special permission to wear these as their top hats during the United States of America's Bicentennial year.

Birthdays

Our Brothers celebrating this month are: George R. Wilkinson and Edward Start (4th); Robert Hughes and David Liesten (10th); John Steinkamp (18th); Terry Ramsey (21st) and Charles Freida (26th). Happy birthday to each one of you.

It's Official

The torch has been passed to a new era and a new Lodge in the Monroe District. Inspiration Lodge No. 109 took effect on Wednesday, April 13th. On April 26th, a Summoned Meeting for the purpose of installing the new slate of Officers for the new Lodge was held. Our heartiest of congratulations goes to the new Lodge and its members; we look forward to many years of anticipated growth and Brotherhood.

It was my personal honor to be able to serve Craftsman Robertson during this transitional period. Thanks to the hard work of both Consolidation Committees and its members, we successfully accomplished all that Grand Lodge asked of us, even though there were a couple of bumps in the road.

We pledge ourselves to support and nurture the new Slate of Officers to help create a sense of excitement within the Lodge. I know many have gone before and the passing of a Lodge is never easy. Its history will always be a reminder to us of dedicated Brothers who sat in the East and the many hundreds of Brothers who have been members of this Lodge.

We the members of Craftsman Robertson No. 969 will always be available to assist and whisper wise counsel if you require it. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder to wish INSPIRATION No. 109 the very best.

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Master's Notes

In March, I had the pleasure of recognizing some of the Past Masters of Unity Lodge. Through many discussions with Brothers, it appears I am proud to be the first Unity-Raised, Unity Worshipful Master. An Honor for sure! It was also my pleasure on that Past Masters' Night to recognize W.: Don Fox, DSA, for 60 years in the Craft; Brother Ron Arndt for 40 years in Masonry; and Honorable Mention of K.: W.: Don Darrohn who was awarded the Chancellor Robert Livingston Medal this year.

I can't even begin to discuss the evening of March 29th, but I have to say thanks to all the Unity Brothers who were able to attend the District Table Lodge. What a memorable evening.

In April, we completed our second set of Degrees and so far this year have Raised ten Brothers in Unity Lodge. We also have a list of Candidates from Brothers bringing in Petitions - the result of two great Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights that we are working to get Initiated as soon as possible.

We've completed the new bathroom minus some detailing - installation of a mirror and towel dispenser. Thanks to



W.: Donald Fox (right) received 60-Year Service Award from W.: Rob Buchanan.

Eastern Star Sisters for some donations ... Elaine Milner for curtains, Ramona Dimino for a wall mirror and Wanda Williams for a towel dispenser.

We (Byron Barnes) cleaned up the third floor, making it not only useable again, but a piece of history. And let's not forget that we are working on our kitchen and social hall upgrades which are long overdue.

As the year winds down, with so much more to do, I can only say it has been my pleasure to be your Master this year.

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all our Brothers who celebrate their birthdays in May:

Byron Barnes, Randolph Bloechl, Harry Buss, Bill Collier, Bill Dunn, Charles Frear, Jim Gisleson, George Greenauer, Victor Gundrum, Edward Hogle, Robert Knorr, Thomas Michielsen, John Page, Walter Pagel, Keith Phelps, Thomas Riddle, Robert Spaulding, James Tellinhuisen and Josh Traverzo.

Upcoming Events

May 31st - Red Cross Blood Drive at the Ogden Community Center.

June 14th - Flag Day and the US Army's Birthday



Brother Ronald Arndt (right) receives his 40-Year Service Award from Worshipful Master Rob Buchanan.



W.: Rob Buchanan congratulates R.: W.: Donald Darrohn who received the Grand Lodge Chancellor Livingston Medal.



Brothers of Craftsman Robertson Lodge who attended the Monroe District Table Lodge. The consolidation of Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109 and Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969 was completed on April 13th, 2011, when M.: W.: Vincent Libone, Grand Master, signed the Charter for Inspiration Lodge No. 109, which will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at the Shrine Center



Brothers in attendance at Past Masters' Night.



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By Roger Lynch, Senior Warden

We were able to pass four Brothers to the 2nd Degree and they stand ready to be Raised to Master Masons in a month with the aid and direction of Worshipful Tom Ward in the East.

On March 29th, thirteen of our members joined Brothers in a District-Wide Table Lodge in Cathedral Hall at the old Masonic Temple in Downtown Rochester. In all, about 200 Brothers from Monroe and surrounding Districts attended. The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. James Sullivan, was given Honorary Membership in all 13 Lodges in the District. Also in attendance was Past Grand Master Neal Bidnick, along with some of the Grand Line Officers. I thank our Master Fraser Ritchie for allowing me to stand in for him that night.

By the time you read this, we will have had lunch with the Surviving Spouses of our Brothers who have laid down their Working Tools. Thank you, Ladies, we hope you enjoyed it.

Upcoming Events

We are working on a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night for May 23rd. We will gather at 6 p.m. for a Spaghetti Dinner, followed at 7 p.m. with a program of information and fellowship.

An Open Installation of all the Officers for the ensuing year will be June 11th at 2 p.m. at the Lodge. All are welcome

from the baby-in-arms to the senior citizen to see a little of what Masonry is like.

There are plans in the works for District-wide activities for families, along with the Lodge this Summer.


Sickness and Distress

Remember those Brothers who are not able to join us with a note, a phone call or a moment with the Supreme Architect for their well-being, all would be helpful.

Our Master is still under the weather, but is on the way up the ladder of health, your thoughts and/or a note would be helpful. ✕

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Our meeting on May 12th will be Election of Officers and a report on Grand Lodge. Again, thanks to W. Doug Jones for being our Representative this year at Grand Lodge.

Ladies Night Update

Ladies Night this year will now be on Saturday, May 14th. There was a conflict with the room and a few of our Brothers, so it has been rescheduled to accommodate. It will again be at Keenan's on East Ridge Road in Irondequoit.

