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## JAMES GHENT ELECTED GRAND HIGH PRIEST, GRAND CHAPTER, HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONS PRINCE HALL AFFILIATED

M.:E.: James A. Ghent, Jr. was elected Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York and its Jurisdictions, at the 139th Annual Meeting on October 1st. The Convocation was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in White Plains, New York. The Grand Chapter's Jurisdiction covers New York, Canada and the West Indies. He has served as Deputy Grand High Priest for the past two consecutive years.

Brother Ghent joined the Prince Hall Masonic Family through Bethany Lodge No. 31 in Newark, New Jersey, in 1965. Relocating to Rochester, he Affiliated with Eureka Lodge No. 36. He is the founding High Priest of Haggai Chapter No. 41, HRAM, participated as the Secretary for the HRAM Grand Chapter Constitution Committee and was the Recording Secretary for the 2003 and 2004 Grand Convocations.

He is a member of Utica Consistory No. 45 and was elevated to the 33° in 2004.

James A. Ghent, Jr., 33°, Ph.D., J.D., has his Ph.D. and MA in Business and Policy Studies and a Juris Doctor from SUNY at Buffalo Law School. A Tech-



M.: W.: James A. Ghent, Jr., in full regalia - Mitre, Joshua Robe and Breast Plate, representing the Twelve tribes of Israel.

nical Project Manager, he also has a BS in Mathematics and Physics, and an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Mechanical Technology.

He is admitted to practice law in the State Courts of Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Jersey; the Federal District Court of New Jersey; the United States Court of Appeals for the 2nd and 3rd, the District of Columbia and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuits; and he is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. He remains active in the practice of law and law-related activities.

Dr. Ghent resides on a farm, where his family formerly bred horses and maintained hay crops as a consumable

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Whenever you see a Veteran during your routine daily activities, acknowledge their service to protect our freedom. They're easy to recognize as they usually wear a shirt or cap identifying the Branch of Service in which they served.

Stop and talk to them; give them a hearty handshake; ask about their Service background - what Outfit, how long in the Service and where they were in the Service. It will really make their day!

Grand Lodge Military Outreach Committee - Dennis Breheny, Chairman; David Crawford; Lawrence Hood; Thomas Paglia, Emeritus.  
James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12, Masonic War Veterans, Vance E. Collom, Jr., Commander.



## "Pillar Society Award" to Masons for support of Ronald McDonald Houses

By R.: W.: George Foehner, "A Proud Mason"

On October 3rd, as your Committee Chairman for the Have-a-Heart Campaign, I attended a "Donor Appreciation" evening, sponsored by the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester, NY Inc. As I arrived at the beautiful Genesee Valley Club on East Avenue, I had a feeling this was going to be a special event. The dress code was suit and tie, but I chose to wear my Grand Line uniform minus my name tag. I was warmly greeted at the door, given a name tag and ushered to the reception room. There I joined approximately eighty other donors and staff members.

I made my way to the bar for a tonic with a twist and had just received it when, one-at-a-time, other donors came up to me and asked if I was the Mason in charge of the Have-a-Heart Campaign of which the Ronald McDonald House thought so highly. I could tell they had



R.: W.: George Foehner (right) shows Plaque from Ronald McDonald House Charities to R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz and R.: W.: George Nasra.

no knowledge of Freemasonry or what we stood for, but the one thing they did know was how great our support of the Ronald McDonald House was.

For the next hour I fielded questions about Freemasonry and our charitable attitude that produces three million dollars a day for charities in the United States. I must have explained the difference between being a Freemason versus that of a stone mason a dozen times. The second topic was that we are a secret society, and they wanted to know the secret. I quickly answered that I was the secret and the conversation moved on.

At 6:30 p.m. we were summoned to the dining room where a lectern was set up. Carol DeMoulin, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester, NY Inc., informed us they were about to hand some awards to some special donors. She said there were three categories of donations:

- 1) Over \$1,000
- 2) Over \$15,000
- 3) Over \$25,000

I sat in the back of the room with three other donors and applauded as we went through the awards up to the category number three. Then Mark Kovaleski, President of the Board of Ronald McDonald House, stepped to the lectern and said "The 2011 Pillar Society Award to our top Donor with over \$280,000 goes

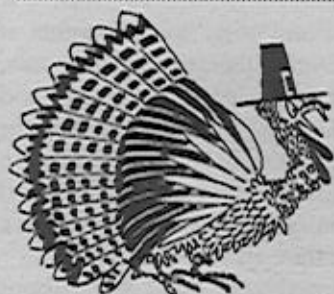
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and  
**President, Board of Trustees,**  
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**Happy**  
**Thanksgiving**  
from all of us  
at the **Masonic Times**

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## Editor's Corner

Some of you may have noticed changes that have been made to the layout of the **Masonic Times**. They were made in the hopes of improving the efficiencies in operations connected with the production of this publication, and came about directly as a result of extra time and effort expended in producing the June issue.

In attempting to fit the left over/newly submitted articles for that issue, I found it a nuisance having to rearrange text and promotional advertisements to fit them to the particular page. That was the influencing factor to eliminate the five-column format.

A secondary consideration in that decision was the fact that we are more frequently publishing email addresses of the Officer taking reservations or sending out Lodge/Organization information. If you are an electronic mail user, you know how lengthy some of these addresses can be. There didn't seem to be any convenient way to break them in the narrower columns. We hope we won't have that problem as often in the current format.

There is another benefit. You know my passion for photography and the number of events I attend just to be certain there is some photographic record made that can be published in this paper. The wider columns will allow me to print larger images of groups of people, which should make it easier to recognize those individuals involved. The head-and-shoulders photo of an individual may remain a smaller portion of a column, as s/he is usually readily identifiable.

Did you notice the change in the typeface used? When I selected a new font a few years ago, we were still using the paste-up mechanicals. Originally we had one printer on the network that we used to produce the reproduction proofs for pasting. As new equipment was added and systems changed, we wound up with three printers producing these repros. Each printer had its own unique finished appearance in these proofs and the differences in density were sometimes quite noticeable. The new font had more body to it and made these differences less noticeable.

In the last year, we have "graduated" to a more electronic-based reproduction system. I carry a thumb drive (or flash drive or whatever you wish to call it) and an 8.5 x 11" proof booklet to the printer. The proofs are for informational purposes only. The files on the thumb drive are what are used to produce the printing plates. Since they are completed on one machine, there are no discrepancies to concern us. Other quirks maybe, but no density problems. Since this was the case, we adopted the font we had chosen for the **Damascus News** section as being a cleaner, neater and easier to read font overall.

We are still tweaking these changes and welcome any comments or suggestions you care to make. We believe in our fine publication and hope you enjoy it as well. Unfortunately, I can't do anything for your group if no copy is submitted, but we do send out a monthly reminder notice in an attempt to get this information. Maybe you should nag someone if your Organization's story isn't here. We'd love to publish it!

Thanks for reading. □

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I think it is that time of year again when we will be thinking more about our families as we get closer to Thanksgiving and the Christmas Season. I hope this will include our Masonic families as well.

The last few years our country has changed greatly due to many factors out

of our direct control, such as the war and the current economy. Masonry has been there and has been a steadiness in our lives, something we can hold onto.

We all probably will take a different view of what that may be as to how it helped us in our lives. It may be the Ritual, providing us with a message we may have forgot or just seeing a part of its meaning for the first time. Maybe it's the friendships we have developed over the years, or just learning how we were able to help someone through tough times by being that listening ear. Whatever that is to us as individuals, we still need to keep an open mind as we look to the future to understand how we may improve our Craft and ourselves.

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

Unity Lodge No. 479 is honoring

**R. W. M. Donald Darrohn III**

Recipient of

**The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston  
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**Monday, November 28, 2011**

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## Fidelity Triangle #4

### Annual Term Dinner and Open Installation

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Menu: Salad ~ Pasta ~ Rolls ~ Dessert

Dinner - 5:30 p.m. ~ Open Installation of Officers - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner Tickets: \$6.50 Adults ~ \$4.50 Children under 12

Please contact Wendy Burrows - Sr. Advisor / Jr. Deputy

Phone: (585) 621-6051 for reservations.

Deadline is November 5th

## Pillar Society Award

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to George Fohner and the Masons of the Rochester Area."

I was stunned and couldn't move right away. Finally I made my way to the front amid applause to accept a beautiful glass plaque. There I stood for another five minutes as the Board Chairman told the audience that Masons have not only donated generously through the Have-a-Heart Campaign, but also by participating in the building of the Ronald McDonald House by laying the cornerstone of the building. He also mentioned they continually pro-

vide dinners and other special events at the House. During their giant garage sale, Masons also provided free trucking and garbage collection ... even advertising for the Ronald McDonald House on the radio during the Lilac Festival. Finally, he stated this has been, and will continue to be, a great partnership.

As I returned to my seat, I felt about ten feet tall - a very proud Mason - but this is not about me. It is about you, my Brothers and Sisters. I am proud of you and you should be proud, too. I am one of those Masons who believe we should be telling the public who we are and what we do and for what we stand.

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## Ghent Elected Grand HP

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for his horses and for sale. As a farmer and rancher, he joined the Lake Plains Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D) and served as its President for one year. He was elected an At-Large Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of RC&D Councils, where he also served on the Underrepresented Task Force. After three years on the Board, he was elected Vice-President of the Mid Atlantic RC&D, which included the States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

He is certified as a Minority-Owned Business Enterprise by the New York State Department of Economic Development, Division of Minority and Women's Business Development; the City of Buffalo/County of Erie Joint Certification Committee; and the New York City School Construction Authority.

Brother Jim is a Past President (2006-2007) of the Masonic Service Bureau. He is married to Jeanne, and they have three children and 8 grandchildren. □

Since 1988, when the Monroe District Masters and Wardens started the Have-a-Heart Campaign to the present, Freemasonry has been a trusted friend to the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you Ronald McDonald House for this honor and your help getting the word out as to the importance of Freemasonry to our community.

In closing, I, once again, thank all my Brothers and Sisters, our sponsors, the Malls' management, a giving public, the many volunteers and the many Organizations outside Monroe District for making October 3rd possible. □

# In Memoriam

## Averbach, Philip

Philip Averbach, 87, laid down his Working Tools on October 16th. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Irene, 4 children, 3 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Phil was a Veteran of World War II. He was Past Master of Fairport-Flower City Lodge and a member of Damascus Shrine and Scottish Rite. He was also a Past Grand Director of Ceremonies and Past President of Masonic Bowling League. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

## Burgess, Howard R.

On October 19th, Howard Burgess, 91, went to the Celestial Lodge. Howard was a 55-year member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge and served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by 6 children, 24 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

## Curran, Sydney

On September 30th, Sydney Curran, 82, entered Eternal Rest leaving his

wife, Mary, to remember him. Sydney became a Mason in Glasgow, Scotland in 1953, and affiliated with Wakan-Hubbard Lodge in 1986. He was recently presented with his DSA Apron by Lodge Brothers. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

## Ellis, Robert L.

Robert Ellis, 86, went to the waiting arms of his wife on July 24th. Robert was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II and a 62-year member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

## Feil, Donald F.

Donald Feil passed away October 10th at the age of 89. He leaves his wife of 68 years, Evelyn, 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren to remember his life. He was a long-time member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. Memories are like threads of gold; they never tarnish or grow old.

## Foster, John W.

On September 17th, John Foster, 83,

was received into Eternal Glory. His wife, Shirley, and a daughter are left to share his memories. John was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of Ark Lodge, Geneva; Milo Lodge, Penn Yan; Scottish Rite and Past Potentate of Damascus Shrine. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

## French, Donald L.

We have received word that Donald French, 81, departed his Earthly family March 6th. Don was a member of Damascus Shriners. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

## Hart, Rev. J. Richard

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Rev. J. Richard Hart, 87, on October 8th. He is survived by 4 children and 6 grandchildren. He belonged to Ark Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, Damascus Shrine and was Grand Chaplain Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. Celebrate the lives of your loved ones and hold their memories close.

## Johnson, Lloyd A.

On October 7th, Lloyd Johnson passed away leaving his wife, Mary, to remember him. Lloyd was a member of Ark Lodge. There is a link death cannot sever; Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

## Reynolds, A. Eugene

On October 4th, Eugene Reynolds, 89, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith. He is survived by 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He was a 67-year member of Drumlin Square Lodge.

## Traugott, Albert

Albert Traugott, 91, passed away October 19th, leaving his wife of 63 years, Marguerite, a son and 2 grandchildren to remember him. He was a 65-year member of ERAC Lodge and a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II.

## Wolff, Robert T.

Robert Wolff, 96, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven on October 11th. He is survived by 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Bob was a member of Seneca Lodge. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved ones. □

## World of Difference

There are very few Masonic Charities whose mission and benefits go beyond state, national or international borders like that of the Cardiac Research Institute (CRI) at the MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY (MMRL). Simply put, the importance of medical research is relevant to every human being and living creature. Our hallmark is innovative and cutting edge cardiac research designed to save lives and provide treatments necessary to restore quality of life to those affected by cardiovascular disease. Our institute is also committed to providing education and training to students who would perpetuate and extend the fight against heart disease.

We are deeply indebted to all who have supported us through grants, donations and humanitarian bequests in their Wills. New York State Freemasons played a significant role in the defeat of rheumatic fever through their support of the Masonic Foundation for Health and Human Welfare, the forerunner to the MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY. The Masonic Brotherhood Fund, the fundraising mechanism of the Grand Lodge of New York, was created to be the life blood for the Foundation in 1948.

Encouraged by their success in eradicating Rheumatic Fever in the 50's, New York Freemasonry sought to establish their own laboratory under the banner of Freemasonry in 1954. The MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY was dedicated four years later in Utica. Over the next 53 years, the Laboratory's scientific achievements have propelled the CRI/MMRL into a position of international prominence in the scientific and medical communities. To that point, Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, MMRL Executive Director and Director of Research was honored as Scientist of the Year in the basic science domain by the American College of Cardiology in 2011. It is equally important to note that our scientific studies are published in the most prestigious medical scientific journals worldwide, enhancing the visibility of Freemasonry.

We invite you to visit our newly designed website at [www.mmrl.edu](http://www.mmrl.edu) where you can learn more about our scientific breakthroughs. Breakthroughs that have helped to generate new heart medications, lead to the development of diagnostic procedures for the management of cardiac arrhythmias and have also resulted in the advancement of life saving technologies. Today, the MMRL is one of the top genetic screening centers in the world dedicated to helping families with sudden death syndromes. The MMRL is also playing a major role in fighting atrial fibrillation, the most common arrhythmia encountered in the clinic.

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for tickets. Proceeds are going mostly to our community causes.

November 16th - We are holding our 3rd Degree. We will be having a Roast Pork Dinner served at \$10 each. Please thank the Eastern Star Sisters for all the extra hard work as we still do not have a kitchen! Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the Degree at 7:30 p.m. Call the Secretary, Doug Poole, at 584-3601 by November 6th for reservations (and remember a reservation made is a reservation paid!). Come witness the first class to be Raised in our beautiful new Lodge Rooms!

### Sad News

I need to relate the death of Brother D. J. Mastelenis. We were informed that Jim died October 28th, 2010. His family never informed the Lodge so we will honor him now. This Brother was very active in Veterans' affairs. He felt guilty for not being more active in Lodge. I said we were proud of his many hours helping at the VA Hospital in Batavia.

Brothers, after Turkey Day you can relax. While you are relaxing, study your Rituals. We already have enough Candidates for which another Degree series is required. Plans are to do the Entered Apprentice Degree in February. We are growing and growing. See you around the Altar.

Road to the East will be a two-session course this year, instead of three. Once again, Livingston will team up with Genesee-Wyoming. December 3rd at Mt. Morris, and January 7th at Constellation Lodge in Perry will be the two dates. We start in the morning at 8:30 a.m. each session. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for each session.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. Maybe even at Road to the East. □



## Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

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

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My Brothers, it has been enjoyable seeing you all again and good to see and hear from so many of you. The Line Officers and I have met and begun to put together a program we hope you will find interesting and worthy of your regular attendance. It is a nice blend of community, personal and youth interest highlighting/reflecting the values of our Craft.

Our first meeting of the year with very good attendance and a great meal (as always) put on by the ladies of the Star. It was the Official Visit of the Livingston District DDGM, R.:W.: Michael Grady, and his Team. They presented the Grand Master's message.

We have three programs scheduled. The first is by Brother Marcus Hugi on the workings of the Nunda Waste Treatment Plant. As this is an important facility in our area and Brother Marcus is the On-site Operator, this will be a good time to ask your questions.

Our next will be an exclusive fishing trip on Lake Ontario by Brother Charles Duryea, our Chaplain. Since Brother Charles is a long-time (but now retired) Pastor, I am confident his fishing stories will not only be entertaining, but factual as well. As we all have been involved in fishing, or around others who are enthusiasts, all our lives, we will definitely be in for a treat.

Our third program will be presented by Brother Dan Vasile who will report on our sponsorship of the Youth League Soccer Team, which he coaches. Brother Dan represents our Lodge well with his enthusiasm, energy and character as he goes about the difficult job of molding our youngsters into a TEAM - a life skill that strengthens one's potential for success.

