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## DDGM, Concordant Bodies Propose Revival of Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay

The Masonic Concordant Bodies, along with the District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, R.: W.: George Nasra, have picked up the challenge to re-start the Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay International. A Steering Committee has been established and a Leadership Team has been trained.

Fairport-Flower City Lodge has volunteered to host the Chapter meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. What is needed now is the help of the Blue Lodges and their members ... and here's how:

DeMolay is open to young men of good character ages 12 to 20. Our Masonic Community has members with sons and grandsons of their own or of friends who may have an interest in DeMolay. Our Committee needs to find out who these

young men are and where their parents live so DeMolay literature and an invitation to an open house at Fairport-Flower City Lodge (date to be determined) can be mailed to them. We are requesting the support of each Masonic Lodge to supply such a list by mailing or emailing it to the Valley of Rochester Office (3300 Monroe Ave, Suite 320, Rochester, NY 14618; or [secretary@valleyofrochester.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofrochester.org)). Each Lodge Secretary has also been sent a DeMolay informational brochure to email to their members and put on their Lodge website.

### Adult Help Needed

In addition to youth members, the Committee is also looking for adults (male or female) who would like to become Advisors. Please contact the Scottish Rite Office (264-1160) if you have an interest or can recommend someone. □

## R.: W.: John Faro Appointed Grand Representative of Minas Gerais, Brazil

The new Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais, Brazil, near the Grand Lodge of New York, is John R. Faro. Right Worshipful Faro has been an active Mason since being Raised in Genesee Falls Lodge No. 507 in June, 1971. He was Master of the Lodge in 1977. Currently he is Senior Warden of Inspiration Lodge No. 109 and hopes to be elected Worshipful Master in 2012, which will be the 35th anniversary of his first Mastership. He is also an honorary member of Wayne Lodge No. 416.

### Concordant Bodies

After being Created a Shriner in 2002, Brother Faro joined the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team of which he became President in 2004 and remained as President until 2006. During this period and since, Brother Faro estimates he has conferred the 3rd Degree on more than 125 Brothers, from Auburn to Palmyra to Lyons.

He served as Past Commander of the Damascus Legion of Honor and is the "Cymbal Banger" for the Damascus Shrine Band.

In 2006, he became a member of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, and was Most Wise Master of Chapter of Rose Croix in 2008-2009. He received a "Blue Cap" (Dedicated Service Award) in 2009.

Brother Faro served 8 years active



R.: W.: John R. Faro

duty as an Intelligence Technician with the US Air Force. During that time he did two overseas tours. One in Alaska, in civilian clothes, in the Eskimo village of Gambell on St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea, approximately 34 miles from Siberia, and the other in Berlin, also in civilian clothes, for three years, before, during and after the "Wall" was built.

Brother Faro, is a parent of a daughter, Mary; son, Jason, who suffers from profound CP. He resides in Irondequoit with his Significant Other, Rose Marie Paprocki. □

## Support a Community Event ... Pancake Breakfast

A neat way to contribute to community service takes place the 3rd Saturday of each month, serving 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Ogden Presbyterian Church, on Union Street near Spencerport.

They serve an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast with either Buckwheat Pancakes or the traditional Buttermilk Pancakes. The "cakes" are made by

R.: W.: Gene Brendel of Unity Lodge, along with the members of the church. The cost is only \$5 per person and includes sausage, juice, coffee, homemade blueberry sauce and peach jam. One can also have blueberries in their "cakes."

It would be great to see some of the Brothers and their families there to meet each other and also to support the activities of the community in a relaxed atmosphere. □

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R.: W.: Charles E. Toombs

## Grand Lecturer's Conventions scheduled for area in October

17th – Monroe District at Fairport Masonic Hall, hosted by Fairport-Flower City Lodge

18th – Livingston District at Dansville Masonic Hall, hosted by Phoenix Lodge

19th – Genesee-Wyoming District at Perry Masonic Hall, hosted by Constellation Lodge

20th – Wayne District at Marion Masonic Hall, hosted by Marion Lodge

25th – Ontario/Seneca/ Yates District

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is part of Grand Lodge's Masonic Education Program. The Grand Lecturer is responsible for visiting each District for the purpose of presiding over various parts of the Ritual and instructing in the fine points of same.

Lodges with the top seven installed Line Officers in attendance will be eligible to receive the Howard Potts Award at Grand Lodge in May. This is an honor for the Worshipful Master and Lodge, so get the date on your calendar and plan to be in attendance.

### October 17th

On Monday, October 17th, Fairport Masonic Hall will, once again, be the site of the Convention. There will be a Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner will be \$14.

Dinner reservations should be submitted to either AGL, R.: W.: Mike Nohle or V.: W.: Bill Edwards by

Monday, October 10th. The Program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The work for the evening will be the First Section of the 2nd Degree.

### October 18th

The Livingston District Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on October 18th at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. There will be a Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the Convention getting underway at 7:30 p.m. Contact AGL, R.: W.: Roy Moses, for reservations.

### October 19th

Constellation Lodge in Perry will host the Genesee-Wyoming District Grand Lecturer's Convention on Wednesday, October 19th. Contact AGL, R.: W.: Robert Strang, for information.

### October 20th

On Thursday, October 20th, Wayne District will be having the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Marion Lodge Hall at 5 p.m. During the first portion, you will

have the opportunity to ask questions of the Grand Lecturer. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.; the Convention will start at 7:30 p.m. The Ritual will be Opening and Closing the Lodge. If you want to attend, please contact R.: W.: William Benedict, DDGM, at (315) 524-3597 or the AGL, R.: W.: Richard Brewer, at (315) 986-5673 for reservations.

### October 25th

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District will be held on Tuesday, October 25th. Contact R.: W.: George Meyers, District Deputy Grand Master, at (315) 568-4245; or by email: [gmeyers4@verizon.net](mailto:gmeyers4@verizon.net), or Assistant Grand Lecturer, Bruce Huie, at (315) 789-2985; email at: [bhuie@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bhuie@rochester.rr.com), for the location, time, availability and price of dinner, and answers to any other questions you may have regarding the O/S/Y Convention. □

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

## How much do we know about James Albert Hard?



### James A. Hard/ Wayne Charter Post No. 12

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By Vance Collom, Historian

Mr. Hard told his life story to Andrew Wolf who was a retired reporter for the *Rochester Times Union* in 1950. Andrew wrote a series of six articles which appeared in the *Times Union* and won an award from the New York State Historical Society.

There will be several short summaries of Mr. Wolf's stories in the **Masonic Times** during the next year to help us learn more about James A. Hard.

Mr. Hard was a Charter Member of the Masonic War Veterans - James A. Hard Post No. was 18 named in his

honor. He was 109 years old and was in attendance when the Post received its Charter on October 7, 1950, in Gothic Hall in the Masonic Temple on East Main Street. At that time he was the oldest Civil War Veteran in the United States and the oldest Mason in New York State.

Mr. Hard's grandson, James P. Ekston, was the first Vice-Commander and then also Commander of the MWV Post No. 18. The Charter was presented to Post No. 18 by the Commander General from New York City, Bradford Butler, to Commander Lancy Thomson.

The Post started with approximately 80 Charter Members. At that time The Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York was one year old with over 3,000 members. Mr. Hard had a granddaughter, Carol Ekston; two great-grandsons, Peter and Larry Ekston; and a great, great-grandson, Paul Ekston. Paul lives near Spencerport and spoke to us on July 15, 2011, during a Memorial Service at Mount Hope Cemetery. Next month will be a synopsis of Mr. Hard's birth and military service.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 will be on October 27th, at 7:30 p.m. at either Fairport or Webster Masonic Lodge. Watch for additional communications informing you as to the exact location of the meeting. □

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## Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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#### Fall Program

The Fall Program this year began with a wonderful Awards Night. More to follow in next month's column. Our Entertainment Committee is involved with planning for further events which will be communicated to you as soon as it is possible.

#### October

Please note that the Monarch's Dinner is October 1st at Keenan's Restaurant.

October 19th - Nomination of Officers, Shrine Lodge Room at 7:30 p.m. sharp. This year will be the most critical one in recent Grotto history. If we do not have a strong slate of Officers with a meaningful agenda, we will not be able to build on the progress I have made in my two terms to revitalize our storied and special organization.

Please come to the October meeting with a Candidate in mind and please express your desires for what you feel should be continued in Grotto and what must not.

#### Legion of Honor

The Legion of Honor is open to all former Veterans for a very nominal cost. It is a social group within the Grotto, with Prophet Dick Topel as the current President.

Please see Grotto Scroll. Last month, we had a wonderful dinner at Perkins Restaurant which was, unfortunately, sparsely attended.

#### Sickness and Distress

Past Grand Monarch Pierre Shawver lost his wife, his life partner, and is grieving deeply. Please see me for an address to send him your sympathy.

Prophet Fred Cornell, who has been caring for his wife for many years, has himself become ill, but is reportedly on the mend.

Prophet Joe Minas had a stroke from which he is striving to recover.

Prophet Dick Bull's son has had a stroke also and is in rehab.

My Prophets, please extend your sympathies to these Prophets along with your offers of aid and assistance.

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

### Sickness and Sympathy

Fred Cornell is home recuperating after a stay in the hospital. We hope Fred's out and about soon. Give him a phone call 352-6477; he will appreciate it.

Joe Minas has suffered a setback and is unable to drive for the next few months. Send your regards by mail, email or phone. Please keep both of these Prophets in your thoughts and prayers.

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

### Membership

By Ron Morthorst, PM

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. 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 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.

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

### Legion of Honor

By Richard Topel, Commander

Fall is here and our Legion of Honor is calling out all Grotto Veterans to come and join your Comrades for fellowship and to break bread at our meeting. We are meeting the 3rd Monday of the month at the Shrine Center (this

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### Attend Grotto Meetings

Saturday, October 1st  
Monarch's Dinner  
Keenan's Restaurant

Monday, October 3rd  
Board of Governors  
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

Monday, October 18th  
Legion of Honor Meeting  
Grotto Office - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19th  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
Officer Nominations  
Usual refreshments to follow.

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month) at 6:30 p.m. in the Grotto Office.

We order Subs for Dinner. Call Dick Topel at 663-2547 to place your order. Dick is waiting to hear from you. The meeting follows at 7:30 p.m. I hope all our Veterans make an effort to join us. □

## 2012 Anniversary Celebration

We are working on plans 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 will make an effort to attend this Celebration.

We hope to have programs set up by November so you can plan to attend. If you have an idea or a suggestion for this endeavor, please call Ron Morthorst at 334-4196. □



# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District OES HiLights



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By Mae S. Bauer

I hope everyone had a great Summer! It's time now to get back into the Fall activities. Many events have taken place since the last issue of the **Masonic Times**.

