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Imperial Potentate to visit Damascus

Meeting changed to TUESDAY, September 6th

The Shrine Masons of Damascus Shriners have a rare opportunity to meet and greet the Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine on their own turf, when Imperial Sir Michael Severe visits the Shrine Center on TUESDAY, September 6th. To accommodate his schedule, the regular meeting night was CHANGED to TUESDAY, so mark your calendar and make your reservations now. This is an OPEN meeting, so family and friends are invited to attend, as well. The program will include Years of Service Awards to many Nobles. (A complete listing is in *Damascus News* section.)

During the 2011 Imperial Session, held in Denver in July, Michael G. Severe of Erie, Colorado, was elected the Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, making him the highest-ranking Shriner in the world. As Imperial Potentate, he serves as President of the Board of Directors for Shriners International and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospitals for Children®.



Imperial Sir Michael G. Severe

Raised a Master Mason at the age of 21, he progressed onto the York and Scottish Rites and became a Shriner at the age of 22. He held various Officer positions at Glenwood Lodge No. 65, AF&AM, and is Past Patron of Erica Chapter No. 69 - OES.

At El Jebel Shriners in Denver, he belonged to the Scooter and Motorcycle Units, becoming President of his Unit in 1989.

In 1990, Severe was appointed Outer Guard of El Jebel Shriners and became Potentate in 1999. During the 1999-2000 Imperial Year, Severe served on the

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Secretary of the Year Award to R.:E.: and Reverend Charles M. Roberts

Secretary of the Year and Honor College

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America, with its headquarters at the Detroit Masonic Temple, Detroit, Michigan held its 54th Annual Assembly in Nashville, Tennessee, July 28th - July 30th.

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America fosters a spirit of cooperation and coordination among all the Bodies of York Rite Masonry, it assists in enhancing the Ritual work of the York Rite, promotes education on the principles and programs of the York Rite, strengthens and builds a love for the York Rite Masonry and one's Country and oversees charitable and benevolent endeavors and recognizes select men to honor in the York Rite of Freemasonry for outstanding service.

One such honor is the bestowing of the Order of the Purple Cross, which is the equivalent to the Honorary 33° of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A. This year there were 125 recipients in the Order of the Purple Cross Class which was named in honor of Companion Knight and Reverend Robert J. Cave, Regent for New York.

During this 54th Annual Assembly, Genesee College No. 25 of Rochester was one of 28 Colleges out of 193



R.:E.: Charles Roberts with his Award for 2011 Secretary of the Year, a desk set. Colleges in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Philippines to be selected as an Honor College of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. An Honor College is recognized for its outstanding work in promoting the aims and purposes of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and York Rite Masonry in general.

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Fairport-Flower City Lodge Scout Recognition

Eagle Scouts of Perinton were honored at a special recognition night by Fairport-Flower City Lodge Brothers in what is hoped will become an annual event. More than a dozen Scouts, their family and friends were in attendance, representing several Troops. Due to conflicts of schedules, many other young men scheduled to receive honors were unable to attend. (More on Page 6)



W.: Sy Kopen, Master (left), and W.: Tom Goodrich presenting Masonic Eagle Recognition Award to Steve Maloney. Terry Rieck of Troop 273 is the Scout Leader in the background.

R.:W.: and Ill. Lawrence K. Canfield, P.P. 1942 - 2011

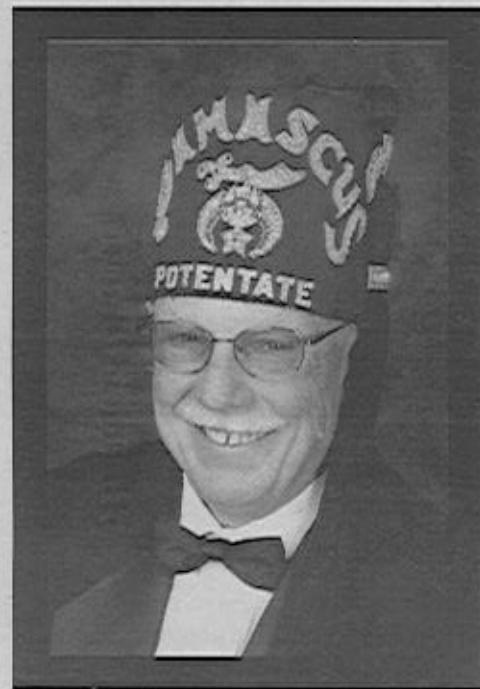
On August 20th, Larry Canfield, 69, entered the Celestial Lodge above and went into the loving hands of the Great Architect of the Universe.

R.:W.: and Ill. Larry had a long and distinguished Masonic life that always seemed to call him to leadership.

He became a Mason in Yonondio Lodge No. 163 (now ERAC Lodge) in 1971 where he served as Master in 1979. He also was Lodge Secretary for many years. The Purple of the Fraternity rested on his honored shoulders as Grand Sword Bearer in 1986-1987.

R.:W.: Larry served as President of the Masonic Service Bureau in 1998-1999. This was an organization he cared a lot about and his creation of the Widows Luncheon stands out as a major achievement and continues to this day. Many remember the door duties in the cold at Logan's Party House and the standing-room-only crowds that used to attend. Due to Larry's initiative, many Districts around the State began their own Widows Program. Grand Lodge now endorses this program Statewide.

Larry became a 32nd Degree Member of the Valley of Rochester AASR (An-



Larry Canfield

cient Accepted Scottish Rite) on April 1, 1983. He was active as a cast member for several portrayals and became the Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Crois for the 1992-93 year.

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Editor's Corner

It's Only ONE!

In the past few months, I have been involved with the planning, scheduling and reservations for several Masonic functions. These affairs, for the most part, have been catered or held in restaurants. Particularly with caterers, it is necessary for ordering and preparing food that the number of diners expected be conveyed several days in advance. To provide this information, we have indicated a due date for reservations. We may as well have saved our breath.

Masons, in particular but not exclusively, have the reputation for being last-minute signer-uppers! Can anyone tell me why? Oh, I know there are infirm, aged members who are not sure how they will feel and don't want to make a reservation and then not show up. There are others who fear another event will happen that they might prefer to attend, so they wait until the last second to commit. Still others are just forgetful!

So what happens? "I know the reservations were due yesterday, or last week (or whenever), but it's only one more. Well, when ten people do this, it isn't "one more" ... it could be twenty more, if it is an event for couples!

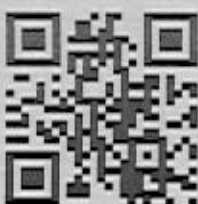
I have told people flat out, the answer is no...we will take no more reservations. I've been chastised for limiting the attendance at a function, or depriving a member of the opportunity for fellowship. To which I turn my deaf ear! I have been at Roast Beef dinners where the meat had to be shaved to accommodate late add-ons, shorting those with reservations on the portions (and leaving nothing for the help in the kitchen!). This is unfair and uncalled for.

Why do we need a Telephone Committee? You only have to make ONE call; members of the Committee have to make several...6, 10, maybe a dozen! I know this personal contact has brought additional Brothers to a meeting or function. I know also, there have been times when we learned of an illness or injury, which otherwise would have gone unreported. It is important to keep in contact with each other, but we are dealing with generational differences here. Many of our younger members prefer to text message or email their responses, while our veterans prefer the telephone.

So, while we transition, please help your Brothers by responding to requests for reservations as soon as you know you plan to attend. You can always cancel, if something comes up that will prevent you from attending...and that way you have spoken to a Brother twice.

Meanwhile, you have eased the burden of the Committee planning the event and those involved in taking the reservations. While a cancellation may cause minor concerns, it will be less than the consternation of several people showing up without making reservations. And, it could provide a meal for someone who still thinks **It's Only ONE!**

Thanks for reading. □



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By Gary Sanford

I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer and were able to enjoy time with family and friends. Many activities took place in our different organizations through these warm months. I do hope you were able to take pictures at these events and have submitted them to us.

As usual, there have been changes in the leadership organization of our Lodges and we need to be there to support

them and offer assistance. Remember that one individual should not have to do all the work himself; we all could use assistance to get the positive results that are required to keep our Masonic Organizations moving forward.

Please, also remember to help support your local District Leadership Team as they have planned events for the year that are designed to help us all learn and improve ourselves. Take the time to enjoy each other's fellowship through participation in these events.

If you would like to attend any of our monthly meetings and assist us, we would greatly appreciate it. We meet from noon to 1 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Damascus Shrine Center, located at 979 Bay Road in Webster. You may bring your own lunch or call the Bureau a couple days ahead of time to order a submarine sandwich.

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

Internet Shopper?

Check out the Masonic Service Bureau portal to the MarketAmerica website!

You - can select from over 3500 stores and all types of merchandise; Comparison shop for many items you seek; Obtain Online Discounts; possibly receive rebates. When you visit our portal, the Masonic Service Bureau earns credits which turn into cash to support its operations while you shop! Use the link at www.MonroeMasonic.com - or use your smartphone to scan the QR code at the lower left.

Masonic Care Community - St. John's Day Celebration

At St. John's Day celebration in June, the Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel was rededicated on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Most Worshipful Vincent Libone presented the President of the Board of Trustees, R.:W.: M. Donald Darrohn, with program documents of the ceremonies for the archives.



Several Past Grand Masters were in the parade (above) as was R.:W.: Donald Darrohn, President of the Board of Trustees, alongside the Vice President, R.:W.: Manuel Abad (below).



Also present at the festivities were the District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, R.:W.: George Nasra, and the Staff Officers, R.:W.: George Fohner and R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz.



Introduced during the proceedings at the Chapel were two former "kids" of the Masonic Home: Iris Powell, who came to live at Acacia Village after living in Australia for 15 years, and Peter Fershtman, who is an Ambassador for



the Masonic Care Community in the Downstate Region. They were warmly greeted by those in attendance.

Later in the day, the traditional march of Grand Lodge Officers to the Chapel for the Re-Commissioning was held. Despite the somewhat inclement weather, no raindrops fell on the parade.

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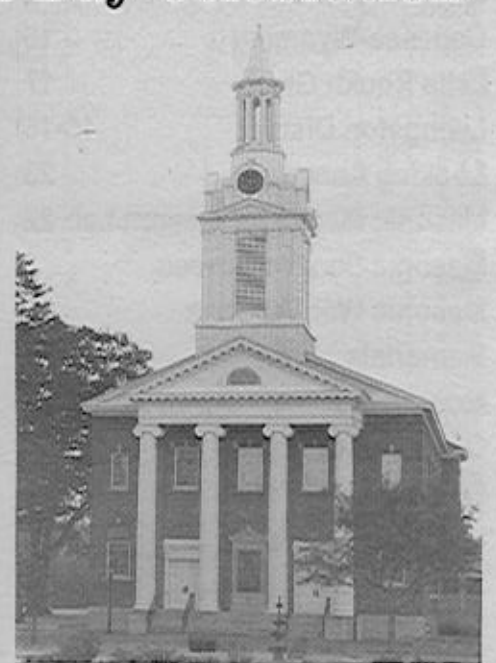
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Chapel Centennial Book

A pictorial history commemorative book was published in conjunction with the anniversary. It contains a variety of photographs detailing the Chapel, its stained-glass windows (several of which are Tiffany-glass designs) and other information. A limited quantity of these books is available from the Masonic Service Bureau. The cost is \$5, if you come in to the Bureau and pick it up; \$10, if you want the book mailed to you. Any Lodge who may wish to order a quantity for sale to their members, should contact Kathy Contino-Turner at the Masonic Care Community [(800) 322-8826; or (315) 798-4768]. That cost is \$5 per book plus shipping.

All proceeds from the sale of these Commemorative books will be used for resident services at your Masonic Care Community and the revitalization fund for the Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel.

Call the Service Bureau if you wish further information... (585) 671-9730, or email: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com

2011 Education Assistance Awards and Charity Grants

June 22nd was the Masonic Service Bureau's Awards Night when 16 students shared a total of \$12,000 in education assistance and one Mason received the first Continuing Education Award.

Since the inception of this program in 1986, over a quarter of a million dollars has been contributed to more than 295 students.

At the same time, grants totaling \$12,000 was distributed to various non-profit groups who serve the elderly, the needy and youth programs. Those organizations granted funds for 2011 are listed in the caption of the photo of charity recipients.

Requirements

Students must submit an application and other requested documents. These are reviewed by an outside



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Spencer Woodley

agency and ranked for levels of assistance.

A letter from a sponsoring Mason, either relative or friend, recommending the student is part of the documentation required, as is information from the guidance office of a high school student or an advisor of a college student. The student or a representative must be present at the Awards Ceremony to receive the Grant.

Persons interested in applying for the 2012 Awards may call the Masonic Service Bureau Office, at 671-9730, and have their name put on a mailing list. Once the 2012 Budget is approved in December, applications are mailed to persons who requested one and to Secretaries of Lodges, Chapters and Concordant Bodies.

An important note ... This assistance is for one-time-only and the funds are given directly to the student.

New This Year ...

The Board has started a new award ... one to benefit MEMBERS ONLY of Masonic Organizations. It was decided to offer financial assistance to our Members who have "gone back to school" in a Continuing Education Program. It was reasoned that in these times of job losses and career adjustments, adults are embarking on new paths of continuing education to qualify for new positions. We know of Members who have had to return to school to improve their lives and it's time we started putting some of our goodwill into our very own Masonic family.