So, Brothers, don't miss out; try to attend and see what is planned for this exciting year. We have a lot of opportunities in the works. The Officers and I are very open to your suggestions for programs and Lodge activities; talk to any one of us and help us make our programs high interest for all our Brothers.

Don't forget after the meetings and programs, there is also great fellowship and even Euchre games, plus SNACKS. □

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

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It seems the first two months of the new year have just flown by. The Trestleboard has changed so much I have had trouble keeping up with it myself. The Wardens have done a super job keeping me straight.

I thank the Brothers who attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention. You are the Brothers who hold the Lodge together. Thanks again.

The Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was a huge success. Again, I thank the Brothers who listed names for the program. The turnout was great, as well as the food and program by our speakers. Best of all, everyone had a great time.

Our Veterans Day Dinner on November 11th has been canceled. The highway, Route 15-A in the town of Lima, has been declared Veterans Memorial Highway. Because a couple of Congressmen were to attend the Dedication, the Veterans wanted to have a big luncheon, so I backed out of trying to have a big Dinner.

Congratulations to R.:W.: Jim Slocum, this year's recipient of the Symbolic Lodge Award. There is not a Brother more deserving of this than Jim. He is always there if you need him and a true leader in the Fraternity.

Have a great Thanksgiving, Brothers, Don't eat too much. □

## Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.

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At our last meeting we had an interesting start to our Journey. You may remember from my October column that it was rumored we might have a special guest at our DDGM's Official Visit. I am very happy to announce we had R.:W.: James E. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, and his Grand Line Team as our special guests!

The evening started with a plentiful and delicious dinner prepared by our "Chef-in-Residence," W.: Rick LaFave. Rick always does an outstanding job and the Lodge and I publicly thank him for his

# Livingston District

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Livingston District is busy. Official Visits have been going well with just a couple remaining. An Official Visit highlight was to have our Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: James Sullivan, at the Eunice Lodge Official Visit. He joined us for dinner along with his three traveling companions, R.:W.: John Dwyer, R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles and R.:W.: John Krupp. It was great to have them with us for dinner and the entire evening.

Another highlight of the evening was being able to present a 50-Year Apron to R.:W.: Arnold Palmer of Eunice Lodge. Thank you and congratulations to him for 50 years of dedicated service to the Craft.

### Brother Bring-a-Friend

Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Events have yielded great success. Degrees are in process for a number of our new Brothers. If you have not held a BBF Event, consider joining forces with another Lodge or two. We did it in Livingston District, and Petitions were received by all Lodges involved. Share the work and share the rewards!

Education is the central theme of the message delivered at my Official Visits. It is vital to mankind and Masons, as well. What types of education is your Lodge doing? We have so many choices. Our three Degrees alone are full of ideas for further study, review and discussion at any meeting. Even when stepping in to be Master of a Lodge now has added light. The Master's Chair Course for all incoming Masters is a great resource - even if that Master sat in the East numerous times. We always learn something.

The Masonic Development Course (MDC) was completed on October 1st at Constellation Lodge in Perry. It was a joint effort between Livingston and Genesee-Wyoming Districts. Instead of the usual three-session course, as we have done in the past, we did a one-day session this time. With both breakfast and lunch served, it made it that much more fun. We plan another session in the Spring. Stay tuned.



Brothers from Livingston and Genesee-Wyoming Districts attended the Masonic Development Course at Constellation Lodge in Perry.

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outstanding efforts in everything he does. After I formally opened the Lodge, we had a unique series of alarms and entrances, which as far as I am aware is a "first" for Livingston District. We introduced our AGL, R.:W.: Roy Moses; R.:W.: Joseph Shanks, Grand Representative - Para Brazil; R.:W.: John P. Dwyer, Deputy Grand Standard Bearer; R.:W.: Clayton R. Ruggles, Junior Grand Deacon; R.:W.: J. Michael Grady, District Deputy Grand Master of the Livingston District; R.:W.: John W. Krupp, Deputy Grand Marshal; and R.:W.: James E. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. It was quite a series of introductions. Check out the column by R.:W.: Mike about his interpretation of the evening.

I extend my special gratitude to our Tiler, R.:W.: Steve Vanderbilt, and Brother Joseph Gallant, who handled our Junior Deacon's duties, for their efforts in "delivering" and "catching" all our dignitaries of the evening ... they did not miss a beat!

Our next event, continuing with the uniqueness of the evening, was for R.:W.: Mike Grady and R.:W.: James Sullivan to present to R.:W.: Arnold Palmer, a gift from the Grand Master for reaching a very historic Ma-

sonic Milestone. He was presented a 50-Year Apron, representing fifty years of Service to the Masonic Fraternity. R.:W.: Arnold Palmer was Raised on April 20th, 1961. He gave us a brief talk about finding many good friends in Masonry and how special Masonry is. R.:W.: Arnold Palmer was escorted by his very good friend W.: Garry Hutchurson, who made a special trip to visit us for this presentation.

Both R.:W.: Mike Grady and R.:W.: Jim Sullivan gave very interesting presentations. R.:W.: Mike Grady talked about education and how important it has been and always will be. He also talked about three very important men in history and the Masonic influences surrounding them. R.:W.: James Sullivan talked about his plans for his upcoming term and how he is looking forward to promoting Masonry at the basic levels with Education, Deity and Integrity.

I can safely say, our next meeting will not be so packed with visiting dignitaries. We are going to try something a little bit different. We will be opening the evening with a dinner at Q's Restaurant (a local restaurant across the street) - eating at 6 p.m. and continue with our meeting at the Lodge Hall at 7:30 p.m. I am planning on dedicating the meeting to talking about the future of Eunice Lodge and working on our "Where do we want to go?" theme for the Lodge. These discussions are critical for us as we go forward. As a part of the future planning, I will be introducing the Bristol Masonic Ritual which has the distinction of being the "Oldest and Most Unusual Craft Working in England."

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



(Left to right) R.:W.: Arnold Palmer, 50-Year Apron Recipient; W.: Garry Hutchurson; and R.:W.: John A. Gallant, Master of Eunice Lodge.



Dignitaries and Brothers in attendance at Eunice Lodge's Official Visit.

# Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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By R.:W.: George Meyers

Our Masonic Year is now in full swing. I have started my Official Visits; many Lodges are having Bring-a-Friend Nights and have started Degrees.

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge held an Awards Night with Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: James Sullivan, presenting the Awards and giving us an extremely inspirational talk.

Seneca Lake Lodge in Dresden is sponsoring a Table Lodge on Thursday evening, November 3rd.

R.:W.: Eldon White has agreed to Chair the Brotherhood Fund for the District. Through his efforts, last year the O/S/Y District exceeded the average percentage of the State. Please advise Brother Eldon of your Lodge Chairman. He also needs a copy of reporting sheets sent to Grand Lodge. I challenge each Lodge to exceed last year's results. These funds are needed to support our outreach projects.

W.: Robert Schwarting is our Public Relations Chairman again this year. Please forward to him copies of your Communications, newsletters and announcements. He is putting together a file for the District. Also, please forward to him the name of your Lodge Public Relations Chair.

R.:W.: Ken Hall is the Chair of the District website. (osydistrict.org) Please, regularly check out this site as it contains useful information concerning the Lodges and the District. Also, you can contact Brother Ken to place information on this site.

V.:W.: Steve Durso has been appointed an AGL this year. He joins V.:W.: Jed Bradow in this service to our Lodges. Please do not hesitate to contact them for help with rehearsals and Degree work.

During Grand Lodge this year, we voted to eliminate the Short Form Clos-

ing from our Ritual. It takes less than five minutes to close Long Form, so let's get in the habit of closing the Lodge correctly.

I am excited as I get to spend time with the Lodges in the District - with Official Visits, Degrees and other events. Please let me know what you have scheduled, so I can communicate to the other Lodges your events and my schedule. If you need help in any way, please contact me. □

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On September 20th, the Lodge held a public meeting for the purpose of recognizing members with Service Pins and Certificates. We were honored to have R.:W.: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, present the Pins and Certificates, with the assistance of R.:W.: George Meyers, DDGM.

Pins Received by:

25 Years	Ernest Bishop
30 Years	Garry Clock
35 Years	Lowell Falkey
	Jesse Gillespie

Others eligible for Pins, but unable to attend, include:

30 Years	Daniel Guth
	William Peterson
	Gary Yancey
40 Years	Ranse Brooks
	Dale Gelder
	James Gostley
	Douglas Nicot
45 Years	
Pins and Certificates Received by:	
50 Years	Paul Adams
	F. Lee Walters
	Glen Webster
55 Years	Donald Tiffany
60 Years	Donald Sabin
65 Years	Charles Romeiser

The Lodge is in the process of having the furnaces replaced after 30-plus years, with air conditioning being provided to the Lodge Room. More information will be forthcoming regarding this venture.

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**Sickness and Distress**

We note with sadness the passing of W.: Jack Carney on October 2nd. Jack has served as Trustee for a number of years and portrayed King Solomon in the Hiram Drama. He will be sadly missed.

**November Birthdays**

We send November birthday greetings to Brothers Stephen Phillips (1st), Paul Adams (7th), James Allen (8th), William Hargrove (12th), Robert Kloepfel (15th) and Douglas Nicot (17th).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

The following Brothers were Raised in November:

1946	Charles Romeiser
1955	Donald Fridley
1972	Elliott Schocken
	Thomas Pardington
1974	Jack Resnik
1975	Terence Mays
1981	Daniel Guth
	Gary Yancey
	William Peterson
1990	Paul McIntyre
	Clayton Ruggles □

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What does the word Freemason mean to you? Do you remember when and where you were Initiated, Passed and Raised? When was the last time you attended a Lodge Communication or a Lodge function? When was the last time you were present at a Degree? My Brothers, we have all traveled the same road to membership. The Lodge needs and wants your participation in the activities of the Lodge. The survival and vitality of our Lodge depends on you.

On October 5th, Hannah Burrall shared her camping experience at Camp Turk following dinner at Nonna's Trattoria in Geneva.

On November 2nd Ark Lodge will honor Brother Carl W. Fribolin with the Grand Lodge Certificate of Appreciation for Excellence in Service to the Finger Lakes Community. Brother Fribolin belongs to Robinson Lodge in Jasper, but has spent most of his adult life in the Finger Lakes Area. He has been very involved in Finger Lakes Health, the Smith Opera House in Geneva, Keuka College and the Finger Lakes Scouting Program. A dinner and program will be held at the Geneva Country Club with Brethren, their ladies and invited guests from the community.

**Upcoming Events**

We have had several Petitions for membership and are planning a 1st Degree on November 16th. Come to Lodge and be a part in receiving these Candidates into the Lodge. It is important to give them a favorable impression of the Lodge by being "brought to light" with Brothers on the sidelines. They need

your support.

In December the Lodge will be ringing the bells and distributing Christmas food packages for the Salvation Army. Many Brothers are needed to help fill all the slots for ringing the bells and to ease the work of carrying and distributing the packages of food.

The Annual Ark Lodge Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at St. Michael's Orthodox Church at 98 Genesee Street in Geneva, catered by Club 86, at 6:30 p.m. Please make your reservation with the Master or Secretary.

The Brothers of Ark Lodge wish all Masons a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving. May you have the opportunity to enjoy family and friends as you gather to give thanks for your many blessings. □

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My Brothers, we find the changing of the season's upon us and very shortly the Holiday Season will be here. Over the last month, we continued to work at making our Lodge and our beloved Craft more visible in the community.

In my last article I said I would give a final count on how well we did at Canal Town Days this year. I am happy to report that the Temple Association, with the combined efforts of the Bodies that meet at our Lodge, brought in a total of \$1,400. Lots of hard work has paid off once again.

**DDGM Official Visit**

On October 5th the District Deputy Grand Master made his Official Visit with his Staff and delivered this year's message from the M.: W.: Vincent Libone, Grand Master, as well as introducing his Staff for this year. The OES provided the meal for the night; a wonderful dinner was enjoyed by all.

**Degree Work**

There is one thing we can count on every year and that is Degree work. This year is no different. We do have a man who has been waiting for some time to get started and he will begin his journey this month on November 16th. My Brothers, I ask that you look back to the time when you took your 1st Degree. How special was that day for you; how much did you enjoy knowing all the Brothers of the Lodge were there for you? I ask that

you pass that experience on; I ask that you consider being at the Lodge for the Degrees and welcome our new Brother.

I understand many meetings are more on the side of business, but these are special nights - not for us, but for those who are joining us. The first part of making a good Mason is making him feel welcome and that is the job of ALL the Brethren. The Officers going through the motions and saying the words means very little without the Brothers on the sidelines adding the Brotherly love and friendship that is a big part of what we call Freemasonry. Keep in mind, my Brothers, making a Mason takes far more than just good Ritual work; it takes a Lodge full of Brothers to show just what that Ritual means.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Brothers, as always, I will mention the importance of the Brotherhood Fund. I understand in these hard economic times, finding money to put aside for charitable donations can be very difficult. Let us try to remember that this money goes to those who are in even worse shape than we are. Last year Drumlin Square Lodge contributed the highest dollar amount in the District with Wayne Lodge running a very close second. What is commonly seen is that the participation numbers are somewhat low, which means a few Brothers are making high donations while some are making no donation. My point is not to say that any Brother should put himself or family in a difficult financial position simply so that a donation can be made. Each of us knows the length of our Cable Tow and should not exceed it. But, if we each can make a small donation, the end effect would be far greater with far less stress on the few. I do not have a report on how well we have done with the quarter drive at this point but I will have a report in the December article. We each do the best that we can and that is all that can ever be asked.

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

## Wayne District Masters and Wardens Association

By W.: Joel A. Falbo, President

Brothers of Wayne District, I am taking this opportunity to talk to you about the Masters and Wardens Association.

**Our Purpose**

The Masters and Wardens Association meets once a month in order for the Lodges in the District to convey information on what each Lodge will be doing over the next month. This is also an opportunity for our District Staff such as the District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Sword Bearer, Assistant Grand Lecturer and District Chairmen to speak to the Lodge Leaders as a group in order to pass along any important information that they may have at that time. As always, we will be focusing on Masonic education with programs at each meeting that are geared to instruct and inform both new and long-term Brothers.

**When do we meet?**

The Association meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, except the months of November and December when we meet on the second Thursday in order to avoid the Holidays. Dinner is served at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. This is not a Tiled meeting so if you are running a little late, don't let that stop you from attending. Better late to the meeting than not at all.

**Where do we meet?**

Over the years the Association has met at different Lodges for each meeting. Last year, we started meeting at one Lodge for the entire year. Doing so has helped avoid confusion as to where the next meeting will be held. Last year Wayne Lodge hosted the meetings for the year; my thanks to the Brothers of Wayne Lodge for the hospitality they showed to the Association as well as to the Brothers attending the meetings.

This year the Association will be meeting at Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra for the year. As in the past, there will be a dinner before the meeting and I ask that reservations for dinner be made with R.: W.: Richard Brewer, the Association Secretary, early in the month so we can be sure to prepare enough for all. Please remember that "A reservation made is a reservation paid."

Brothers, it costs the Lodge time and, more importantly, money to host these dinners. Please ... if you make a reservation and then find you can't attend the meeting, be sure to make good on the cost of the dinner.

**Who may attend the meeting?**

All Master Masons are encouraged to attend the Masters and Wardens meetings. Don't let the name fool you ... this is for all Master Masons in good standing. The Association is here to encourage involvement in the individual Lodges and within the District. We now have nine Lodges in Wayne District. If, at a minimum, the Master and Senior Warden were able to attend each meeting along with the District Staff, we would have at least 24 Masons at each meeting and that's not a bad turnout. Now add to that the new Brothers you invite as well and we will have an incredible turnout.

**Masters and Wardens Ambassador**

For those of you who are members of the AASR, you know of the Ambassador Program that was started last year. I think this is an outstanding idea and a great way to get information out to the Lodges. I talked about this last year and would like to make this program happen this year for the Masters and Wardens Association. I would ask that each Lodge Ambassador take on the responsibility of getting together dinner reservations for your Lodge and ensuring the Association Secretary gets that information. At the same time, work at encouraging your Lodge Brothers to attend Association meetings, taking time to focus on your new Brothers who may have never attended in the past. By introducing our new Brothers to the Masters and Wardens Association we are able to introduce them to the Brothers throughout the District. If you would like to serve as an Ambassador, please come to the November meeting and let me know.

Brothers, this Association has been on the brink of disbandment for many years due to a lack of attendance, which is a shame. As a District, have we given up on coming together to grow and learn together? I challenge each Lodge to appoint a Masters and Wardens Ambassador and make a presence at each meeting; bring your new members and your ideas. This Association is an open forum to make your voice heard; all ideas are welcome and so is every Master Mason. Support your District and attend the Masters and Wardens Association.

I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge! □

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## Wayne District Membership and Member Retention

By W.: Joel A. Falbo, Chairman

I have been asked, once again, by DDGM, R.: W.: William Benedict, to serve as the Wayne District Chairman for Membership and Member Retention. Having this opportunity for the last three years has allowed me to travel the District and visit the Lodges with the DDGM and his Staff. As always, I have found great pleasure in visiting with my Brothers and talking about some of the challenges the Lodges are having with membership. My hope is to submit an article each month covering some of these topics. This month I will address Brother Bring-a-Friend Events.