In August, the Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que and Peach Festival was well attended. Many thanks to all who baked, peeled, setup, served and helped with cleanup at this event. Also in August, 26 members and friends attended the District's Summer Event at the Genesee Country Museum; all had a good time.

### Mark Your Calendar

October 1st - Line Officers meeting at Fairport Masonic Hall.

October 14-16 - Grand Sessions in Binghamton. Please send your pre-paid Registration now (at a cost of \$12). Seating will be established for pre-paid reservations only. If you register at Sessions, the cost is \$17 and there will be no guarantee you will have a seat with the District.

October 28th - R.W. Ken Milner's Reception at Burgundy Basin. Make your reservations now and help support R.W. Ken as he moves up the Grand Line.

November 3rd - District Banquet at the Burgundy Basin. Informational notices have been sent to the Chapter Secretaries.

### District Bus Trip

December 3rd and 4th - A weekend bus tour that's open to members, family and friends. Chapter Secretaries should have forms for the bus trip to Lancaster, PA. Cost of rooms is Single - \$334, Twin - \$294 and Triple - \$274 per person. Bus pick up will be in Irondequoit and East Rochester. We will be attending the performance of "The Miracle of Christmas." There will be many stops along the way for shopping and even a stop at the Hershey Chocolate Village. Down payment of \$100 has to be given to Nancy Venette by September 30th; the balance by November 3rd.

God Bless.

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## In Memoriam

### Akin, Lloyd J.

Lloyd Akin, 84 laid down his Working Tools on August 24th. He is survived by his wife, Janet, 3 sons, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Lloyd was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and a member for over 50 years and Past Master of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

### Doering, Fayne

On August 15th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced Fayne Doering, 81, leaving her husband, Paul, to cherish her memory. Fayne was a member of Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter, OES. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

### Guerin, Allyn J.

On September 11th, Allyn Guerin, 74, departed his Earthly home leaving his wife, Eileen, 4 children and 10 grandchildren to survive him. Allyn was a US Navy Veteran and member of Webster Lodge. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

### Landstrom, George H.

On July 22nd, George Landstrom, 87, went to the Celestial Lodge leaving his 2 daughters, 1 step-son, 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren to remember him. George was a Veteran of World War II. Working Tools on August 24th. He was a member and Past Master of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge. Earth has no sorrow Heaven cannot heal.

### McClain, Frank H.

Frank McClain, 65, left this world on September 11th. The Brothers of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts. Though absent you are very near; still loved, still missed and very dear.

### Orr, Willard G.

Willard Orr, 84, passed away August 22nd. He is survived by his wife, Jessie, and 2 daughters. He was a 60-year member of Olive Branch Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Palmer, Vincent Allen

Vincent Palmer, 85, entered Eternal Rest on August 31st. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, and 1 child. He was an Air Force Veteran of World War II. Vince was a 48-year Mason, member of Seneca Lodge. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

### Putnam, Arthur E.

Art Putnam, 78, went to the waiting arms of his wife on August 14th, leaving his son and family to remember him. He was a member of Scottish Rite, Masons and Eastern Star. May he find peace with the Lord.

### Reynolds, Merton A.

On September 3rd, Merton Reynolds, 95, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord. He is survived by 5 children, 1 step-son, 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He was a 53-year Member of Olive Branch Lodge. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

### Unger, Raymond F., Jr.

We have received word that Ray Unger, 89, was called home by the Great Architect on August 30th. Ray is survived by his wife, Marjorie, 4 children and 7 grandchildren. He was a US Army Air Force Veteran of World War II. As a 60-year Mason, he was a member and Past Master of Corinthian Lodge, now Unity Lodge, and Scottish Rite. May he find peace with the Lord.

### Widows to be Remembered

**Heydt, Jennie Enola**, 91, widow of Charles Heydt (Inspiration Lodge), passed away August 20th.

**Wheeler, Helen A.**, widow of Russell Wheeler (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away August 22nd.

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As I am writing the article for the October edition of the **Masonic Times**, I am filled with hope and enthusiasm for the District because of the slate of Officers in each Lodge and the new Brothers joining the ranks of leadership. We have a vibrant District. I already feel the energy, I sense the excitement and I have heard so many innovative thoughts and ideas, all of which tell me that the Brothers of Monroe District care about their Brothers and the Fraternity. They take their membership in this organization seriously. I am looking forward to hearing more of your thoughts and ideas to move our Craft forward and to keep it relevant in the 21st Century as I visit your individual Lodges in the weeks to come.

I returned today from the Masters and Wardens Association meeting held at Unity Lodge in Spencerport. I thank Unity Lodge for hosting the meeting and for preparing the wonderful pasta dinner, which started us on the right foot. Congratulations to the elected Officers:

President **John S. Lemke**  
Vice-President **Harold Roxburgh**  
Secretary **Stephan Michener**  
Treasurer **Sy Kopen**

I also thank V.:W.: Hugh Woodside and R.:W.: Derek VanHouten for stepping up and volunteering to be advisors and a resource for the Masters and Wardens group. I am confident this group will continue to serve as a significant source of support for the Lodges and their Officers for years to come.

### Ritual of our Craft

As you embark on another year of Masonry and are busy rehearsing the Ritual in your individual Lodges, I ask that you reflect on the following:

The Ritual is what distinguishes us as an organization from all other charitable and social groups. It is a source of pride, part of the work to which every Mason strives to excel and the method by which we deliver Masonic truth. It is the conduit by which we learn the teachings of our beloved Craft and improve ourselves as men and as Masons. Every Masonic meeting starts with the Ritual of Opening of the Lodge; this is an important part of the meeting as it sets the tone for the meeting. The Opening Ritual should never be done hurriedly as it serves the purpose of helping us set aside the distractions of our daily lives and it helps us enter the symbolic world of Freemasonry.

As the Officers open the Lodge and the Master declares it in order for business, the Ritual opens our hearts to receiving further teachings and to be truly with our Brothers as Masons. I know we often like to open Lodge earlier to save on time. I would urge you, however, to reconsider such practice

as it robs your Brothers of a meaningful and significant experience in Masonry.

I would apply the same logic for the Closing Ritual as this also serves the purpose of reminding the Brothers in your Lodge of their identity as Masons. As the Officers recite the duties of each Station and Place in the Lodge, we are reminded of who we are and what is expected of us in Masonry. Each Mason should leave the meeting energized with this sense of identity and equipped with the knowledge, Brotherly Love and Friendship he discovers at every meeting. He should return to his daily life proud to be a Mason.

The Closing Ritual properly ends a meeting and reminds all those present that Masonry is to be lived and applied in their daily lives. As you read those lines, I urge each one of you to go back to your Ritual books and reflect on the words in the Opening and Closing Rituals, discover again the meaning and the symbolism behind the words and the actions which take place in the Lodge. Immerse yourselves in this important part of the meeting and re-discover why, as Masons, we should never allow ourselves to water down any portion of our Ritual, especially the Opening and Closing Ritual of our gentle Fraternity.

We are Freemasons, my Brothers; our Ritual is our identity and when we stop believing in its power and meaning, we are no longer that which we claim we are.

I will end this section with the words of Aristotle who said it best: "We are what we repeatedly do, excellence then is not an act but a habit."

Send me your thoughts, your comments, and your questions. I would love to include those in my next communication. May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over and protect you always. □

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### Memorizing the Ritual

For those blessed with the ability, memorizing the Ritual is second nature. For those like me, it requires effort. Is it worth it?

Yes. It is worth it. Certain words and phrases in the Ritual do have a way of sticking with you. Some of these words and phrases encapsulate important life lessons.

In the coming months, I hope to get a conversation going in this District. How do you memorize the Ritual? Are there memory aids you use? What words and phrases in the Ritual have meaning for you? Can our District get together for fellowship and incorporate some Ritual?

There are Lodges in our District that are appropriately set up for fellowship. The last time I checked, the Shrine opens

up the Oasis the first Thursday of every month. Maybe Lodges can meet and start some friendly competition? We have possibilities.

Please drop me a line if you have an idea on what we can do as a District to boost our proficiency at Ritual. I will continue with this in future articles.

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 in Honeoye Falls.

To be continued ... □

## ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

### MONROE DISTRICT

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### Schools of Ritual

We had a great turnout of 83 Masons in attendance at the first School of Ritual on August 29th. The topic of the evening was the Opening and Closing Ritual. Thank you to the Officers of Inspiration and ERAC Lodges for filling the Chairs. Many Brothers have commented that they enjoyed the evening and also learned something new.

The Worshipful Master of Unity Lodge, W.: John Lemke, also presented the School of Ritual Attendance Banner to the Worshipful Master of Webster Lodge, W.: Paul Kolacki. To encourage participation at the Schools of Ritual and also promote friendly competition, the attendance is recorded at each School. A weighted point system is used. Officers receive points based on their Station or Place, as well as the number of Brothers attending in relation to the membership of the Lodge. This allows Lodges of various sizes to compete fairly. The top three Lodges for attendance points after the first School are Webster, Fairport-Flower City and Inspiration Lodges. Having your Line Officers in attendance really makes a difference with the points. It is early; you have plenty of time to earn points.

The second School of Ritual for the year is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th at Unity Lodge Hall. Thank you to Unity Lodge for volunteering to host the School. The topic is the First Section of the 1st Degree.

### Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held on Monday, October 17th, at Fairport-Flower City Lodge Hall. There will be a Steak Dinner with all the regular fix-

ings at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner will be \$14. Reservations should be submitted to either AGL by Monday, October 10th. The Program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and Grand Lecturer R.:W.: Charles Toombs will be in attendance. The work for the evening will be the First Section of the 2nd Degree. Lodges with all seven installed Line Officers in attendance will be eligible to receive the Howard Potts Award at Grand Lodge in May. This is an honor for the Worshipful Master and Lodge, so get the date on your calendar and plan to be in attendance.

### Lectures and Lodge Proficiencies

At the Schools of Ritual we focus on teaching the Officers Ritual such as the First Section of the various Degrees. We would also like to work on the different Degree Lectures such as the 1st Degree Historical and Middle Chamber Lectures.

We will be holding Ritual study classes beginning in November to work on these Lectures. These study sessions would include the wording of the Ritual, the associated floor work and also a brief explanation of the meaning and history behind the Lectures. Along with the study groups, we will be developing a list of Ritualists who can help out the Lodges when in a pinch with these Lectures. However, our desired goal is to have each Lodge with members who can present the Ritual.

We will be asking those in the District who are proficient to help mentor those who would like to learn these parts. Further details will be shared about these programs. If you are interested in learning more, please contact either AGL.