The program for the meeting on May 26th is going to be determined by the incoming Master. Please remember the Brotherhood Fund. We'll see you in Lodge. ✕

MMRL Scientists Discover Effect of Cholesterol Drug to Suppress Abnormal Heart Rhythms

By Ronald P. Kamp
Director of Development and Communication and
Myron Thurston III
Assistant Director of Development and Communication

Cardiac Research Institute scientists at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) have discovered a previously unrecognized effect of the anti-cholesterol drug, Simvastatin, to suppress the development of some forms of abnormal rhythms of the heart. Statins are commonly used to treat high levels of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) and total cholesterol. The MMRL study published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology demonstrates that Simvastatin may have a beneficial effect in patients afflicted with certain types of cardiac arrhythmias.

Serge Sicouri, M.D., was lead author on this study and his co-authors included Andrew Zyg-

munt, Ph.D., Jonathan Cordeiro, Ph.D., and Brittany Gianetti. According to Charles Antzelevitch, Ph.D., MMRL Executive Director and Director of Research and senior author of the publication, this unexpected finding adds to the many beneficial effects thus far documented for the statin class of drugs, including reduced inflammation and reduced incidence of heart attack, stroke and some forms of cancer.

The MMRL study demonstrated for the first time that Simvastatin exerts a direct anti arrhythmias effect by suppressing triggers responsible for the genesis of atrial fibrillation (AF). AF is the most common cardiac arrhythmias requiring medical attention, af-

fecting 2.66 million Americans. The arrhythmia reduces quality of life and if left untreated is a major cause of stroke. The finding that statins, such as Simvastatin, exhibit antiarrhythmic properties suggests that it may be of benefit in the management of AF.

By reducing cholesterol, statins have proven to be a life-saver especially for people at high risk of having a heart attack. Among those who previously suffered one heart attack, statins have shown to cut the risk of another event by more than 30%, making them valuable for the 8 million people in the U.S. who fall into this category.

According to Antzelevitch, "the drugs have not been without problems, in that statins have been linked to a relatively rare but serious muscle weakness." ✕

Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!

By Thomas Michielsen

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Whew!! The Tax Season rush is over. Now we can relax and turn our thoughts to Spring and Summer activities. Let us all enjoy the good and endure the bad; change what we can and let what we can't pass as quickly as possible.

Mistakes!

Who Makes Mistakes?

Everyone makes mistakes occasionally! If you filed your Tax Return before April 7th and have not received your refund check yet, you may have made one or more of the following common mistakes made by individuals this year.

1. Choosing the wrong filing status. For example, taxpayers often incorrectly claim the "head of household" filing status without meeting the requirements for that status.

2. Failing to include or using incorrect Social Security numbers. The names and Social Security numbers included on a Return must agree exactly with your Social Security cards.

3. Incorrect or misspelling of dependent's last name. When entering a dependent's last name on your Tax Return, ensure they are entered exactly as they appear on their Social Security card.

4. Failing to put your information on the correct line of the Return. Some list their taxable pension income on the line for Schedule E income and then on the New York State Return they try to deduct that pension on the line for federal adjustments. This frequently generates letters from both governments which upsets and scares the individual.

5. Did you sign and date your Return? If not, it will not be accepted until it is.

6. Did you claim a dependent that either does not qualify or claimed themselves on their own Return? College students file Returns without talking to their parents and can cause problems for them and their parents.

7. Failing to check if you are liable for the Alternative Minimum Tax. More taxpayers are becoming liable for the AMT because of the changing tax laws.

8. Incorrect bank account numbers for Direct Deposit - If you are due a refund and requested direct deposit did you check your financial institution routing and account numbers?

Record Retention

Recently I have had several requests from clients for a Guide for Record Retention. Here is a shortened version of Record Retention I recommend to my clients.

1. Keep Tax Returns and their supporting documents for at least three, I recommend five, years after the Return is filed.

2. Keep year-end statements for all investments for five years after the investment is either sold or depleted. This includes Pension and IRA statements.

3. Keep household bills for three months after payment. That way you can verify the payment was received and recorded on your account.

4. Keep Bank Statements and Cancelled Checks (if you get them back) for two years unless you operate a business venture through the account, then five years after the Tax Return is filed.

Important Facts about Capital Gains and Losses

Did you know that almost everything you own and use for personal or investment purposes is a capital asset? Capital assets include a home, vehicles, household furnishings and stocks and bonds held in a personal account. When a capital asset is sold, the difference between the amount you paid for the asset and the amount you sold it for is a Capital Gain or Capital loss.

Here are some facts about Gains and Losses and how they can affect your Income Tax Return.

1. Almost everything you own and use for personal purposes, pleasure or investment is a capital asset.

2. When you sell a capital asset, the difference between the amount you sell it for and your basis (which is usually what you paid for it) is a Capital Gain or a capital loss.

3. You must report all Capital Gains.

4. You may deduct capital losses only on investment property, not on property held for personal use.

5. Capital gains and losses are classified as long-term or short-term, depending on how long you hold the property before you sell it. If you hold it more than one year, your Capital Gain or loss is long-term. If you hold it one year or less, the Capital Gain or loss is short-term.

6. If you have long-term gains in excess of your long-term losses, you have a net Capital Gain to the extent your net long-term Capital Gain is more than your net short-term capital loss, if any.

7. The tax rates that apply to net Capital Gain are generally lower than the tax rates that apply to other income. The maximum Capital Gains rate for most people is 15%. For lower-income individuals, the rate may be 0% on some or all of the net Capital Gain. Special types of net Capital Gain can be taxed at 25% or 28%.

8. If your capital losses exceed your Capital Gains, the excess can be deducted on your Tax Return and used to reduce other income, such as wages, up to an annual limit of \$3,000, or \$1,500 if you are married filing separately.

9. If your total net capital loss is more than the yearly limit on capital loss deductions, you can carry over the unused part to the next year and treat it as if you incurred it in that next year.

10. Capital gains and losses are reported on Schedule D, Capital Gains and Losses, and then transferred to Line 13 of Form 1040.

Upcoming Due Dates

April 30th - First Quarter Payroll Reports Due.

May 16th - April Payroll Taxes and Exempt Organization Returns Due.

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

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Spring is my favorite time of year in the garden. My favorite flowers, the Tulips, are in bloom. I have hundreds coming up over a three-week period. And I always have a very early crop of peas and radishes. We even have things blooming in Lodge.

We have all sorts of projects popping up this Spring. The

work on the merger with Batavia Lodge is budding and the work on the Social Area/Dining Room is the next project. The last area will be the kitchen.