Charity Grants

Allocations totaling \$12,000 were distributed, based on needs, to 16 charitable organizations.

Pretty much the same process is used for determining the recipients of the Charity Grants. Here there is no limit on the number of times an

Organization may receive a Grant, provided they continue to meet the Committee's criteria.

If you would like more information, contact the Masonic Service Bureau Office.




Alex Guilday, Continuing Education Recipient

Representatives of Organizations receiving 2011 charitable grants



Charity Grant Recipients - Front Row (l-r) Chris Burke, Aurora House; Natalie Anderson, Daystar; Joyce Horner, Literacy Volunteers of Livingston County; Bill Dischinger, Community Lutheran Ministry; Kay Merrifield, Salem Nutrition Center; and Patty Lorenzen, St. Peter's Kitchen. Back Row (l-r) Ella Marshall, Cameron Community Ministries; Lesley DeLong, Grace Community Village; William Wilkinson and Sherrie Wilkinson, Trinity Emanuel Presbyterian Church; Melanie Barnas-Simmons and David Parish, American Red Cross; Mike Newcomb and Kristin Catalano, Isaiah House; Glenda Hastings and Vicki Deady, Advent House; and Gary Burke, Monroe District Youth Organizations.



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Here we are again getting ready to start the work in our Lodges. This year we have 12 Lodges operating in our District. Congratulations again to Inspiration Lodge and best wishes to all the Brothers and newly elected Officers throughout the District. As always, please remember your District Leadership Team is here to help and assist you with whatever you need to make your year run as smoothly as possible. Here again is our contact information:

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Official Visits

I am looking forward to visiting with you in your Lodge and meeting the new team of Officers. Here is the schedule of DDGM Official Visits for 2011-2012:

September 12th - Wakan Hubbard
September 13th - Seneca
September 15th - Webster
September 26th - Fairport-Flower City
September 27th - Inspiration
September 28th - Oatka
October 4th - Clio
October 10th - Union Star
October 13th - Fame
November 3rd - Northfield
November 14th - Unity
December 12th - ERAC

If you have any questions about the protocol of the visit and/or the inspection of the books, let me know.

A Personal Opportunity ...

Last September I wrote in my article for the **Masonic Times** of my excitement as the new school year was starting. I commented that Freemasonry is first and foremost an educational institution. As I am writing my article for this year, I reflect on a recent personal decision I struggled with, and how I was influenced in my final conclusion with Masonic teachings and ideals.

A few months ago, I was approached by my employer offering me to pursue

further education in business which would open the door to further leadership roles for me in the future. Such an offer was not only flattering but it was also a unique and unexpected opportunity. At the same time, accepting this offer would mean that I had to accept a two-year commitment of school work and dedication to studying a subject I had not tackled in many years. I calculated that I would also have to give up my private practice to make time for school. Believe me a part of me wanted to maintain the status quo in my life, but as I pondered my options and discussed the pros and cons of each decision with my friends and family, I found myself reflecting on my identity as a Mason and all that it means in terms of self-improvement and lifelong learning.

I was reminded of the three Degrees I took in the Lodge 15 years ago, and especially I was reminded of the 2nd Degree Lecture which challenges us to study and learn all the liberal arts and sciences available to us. At no other time in my life was the concept of Masonic identity and the journey from the rough to the perfect ashlar more meaningful. There was no doubt in my mind that accepting such challenge was the Masonic thing to do.

I have since applied and was accepted to the Simon School of Business and I am about to start with the EMBA Program this Fall. This will be a challenging task and I am very fortunate to have the support of my colleagues and Brothers, R.:W.: Phillip R. Hurwitz and R.:W.: George Fohner. I take this opportunity to thank them both for their friendship, their leadership and their assistance during the past year and for all their anticipated support during the coming months.

Want to be a Grand Officer?

This year your District is also seeking nominations for the next District Leadership Team. If you are a Past Master, and if you feel you have the qualifications to be a District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Lodge Staff Officer, please contact me or any member of the Purple Club for further information. Your Lodge Secretary has the application needed to apply for these leadership positions. Do not wait, as applications should be forwarded to the District Selection Committee Chairman, R.:W.: Lew Perna, at

dswlew@rochester.rr.com

no later than October 14, 2011. Again, let me know if you need further information on how to apply or on the qualifications and the process of selection.

Masters & Wardens - It's Important!

Finally, I thank V.:W.: Hugh Woodside, who has graciously agreed to serve as Mentor and Advisor to the Masters & Wardens Association. This group has struggled over the past few years from lack of direction, poor attendance and some have questioned its continued relevance in the District. We have scheduled an urgent meeting for the group on September 7th. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport. All Masters, Wardens and Secretaries are invited (and encouraged) to attend. On the agenda will be the Election of Officers and discussion about revising the By-laws of the Association. I hope to see you there.

Again, I am looking forward to another wonderful year with you, my Brothers. May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over and protect you always. □

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By R.:W.: George Fohner

Welcome my Brothers and Sisters to another Masonic Year. I hope your Summer was enjoyable and you are looking forward to getting down to Masonic business.

If it's one thing I learned from last year, it was that Masons look forward to Summer vacation. With that said, I am sorry I had to cancel the District Picnic, but the interest just wasn't there. I thank all who volunteered to participate in one way or another. I appreciate your interest and support; it will not be forgotten.

Our Education classes are scheduled and we are looking forward to seeing some large classes. Some improvements have been made - most noticeably, reducing the Road to the East from 3 days to 2. All we can do is try to accommodate our Brothers, with the hope of improving our Craft.

One major event I hope all Masters and Wardens attend is the Masters and Wardens meeting on Wednesday, September 7th, 7 p.m. at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport. This is your organization and it needs your support to succeed. The meeting is very important for the future of Masters and Wardens, so please plan on being there.

That is enough for now, everyone knows "Less is More." See you in the Quarry. □

By R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz

I had a fantastic Summer and hope you and your family did as well.

I, along with my colleagues, R.:W.: George Fohner, GSB and R.:W.: George Nasra, DDGM, look forward to seeing all of you during our DDGM's upcoming round of Official Visits.

Our Master's Chair Program was a hit with those who came to Camp DeMolay this past June. During these Official Visits to your Lodge, your Leadership Team looks forward to recognizing those Masters who attended this Program. The consensus of those who came was that everyone learned something they didn't know. We are grateful to the Service Bureau for making the Camp available.

Upcoming Masonic Courses

We have two important educational programs coming up for this 2011-2012 Masonic Year. On December 3rd, the *Masonic Development Course* will be offered in a one-day session, starting at 8:30 a.m. and finishing at 3 p.m. We will gather at Union Star Lodge Hall, 3 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls.

The *Masonic Development Course* was developed with the newly raised Brother in mind. We will review and discuss certain aspects of each of the three Degrees. It's a fun course to take in that we test each other's knowledge of the three Degrees. This has the benefit of stimulating not only thoughtful discussion among Brothers, but exemplifies why we seek further light in Masonry.

We always have good fellowship at this Course. A light Breakfast will be offered beforehand, with a pizza lunch to follow in the afternoon. The cost for this program is \$35 (to defray costs of food and materials). Reservations can be made with either R.:W.: George Fohner (586-5255) or R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz (720-6019). The courtesy of a paid RSVP is requested no later than November 26th. Course materials will be provided with paid registration.

The other important course is the *Road to the East (RTTE)* Program. The RTTE will be offered on two (2) Saturday sessions; February 18th and February 25th, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both sessions will also be held at Union Star Lodge Hall.

This Course will provide you with the tools you need to be the Master of your Lodge. While it is traditionally taken by Senior or Junior Wardens, it is open to all Brothers who seek a deeper understanding on what it takes to run a Lodge. The *24-Inch Gauge* is the "go to" working tool for Lodge administration, programming and leadership development. Attending the Course also has the benefit of forming bonds with other like-minded Brothers. Past Sessions have proved to be stimulating and well received by those Brothers who do attend. This year will be no different.

In order for this Course to work for you, you will need a copy of the most recent edition of the *24-Inch Gauge*. You have the option of purchasing your own copy (available from Grand Lodge Sales (212) 337-6648. We do encourage, if at all possible, that your Lodge purchase a copy, if finances permit, or allow you to borrow the Lodge's copy of the *24-Inch Gauge*. You will also need access to your Lodge's copy of the *Handbook of Masonic Law*. The cost for this program is \$35 (defray costs of food and materials). Reservations can also be made with R.:W.: George Fohner or R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz. The courtesy of a paid RSVP is requested no later than January 28th.

Twain Award

For those Lodges which are competing for the 2011 Twain Award, please remember to have your materials in to the Masonic Service Association of North America, no later than December 1st.

We are fortunate to have available to us the resources offered by the Masonic Service Association of North America. One of those resources is the "Short Talk Bulletin" (STB). It is a pamphlet that is published monthly. These bulletins cover a wide variety of topics in areas such as Leadership, the three Degrees, Symbols & Symbolism and philosophy to name a few. Each Lodge receives a copy, but you can purchase your own subscriptions to this bulletin. The subscription fee is nominal (\$6/year).

In the October 2009 STB, Brother Allen Robert's discourse on what makes for the ideal Lodge was re-published. What is an ideal Lodge? Brother Roberts turned this question on its head by asking what an ideal Lodge isn't.

First, an ideal Lodge isn't interested in bigness. What good is having a large roster of members if a majority doesn't come to Lodge and participate? An ideal Lodge is interested in fellowship. Brother Roberts reminds the reader that the early Lodges in England would gather not to do Ritual, but to feast; to feast for fellowship and for Brotherhood. A Scottish Masonic leader is quoted by Brother Roberts as telling him that "the shorter the Degree, the longer the harmony." We, as Masons, are obligated to follow the standard work. Consistency in following Ritual is important. But that doesn't mean Degrees should become arduous tasks. I believe it is fair to

say that we have all seen Degrees, that when performed well, can have us back home at a reasonable hour.

The ideal Lodge will hold periodic study classes. In these classes, well-informed Brothers will share what they know with members seeking further light.

To be continued. . .

News from the Purple Club of the Monroe District

By R.:W.: Don Tubman, President

Over the Summer, we were notified that R.:W.: John Faro was given the responsibility for one of the Departments in Brazil as a Grand Representative for Grand Lodge. Please check the Inspiration Lodge article and photos and congratulate John for his long-deserved appointment.

2012 Grand Lodge Officers Selection Process ...

The selection process of the 2012 Grand Lodge Officers for the Monroe District is right around the corner.

- Are you ready to step forward and take the reins?
- Have you ever thought about wearing a Purple Apron?
- Are you ready to accept the challenge to lead the Monroe Masonic District?

Leadership is the key. Every family, business, organization, community, state, etc., will not survive without individuals with strong leadership capabilities. The Masonic Fraternity has that leadership base. It is called the Purple Club. This is a group of Brothers who were not asked to lead but sought out leadership roles. They had a vision of a clear direction for the Monroe District and enthusiasm for the Craft when they stepped forward.

If you believe you have the desire to

- Increase your Masonic knowledge
- Visit many new Lodges
- Meet many new Brothers with the same ideals and principles
- Increase the Masonic knowledge of all Brothers

Then:

- You should seriously consider filling out an application to become a Grand Lodge Officer.

District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM)

The District Deputy Grand Master is probably the most recognized position within any given Masonic District in New York State. He is the Brother who has been designated by the Grand Master to act on his behalf for his respective District. He has the responsibility to implement the Grand Master's Plan and coordinate the Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen within the District. He is obligated to visit each Lodge within his assigned District at least once each year in order to convey the Grand Master's Message and he can issue Dispensations to Lodges for various reasons on behalf of the Grand Master.

Grand Lodge Staff Officer (GLSO)

The Grand Lodge Staff Officer carries different responsibilities than the DDGM. He is also appointed by, and works directly for, the Grand Master. His primary responsibility within the District is Masonic Education, i.e. the Road to the East, the Masonic Develop-

ment Course and LSome. In the Monroe District, the Staff Officer works with the AGLs to coordinate their respective activities, thus eliminating conflicts in dates. The GLSO is also required to visit each Lodge within the District at least once each calendar year. These dates may or may not coincide with the DDGM visit. It is the hope that the District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Staff Officer(s) work closely together as a team to coordinate and administer all Grand Lodge Programs during their terms in office.

The Process


Just how does one go about becoming a Grand Lodge Officer?

The process for becoming a District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Lodge Staff Officer is the same. The only requirement is that a Brother must be a Past Master of a Lodge before being appointed, which happens on St. John's Day each year in Utica. The Appointee serves a two-year term, which coincides with the term of the Grand Master.

By the end of August, Grand Lodge, through the DDGM, will send each Master and Lodge Secretary several applications for these positions. If interested, a Brother can fill out an application and then submit it to the Purple Club for consideration. It is the duty of the Vice-President of the Purple Club to choose an interviewing committee that will review all applications as well as interview each applicant. After the interviews are concluded, this committee will address the Purple Club Members and, after discussion, a ballot of the potential candidates is taken. The Purple Club then recommends those individuals they believe will best fulfill these positions to Grand Lodge for the Grand Master's consideration.