### Edict Evaluation Degrees

In 2002 Grand Master Carl Fitje pronounced an Edict that the Ritual in the Lodges should be observed annually by the Assistant Grand Lecturers. The intent of the Edict is to ensure that each Lodge is proficient with performing a Degree. If a Lodge does not have any Candidates, then we will use an exemplar.

Our goal is not to be the Ritual police, but rather help each Lodge understand what their strengths and opportunities are related to the Degrees.

We believe our Ritual is special and is unique to Freemasonry. It has been passed down to us for over three hundred years and it is now our turn to learn it, understand it, nurture it and pass it along to the next generation of Brothers. Great Ritual inspires new Brothers to become passionate about the Ritual and Freemasonry.

After traveling around the District over the past year, we are inspired by the commitment and passion Brothers have for Freemasonry and its ceremonies. We are looking forward to another year of helping you on the journey towards great Ritual. Please feel free to contact us to assist with your rehearsals or with any questions you may have about the Standard Work. To help aid with communication, we have created a new email list called aglmonroemasons. You can join the list by sending an email to:

aglmonroemasons-subscribe@yahoogroups.com □



W.: Paul Kolacki, Master of Webster Lodge, accepted the School of Ritual Attendance Banner for 2010-2011 from W.: John Lemke, Master of Unity Lodge. R.:W.: Mike Nohle, Assistant Grand Lecturer, (right) announced the close results in August.

## Attention New Officers of the Monroe Lodges, Concordant Bodies and Grand Lodge Officers ...

Now that we have new Masters and Officers, it is the time to plan Masonic Safety Events on your Trestleboards, schedule the equipment and appoint your Lodge's new CHIPs Coordinator. 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.

### A New Opportunity

There has recently been a renewed interest in the program. Representatives of the National Missing and Exploited Children's Center in Rochester will provide speakers for any programs you might want and they will provide literature at ID events on a wide range of topics regarding child abuse and abductions.

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 contact any of the following:

[datubman@yahoo.com](mailto:datubman@yahoo.com)

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Contact Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you have questions or suggestions. □

### ERAC Lodge No. 163

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Due to the deadlines for article publication, I am typing this on Labor Day. The last week or so has been full as it feels we are trying to get everything done before the school/Masonic Year starts.

We have recently met with my daughter's teachers for the first time. I've taken my daughter to her first NFL Game, I myself have gone to my first ever NCAA Football Game, we went out to one of the last Red Wings games of the season and visited the NY State Fair. Sue looked over the calendar recently and noted that we have travelled at least once a month as a family since the beginning of the year. Add in my work-related travel and I have not been in Rochester for longer than two weeks at a time in 2011. And this has been the easy part.

Soon I will sit in the East for Opening and Closing for the first time. No matter what they tell you, I am realizing you can never be truly prepared for either of these. You can "know" they are coming, even count off the days until they happen, but until they actually come, you can't truly know what they will feel like.

By the time you read this, ERAC will have held their first two meetings. I will have laid out my vision for the year to my Brothers at our first meeting (with Robert Burn's comments of "mice & men" echoing firmly in my mind) and we will have honored the years of service of many of our Brothers by reflecting on the events that were occurring when they joined our Fraternity.

### October

We are preparing for one of the highlights of every Masonic Year at ERAC, our Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. I hope many of you will join us the night of October 10th for an evening of Masonic Education that will be presented in the Table Lodge format.

For this and all other dinners, please visit ERAC's newly re-designed website at:

[www.eraclodge163.org](http://www.eraclodge163.org)

to make a reservation with our Junior Warden, Chad Crawford.

Given the significant efforts of the Brothers of ERAC already building the 2011/12 ERAC Degree Class, we are requesting that all Petitions be submitted to the Secretary by October 24th to be read that evening. In addition, the Brothers will have the privilege of listening to a presentation by Brother Kristian Reninger on Masonic Conduct based on Rudyard Kipling's "The Man Who Would be King." Start reading now (or at least watch the Connery/Caine movie) to further your appreciation of this presentation.

### November

In November, we will be honoring our Masonic Veterans at a Table Lodge Program. Given the wonderful support I have received from the Brothers of ERAC already, I know we will be building some momentum for the all-important Degree Season. Thank you in advance to all those who have helped and participated thus far.

### Secretary's Corner

By W.: Dave Upham, DSA

October! Already! All around us we observe changes! The temperature is slowly slipping downward. The leaves are changing. A new season is upon us while many of us are still mentally in Summer!

But, as Secretary, I look down at my desk and realize that in a few short weeks, I will be sending out Dues Notices, as required by our Constitution. Again this year, I will be sending more than a few Notices of Arrears along with a reminder that, as of January 1st, if the Dues plus Arrears aren't paid, those Brothers will be dropped from membership in ERAC Lodge. Again this year, some of those certified letters will be returned as undeliverable - forwarding address unknown. So I thought I would take a few lines to remind us of a few points:

1. When you receive your Dues Notice this year, there will be a separate sheet enclosed that will show your contact information as we have it ... name, address, phone, email, etc. Any changes to this information should be returned to me with your Dues payment at your earliest convenience.
2. If you have not received a Dues Notice from me by December 1st,

there's a good probability the contact information we have for you is incorrect. PLEASE, don't wait. Get in touch with me or any member of the Lodge immediately so we can correct the situation.

3. Please return your Dues Notice with your check. I use that to verify you have paid and match your check number and amount with that which gets entered into the Grand Lodge System in case there are any errors discovered down the road.

4. The amount of your Dues is calculated by a formula. Based upon your age, a set amount is added to the mandated Grand Lodge assessment for each member. The resulting number will be your total Dues owed for this year.

5. Reminder ... The Grand Lodge Assessment will be increasing slightly each year for the next ten years. You will see those changes in the amount you owe as they happen.

6. You will also find a request for a donation to help us with other expenses, such as your subscription for this monthly newsletter, the cost of which has gone up for this year.

Please, my Brothers, get your Dues payments submitted to me as soon as you are able so we may continue the good work upon which we are embarked. □

### Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154

2nd & 4th Mondays

7:30 p.m.

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I hope everything is well with all of you.

### Degree Rehearsals

October 3rd and 6th - Rehearsals for the 1st Degree, 7 p.m. Please be there; it's important!

### October Events

October 10th - Conferral of the 1st Degree, 7:30 p.m.

October 17th - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport-Flower City Lodge Hall. This is for all Officers and members to attend and counts toward the Howard W. Potts Award. The top seven Officers of the Lodge must attend; in addition, any other members count, too. Let's do it !!!

October 24th - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

The Trestleboard is in disarray; hopefully, we will correct this next month.

Enjoy the Fall and don't overdo the Halloween candy. □

## UNITY

Lodge No. 479

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It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, Freemasonry seems at a nadir; 12 Lodges in Monroe, while the interest and growth is tangible. New Candidates line up while we struggle with turnout at meetings. Clearly it is a time of darkness, a time of light. As the world around us convulses, and we question what has been, we can take solace in what we have together, what we are a part of.

We are a part of the greatest Fraternity the world has ever known. We are, and we need to be, the island of stability and civility, that has been the foundation for America. We understand liberty and equality; we meet on the Level and part on the Square. We are needed at this time and we need each other. Believe in what we have; believe in Freemasonry; believe in America.

### Upcoming Events

On October 10th, Unity ... a great name for a Lodge ... will host a "Brother Bring-a-Friend" Night. This is just a night to allow a friend to get a taste, a peek, at our Fraternity. You don't need to sell it, you shouldn't. You will find interest in our Fraternity growing. All men are not fools. People, men do not so easily make contacts with good men. Don't hide our light under a bushel. We will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m. For the friend you invite, the dinner is on us. The program for the evening will be "The Glorious Revolution and Freemasonry." The friends you bring can see it (it's just history) and you will find it interesting and inspiring.

October 17th - The Grand Lecturer's Convention, at Fairport-Flower City Lodge Hall at 7:30 p.m. You should attend. It is a good night.

### Degrees

We will confer the 2nd Degree twice in October. The first time will be Saturday morning, October 15th - Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.; the Degree at 8:30 a.m. The second time will be Monday evening, October 24th, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree at 7:30 p.m. Participate in whatever way you can and enjoy it as you see it yourself, as well as through the eyes of the Candidates.

October is a great month; a great time of year. October birthday wishes to the following Brothers:

Sirrone Leak, Herbert Benge, Gene Brendel, Wendel Burtner, William Enssle, John Esposito, Keith Freeman, Robert Gutsmer, Thomas Maddicks, Al Mallaber, James Murch, Gordon Niedermeier, Donald Pierson, Richard Spangenberg and Dave Sylvester.

I hope you are all enjoying the Fall and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge. □



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We got off to a great start in September. Now we pick up the pace in October with fellowship, learning and good eats.

October 10th - The 1st Degree will be conferred with Brother Terry Adams in the East. I am sure he will be flooded with volunteers to perform the required work.

October 17th - The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be hosted by Fairport-Flower City Lodge. Please attend and support your Officers. The meeting will be preceded by a Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Contact the Junior Warden, Andy Woepel, for reservations.

Brother Mark Soeth has been nominated by the Lodge to receive the Scottish Rite Recognition Award. This will take place at the Shrine Center on October 20th at 7:30 p.m. Join us in showing our support to this fine gentleman.

October 24th - Our second meeting will be a Scout Award Meeting. R.: W.: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, has been asked to be present. We all know what a superb message he always brings to us.

### October Birthdays

Some great Brothers have birthdays in October. Ed Goodrich (1st), Warham Quinlan and Paul Sultar (6th), Ralph Loiacono (8th), John Lenzi (13th), Wayne Beckwith (16th), Philip Neivert (18th), Edwin Cornell (20th), Allen Fowler, Philip Kaplan and Bernie Lazerson (21st), Mike Vokmer (22nd), Michael Marks (24th), Ian Grace (26th), Stanley Chizuk (29th), Stanley Friedman (30th) and Samuel Beckley (31st). Enjoy your special day and best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

I hope to meet you around the Altar. □

## NORTHFIELD

Lodge No. 426

Instituted March 1857

[www.northfieldlodge.org](http://www.northfieldlodge.org)

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



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By Stephan Michener, Junior Warden

### Looking Back

Due to a communication error, there was no **Masonic Times** article last month, but we're up and running again. This past Summer was pretty quiet at Northfield, with none of our scheduled events taking place. We hope we'll be a little more organized in the months to come.

### New Officers

Our Officers for the coming year are as follows:  
Master Mike Zona  
Sr. Warden Jason Zona  
Jr. Warden Stephan Michener  
Sr. Deacon Mark Edgcomb  
Jr. Deacon Devon Littlefield  
Secretary J. Michael Zona  
Treasurer Todd Enright

If it seems like there are a lot of Zonas around, it's not just your imagination.