It is also election time. Good luck to our new Officers. There is Degree work and Petitions for affiliation. Building is good for growth. It feels very good to be going forward.

Sickness and Distress

We have a Brother in need of our aid and a family in need of our sympathy.

R. W. Bob Nicoll is at The Village Green Nursing Home on Munson Street in LeRoy.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of W. Nevin Brick, who passed away suddenly on April 6th. Please send remembrance cards to 50 West Main Street; LeRoy, NY 14482-1306.

Please remember them in your prayers.

See you at Lodge. ✕

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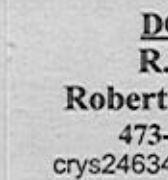


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Photos from March Tri-District Meeting

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(l-r) M.W. Burniece S. Herendeen, M.W. Peggy S. Grupp and W. Karen Balkwill-Dick.



(l-r) R.W. Norma J. Reynolds, W. Karen Balkwill-Dick and R.W. Harry L. Tyson.



(l-r) W. Hilde DiJames, S. Peggy Roller, R.W. Ray DiJames, W. Beverley Goodell and R.W. Chris Hampton.

By Mae S. Bauer

The calendar says Spring. Maybe someplace else, but not here as of yet. Some of the flowers have begun to poke their heads up from their long Winter nap and I can hear the geese on the ponds near me. Many people are on their way home from Florida and points South; here's hoping they bring the warm weather with them. These are sure signs, hope they are correct.

Official Visits of the Monroe District have started with the first one at Fairport Chapter, followed by Starlight Chapter in Spencerport.

The next are scheduled for May 3rd at Nolatka Chapter and a Tri-Chapter Visit on May 25th in Spencerport.

Tri-District Meeting

The Annual Tri-District Meeting was held on March 30th at the Batavia Masonic Hall. Each year, three Districts - Monroe, Genesee-Wyoming and Erie Districts - gather for a social evening in honor of an Eastern Star Office. This year the honors went to Color Bearers and Marshals.

As usual, R.W. Isabelle Keuther created a Degree on American history, interwoven with chronology of the American Flag designs. Each Chapter brought their American Flag and, escorted by their Marshals, the Color Bearers carried the flags around the room, introducing themselves in the East. This was followed by a cast from Pond Drama Players depicting some important parts of U.S. History.

Lilac Star Chapter No. 57, OES

Annual Spring Card Party & Luncheon

Monday, May 2nd
Cards - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Chicken & Biscuit Lunch - 12 Noon
Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street

You may attend Luncheon and Not Stay for Cards.

Donation \$8.00
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Spring Floral Luncheon

Sponsored by Starlight Chapter #507

Tuesday, May 24th

12 Noon; \$9 Donation
Advance Ticket Purchase Required

See a Starlight Member or call Jan Porter 671-9730 for tickets at Spencerport Masonic Hall; 133 S. Union St.

Featuring Floral Demonstrations By Michael Miller of Kittleberger's Florist

The Signing Choir of Cassiopia Triangle Girls presented a very moving song with signing.

Izzy is already planning something for next year. It will be held in a local Batavia church because the Masonic Lodge Hall, like so many, has been sold and the Lodge and Chapter have moved. It's a shame to see such a beautiful room no longer in use. Unfortunately it's the times.

Donations

As requested, donations from Clubs, Chapters and individuals for the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Projects

need to be given to me as soon as possible.

Save the Dates! Lilac Luncheon

Lilac Luncheon has been scheduled for June 16th on the Eastern Star Campus in Oriskany. More information will be sent to each Chapter Secretary.

District Summer Event

Keep August 20th free for the District Summer Event - a trip to the Genesee Country Museum. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy music of the Old Time Fiddler's Fair in the Big Field.

God Bless.

Visiting London? See Grand Lodge

By W.: E. David Martin, Area 16 Historian

The infamous arsonist of Washington, DC, in the War of 1812 was a Mason. Admiral Sir George Cockburn, became a Mason on November 25, 1811, in Somerset House Lodge No. 2, now Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4, London, England.

Now for some more news from the Grand Lodge of England and Wales. For all Brothers who may be going to England this year, the Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) is at 60 Great Queen Street, London WC28 5AZ.

A new exhibition, "The Patriot Mason: Freemasonry in

American Society" is starting on July 4th and running through December 22nd. It basically takes a look at Masonry before, during and after the Revolutionary War.

The current exhibition there is "The Building of King Solomons' Temple."

Normally, the Grand Lodge Building is closed on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

For more information, use the website: www.freemasonry.london.museum or you can find it in the current issue of Freemasonry Today: www.freemasonrytoday.com. x

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch Recipient of 2011 Distinguished Scientist Award of American College of Cardiology

Drives Leading Edge Research into Cardiac Electrophysiology and Arrhythmias



Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the Cardiac Research Institute of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL), was recently honored as the recipient of the

2011 Distinguished Scientist Award of the American College of Cardiology (ACC) at their Annual Scientific Sessions in New Orleans. The prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award is one given in recognition of a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology who has made major scientific contributions to the advancement of scientific knowledge in the field of cardiovascular disease.

MMRL Board President, Anthony Boccabella, Ph.D., J.D., said, "Dr. Antzelevitch has received many honors over the years but none as unique or as special as this distinction. This recognition

speaks volumes about the valuable contributions he has made and the caliber of the research he and his colleagues have conducted at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. We congratulate him on this milestone achievement and recognition. His passion for science has opened new vistas of medical advancement in the name of Freemasonry in which we can all be justifiably proud." x

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Chapter of Rose Croix

The month of March was very busy for the Chapter of Rose Croix. On March 12th, the Knights of the Rose Croix presented the 17th Degree and on March 27th, the Feast of the

Paschal Lamb. I congratulate the cast for both functions; you did a great job conveying the message and meaning of the Memorial Service and Degree.

Sy Kopen, 32nd MSA, served as the Director for the Feast and Ill.: John Zabel, 33rd, served as Director for the Knight of the East and West. On behalf of all our members and the Ill.: Robert D. Pederson, 33rd, Class, thanks again to the cast members and the Chapter of Rose Croix Line for all your hard work. Thanks, also, to all those Brothers behind the scenes. Everyone's dedication and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Reunion Banquet

Friday, May 6th, is the Reunion Banquet welcoming our members of the Ill.: Robert D. Pederson, 33rd, Class to the Valley of Rochester. The banquet will be held at Penfield Country Club, 1784 Jackson Road. So-

cial Hour is at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Program, 7:30 p.m. This is a special social event with our ladies to honor the Ill.: Robert D. Pederson, 33rd, Class of 2011.