If you are considering applying for one of these positions, I can assure that if you ask any Brother who is a "Purple," he will inform you he found his term in office to be busy, enjoyable and a learning experience - one that he will cherish for the rest of his life.

I can think of no other time in my Masonic Career that I enjoyed more than when I had the opportunity to represent you, the Brothers of the Monroe District during my term as Grand Lodge Staff Officer. I would encourage any Brother who meets the requirements to seriously consider this opportunity. □



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By R.:W.: Mike Nohle

It's time again to continue our work in the quarries of Masonry.

School of Ritual

Our next School of Ritual is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th, 7:30

p.m., and will be hosted by Unity Lodge in Spencerport. We hope to see many of you there.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

We are looking forward to the Grand Lecturer's Convention which is scheduled for Monday, October 17th, at Fairport-Flower City Lodge Hall.

As we start the Masonic Year, please keep the following thoughts in your minds - our Ritual is the language of Freemasonry. It is not ours to alter or rearrange in any way. It is important that while we pass the Ritual along to others, whether it by Cipher translation or by mouth-to-ear, we do so with complete accuracy. We believe the very best Ritual is delivered both precisely and passionately. When we have learned it word-for-word and then we work to inject emotion and inflection, we achieve the best possible quality of conferral.

As our Ritual teaches us, although we are flawed human beings, we (as Masons) are charged to aspire to achieve perfection and reach high in order to come as close to perfection as we possibly can. This lesson applies to how we live our lives and also applies to how we perform our Ritual.

Please remember to regularly re-visit your Cipher to be sure you have learned it correctly. Respect our Ritual. Nurture it. It truly is what makes our Fraternity so special and so enduring. □

Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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By R.:W.: Don Tubman

Trust all had a great Summer ... We performed a number of events and processed IDs on a number of youths last year. We did not reach our goal this year to perform 2000 IDs. We would like to make greater use of the ID equipment by having events supported by each Lodge.

Congratulations to all the new Officers of the Monroe Lodges, Concordant Bodies, and to the Grand Lodge Officers. Now that we have new Masters and Officers, is the time to plan your Masonic Safety Events for your Trestleboards, schedule the equipment and appoint your Lodge's new CHIPS Coordinators. We have only heard from a few Lodges, so if each incoming Master were to appoint a Chairperson at their



Lodge, we would have a Masonic force to set up and deliver a high-quality Child ID Program that could really serve the community.

Successful Summer Events

There has recently been a renewed interest in the Program. Over the Summer Oatka Lodge performed a program at the Chili Chilifest where 40 youths were processed.

Union Star Lodge, Honeoye Falls, did an ID event during their community festival and processed over 40 youths.

Members of Fairport-Flower City, Wakan-Hubbard and Unity Lodges assisted the Greece Police with several public safety events over the Summer and Neighborhood Watch Night Against Crime and administered over 100 youths.

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

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

We can be reached most easily by e-mail to schedule an event at:

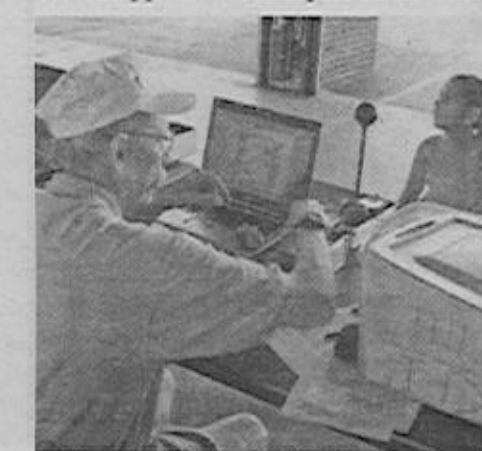
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CHIPS Training Coordinator Sean Brown, Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, can schedule an event for you as well.

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



Photos of members of the Safety Identification Committee at work at the Chil-E-Fest, held in conjunction with the Fourth of July Celebration in Chili, sponsored by the Chili Recreation Department.



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Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By W.: John S. Lemke

Masters & Wardens Resurrection

The last couple of years, Masters & Wardens Meetings have seemed of little value (no disrespect intended). The leadership of Lodges is important and crucial and determines its success. Each Lodge is free to be what it desires. These meetings can be of much more value.

The potential for Freemasonry now, for the Brethren and for our benefit to society is on the accent. Our crucial role to our country and society is ever more apparent. In our present troubled situation across America and the world, what Masonry offers is in growing demand. What men, good men, Masons, bring in leadership, fortitude and outlook will be recognized as valuable.

It is all about the individual Lodge and its leadership. Success is to be had for the Lodges that grab it. The Masters and Wardens meetings should be about sharing what works between Lodges and their leadership. Four meetings a year should be enough.

All Masters and Wardens are invited to Unity Lodge in Spencerport Wednesday, September 7th, at 6:30 p.m. for a dinner meeting and Elections.

(Editor's Note: R.: W.: George Nasra has appointed V.: W.: Hugh Woodside Advisor to the Masters and Wardens Association in an attempt to revive this struggling organization.)

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The Summer is now behind us and we are once again returning to our labors in the quarry. Since we last met, hot dogs, hamburgers and sausages were on the menu at The Festival on the Green. While cooking and serving the public, we managed to collect food and monies for the Honeoye Falls Food Closet; the Lodge matched the collections and we presented a check for \$250 and food items to a grateful staff.

The Monday after the Festival, we held our Annual Fellowcraft Steak Roast, catered by Fochner Catering.

Summer Birthdays

Over the Summer some of our Broth-



Union Star Lodge Chairman, W.: Scott May, presented a check for \$250, along with food collected at the Honeoye Falls Village on the Green Festival, to a volunteer of the Honeoye Falls Food Closet.

ers matured by another year. Belated birthday wishes to:

July

Frank A. Scopetti, Kenneth J. Tomaszewski, Robert F. Dillman, Francis W. Fitzgerald, Robert H. Aldrich, William R. Hartman III, William R. Hartman IV, Gary R. Sanford and Terrance L. Hatch.

August

Ronald J. Morthorst, Ted L. Diehl, Robert Sweeney, Thomas J. Dunn, John T. Harris and Harold E. Wagner.

Happy September Birthdays

Norm J. Johnstone, Raymond A. Sipple, Dan M. Faulkner, Gale L. Gridley, Franklyn J. Habitzreuther, Troy Shouse and Richard Bull.

Cell Phones

Distraction during Lodge meetings can be very disruptive for the entire Lodge; therefore, I am asking that all cell phones be turned off prior to entering the Lodge Room. If yours goes off, you will be asked to donate \$25 to the Charity Fund. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Events September

12th - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m. (Sports Shirt)

26th - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night (snacks)

29th - School of Ritual at Unity Lodge Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476

2nd & 4th Mondays
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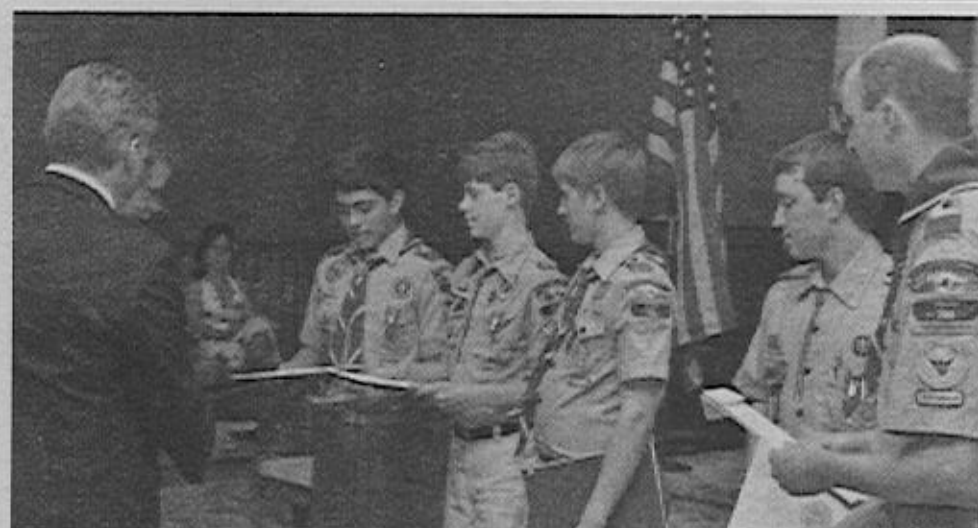


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You are being called from refreshment to labor. It is time to pick up your Working Tools and join your Brothers in the work of the Lodge. We have a young Line who will be demonstrating their work. They need the support of all.



(Left to right) Scott McKee (Committee Chair), W.: Thomas Goodrich, Ryan Ruhland, Ross Ruhland, Michael Cieply, Robert Rosato, Colin McIntyre, Dylan Keefe and James Castelli (Scoutmaster). Other names were not supplied.

Hopefully, the rains have stopped. We all need time to prepare for the next wet season by cleaning up the leaves and making sure everything is tight at home and around the Lodge.

Upcoming Events

We will start on September 12th with an Open Meeting to allow everyone to get ready for our Official Visit. The Dues Committee will be making their first report. The Junior Warden will introduce a new beer after the meeting. Of course, soda pop and coffee will be available.

September 19th - The Master is planning on a Brother Bring-a-Friend Dinner Meeting. This is a great opportunity to introduce Freemasonry to your friends. The program usually results in bringing in new candidates and the chance to share our goals and values.

September 26th - R.: W.: George Nasra, District Deputy Grand Master for Monroe District, will make his Official Visit. Please come and support this outstanding Mason and your Officers. If you need a ride, call Brother Dave Taber at 388-0629.

Summer Events

This Summer, we hosted 15 Eagle Scouts, their families, Scout leaders, government leaders and the public. These young men all live in the town of Perinton. We hope to honor future Eagle Scouts on an annual basis.

Our picnic in July was well attended and everyone went home satisfied.

Our Little League Team, the "Masons," and their leaders joined us for a festive occasion.

R.: W.: Bob Cameron is back in the area. He and Jean are getting out to functions. We were happy to have R.: W.: Dwight Turner and his son, Bruce, out to a meeting. W.: Carl Mosher's son says

his father is enjoying life in Florida at the age of 97. His cancer is in remission.

September Birthdays

The following Brothers will celebrate a birthday in September:

Burton Gordon (1st), Gerald Greenberg (5th), James Comstock and Lawrence Schulman (7th), Leon Sporn and Douglas Higgins (9th), Kel Kelsey and Bill Hockenberger (13th), Bob Koehler (16th), Brennan Coon (19th), Jerry Pulver (20th), Paul Isreal (21st), Arthur Bennet at 92 and Henry Shulman (27th) and David Denz (30th). We wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

I look forward to meeting with you around the Altar. If you cannot come, send us a note. The members would like to know how you are doing.

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Beginnings are always exciting with the promise of the future and what will come. The anticipation is a part of the excitement. Unity Lodge begins a new year and each Brother can imagine as he chooses. It will be good to be a Brother in Unity Lodge and those in the Lodge who participate know this. There are a few ways to participate. You can be an Officer, participate in Degrees, help with preparing some meals, help with the garden on Route 531 or just attend and enjoy the fellowship. What you will get out of Freemasonry at Unity will be what men have taken out of Freemasonry for centuries.

Back to Labor

On September 12th, we return to Labor with our Steak Dinner (\$16 per person). Please RSVP immediately to Brother Cliff Short at short4us@rochester.rr.com for reservations.

Lodge Historian, R.: W.: Jay McCullough will talk about Monroe Lodge and an overview on Freemasonry. Unity is a combination of several Lodges of different names, and Monroe Lodge of Brockport is one of them.

On September 26th, we will confer the 1st Degree. We, of course, need all the help we can get for that night. Junior Warden, Jeff Van Sice, will be in the East that evening.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

Bring-a-Friend Night will be October 10th. It's not too soon to be thinking of this nice opportunity to introduce a friend to Freemasonry and have a nice meal on us. The resurgence of interest in Freemasonry is clear. Our Lodge will grow. Helping a friend to find out how a man can grow and how it's good to have Brothers in troubled times, is doing him a favor.

I congratulate our eight new Brothers who were Initiated Entered Apprentices this past June. You can look forward to your 2nd Degree, passing to the Degree of Fellowcraft, the morning of Saturday, October 15th. I thank the Brethren who helped in June. I encourage those who can to help with two 2nd Degrees ... one on October 15th and then again on the October 24th for an additional group.

Summer Activities

The Pancake Breakfast went well; I thank all who helped. I think we made over twice as much as last year. Thanks to Brother Tim Hull who was able to fix the ceiling at the last minute, after several tiles fell on the floor.

I thank Brothers Jeff Van Sice, Curtis Taylor, Jim Robb, Vince French and Pat Schwartz for their work on Unity Garden on Route 531, Great job!

September Birthdays

I wish a very happy birthday to

Brothers Alfred Allen, Dan Bragg, Rob Buchanan, Harvey Butts, John Evans, George Gannon, Richard Johnston, Richard Kessler, Jim McAtee, Andrew McKay, James Mitchell, Richard Padgett, Jack Phillips, Jim Powell, Jeff Rojas, Edward Ruoff, Charles Thibault and Norman Weinreber.