On September 10th, several Northfield Brothers staffed a booth at the Pittsford Celebrates Festival for the Safety ID Program. This showed the Pittsford Community that a Masonic Lodge is alive and well there. Visibility in the community is a vital component if we are to interest other good men in the Craft and grow our ranks.

### Looking Forward

On October 6th, we will be having a guest speaker. At the time of this writing, details from the Master were uncertain, but please come and show your support.

Friday evening, October 7th, will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Please consider who among your friends and acquaintances might be interested in finding out more about our Fraternity. Details of the evening will be discussed in Lodge.

On October 20th we will be conferring a 1st Degree. There have been several rehearsals scheduled ... October 1st at 11 a.m. and October 4th at 7 p.m. Please try to attend.

Coming up on Saturday, October 22nd, Northfield Lodge has a very special event planned. The Brothers and their loved ones will be chauffeured around Keuka Lake to several wineries. The day promises to be a fun one; hopefully the leaves will still be in full color. Although reservations had to be made during the early Spring, there may still be one or two available spots if anyone else would like to go. This includes not just Northfield Brothers, but the larger Masonic Community as well. If you're interested, contact Steve Michener.

### Let's Eat

This year we intend to eat well at Northfield. In September we feasted on Smoked Bar-B-Queed Ribs and all the trimmings. Our Junior Warden has several interesting and different meals planned, including a Pennsylvania Dutch delicacy and some good old American classics. However, in order to be successful and have adequate amounts of food, Brothers are being asked to contact the Junior Warden by the Monday before the Thursday meeting with a reservation, either at 746-3960, or you can email at: [smichene@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smichene@rochester.rr.com)

Please make sure you make your reservation.

Also, we are adopting the "A Reservation Made is a Reservation Paid" policy, meaning that if, for some reason, you don't attend a meal for which you made a reservation, you will still be asked to pay. Cancellations will be accepted up to the Wednesday at 6 p.m. before the Lodge meeting. Meals will be about ten to twelve dollars, but I will be selling a pre-paid meal ticket for \$50. That will give you \$55 worth of meals, which represents a ten-percent savings. □

## Union Star Lodge No. 320

Website: [www.unionstarmasons.org](http://www.unionstarmasons.org)

2nd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.



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Come one, come all and hear the Grand Master's word presented by Monroe District's own District Deputy, R.: W.: George Nasra, accompanied by Grand Sword Bearers R.: W.: George Foechner and R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz. Don't get the word sec-

ond hand; be there to experience it in person. This is also a great chance to renew past acquaintances. For just \$10, you can enjoy a fine Masonic dinner at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call Frank at 486-4341; cell (716) 698-3940.

We had a great turnout and lots of fun at the Curly-Q Stand at the Erie County Fair. A big thanks to the crew who consisted of George Foechner and his daughters Kerry, Kelly (Allison), and grandson Kevin, Kate Russo, Art Movalli, Jr., and the Tomaszewski family - Ken, Carol, Ben, CJ and Will. These are the kind of fundraisers that support our charities and allow us to assist the less fortunate in our community.

### Happy Birthday

Those Brothers who have matured this month are Ryan Flaherty, John Frost, Thomas Watson, David Briggs, James R. Smith, Keith Banister, Michael Spillane and James E. Nersinger.

### Upcoming Events

November 14th - Veterans Program, 7:30 p.m.

November 28th - Fellowcraft, 7:00 p.m. ✕

## Inspiration

Lodge No. 109

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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

Thirty Brothers were in Lodge for the September 13th meeting...what a delight! It was one of the goals of the consolidation. The Officers have to be very pleased with the number of sideliners as they go through their portion of the Ritual. It is much more fun with an audience, and their proficiency is the result of the efforts they have expended to learn it.

This is not meant to be a knock on those Brothers who are unable to attend for one reason or another. We have shut-ins who can't get out at all; Brothers who don't drive at night; some have conflicting commitments and others live out of State. We would like to see you all, but understand there are limitations. If you would like to attend our meetings but need transportation, please call the Master, W.: Dick Smith, or the Secretary, R.: W.: Herb Spencer. There are Brothers who are willing to pick you up.

### Sickness and Distress

Several of our Brothers have medical issues. Among them are R.: W.: Mat Gingold, W.: Bill Hook, W.: Duane

Smith, Norris Shapiro and Bob Bishop. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Sympathy of the Lodge was extended to R.: W.: Mike Dox, whose Brother, James, passed away in Chicago last month.

### Birthday Celebrations

The ages of our Brothers celebrating their birth this month extend from 25 to 91 years. Congratulations to: Glenn Stahl (1st); Joseph LaRue (2nd); Richard Snyder (5th); Raymond Ross and Donald Petersen (6th); Wesley Warren (9th); Myron Biggar (10th); Gabriel Milonni and Anthony Simonetti (11th); Ryan Ramplin (15th); William Scheer (16th); Gerald Stahl (17th); Richard Smith (18th); Phillip Cissell (19th); Erich Postler (20th); Kevin Hook (21st); Harvey Stiles (22nd); Ron Rogers (23rd); and Norris Shapiro (26th). We wish you many happy returns of the day.

### Recognition for Brother

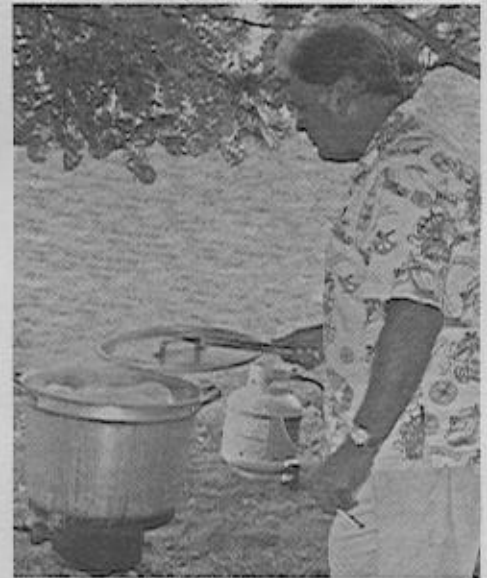
Golfer or not, a lofty honor was bestowed on our Brother, Gerald Stahl. A plaque was added to a tree on the Hill of Fame at Oak Hill Country Club for his long-time involvement chairing several PGA Tournaments held there and other contributions to the Professional Golfers' Association and the sport. He shall forever be enshrined with many of golf's super stars. How great is that?

Below are three pictures from the Clam Bake and Picnic held at Frank and Kay Sackett's home in August. Enjoy!

See you in Lodge. □



Norris "Boss" Shapiro manned the grill for Hots and Hamburgs (above), while Frank Sackett (below) steamed the clams.



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W.: Richard Smith, Rita and R.: W.: Richard Snyder and W.: Clyde and Connie Siverd enjoying clams and other picnic foods at Inspiration's August gathering.



# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

October 2011

**Shrine and Divan Meetings**

**Dinner Reservations Required**

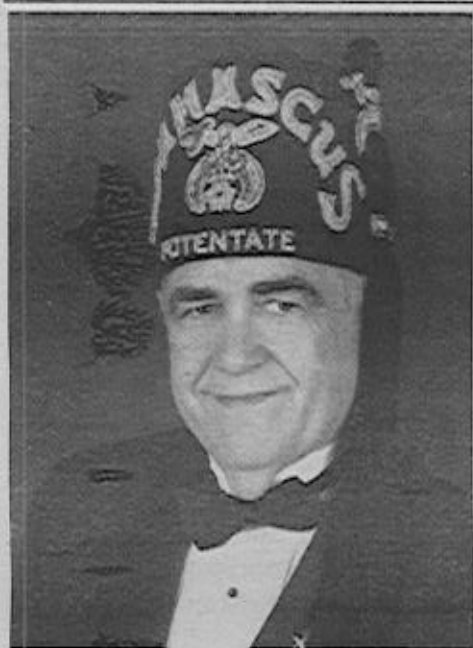
**Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565 by Monday NOON**

**Shrine Office Hours**

**Monday — Friday**

**9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

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



**RICH FRIEDMAN  
POTENTATE**

Damascus is on a serious ROLL!! Let's have fun with a serious purpose and get those 100 Candidates. Our kids depend on it! Take a look at what is going on ...

**Membership and the Arch Degree**

October begins our official membership PUSH. We will be hosting the Nobles from Ismailia Shrine in Buffalo who will put on the "Arch Degree" at Damascus. This is a beautiful piece of work that brings information about ALL of the Bodies of Freemasonry in the form of an actual Arch being built on our stage.

This is an important event to which you should bring all potential Candidates. Remember, they can come to any meeting with a Passport (we can issue that night) for free. It is time to start talking up membership and getting the good word out in all our Lodges about what we have going on in Damascus.

This event is open to the Ladies as well. We will be having "Italian Night" at the Shrine Festive Board.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with Italian Night at the Shrine. A great buffet of homemade Lasagna, Sausage and Peppers, Pasta Dishes and much more! Dessert will be an Italian Dessert Bar. This will be catered by Maximilian's Catering; all for \$12 per person. This will truly be a night to remember. Make sure you invite your friends from every part of the Fraternity, as all will be honored during this event.

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

[damascusshrinemasons.org/upcoming-events/arch-degree-night/Oktoberfest](http://damascusshrinemasons.org/upcoming-events/arch-degree-night/Oktoberfest)

October 15th - Get ready to have a great party! Damascus will be sponsoring an honest-to-goodness Oktoberfest at the Shrine Center. Details of this event ... Saturday, October 15th; 2 p.m.-8 p.m. Cost and menu - \$20 includes the best German food from Swan's Meat Market and Camel's Milk from the Oasis. Attire - Lederhosen, optional.

For your partying pleasure, The Genesee Valley Alpine Band will entertain us. Mr. Oktoberfest himself, Ill. Oscar Reber, has guided this process with HP&P Jim "Otto" Miller. This is an OPEN event (just like the Clambake), so please invite everyone you know - particularly potential Candidates for Shrine Masonry!

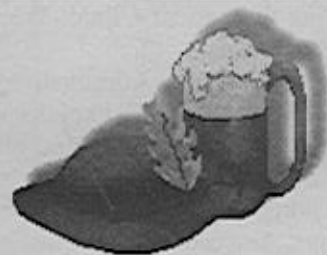
Make your reservations by calling the Office at (585) 671-7701 or online at:

[damascusshrinemasons.org/upcoming-events/oktoberfest-at-the-shrine/Norma Holland Dinner](http://damascusshrinemasons.org/upcoming-events/oktoberfest-at-the-shrine/Norma Holland Dinner)

On October 22nd, Damascus is joining with the Daughters of the Nile to honor Norma Holland, a Local Broadcaster, who has done much for the community. Check your emails or the Damascus Website for more information. This should bring interest from the community and media coverage.