During the banquet, we will also be announcing the 2011 recipients of the Ill.: John B. Mullen, 33rd, Dedicated Service Awards. The menu for the banquet will be Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala or Herb Crusted Tilapia. The price for the dinner is \$35.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple. Class members and their ladies are the guests of the Valley. Dinner reservations are required by noon April 29th. Dress for the evening is semi-formal or tux.

Walk for Dyslexia

May 14th is the date for this year's Annual "WALK To Help Children with Dyslexia" and Family Picnic. Check-in is 9:30 a.m. and the WALK starts at 10:30 a.m. at Perinton Park in Fairport.

The Walk and Family Picnic are being held to raise funds to support the tutoring program at the Children's Dyslexia Center in Honor of Frank and Bette Paul and to raise awareness in our community of the problems children with Dyslexia encounter. Our goal at this year's Walk is to raise \$10,000 for the Rochester Learning Center. With your help and support, WE CAN DO IT. Come join the fun and fellowship.

Election and Installation

The Election and Installation of the 2011-2012 Valley of Rochester Officer Lines will take place at our Stated Communication on May 19th at the Shrine Center. Please come to meet and support your new Officers. Social Hour at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Program at 7:30 p.m. Please call or email the Valley Office with your reservation by Noon Monday, May 16th.

Dates to Remember

Some Summer events to put on your calendar are:

June 16th - Knights of St. Andrew kickoff at the Shrine Center, Social Hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Grilled NY Strip Steak Dinner.

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

Saturday, August 6th we will be having the 6th Annual Clambake and Steak Roast at Camp Morris in Wayland commencing at 11 a.m. - until.

Reservations are needed for all of these events. COME JOIN ALL THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. Hope to see you all there. x

Valley of Rochester Spring 2011

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

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

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

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

Summer Family Outings - Mark Your Calendars

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

** Make your reservations On Time!
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity
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Rochester Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia

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Saturday, May 14th (Rain or Shine!)

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

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

Walk along the Scenic Erie Canal, beginning and ending at the Perinton Park on Route 31F in Fairport. The course to walk is approximately 3 miles. Sponsored by Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc.

For Information, contact: Children's Dyslexia Center in Honor of Frank & Bette Paul; dyslexiahelp@rochester.rr.com; (585) 264-1690. Visit the Website: www.dyslexiahelp.org.



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May is finally here and the weatherman has not yet gotten control of the weather. We at the Masonic War Veterans have an extremely busy month.

On May 18th, we will again make our journey to the Canandaigua Veterans Facility for their Monthly Birthday Party. We meet for lunch at the Villager Restaurant at 12:30 p.m. and retire to the facility at 2 p.m. Any Brothers interested are more than welcome to join us.

May 21st - Armed Forces Day lunch at Rochester International Airport. There will be music during lunch and some pieces of military equipment on display.

May 22nd - The Memorial Day Wreath presentation at the Blue Cross Arena in the Rochester War Memorial, Downtown Rochester at 3 p.m. Come early.

May 28th - Installation of Officers for the new Masonic Year at the Fairport Masonic Hall. Please be there to show your support. It is important for our future.

May 30th - Two Parades ...
1) Memorial Day Parade in Downtown Rochester; assemble at the intersection of Strathallan Park and East Avenue ... same area as last year. We will step off at 10:30 a.m., so try to be there by 9:45 a.m.; 2) Also, we have an afternoon Parade in Greece at 2 p.m.; try to be there by 1:15 p.m. We will assemble at Long Pond and Janes Road.

Join Our Ranks

The Masonic War Veterans are still looking for new members. Our requirements for membership are: be a Mason; served in our Military, but not necessarily during combat; or served as our ally. If interested, please call: Vance R. Collom, Jr., Adjutant, 217-9817; Emil "Moe" Schirano, Past Commander, 265-3932; or John Ponshock, Commander, 338-2998.

Remember to always keep faith with all Brothers. x



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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May Missive
Alas, May is here and we can again try on our shorts and sandals.

March saw a sparsely attended, but profoundly informative, "Mad-as-a-Hatter" Party.

At a regular meeting in April, we were re-tooling our Prophet Bring-a-Brother Night. The date for this gala event, an Open House Meeting, will be May 18th at the usual time. Call me to let me know if you are coming and of course, who you are bringing.

To date, I have two Petitions for this year, how about the rest of you, my Prophet Brothers? Remember, my Brothers, no one need walk on water, or part any waters for that matter, to get in! However looking good in a fez is a small consideration for you to make.

As you, my Prophets, look over at our returning Grotto Scroll in this issue, I call your attention to some significant upcoming events. Board of Governors' meeting, as per usual, is followed by the May 16th Legion of Honor meeting, where yours truly will again propose we do more work with the Masonic War Veterans to visit, help and give joy and comfort to all our Veterans.

Sadness
Anyone who has been in Grotto a few years, knows Barb Izzie. She is the go-to person at Supreme Council and the steady rock of this Fraternal Organization. The first week of April, she was diagnosed with Cancer. It is serious enough that she has to undergo chemo therapy. If anyone would like to contact her and extend your best wishes to her and her family and pray for a good outcome, send your thoughts to Barbara Izzie, 510 Sunbury Road #32, Delaware, Ohio 43015. She would love to hear your hopeful thoughts. Thanks.

Happy Holidays
My Prophets, I hope you all had as wonderful an Easter, as I had a great Passover. May is the month of Memorial Day. Remember our Veterans and the sacrifices they made for us. A kind thought, a prayer or, even better, a friendly visit are all good ways to show we care. Buying the latest gee-whiz at some Memorial Day special sale is not the original intention of the Holiday. Contact Dick Topel, John Ponshok, Jr., or me to find out what the Legion of Honor is up to for Memorial Day parading.

Sons of Liberty

Sam Adams was to gain fame as the greatest of Revolutionary organizers and strategists in the early period. Adams began this work in the Caucus Club, which his father helped to found. The Caucus Club was the steering committee of the opposition to the British Crown Government.