Mark Your Calendar

Please mark Monday, November 28th on your calendar and tell Brothers in other Lodges, as well. That night we will be honoring our Brother R.: W.: Don Darrohn, recipient of the Livingston Medal. R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, James E. Sullivan, and members of his Team will be in attendance to help us celebrate. It should be a special and memorable night.

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Summer Events

Congratulations to more than 30 ERAC Scholarship Recipients.

Also, thanks to our new Junior Warden for a job well done in organizing our Annual Picnic. It was a hot Summer day in July, but I think everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. I know I enjoyed the cooling refreshment of the Lodge's donation to the children - squirt guns! Thank you to everyone who brought food as it was truly a delicious feast and to our Stewards for their cooking of the hamburgers and hot dogs.

The Summer has flown and we are looking ahead to a busy year for ERAC. I hope you are able to join us for our first meeting on September 12th, when I plan to set out our agenda for the year. The program is called "Pay the Craft Their Wages: How Much Corn, Wine and Oil is a Meeting Worth?"

The second meeting of September 26th will be our Annual Awards Ceremony. Please come and pay your respects to the Brothers for their years of dedicated service in the quarries.

Our first meeting in October will be ERAC's Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. Please invite your potential candidates to join us over the festive board as we raise toasts to the principles of the Masonic Compact.

And that's just the start ... I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Lodge.

Secretary's Corner ...

In his book, *The Nine Truths about Weight Loss*, Daniel Kirshenbaum said, "Vacations interfere with momentum!" The interesting thing, to me, in considering that statement, is its overall truth, not only to dieting, but to everything we do. How many times have you heard someone say, "Vacation was great. I

had to come back to work to rest up!"? Let's see if this momentum interference applies to work in the quarries of Masonry as well as work at your place of employment ... or even your general attitude regarding the recovering of the Masonic Initiative following those lazy, hazy days of Summer.

Our Lodge, like most Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, goes dark for the Summer. There are no meetings for most of us to attend every other Monday evening. Most of us would be hard pressed recalling the contents of the last several meetings of Spring save for one or two specific events that may have registered as having personal interest to us. For most of us, the business of Masonry has gone into a Summer hibernation.

I knew a man who worked in the tool and die industry. Every Summer, his business shut down for a month. There was no production going on, no products being shipped off the loading docks, no big business deals being discussed in the front offices; yet, if you were to drive by that plant on Lexington Avenue, you would notice the parking lot was full of cars. The lights were on and people were coming and going from the employee's doors. Inside it was a hustle and bustle of a business hard at work - not making product, but busy none-the-less. Tools were being sharpened. Machines were being cleaned, inspected, repaired and replaced. Inventory was counted and realigned for the Fall Season. The whole place was given a freshening up and ready to re-open in full swing.

In a way, I think, that's the way Masonry should be. We have a Summer break from our Lodge, not to get away from it, but more like a call from the Junior Warden to rest and refreshment. It's a time to rest from our labors, yes, but it is also a time to refresh ourselves in Masonry - to sharpen our skills, to check and work on our inventory and

to prepare ourselves for when the gavel rings in the East, re-calling us to the Quarries. When that gavel calls us back, we should return, well rested and, after a Summer well spent, eager to return to our Labors with a renewed sense of direction and purpose, a renewed sense of wonder and a renewed feeling of dedication to those time-honored Tenets upon which our Fraternity stands.

FAME

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Welcome back Fame Lodge Brothers. I hope you took pleasure in our sizzling Summer. I, for one, enjoyed the sunny days though my garden and lawn could use a bit of rain. September is now upon us and your Officers of Fame Lodge are eager to kick off the upcoming year.

September Events

Before our first meeting of September 13th, we will be serving dinner at the Shrine Center. The dinner will be prepared by your Officers of the Lodge. I promise you will not be disappointed.

Our second September 27th meeting will be our Awards Ceremony. Please feel free to invite family members and friends and help us recognize our Award Recipients. Refreshments will be served after the Ceremony.

Loss of a Brother

It is with great sadness I must announce the passing away of Brother Jack Bloom on August 2nd. He was a 50-year member of Fame Lodge. A Masonic service was held prior to his funeral. Our condolences and prayers go out to Jack's family.

Membership

One of our primary goals this year is recruitment of new Brothers. Our future existence depends on bringing in new Candidates. Please talk to your friends and family about Freemasonry and see if you can bring in a new Candidate this year. We will be holding a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night later this Fall. I will have more details in next month's article.

I can't wait to see everyone at our first meeting; let's make this year a great one.

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R.: W.: John Faro (center) listens as R.: W.: George Foechner, District Deputy Grand Master, reads the Commission appointing Brother John as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais, Brazil, near the Grand Lodge of New York. Witnessing the presentation are R.: W.: Donald Tubman (left), President of the Purple Club of Monroe District, and W.: Richard T. Smith, Master of the Lodge.



R.: W.: John Faro speaks to his Lodge Brothers following the announcement of his appointment. R.: W.: Donald Tubman listens to his remarks.

Well the Summer is about over and I hope you all had a good and healthy vacation. But it's time to get back to work - we have a lot of things to do.

Our first meeting is September 13th at 7:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. You will receive an email or phone call with the menu. I hope to see you all there.

We will be doing Degree work, as I know we have a few Petitions. If our Ritual Director, W.: Nelson Bertch, calls on you to help with some of the work and you're able and willing to assist, please volunteer. We would like to leave a lasting impression on our new Brothers. Brother Bertch has been asked to establish a team to confer Degrees and you are needed to help create the inaugural unit, which we hope will become among the best in the District!

Just a reminder ... Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the Damascus Shrine Center.

"Extra" Wild Shirt Night!

The celebration of our Wild Shirt Night the end of June received an extra surprise. R.: W.: George Nasra, DDGM, and R.: W.: Donald Tubman, President of the Purple Club of Monroe County, were in attendance for a special presentation. W.: Richard Smith instructed the Marshal, Royden Guess, to conduct the Senior Warden to the East. The District Deputy then read the Commission from Most Worshipful Vincent Libone appointing Right Worshipful John Faro the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais, Bra-

zil, near the Grand Lodge of New York. This was a long overdue honor. Brother John has been active in Masonry for many years, including Degree work with Scottish Rite Bodies and the Damascus Shrine Degree Team. Congratulations, Right Worshipful Faro!

Clambake/Picnic

On a simply gorgeous August day, the first Annual Clambake and Picnic was held at the home of Brother Frank and Kay Sackett in Bloomfield with about 50 Brothers, spouses, significant others, potential candidates and friends in attendance. Norris Shapiro (better known as "The Boss") handled the grill, while Frank did the steaming of the clams. If you didn't get enough to eat, you didn't try. Worshipful Mike Hueston, assisted by Laurie (who collected the money, as well as making the dish to pass), along with the Sacketts, were co-ordinators of the event. Several other Brothers were involved, particularly Worshipful Gary Burke who provided the melted-butter cups, in which to soak the clams.

Mark Your Calendar

- September 13th - Regular Meeting
- September 27th - Official Visit

From Your Secretary

I hope everyone had a great Summer and is ready to get back to the quarries.

Our New Lodge

Here is some information about your new Lodge. As of August 4th, we have 212 members. In the almost four months since our consolidation, we have had three Brothers pass away - John Smith (June 14th), Charles Skopinsky (July 9th) and Malcolm Nulton (August 3rd) plus four others since January 1st.

Outstanding Dues

Here are some facts. There are 25 Brothers who have not paid their 2011 Dues. We have 11 Brothers who have their 2010 and 2011 Dues outstanding. Those Brothers who owe for two years will be subject to be dropped from membership on December 31st of this year if not paid. My Brothers, please check your Dues Card and get current. By the time you read this, you will have received your bill for Dues owed.

In the June issue of this publication, I asked to get your current email address if you are not receiving my emails. As of this writing, I have not received any replies. Why do I want this information? Because I can relate to you any current

announcements, changes in the Trestle-board or meetings without you having to wait a month or more to read it here. Please send your current email address to: hspence1@rochester.rr.com.

Brother Brian Bell has put us on the Web! This will be another way to communicate with our Brothers. While we believe the email messages will get information out the fastest, we will continue to use the Telephone Committee as well (for those of you locally without access to a computer). Meanwhile, for general information, checkout our new website at: www.Inspiration109.org.

Birthdays

We have sixteen Brothers to acknowledge this month. Happy birthday to Solomon Shinder (1st); William Kaufman (2nd); Robert Waldeck (3rd); Allen Luccitti (4th); Irving Black (7th); Grant Romer and Robert Shartran (10th); Joseph Steffen (14th); William Stark, Jr. and Frank Sackett (16th); John Shannon (18th); Rob Steinorth (19th); Brian Bell (21st); Edward Schmitt (23rd); Donald Conner (26th) and Ronald Yancone (30th). If you have a minute, send your best wishes by dropping them a card or giving them a call. □

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paint to make it stand out a little better. A big thank you to the Brothers who each helped in their own way. Again, THANK YOU ALL.

It is hoped that you enjoyed the Lodge Picnic at Mendon Ponds. There were four of our surviving spouses in attendance.

On September 10th, we will do the highway cleanup project. Meet at Dunkin' Donuts in Penfield for fortification around 9 a.m.; start cleanup at 10 a.m. For regrets, email tc45410@aol.com.

Mark Your Calendar

- September 12th - Official Visit; Dinner preceding the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Entrée of Pork Loin and Baked Potato; the rest is Joy Woodley's choice. Reservations to Worshipful Angelo DiCataldo (738-9709) or Email adicataldo@frontiernet.net. Cost is \$15. All reservations or special requests must be in before September 7th.
- September 29th - School of Ritual at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport at 7:30 p.m. All Officers and Brethren should try to attend.
- October 3rd and 6th - Rehearsals for the 1st Degree, 7 p.m. at the Lodge Hall.

Remember Our Brothers

A word, card or thought for those Brethren who are not able to join us could make their day. □



On August 8th, W.: Angelo DiCataldo, W.: John Rees, Brother Andy McKay (Clio Lodge) and W.: Fraser Ritchie went to the home of Brother Syd Curran to present him with his DSA Apron. This award is given to a Brother who has gone beyond the regular duties of a Mason. Brother Syd, a Mason for 61 years, never got in Line for an Office, but is always ready to help with the Ritual, welcome all new Candidates to our Lodge and is among the few who visit our Brothers who are ill or shut-in. He is a fine example of how a Mason should act, thinking of others before himself. A job well done.

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

September 2011

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**Dinner Reservations Required**

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**Monday — Friday**

**9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.**

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**RICH FRIEDMAN  
POTENTATE**

*By Rich Friedman, Potentate*

We are into September and it will be a busy Shrine Mason month with some very cool things going on!

**Imperial Potentate Visit and Years-of-Service Awards Night**

**Note Date Change** - We are extremely honored that Imperial Sir Michael Severe will be visiting us on September 6th. This is a TUESDAY (not Wednesday); the day after Labor Day. We did this to accommodate our Imperial Potentate's schedule.

The Imperial Potentate will assist us at our first presentation of Years of Service Awards to our Nobles. Most Lodges do this on a regular basis. Now it is time for Damascus Shrine Masons to honor those Brothers who have stepped up to help children in need through their support of Shriners Hospitals for Children. We will have a great dinner preceding the event and all Awardees will be the guest of the Temple. Please do not wait until the last minute to reserve your seat. This will be a big event and we will only be able to serve dinner to 200.

Nobles, our first meeting marks the kickoff to the Fall Membership Drive. Any Brothers who you believe would make great Shrine Masons need to be brought along to all of our events! We have Passports at the ready. Just identify those Brothers to me and they will be put on our Passport Program entitling them to attend our events at no cost.

We will not let apathy set in, Brothers. We will be driving hard right to the finish line. We must get our magic hundred!

Think about it. If just our new class of Nobles brings in one member each, our Temple will have a huge infusion of talent to carry forward into Chief Rabban Gary Burke's year.

**The Challenge**

My challenge to all of our New Nobles and indeed to ALL of the Nobility is ... BRING IN ONE MEMBER. My

Brothers, this is not hard. You just need to believe in the cause and ASK a good Brother to join you in the Shrine. It is that simple. I have said it all year. The more Shrine Masons we have the more we can help kids and keep our Hospitals the beacons of hope that they truly are. DON'T HESITATE OR WAIT. All of you will receive a pocket petition in the mail. Get it signed and get it in. Our Petition is also available on our website under the "Ready to Join?" link. Download it and get to work.

**Potentate's Ball  
September 17th**

First Lady, Joanne, and I invite all Damascus Shriners to attend our Potentate's Ball on Saturday, September 17th. Even though this event is billed as the "Potentate's Ball," I view this more as an event to honor YOU and Damascus as a whole. Nothing that we have done in the first half of this year could have been done without YOU. YOU are the engine that runs the machine.

Joanne and I would consider it a great honor if you would attend. There will be a variety of events going on during the weekend. There\* is a Golf Tournament on Friday at the Geneva Country Club. The Wheelers are having a ride around the lake on Saturday morning. See additional information on the website at: [www.damascusshrinemasons.org](http://www.damascusshrinemasons.org)

As we move forward, let us keep our MISSION in mind. We are all pulling on the same end of the rope because we are about helping kids who need our help.

Our enemy is apathy, lack of passion and passing the buck to the other guy. We cannot let this happen. We will not let this happen. There are too many kids who depend on us.