**Let's do it!**

Nobles, only you can provide the membership push we need. Everyone get one!



## Oktoberfest

**Saturday**

**October 15th**

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### DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2011 OCTOBER

- 1st** Sportsman's Raffle, 1 p.m. at Shrine Center
- 5th** Arch Degree Night, 7 p.m. at Shrine Center
- 15th** Oktoberfest at Shrine Center

### 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



### October Birthdays



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## What's New in Erie... Hospital Education Seminar to Feature Important Information for Shrine Leaders

The Annual Hospital Education Seminar set for Saturday, October 29th, will include important information for Shriners and their Ladies. The seminar will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie.

The Erie facility is in the process of transitioning from a full-service hospital to an ambulatory facility, focusing on ambulatory surgery, outpatient rehabilitation (physical and occupational therapy) and outpatient medical services through its Outpatient Clinic. What does all of this mean?

Charles R. Walezak, Administrator of the Erie Facility, will be explaining these changes at the Seminar, and answering your questions.

Also speaking at the Seminar will be Alan Stinger, Associate Director of Development from Shriners Hospitals for Children® Corporate Headquarters in Tampa. With an enhanced emphasis on philanthropy throughout the Shrine system, Mr. Stinger will be talking about the various online giving opportunities available to Shriners, as well as online donor programs and other website developments.

Finally, Dr. William Schrantz, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon, will be giving a presentation that underscores how we excel in providing expert medical care for children at the Erie facility.

The Annual Hospital Education Seminar is free and open to Shrine Temple Leaders and their Ladies. It is an excel-

lent opportunity to find out what is happening at YOUR Shriners Hospital! Although the program is free, reservations are required and may be made by calling Bob Howden at (814) 875-8782.

Following the Hospital Education Seminar, the Hospital will be holding its Donor Recognition Luncheon. Those who are participating in the Seminar are invited to stay for the Donor Luncheon if they would like to do so. Again, reservations for these programs are required and must be made no later than Friday, October 21st. Take advantage of this excellent opportunity to learn more about the changes taking place at the Erie Facility.

### Need a Speaker for Your Meeting or Gathering?

A lot of your members want to know exactly what is happening at the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie. Do you need a speaker for your Shrine Club or Unit meeting? How about someone to speak at a special function or dinner? Just pick up the phone, call the Erie Hospital and we will be glad to schedule someone to attend your function. There are many great things taking place at the Erie Facility and in the Shrine system in general. It is important for all Shriners to know about and understand these changes.

If you would like to schedule a speaker from the Hospital, please call either Rick Ellis (814) 875-8807 or Bob Howden (814) 875-8782.

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

**Directors Staff  
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Each time you search the web with GoodSearch's Yahoo-powered search engine, about a penny will be donated to the hospital.

## Imperial Potentate's Visit to Damascus and Awards Night







**Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 12th**  
 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.  
 Sauerkraut \* Brockwurst \* German Potato Salad  
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 \$10 per person  
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**VENDORS WANTED ...**  
**"Fall Festival"**  
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**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
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 At Brighton United Church of Christ  
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 Cost of space - \$25  
 Contact Ellie Canfield - Ph: (315) 524-8729

**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 guide-



lines, 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."



*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)



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## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

### Perry Summer Picnic

Submitted by Alice Anderson

We had a great time at our picnic held at Lei-Ti Campground in Batavia. We raised \$375 for Erie Hospital - how terrific is that???

It didn't rain, we had a wonderful

lodge building, complete with a fire to use and a delicious Chicken Bar-B-Que dinner. The raffle was fun and thank you for participating and allowing us to make a nice contribution to Erie Hospital. □



### 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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First Lady's Program  
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## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By Dave Bowman

We are really busy. We had a great turnout at our Steak Roast, headed up by Ken Pollard. As Ken said, "But not without Beulah!" We raised over \$65 through our 50/50 raffle! I recall meeting and greeting our newest member, Nick Gould, along with four Past Potentates.

The Coleman Clan was there to support Bob in his mixologist duties. A bird told me that Dave had to buy Cheryl's 50/50 ticket as she has joined the "fixed income club." Dressed in their white Damascus shirts were Craig Coleman, Larry Pritchard and Bob Coleman. Gary Burke showed the new shirt and design that evening. I'm sure most of you have ordered yours by now. If not, you can still contact the Damascus Office and place an order. At least I hope you still can.

Back to the picnic ... Plenty of us bachelors were there that night. DDGM, Chuck Minster, had his Shrine Club Treasurer hat on; Bill Pipher, Nick Gould and Bill Newcomb were all in our bachelors club. Lew Hares and his bride were in attendance along with the Buddy Rodgers, the Jack Erlichs, the Richard Palmers, the Don Weeks, and oh my gosh, it started to look like the guest list for a royal wedding.

We had a dinner and meeting at the Auburn Masonic Center on September 19th. We utilized the Center because it was expected that one of our normal restaurants would not be able to hold all of us. Our program that evening was Dr. Philip B. Stoddard, MD, who is the Plastic Surgery Director of the Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic of the Shriners Hospi-

tal for Children®-Springfield.

The Clinic currently has 400 patients. The team working under the direction of Dr. Stoddard has been recognized nationally for its development of less-invasive treatment options for cleft lip and palate repair. Dr Stoddard has traveled the world volunteering his time and talent to help individuals who otherwise would not get the treatment to help them lead a normal life. He is a native of Batavia, NY. The Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic has been a recent addition to the treatments offered by Shriners Hospital for Children®-Springfield and Dr. Stoddard is it's first Director.

October 17th will be an evening centered on the Seward House. John Cambareri, our Past President and resident History educator, heads up this one.

November 21st is in the lap of our President, Jim Kahn, and it is planned for Old Erie that night.

#### Loss of a Noble

Our Club joins all other Shriners in the loss of Larry Canfield. He was a great supporter of our Auburn Club, attending as regular as any of the local members. He will be truly missed, but remembered always.

#### A Closing Thought

As school has started, I had to chuckle at a cartoon in the morning newspaper. A father asked his son if the boy had any homework. The boy replied, "A little bit." The father asked to see his assignments, which he proceeded to display. The father said, "That is a huge amount, why did you say a little bit?" The son replied, "Cause I'm only doing a little bit of it!" □

## DAMASCUS FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

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It is hard to believe September is already a memory. October is now upon us and brings with it falling leaves and a coolness to the air. This is one of my favorite times of year.

**September Re-cap**

It was wonderful to see everyone back in Lodge. At our first meeting in September, the Officers of Fame Lodge catered the dinner. I thank them for a great meal. All the money raised for the dinner was donated to the Brotherhood Fund. I also thank everyone for attending our Awards Night at which we recognized many Brothers. One more time I recognize the following Brothers for their years of service with Fame Lodge.

**55 Years** - Fred Prince, Gerald Tregua and Jack Dewaal

**50 Years** - Richard Bradstreet

**45 Years** - Heinz Gunkel, Charles Lewis, Robert Thompson and Joseph Cere

**35 Years** - Wolfgang Piaskowski and Herman Brown

**30 Years** - Mike Bell

**October Events**

October 13th - Official Visit of R.:W.: George Nasra, District Deputy Grand Master. Dinner will be offered prior to the meeting. Officers, please remember to wear a tuxedo or dark suit that night.

October 27th - the program will be Past Masters' Night. Please come and help recognize our Past Masters.

**Brother Bring-a-Friend Night**

At our first meeting in November, we will hold our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Dinner will be offered that evening. Remember, any Brother who brings a friend will receive a free dinner for both you and your friend! Talk to your friends and neighbors. Talk to your co-workers. Bring them out for a great meal and show them what they have been missing all these years! □

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The year has just started for Webster Lodge and already we are hard at work in the quarries. September came and went very quickly, but much was accomplished. The Lodge emerged out

of darkness on September 1st when we held our first Communication of the year, which was preceded by the Annual Corn and Sausage Roast. This event is a Lodge favorite and the preparation staff did its usual fine job. Special thanks to W.: Warren Patterson, Jim Clancy, Ronald Sobtzick, Chas Campbell and our Junior Warden, Joe Lewis, for helping to make this a most enjoyable meal.

Our Official Visit was held September 15th and what an evening it was. Many of our Brothers were on hand to hear the message brought forth by our DDGM, R.:W.: George Nasra. We are very fortunate in Monroe District to have such fine, dedicated leaders who are always there to help, aid and assist where needed. As a new Lodge Master, it's comforting to know that in our leadership, I have all the support needed to succeed.

**October Events**

October 6th - we are scheduled to confer a 1st Degree.

October 7th - Our famous Spaghetti Dinners will begin, and will be held the first Friday of each month thereafter until June as part of our monthly Community Service. Brother Nick Haldoupis and his staff do a tremendous job every year with this effort.

Please stop by beginning at 5 p.m. and experience what many others have already come to enjoy. Still the best Spaghetti Dinner east of the Mississippi!

October 17th - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport Masonic Hall.

October 20th - Our second Communication of the month will take us to the Damascus Shrine Center for the Scottish Rite Awards.

**Loss of a Brother**

It is with sadness that I must report on the passing of Brother Harry Brewer on August 3rd at age 92. Harry was a 60-year member of Webster Lodge and a former 60-year owner of Brewer's Service and Hubcap Station on Empire Boulevard. He also served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

A Masonic Service, which I had the honor of performing, was held prior to his funeral. The thoughts and prayers of Webster Lodge go to Harry's family. He will surely be missed.

**Special Recognition**

During the first School of Ritual, held on August 29th, not only did we receive instruction from the AGLs on the proper way to Open and Close a Lodge, but members of Webster Lodge also received a very special award.

The Attendance Banner was officially handed over to us by the AGLs and Unity Lodge where it previously resided. This is something we are very happy to obtain and it's now proudly displayed in Lodge for all to enjoy. As Master of Webster Lodge, I pledge that we will work hard to retain this banner for as long as possible. Thank you to all of our members who were very diligent in making it to the Schools of Ritual last year. Let's strive to do it again this year!

It was a fantastic Summer, but the time for rest and refreshment is over; the sound of the gavel in the East has called us back to Labor. I am happy to once again be in the company of my Brothers and enjoying all that the Masonic Fraternity has to offer. □

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We began another Masonic Year with our first meeting on September 6th. We reviewed our 2011-2012 Calendar and Budget, which were emailed to those of you for whom I have an email address. If you have not received copies and would like to have them, please contact me. We also appointed some Committee Chairmen and I thank those Brothers who volunteered to take the posts.