When Sam Adams presided over a meeting, there were very few gentlemen present. Later on, when the radicals had elected a number of their people to the legislature, they opened the sessions to the public. As the masses intervened more directly in the course of events, they built their own organizations.

Such as the Sons of Liberty, or Liberty Boys, they had their own meeting places. In Boston the most popular were their town meeting places at the Old South Church and Faneuil Hall, and the Liberty Tree and Boston Common, where outdoor mass meetings were held.

Sam Adams was becoming increasingly prominent during this period; the roles were largely behind the scenes.

Like the Masons, the Sons recognized each other by a secret language and wore medals. The medals, suspended around the neck, had on one side an arm grasping a pole on top of which was a liberty cap and the words "Sons of Liberty." On the reverse side was the Liberty Tree. They had no special dress, like the Masonic apron, but wore cockades and (in honor of Wilkes in London) such insignia as "45" on their hats.

When on public display, they

kept military formation and once-a-year, sat down together to an enormous feast celebrating their "march on Rome" the 14th of August. At will, they could summon thousands of their "high frolicks," but how many of the genuine toughs of Boston were actually members, no one now knows.

A list of 350 "Sons" attended one of the famous banquets at the Liberty Tree in Dorchester, August 14, 1769. The list included many of North Caucus and Long Room and all the leading Whigs.

In Boston, the protests were led by Sam Adams, John Hancock and Paul Revere. They were known as the Long Room Club after their meeting room above Benjamin Edes Print Shop. Edes was Co-Publisher of the *Boston Gazette*, the most Radical Boston newspaper.

It was at this time the Sons of Liberty were formed in most of the Colonial cities. The Sons of Liberty were soon thoroughly organized and subjected to the direction of influential leaders. They were composed, for the most part, of laboring classes and mechanics and were successfully secret in all their meetings and preparations for concerted movements.

The British Officers charged with enforcing the Customs Laws and the Stamp Acts were becoming aggressive. In June of 1772, a Dramatic event was to demonstrate the severity of the crisis. A Lieutenant William Duddington, of her Majesty's Ship *Gaspee*, was charged with patrolling the waters of Narragansett Bay, off Rhode Island. The Lieutenant had earned a reputation as an overzealous enforcer, boarding and detaining vessels and confiscating cargo - often without charge and without recourse for merchants whose goods were impounded. Losses were mounting and it was widely believed these harassments were directed specifically at members of the "Sons of Liberty."

On June 9, 1772, a local vessel out of Newport was under way to Providence when its Captain baited *HMS Gaspee* and lead Duddington into shallow waters near Warwick, where it ran aground. Word got around quickly to Providence and a party of 55 men planned

to attack the *Gaspee*. The following evening they wounded the Lieutenant and captured the entire crew, taking them ashore to watch as the *Gaspee* was looted and then burned.

The boldness of this attack suggested it was the "Sons of Liberty." No charges were made against the attackers, but rather Duddington for illegally seizing goods. They were hauled back to England for trial.

The great, nationwide, revolutionary structure had not yet been built.

To be continued ...

Legion of Honor
By Ronald Morthorst

The Legion of Honor is moving right along. Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month. All Grotto members who are Veterans are cordially invited to join us for social, informative happenings that might be of interest, along with dinner or other refreshments that is on the meeting schedule.

Our March meeting was held at Mulconry's Irish Pub in Fairport with our ladies. We had a great time and enjoyed great food.

The April meeting at the Nutcracker had a good turnout and we consumed delicious food. Plans for the rest of the Summer were discussed and finalized.

Upcoming Events
May 16th - We will meet in the Grotto Office in the Shrine Center at 6:30 p.m. Commander

Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, May 2nd
Board of Governors Meeting - 7 p.m.
Grotto Office

Monday, May 16th
Legion of Honor Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Grotto Office

Wednesday, May 18th
Open House Meeting
Refreshments follow meeting

Monday, May 30th
Legion of Honor participation in Memorial Day Celebrations

CLIP AND SAVE!
Information Hot Line
271-7446 (Bernie)

Dick Topel will order sub sandwiches. Call Dick at 663-2547 and let him know if you're coming.

June 20th - Joint Picnic with the Masonic War Veterans at Henrietta Town Park, Bushman Cabin. Ladies are invited. Dick Topel will do his famous Strawberry Dessert.

We must have reservations to either Dick 663-2547 or Ron 334-4196 by June 15th so we can order the food.

Golf, Golf, Golf!!

The sun is shining, the white balls are flying and now is the time to think GOLF!!!! Come to Old Hickory Golf Course on **June 19th** and enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments on the course, food on the turn, Steak Dinner and prizes. Entry fee is only \$45 and we use the Callaway scoring system.

All Master Masons are welcome to come and "chase the ball." If you have a friend who is a Non-Mason and whom you would like to bring, he is more than welcome. **New this year ... \$250 Monar Hole-in-One Contest.** You'll be surprised who you meet at these affairs. **Entry deadline June 9th.** (See our ad in this *Masonic Times*.)

Lalla Rookh Grotto is a social organization of Master Masons. Our purpose is to bring a quality SYMPATHY and GOOD FELLOWSHIP not only to member Prophets, but to everyone. An atmosphere of good, clean fun and frolic prevails at all times. Our 2010 calendar has a year full of FRIENDSHIP and GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

If you have questions about the above program, please call Dick Topel at 663-2547.

The sun is shining, the white balls are flying and it's time to think GOLF!!!

Lalla Rookh Grotto

Golf

Tournament

June 11th

Old Hickory Golf Course
6655 Big Tree Road, Livonia

Starting Tee Time 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

York Rite NEWS

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What's Happening

The Grand Chapter has requested that each Chapter be Certified that they can Open and Close with a correct number of Officers and that the Officers know their work. This is a good thing. Hiram Chapter has not yet been certified. Therefore, we will be meeting on both the 2nd and 4th Thursday in May. It is anticipated that our Inspection for Certification will be at the May 26th meeting. Please plan to be in attendance to support the Chapter and have a great evening. I thank all the Companions, especially some of our new Companions, for stepping into a Chair and learning the work.

Our meeting in June will be our Annual Picnic at King's Bend Park, thanks to Companion John Dudley. More information will be emailed/sent to the Companions as the time approaches.