## A Message from the Imperial Potentate ...

*By Michael G. Severe, Imperial Potentate*

I was honored to be elected as your 123rd Imperial Potentate during the Imperial Session in my home city of Denver, and to welcome thousands of Nobles, Ladies and friends from around the world in the name of El Jebel Shriners. The moment fulfilled a life-long aspiration of mine and now I begin, together with each of you, a new journey as the leader of Shriners International.

I thank everyone who journeyed across the continent and overseas to take part in both the celebrations and the important work of the Imperial Session. I also express my appreciation to Greg Rindone, Director General of the Session, the El Jebel Shriners and the Staff at Shriners International Headquarters for their countless hours of hard work and effort, which made the 2011 Imperial Session so successful.

Each of the 325,000 Shriners proba-



**Imperial Sir Michael G. Severe**  
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Imperial Year, Severe served on the Imperial Strategic Planning and Imperial Fleming-Florence Committees. He has also served as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee.

Severe is a management consultant in the manufacturing sector. He was a Manager of IS at Auto-trol Technology Corporation, Division Manager for Adolph Coors Company, CTO for EG&G/Kaiser-Hill and Corporate Management Consultant for Titanium Metals Corporation. Severe received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in management information science from the University of Northern Colorado.

Severe's wife, Patty, is employed by St. Joseph Hospital. He has two children, Joe, who works as a Logger in Idaho, and Lauren who is attending the University of Northern Colorado as an English Major; Patty has two grown children, Aaron and Amanda; and two grandchildren, Sydney and Derek.

bly has his own individual and personal reasons for becoming a member of our Fraternity. On examining these reasons, we will probably find, to our surprise, that we have many more good reasons for belonging to the Shriners organization today than we could have named 5, 10 or even 30 years ago.

It is not merely that the organization has improved, but we have a greater capacity to enjoy and appreciate the ideals and efforts of the Fraternity. Life and experience have opened our eyes to many things we previously did not realize.

We may have joined Shriners International because of opportunities for pleasure and fellowship. Then we found ourselves taking part in activities with serious aims and discovered a greater pleasure — the joy of serving others.

For example, we found the richly rewarding experience of taking part in what has been called the "World's

Greatest Philanthropy" — Shriners Hospitals for Children®. I cannot express enough admiration for our unique health care system. Through Shriners Hospitals for Children®, we have helped nearly one million children defy seemingly insurmountable difficulties and discover they can do more than they ever believed possible. Shriners Hospitals for Children® is respected worldwide as a leader in pediatric specialty care, innovative research and education programs for medical professionals.

Speaking for myself, I am a Shriner because I believe in the ideals upon which the organization was founded. I believe being a member of Shriners International provides an unexcelled means for an individual to express those ideals in a tangible, productive and satisfying way.

Shriners represent so many faiths and creeds, but we all acknowledge faith in a Supreme Being. We believe in the Brotherhood of man and in the dignity of the individual. We believe it is the function of government to preserve the rights and freedoms of the individual. Being a Shriner has given me a keener appreciation of what it means to be an American. Here, I have found myself surrounded by men who not only appreciate the joy of living, but are also men of hope and optimism. They are men who are loyal to the principles of Masonry, Shriners and Brotherhood.

As we begin this new Imperial Year, which is also our 140th Fraternal Anniversary, I ask that every Noble embrace my theme and "Remember Why You Became a Shriner!"

We all need to recognize this great Fraternity was created to bring fun and camaraderie into Masonry; along the way we created an amazing philanthropy, which allows us to improve the lives of children and make the world a better place. I strongly believe that if every single Noble commits himself to remembering his own "history," honoring and preserving our collective history and strengthening brotherhood, our amazing organization will only grow stronger.

Patty and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you as we attend Shrine events throughout the Country.

"Remember Why You Became a Shriner!"

## Attention Senior and Junior Wardens!

If you are looking for a stirring program for this year or next, please consider inviting your Brother Shrine Masons to give a program on the World's Greatest Philanthropy - Shriners and the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

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



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**WAYNE COUNTY  
SHRINE CLUB**

By Frank Russell, Vice-President

The Wayne County Shrine Club met on July 21st at Burnham's Canalside Restaurant, Newark, and was treated to an interesting and unique program. Bing Reaves, Sr. and Charlie Price, both Prince Hall Masons, presented a program on the role in our Country's heritage played by the Buffalo Soldiers.

The Buffalo Soldiers, as they became known, had their origin as a regiment of "colored" cavalry established by Congress in 1866, ultimately becoming two cavalry regiments and two infantry regiments, and continued until the integration of the armed services by President Harry Truman. These troopers were instrumental in protecting stage and mail routes, building and maintaining forts, and establishing law and order as our pioneers moved Westward.

They fought in the Spanish American War, World Wars I and II, and 20 of their troopers were the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. They received their nickname "Buffalo Soldiers" by the Cheyenne and Comanche Indians. Of particular note was the ability of their horses to recognize the battle signals of each bugle call.

The program included a display of some weaponry, artifacts and the uniforms as worn by the presenters. It was an enlightening and educational program about a bit of our history probably unknown to most of us.

The meeting was short to accommodate the length of the program. Lee Collier represented the Divan. The next meeting will be on October 20th; the location to be determined.

**AUBURN  
SHRINE CLUB**

By Dave Bowman

This was a Summer to remember. I didn't have to mow my lawn, the pool was always the right temperature and I rarely felt the need to look at the weather forecast. So when I received the message that it was time to report on our Club, it was a shock that the Summer was over.

The big event this Summer was the Steak Roast, hosted by Ken Pollard. Another record crowd was there and I heard no complaints. It is always a highlight.

**Upcoming Events**

September 19th - There will be a get-together at the Auburn Lodge Hall. This will be a presentation on our own Hospital by those directly involved. We are using Auburn Lodge Hall as we expect a big turnout and want to have room for all. Remember to make your reservation so we have a place especially reserved for you and a guest.

Tentative plans for the Fall include October at Seward House, November at Old Erie and December for Geneva's Christmas Party at Club 86.

So watch your mail, either postal or internet, and join the fun.

**INTERNET SEARCHING ...**

For Internet searches, download GoodSearch - Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie toolbar at: [www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/shriners-hospitals-for-children-erie](http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/shriners-hospitals-for-children-erie)

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

**Shriner Anniversaries**

- 65 Years**  
Donald B. Colvin
- 60 Years**  
Chapin Blake  
Wallace J. Wagner
- 55 Years**  
Maurice Bittman  
Donald F. Braun  
Gordon L. Kotzin  
Raymond R. Smith  
Frederick A. Stahl
- 50 Years**  
Culver K. Barr  
A. Roger Clarke  
Paul D. Humphrey  
C. Lee Johnson  
Raymond R. Martin  
Robert F. Merithew  
Richard A. Miles  
Joseph Minas  
Philip Neivert  
Theodore H. Peck  
Alan S. Weinberg
- 45 Years**  
Robert E. Coleman  
Walter L. Gay  
Richard A. Gilmore  
Arthur L. Hill  
Charles H. Holliday  
Seymour G. Kopen  
Albert C. Mallaber  
George Metroka  
Joseph D. Nye  
David G. Retchless  
Gerald L. Rohrer  
William J. Scheer

- Howard A. Stanley  
Mark M. Wishman
- 40 Years**  
John S. Archibald  
David Benda  
John G. Frazier  
Edgar J. Hollwedel  
Arthur Maupin  
Thomas M. Paglia  
Rodney R. Rittenhouse  
Lawrence Schulman  
Raymond A. Sipple  
Richard Snyder  
Ronald D. Sterling  
Harold C. Stewart  
John C. Wihlen  
Richard H. Zonneville  
George C. Zutes
- 35 Years**  
David P. Crawford  
Richard A. Henderson  
John B. Henderson  
Joseph W. Jung  
Frederick W. Ludwig  
Oscar H. Reber  
Willard Schwarting  
Lee W. Shanks  
Lindy Vankouwenberg
- 30 Years**  
Robert L. Breen  
Luigi G. Campaniello  
Robert Ferguson  
Homer E. Fritz  
Robert C. Green

- Dean L. Locke  
William H. Rindfleisch  
Robert J. Scott  
Paul A. Vick  
Stephen R. Whittaker
- 25 Years**  
Harold W. Davis  
Daniel R. Emerson  
Leonard E. Fulmer  
Earl F. Gorton  
Gerald K. Harrell  
Joseph R. Lorah  
F. Murray Russell  
Dayne A. Tharrett
- 20 Years**  
Joseph E. Bourcy  
Stuart Brickman  
Roy T. Bruno  
Eric D. Bryant  
Roger L. Cox  
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Philip A. Cox  
Robert L. Curtis  
Paul F. Denk  
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Thomas J. Dunn  
William N. Fredenburg  
Charles O. Hancock  
Glenn A. Hedges  
Howard R. Kyper  
Roger J. Lynch  
Richard H. MacGill  
Douglas P. Mason

- James H. Pray  
Richard O. Reber  
George Simon  
Raymond H. Ziemann
- 15 Years**  
Kenneth E. Buckland  
Anthony L. Felice  
Russell E. Gillett  
Richard F. Griswold  
Donald F. Heath  
Douglas P. Hunt  
Michael A. Schum  
James A. Slocum  
Charles E. Strickland  
Philip A. Trautman  
Lloyd J. Vandeviver
- 10 Years**  
Peter G. Bowers  
Bruce K. Christopher  
Randy A. Darling  
Edward G. Denton  
Richard J. Hodges  
Michael P. Hueston  
Ralph Jurgens  
Leroy H. Lester  
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Pedro M. Ugalde  
Peter C. Van Vlack  
Rene R. Vandevivre  
Thomas H. Vasile  
Wayne W. Wagner  
W. Burton Ward

- 5 Years**  
Ronald Edward Baylor  
Clarence Edward Bogardus  
Jed Kinde Brandow  
Albert A. Broccolo  
Kenneth Buckley  
Geoffrey Scott Buell  
John Bruno Cambareri  
William L. Colin  
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Program - To Be Announced  
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**Larry Canfield**

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In 2003, he was the recipient of the Valley's John D. Mullen Dedicated Service Award (DSA) and in 2006 was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) from the New York State Council of Deliberation.

Ill. Larry Canfield, Past Potentate of Damascus Shriners, recorded a very successful year in 2008. He and Lady Ellie labored long and hard under the umbrella of our Gentle Craft. He was active as a member of the Past Masters Degree Team, the Shrine Pipe Band and, most recently, the Wheelers Unit.

His dedication to all organizations in which he was involved was complete and he was always available to help anyone in need and share his talents. Brother Larry was a talented carpenter and his fine work will forever stand in the bookcases and display cases he built in the Shrine living room and hall.

Larry is survived by his wife, Ellie, 8 children, 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. As a page in our book of memories is gently turned today, we say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter now into the joy of the Lord."



# CHIEF RABBAN

By Gary Burke

## Help us Help You

Your help is always needed to maintain our database of contact information. PLEASE make sure that whenever you have a change in ANY of your information (address, phone number, email address), that you notify the Recorder's Office immediately. That is the only reliable way we can stay in touch with you. If we don't have the most up-to-date information for you, we can't keep you informed.

### From the Recorder

The following new Nobles have name badges ready to be picked up from the Recorder's Office:

- Joshua Gilhuly
- Bradley Lewis
- Stephen Michener
- Randal Simonetti
- Robert Songin

## 2011 Dues ... Are You Current?

Speaking of keeping up-to-date, do you have a current Dues Card for 2011? If not, please take a moment to send in your 2011 Dues to the Recorder.

As I close, I'd like to extend a personal invitation to you and your Lady to attend the Damascus Potentate's Reception on Saturday, September 17th, at the Ramada Geneva Lakefront. Details can be found on our website and elsewhere in this issue.

Let's keep the momentum going that we have built thus far in the year right into the Fall. We will achieve our goal of 100 new Nobles in 2011, with your help. The next few months have some really exciting events planned that I'm sure you'll enjoy.

Let's Do It!

## VENDORS WANTED ...

# "Fall Festival"

## Arts & Crafts Sale

### Saturday, November 5th

### 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Sponsored by Zama Temple, Daughters of the Nile*

*At Brighton United Church of Christ*  
 1095 E. Henrietta Rd (Across from MCC)

**Cost of space - \$25**

Contact Ellie Canfield - Ph: (315) 524-8729

## Damascus Shrine

# Potentate's Ball

Honoring

### All Sir Richard C. Friedman

and First Lady Joanne

on

## Saturday, September 17, 2011

at

### Ramada Geneva Lakefront

41 Lakefront Drive, Geneva

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| <p><b>Details ...</b></p> <p><b>Dinner Entree Choices</b><br/> <i>(tax &amp; gratuity included)</i><br/> <b>\$40 per person</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roast Prime Rib of Beef</li> <li>• Shrimp Scampi Florentine over Rice</li> </ul> <p><b>\$35 per person</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken French</li> <li>• Eggplant Napoleon</li> </ul> <p><i>All entrees include a House Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Soft Drink Service and Dessert.</i></p> <p><b>Sunday Morning Breakfast</b><br/> <b>\$17 per person</b><br/> <i>(tax &amp; gratuity included)</i><br/>                 American Breakfast Buffet and Omelet Station</p> | <p><b>Hospitality Room ...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open for those attending on September 17th from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.</li> <li>• Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres with Cash bar at 5:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Evening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Banquet is at 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>• The cash bar will re-open at 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>• Music by "The Bush Hogs" for your dancing and listening pleasure</li> <li>• Banquet dress will be formal. Tuxedos or business suits and Fez for the gentlemen; cocktail dresses for the Ladies.</li> </ul> <p><b>RSVP by September 1st</b><br/>                 Reservations and full payment by September 1st to Gary Burke.</p> |
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## Join the Damascus Special Weekend!