### Brother Bring-a-Friend

As many of you know, our Grand Lodge would like each Lodge to hold at least one BBAF event during the year. In order to help the Lodges with this, Grand Lodge has dedicated a Section of the "24-Inch Gauge" to this subject. Included are topics for discussion, handouts that can be removed and copied, suggested formats for invitations and ideas on how to run the program. When used and mixed with the ideas of the Brethren, you will find the makings of a very successful event!

You will notice one of the things mentioned is to have a Brother serve as the MC for the night. This Brother should be well spoken as well as be able to move the program along in an orderly and well-guided fashion. This is a very important aspect of the night; you

want to convey not only what we are all about, but we are also well organized.

### Talking About Masonry

I have been asked by some Brothers how to talk about Freemasonry - what we can and cannot talk about. In most cases, if it is in the Ritual Book, it is for us and should not be talked about. Outside of that, there is very little that you cannot talk about. I have found that when asked about Masonry, most men who are looking to join want to know a few simple things ... Who are we ... What do we do ... but most importantly, they want to know Why you are a Mason ... what makes being a Mason so important to you. This part of the conversation should be simple and, most importantly, it should come from the heart! When you stress what being a Mason means to you, how it has affected your life and made you a better man, then you have conveyed the true meaning of Masonry and what our Craft has to offer!

In closing I will perform an incredible act - I will read your mind. You are now thinking, Brother Joel, that is all well and good but just how do I find men to invite to a BBAF Night? That, my Brothers, will be the topic of next month's article. I invite the Masters of our Lodges to contact me if I can be of any help, or if you would like me to attend a Communication of your Lodge to talk about Membership and Member Retention.

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

## Monroe District

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I have chosen to borrow for this month's message a phrase used by John Maxwell as he refers to leadership. I will say instead that "FREEMASONRY IS A VERB, NOT A NOUN ... LIVE IT UP." Better yet, I am going to make this my personal motto and promote it in the District for the remainder of my time as your District Deputy. It is, in fact, in line with the Grand Master's message for the year.

I thank all Lodges in Monroe District - the Masters, the Officers and all the Brothers who came out for the Official Visits. What a pleasure it has been to be with you and share in the Friendship, camaraderie and Brotherhood of your Lodge. We have a strong District, my Brothers, and the spirit of Masonry is alive and well in Monroe District.

For those who couldn't make it to Lodge, I will share with you the message your Brothers heard me deliver. I am making it a point this year to start my Official Visit with a brief summary or a few historical facts about the Lodge I am visiting. I obtained the information from R.: W.: Herman A. Sarachan's book, "The History of Masonry in Monroe County," a copy of which can

be borrowed for free from the Masonic Service Bureau at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. I encourage all of you to read this book.

I chose to start my Visits in this manner to instill - especially in the new Brothers - the importance of reading not only the history of our Craft, but more importantly the history of their individual Lodges. You see my Brothers, ours is a fraternal organization built by men who came before us and on whose shoulders we all stand today. Without understanding where we came from and in whose footsteps we are walking, we miss out on important aspects of who we are today.

I then moved to reminding the Brothers of the Lodge that our Grand Master this year reminded us that "Freemasonry is a life to be lived," and how true that statement. In fact, I am writing this article after returning from a memorable Official Visit to Clio Lodge. I said memorable - not only because of the wonderful reception we received from the Brothers of Clio Lodge, and not only because I was sitting next to my friend and Brother the V.: W.: Harry DeHolander for dinner (I know Brother Harry will have a kick out of this one). All those would have been memorable experiences of their own, but I am referring here to the fact that at that Visit, the R.: W.: George Foechner announced that the Freemasons of Monroe and the surrounding Districts were honored the day before by the Ronald McDonald Houses of Rochester for donating over \$280,000 over the past 22 years through the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Acts like this my Brothers make all of us proud to be Masons.

Thank you, Brother George, for your dedication and perseverance over the

years. This is a well-deserved recognition to all the Masons of the region and to you personally.

### Charity of the Year

This year, the Leadership team in the Monroe District is making the Have-a-Heart Campaign our charity of the year and all the proceeds from the Lodges given to the Leadership Team during the Official Visits will go to support the Ronald McDonald Houses. I hope you feel the same way I do, and hope you will join us in supporting the Ronald McDonald Houses - this home away from home for all families who have a loved one in an area hospital and who cannot financially afford to rent a room in a hotel during the time they have to be in Rochester to support their sick child. It is a worthy cause, and more importantly, it is here in our own backyard.

My message went on to remind everyone of the importance of being able to articulate what Masonry means to us on a personal level. I encouraged the Masters to have programs in the Lodge where Brothers discuss how and why they joined Freemasonry and what the Fraternity means to them. I shared that personally the words Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love have an important significance as they have contributed in a very real and powerful way to change the course of my life and steer me in a positive direction.

### ... Especially Morality

We are, in fact, an organization of men who believe in the pursuit of excellence in whatever undertaking on which we embark. We believe in charity and we avoid selfishness. We believe in tolerance and resent prejudice. We believe in self-improvement and continue to learn the arts and sciences of life so we can be informed by facts and so we can reject all non-scientific and cult-like convictions which abound all around us.

As Masons we have made a conscious decision to embark on a lifelong journey making excellence, faith and integrity our daily companions as well as our goals.

I then spoke about our Ritual and reminded the Brothers of my conviction that our Ritual is a tool and not an end in itself. As much as I respect and believe strongly in the need to protect the Ritual of our Craft, and because I have studied and memorized it, I am convinced even more that our Ritual is the system by which we learn and deliver the teachings of Freemasonry. It is indeed a tool, and as no great building can be erected without the proper tools, Freemasonry cannot continue nor can it flourish without its Ritual. Still our Ritual is the tool, and Freemasonry's goal has never been, nor is it today, to deliver a Ritual, but rather to study it and immerse ourselves in it, learn it by heart and make it a part of who we are, so we can in turn apply its teachings in our daily lives.

Freemasonry cannot claim a monopoly on morality, nor is it the only organization that performs charity. It is rather our system of morality which defines us. It is the initiative and the transformative aspect of our Craft which define us. Our Ritual is that tool which allows us to be who we are and to open our hearts and unlock those secrets that lie hidden within and behind those repetitive words and gestures that we all have learned to perform in the Lodge. Indeed Aristotle was right, "we are what we repeatedly do."

I also spoke of the fact that too often we get hung up on titles and protocols alone forgetting that the more important titles are given to us by those who know us outside the Lodge, and that the best protocol is the life that we live. I will ask you again, my Brothers, to think about those famous Masons whom we remember today, and

what we remember them for. We do not remember their Masonic titles; in fact we barely know how often they attended Lodge. What we remember are their acts, the words they wrote, and their contributions to their fellow men, their families and their country. They were Masons because they walked the same path as you and me, but they were great men because they applied those teachings in their daily lives. Be that kind of Mason, my Brothers, learn from Masonry the important lessons of virtue and excellence, but act rightly always and be known by what you repeatedly do. Make excellence your habit and do not merely make the Ritual an act that you perform.

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

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By R.: W.: George Foechner

Finally the Masonic Year is off and flying and I can now communicate to you what the District Team has done or is doing.

Our first event was the Masters and Wardens meeting at Unity Lodge. I am happy to report it was well attended, but quite controversial. Enough said.

The next week your District Team enjoyed three Official Visits - Wakan-Hubbard, Seneca and Webster Lodges. We were warmly received and treated to some great food and fellowship. Your District Deputy's message was a huge success.

September 24th I went to Lockport Lodge where I attended a Deacons School put on by Niagara-Orleans District. Over thirty Deacons from Niagara-Orleans and Erie Districts attended. The school was a smashing success. Look for a Deacons School in our District in the near future.

Your District Team hit the road again the following week for three more Official Visits - Fairport-Flower City, Inspiration and Oatka Lodges rounded out the agenda. Once again we were warmly received and the meetings well attended.

To finish off September with a District event, we returned to Unity Lodge for our second School of Ritual. The school was well attended. Our AGLs did a great job. Their hands-on presentation of the first part of the 1st Degree was well received. A special thanks to Unity Lodge for filling the Chairs; they did a great job.

Last, but not least, was my visit to the Genesee Valley Club, on October 3rd. The event was a Donor Appreciation Evening put on by the Ronald McDonald Houses. See the front page of this paper for details. □

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By R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz

Roughly two-thirds of the Lodges in our District have been paid a visit by our DDGM. I have noticed a crispness and efficiency in the Ritual governing the Closing of the Lodge. The leadership shown by our Assistant Grand Lecturers, R.:W.: Mike Nohle and V.:W.: Bill Edwards, during the Schools of Ritual is paying dividends. The level of attendance and participation in our periodic Schools of Ritual is impressive and, I suspect, influencing the Ritual that is being exemplified in Lodge.

In last month's article I wrote about making opportunities to get together for memorizing Ritual. On the first Thursday of every month, the Oasis (Bar) at the Shrine is open from 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. for fellowship. I will be at the next Oasis on November 3rd at 5:30 p.m. I will have to leave early to join our DDGM at an Official Visit at Northfield Lodge. I propose that any interested Brothers make their way to the Oasis that evening for some fellowship and Ritual.

#### Twain Award Entries

For those Lodges who have registered to compete for the Twain Award, the deadline to submit your entry is December 1, 2011.

Don't forget to shepherd your new Brothers to the Masonic Development Course to be held on December 3rd from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Union Star Lodge Hall in Honeoye Falls. The cost for this program is \$35 (to defray costs of food and materials). Reservations can be made with either R.:W.: George Fochner (586-5255) or R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz (720-6019). The courtesy of a paid RSVP is requested no later than November 26th. Course materials will be provided with paid registration.

To be continued ...

the lines as they return to the West. This differs from the 2001 revised Standard Work and Lectures which states that the Masters of Ceremony dress the lines on their way to the East the first time.

As of this writing, we do not have an explanation for why this change was made. We believe that older revisions may explain the floor work the same way our most current revision does because we have recollection of past Schools of Ritual where the floor work was so described.

What we can take away from this experience is the importance of possessing the most current revision of the Work and studying and learning from the same. Also, what is important is that we, as your AGLs, do our best to teach this material correctly and to admit when we have made a mistake and then set you straight.

We welcome your feedback and input regarding this and all matters of Ritual. As always, we are here to help and support you.

### Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

R.:W.:

**Donald Tubman**  
Co-Chairman

889-4725

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Co-Chairman

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Training Co-ordinator  
[seanb218@yahoo.com](mailto:seanb218@yahoo.com)

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

#### Renewed Program Interest

On October 4th, Roger Lynch, Master of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, along with tremendous help from his wife, Nancy, and a little help from me, performed a Masonic Safety Event at the Panorama Plaza Home Depot. We processed 25 children of the 70 attending the event from 10 a.m. - Noon. Representatives of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Penfield Fire Department and the National Missing and Exploited Children's Center in Rochester were with us and provided discussion about child safety to the crowd.



The store had planned for us to be set up only until Noon, so many of the children were not done to our dismay.

I would like to schedule another event with them using four units rather than just our two as soon as possible.



Home Depot Events Coordinator, Michelle Perrin, stated her store is interested in promoting safety and security programs.

#### Volunteer to Help

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the Program and involvement from your Lodge!!!

We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at:

[datubman@yahoo.com](mailto:datubman@yahoo.com) or  
[rcdowns@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rcdowns@rochester.rr.com)

You can contact Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you have questions/suggestions.



### Area 15 Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:

**Derek VanHouten**  
Monroe District

By Derek VanHouten

In the Fall issue of the *Empire State Magazine* on the upper part of page 17, JP Kidwell wrote about the cost of feeding the 400 residents of the Masonic

Home. If you think about how much it costs to feed your family, one can only imagine what it costs to feed the 400 residents in Utica. Jon-Paul estimated it to be close to \$1,000,000. This is only one example of why we encourage you to consider giving funds to the Masonic Care Community through the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Consider that \$100.00 donated can feed 16 people in one of the "neighborhoods" for one day.

All donations to the Brotherhood Fund are tax-deductible and can be made at one time or spread throughout the year.

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133 South Union Street, Spencerport

We will be honored by the presence of  
**R.:W.: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master,  
and Grand Lodge Line Officers**

Space is limited; RSVP Required by November 21st  
Make Reservations with Cliff Short (225-0464)

51 Shepperton Way, Rochester, NY 14626  
Email: [short4us@rochester.rr.com](mailto:short4us@rochester.rr.com)



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By R.:W.: Michael Nohle

We are now looking forward to visiting your Lodges for your Annual Edict Degrees. For the Masters ... if you have not communicated the date to us for your Edict Degree, please do so as soon as possible so we can get the date on our calendars and be sure we have you covered. We ask that on these nights you hold Lodge business until after the Degree, or table it for a subsequent meeting. We have many of these visits to attend and would very much appreciate it if you can get right to the work of conferring the Degree. In advance, we thank you for the hospitality we have become accustomed to when visiting your Lodges.

#### Correction to Instructions

The first Section of the Entered Apprentice Degree was the evening's work at the September School of Ritual.

When we covered the floor work for forming the Symbolic Temple, we incorrectly instructed that the Masters of Ceremony dress the lines as they head to the East the first time. Our most current Standard Work and Lectures, in the italicized section regarding this floor work, states that the Masters of Ceremony proceed to the East and then dress





# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

November 2011

**Shrine and Divan Meetings**

**Dinner Reservations Required**

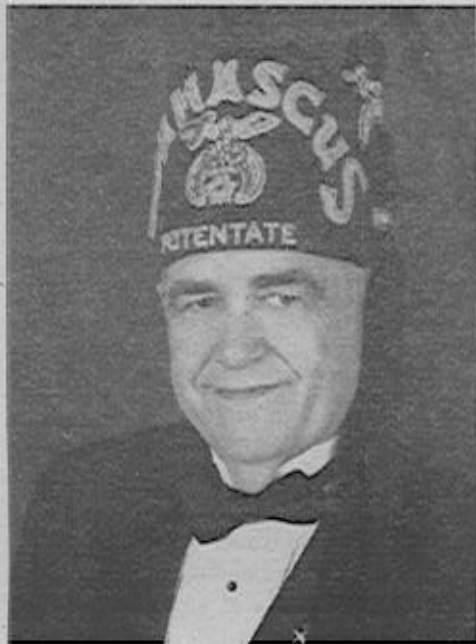
**Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565 by Monday NOON**

**Shrine Office Hours**

**Monday — Friday**

**9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.**

**Website: [www.damascusshrinemasons.org](http://www.damascusshrinemasons.org)**



**RICH FRIEDMAN**  
**POTENTATE**

What a GREAT month is in store for us in November! This is the month of Thanksgiving and we will be celebrating in many ways. Before we jump into the events a word or two about MEMBERSHIP.

#### Membership

Membership is the lifeblood of Damascus and every Shrine in the world. The more good men we bring into Damascus, the more "insurance" our KIDS have against the day the Hospitals might close or become unaffiliated with Masonry. For \$1 a week, a Master Mason can experience the joy of being personally involved in our cause and have a good time to boot.

We have been healing children since 1922. We have been given the charge by the long line of Shrine Masons who preceded us to protect the Hospitals and do everything we could do to help children.

At times I can almost hear them urging us onward. The faces of the Past Potentates in our lobby look at us and send us strength from their experiences. I often wonder how they felt when the mantle of leadership was on their shoulders. We do know that without them there would be no us.

I can envision the faces of the ONE MILLION CHILDREN we have helped!

If you listen closely enough you can hear them laughing and playing the way children do. You can also hear them say thank you to the long line of Red Fezzed Shrine Masons who proudly stand up and give of their time and energy to give those kids the best shot at living a normal and productive life.

Every time you bring in a new Shrine Mason, you bring a smile to the faces of the children we have helped, and hope to the hearts of the children we will help in the future. Honestly Brothers, does it get any better than that?

#### Salute to Veterans Program

On Wednesday, November 2nd, we will give thanks to our Shrine Masons who served our country with dignity and

honor. Please come and share this special night. Our own Legion of Honor will be presenting the "Missing Man" Program and our Guest Speaker is Retired Army General John Batiste. We will also hear from R.:W.: and Noble Dennis Breheny who is third in command of the Masonic War Veterans for New York State. Please show your love and support for those who risked it all to keep us free! Dinner will be a traditional Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings for \$12.

#### Noble Bring-a-Brother Night and Harvest Dinner

On Saturday, November 12th, we will celebrate how special it is to be a Shrine Mason by inviting our Brothers and their families to attend our Noble Bring-a-Brother Event and our Harvest Dinner Celebration. This will be a huge night for us!

The Noble Bring-a-Brother Night will begin with registration at 3:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 4 p.m. This is a wide-open event so please bring the ladies as well. Your Candidate will be exposed to the opportunities that rest with Shrine Mason Membership. The program will look at Shrine Masonry from many different angles and is sure to stimulate the desire to join Damascus.

With us that night will be one of the hardest working Masons in Shrinedom. Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder will be our featured speaker. Jeff is a great speaker, a Past Grand Master of Kansas and all-around good guy. Jeff's enthusiasm is contagious! We will be seeing a film about our Class Sponsor Timmy Kelly that will melt your heart.