The High Priest and the Officers of the Chapter will be working with the other Chapters in our new District to develop Degree Teams and set a schedule for the Conferral of the Degrees. There are still Petitions coming in from Brothers looking to become Royal Arch Masons and we need to accommodate them. Our Charter states that one of our tasks is to make Royal Arch Masons. Any assistance our Companions can give will be greatly appreciated.

Musings

Let us set aside talking about the Royal Arch in particular and give you some thoughts on why the Concordant Bodies exist and what they are good for. The Degrees conferred in a Lodge contain a lot of meat and meaning. However, we, as Lodge members, are never really told all the meaning of the content of these Degrees. This is done on purpose as Freemasonry requires that its members study the Degrees and make up their own mind on how to interpret the lessons and apply them to their own lives. This could be a daunting task, but this is where all the Concordant Bodies come into play.

The two Rites - the Scottish Rite and York Rite - take a more serious path in helping a Brother discover the meanings and teaching of the Fraternity.

Through the Scottish and York Rite Degrees, the Freemason is exposed to a greater depth of meaning of the Masonic Philosophy. These Degrees are a pleasure to behold as a Petitioner for the Degrees, the seasoned member and the cast members. The Degrees allow the cast to get into the drama of expressing the teachings of the Degrees. This does not take

away from the Lodge Degrees, but complements them. Watching and participating in the various Degrees of the Rites can help a Brother in preparing and conferring the Lodge Degrees.

The other Concordant Bodies, such as the Shrine, Tall Cedars, Grotto, etc., also have their place in the scheme of Freemasonry. They allow the Brother to have fun and meet a wider range of Masons in a less serious manner. These Bodies work to improve society, e.g., the Shriners Hospitals, Tall Cedars support of MDA, etc. In fact, the Shriners Hospitals were mentioned in a "60 Minutes" story in March. Life would be a drag if there were not ways of breaking loose from the grind and enjoy one's self. This is the basis for these Bodies.

The foundation of Freemasonry is the Lodge, as it should be. We need to treat a Lodge with the respect it deserves and support our Lodge to the best of our ability. We also need to get out and meet more Brothers, build lasting friendships and expand our minds on the Tenets and Principles of Freemasonry by using the Concordant Bodies. Every Brother should explore the world of Freemasonry and find all the parts of it he can fit into and build a great Masonic life for himself.

There is much more to Freemasonry than becoming a member of all the various Bodies or even becoming the Presiding Officer of the Bodies. Masons need to delve into the Rituals, Philosophies and Landmarks of the Craft in order to build a successful Masonic career and enjoy their time in the Fraternity. Busy men need more than their profession to enjoy life. The proper balance of family, religion, work and Freemasonry can lead to a man being healthy, maybe not wealthy, but at least very wise. *

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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I wish to remind all our members that we will be having a very important meeting on May 18th. We will be holding our Annual Elections for the ensuing Cryptic Year. Remember the old adage, "If you ain't there, you might be put into a Chair!" All attempts at humor aside, I hope to see all our members at this meeting to participate in this very important Masonic Duty.

We will begin with another exceptional dinner being prepared by Joy Woodley, a truly outstanding chef. She always manages to surpass herself each month. I need to remind the Companions that we have to reach a minimum threshold of reservations for our dinners. The cost for the meal is still \$10

and I ask you to please let me know if you will be attending.

In keeping with last month's column, here is another small bit of Cryptic Trivia for our members.

How did Cryptic Masonry Spread in America?

"The Select Master Degree was probably first conferred in America about 1790, in Jamaica, by Moses Cohen under what became the Scottish Rite. By 1792, Cohen was in the United States conferring the Degree of "Select Master of Twenty-seven" on many Masons. The Royal Master Degree was probably first conferred in America in 1810 in New York.

The Select and Royal Degrees first came together in 1818 when Jeremy Ladd Cross started conferring them and establishing Councils of Royal and Select Masters. Cross and other Masons like him traveled extensively and spread these, plus other Degrees, for a fee. At that time Degrees were not institutionalized as they are now, and were often legally conferred and taught by traveling Masons who earned their living by doing that. They obtained their authority from Grand Lodges or Grand Masters, but traveled widely outside the States where they had been appointed." *

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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Sir Knights, by the time this news reaches you, we will have had our Inspection. I know many Sir Knights from our Commandery and our Sister Commandery, Sagoyewatha, put in a lot of time rehearsing for the Inspection. So many things are fully utilizing the Conclaves and many events coming up, that I have not had time to give a lecture. Therefore, I will use this month's article to present what I had planned for the Conclaves.

Templar Ciphers

So many of the cowans and eavesdroppers believe Freemasonry and the Knights Templar are very secretive organizations. We attempt to dispel these theories and, because so much of our "secrets" are published on the Internet, it surely would be difficult to keep the secrets of the Craft and Templary. Still, our ancient Sir Knights did have codes to encrypt their messages if these communications were to fall into the wrong hands.

As many of us know, the Knights Templar was founded in the year 1118. Due to their power and influence in Medieval Times, the need arose to encode messages concerning the transportation of money and relics. Thus, the Knights Templar created several different Ciphers.



Figure A

Figure B

TEMPLAR CIPHER													
Z	B	C	α	K	T	N	E	I	M	G	P	H	L
N	M	L	K	I	H	G	F	E	G	P	H	L	A
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Y	X	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	T	A	S	R	A
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All versions of the Templar Cipher are quite simple. Each plain-text character is associated with a symbol. Keys were not used. Using a variant of the Templar Cipher, the alphabet A-Z is encoded like Figure A.

I and J are identical because the Templar Cipher was originally only intended for 25 characters. Templar Ciphers can be cracked very fast since each plain-text character is mapped to another character, which never changes. Therefore, the Templar Cipher belongs to the class of mono-alphabetic substitutions.

Another Cipher used by the early Templars again relied on shapes and a invariable alphabet character attached to each (See Figure B).

While this is an abbreviated narrative of the various codes the Knights Templar used, I found the subject very intriguing and worth searching the Internet for more information.

**Zone 11
News**
Zone Commander
SK Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

Inspection Season

Congratulations to both Cyrene-Monroe Commandery and Sagoyewatha Commandery for their hard work and effort and who have completed their Inspections. This month, DeMolay Commandery will hold its Inspection on Thursday, May 19th, at their Asylum in Hornell. It would be wonderful if Knights from both Cyrene-Monroe and Sagoyewatha could attend DeMolay's Inspection and support our Brother Knights.