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| <p><b>Friday, September 16th</b></p> <p>This will be a fun weekend beginning on Friday, September 16th with a Golf Tournament at the Geneva Country Club.<br/> <i>(See Above Ad for Details)</i></p> <p><b>Saturday, September 17th</b></p> <p>The Wheelers will have a ride around Seneca Lake on Saturday morning.</p> <p>In the evening, plan to attend the Potentate's Ball at the Ramada Geneva Lakefront Hotel, 41 Lakefront Drive (Routes</p> | <p>5 and 20) Geneva. Room rate is \$140 per night. Call the hotel at (315) 789-0400 or (800) 990-0907.</p> <p>There is limited room space so please call today! If the hotel doesn't have a room, please give them your name and reservation and you will be contacted as rooms open up.</p> <p>Please join us for a ton of fun!!!</p> |
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### Damascus News Boosters

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| Fritz Friedrich         | Norris & Annette Shapiro | Terry & Jo-Carroll Wihlen |
|                         | Ron & Mary Sterling      |                           |

## September Birthdays

|                       |                        |                     |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Dennis Andrews        | C. Lee Johnson         | Richard Ponticello  |
| James Bailey          | Norman Johnstone       | James Powell        |
| Alan Bartholomew      | Gordon Klehamer        | William Rindfleisch |
| Daryl Bentley         | Howard Kravetz         | Charles Roberts     |
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| Donald Cambisi        | S. Charles Lewis       | James Ryan          |
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| Christopher Guenther  | Frank Panczyszyn       |                     |
| John Henderson        | William Patterson, Jr. |                     |
| William Hockenberger  | James Pearson          |                     |
| Charles Holliday, Jr. | Lawrence Peters        |                     |
| Donald Jenks, Jr.     | Terry Pickett          |                     |

## Damascus Duffers Golf Tournament

To Benefit ... **Shriners Hospitals for Children®**

**SAVE THE DATE ...**

# September 16th

**Are you a Golfer? If so, great! If not, that's ok, too. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship at the Geneva Country Club; Route 14 South, Geneva**

**All for \$125 per Golfer Dinner only - \$75**

Raffles and Prizes Be a Hole Sponsor

For information, contact Bob Anderson at (585) 377-5560 or email: randers1@rochester.rr.com



# DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2011 SEPTEMBER

2nd & 9th  
Cruz Nights at Shrine Center

- 6th Imperial Potentate Visit and Years-of-Service Awards Night
- 14th Legion of Honor
- 15th Wayne County Shrine Club
- 16th Damascus Duffers Golf Tournament, Geneva Country Club
- 17th Potentate's Ball, Ramada Geneva Lakefront Hotel
- 19th Auburn Shrine Club
- 26th Geneva Shrine Club
- 27th Wheelers Unit Meeting
- 28th Directors Staff Meeting

## OCTOBER

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

### Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles

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## FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

The Holiday Season is right around the corner!!  
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### Order Form for Damascus Shriners Cookbook

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Listening to the passionate message from Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel, Sr., Trustee, Shriners Hospitals for Children® are (l-r) Maggie Brooks, Monroe County Executive; Rich Friedman, Potentate; and Charles Roberts, Chaplain.

## Robert L. Anderson Award Night Honors Maggie Brooks, Monroe County Executive

Special Guest Speaker Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel, Sr., Trustee; Shriners Hospitals for Children®



Robert L. Anderson II enlightened everyone to the purpose of the Robert L. Anderson Community Service Award that will be presented annually in memory of his father. (l-r) Alice Anderson, Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel, Sr., Fred Stahl, Robert Anderson II, Maggie Brooks and Rich Friedman.

In May, the First Annual Robert L. Anderson Community Service Award was conferred on County Executive Maggie Brooks in a touching and heartfelt ceremony.

In her remarks she told us how honored she was to receive this Award. It turns out that she knew Robert L. Anderson and held him in very high re-

gard. She also told us that her Grandfather was a Mason. Ms. Brooks still has his Regalia. Ms. Brooks thanked us from the heart for all the things we do to help kids. She remarked that the world needed more Shrine Masons and organizations willing to step up to help those who cannot help themselves. The only mistake she made was telling us that her



Maggie Brooks, Monroe County Executive (left) graciously accepted the First Annual Robert L. Anderson Community Service Award.

husband and she sit on their deck and listen to the music from Cruz Night. Something tells me a few fish fries "to go" might just get delivered to them.

It was a truly proud moment to hear such praise heaped on our great Fraternity and Philanthropy.

### Special Speaker

Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel is a special Shrine Mason. He was the originator of the term "Joe Shriner," which has become one of the greatest honors Damascus can

bestow upon a Shrine Mason. It is great to see such a dynamic and enthusiastic leader so involved in the evolution of what Shriners Hospitals will be in the future.

He reminded all of us that in 2011 we will treat our one millionth child. That is not a typo. One million kids, without any financial obligation to their families. If that does not give you chills, check your pacemaker! We are grateful to Imperial Sir Raoul for taking his time to share a great message with us.



## What's New in Erie...

### Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie Approved to Become an Ambulatory Facility

The transitioning of Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie from a full-service hospital to an ambulatory facility has been officially approved by the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

This transition, which has been in the planning stages for the past two years, means the Erie facility will provide ambulatory pediatric medical services, including ambulatory surgery, outpatient rehabilitation (physical and occupational therapy) and outpatient medical care through its Outpatient Clinic.

Inpatient surgeries (those requiring at least an overnight hospital admission) have recently been transitioned to partnering hospitals. Shriners' patients who require inpatient surgeries will continue to receive those surgeries from Shriners' physicians, but the surgery is performed at one of these partner hospitals - Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Philadelphia, UPMC Hamot or Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC.

The child's pre-surgical and follow-up care will continue to be provided at the Erie facility. The Erie Shriners facility will be maintaining all of its other clinical services such as radiology, movement analysis, care coordination, etc. Shriners will continue their mission of providing pediatric orthopedic medical care regardless of the patients/families ability to pay. As part of this transition, portions of the second floor of the Erie facility, currently housing the inpatient unit, will be renovated and it is anticipated it will be leased to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC to house pediatric subspecialty clinics staffed by physicians from Children's Hospital.

"These clinics will allow area families to receive expert subspecialty medical care for their children right here in Erie instead of having to travel to Pittsburgh, Buffalo or Cleveland," said Charles R. Walczak, Erie Shriners Hospital Ad-

ministrators. "They will complement, not compete, with pediatric care already available in Erie," he added. Some of the possible subspecialties that could be available in Erie include pediatric pulmonology, gastroenterology, neurology, rheumatology and endocrinology.

Though housed at the Erie Shriners Facility, these new subspecialty clinics will be coordinated by Allied Pediatric Health (APH). APH was created in 2010 to address community pediatric health care challenges through an innovative approach that combined the expertise of local health care entities. "With the Shriners continuing to provide expert pediatric orthopedic care, and Children's Hospital establishing other pediatric subspecialty clinics on our second floor, the Erie Shriners facility will become a regional centerpiece for medical care for children," Walczak emphasized. Since appropriate regulatory procedures need to be completed, the full transition of the Erie Shriners Hospital to an ambulatory facility will be carried out over the next 6-18 months.

#### Annual Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual Shriners Hospitals Golf Outing, held in Erie on June 27th, was very successful. A total of 96 golfers participated in the golf outing which was held at the Lake Shore Country Club under ideal weather conditions. This year's event raised \$7,254 for pediatric medical services at the Erie Shriners Hospital. A great deal of time and effort went into planning the golf outing. The Planning Committee was comprised of hospital staff and community volunteers. In addition, many volunteers from the hospital helped out the day of the event. Plans are already underway for the 2012 Shriners Hospital Golf Outing, which tentatively has been scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2012. For additional information, contact Bob Howden (814) 875-8782.

### New Donation Guidelines Implemented at Hospital

A team of employees at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, has written new guidelines for non-monetary donations to the Hospital, covering such items as toys, clothing, food, toiletries and Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy equipment.

While the Hospital deeply appreciates all donations, it must be particular in what is accepted, taking into consideration patient safety, infection control, limited storage and the high cost of disposing of donated items that cannot be used at the hospital. For example ...

- Used toys, used books and used clothing present potential hazards and will not be accepted, even if they have been professionally cleaned.
- Used PT/OT equipment must meet specific criteria established by these departments.
- Toiletries of any kind are no longer needed and will not be accepted.
- Food must come from licensed commercial processing facilities and must be packaged.
- Sewing items such as quilts, hats, mittens, etc., are considered new and the hospital will continue to gratefully accept such items.

The new guidelines have been carefully developed with patient safety in mind. If you have any questions about non-monetary donations, please feel free to call the Hospital before delivering those donations.

#### Bids for Kids Event

#### Will Benefit Shriners in 2012

GE Transportation has again selected Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, to be one of the local children's charities to benefit from the 2012 Bids for Kids Event, scheduled for Saturday, February 25th.

The 2011 Event raised \$125,000, of which Shriners Hospital received \$41,260.90. Shriners Hospital, along with the Boys & Girls Club of Erie and the Make-a-Wish Foundation will split the proceeds again in 2012.

The Bids for Kids Event includes a Cocktail Reception, Dinner and a variety of auction activities. The event is open to anyone who would like to attend. Watch for more information and ticket details in the months to come.

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

### 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

## Springfield News

### Housing Help for Patients' Families Community Partnership Spans 20 Years

For over 20 years, the Shriners Hospital for Children® and the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, MA, have forged a strong community partnership. Shriners Hospital for Children® treats many children from all over New England, Upstate New York and abroad. While undergoing treatment at the hospital, these children and their families are often in Springfield for a prolonged period of time and require affordable housing in a safe and supportive environment.

The Ronald McDonald House provides such a place and is only a short walk from the hospital. With limited housing options, Shriners Hospital is fortunate to be able to rely on the Ronald McDonald House to accommodate multiple families while their children are receiving care at the hospital. On a typical day, the 22 bedroom house is 80 percent occupied by Shriners Hospital patients and families.

Since the opening of the Ronald McDonald House, Shriners Hospital Staff has consistently served on its Board of Directors. This year, Joan Schulz, Rehabilitation Manager, is the Co-President of the Board of Directors. Also serving on the board is Mark Niederpruem, Hospital Administrator, who serves on the Strategic Planning and Fund Development Committees.

The Annual Leon M. Kruger, M.D.



The Ronald McDonald House in Springfield.



(l-r) Dr. Philip Mack, Staff Surgeon - SHC Springfield; Dr. David Drvaric, Chief-of-Staff - SHC Springfield; Guest Speaker, Dr. Michael D. Aiona, Chief-of-Staff - SHC Portland; and Dr. Peter Masso, Assistant Chief-of-Staff - SHC Springfield.

Guest Lectureship was established in honor of Leon M. Kruger, M.D., who served Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield for 55 years as a Resident, a Staff Member, Assistant Chief-of-Staff, Chief-of-Staff and Emeritus Chief-of-Staff. This year's guest speaker was Michael D. Aiona, M.D., Chief-of-Staff and Director of Motion Analysis Lab and Clinical Research for Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Portland, Oregon.

### The Value of Outreach Clinics

*Outreach - The act of extending services, benefits, etc., to a wider section of the population.*

For over three decades, the physicians and staff at Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield, MA, have conducted offsite outreach clinics to bring specialty orthopaedic care to children.

These hospital-sponsored outreach clinics are staffed by a team of doctors, nurses, therapists, orthotists, prosthetists, support staff and members of the Shrine Fraternity.

The team works together to provide follow-up care to existing patients and examine prospective patients for future care. Existing patients are monitored for how their orthopaedic condition may or may not be progressing along with their normal growth and development. Patients who were recently operated on at the Hospital and have returned home are also seen. Over 2,000 children are seen in outreach clinics each year.

Some of these clinics are held within 90 miles of the Hospital while others are held halfway around the world. The facilities in these locations can mirror our

own Hospital or be a make-shift exam room in an office building, with or without electricity. Seeing children and families in their own community provides the medical team with an appreciation and understanding of the environment in which our patients live.

Outreach clinics are an extension of our services that take into account the hardships families face with a sick child and the costs associated with travel and time off from work. Additionally, the goodwill outreach clinics bring to the Hospital, the Fraternity and the community-at-large is positive and pays dividends many times what the actual clinic costs. Currently outreach clinics are conducted in New York, Maine, U.S. Virgin Islands, Dominican Republic and Cyprus. The Hospital will soon expand outreach clinics to include locations in Western and Central Massachusetts and other New England States.

View our outreach clinic coverage to the Dominican Republic by ABC WGGW News 40/Fox 6 at: [www.springfieldshrinersblog.com](http://www.springfieldshrinersblog.com).



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."