**Committees**

Brother Lou Cook will be our Brotherhood Fund Chairman.

Brothers Matt Scheffer and Pete Matthews will be our Social Committee Chairs. The Social Committee is charged with setting up different events outside our regular Lodge meetings. We hope this helps build stronger bonds between us. I look forward to seeing what Brothers Matt and Pete offer up to us.

Brother Patrick Purcell is our new Ritual Director. Please contact him directly about any questions concerning our Degrees.

W.: Jeff Ross will be leading an effort to create a Phone Tree for Clio Lodge. We hope that by using emails, our Lodge website, our Facebook page and the Phone Tree, we will be able to effectively get the word out to all Brothers. If you are on Facebook and have not joined our group, please look me up and add me as a friend. We will add you to our group.

Trustee, Brother Bill Hunn, informed us the sign in the front of the Lodge will need to be replaced due to a combination of age and requirements of the Village. Brother Bill and Brother Mark Shapiro will be heading that effort.

**Budget**

Our Budget for 2011-2012 is a tight budget and depends a lot on our fundraising efforts. I want all Clio Brothers to be aware of this and I'm asking you to help out at our fundraisers, including the Spaghetti Dinners.

I also want all of you to be aware that we have formed a Building Committee that is charged with assessing our future in regards to the building. To be blunt, Brothers, it is very difficult to support our aging building. Almost 50% of our budget goes to keeping the building open. Over the past few years, we have dipped into our savings in order to

keep operating. In 2009, we raised Dues and asked for donations to keep us going. Our roof has been patched multiple times and other areas of the building also need attention.

The Building Committee will assess our current situation and try to predict our future for the next few years. Based on what they learn, they will provide us with recommendations on how best to meet our current and future needs. I would expect the recommendation will range from what it would take to stay put, to selling the property, to merging with another Lodge. I am Chairing this Committee. I welcome your input if you want to share it with me. I will keep you posted on our progress.

**Petitions**

We read four Petitions for membership at our September 6th meeting and Interview Committees were assigned.

**Sickness and Distress**

Brother Don Cambisi was in a motor vehicle accident. He is at home recovering and we wish him the best.

Brother Chris Konzel's mother is ill and at home. Brother Chris and his family are caring for her. We wish her the best in her recovery.

**October Birthdays**

Brother Don Cambisi, W.: Frank Celona and W.: Dick Barnes.

**New Officers**

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	<b>Bill Hunn</b>
	<b>Rick Rawle</b>
	<b>Craig Roberts</b>

**Upcoming Events**

October 1st and 2nd - Hilton Apple Festival - We will have our Meatball Sub Booth again this year. Please come and help or buy a sub.

October 4th - Official Visit of DDGM, R.:W.: George Nasra. Please make an effort to attend this meeting. Officers should be in formal attire for this event.

October 12th and 26th - Spaghetti Dinners, serving 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please help out or have dinner if you can.

November 1st - will be the Entered Apprentice Degree. □

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Work continues on getting the new building into shape. With the Lodge Room completed, we are now doing the kitchen and the dining room. Our small group of active men are still looking for help. Call the Master if you can spare some time.

Our first meeting is our 2nd Degree. This time we have a Brother from Bata-

via Lodge also taking the Degree. Hope we have the sidelines filled with Brothers. Please plan on attending.

October 19th is the Grand Lecturer's Convention; therefore, we will not have a second meeting in October. We hope to qualify for the Howard Potts Award by having all our Officers attend.

### Loss of a Brother

We did have one death over the Summer. Brother Willard Orr, a 60-year member, passed away August 22nd in Ashburn, Virginia. He was a retired teacher. He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 12, 1951. He will be sadly missed by all.

### Sickness and Distress

Brother Robert G. S. Nicoll is continuing to improve. He is working on improving his speech. Hope things continue to help him heal.

Brothers, we have a very full month ahead and we need to start working on Raising our new Brothers this year. We will let you know as soon as we set a date. See you in Lodge. □

# Livingston District

District Deputy Grand Master - J. Michael Grady, (585) 738-1243

## District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District

R.: W.:  
J. Michael  
Grady  
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What a fantastic start to our Masonic Year! It seems there is one great event after another. Looking ahead, we have more of the same. It is really great to be back in the mode of going to Lodge, or I should say "many Lodges." Don't miss out. Plan on making a meeting or event. It will brighten your day, I promise.

Our joint *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* with Genesee Wyoming District was a great event. The Staff Officers work very hard on setting up these events. Thanks, guys!

My Official Visits started on September 20th at Nunda Station. Below is a list of remaining Official Visits:

October 3rd - Mt. Morris Lodge  
October 5th - Livonia Lodge  
October 6th - Eunice Lodge at Caledonia  
October 10th - Avon Springs Lodge  
October 13th - Genesee Lodge at Mt. Morris

November 1st - Phoenix Lodge, Dansville

December 8th - Union Lodge, Lima  
Each Official Visit will be preceded by a Dinner at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting/visit starting at 7:30 p.m. Please come join us.

The Livingston District Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on October 18th at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. There will be a Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the Convention getting underway at 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget to make your reservation for the famous Union Lodge Table Lodge on November 17th. This is always a great event. Space is limited and seats are always sold out. Make sure you sign up early.

My parting shot this month has to do with Brother Bring-a-Friend Events. These happen all the time. We all need to make sure we actively bring a friend to one of these events. It is the future of Masonry on which we are all working. If your Lodge does not have one of these events, please discuss it. There are Brothers all around the area who would be willing to help out with holding a BBF Night.

Have a great October; I hope to see you all soon! □

## Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.



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I am sure that many a "Journey" started with a stumble or two and I guess we are no exception.

Because of our "non-start" last month, we will again be working on our "Where do we want to go?" meetings at the Lodge. If there was a Brother who was unable to attend previously, we will be picking up the discussions about our future plans at our next meeting on October 6th. Hopefully, these discussions will continue, following the meeting, down in the Social Hall.

Our meeting on October 6th is going to be a bit "packed" with Masonic ac-

tivity. This meeting will be the Official Visit of our Livingston District Leadership Team: R.: W.: Mike Grady, DDGM of Livingston District; R.: W.: Dennis King, Grand Sword Bearer, and R.: W.: Roy Moses, AGL. They will be presenting their programs and items of critical interest to our Lodge and the District. I look forward to having a full house for their visit. (Rumor has it, that we will also have a very special guest that night!)

Through all this, the Officers and I want to reiterate to the members that we are deeply committed to working with you and we know that 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! □

## Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

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

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One of the key roles of Master of a Lodge is to set a good example. When errors are made, acknowledge them and move forward. Try as I might, I still make a mistake now and then, so here goes.

To those Brothers who didn't learn about the cancelation of the first Lodge meeting so some of our very-deserving Shrine Brothers could attend that function, I apologize. Brother Cox and I tried to get the word out to everyone, but if you got missed I am very sorry it happened. You are always welcome to call me if you need information about meetings, time, places or transportation. That's Brotherhood in action.

I also get to thank people for all their wonderful work on behalf of the Lodge and our community. I want to make sure everyone knows that the Lodge appreciates their extra effort. This past Summer when a short-notice call went out for Lodge help at the Masonic Fair Booth at Hemlock, Phil and Avis Cox, Ed Dickson and Charley and Gladys Duryea responded and represented our Lodge well.

I also thank Clarence Bogardus and the group who ran the "Fun Days" Food Stand. Not only does that make money for our projects, but it is a very positive and public face in the community.

Thanks to my very worthy predecessor, R.: W.: Edwin Dickson. Brother Ed stepped up when my health prevented me from progressing in Line. During his term, he re-carpeted the Lodge, installed the lift chairs, Raised two Brothers, attended Grand Lodge and kept himself active in supporting the works of other Lodges as well. He truly represents that Masonic ideal of the caring, committed and dedicated Brother. Thank you, Brother.

During the last several weeks, we have all been reminded of the terrible tragedies that happened on 9/11. We are all linked forever with the victims and heroes of that awful day. Let us keep in our hearts, minds and prayers the families and loved ones who carry forward a Nation's sorrow. May we never forget them and the burden they bear.

It is always the right time to extend an invitation to a worthy friend to become a member of our Lodge. To join in the Fellowship of men guided by enduring principles of Faith, Morality and Brotherly Love. We know that every Brother added to our roles makes the Lodge stronger, adds to the quality of our community life and strengthens the home in which his family resides. Being builders of a better world is our aim and our commitment. Thank you.

### Mark Your Calendar

#### November

1st - Regular Meeting, Program - TBA  
8th - Election Day - Vote  
15th - Regular Meeting, Program - Brother Marcus Hugi, "Nunda Water Treatment"

#### December

6th - Regular Meeting  
20th - Regular Meeting, Annual Reports  
"Oyster Stew-Chili Night" □

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

Chartered 1807  
3rd Wednesday

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The Officers of Ark Lodge hope each of you had a most enjoyable Summer and you are ready for an exciting and active new Masonic Year. We are looking forward to meeting and greeting all of you in Lodge.

The Officers met on August 31st and discussed many matters pertaining to the health and well-being of the Lodge. Our first Stated Communication for the Fall was September 21st. Items to be considered were Petitions for Membership and Honorary Membership in Ark Lodge.

Ark Lodge participated in the District Golf Tournament with Brother Tom Smart and his son, Trevor, along with Brother Jed Brandow and his brother, Seth, placing ninth out of sixteen teams.

Congratulations to W.: Thomas Smart who was elected to the first class to enter the Penn Yan Athletic Hall of Fame for his 34 years as a Cross Country and Track Coach.

The Fall is looking to be an active time for the Lodge with a program on Camp Turk by Hannah Burrall in early October and the Official Visit of DDGM, R.: W.: George Meyers, on October 19th.

One of our goals for the year is to visit each and every Lodge in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District. Milnor Lodge has the Traveling Trowel and we welcome a contingent of their Brothers to deliver the trowel to Ark Lodge.

November is looking equally busy with a program on November 2nd to present the Grand Lodge Certificate of Appreciation for Excellence in Service to the Community to a local Brother Mason. We are tentatively planning a 1st Degree for our November 16th Stated Communication.

#### Mark Your Calendar

December 14th - Our Christmas Party at St. Michael's Orthodox Church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Also in December, we will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign and delivering food baskets in the Geneva Area.

#### Brotherhood Fund

Our Brotherhood Fund Campaign Chairman, W.: Charles Rouse, Jr., is ready to accept donations. Please support this Masonic Charity as you are able; your Brothers depend on you!