Last, but certainly not least, we will be honored to hear from Christine Douglas, mother of six-year-old Ryan Douglas, a local Shriners patient who goes to our Shriners Hospital for Children® - St. Louis, as she describes, from a parental point of view her family's experiences at Shriners Hospitals for Children. In talking to Christine, I am convinced that she will make all of us proud of who we are!

My Brother Shrine Masons, this is our big push as we head into the Ceremonial Scheduled for December 10th. Just as I predicted that any Master Mason attending the Dan Caro event would want to join us, so I will predict the same for our Timmy Kelly event. This young man's story is on a par with Noble Dan's and will touch you in ways that are unbelievable.

Nobles ... this Ceremonial will be historic. Line up your Candidates NOW!!!

#### Imperial Rule Change Regarding Temple Elections

At Imperial this year, the rules were changed around electioneering for an office within our Temple. Should you be interested in running for an Elected Office, please forward your resume to me no later than November 2nd. Your resume will be sent out to the Nobility for their assessment.

While it is still your right to run from the floor for any Office, we strongly suggest you get your resume out to the Nobles prior to the Election on December 7th.

The Friedman Family wishes you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving! ☐

## In Memorium

### Imperial Sir Kenneth W. Smith

11/27/1932 - 09/01/2011

Kenneth W. Smith, who served as Imperial Potentate of Shriners of North America (now known as Shriners International) during the 2001-2002 Imperial Year, passed away peacefully in the presence of family on September 1, 2011.

Imperial Sir Smith was born on November 27, 1932, in North Vancouver, British Columbia. He married his wife Shirley on July 4, 1958. He operated several companies in his native city of Vancouver, including Levett Auto Metal, Ltd., Western Bus Parts and Service, Ltd., North Shore Frame and Alignment, and K and S Holdings. He served as director of Edgewater Construction Corporation and the Automotive Retailers Association of British Columbia. He was also a member of the Western Motor Coach Association, the International Game and Fish Association and the British Columbia Fish and Game Association.

He was an avid fisherman, sports enthusiast and yachtsman. He often combined his love of sports by spending time with family and friends, organizing fishing trips in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Imperial Sir Smith was Raised a Master Mason in Dunbar Lodge No. 118 (formerly No. 145) in Vancouver in 1954. He was created a Shriner in 1963 with Gizeh Shriners. He was a member of the Scottish and York Rite bodies, the Red Cross of Constantine and a holder of the Grand Lodge of B.C. and Yukon Medal of Merit. He received the honorary 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite in 2001.

Imperial Sir Smith was devoted to Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. He was a member of the Gizeh Shriners Drum and Bugle Corps and a charter member of the Gizeh Yacht Club, where he served as Commodore in 1980. He was elected to the Gizeh Shriners Divan in 1981 and became potentate in 1985. He was elected an Imperial officer in the Imperial Divan in 1991. He was a member



of the Cabiri, an Honorary Life member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, past director of Victoria Court No. 100 of the Royal Order of Jesters, and a member of the Quetzalcoatl Tyee Teocali No. 90.

He held many committee positions within Shriners International, including chairman of the Imperial Athletic Committee, Canadian Player Selection Committee for the East-West Shrine Game and the Public Relations Committee. He was a member of the Membership Committee and the Endowments, Wills and Gifts Committee.

Imperial Sir Smith devoted many years of service to Shriners Hospitals for Children® and was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees in 1988. He was a member of the Planning Committee, chairman of the Liaison Committee for Shriners Hospitals for Children — Honolulu and a member of the Liaison Committees for Shriners Hospitals for Children in Northern California, Canada, Portland and Spokane.

Imperial Sir Smith is survived by his wife Shirley, son Mark (Shelley), daughter Wendy (Brent), grandchildren Branden and Brookelynn, sister Joan (Hugh), brother-in-law Ken (June), his many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews. ☐

## SUMMONS

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

**December 7th, 2011**

**7:00 p.m.**

for the purpose of

**Election of Officers**

for Damascus Shrine for the year 2012

## CHIEF RABBAN

By Gary Burke, Chief Rabban

It seems like only yesterday that I was thinking how hot it was and now I'm digging into the closet pulling out my warmer clothes preparing for what's ahead ...

### Membership

Speaking of preparing for what's ahead, your Membership Team for 2011 is hard at work contacting those members for whom our records show may be in jeopardy of being dropped from the roles because of a Dues issue. It truly saddens us when we lose a member in this category. Please, should you be in need of assistance in this area, let us know. If your records are different than ours, work with us to get everything up-to-date. Our goal is to have ZERO members dropped from our roles.

By the time you read this article the 2012 Membership Team will have traveled to Tampa to participate in the Annual Membership Seminar presented by Imperial. They will be re-energized and ready to hit the ground running for the year. We will be working on the IRR Factor ... Involvement - Retention - Restoration ... as our focus for 2012. More to come on that as we move forward.

### Upcoming Holiday Party

Speaking of moving forward and looking to the future, as we enter into the Holiday Season and start to plan for parties, put Saturday, December 31st on your calendar for a New Year's Eve Party at the Shrine Center. That's right, plan on joining Ill. Sir Richard Friedman and Lady Joanne along with Chief Rabban, Gary Burke, and Lady Debi for a party to wrap up 2011 and bring in 2012. More details to follow so watch the website and your email.

### New York Ontario Shrine Association

During the weekend of September 30th - October 2nd your Temple was well represented at the Fall Session of the New York Ontario Shrine Association (NYOSA) held in Utica. During that time, our own Past-Potentate, Lance Ward, was elected as 2nd Vice-President and Past-Potentate, Robert L. Anderson II, was elected Treasurer.

Many events of the weekend took place on the campus of the Masonic Care Community, once again reinforcing the Shriners commitment to the Craft Lodge. On Saturday, they held a parade for residents and others of the Care Community as the weather held off - a bit chilly, but no rain. After the parade, members were given tours of the Health Care Facility, Acacia Village and the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

There was a clown exhibition held in the Atrium of the Health Care Facility for members of NYOSA, as well as residents, all of whom seemed to enjoy the show

and judging of the clowns. Not all work for the weekend though ... as on Friday night we had a chance to ride over to Turning Stone where we had our chance at Lady Luck. Yours truly came away a bit on the plus side for the evening, but not so for Lady Debi, as she helped contribute to the economy of the Resort.

We had in attendance for the weekend the Junior-Past Imperial Potentate, George Mitchell, and his Lady; Deputy Imperial Potentate, Al Madsen, and his Lady; as well as Imperial Outer Guard, Jim Cain, and his Lady. Each of these Imperial Officers shared information and thoughts with us throughout the weekend.

### Helping Around the Shrine Center

Sometimes things happen around our Facility that don't always get noticed just because of the nature of the project. Some folks may have noticed that a number of the gardens have been tended to, with weeds being pulled and bushes being trimmed. The painting of the benches and storage cubes in the entryways, etc. But you may not have noticed that the brush around the perimeter of the property was also cut back once again this year. I must say THANK YOU to Jim Miller and Mike Morris for their efforts on this project.

### Car Cruz 2011

Wow! What a season we had. Do you realize we served over 1,400 Fish Fries, 1,000 Hot Dogs, 1,500 Hamburg, Cheeseburgers or Boss Burgers, 500 Italian Sausages - not to mention over 5,000 beverages over the course of the season!

What an outstanding job by our wonderful group of volunteers. It is a pleasure to be involved with members who give so much for the cause we have supported with the proceeds of this year's Cruz Nite proceeds - Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

We have, on record, 73 individuals who helped at one or more nights throughout the season. I'm sure we missed some, so we won't list any individual names here in fear of missing someone. But we had six who never missed a night - that's 18 consecutive Fridays. We had another three who made all but one Friday. With another fourteen who worked ten or more weeks. What dedication.

Your Divan expresses our most sincere appreciation to each and every worker who had even the slightest impact upon the success of this year's "Cruz-in for Charity" event. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

And a word of thanks also goes to those Nobles and Ladies who just came out to support the event by their attendance. We hope you enjoyed the great cars, crafts, food and fellowship the night affords. THANK YOU. That's part of the "Involvement" we'll be talking about as we work on the "IRR Factor" next year.

Until next time ...

## SALUTE TO VETERANS NIGHT Wednesday November 2nd



We all can agree that our Veterans deserve all of the thanks, honor, recognition and gratitude that we can show to honor their service to our Country. Damascus is affording all of us that exact opportunity!

On Wednesday, November 2nd, our Shrine will convene with the express purpose of thanking those who have served our country. Our Salute to Veterans Night will be a night, long remembered. ALL WE NEED IS YOU!!!!!!!

Come out and show your support and love for those men and women who risked it all to preserve our freedoms! Here is what the night has to offer:

- Witness the moving "Missing Man" Ceremony done by the Legion of Honor.
- Hear from Noble Dennis Breheny, Masonic War Veterans.
- Special Guest Major General John Batiste, USA RET. □

## PATRICK MULROONEY, JR. RECORDER

By Patrick Mulrooney, Recorder

Nobles ... Please note the following Election Regulations of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws (Iowa), Article 25, Section 325.11.

### § 325.11 Election Regulations

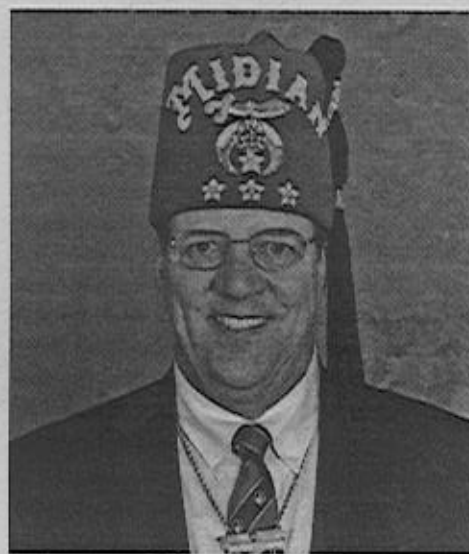
(a) **Electioneering** - The candidate for an Elected Office in a Shrine Temple may print, publish, and circulate during the year he is seeking the Elected Office a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history and his Masonic and Shrine Record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices by a unit, club, Noble or group of Nobles, suggest-

ing, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the Temple is prohibited.

(b) **Expenditures Prohibited** - The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) **Violation** - For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the Officers void and order a new election.

(d) **Notice** - At least one week prior to the Annual Meeting or any election, the Temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section. □



Jeffrey L. Sowder

Jeffrey L. Sowder was born, raised and still lives on a ranch near Toronto, Kansas. He operates four separate agricultural-related corporations. These include a 700 head cow-calf operation; a retail feed business, serving ranchers throughout the Flint Hills of Kansas; a wholesale cattle mineral business with distribution in four states; and a multi-faceted agricultural wholesale/retail business in Wichita, Kansas.

Jeff was Raised a Master Mason in 1975 in Woodson Lodge No. 121 in



Major General John Batiste, US Army

John Batiste joined Klein Steel Service in November, 2005, as its President after 31 years of service in the US Army. He retired from Active Duty on November 1, 2005, and transitioned to Klein Steel in Rochester the same month. He and his wife, Michelle, were married in 1977 and have five children. Michelle has been a strong advocate for military families through multiple extended deployments.

John was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1974. Over the next 31 years, he served in a variety of leadership and staff

Toronto, Kansas. He served as Master of his Lodge in 1981, 1983, 1991 and 1992. After many Grand Lodge appointments including District Deputy Grand Master, Area Deputy Grand Master, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee, and serving as an appointive Grand Officer on three separate occasions, he was elected Grand Junior Warden in 1994 and served as Grand Master of Kansas in 1997.

In 1999, he served as Captain of the Guard for Midian Shriners in Wichita, Kansas and in 2000 was elected Oriental Guide. He served as Potentate of Midian Shriners in 2004. He served as Personal Representative for the Wichita Scottish Rite Valley in Wichita, Kansas from 2006 - 2009 and has been honored as a 33° Scottish Rite Mason. He is the President of the Kansas Masonic Foundation.

Jeff was elected Imperial Outer Guard at the Imperial Council Session in San Antonio, Texas in 2009 and is

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positions, to include platoon, company, battalion, brigade, and division command. His major combat and peace enforcement experience included deployments to Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Operations Desert Shield and Storm from August, 1990, to April, 1991; to Bosnia-Herzegovina during the Implementation Force mission from December 1995 to November 1996; and again to Kuwait and Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 from January, 2004, to February, 2005.

John's final assignment in the Army was commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division from August 2002-June 2005. During this timeframe, the "Big Red One" conducted successful peace enforcement operations in Kosovo and combat operations in Iraq. The division combat team was deployed to north-central Iraq from February, 2004, until February, 2005, and included 22,000 soldiers from active and reserve component units from throughout the United States.

John is a graduate of the United States Military Academy and the Army War College. He earned a Masters Degree in financial management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He serves as the Chairman of the New York State Veterans' Affairs Commission, is a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Metals Service Center Institute, a member of the Board of Advisors of the Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School, a Board Member of the Rochester-based Veterans Outreach Center, and is Chair of CDS/Unistel Warrior Salute Advisory Board. □



## Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting Wednesday, November 9th

at Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

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

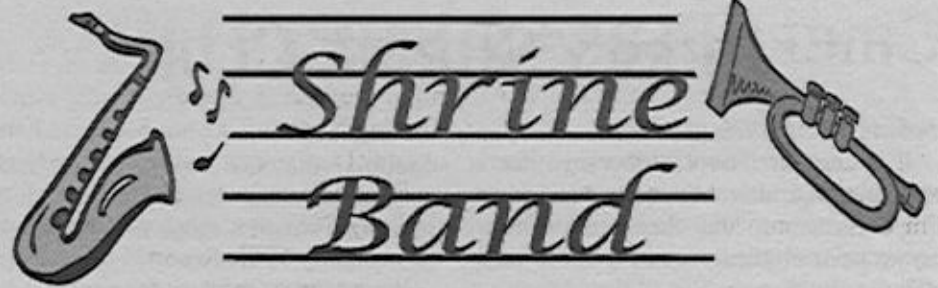
Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Meeting - 7 p.m.

Salad \* Chicken \* Scalloped Potatoes  
Vegetables \* Rolls & Butter \* Coffee \* Dessert  
\$10 per person

RSVP no later than November 4th at 436-8216

### Damascus News Boosters

Robert & Alice Anderson	Rusty & Mary Gillett	Ted H. Tennant
Stuart & Carol Brickman	John Henderson	Jim Toogood
Ken Buckland	Larry & Marge Hood	Wayne W. Wagner
Lee & Sue Coller	Douglas & Ruth Hunt	Lance & Lynn Ward
Dan & Marie Emerson	Joe & Barb Minas	Skip & Diane Waterstreet
Delbert and Jean Fix	Joseph D. Nye II	Cy & Olga White
Fritz Friedrich	Norris & Annette Shapiro	Terry & Jo-Carroll Wihlen
	Ron & Mary Sterling	



The Damascus Shriner Band had some good times this past Summer. It played in the Pultneyville Festival Parade in July. The Pultneyville Masonic Lodge sponsored the Band and Orbaker Farms provided a flatbed truck with driver. It couldn't have been a nicer event on a sunny Saturday morning.

The Band had the additional good fortune to be invited to play in the Sodus Bay Historical Society's Sunday afternoon concert series. We played amid a few rain drops on August 7th and cut the program a bit short when the rain drops began to multiply. The Band has been invited back again next Summer. It is a beautiful setting by the Lighthouse overlooking Lake Ontario and, hopefully, will be more beautiful next Summer sans rain.

Both events resulted in a donation being made to our Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

The Band will next be playing at our Shrine meeting on November 2nd when our Veterans are honored. Also, the Band is working with the Legion of Honor to participate in the Legion's program for the retirement of flags to commence next June.

### New Members

The Band welcomed a few new members over the Summer and continues to look for more. Hopefully, it will find a few among the Nobles who have joined our Shrine this year. There is some consideration for family members also. All interested persons should contact the Band Director, Noble Frank Russell (315) 331-7621.



### First Lady Patty's Program

As the wife of the Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, it is customary for the First Lady to sponsor a fundraising program. First Lady Patty Severe's 2011-2012 Program, "Stepping Forward Toward a Brighter Future," is focused on increasing awareness and fundraising for

pediatric burn care education and training for medical professionals.

Burn awareness is a subject that is very personal to First Lady Patty, who lost a brother to burn injuries sustained in a tragic accident. After speaking with medical professionals, she learned there is a pressing need to plan for the future of this specialized field of medicine.

"Current residents and medical school students interested in burn medicine must be fully prepared to enter

this challenging and crucial field," said Lady Patty. "The best way to do this is to provide a comprehensive training and education environment."

First Lady Patty's goal is to raise funds and develop an educational fellowship for medical professionals entering the burn reconstruction field. The fellowship will allow the recipients to spend time at one of the four Shriners Hospitals for Children® specializing in burn care, learning the necessary treatment and models of practice from their peers.

To join Lady Patty in this effort, please visit First Lady Patty's program page: [www.shrinersinternational.org/Press/FirstLadyProgram.aspx](http://www.shrinersinternational.org/Press/FirstLadyProgram.aspx)

### Sowder Bio

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currently serving as Imperial Marshal.