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**Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting  
Wednesday, September 14th**

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*New!*

*New!*

**Western New York Shrine "Reunion"**

**Tuesday, February 7th  
11 a.m. 'til ... Lunch at 12:30 p.m.  
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Hope to see you there! Thanks!

# Genesee-Wyoming

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## Olive Branch Lodge No. 39, F. & A.M.

1st Wednesdays  
7:30 p.m.



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fumes. So where are the rest of the Brothers? Two volunteered to move a pile of scrap wood. It's still sitting in the same spot. It would be nice if the younger Brothers would chip in a bit. We have the kitchen and the dining room left to finish. Hope it is done by Christmas!

### Mark Your Calendar

**Date Change** - Remember, we do NOT have a meeting on September 7th. Instead, we will kick off the new Masonic Year on Wednesday, September 21st.

October 5th - 2nd Degree, 7:30 p.m. - We also need to get working as we have two Brothers in-waiting for their Fellowcraft Degree. Hope we can have as large a crowd as we had for their Entered Apprentice Degree.

Brothers, we have a very full plate. We hear tell we will have another couple of Petitions coming in this Fall, which is good. That will make it easier to remember your Ritual work.

### Consolidation Report

As of this time I have no more information on our merger with Batavia Lodge No. 475. Things have a tendency to get set aside over the Summer. Our main concern is to make sure we don't spoil our Bicentennial in 2013 and that we keep our Lodge No. 39. We are watching these matters closely. Hope we have this all settled in September.

### Sickness and Distress

Glad to hear R.:W.: Bob Nicoll is doing quite well. He is now back eating regular food which shows he is nicely mending. I hear talk they will start to help him with a speaking device soon. It is good he is doing so well.

Hoping to see you in Lodge. □

By W.: Doug Poole

### A Busy Summer

Here is hoping all had a great Summer. Don't worry, you still have a chance to rest a bit more. Our team of very dedicated Brothers Jack Flint, Neil Bedford, Don Keys and Clayton Dimick have been working hard all Summer. With help from Brother and electrician Bob Sovocool, the Lodge Room is completed. Thanks to Brother Bill MacPherson for laying the tile floor in the entryway. Our parking lot was mended, coated and striped by Brother Rob Stiles with his crew at Magic Properties. As of this date we are just waiting for a special carpet ordered as a Memorial to our late Brother, W.: Nevin Brick. It is the one thing he felt strongly we should have.

### Still Need Workers

I feel bad I can't help, but I'm not a lot of good in a wheelchair with oxygen tanks. I also have to avoid dust and

# Livingston District

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

## District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District

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we are supposed to do. For the most part, I am sure we all do.

This Summer I found I had more of the longing for a Lodge meeting or function than I have in Summers past. I did not immediately know why.

As many of us fill our lives with other activities like making a living, family and household projects, we can often feel the weight on the shoulders. Then maybe a grumble or two. A little quicker to think of the pessimistic view point instead of optimism.

When anything in life might get us down just a little or a great deal, we all have our methods of "attitude adjustment." It could be a walk in the park, work in your garden, go see a movie, do something with your family, visit a friend, play golf (no, that's probably more frustrating!) ... you get the idea.

So, where does Masonry fit in all this? Masonry means many different things to each Brother. One common meaning we probably all share is that Masonry is a general place of tranquility - certainly in your mind, if you stop and do a little contemplation, but multiplied or enhanced by actually being around your Brothers. Those men whom you know have traveled the same road and received the same light in Masonry that you did.

Those Brothers share so many great lessons and values such as all those great feelings that somehow just seem to rub off on you or that you absorb just by going to a meeting, dinner or other Masonic function. How great is that?

It is possible that a number of the Brothers who read the **Masonic Times**

have not been to a Lodge meeting in a long time - possibly years. Maybe it is time to change that. I promise you that the warm feeling you once had after attending a Lodge meeting is still there. It is alive and well - ready to extend that hand of Brotherly love. Maybe you should look at your calendar and plan on coming to Lodge very soon. We can't wait to see you.

Looking ahead in the Livingston District, we have many great activities planned that will be highlighted in future issues of the **Masonic Times**. Degrees, dinners, educational opportunities, Table Lodges, big screen sports events ... you name it.

We look forward to seeing you with us throughout the coming year! □

## Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

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

Master

W.: E. James  
VanSickle



Secretary

R.:W.: Robert Cox

As this is the beginning of our new Masonic Year, I might have easily said "happy new year" in order to let everyone understand the enthusiasm and excitement that I and the Line Officers have for Nunda Station Lodge. We welcome this opportunity to provide leadership and programs which will continue to build upon the work of all those Brothers who have lead the way for each of us over the years.

Freemasonry is a journey, not a destination; it is committed to building relationships between and among us and our community. It should be the first to step forward to aid the poor and distressed; it should be a visible model to our youth on how to build and lead a meaningful life.

I believe it has been twenty years since I last sat in the East; my outward appearance may have changed, but inside is the same desire I have always had - "make it better than it was." To that end, I intend to set up a Trestleboard that regularly features programs of interest at Lodge meetings (some Masonic, some not), a collation rotation amongst several Brothers and time after every meeting to socialize (or play some Euchre).

As the quality of our Ritual can only be sustained by regular practice, I will set aside time to focus on that, as well. I will be going over these topics at our September 6th meeting (6-7:30 p.m.) I'm asking for your suggestions; please send me your

thoughts even if you can't be there.

On September 20th, we will have our Official Visit and the evening will begin with an OES-prepared Dinner at 6:30 p.m. I look forward to welcoming R.:W.: Michael Grady, District Deputy Grand Master, and his Team and I hope many of you will join me.

### Upcoming Events

September 26th - District Association Meeting at Livonia Lodge Hall

October 1st - *Masonic Development Course* at Constellation Lodge Hall, Perry

October 18th - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Phoenix Lodge Hall, Dansville

October 24th - District Association Meeting at Mt. Morris Lodge Hall □

## Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.



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I wish to say "Hello" and extend warm Fraternal greetings to my Masonic Brothers and friends and welcome them to a new Masonic Year at Eunice Lodge. As you are probably aware, there have been a few changes at the Lodge. There is a new leadership team in place, which was elected and installed back in June. Your Elected Officers for this term are: Master - **John Gallant**; Senior Warden - **Steve Cross**; Junior Warden - **Joe Shanks**; Secretary - **Dick Trescott**; and Treasurer - **Rick LaFave**.

We are deeply committed to working with the membership and we know it is vital to support one another as we go forward this year.

I personally thank the members who joined us for our "Where do we want to go?" Kickoff Meeting at the Lodge. If there was a Brother who was unable to attend, we will be continuing our discussions and plans at our first meeting. We all expect our framework will be a "living and growing" plan and it will be maturing as we progress onward. However, we are very excited about the Brothers working together to support a different direction for the future of Eunice Lodge.

It is our aspiration to make Eunice Lodge a place where others will want to come and join us for what we are and what we do. As we start out this Masonic Year, we hope you can join us on this new and interesting journey. □

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## Union Lodge

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Lima Masonic Hall  
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I hope everyone has had a very lovely Summer, but every Summer has to come to a close. Now is the time to get back to work with our Masonic duties. I am looking forward to the upcoming year as the Master of Union Lodge. The Wardens and I have an exciting year on the Trestleboard.

### Back to Labor

First of all, our first meeting on September 8th will be a "Back-to-Labor"

Dinner Meeting. Head Chef, Brother Greg Radford, has again agreed to prepare the meal of all meals. I would love to see the Lodge tables filled to capacity. This is a great time to get together with your Brothers and catch up on old and new times. Don't miss this meeting.

### Sickness and Distress

Over the Summer, Brother Greg Otterbein had a staph infection in his new knee which required a surgical procedure. He is now doing great and says he is almost back to normal.

Brother Jim Stevenson had intestinal problems that required correctional surgery. Keep him in your prayers and give him a call.

### Upcoming Events

September 26th - District Association Meeting at Livonia Lodge Hall

October 1st - *Masonic Development Course*; 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Constellation Lodge Hall, Perry

October 18th - Livingston Grand Lecturer's Convention at Phoenix Lodge Hall, Dansville

Date TBD - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Get your GUEST list together.

See you September 8th - 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Meeting

Ice Cream Social. We received a lot of Masonic exposure with our refurbished float at the Downtown Memorial Day Parade, the Town of Greece Parade and the Webster Firemen's Parade.

### Mark Your Calendar

September 10th - We are invited to join the 2nd Annual American Legion Day Parade. The parade will assemble at Mother of Sorrows - Mount Read Boulevard at Latta Road at 9 a.m. The parade will step out at 9:30 a.m., head South on Mount Read Boulevard to Dorsey Road and end at the Greece American Legion Post #468.

Immediately following the parade, a community picnic/fundraiser will be held to support The Veterans Outreach Center. Hundreds of Veterans are and will be returning to the U.S. soon and all Veterans are invited and encouraged to attend the parade and/or picnic and fundraiser.

We will put on our monthly Birthday Party at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center (VAMC) on September 21st. Join us at the Villager Restaurant on Main Street, Canandaigua, at 12:30 p.m. if you have the time. Everyone who had a picture I.D. Badge made this Summer should have received the badge in the mail by now.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on September 22nd. We meet at 7 p.m. at the Fairport Masonic Hall, 87 South Main Street. We are always looking for new members and all Masons who have worn a uniform and served in the U.S./Allied Armed Forces are welcome to come to the meeting.

See You there.

## Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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### Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

1st & 3rd Tuesdays



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One meeting with the new Officers and the Lodge goes dark for the Summer. That gives everyone some time for contemplation, or NOT. Masonic duties go on even when the Lodge is dark.

Thank you to those who guided, taught and led us through some dark times in our Lodge. I'm looking forward to September and Lodge meetings as usual.

September 6th will be our first meeting. We will have a Pot Luck Dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.; bring a dish-to-pass. Please call a Brother and bring him to our first meeting!!!

Congratulations to the following Officers for this coming Masonic year:

|                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Master              | <b>Kenneth Gibbs</b>      |
| Sr. Warden          | <b>William Hargrove</b>   |
| Jr. Warden          | <b>John Walti</b>         |
| Treasurer           | <b>Ramon Howard</b>       |
| Secretary           | <b>Clayton Ruggles</b>    |
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| Stewards            | <b>Stephen Philips</b>    |
| Organist            | <b>Carl Carlson</b>       |
|                     | <b>Robert Lash</b>        |

### September Birthdays

Carl Carlson (2nd), Dave Bruzee (3rd), Nelson Gulvin and Larry Gelder (4th), George Durkee and Terrance Mays (5th), William Amber (14th), Donald Romeiser (20th), Bernard Dell (23rd), Charles Bird (25th) and Michael Klimeczko (30th).

Brother Jay Ford was Raised on September 12, 1967.

Blessings on you and your families and I hope we'll see you this month. Come and support your Lodge.

Hope to see you all!!!



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| Area Representative        | <b>John Ponshock</b>    |

The Masonic War Veterans had an active Summer, starting with a Combined Picnic with the Grotto Legion of Honor. The Etolian Chapter OES put on an excellent Pulled Pork Picnic and everyone enjoyed the Fresh Strawberries and

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On June 13th, the following Officers were installed for the 2011-2012 year:

|            |                           |
|------------|---------------------------|
| Master     | <b>Thomas C. Abraham</b>  |
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| Sr. MC     | <b>Steven Goebert</b>     |
| Jr. MC     | <b>John Keeton</b>        |
| Marshal    | <b>Howard Colegrove</b>   |
| Tiler      | <b>Douglas Dailey</b>     |

On July 20th, Ark Lodge members and their ladies gathered at the Geneva Ramada Inn to present anniversary Pins and Certificates to the following Brothers:

**65 years** - Lloyd A. Johnson (Presented at his home by DDGM, George Meyers, and Master, Tom Abraham.)

**60 years** - Gorden E. Taylor (Brother Taylor passed away during the year and

his Pin and Certificate were sent to his widow.)

**45 years** - George VanSickle (Presented at his home by Brothers Tom Abraham and Tom Smart)

**40 years** - Robert Schwarting  
**35 years** - Thomas C. Abraham, Charles A. Rouse Jr. and John M. Nicholson

**30 years** - James W. VanHouten and Myron G. Dox

**25 years** - Terry Trenchard, Jr.  
**20 years** - Howard W. Keeney

**15 years** - Robert L. Mattick and Robert Stivers

**5 years** - Michael A. Fults and Victor Nelson

A big Fraternal thank you to DDGM, R.: W.: George Meyers, for attending and participating in presenting the Pins and Certificates.

Every Brother of Ark Lodge is urged to attend a Lodge Communication wherever you may reside "if within the length of your cabletow." If you are unable to attend a Lodge Communication, give me a call (526-5308), send an email to:

abrahamtk@roadrunner.com  
or send me a note at Box 32, Bellona, NY 14415. The Lodge would appreciate hearing from you. I look forward to meeting and greeting the Brothers of Ark Lodge as we move forward this Masonic Year.

Our next Regular Communication will be on September 21st. We will have a cookout before Lodge starting at 6 p.m. Hope to see you at Lodge.

### Award

Ark Lodge is pursuing the presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Award to a worthy member of the Geneva Community sometime early in the Fall.