Zone 11 Happenings

- Cyrene-Monroe No. 12**
 - Easter Observance - May 2nd, 6 p.m.
 - Installation of Officers - May 16th, 7:30 p.m.
 - Sagoyewatha No. 17**
 - Installation of Officers - May 21st, 9 a.m.
 - DeMolay No. 22**
 - Inspection /Installation of Officers - May 19th, 7:30 p.m.
- Sir Knights, if possible please support our other Commanderies by visiting them during their events.

Zone Events

- June 5th - Zone 11 Officers meeting at Sir Knight David Lathers home in Hornell. More information to come.
- June 9th - York Rite Picnic; Town Park, Pittsford, 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- May 2nd - Special Conclave - Easter Observance Program. All Sir Knights and Ladies are encouraged to attend. We will have a Pot-luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish-to-pass; please coordinate your dishes with the Recorder. Appetizers and Beverages will be provided by the Commandery. All are encouraged to attend. This is a public event and the program will start about 7:30 p.m.
- May 16th - Stated Conclave, Installation of Officers.
- May 19th - DeMolay Commandery No. 22 Inspection in Hornell at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at a local restaurant prior to conclave.
- June, 9th - Annual York Rite Picnic at Town Park in Pittsford. Meats and Beverages will be provided. Bring your own table service and a dish-to-pass. Watch for further details on this event. *

Holy Land Pilgrimage

One program that distinguishes Knights Templar from any other Masonic Organization is our Program of sending Ordained Ministers to the Holy Land in Israel. This is to provide an overview.

Our Mission - To send Ordained Christian Ministers, who would not have the opportunity otherwise, on a Biblical study and cultural/historical immersion experience.

Purpose - To strengthen Christian ministry by providing an intensive travel and study program for full-time, ordained ministers in the form of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Our experience tells us how much the opportunity to "walk where Jesus walked" can positively affect the preaching, teaching and spirituality of Christian Ministers. It is the plan of the Program to immerse the Pilgrim Ministers in the land, sights, sounds, history and culture of the Holy Land, past and present.

Pilgrimage groups meet at an airport in New York and travel together from that point until their return to New York. The cost per Pilgrim Minister varies from year to year (approximately \$3,200). It covers round-trip air fare from New York to Tel Aviv; 9 nights accommodations; 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 8 dinners; arrival and departure transfers; sightseeing charges as per the established itinerary; professional Israeli Tour guide; basic tips and travel insurance. Cost does

In Memoriam

Nevin Brick

Nevin Brick, 53, laid down his Working Tools April 6th. He was a member of Olive Branch Lodge. The Brothers of Olive Branch Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts.

Canoll, Charles A.

Charles Canoll, 90, passed away March 5th. He was a 66-year member of Scottish Rite, Valley of Corning. His Masonic Brothers and family will miss him.

Castellani, Albert

On March 1st, Albert Castellani, 104, went to the waiting arms of his wife. His son, 3 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren will remember his life. Albert was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge and Hiram Chapter, RAM. May he find peace with the Lord.

Gibson, John

John Gibson found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on March 17th. His wife, Audrey, 3 sons, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren survive him. John was a member of Fame Lodge. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

Hathaway, Rev. Robert C.

Rev. Robert C. Hathaway, 88, embraced those who walked before him in faith on March 14th. His son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will share his memories. Robert was a member of Livonia Lodge. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Hawk, George A.

We have received word that George A. Hawk, 82, left his Earthly home on April 8th. George was a member of Eunice Lodge and will be missed by many. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Holderle, Harvey C.R.

Harvey Holderle, 90, went to the waiting arms of his wife on April 12th. Harvey is survived by 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He was a member of ERAC Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

Zone 11

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not include flight/transportation to New York. Funding is given by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York or by individual Commanderies.

The Process - Local Commanderies of Knights Templar submit applications from local ministers of their choosing for the Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage to the Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage of the Grand Commandery.

August/September - This State Committee reviews the applications and selects the number of ministers they will be sending, based on available funds. The Grand Commandery of New York sent two Ministers this past Winter. A local Commandery or others could choose to fully sponsor a Minister and pay the entire fee.

October 15th - State Committees forward the names and contact information of their Pilgrim Ministers to the Grand Encampment Chairperson no later than October 15th along with the

Kronman, Albert J.

Albert Kronman, 82, met his Maker on February 10th. He was a member of Damascus Shrine. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Mattice, Kenneth, Jr.

Kenneth Mattice, Jr., 69, found loving peace in the arms of his Lord on April 5th. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, 2 children and 3 grandchildren. He was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. Remembrance is a golden chain that ties all the love and sorrows.

McCormick, Edward M., Jr.

On April 19th, Edward McCormick was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven. He is survived by 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. Ed was a member of Northfield Lodge and a proud Veteran of the US Navy. May he find peace with the Lord.

Neracker, Albert John

On April 3rd, Albert Neracker, 87, joined his wife in Heaven, leaving 2 children, 1 grandchild and 3 great-grandchildren to remember his life. Al was a US Army Veteran and longtime member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, Shrine and DeMolay. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Nicastle, Fred S., Jr.

Fred Nicastle went to the Celestial Lodge on March 18th leaving his wife of 64 years, Margaret, 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren to survive him. He was a member of Nunda Station Lodge. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

Oakes, Gordon W.

At age 92, Gordon Oakes laid down his Working Tools on March 10th. He is survived by 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Gordon was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. Celebrate the lives of your loved ones and hold their memories close.

Certification form and full fees. As information is received by the Grand Encampment, they will send a Registration Form and Certificate of Agreement to each of the Pilgrim Ministers. They must be returned to the Grand Encampment within 10 days.

November - Each Pilgrim Minister will be sent information regarding travel arrangements, dates of travel, tour hosts and links to websites that contain much information to assist them in preparing for the trip.

February and March - Pilgrim Ministers travel during February and March to Pilgrimages over 11 days. Travel date preferences will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis.