Before his election as an Imperial Officer, he served on many Imperial Shrine Committees including the Pilot Implementation Team, TRAC and Membership Committees and has been a "presenter" at the Imperial Membership, Oriental Guide and Assistant Rabban Seminars. He currently serves on the Imperial Executive Membership Committee, Ritual Committee, Educational Seminar Committee, Masonic Relations Committee and many SHC Hospital Committees.

Jeff and his wife, Cheryl, have been married for thirty-seven years. Their daughter Stephanie is married to Jamie Nelson and they have three children - Corinne, Sutton and Reid. They reside near Severy, Kansas. Daughter Lindsay is married to John Hill and they live in Ft. Scott, Kansas with their son John Hill IV.



Stepping Forward  
Toward a Brighter Future

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

### New! Western New York Shrine "Reunion" New!

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

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

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

Choose from the following Entrées ...

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

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## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Alice Anderson

We met at The Lumberyard for a nice dinner and meeting. Jim Miller, our Representative, was there and told us about several events coming to the Temple. At the September Shrine Meeting, held on a Tuesday so Imperial Potentate Mike Severe could attend the Shriner Anniversaries, Perry's people who received mention for 5 years – Clarence Bogardus, Ken Buckley, Bob Cox and Dave Hardy; 15 years – Ken Buckland and Russ Gillett; 20 years – Eric Bryant, Roger Cox, Ralph Cox, Phil Cox and Bob Curtis; and 40 years – Ed Holwedel. CONGRATULATIONS!

The widow of George Merithew, Winnie, passed away recently

### Making Cents

After dinner, Bob Curtis gave us some history of the Quarter. Please note there was a question about melting coins.

A consequence of the soaring price of metals in recent years, the metal in U.S. nickel and cent coins is now worth more than the face value of the coins. One cent (which is almost entirely zinc) has scrap value of around 1.12 cents, while a nickel (which despite the name is 75% copper and 25% nickel) is worth 6.99 cents.

The mint realized this discrepancy could turn into a major problem when it began getting a number of queries about the legality of melting down coins. Fearing that some smart arbitrageurs might be about to denude the country of nickels, the U.S. Government did what governments always do in these circumstances. IT CHANGED THE RULES ...!

Until this month, melting down coins hasn't been illegal in the U.S., but from now on, dumping your chump change in the fondue set and turning it into an ingot could get you up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. If you're considering shipping coins out of the Country for melting, that dodge has been kyboshed as well; henceforth, travelers can only carry \$5 in nickels and cents out of the Country.

The quarter has been through many changes from the material used in producing it to the designs on each side of the coin. In 1793, the Philadelphia Mint chose 20 denominations for coinage. Silver was finally chosen after much discourse. The first minting began in 1796. On February 12, 1873, it was

declared that the coin was not heavy enough so extra weight was added. The next modification came in 1965 when it was mandated the use of copper-nickel instead of silver be used.

1792 started the changes in the quarter's design. One side of the coin had to include the year it was minted, an impression that symbolized liberty and the actual word "Liberty." For more than 115 years, liberty was symbolized on the front by allegorical female figures (Lady Liberty) in the form of a bust or a full-length figure. The back of the quarter featured an Eagle and "United States of America."

The representations of Lady Liberty and the Eagle on the quarter were altered many times to keep up with the changing designs of other coins. Lady Liberty started out with flowing hair, then a draped bust, then a capped bust. Controversy arose in 1916 when she was suddenly shown standing with an exposed breast. This design was deemed too risqué and lasted only one year. In 1917, the exposed breast was covered with a coat of mail. The Eagle also underwent a few makeovers. It began as a small Eagle that many thought looked too much like a Pigeon. Over time, the Eagle grew to become a grander and more patriotic heraldic Eagle.

In 1932, the Bicentennial of George Washington's Birthday, a silhouette of Washington's head replaced Lady Liberty. Then in 1976, with the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence – a Colonial Drummer replaced the Eagle on the back of the coin. In 1998, the quarter's reverse underwent its first of 50 changes under the 50 State Quarters Program to signify each State in the Union. The program ended in 2008 with every State honored.

Bob Anderson spoke a few minutes on Shriners Hospital for Children® - Erie. He reported that Erie is progressing toward the conversions from a hospital to an Ambulatory Surgical Center. He reminded the members the services to the patients were not going to change, but any overnight surgeries would be done at their partner hospitals. He also reported the conversion to third-party pay by the system was progressing, with the receipts from insurance companies in July being the largest amount yet. □

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

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

On Thanksgiving Day we will gather with our families to give thanks for what we have. One of the things that Joanne and I will be thankful for is our children. We will also give thanks for Shriners Hospitals for Children and all of the children we have helped throughout the years.

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

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

Please use the order form (right) to order your Damascus Cookbooks for the Holidays! Join us in supporting our great CAUSE! □

## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

What a great meeting we had in September. The Auburn Masonic Center was full to listen to Dr. Philip Stoddard, Plastic Surgery Director of the Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield, MA. There were over 60 people in attendance from Damascus and Tigris Shrine Units as well as Representatives of local Eastern Star and Rainbow groups. A big thanks goes to Ken Pollard for heading up the evening's activities.

Autumn is still humming. October saw a tour of Seward House and a chance to try a different restaurant, Daut's of Auburn. And to add the night, we met on a Tuesday instead of our Monday night outing.

### Mark Your Calendar

Don't forget to put November 21st on your calendar now. We will have a speaker from our Armed Forces at the Old Eric in Weedsport. More information will be coming by email and snail mail. Reservations will be with Jim Kahn, our Club President. This should be a great way to begin a week of giving thanks.

### Holiday Events

I also hope to see many of you at the Harvest Dinner in Webster. If you haven't gotten information yet, give me a holler and I'll get you set up.

Following that will be the Annual Christmas Gala in Geneva. If you have ever been, you know how great it is; if you haven't been yet, this should be the year for you. It seems everyone leaves with a "doggy bag" of food and the most gorgeous plants you can imagine. If you ever wondered what it would have been like to attend a night of food, drink, and dance, with a big time dance band, here is your chance. Beth and I haven't broken our streak of attendance and don't plan to miss this year either.

Our Officers will be getting together soon. Do you know of a program you think should be considered for 2012? We would like your ideas as well as only ours. □



(l-r) Past-President, Joe Marshall; current Auburn Shrine Club President, Jim Kahn; and Dr. Philip Stoddard, Director of the Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic at the Shriners Hospital for Children® Springfield. Dr. Stoddard was the speaker at the September 19th meeting of the ASC. Nobles from Damascus and Tigris Temples attended to hear this inspiring story of how the Clinic works to make life so much better for the children we treat. It was one of the finest meetings most of the attendees will ever witness.



(l-r) Peter VanVlack, Don Heath, Gerald Stanton, Auburn Shrine Club President Jim Kahn, and our Potentate Rich Friedman at the September 19th meeting of the Auburn Shrine Club where Dr. Philip Stoddard, Director of the Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic at the Shriners Hospital for Children® Springfield, was the featured speaker. Nobles from Damascus and Tigris Temples learned how our Hospital is treating children with this affliction. This surgeon did a remarkable job explaining how the team he heads helps each child born with a cleft lip or cleft palate or both. It was another example of why I am proud to be a Shriner.

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## SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten

At the recent Shrine Meeting, when our Imperial Potentate was in attendance, Noble Ray Smith approached me and gave me a picture of the 1964 Imperial Session that was held in New York City.

The subject of the picture was the dinner meeting of the Damascus Patrol. In attendance were 49 Patrolmen and their Ladies. We, who were in the Patrol, remember the stories of having two Platoons of Patrolmen.

When I joined the Shrine in 1985, the Captain was James Verdi followed a few years later by Captain Robert Zabel. I remember Past Potentate, Erwin Newell, as being the President of the Patrol and there were large turnouts for the monthly dinners.

We were privileged to be able to march on some of the most famous streets in America. However, time marches on and, unfortunately, the Patrol is now but a fond memory. □



## What's New in Erie...

### Transition - Questions and Answers About the Transition to Ambulatory Care at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie

In the coming months, Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie will be transitioning from a full-service pediatric orthopaedic hospital into an ambulatory care facility that also offers access to healthcare for pediatric conditions other than orthopaedic disorders.

We are forging new partnerships with other children's hospitals in our area, but what will not change is our commitment to providing the very best care with no financial obligation to the patient or family. Here are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about this transition.

#### What does the phrase "ambulatory care" mean?

Ambulatory care means that medical care is delivered on an outpatient basis. You may also hear this referred to as "same-day" care. At Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie this means we will be providing children with ambulatory surgery, outpatient rehabilitation (both physical and occupational therapy) and medical care through our Outpatient Clinic.

#### What types of changes should patients expect to see?

Many patients won't notice any changes at all. If a child requires ambulatory surgery, that surgery will be performed here at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie just like always. If a child requires inpatient surgery - surgery that requires an overnight or longer hospital stay - we will arrange for that surgery to be performed at one of our partner hospitals. However, it's important to note the surgery will still be performed by one of our physicians. Also, all of the child's pre-operative and post-operative care will occur at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie.

#### Where are these partner hospitals?

Our partner hospitals are Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Philadelphia, UPMC Hamot in Erie and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC.

#### Will families have to pay for care provided elsewhere?

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is committed to maintaining its mission of providing medical care to children regardless of the patient's or family's ability to pay. As you may know, Shriners Hospitals for Children® has begun billing the insurance carriers of those children who have insurance. The Erie facility is expected to begin this billing process in March, 2012. If a child has insurance and needs inpatient surgery at one of our partner facilities, that facility will bill the insurance carrier.

#### Does the hospital have to have special licensing to be an ambulatory care facility?

We are filing an application with the PA Department of Health to become licensed as an ambulatory surgical facility. We expect that application process to take about six months. In the meantime, we continue to be licensed as a hospital. Once we receive our ambulatory licensure, our hospital licensure will be relinquished.

#### When will these changes occur?

The transition from a full-service hospital to an ambulatory facility has already begun and our target date for completion of this process is March 31, 2012.

#### What is the Shriners Hospitals for Children® relationship with Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC?

We have had a good working relationship with Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC for more than a year. In fact, several of their pediatric orthopaedic surgeons have joined our medical staff, see patients in our Outpatient Clinic and perform ambulatory surgery in our operating rooms. We are very excited about this relationship.

#### What role will Children's or UPMC have in governing the facility?

The Erie facility will continue to be owned and operated by Shriners Hospitals for Children® and governed by the current Board of Governors. Children's Hospital and/or UPMC will have no governance role.

#### What else is new at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie?

We are talking with various regional pediatric providers about bringing other subspecialty medical care to Erie, using space at our facility. Although these services will be operated separately from us, our goal is to have our facility become a regional centerpiece for pediatric subspecialty care.

#### Why is this change happening?

As the cost of providing healthcare continues to rise, Shriners Hospitals for Children® is looking for ways to keep overall costs down without compromising the quality of specialty care we provide. In addition, the way healthcare is delivered is changing too. More patients are seen and treated on an outpatient basis than ever before, and the need for long hospital stays is, in many cases, a thing of the past. Transitioning to an ambulatory care facility allows Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie to continue its mission, while leveraging partnerships with other excellent pediatric healthcare providers to reduce costs while continuing to providing world-class specialty care. □

## Springfield News...

Dr. Philip Stoddard, Director of the Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield, was the principle speaker at the September meeting of the Auburn Shrine Club. However, this surgeon is a wonderful example of the staff we have at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield and I believe at the other 21 Shriners Hospitals for Children in North America. Those of us who are closest to this Hospital do not do enough to inform our fellow Nobles about the great care our patients receive at Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Do you know that at Springfield, we have a most gifted Doctor who treats children with arthritis? I thought only older folks, like me, suffered from arthritis. But, that is not the case as Dr. Deborah Rothman, of our staff, is busy treating many children with this crippling affliction. Dr. Rothman is recognized nationally for her medical skill and ability.

All our staff is most dedicated to the medical profession and to the children they treat. One has only to observe the interaction between patient and medical staff to see that these medical professionals are something to be proud of and

to support in so many ways.

One cannot overlook the great leadership our Chief of Staff, David Drvaric, provides, or the surgeries Doctors Peter Masso and John DeWeese perform on a daily basis. They, and their co-workers, are what make Shriners Hospitals for Children® special.

Currently, the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield is reducing our Staff. It is sad to see, but the changes in the medical profession is such that this is a necessity. A larger percentage of our patients are now in the outpatient category rather than inpatients and that means our staff requirements are less, at least in some areas.

Springfield has 20,000 outpatient visits a year, 400 in the Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic, and they perform 800 surgical operations a year. We have 12,000 active patients and wish we had more. Our Hospital is an active medical center and it is one we are, and should be, very proud to support. This is not the same as the changes at our Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, on which our Damascus Board Representatives on the Erie Board have reported earlier. But, it is an indication that changes are taking place in the Shriners Hospitals for Children® Program. □



## November Birthdays



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P. William Haake	John C. Owens	Richard H. Zonneville
Lewis W. Hares	Leon R. Perkins	

September 26, 2011

Damascus Temple Shriners  
Attn: Peter Bowers  
979 Bay Road  
Webster, NY 14580

Dear Peter,

I am writing to thank the Damascus Shriners for the generous reimbursement of our travel expenses to the Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, for Ryan in August. I am extremely grateful and truly appreciate the financial support from our Local Chapter.

Ryan had a successful visit and will not need to return until 2014. The Hospital's Orthotics Department made a lift for his shoe to help eliminate some of the pain he tolerates daily from his leg differential. Being on a restricted diet for the week determined that Ryan's body does not process calcium properly (having excessive amounts); needing to reduce his calcium intake on a daily basis. This is something that we probably would not have known if he wasn't being treated by Dr. Whyte. Ryan's lungs are not symmetrical and pulmonary testing was done to obtain a baseline for future reference plus the needed x-rays, bone density scan and physical/occupational services.

These trips to St. Louis have been informative based on the numerous tests performed during the week and extremely beneficial for Ryan to continue his treatment with Dr. Whyte. Although there is no cure for Hypophosphatasia, there may be different treatments down the road that Ryan could be eligible for to help with his symptoms.

Again, I greatly appreciate the support provided by our Local Chapter! Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Christine Douglas



## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2011

### NOVEMBER

2nd Veterans' Recognition Night, 6 p.m. - Dinner; 7 p.m. - Program at Shrine Center

12th Noble Bring-a-Brother - Harvest Dinner at Shrine Center

### DECEMBER

7th Damascus Summoned Meeting - Election of Officers

### JANUARY

4th Damascus Meeting - Installation of Officers

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**“ARCH DEGREE” AT DAMASCUS**

Damascus Shriners hosted Ismailia Shriners from Buffalo for the “Arch Degree” last month. Participating were: Narrator #1, Jim VanSlyke; Narrator #2, Walter Prezpanski;

Narrator #3, Charlie Turner. Builders: Arch Forman, George Herle; Worker # 1, Wally Stoj; Worker #2, Norm Kraebel; Worker #3, Bob Ess; Worker #4, Roger Herle. My Old Red Fez, Don Keipper. Amazing Grace/Angels Among Us, Dave Freund. Kettle Drum, John Ruff. Holder of the Shrine Block, Dan Walter. Back Stage, Stan Okiec. Potentate/Shriners Creed, Gary Crewson.



  
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**Shriners International**  
**Personal Essay Contest**

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

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

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

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

Essays must be submitted to:  
[shrinepr@shrinenet.org](mailto:shrinepr@shrinenet.org)  
 by December 30, 2011. For a complete list of rules and guidelines, visit:  
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**Personal Essay Contest**  
**Rules and Guidelines**

1. Your essay must be typed and double-spaced.
2. It must not exceed 1,500 words.
3. All essays must be non-fiction.

4. You must be a Shriner in good standing.
5. You must not include any personal names in your essay.
6. Each applicant must only submit one essay. It must be the original work of the submitter.
7. Each applicant must complete an Application Form.
8. Please spell-check your essay and use proper grammar.
9. A panel of Personal Essay Contest judges decides which entries win. Three entries will be chosen. All decisions will be final.
10. By submitting an essay, you acknowledge it has NOT been published before and it will become property of Shriners International. By submitting your essay, you give permission to Shriners International to publish your essay and/or parts of your essay, regardless of whether your entry is chosen as a winner. You also agree and understand you will receive no compensation, payment, or royalties from publication of your essay, and you agree to promptly execute any release necessary to allow publication by Shriners International.
11. Shriners International has the right to announce the winners of the Contest by any manner in which it deems appropriate.
12. Entries must be RECEIVED no later than December 30, 2011. □

**Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles:**

**Philip Averbach**  
 October 16, 2011

**John W. Foster**  
 September 17, 2011

**Donald L. French**  
 March 6, 2011

**Rev. J. Richard Hart**  
 October 8, 2011





Many thanks to the Ismailia Shrine Director's Staff Arch Degree Team. Narrators: Jim VanSlyke, Walter Prezasniak and Charlie Turner. Builders: Wally Stoj, Norm Kraebel, Bob Ess and Roger Herle. "My Old Red Fez" - Don Keipper; "Amazing Grace/Angels Among Us" - Dave Freund; Kettle Drum - John Ruff; Holder of the Shrine Block - Dan Walter; Back Stage - Stan Okiec; and Potentate/Shriners Creed - Gary Crewson. Also present were Imperial Sir George Mitchell, Immediate Past Imperial Potentate and Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut, Imperial Captain of the Guard.

## WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Frank Russell, Vice-President

The Wayne County Shrine Club met on October 20th for its usual evening of fun, fellowship, good food and an interesting program. Due to the closing of the Red Rooster Restaurant, the usual haunt of the Club, the dinner meeting was at Studebaker's Grille in Lyons. We were well cared for. The meal was delicious, reasonable and the service was what anyone would have wanted. The Club will be looking to return to this venue.

Now that the group was well fed, it was treated to a very interesting program. John Spellman, Historian for the Town of Savannah, presented a narrated slide program on the history and development of this area of our County. Mr.

Spellman has authored two books in this regard. He spoke of the Town growing up around the New York Central Railroad and, as a result, was known for its stockyards. Additionally, it is an area fraught with agriculture and wildlife. One of its features is the Montezuma Audubon Center.

As usual, the Club was graced with the blessings by Lee Collier and the Shrine update from Divan member, Jim Miller. President Gerald Rohrer started the meeting with one of his jokes. Hopefully, he will not give up his day job!

The next get-together will be the Holiday Celebration with musical entertainment. It is planned for December 15th at the Phelps Hotel in, of course, Phelps. □



## More About Imperial First Lady's Program

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

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

For these reasons, First Lady Patty's goal is to raise funds and develop an educational fellowship for all medical professionals entering the burn reconstruction field. This fellowship will allow each medical professional to spend time at one

of the four Shriners Hospitals for Children® that specializes in burn care, and learn the necessary treatment protocols and models of practice from their peers.

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

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



## Legion of Honor to Retire US Flags

By John R. Faro, PC

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

The Legion of Honor is currently preparing a program for the retirement of flags. Hopefully the ceremony will take place as near to Flag Day, June 14th, as

possible. I fully expect the Shrine Band to participate.

I am currently in the process of writing that, following government guidelines, with the consent of current Legion Commander, Kenneth R. Milner.

Look for particulars in your future *Damascus News* and *Masonic Times*.

In closing, to paraphrase John Muir, "In every walk through Masonry, one finds more than he seeks." □



## Back-to-School Backpack Safety

When shopping for a backpack it is important to find one that is no wider than the child's chest, has adjustable and padded straps, includes a waist strap, is made of lightweight material and has several compartments. "A backpack that is adjustable helps bring the weight closer to the upper part of the back, where the body can more efficiently carry the load with larger muscles of the back," said Robert Cho, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Los Angeles. "A waist strap helps to distribute the load to the lower body and legs so that the shoulders do not bear all of the weight."

It is also helpful to make sure a child is only packing what is necessary for the day and to distribute these items evenly throughout the compartments, with the heaviest objects placed closest to the child's back. It is recommended that kids carry no more than 10 to 15 percent of their bodyweight in their backpacks.

"Too much weight in a child's backpack can lead to muscular strain and back pain, which can limit physical functioning and can even lead to poorer overall health," said Dr. Cho. "I recommend either minimizing the amount of textbooks carried in a backpack, or using a rolling backpack, if allowed by the child's school."

Placement of the backpack is also important. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the best place to carry a backpack is between the neck and curve of the lower back - not far below the waist, as is often popular among the kids.

### Importance of Scoliosis Screenings

The Back-to-School season is also a good time to consider scoliosis screenings. Scoliosis occurs when there is a lateral curve of the spine greater than 10 degrees, which causes the spine to look more like an "S" or a "C" than a straight line when viewed on an X-Ray. Once scoliosis has been diagnosed, the primary concern is whether the curve will get worse. Early diagnosis allows the ability to monitor the condition over a longer period of time and ensure the proper treatment.

When children are around age 8, it is recommended that parents watch for signs of possible scoliosis. Some of these signs include; uneven shoulders when the child is sitting or standing up straight, prominent shoulder blades, or a tendency to lean to one side. Although scoliosis screenings are not mandatory in every state's school system, many schools do conduct them.

### Backpack Basics for Healthier Kids

Used correctly, backpacks can be a good way to carry all the books, supplies and personal items needed for a typical

school day. Backpacks are designed to distribute the weight of the load among some of the body's strongest muscles. However, backpacks that are too heavy or carried incorrectly can injure muscles or joints and contribute to back pain and other problems.

### The Proper Backpack is ...

- No wider than the user's chest
- Worn no higher than the base of the neck
- Worn no lower than 2 - 4 inches below the waist
- Supported by a waist or chest strap
- Made of lightweight material

### A Good Backpack has ...

- A padded back
- Several compartments
- Side compression straps
- A waist or chest strap
- Reflectors
- Two wide, padded shoulder straps

### Backpack Weight

If a backpack forces the wearer to lean forward, it's overloaded and some items should be removed. Carrying an overloaded backpack can cause discomfort and, over time, lead to back injuries and other problems.

If the backpack weighs more than fifteen percent of the carrier's weight, it's too heavy. To determine the proper maximum weight for a backpack, multiply the user's body weight by 0.15. If a heavier load is unavoidable, consider using a backpack with wheels.

Carrying too much weight or wearing a backpack the wrong way can lead to:

- Muscle fatigue
- Poor posture and painful shoulders
- Back and neck pain
- Injuries from tripping and falling □

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By Stephan Michener, Junior Warden

**Busy, Bizzie, Buszy**

On September 10th, several Northfield Brothers staffed a booth at the Pittsford Celebrates Festival with the Safety ID Program. It was a very busy day and we processed 44 IDs. Parents were greatly appreciative of our efforts. Brothers John Dudley, Donald Fox and Jason Zona provided moral support, while Mike Zona, Devon Littlefield, Jim Deasey and Steve Michener feverishly entered the information into the computers. One more person deserves special recognition - Todd Enright provided technical assistance and did a great job engaging the kids for the video portion. He was there from beginning to end. It was a successful day, and reminded us of what we can achieve when we work together!

**Thanks for Your Help**

The Lodge is looking very nice thanks to the work of Jon Buck, who is keeping the place spruced up. Bill Spillane has the lawn looking manicured and thanks to John Dudley for cleaning out the gutters, which is allowing us to have a dry basement. Also thanks go to Devon Littlefield and Jason Higley for hanging some of our artwork and our dart board. Now we can have a tournament.

We are eating well at Northfield. Last month we dined on smoked Bar-B-Queed Ribs and some German Fare to celebrate Oktoberfest and the harvest season. Word has it that our Junior Warden has some unique meals planned for the months ahead. As a reminder, Brothers are being asked to contact the Junior Warden, with a reservation for dinners, by the Monday before the Thursday meeting. He can be reached either at 746-3960, or you can send him an email at smichene@rochester.rr.com.

**Looking Ahead**

November 3rd will be our Official Visit and Awards Night. We look forward to welcoming the District Deputy and his Staff Officers.

Our 2nd Degree will be held on November 17th with our Senior Warden, Jason Zona, in the East.

In order to give you plenty of notice, please mark your calendar for Friday, December 2nd, when we will have our Holiday Party. Plans are under way as I write this.

**In Summation**

I submit for your recognition that we have been active at Northfield Lodge and are having a lot of fun. If you haven't dropped by for a while, please consider attending a meeting. If transportation is a concern, please contact the Master, W.: Mike Zona, at 303-1686 and he will help arrange a ride. □

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The weather has definitely cooled down, but the activity level at Webster Lodge has heated up ... just as it usually does this time of year.

**Spaghetti Dinners**

October ushered in the return of the famous Spaghetti Dinners on October 7th. Brother Nick Haldoupis and his staff put on a fine meal as always. These dinners are very well attended and the community service work they perform for Webster organizations is just outstanding. It's long been a Webster Lodge tradition that on the first Friday of each month from October until June, our Brothers are busy in the kitchen preparing food and brightening up the lives they serve with great meals and a smile.

October also saw the return to Degree Work for Webster Lodge. The Entered Apprentice Degree was held during a Special Communication on October 13th, with our Junior Warden, Joe Lewis, making his debut appearance in the East! One of the things I am most proud of in Webster Lodge is the quality of the Ritual. Those involved work very hard to hone their craft, and it shows! Whether it's the Opening or Closing of Lodge, Degree work or Degree lectures, you can always be sure it's being done well and with passion in Webster.

October 17th took us on the road to Fairport Lodge for the Grand Lecturer's Convention, and on the 20th to the Damascus Shrine Center for the Annual Scottish Rite Awards! Thanks to all Brothers who took the time to join us on those nights.

**Loss of a Brother**

With regret I must report to you that Webster Lodge has lost another Brother. Allyn Guerin has laid down his Working Tools. Brother Guerin's son, Todd, contacted me and requested a Masonic Funeral Service, which we were honored to perform. The family has expressed to me their gratitude for Webster Lodge in being there during their time of need, something that we were proud to do for our Brother Allyn and all in attendance.

**November Events**

On November 3rd, our Regular Communication will consist of a program on Masonic names in the Bible. It will be an open meeting and all spouses and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. I'm sure you will all find this interesting. Social time and light refreshments will follow.

Other important dates include November 4th for our next Spaghetti Dinner.

November 10th - Fellowcraft Club Meeting.

November 17th - 2nd Degree

To round out the month, I am planning a Thanksgiving Celebration to take place on Saturday, November 19th. On that Saturday, we will gather for a Turkey

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Dinner with the all the trimmings at the Lodge, which will be served family style. Social Hour will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner slated for 6 p.m. This dinner will be open to Webster Lodge Members and their families, as well as members of other Lodges. If you would like to join us, I ask that you reserve a spot by contacting me personally no later than November 7th. You may also RSVP by sending an email to: usafpilot@rochester.rr.com. The cost will be \$15 per person. DJ Music and entertainment that evening will be provided for your listening and dancing pleasure, so please join us!

**Special Recognition**

Brother Daniel Korn has earned two Certificates from the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge. The first is for completing "Who Comes Here? - A First Look at the Craft," and the other for "Through a Porch - Classic Masonic Writers." I'm pleased that Brother Korn is taking the time to further his knowledge through reading.

Finally, on the night of our Official Visit, both our Senior Warden, William Gross, and I were presented with Certificates for completing the recent *Road to the East* Course. For anyone who is in Line to one day become a Lodge Master, this information is invaluable. I know I also can speak for my Senior Warden in saying that we learned a lot and are very grateful to have so many qualified individuals teaching and mentoring the future leaders of the Masonic Organization. Your dedication to the Craft is to be commended! □

Official Visit from DDGM, R.:W.: George Nasra, and his Staff.

The fundraiser was not as successful as in past years. This was due to the terrible weather we had on October 1st and 2nd. The cold and rain kept attendance down by 75% (according to the Apple Festival Committee). On the bright side, the inventory of meatballs, sauce and ziti we purchased for the Festival will be used at our regular Spaghetti Dinners.

Our cash flow at this time is tight, but we anticipate we will be able to pay our bills. As a result of our cash flow concerns, you will likely see your Annual Dues Notice sooner than usual in order to help us improve our cash flow. In addition, we will be asking Brothers to consider (if you are able) including a special donation. Donations will be applied to our building expenses.

Our Official Visit was well attended and we enjoyed a good night of fellowship with R.:W.: George Nasra and the Staff Officers, R.:W.: George Fochner and R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz. After the meeting, we had cake and some delicious cookies provided by our own Brother, Larry Vaccarelli.

**Upcoming Events**

November 1st - will be the Entered Apprentice Degree. Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. It will be great to have a strong turnout for this Degree.

November 9th - will be our ONLY Spaghetti Dinner of the month.

November 15th - will be a regular meeting and a program.

**Sickness and Distress**

I am happy to report that Brother Don Cambisi is speedily recovering from an accident. He has been to Lodge and a big help at our Spaghetti Dinners.

Brother Dave Goodrich has been under the weather with a strong cold. We look forward to seeing him at Lodge again soon.

Please contact me if you have information we need to share with our Brothers.

**Other News**

Thanks to Brother Mark Shapiro, we have a new large-screen TV for use by the Lodge. Our Social Committee is working on planning some events so we can get together in fellowship outside the normal meeting times.

We are tentatively planning a Chili Cookoff. If you have a great Chili recipe and want to participate in our Cookoff, let me know. We may ask other Lodges to put up their best recipe if they are so inclined. With football season started, we will likely have a few get-togethers

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On November 1st, our work for the evening is the 1st Degree. I hope the article reaches you in time as a reminder to come and participate as we welcome several new Brothers to the Craft.

Since the last article, we have had our Apple Festival Fundraiser and our



to watch a game.

Brother Jeff Ross is working on our phone tree. One issue we are seeing is incorrect or missing information. If you have a minute, please email, write or call the Secretary and confirm/update your contact information.

We are in the first stages of planning a dinner event to honor our significant others. We can use help planning. If you are interested in helping, please let me know.

In closing, I thank all Brothers who helped at the Apple Festival. A special thanks to Brother Bill Hunn for leading the project and to W.: Jeff Ross for his help. I hope you all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday. □

## Inspiration

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Here it is already November and the holiday season is quickly approaching. Before the holidays begin, we have some important work to do, starting with the 1st Degree on November 8th. As of this writing, we have three Candidates. The team conferring the Degree is getting prepared, and it should be well done. Come out and support your Lodge Officers and help welcome our new Candidates.

We are going to have a Lodge of Remembrance on November 22nd. It will be an open event and Widows will be invited. Come out and let our Widows know that they and their loved ones have not been forgotten.

In addition, we have a couple of items planned for December. There will be a rehearsal for the 2nd Degree on the 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrine Center. If you are able to assist with this Degree, please step up and let us know.

On December 13th, we will hold a Holiday Dinner with our ladies at the Shrine Center. There will be live entertainment and fun for all. On the 27th, we will have a Stated Communication to conduct year-end business.

Any Brother interested in chairing the Have-a-Heart Campaign Committee? W.: Mike Hueston has agreed to handle the arrangements, but he has a lot on his plate already and, I'm sure, would welcome your assistance or complete takeover.

### Sickness and Distress

Several of our Brothers are experiencing health issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. The previous report on Bill Scheer's condition was erroneous, but he did have a bout with pneumonia. We hope he is much better by now. Todd Colburn had a brief stint in the hospital. It has been reported that Bob Bishop is home recuperating. Ken Skidmore is undergoing another battery of tests. Rene VanDeVeire is having problems with his hip and is in a great deal of pain. Richard VanZandt is dealing with health issues. Derek VanHouten missed the meeting suffering from cold and flu-like symptoms, which he was kind enough not to share with his Brothers.

Two of our Line Officers have encountered some difficulties with their health and asked to be relieved of their responsibilities. W.: Nelson Bertch, who was appointed Chaplain, will attend when he is able. Meanwhile, W.: Bill Shelby will fill in at the Chaplain's

position. Senior Warden, R.: W.: John Faro, will be replaced on a meeting by meeting basis as necessary. As the elected Officer, he is not able to resign from his position. Please keep these Brothers in your thoughts and prayers as well.

### Birthdays Greetings

Our parade of celebrants for November include: Richard DeCroce (1st); James Locklin and Joe Weber, Jr. (2nd); Wayne Gundry (5th); Gary LaShomb (7th); George Lloyd (16th); George Pasch, Jr. (17th); Donald Murphy (20th); Harry Steinorth, Jr. and Arthur Cohen (21st); Frank Zaffino (22nd); David Ogden (26th); William Evert (29th) and Joseph Crociata, Jr. (30th). Many happy returns of the day, Brothers.

### From the Secretary

Now that Fall is here, the leaves are turning and many are already on the ground, it is time to talk about Dues. For me, DUES is always a sore subject. We currently have 28 Brothers who have not paid their 2011 Dues. Also 10 of those Brothers have not paid their 2010 Dues. Please check the Dues card you have; that may be a clue if you are delinquent.

Within the first few weeks of November those who have not paid their Dues for two years will receive a Certified letter explaining that you are about to be dropped from membership for Non-Payment of Dues (NPD). All other Brothers will receive their regular Annual Dues Notice.

If there is a problem in paying your Dues, you may call me or the Master to discuss this. Payment of dues should be sent to the address noted on the invoice.

### Secretary's Contact Information

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Brothers, I need your email address. Kindly send me a short note with your name and a good email address. I have had to delete several Brothers from the email list because they could not be delivered.

I am looking forward to hearing from you. I would also like to see and greet you in Lodge. □

## Union Star Lodge No. 320

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Attention! Brothers this month we pay tribute to those who served in our Armed Forces. Whether in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps or Navy, this Band of Brothers protected our shores and gave us the freedom we now enjoy. Some paid the ultimate price. To all those who served, we salute you.

Join us at our Regular Communication on November 14th to honor those who served. R.: W.: Rick Howe will provide the program of the evening, having a chat with the Flag of our Country.

We are already into the third month of the Masonic Year and the attendance has been good. Any Brother who wishes to be at the meeting and needs a ride, please call me at 486-4341 and I will make sure you have transportation.

### Mark Your Calendar

The Holiday Season is fast approaching. Our Ladies Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 17th, at the Mendon Country Club. Please keep this date open and join your Brothers and their Ladies for a fun night out.

### November Birthdays

Those who will mature this month are Brothers William Nersinger, Elliot Schwartz, Daniel Nice and Arthur Movalli, Jr.