We have a busy Fall ahead and hope each Brother will take the opportunity to visit the Lodge and take part in the several activities planned.

### Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

1st & 3rd  
Tuesdays



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The "Welcome Back" signs are abundant in our area of New York State. Kindergarten to college are all taking Labor Day as a sign to resume labor. Our Lodges are no exception.

It's time to see how rusty we managed to get with a couple months off. We will be more surprised at how fast we can "de-rust" ourselves. Openings, Closings, Ritual and ceremonies will come back stronger than ever. It will be a pleasure to see Brothers we may not have seen this Summer and share pot luck dinners and Summer stories. So, "WELCOME BACK" Brothers and get ready for a great new season, the season of renewal. We've got some interesting irons in the fire, kettles on the stove and cakes in the oven.

#### Sickness and Distress

We note with sadness the passing of three of our Brothers this Summer. We will all miss Jim Piper, George Landstrom and Lloyd Akin.

#### October Birthdays

We send October birthday greetings to Robert Patrick, Jr. (5th), William Peterson (6th) and Milt Lum (23rd).

#### Masonic Anniversaries

The following were Raised in October - Jesse Gillespie (1976) and Lynn Spence (1984).

#### Upcoming Events

Remember the first meeting of every month we have a Pot Luck Dinner! Starting at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish-to-pass. Please call a Brother and bring them for dinner. Come and support your Lodge. Hope to see you all!!!

## Wayne District

District Deputy Grand Master - William C. Benedict, II

### District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District

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Hope all is well with you and that your Summer was pleasant.

#### Summer Activities

In June, Wayne and O/S/Y Districts' Annual Golf Tournament was chaired by W.: Marshall Francis, of North Rose-Wolcott Lodge. Eleven teams played the Taranwold Golf Course and lots of fun was had by all who played. The Ronald McDonald House was the charity which received \$398 from this event.

On August 27th, Pultneyville Lodge had a Public Ceremony of Re-dedication at their Lodge in celebration of their 200th Anniversary. The Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: James E. Sullivan, and his Officers, performed the Ritual. It was a very humbling ceremony, reminding all of us what our Lodges stand for and why we became Masons. Attendance was excellent and a luncheon was enjoyed at Sodus Point Golf Club. The meal was fabulous. Well done to the members and their families of Pultneyville Lodge.

#### Upcoming Events

We are getting into the full swing of Masonic Business in Wayne District. After meeting with the Masters and their Secretaries in August, we came up with the following calendar of events. We also discussed tentative dates and times for Official Visits.

October 20th - The District will be having the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Marion Lodge Hall at 5 p.m. For the first portion, Questions and Answers will be asked of the Grand Lecturer, R.: W.: Charles Toombs; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; at 7:30 p.m. the Convention will start and the Ritual will be Opening and Closing the Lodge. If you want to attend, please contact me at (315) 524-3597 or the AGL, R.: W.: Richard Brewer, at (315) 986-5673 for reservations.

W.: Joel Falbo of Drumlin Square Lodge is the President of the Masters and Wardens Association for our District and will be opening his educational programs at Drumlin Square Lodge on October 27th. Please contact W.: Falbo 303-3280 for reservations and possible topics you would like to discuss.

### Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays



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Well my Brothers, it's that time of year again, and the Gavel has sounded in the East calling the Lodge back to Labor. I do hope all of you had a Summer filled with the joy of friends and family and, more than likely, plenty of yard work.

Over the Summer, many Brothers continued to work around the Lodge. The damage in the front entry is being repaired as Brothers find the time to volunteer.

Our Annual Canal Town Days Booth was in operation, as always, and I will have more details in next month's printing. We did take part in Palmyra's Pirate Days as well; Brother Chris Bowles, Brother Rob Zanin and W.: Andy Richardson (sorry if I have forgotten anyone) set up and operated a Masonic Information booth as an ongoing effort in getting the word out about Freemasonry in Palmyra.

In addition to the information booth, Brother Zanin's son, Nathan, created some wonderful artwork that was displayed at the front entrance of the Lodge as part of the Pirates Day Poster Contest (I think we just may have a young Mason in the making). My thanks to all of the Brethren who have worked so hard over the Summer.

Our meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month; Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m. If you have not attended in awhile, why not make this the year to get back into coming to Lodge. If you need a refresher, please feel free to contact me. I will be more than happy to help and I know all of the Brothers would love to see you again in Lodge.

#### Summer's Challenge

If you think back to my last article in June, you will remember I gave you a couple of challenges for the Summer. The first challenge was to talk to at least one good man about Masonry; the second challenge was concerning saving your quarters for the Brotherhood Fund. Well, it is now October...how did you do?

Remember, talking about Masonry isn't always about getting a Petition... more importantly, it is about letting the community know who we are and what we do. Getting a Candidate out of the conversation is an added bonus, so I hope you all were able to meet that challenge.

#### Brotherhood Fund

If you met this challenge you should have a very heavy coffee can at this point. Let's get those cans down to the bank and turned into a check for Brother Hargrave. If you did take part in this challenge, try to get that check in by the end of the month so we can see how we did. If, by chance, you want to throw a little extra in, it sure wouldn't hurt.

My Brothers, I look forward to the coming months serving once again as Master and enjoying your company. I truly believe we will have an exciting and productive year. As always, I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge!

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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## Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. Announces the Formation of a Chapter of Knights of Saint Andrew

By Joseph Oelgoetz

### Attention ... All 32° Masons

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 32nd Degree, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, known as "Black Hats."

Those Scottish Rite Masons who have been honored by either the Distinguished Service Award (Blue Hat), Meritorious Service Award (Red Hat), Honorary Member of Supreme Council (White Hat) and/or Active Member of Supreme Council (Purple Hat) are welcome to join, but will hold an Emeritus Membership.

Only Active membership allows for the 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.

The Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew's membership will have two designations; Knight or Squire. The requirement to be "Knighthood" is to be a First-line Signer (within the past three years) of either a new Brother in the Blue Lodge, or a new Scottish Rite Brother. If you are not a First-line Signer, as above, then you will be designated a Squire until such time as you become a First-line Signer.

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, will become a member of the Charter Class and be

made a Knight immediately. The Charter Class will be closed on November 16, 2011. Anyone who joins after November 16th, will be under the requirements mentioned above.

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 December 3, 2011, (Saturday) will be the kick-off for our Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew. We plan to have the Initiation and Knighthood 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.)

The Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew of the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R., is a service organization with the purpose of providing support for the Valley of Rochester in all areas. Specifically, in the areas of Degree Support (stage crew) and the keepers of the 29th Degree of the Scottish Rite. Further, it is planned to be a fun organization and one that will exemplify and portray great pride in its Scottish and Chivalric heritage. So don't delay, contact the Valley of Rochester's Office at 585-264-1160 or via e-mail: secretary@valleyofrochester.org for information and to get a Petition for yourself. ☐



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

### Supreme Council

The 199th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America was held in Chicago, Illinois. Two Active Members and three Honorary Members of Supreme Council from the Valley of Rochester and their ladies attended - Illustrious Brothers Stephen R. Whittaker, G. Michael Morris, Charles O. Hancock, John Orr and Joseph E. Bourcy.

On Tuesday afternoon, Illustrious Brothers M. Donald Darrohn and Peter J. (Jack) Van Elzakker were coroneted Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and become the newest 33° Masons in the Valley of Rochester. When you see these Brothers, please be sure to congratulate them.

During the New York State Dinner on Tuesday evening, it was announced that two Sublime Princes from the Valley of Rochester were elected to receive the 33° at the 200th Annual Meeting in Cleveland in 2012. They are - Kenneth R. Howe, 32° DSA, and Sy Kopen, 32° MSA. Congratulations, my Brothers!

### Symbolic Lodge Awards

The Fall Season is upon us and we are back at our labors.

October 20th - One of the Valley of Rochester's Signature Events will take place, the Symbolic Lodge Awards. The Symbolic Lodge Awards Program provides the Worshipful Master of each Lodge within a six-county area, an opportunity to select a worthy Brother from his Lodge and recognize him for all his efforts in support of his Lodge. Each Master is allowed one nomination of his choosing per year. Each Symbolic Award Recipient will receive an attractive Certificate of Appreciation and an invitation to join the AASR - Valley of Rochester, at no cost for the first year. Please come and join us as we honor your Brothers hard work.

### "Explore the Rite" Nights

Saturday, October 29th - Social - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m. We will be holding an Explore the Rite Night, (or Brother Bring-a-Brother Night) at the Shrine Center. This is an opportunity for any Master Mason and his lady to come as our guests to witness a program, "The Public Degree." This will introduce them to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the Valley of Rochester.

Saturday, November 5th - We will be traveling to Milo Lodge in Penn Yan for the convenience of our Brothers and their

ladies in the Yates County area. We will be presenting the "Last Full Measure" Program following social hour and dinner.

Dinner for both of these events will be free for prospective members and

their ladies. For a reservation for either or both of these dinners, please call or email the Valley of Rochester Office by noon on Monday, October 24th, and Monday, October 31st.

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### Veterans Recognition Night

On Thursday, November 17th, we will be holding our Annual Veterans Recognition Night, which is open to all AASR Members and any Veteran. We will begin the evening with a Table Lodge. Following our dinner, we will recognize all the Veterans and active military personnel.

For over 200 years they have served our country at home and abroad in times of war and times of peace. Their service and dedication will be recognized and

## Valley of Rochester Fall 2011

October 20th at Shrine Center - Symbolic Lodge Awards (\*\*)  
Social - 6:30 p.m. ~ Program - 7:30 p.m. ~ Refreshments following

October 29th at Shrine Center - BBB Program / "The Public Degree" (\*\*)  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Program - 7:30 p.m.

November 5th at Milo Lodge, Penn Yan  
BBB Program / "The Last Full Measure" (\*\*)  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Program - 7:30 p.m.

November 17th at Shrine Center  
Veterans Recognition Night / Table Lodge (\*\*)  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Program - 7:30 p.m.

December 3rd at Shrine Center  
Presentations of 4°, 11°, 14° and 15°  
Coffee and Donuts at 8 a.m.; Lunch (\*\*) ~ Degrees start at 9 a.m.

December 3rd at Shrine Center  
Knights of St. Andrew Induction and Dinner  
Early Evening - Time TBA

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ner reservations are required. The price for the dinner is \$15 per person. Dinner will be free for all Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel. Please call or email the Valley Office by noon Monday, November 14th.

*Children's Dyslexia Center  
in Honor of Frank & Bette Paul*  
Announces its

*Fall 2011 Fundraising Gala*  
**October 16th**  
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The current annual cost for each child is approximately \$5,000. This Center is operated under the auspices of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

We encourage and invite you to attend and participate in this heartwarming event. For more information, you may contact the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite Office at 264-1160.

## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

- NOVEMBER**  
5th Zone 11 Commandery Pilgrimage, Hornell  
28th Don Darrohn Recognition Dinner
- DECEMBER**  
3rd *Masonic Development Course - Union Star Lodge Hall - Honeoye Falls*
- JANUARY**  
31st School of Ritual, Webster
- FEBRUARY**  
18th *Road to the East - Union Star Lodge Hall - Honeoye Falls*  
25th *Road to the East - Union Star Lodge Hall - Honeoye Falls*
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## Big Calendar for October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Canandaigua - Shortsville Mt. Morris (OV) RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Board of Governors, Shrine Center OES - Etolian Shrine Lunch Club	4 Clio - Hilton Northfield - Pittsford Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka & Starlight	5 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia (OV) Olive Branch, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star	6 Eunice (OV) - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster, 1 <sup>st</sup>	7 Northfield - BAF Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street Yom Kippur begins at Sundown	1 Monarch's Dinner at Keenan's OES - Line Officers - Fairport 8 Yom Kippur
9 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners October 12th and 26th	10 ERAC - Shrine Center, BAF Fairport-Flower City, 1 <sup>st</sup> Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport, BAF Wakan-Hubbard, 1 <sup>st</sup> - Penfield Avon Springs (OV) Shrine Lunch Club Columbus Day	11 Inspiration - Shrine Center Seneca - Webster OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	12 Outka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship Shrine Legion of Honor Traditional Columbus Day	13 Fame - Shrine Center (OV) Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Fellowship Genesee Lodge (OV) Hiram Chapter OES Grand Sessions, October 13-16, Binghamton Sukkot	14	15 Sagoyewatha - Phelps Unity, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oktoberfest at Shrine Center
16	17 Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club OES - Etolian MON - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Fairport	18 Clio - Hilton Nunda Station Oakland - Castile Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps OES - Nolatka & Starlight LIV - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Dansville	19 Ark - Geneva (OV) Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto Doric Council - Pittsford G/W - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Perry	20 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield, 1 <sup>st</sup> - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite Award Night - Shrine Center Wayne County Shrine Club Lalla Rookh Caldron WYN - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Marion	21	22 Brotherhood Fund Meeting, Mt. Morris Masonic Hall, 10 a.m.
23 National Boss Day	24 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Unity, 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Shrine Club	25 Inspiration - Shrine Center Damascus Wheelers Unit Meeting OSY - Grand Lecturer's Convention	26 Outka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon Damascus Directors Staff OES - Corinthian-Fellowship	27 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lima James A. Hard/ Wayne Charter Post No. 12 RAM - Hiram Perry Shrine Club	28 OES Reception for Ken Milner, Burgundy Basin	29
30	31 Halloween	1 NOVEMBER	2 Damascus Shrine Meeting - Salute to Veterans Night	3	4	5

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# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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### What's Happening

Companions, having met twice in September while working on our certification and starting discussion on the future of the Chapter, we are well on our way of completing our current Masonic Year. In December, we will be electing and appointing a new crew of Officers for the Chapter. Our plans for the Chapter from when you read this to June, 2012, should be well underway.

What do we have to do this coming year? Our more experienced Companions need to mentor the newer Companions in the teachings and philosophy of the Chapter Degrees and the York Rite, in general. All of the Companions need to be on the lookout for Master Masons who would improve themselves by becoming members of the Chapter. We all need to support our Lodge and encourage qualified men to explore Freemasonry and seek membership in a Lodge if they see something that excites or intrigues them.

The world is changing and will continue to change in many different ways. Many people do not like change, but change happens. We should be using our Freemasonry to help stabilize our lives and also to help us cope with change. How can the Chapter help? Well, we can adapt to change where it will improve our Chapter and we can keep the best parts of our Rite as points of stability and familiarity. The lessons we teach in our Rituals are timeless and should be followed no matter how society changes.

### Musings

As some of you know, I am a collector. One of the areas in which I have been collecting is Masonic-related material such as Chapter Pennies. This Summer, I was able to purchase several interesting Masonic items.

First, I found an old Pennsylvania Past Master's Jewel. The ribbon is not in the best of condition and the case is well-worn, but the metal parts are in superb shape and nicely engraved with the original owner's name and Lodge.

Second, I came across two Chapter Pennies, one close-to-home and one

from a distance.

The first is from Palmyra Eagle Chapter. This Penny belonged to Companion Walter P. Smith who was made a Mark Master Mason in May of 1919. The Penny has his name and mark on it. The second Penny is from Ascalon Chapter No. 139 in Des Moines, Iowa. Again this is a Companion's Penny as it has his mark on it. There is no date or name on this Penny so I will probably contact the Chapter and see if they can find the name of the Companion who originally marked the Penny. This is why Chapters keep a book of Marks.

Lastly, I obtained a Shrine Badge from Rameses Shrine in Toronto. What is interesting about this Medal is that it was issued for the Imperial Shrine Session held in Rochester, July 11-12, 1911. That's one hundred years ago; yet looking at the badge, you would not know its age unless you read the dates on it.

If you read last month's article, you will see I had a full Masonic Summer - both reading about the Fraternity and collecting related material. So there is much more to being a Companion than just attending meetings and wearing a Pin. We will be working this year to insure that the Companions of Hiram Chapter thoroughly enjoy their meeting with our Companions and also learn more about our honored Craft.

The Chapter does have a simple web page at: [www.hiram62ram.org](http://www.hiram62ram.org) and the High Priest can be reached at:

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If you would like to be included in a group email list for the Chapter, send the High Priest an email to verify your email address.

Until next month, enjoy and we will see you in quarries. □

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

3rd Wednesday



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This month we will be holding our second meeting of the Cryptic Year. I have it scheduled as an "Open Meeting" in my Trestleboard, but I hope to be able to organize an interesting presentation. (I am writing this article before our September meeting, so I expect we can discuss a plan then.)

Masonic Bodies' current viability as it pertains to write-ups in your **Masonic Times**. Now that I know, I will endeavor to submit articles about our doings as needed until I retire.

### Sausage Roast

In June, we held our Annual Sausage Roast Fundraiser. It was a huge success and all in attendance had a good time. My usually busy wife, Judith Ann, was able to attend to the delight of many. We brought a gift basket of "Buffalo Delights" which was raffled off. Bottles of Weber's Mustard and Chef's Spaghetti Sauce were among the treats. We raised \$14 for our benevolence. Once again, a big thank you to Angelo DiCataldo for his outstanding assistance in providing the sausages and cooking them. Thanks

I wish to continue our "Dish-to-pass" Dinners scheduled for 6:30 p.m. At this time I do not have a main meal selected but I am sure it will be good. We will always be looking for volunteers! We hope everyone can join us for dinner and bring your appetite!

In place of Cryptic History, I thought I might present a few details of a Grand Council on the other side of the earth.

On a whim I looked up some details on the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines. Their Illustrious Grand Master, for 2010-2011, is I.M.: Alfonso D. Dualan. The Grand Council was Chartered October 1, 1957, (A.D. 2957). They currently have 13 Councils, 11 on the main islands and two a bit further away, Okinawa, Japan (911 miles) and Agana, Guam, USA (1,597 miles). I can only imagine what the travel for Official Visits must be like.

The oldest Cryptic Council is Oriental Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, founded in Manila in 1912. Also in 1912, on December 19th, the existence of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands (now the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines) was officially declared to the whole Masonic World.

Two years later, Oriental Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters was issued a Dispensation on December 19th, 1914, to organize by authority of the Grand Council of the United States. It finally received its Charter from the General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters on August 31, 1915. On October 1, 1957, the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters issued the Charter for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines. Their Grand Representative of New York is Companion Conrado V. Sanga of New Manila Quezon City.

I look forward to seeing you all this month. □

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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Sir Knights, when you get to read this article our friend and close Comrade, Sir Knight, Jim MacConnell, will be the

R.:E.: Past Grand Commander and Sir Knight David Shire will be our new R.:E.: Grand Commander. SK David is well known in our area as he has been very active in the Pilgrimages in which the Sir Knights of Cyrene-Monroe have participated over the years. We wish SK David and his Lady, Carol, a good year as our Grand Commander and I know the Sir Knights of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery will welcome and support him during his term in this illustrious post.

Sir Knight Joe Oelgoetz, Past Zone 11 Commander, held a Knights Templar Boot Camp to review and refresh our duties and obligations as Sir Knights. The Boot Camp was well attended by Sir Knights from far and near; however, the hope of SK Joe was that some of the newer Sir Knights in the area would have joined as well. Sir Knight Ron Brown presented a most interesting segment on the history of Templary in New York State. He is encouraging all of us to look for historical pictures and artifacts to compliment his rich prose on the history.

Digressing for a moment, I mentioned SK Joe Oelgoetz will be our Past Zone Commander following the Annual Conclave. His replacement is another friend and close comrade of Cyrene-Monroe, SK Don Adams. Many of you may remember SK Don as our Junior Warden last year. Again, let's give SK Don all of our support and assistance during the upcoming year.

As our new year should already be under way, I hope to see many more Sir Knights attending Cyrene-Monroe Conclaves. In case you have forgotten, we convene our Conclaves at Northfield Lodge Hall in Pittsford on the third Monday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. I am also optimistic that our Commandery will recruit new Companions into our ranks and increase our numbers. The future of Knights Templary is resting upon our shoulders to find good Masonic men to join us in our journey worshipping our Lord.

May the peace of Christ, our Savior, be with you and your families throughout this coming Templar Year. □

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First, I apologize to my fellow Tall Cedars of Rochester Forest No. 133 for not realizing the symbiotic relationship between the Rochester Area Concordant

to the ladies for their delicious "dishes-to-pass." All were much appreciated!

The Forest and I hope you had an enjoyable Summer and were able to attend or help out at the Rochester Area Concordant Masonic Body events.

### Sickness and Distress

It was brought to my attention that George Springett recently had a fall. We all hope you are on the mend, George. Please keep him in your prayers and send him a card if you get a chance. Call Don Bell at 585-259-0647 for his address, if needed.

Unfortunately our group was not able to attend a July meeting in Erie, PA, with our District Deputy, but he asked the following question, for suggestions from the current members: "How do we make Tall Cedars more attractive to new members?"

### Upcoming Events

Our October meeting will be conducted a bit differently than usual. We are required to hold a Degree once each year, whether we have a Candidate or not. Happily, this year we do have a Candidate. We would like to do the Degree at the October meeting. Our Treasurer, Brother John Zabel, was our Degree Master when this was last held. If you can help out please contact him at 223-3228. □

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