Guidelines for Selection of Ministers - The following are the selection criteria used choosing Ministers for the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Please consider these guidelines before inviting ministers to apply:
 1. Have never previously traveled to the Holy Land
 2. Fully Ordained Ministers
 3. Serving a full-time ministry in a church and it is their pri-

Robinson, Kim

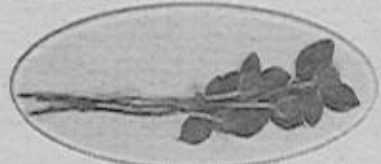
Kim Robinson, 55, left this world and joined her parents in Heaven on April 13th. Kim is survived by 2 sisters and many Eastern Star Sisters. She was a very active member of Nolatka Chapter. May your tears become rainbows when you remember her.

Stear, George

On April 2nd, George Stear, 80, went to the Celestial Lodge. George was an accomplished 50-year Brother in the Fraternity - a member of New York DeMolay Hall of Fame, member of Valley-Simes Lodge, Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Honorary Member of International Supreme Order of DeMolay. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

Upton, Lawrence

On March 27th, Lawrence Upton, 95, was received into Eternal Glory. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, 2 children, 1 grandson and 1 great-grandson. Larry was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of Scottish Rite.



Widows to be Remembered

Eleoff, Doris, 92, widow of Samuel Eleoff (Craftsman Robertson) passed away March 14th.

Folts, Arline, 80, widow of Robert Folts, Sr. (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away March 1st.

Leary, Irene B., 87, widow of Theodore Leary (Fame Lodge), passed away March 2nd.

McDill, Winifred D., 84, widow of Donald J. McDill (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away March 23rd.

Wood, Jean, widow of William Wood (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away March 11th.

- mary form of income
- 4. Served at least four years in full-time ministry
- 5. At least ten years of full-time service remaining
- 6. Good physical health
- 7. Willing to travel with an Ecumenical Group from different denominations, male and female
- 8. Willing to travel in a program sponsored by Knights Templars, an appendant organization of the Freemasons; travel without spouse (no spouses included)
- 9. Understand that this is a physically strenuous, educational, spiritual study and historical and cultural immersion experience and not a vacation trip.

As indicated on the process, it is not too early to consider supporting a minister for this valuable and wonderful opportunity (submissions evaluated by State Committee in August). Further information can be gathered at:

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

JUNE

- 2nd Northfield (Installation) - Pittsford
- 4th Master's Chair - Camp DeMolay, Sodus Point
- 7th Garoga-Sincerity, 3° - Phelps
- 11th Wakan-Hubbard (Public Installation) - Penfield
- 11th LIV District Golf Outing - Conesus CC
- 14th Inspiration (Public Installation) - Shrine Center
- 15th Drumlin Square (Installation) - Palmyra
- 16th OES - Lilac Luncheon - Oriskany
- 17th-19th Festival on the Green - Honeoye Falls
- 20th Grotto Legion of Honor and Masonic War Veterans Picnic
- 25th St. John's Day - Utica
- 29th Masters and Wardens - Pittsford

JULY

- 16th Wheelers Ride to Camp Turk - Grand Master's Day
- 17th Valley of Rochester - Frontier Field Day

AUGUST

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

OCTOBER

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

DECEMBER

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

FEBRUARY

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

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Big Calendar for May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 WYN District Surviving Spouse Lunch at Log Cabin "Pines of Peace" Pasta Dinner at American Legion, Ontario</p> <p>Grand Lodge Sessions New York City May 2nd and May 3rd</p>	<p>2 Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Board of Governors, <i>Shrine Center</i> OES - Etolian Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>3 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, <i>Shrine Center</i> Northfield - Pittsford Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station (E) Oakland - Castle OES - Fairport, Nolaka, (OV)</p>	<p>4 Drumlin Square (Walk-About) - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star</p>	<p>5 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield (E) - Pittsford Webster (Table Lodge) Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>6 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street</p>	<p>7 OES - Line Officers - Fairport</p>
<p>8 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners May 11th and 25th</p>	<p>9 ERAC (E) - <i>Shrine Center</i> Fairport-Flower City (E) Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Union Star (E) - Honeoye Falls Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>10 Inspiration - <i>Shrine Center</i> Seneca - Webster OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport</p>	<p>11 Oaka - Scottsville Webster - Fellowship Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship Shrine Legion of Honor</p>	<p>12 Fame (E) - <i>Shrine Center</i> Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Fellowship RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron</p>	<p>13 Garoga-Sincerity Game Night - Phelps</p>	<p>14 Union Star (I) - Honeoye Falls Children's Dyslexia Center in Honor of Frank & Betty Paul Annual Walk - Perinton Park. Registration - 9: 30 a.m. Fame Ladies Night at Keenan's</p>
<p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>15 LIV Communion Breakfast - Mt. Morris O/S/Y Memorial Service - St. Paul's Church, Waterloo</p>	<p>16 Canandaigua - Shortsville Unity - Spencerport RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club</p>	<p>17 Clio - Hilton Nunda Station (I) Oakland - Castle Garoga-Sincerity (E and I)</p>	<p>18 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square (E) - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto (Open House) Doric Council - Pittsford</p>	<p>19 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield (Move-up Night) - Pittsford Webster (E) Scottish Rite - <i>Shrine Center</i></p>	<p>20 MON - Joint Investiture Service - Fairport Masonic Hall</p>
<p>21 Masonic Eagle Scout Recog- nition - Fairport Masonic Hall</p>	<p>22 ERAC, <i>Shrine Center</i> Union Star (Fellowcraft) - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard (BBF) - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club O/S/Y Investiture of New Masters - Phelps LIV District Association - Avon</p>	<p>23 Inspiration (E) - <i>Shrine Center</i></p>	<p>24 Oaka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon Damascus Directors Staff OES - Corinthian-Fellowship</p>	<p>25 Fame, <i>Shrine Center</i> Milnor - Shortsville Union (E) - Lima James A. Hard/ Wayne Charter Post No. 12 Perry Shrine Club RAM - Hiram</p>	<p>26 Garoga-Sincerity Game Night - Phelps</p>	<p>27 Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>28 Memorial Day</p>	<p>29 O/S/Y Marching in Memorial Day Parade - Waterloo</p>	<p>30 Unity-Sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive at Ogden Community Center</p>	<p>31 O/S/Y Marching in Memorial Day Parade - Waterloo</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

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