### Upcoming Events

November 14th - Regular Communication

November 28th - Fellowcraft

December 12th - 1st Degree

December 17th - Ladies Christmas Party □

## Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154

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It is hoped the gremlins missed your house and all who did stop by only wanted candy and goodies, not tricks.

### Upcoming Events

November 14th - Conferral of the 2nd Degree; there will be a dinner prior to the Degree. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

November 28th - Again, a "Walk-About" to help the new Brothers better understand their work.

December 12th - Night of Remembrance will be the first order of business, followed by the Summoned Meeting. Since many reports will generate too many questions to answer, there is NO DINNER.

If the pure white driven dust we measure in inches should fall and make travel impossible, the Degrees will be the following meeting night.

As some of you may note, we are having trouble with the emails getting to all the Brethren. We are working on it. If you do not get a good note from us the first two weeks of November, please call or email the address in the title box to help us. Thank you for your help; phone call list should be up and running.

Take a little time to thank those who made it possible for all of us to meet together in this land of plenty and give thanks for all we have and share. □

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Lodge No. 722

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### October Recap

October is over and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. At our first meeting in October, we had our Annual Awards Meeting. Before the meeting, a delicious Chicken Dinner was enjoyed by all. Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Philip Hurwitz, attended and presented the Years of Service Awards to our Award Recipients.

Our second meeting was our Official Visit. I thank all the Officers for a wonderful job and especially to Brother Dave Foster for his excellent work he does as our Secretary.

I will take this moment and recognize one more Brother who I neglected to list in the paper last month. Brother John Rehbach was recognized at our Awards Meeting for sixty-five years with Fame Lodge. Thank you to Brother John and all of last month's Award Recipients for your dedication to Fame Lodge.

### Upcoming Events

Reminder - November 10th is our only meeting of the month. This is our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We all know the importance of bringing in new members. If you know someone who may be interested in Freemasonry, bring him out for dinner and get a taste of what it is all about. Remember, any Brother who brings a friend will receive a free dinner for both you and your friend! It would be wonderful to bring some new Brothers to Fame Lodge. □

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### We've Been Busy ...

We started things in September with a great Steak Roast prepared by Brother Mike Edelman. Mike was also nominated to receive the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award, in recognition of all he does for Unity Lodge. R.: W.: Jay McCullough presented a very interesting historical program about Monroe Lodge and Masonry in Brockport. Junior Warden Jeff VanSice sat in the East for the 1st Degree in September and everyone did a very presentable job.



R.: W.: Jay McCullough

It was good to be able to share some of what Masonry means on our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at our first Communication in October. How would a man know he might like to be in our Fraternity if he doesn't find out about it; doesn't experience a little of it? What we have in Masonry is so different from what men are accustomed to in society today.

### Upcoming Events

On November 14th, we have our District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit. This is always a special night and, of course, there will be a dinner. The DDGM will communicate to us the larger vision for Masonry in our District.

November 28th is our special dinner and evening in honor of Brother R.: W.: Don Darrohn, and his receiving the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Medal. Deputy Grand Master of the State of New York, R.: W.: James E. Sullivan, and his Leadership Team will be in attendance to help celebrate, as will our District Leadership Team.

This event is public. You can bring your wife or significant other; the cost is \$20 per person. The attire for the evening is business. No tux please. Please make your reservation with our Secretary, R.: W.: Cliff Short, as soon as possible. This will be the one event for the year you should not miss.

Congratulations to Brother Vince French on getting married.

### November Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Brothers on their November birthdays: Andy Alvarez, Russel Bird, Thomas Brusso, Christopher Capetta, William Chapman, Tyler Ekwel, Christopher Harness, Garry Hutcherson, David Jones, Martin Michaels, Robert Novak, Orlo Noxon, Robert O'Hara, William Peterson and Joseph Privitera. □

## Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476

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



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November should be a quiet month in comparison with October. Thank you to everyone for their cooperation with the Official Visit, 1st Degree, Grand Lecturer's Convention and Scout Award Night. Many hands make for light work.

The 2nd Degree will be conferred on November 14th with Brother Andrew Woeppel in the East. This will be his first opportunity to preside during a Degree. Let everyone get out and support him.

The meeting on November 28th is open at this time. Be sure the Master will have something up his sleeve, so don't miss it.

There is nothing to report under sickness and distress.

May each of you enjoy a happy and memorable Thanksgiving with family and friends. We all have so much to be thankful for. Everyone has bills, aches and pains, health concerns of varying degrees, occupational challenges, etc. Dwell on the positive and make the best use of each day.

### November Birthdays

Some Brothers even have a birthday in November. Yes, they are getting older whether they want to or not. Our Treasurer, Adam Junod (2nd), Stewart Pederson (6th), Bob Vandebush (8th), James Scheerens (11th), Gary Gray (12th), David Andrusis (13th), David Zon (16th), Greg Ludwig (19th), Tom Jameson (21st), Irving Starr and David Averbach (22nd), William Lozon and Robert Johnson (26th). We wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

If you have not communicated with the Lodge in a while, please send a note or postcard to let us know how you are doing. The Brothers are truly interested in you. Anyone needing a ride to Lodge or a function, contact Dave Taber at 388-0629 or email dtaber7@rochester.rr.com.

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### Check Your Calendar

There is no Masonic War Veterans business meeting during November and December. We do have a number of activities coming up soon which are listed below. Please plan to attend.

Friday, November 11th - Veterans Day Memorial Service at the Blue Cross Arena at 11 a.m. Come early for the Eumenical Service at 9 a.m. or for coffee and donuts at 10 a.m. Wear as much of the uniform as you have. Lunch TBD.

Wednesday, November 16th - VA Hospital Birthday Party at 2:30 p.m. in Building 7A. Come for lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Villager Restaurant in Canandaigua.

### Lalla Rookh Grotto News

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

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

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

Remember, we meet at the Shrine Center ... There are NO stairs to climb, a wide open parking lot, everything on ground

### Scottish Rite News

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Sublime Princes who received their Dedicated Service Award (DSA) Blue Caps at the September Annual Meeting, flanked by Commander-in-Chief, Ill.: Joseph Bourcy, and Active Members of Supreme Council, Ill.: G. Michael Morris and Ill.: Stephen Whittaker, were (from left): John Lemke, James Clancy, Frank Habitzreuther and Gordon Hubbell. (Editor's Note: We also have a photo of new Lodge Ambassadors which will be published in the next issue of the **Masonic Times**.)

Thursday, November 17th - Valley of Rochester Veteran Recognition ... Table Lodge at 6:30 p.m.; Program at 7:30 p.m.; at the Shrine Center. RSVP

Saturday, December 17th - Holiday Party; Details - TBD.

### James A. Hard

#### His Childhood & Early Life

Mr. Hard was born on July 15, 1841, in Victor. He was the son of a Western New York Pioneer Settler. His mother was Martha Frost Hard. His father, Alanson Pratt Hard, was a native of Rochester and drove a stage coach between Mt. Morris and Canandaigua before 1835. Mr. Hard spent his boyhood in Windsor, near Binghamton. He took many walking trips in the area. On one of his walks he and his 13-year-old brother traveled 14 miles to Binghamton to watch the city celebrate the Fourth of July.

When Mr. Hard was still a youth, his family moved to Freeville in Tompkins County near Dryden. In his late teens, he took a job at Jordan Sawmill where he heard that President Lincoln called for a volunteer army. Fort Sumter in Charleston, SC, was attacked on April 12, 1861, and surrendered to Confederate General Beauregard on April 14th. The next day President Lincoln called for a volunteer army of 75,000 men. Three days later on April 18, 1861, Mr. Hard enlisted for two years in Company E of the 37th New York Volunteer Army.

More to come about Mr. Hard's military service ... □

level, well-lighted area for your safety!!

P.S. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. □

### Anniversary Celebration 2012

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

### Grotto Telephone Message Center

By Ron Morthorst, Ass't Sec/Treas

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



# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Bernard Lazerson, Monarch

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## M.O.V.P.E.R.



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### Fall Program

The Fall Program this year began with a wonderful Awards Night. We honored charities that are favorites of the Monarch and Grotto - Mercy Flight, Ronald McDonald Houses, Scottish Rite for Children's Dyslexia Center, Masonic Service Bureau and the Henrietta Recreation Department. Charity begins at home, with Masonic organizations and programs that help our community. This is where our efforts should be.

### Monarch's Appreciation

Last month, October first, over two dozen of our Prophets and Ladies hon-



Accepting the contribution from Monarch Bernie Lazerson for the Children's Dyslexia Center in Honor of Frank & Bette Paul were Chairman of the Board, John W. Paul (center), and Rodney Rittenhouse, Past Chairman.



Ronald McDonald Houses, represented by David and Patricia Anderson, was another Charity chosen by the Prophets for a grant. Monarch Bernie Lazerson explains the wonderful services performed at the Houses for families with children receiving medical treatments at Golisano's Children's Hospital and by the Volunteers like the Andersons. Prophet Richard Topel, PM, (right) acted as Marshal for the recipients. Also receiving a grant was the Masonic Service Bureau, which was represented by Janet Porter, Office Manager, and Executive Director, Charles Waterstreet.

ored your Monarch with a most wonderful dinner. Guy Lombardo's Orchestra played for our listening and dancing pleasure while we looked out over New York City from atop Rockefeller Center's Rainbow Room. OK, my medication is kicking in now ... it was Keenan's Restaurant in their private room. I was honored by several Past Monarchs and our ESGA President, Dave Terry, "Smoke," and his lovely Lady, Joann. Thank you to all for making my night very special.

### November

November is the month for honoring our Veterans. The Grotto Legion of Honor will participate with the Masonic War Veterans at the Downtown Ceremonies on Friday, November 11th, as we do every year. Let us never forget that we are enjoying the fruits of the great sacrifices of our Veterans - our freedom. "Freedom is not Free."

November 16th is Move-up Night for incoming Officers (bring your Ritual books) and I have planned some special surprise entertainment. Please see the scroll for details.

I close with a wish to all Prophets and Ladies for a Happy and Festive Thanksgiving and the usual wish for good health and good fellowship. Thank you to all my fellow Prophets and Ladies. □

## Legion of Honor

By Richard Topel, Commander

September was our Ladies Night Out meeting at Perkin's Restaurant on Ridge Road West. We had a very nice time with good food, conversation and a lot of laughs.

Friday, November 11th, is VETERANS DAY at the Rochester War Memorial, where a Memorial Service and placing our wreath will take place at 11 a.m. The LEGION OF HONOR is calling out all Grotto Veterans to come and join us in this endeavor.

We are meeting the 3rd Monday of the month, November 21st, at the Shrine Center at 6:30 p.m. in the Grotto Office. We order Subs for Dinner. Call Dick Topel 663-2547 so he can order yours. Dick is waiting to hear from you. Meet-



Patricia Miller, Development Director, accepts for Mercy Flight Central.



Recreation Supervisor Anita Tichacek accepted for Henrietta Recreation.



Past Monarchs of Lalla Rookh Grotto in attendance were (from left): Bernard Lazerson, Ronald Charron, Kenneth Milner, James Toogood, Richard Topel, Ronald Morthorst and Kenneth Rhodes.

## Attend Grotto Meetings

**Monday, November 7th**  
Board of Governors  
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

**Friday, November 11th**  
Veteran's Day Ceremony  
Downtown - 11 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 16th**  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
Usual refreshments to follow.

**Monday, November 21st**  
Legion of Honor Meeting  
Grotto Office - 6:30 p.m.

**CLIP AND SAVE!**  
Information Hot Line  
Bernie - 271-7446 or  
Dick Topel - 663-2547

ing to follow at 7:30 p.m.

I hope all our Veterans will make an effort to join us. □

## Sickness and Sympathy

Fred Cornell is home recuperating after a stay in the hospital. Hope you can drive by the time this is printed. He would appreciate a phone call 352-6477.

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

## ESGA

The 85th Fall Convention is over for this year. A great time was had by all, plus one of the best dinners was served. Our Prophets and their ladies of our Grotto attended and had a great time. There is always something going on. If you haven't attended before, you should try to attend the functions next year.

We elected our new President, Dave Terry, from Zuleika Grotto in Buffalo for 2011-2012 and he has a lot of great things planned. There are no dull minutes at these gatherings and you don't have to be an Officer to attend and have a good time, believe me.

Call Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 for all the details. □

## Membership

By Ron Morthorst, PM

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

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

Let's face it, times have changed. We have many opportunities to spread our good works and fellowship to the members of our Craft and their families. Who are you going to ask to join you as a

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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



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

## From Supreme Council

At Supreme Council this year, they presented the members in attendance a short DVD describing the Scottish Rite's new Vision, Mission Statement, Core Values and Membership requirements. Here is what it said.

### Vision

"We will strive to be a Fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members."

### Mission Statement

- Provide inspiration for our members through meaningful programs and Degrees.

- Provide convenient opportunities for our members to enhance their lives.

- Provide enjoyable programs and fellowship activities for our members.

### Core Values

- Reverence for God
- Justice
- Toleration
- Devotion to Country
- Service to Humanity
- Integrity

### Membership

"A Brother becomes a 32° Mason when he has conferred upon him the 4° and the 32° plus a minimum of three additional Degrees selected by the Valley which reflect the core values of the Rite."

### Rite on the Road

As we have done in the past, we are again taking the Scottish Rite on the road. This is in direct observance with the ICE Program to make everything we do, Inspirational, Convenient and Enjoyable for our membership. They come first in everything we do.

## Upcoming Events

On Saturday, November 5th, we will be traveling to Milo Lodge in Penn Yan for our "Explore the Rite Night." This is an opportunity to introduce Scottish Rite to the Brothers of the O/S/Y District. We look forward to meeting many of our Brothers from the Finger Lakes Area at this event. Please bring your Lodge Brothers so we can meet them and shed more Light in Masonry with them. Members cost for this event will be \$15 per person. There is no cost for guests and their ladies. 5:30 p.m. - Social Hour (Hors d'oeuvres and Valley bar); 6:30 p.m. - Dinner; 7:30 p.m.; Program - "The Last Full Measure."

## Veterans Recognition Night

On Thursday, November 17th, we will be holding our Annual Veterans Recognition Table Lodge Meeting. The evening will begin with a Social Hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by our usual "Wurst Plate" Dinner. After dinner, we will recognize all the Veterans in attendance.

If you are a Veteran, or know one you would like us to recognize, please make a reservation for this signature event. It is defiantly one not to miss. We look forward to recognizing you and thanking you for your service to our Country.

## Degrees

Our Degrees will commence on December 3rd at the Shrine Center. Please submit Petitions you may have from your friends and Lodge Brothers to the Valley Office as soon as possible for this year's class. We will be conferring the 4th, 11th, 14th and 15th Degrees on December 3rd. Hope to see you all there.

## Knights of Saint Andrew

This Degree is open to all 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Active membership is open to "Black Hat" Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. While those Scottish Rite Masons who have been honored (Blue, Red, White or Purple Hats) are welcome to join, but will hold Emeritus status (non-voting; cannot hold Office).

## Become a Charter Member

Submit your \$65 Initiation Fee plus first year's Dues of \$20 - total of \$85 by November 16th to become a Charter Member. The Initiation fee will cover the cost of a black Glengarry Cap, Knights of Saint Andrew Cap Badge, Knights of Saint Andrew Lapel Pin and Knights of Saint Andrew Coin. Make checks out to the "KSA Valley of Rochester."

Immediately following the Valley meeting on November 17th, an organizational meeting will be called for attendance of all Charter Members for the

## AASR Valley of Rochester 2011-2012 Officers

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## Allegiance

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

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Ill. Robert F. Ogg, Jr., 33°  
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Ill. Peter J. Samiec, 33°  
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Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Past Deputy/New York  
Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°  
Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33°

Ill. David P. Spencer, 33°  
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Ill. Peter J. VanElzakker, 33°

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Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33°

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Ill. Glenn A. Stahl, 33° (2011)  
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Gary L. Burke, 32° MSA (2013)  
Ill. Charles R. Frear, 33° (Emeritus)

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purpose of nomination and voting of the Officers for the ensuing year.

Saturday, December 3rd, will be our kick-off for the Chapter with Initiation (Knighting) Ceremony, Installation of Officers and a festive table to our Patron, Saint Andrew. The Cost is \$15 per person - make checks payable to "KSA Valley of Rochester." Wives and significant others are invited.

The menu for the evening will be in the Scottish Tradition - Beef Pot Pie, Beans and Carrots, Boiled Potatoes and a Raspberry Dessert. For those interested, there will be Haggis for sampling. Toasts will be made using scotch, wine, or grape juice.

Dress for the evening is tux, black suit,

or traditional Scottish (kilt) formal dress. Glengarry's required by all Sir Knights.

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secretary@valleyofrochester.org  
for further information and your Petition. ☐



At the Annual Meeting in September, Ill. Peter J. "Jack" VanElzakker, 33°, was presented with his White Cap by Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council; Ill. Joseph Bourcy, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester; and Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, AASR, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.



Derek VanHouten is recognized and congratulated by the Sublime Princes of the Valley of Rochester upon the "official" presentation of his Meritorious Service Award Red Cap by Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council; Ill. Joseph Bourcy, 33°, Commander-in-Chief; and Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council

# Thank you, Scottish Rite Veterans, for your Service

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\* Active Duty

## Great Night for Sublime Prince Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA

The September Annual Meeting included special presentations to Sublime Prince Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA. Right, Ill.: Joseph Bourcy, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester, presented him a Certificate of Appreciation acknowledging his 50 Years of Service as Prologist of the 18th Degree. Below, he holds his Certificate signifying 60 Years of Membership in the Scottish Rite. Joining in the festivities were Ill.: Joe Bourcy, Ill.: Steve Whitaker and Ill.: Mike Morris.



## Chapter of Knights of Saint Andrew Open to all 32° Scottish Rite Masons

By Joe Oelgoetz

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The Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, announces the formation of a Chapter of The Knights of Saint Andrew. This organization will be open to all 32° Masons.

Active membership will be open only to 32°, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, known as "Black Hats."

Active Membership allows for privileges of, but not limited to, voting, holding Office within the Chapter (either elected or appointed), as well as chairing committees of the Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew.

### Don't Miss the Chance!

Importantly, in order to kick our Chapter off, any member of the Valley of Rochester, who is a 32° Mason, who submits an application and pays the full Initiation Fee of \$65 and first year's Dues of \$20 (total \$85), will become a member of the Charter Class. The Charter Class will be closed on November 17, 2011.

The Initiation Fee of \$65 will cover the cost of a Black Glengarry Cap (to be worn at all Scottish Rite Meetings), Cap

Badge (Silver); Knights of Saint Andrew Lapel Pin, and a Knights of Saint Andrew Coin (that must be kept in your pocket at all times – the reason of which will be explained upon one's membership).

The afternoon and evening of Saturday, December 3rd, will be the kick-off for our Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew. We plan to have the Initiation and Knighting Ceremony and the Election and Installation of Officers that afternoon. To celebrate both our Patron Saint – Saint Andrew and to celebrate the start of the Chapter, we will conclude with a Festive Board that evening. The entire event will require formal attire – tux, dark suit or formal Scottish garb (Kilt and Formal Jacket, etc.).

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## Hiram Chapter



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### What's Happening

Companions, we successfully completed certification in Opening and Closing, at least the evaluating Grand Chapter Officer was present and did not indicate otherwise. Thank you to our Companions who stepped up to make sure we would pass. Now we need to keep up the good work and even improve our performance.

The Chapter has a number of Petitions from Masonic Brothers seeking to become Royal Arch Masons. This means that the Chapter will be stepping up to confer the Degrees on our applicants. I am requesting that all Companions who can help in the conferral of the Degrees, let Chuck Roberts and me know so we can properly prepare the Degree work.

We will be meeting only once in November ... Thanksgiving, you know, but we will meet twice in December. Our December meetings will be the 8th and 22nd.

### Musings

I was thinking about the Chapter Degrees recently and started to contemplate the signs we use. In the Lodge Degrees, the origin of each sign is explained when it is taught to the new Brother during the Degree. In our Chapter Degrees, we teach each sign but may not explain them sufficiently during the Degree, except for the Past Master's Degree. The signs for the Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch come from the Ritual of the Degree. We need to discuss this during one of our upcoming meetings so the Companions will know how the signs were originally formed and what they mean. Ah, mystery, but that is the nature of esoteric work in Freemasonry. If you want the mystery resolved, come to a Chapter meeting.

Our Chapter is truly blessed to have R.:E.: Rev. Charles Roberts as our Secretary. As you may have noticed, but how could you not notice, that he was honored over the Summer by several York Rite Grand Bodies for his work. He provides great assistance to the Administration of the Chapter. Next time you see him, make sure you thank him for all of his hard work. To continue the thought of assistance, Chuck may need some assistance from Companions of Hiram Chapter for various concerns in our Capitular District. We can discuss this further in an upcoming Chapter meeting.

Fellowship is an aspect of our Chapter that sometimes gets overlooked. Our Scribe, Companion Richard Horton, continues to feed us well after meetings. The feelings of fellowship and friendship are very prevalent after we meet. But we can improve in this area by seeing that our new Companions are welcomed and made to feel comfortable among our more seasoned Companions. As we con-

tinue to improve in our work, programming and fellowship we will continue to build our Chapter as a Body that other Masons will be wanting to join. This is our goal and all our Companions can assist in reaching for the goal.

Last note ... the Chapter likes to use email to communicate with our Companions, so if you have not received any email from the Chapter in the last six months to a year or if you have recently changed your email address, please send a note to the High Priest at:

highpriest@hiram62ram.org

and to our Secretary at:

cholyone@rochester.rr.com

I look forward to seeing each of our Companions at an upcoming meeting. □

## Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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This month we will be having the Official Visit of R.:I.: David Hardy, DDGM of the 8th Cryptic District. He will be presenting the words of wisdom of our Grand Master, M.:I.: George B. Whitmer. I am looking forward to hearing his presentation about what is happening within our Grand Council.

We are scheduling a pre-meeting Chicken Dinner, prepared by Joy Woodley, Chef Extraordinaire. I know that will be worth the trip to Council and I do need a headcount for the dinner, so please consider joining us for both events of the evening.

I also congratulate M.:I.: Arnold Palmer for reaching that outstanding milestone of 50 years as a Mason. I was honored to be even a small part of his apron presentation.

In my last column, I presented some cryptic "stuff" on the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines. For this column I thought I would present some facts of a neighboring Grand Council to our South.

Some details to share about the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania. Their Grand Master, for 2011-2012, is Most Puissant John F. Groves. He was elected at their Grand Assembly on April 19th.

The history of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania began at a meeting in Pittsburgh on October 26, 1847. A committee was appointed to "Report on the expediency of establishing a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Pennsylvania and Jurisdiction there unto belonging." Following a favorable report, Grand Council was established. Three Subordinate Councils were named - Washington Council No. 1, Washington, PA; Mt. Moriah Council No. 2, Pittsburgh; and Lonestar Council No. 3, Washington, TX. In their current list of 45 Councils, (contained in nine Districts), both Washington Council and Mt. Moriah Council are still active.

One thing that immediately drew my

attention was their use of "Puissant" in their titles. I was not familiar with the term, so I looked up the etymology of Puissant. It is an old French term (from Latin "posse" ... "be able") meaning "powerful" or "mighty". The use of Puissant in a title is done by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, the General Grand Council and can be used for a very formal title for the English Nobility.

I look forward to seeing you all this month. □

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This month's article has a historical and a modern touch and does not pertain to Templars only. This story pertains to all Masons and their families. Also, let me first preface this tale by saying that we all should be aware of our surrounding, so to speak.

In Medieval Times, bands of knights and brigands would stop travelers who would venture forth, plundering the riches of those unfortunate individuals who were roaming the inhospitable thoroughfares. Many of these knights were mercenaries hired by the lords of neighboring territories. The brigands, on the other hand, had the sole interest in filling their own pockets with whatever booty they could obtain from the voyagers. The threat was real and could be dangerous for an individual or a group; however, this danger was able to be seen, physically. The wielding of a sword or the site of a bow would assure that the adventurer would have all of their personal cache taken.

During the long treks to the Holy Land, this intimidating scenario was a certainty. Thus the Knights Templar set up the first ATM system. This would allow the traveler to deposit money with the Templars locally and withdraw the same sum at a distant Templar "bank" by presenting the Templar letter of credit. Note well, that the letter of credit was hand written.

This system worked well for many travelers; however, the traveler could only redeem the money from a Templar facility and not purchase items at other establishments with that letter of credit.

Times have changed though and we modern-day voyagers face different challenges. While we still place our money in a bank and are able to withdraw the funds elsewhere, the knights and brigands of old are much different. No more swords

and bows - instead, electronic weapons are used. The bandits are not physically present, but they are very real. Handwritten letters are a thing of the past for withdrawing money at a different place.

Now moving on to a present-day traveler's larcenous tale, it all started with the news from several Brothers for whom my personal email had been hacked into. I thank all who notified me of this intrusion.

### New Email Address

My new email is:

phdoc469@gmail.com

Any email you receive from phdoc007@yahoo.com is bogus and did not originate from me personally.

After this upsetting discovery, I proceeded to investigate my financial resources for the same kind of infringement.

As it turns out, my debit cards from two banks and a credit card from another had been plundered by faceless knights and brigands while I was roaming the modern day "electronic" inhospitable thoroughfares. Apparently in this day of high technology we can be robbed just by swiping a card at an unknown merchant. The pitiless thieves can apply a device in the swiping mechanism that will read your account number and then wait for you to enter your PIN, which is then recorded. I have reported all of these transgressions to the various organizations; however, they say there is very little chance in apprehending the culprits.

So please guard your modern-day fortunes, but remember that our Lord and Savior is always with you. May peace be with you and all others. □



**Zone 11  
News**

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When I started on my journey in Freemasonry in 1996, I never expected to find myself as the Zone Commander of Zone 11. I thank the Sir Knights for having the confidence in me for this job and I will do my best. I realize I have a lot to learn.

Sir Knight Joe Oelgoetz has done a great job as Zone Commander. I feel his biggest achievement, as others do, was starting of the Boot Camp Program for the new incoming Sir Knights. I am glad to say Sir Knight Joe has agreed to stay on and work to improve this worthwhile Program. At the Grand Conclave this year Sir Knight Joe was awarded a plaque for being the Most Outstanding Zone Officer. Congratulations, Joe, for a job well done.

I am looking forward to this new year as I make my way around to the different Commanderies and being of assistance when I can. May God bless you all and keep you well. □



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By R.W. Mae S. Bauer

By the time you receive this communication we will have had Grand Sessions and the 2012 Grand Officers have been elected and installed. It was exciting at this Session when our own R.W. Kenneth Milner was elected on Saturday morning and then Installed at night as the Associate Grand Patron with the Associate Grand Matron, R.W. Keri Rhebergen, by his side. Our next two years are going to be exciting and full. This year after Installation we had a great get-together with the Clinton-Essex District to help celebrate and kick off 2012.

The District Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd at the Burgundy Basin, Marsh Road, Pittsford. We will be saying goodbye to the 2011 Grand Officers and welcome to the 2012 Grand Officers. New this coming year is R.W. Beverley Goodell who is a member of the Necrology Committee. District Deputy, R.W. Mae S. Bauer, and District Lecturer, R.W. Robert Crystal, are staying on for second year.

At the Honor Night on September 30th at Webster Lodge, I announced that the Alex's Lemonade Stand collected \$719.85 in Monroe District. We did a great job; thanks to everyone. A big "THANK YOU" to R.W. Mark Fenton who made the Lemonade Stands for each Chapter.

The contributions to the Mary Cariola Center were over whelming. Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goals. Remember to collect the same items for the coming year for the Mary Cariola Center as I'm using it again in 2012.

Someone left a bunny statue in my gift basket with no name attached to it. I would appreciate it if you would let me know who you are.

God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving to all!

**From the District Grand Lecturer ...**  
By Robert Crystal

As R.W. Mae Bauer and I continue our District Grand Offices, my message for 2012 is we do good while having fun. The Eastern Star has always been charitable and we have always had fun doing our work. We hold bake sales, wait on tables, cook meals, walk in marathons, sell handiworks and crafts and staff booths. We chatter, laugh, eat, sing, squabble and play and at the end of the day, a charity has benefitted and we are tired but satisfied.

Don't you think other women and men would like to hear about it?

We Stars are too modest. We don't brag about ourselves. We hide our light under a bushel. If we found one of our kids or grandkids doing some of the good we do, wouldn't we brag about it? Why not brag about ourselves?

I challenged every Chapter at the September 30th Honors Night to have a new face at the altar at Official Visit. Where can you find all these new faces? They are your friends, neighbors and relatives. Tell them what we do, and they will ASK if they can join. Americans are the most giving, generous and fun-loving people on this Earth. We have something to give them. We can give them a place to be generous and have fun.

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

## NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

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By Robert Crystal

"Food, glorious food! Hot Sausage and Mustard!" I felt like a member of Little Orphan Annie's Orphanage when I walked into our birthday banquet. What a feast! What a spread! What a ruination of my poor diet! Our guests from Carol Wynings' "other" Chapter were a lively crew and joined in the fun and feast. The encore presentation by the dancers from Genesee Country Museum was great and the Chapter meeting went smoothly. But the meal was the centerpiece. We had the drawing for the five wine baskets and had a winner from every category - a member of our guest contingent, a member of Nolatika, a child of one of our Sisters, a friend of one of our Sisters and an out-of-state member of the Chapter.

I thank all of you for the past year as your Patron and as your correspondent to this newspaper. I have enjoyed the times I have spent with you and have been nourished in both body and spirit by your inclusion of me in your family. Please talk about OES to your circles and invite others to join. It would be selfish to keep this to ourselves.

Worthy Pat Dalykas, I thank you for putting so much effort into our programming this year. Alice has a big pair of shoes to fill. I know you will help her at every turn.

Sisters and Brothers out there in our readership, please call or write the Worthy Matron or me to share your news. I appreciate Jane Lapree's reports as our Hospitaler, but she needs to get some sunshine to report to the Chapter. There must be SOME children and grandchildren out there! Some of you MUST be taking trips or enjoying a "staycation" or winning a bridge tournament or the Lottery. Tell us about it!

## Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter No. 322

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I want to report some interesting developments. First, our traveling Past Matron, Merylyn Israel, is back at home. No, wait, she is gone to Palestine. No, she is back at home. No, wait, she is in Germany. No, wait, she is home. No, wait, she is in New York City. Oh, I give up. Poor Past Patron Bob is holding up well. I hope he can keep up over the next few trips. They always have interesting stories to tell. And their son, David, is doing well living "on the Continent."

Our other traveler is our Junior-Past Matron. (Remember I am writing this for November, but where I am it is October). Barbara McMinn has been making a home for her husband wherever his job has taken him. She balanced the house here in Monroe County, her job, and her husband's temporary digs, and monitoring the kids, as well as being a Matron. With the end of her term, she is retiring from some of the jobs and combining others. Barb, some days you were running around so much, you must have passed yourself going the other way.

Our Monthly Bake Sale continues to succeed and we have even sold a couple of leftover wooden goose refrigerator magnets. We voted for the Chapter to pay for the aluminum loaf pans and we have

taken a page out of a successful retailer's book ... "everything is a dollar." The meat loaves and the Spanish Rice both continue to be best sellers, but "Bob's Banana Bun Bread" is closing in on third place, currently held by Edna Monell's Baked Ziti. We are proud that we are providing inexpensive stick-to-your-ribs food to the residents of Pinnacle Place and raising a little money for the Chapter. Plus, we have fellowship at their French Toast Breakfast while we are at it.

### Sickness and Distress

We were saddened to lose another link in our Golden Chain with the passing of Virginia Gramse. Our prayers and condolences go out to Claude, who came to the Honors Night on September 30th, as he rearranges his life without her.

I had hoped to report that Norma Lee and Margery Williamson had made it to a meeting, but we have hopes they will be there in November.

I will miss a meeting due to the Grand Sessions and because I will be visiting my Pops in North Carolina. I would enjoy hearing from the members of the Corinthian-Fellowship family as you have your adventures.

Call me, Edna Monell or our new Matron, Pat Pearson, with any news to share.

Does anyone want to compete in the great-grandchild sweepstakes? I think Betty Reisinger has permanent custody of that prize. Her last report was over 20, if I remember correctly. If not, she will correct me at the next meeting.

Our hosts for over 20 years, Brighton Reformed Church, have done a wonderful job of installing a ramp and hand rail, replacing the floors and fixing the lighting. It is like a new building. What it means is that the place is even more accessible for all of us, whether we are walking, using walkers, using canes or wheeling around in chairs. So come to our next meeting!

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# Big Calendar for November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Clio - Hilton Northfield - Pitsford Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolarka, Starlight <b>All Saints Day</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star</p>	<p><b>3</b> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield (OV) - Pitsford Webster</p>	<p><b>4</b> Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street</p>	<p><b>5</b> OES - Line Officers - Fairport</p>
<p><b>6</b> Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners November 9th</p> <p><b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pitsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Board of Governors, Shrine Center OES - Etolian Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p><b>8</b> Inspiration - Shrine Center, 1° Seneca - Webster OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport</p> <p><b>Election Day</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> Oakka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship Shrine Legion of Honor</p>	<p><b>10</b> Fame - Shrine Center Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Fellowship Wayne District Masters &amp; Wardens Hiram Chapter</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Shrine "Noble Bring-a- Brother" Shrine Harvest Dinner</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City, 2° Union Star - Honeye Falls Unity (OV) - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Avon Springs Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p><b>15</b> Clio - Hilton Nunda Station Oakland - Castile Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps OES - Starlight</p>	<p><b>16</b> Ark - Geneva, 1° Drumlin Square - Palmyra, 1° Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto Doric Council - Pitsford</p>	<p><b>17</b> Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pitsford, 2° Webster, 2° Scottish Rite Veterans Night - Shrine Center Wayne County Shrine Club Lalla Rookh Caldron</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Sagoyewatha - Phelps</p>
<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pitsford Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club OES - Etolian</p>	<p><b>22</b> Inspiration - Shrine Center Damascus Wheelers Unit Meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b> Oakka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon Damascus Directors Staff OES - Corinthian-Fellowship</p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Shrine Club</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>1 DECEMBER</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>

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