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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### Fall Program

This article contains our official welcome to our new Prophets of the Enchanted Realm - Danny Cashman, Adam Junod and Frank Habitzreuther (or just Frank and Marlene). Congratulations on your entry into the friendliest group of Masons in our District. Please note ... they are all under our median age and are willing to learn. Let us help them with our positive advice and encouragement. So mote it be.

### Let's Build Positively

My message since day one of my first term as Monarch has been that we should all come together as Prophets and Brothers. That has not changed. We need to reach out to Prophets and Brothers, both in our Grotto and Brothers without, to air our differences in a positive and constructive way. This Fall, that

will be done. We will never grow with dissention and distrust.

Harmony is the support of all institutions, especially this of ours; therefore, we will begin the remainder of my term with a new Entertainment Committee of Prophets Dick Topel, Dick Bull, Danny Cashman and Paul Farnung. We will also involve our wives and girl friends in as many activities as possible.

We will also build bridges to those Prophets who find it hard to make it to events and meetings, who feel disconnected and who have some real significant issues with the Grotto and/or some of our member Prophets. This is not an option, this is my order!

### Summer's Nearly Gone

Can you believe it? The Boys of Summer are putting away their toys ... you know, the construction workers! Gone is the Golf Tournament that Prophet Dick Topel so ably runs every year. This year saw Prophets Al Pulcino, our Doctor of Smiles, and Past Secretary Ken Hutchinson driving the Rescue and Refreshment cart around.

Dick Topel, Master of Ceremonies, again outdid himself at the Strawberry Social for the Masonic War Veterans and Legion of Honor, paying a measure of remembrance to our dear-departed Prophet Brian Bills.

Supreme Council was held in Dearborn, MI, this year; it was a wild and fun affair. Come to our meetings and find out what happened.

Frank Ghyzel, our long-time Sentinel, was celebrated at Frontier Field for the 2nd Annual Day in his honor. This

time with some wives in attendance. We lost, but what a truly fun night.

Appreciation Day Picnic is an event we hold yearly to bring Prophets, wives of Prophets and Ladies of the Caldron and their spouses together for a down-home picnic. This year was no exception.

### Rally Around the Grotto

August 29th is the first Board of Governors' Meeting and it was one not to be missed nor soon forgotten. Prophet Monarch plans to revitalize the Grotto with new Entertainment initiatives (info to follow) and a new call to Grotto under our banner of Sympathy and Good Fellowship. As you can see by the Scroll on this page, we have the ESGA Fall Convention, the Legion of Honor Meeting and our Awards Night General Meeting all occurring within a group several days in the middle of the month. Please act accordingly and attend what you can.

### Legion of Honor

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

### ESGA

The Empire State Grotto Association is holding its 85th Annual Fall Convention in Warren, PA, and all are invited to attend. Please see Grotto Scroll.

### Sickness and Distress

Barb Izzie, our main contact person at Supreme Council, lost her courageous fight with cancer. She will be sorely missed.

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

## Attend Grotto Meetings

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

**Thursday - Saturday**  
**September 15-17**  
Fall ESGA Convention  
Warren, PA  
Reservations ASAP -  
by September 8th

**Monday, September 19th**  
Legion of Honor Meeting  
Grotto Office - 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 21st**  
Awards Night and  
Past Masters Night  
Philanthropic Awards and Years of  
Membership Awards  
Preceded by light snacks and  
refreshments. Meeting to begin  
promptly at 7:30 p.m.

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

## Empire State Grotto Association

The 85th Fall Convention is coming up ... Thursday through Saturday, September 15th through 17th in Warren, PA at the Holiday Inn (814) 726-3000. This affair is for all Prophets in our Grotto; your Lady is invited to attend with you. There is always something going on. If you haven't attended before, you should try to attend this year.

We will be electing our new President, Dave Terry, from Zuleika Grotto in Buffalo for 2011-2012 and he has a lot of great things planned. There are no dull minutes at these gatherings and you don't have to be an Officer to attend and have a good time, believe me. Call Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 for all the details and he will send you a schedule and registration form.

The Empire State Grotto Association membership is you! As a member of Lalla Rookh Grotto, you are automatically a member -- No Dues, your Lalla Rookh Grotto Fez and your Dues Card are all you need and you will be welcomed as if you were at home. □

## Golf Report

By Dick Topel, Chairman

The balls went in the hole and we had a lot of big smiles on the Course; refreshments were just what was needed. The weather was great, the scores were a little more than most would have liked, but everyone had a good time. The turnout was good - 36, including 4 Prophets from Zuleika Grotto, Buffalo. After lunch at the Turn, a steak dinner at the 19th Hole, came the prizes ... 1st place, Eliot Schwartz; 2nd place, Skip Remaley; 3rd place, Peter Leach; Longest Drive, Brian Weegar; Closest-to-the-Pin, Bob Chapman; plus many additional prizes were given out. Save the date next year - June 16, 2012 - because there are a few lost balls out on the Course! Yours in Good Fellowship. □

## 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 Perkins Restaurant, 1500 West Ridge Road in Stone Ridge Plaza at 6 p.m. ... order from the menu with separate checks. Dinner and meeting to follow in a private room. Our September 19th meeting is a Ladies Night and it gives her a night out. We are looking for ideas for our Fall Schedule. Please call Commander Richard Topel at 663-2547 if you are coming so we can set up the room and have waitresses enough to take care of us. I hope all our Veterans make an effort to join us. □

## Membership

By Ron Morthorst

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 130th 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 now exists 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. Note: We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month. □

## Sickness and Sympathy

Luigi Campaniello is home and holding his own. Give him a call at 247-4480.

Barbara Izzie, Office Manager for the Supreme Grotto Office, and the lady who was always there to help us when we had a problem, passed away on July 27th after a recent illness. We send our sympathy to her family at this time.

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

## News Notes from Ken Hutchinson:

From the Bells in Farmville, North Carolina, (Mike and Doris) there are no complaints of temperatures in the 80s in June. Mike is talking about the Annual "Pig Pickin'." Recently they attended two Bluegrass Concerts. Mike and Doris hope to hear from more New York Area Masons. Telephone them at: (252) 228-0074 or send an email: [mbell6@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mbell6@rochester.rr.com). □

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory  
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Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection



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

## Family Life Outing

On Sunday, July 17th, 68 members of the Valley and their families were found having a great time at Silver Stadium. They were first found enjoying some hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches and ribs in "The Nest" along the right field fence. The food was great as was the conversation.

When the game was about to start, everyone headed to their seats right by the Red Wings dugout. We enjoyed the first couple innings with a two-run homer, but the Buffalo Bison's came back with a vengeance. Six runs in the 3rd inning and several more throughout the game, took the wind out of our Wings. Final score Buffalo 11, Rochester 3. We were then treated to a concert by the RPO, followed by a fabulous fireworks show. Everyone I talked to had a great time and look forward to next year. What a great day to be with the family.

## Council of Deliberation

Sixteen Brothers traveled to Syracuse to participate in the 142nd New York State Council of Deliberation, July 22nd - 24th. They were not disappointed. At the dinner on Friday evening, US Army Lt. Col. and Brother Theodore Sargent, from the Valley of Rochester, was presented with the NYSCOD Military Service Award for his service to his



The NYS Council of Deliberation Military Service Award was presented by Ill. Stephen Whittaker, 33° Active, to Lt. Colonel Theodore Sargent.



Ill. Peter J. Samiec 33°, Deputy for New York, gives Meritorious Service Award plaque to Derek VanHouten, MSA.

Country over the last 29 years. Brother Sargent has served several tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is presently serving as the Commanding Officer of a Public Affairs Unit outside Detroit. Congratulations, Brother Sargent.

During the same dinner, the Valley of Rochester was presented the Award for Creating the most new Scottish Rite Masons for the 2010-2011 year. We made 29 new 14° Scottish Rite Masons during this period. Thirty-three members joined the Valley during this same time period. Thanks to all the First Line Signers and the hard-working Membership Team for all their efforts to achieve this Award.

## Meritorious Service Award

During the MSA Banquet, our Brother, Derek E. VanHouten, received the Meritorious Service Award, which is the highest Award the Council of Deliberation can bestow on a Brother. It was indeed an honor to be present to watch this very hard-working Mason receive this Award. It was an additional honor for me because Brother Derek and I go back a long way together. Distinguished Brother Derek was the Brother who introduced me to the Scottish Rite. For that I will forever hold him in a special place in my heart. Thank you, Distinguished Brother Derek, for all you have done for Masonry, the Scottish Rite and me.

It was also announced at the Banquet who the Recipients of next year's Meritorious Service Award will be. It was a pleasure to hear Brother James Slocum's name read as one of the 12 Brothers around the State to receive this Award at the 143rd Meeting of the NYSCOD. Brother William Hassold from the Valley of Corning and the Valley of Rochester will also receive the MSA next year. If anyone sees any of these Brothers, be sure to congratulate them and thank them for all their hard work in Masonry.

## Steak Roast and Clambake

125 people traveled to to Mike and Ruth Morris' camp in the woods in Wayland to take part in the 6th Annual Valley of Rochester Steak Roast and Clambake. We had Brothers, ladies and guests traveling to this signature event from all over the State. Evidently the word got out and nobody wanted to miss this one.

Despite the rain that persisted for about three hours, everyone had a great time devouring 20 pounds of hot dogs and goodies provided by all our guests. Also devoured, were 220 dozen clams steamed up on our new steamer by our own Clam Chef, Ill. Steve Whittaker. As the rain stopped and the sun came out, 130 steaks were on the grill. The Brothers from Fairport-Flower City Lodge did the honors of perfectly grilling the steaks again this year. As these steaks were being prepared the 2nd Annual Lobster Lottery was played and 21 lucky participants won



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Ill. Joe Bourcy, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester, hands the Meritorious Service Red Cap to Derek VanHouten.

a live Maine Lobster to take home or have steamed for a surf and turf dinner.

Plenty of soda, water and lots of "suds" in a can plus the special refreshments from "The Old Tool Shed" were

also part of the day's festivities.

Thanks to everyone who came to this wonderful event and to the members of the Chapter of Rose Croix for their hard work of putting this event together. Very special thanks to Ill. Brother Mike Morris and Ruth for sharing their camp with all of us.

## September Events

September 15th is our Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation Night at the Shrine Center. We will be honoring our 2011 Honorary Members of Supreme Council: Jack VanElzakker, 33°, and M. Donald Darrohn, 33°; Meritorious Service Award Recipient: Derek E. Van Houten, 32° MSA, and the 2011 John B. Mullen, 33°, Dedicated Service Award recipients: James Clancy, 32° DSA, Franklyn Habitzreuther, 32° DSA, McKinley Gath, 32° DSA, Gordon Hubble, 32° DSA, and John Lemke, 32°

## Children's Dyslexia Center in Honor of Frank & Bette Paul

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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.

DSA. We will also be presenting Service Awards to several of our Members.

Please call the Office to make your reservation (264-1160). □

## The Meritorious Service Award

In 1939, the New York State Council of Deliberation was authorized to present an award to a member of a Valley who has distinguished himself through outstanding service or leadership and dedication to the Rite. Each nominee must be recommended by the presiding Officers of the Valley - all of them a unanimous recommendation. This is followed by a thorough scrutiny by the M.S.A. Committee and seldom have all survived this process.

Derek Van Houten was recommended, selected and elected to receive this, the Highest Honor the State of New York Council of Deliberation can award. This honor cannot be solicited or bought. He is now entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in this Council.

#### Derek E. Van Houten

Derek E. Van Houten was born in Rochester, NY, and has been married to wife, Judy, for 35 years. His Masonic background is very extensive.

He has served the Symbolic Craft in many positions, including Master of Craftsmen Robertson Lodge No. 969 on three separate occasions, Grand Sword Bearer for Grand Lodge as well as DDGM in 2008-2010.



Derek VanHouten, 32° MSA, holding his Meritorious Service Award plaque.

His activities in the Scottish Rite include serving as Thrice Potent Master, Rochester Lodge of Perfection. He also has been a participant in several Degrees, including the 4°, 18° and the 32°.

His continued dedication allowed him to become active in Damascus



## Valley of Rochester Fall 2011

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

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.

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## Scottish Rite Scholarship Recipients Announced

Nine applicants from the Valley of Rochester have been announced as Scottish Rite Scholarship winners for 2011 by the New York State Council of Deliberation. Congratulations go to the following young men and women:

#### Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Program Recipients

(\$1,000)

- Nicholas L. May, Syracuse University, Senior, Information Studies/Business Management
- Kyle Z. Hancock, Clarkson University, Sophomore, Chemical Engineering
- Leah M. Mulrooney, St. John Fisher, Senior, Accounting
- Ashley M. Bueg, SUNY at Fredonia, Graphic Design

#### NYS Scottish Rite Charities Corporation Scholarship Recipients

(\$1000)

- Adam J. Wilcox, Albany College of Pharmacy, Sophomore, Pharmacy
- Maureen E. Shockey, Fashion Institute of Technology, Senior, Illustration
- Allyson M. Zimmerman, Penn State University, Sophomore, Business
- Justin R. Heil, University of Maryland, Senior, Landscape Architecture
- Jennifer L. Herchek, Johns Hopkins University, Sophomore, Engineering

This year had an outstanding group of highly qualified applicants from the Valley of Rochester. All applicants must be in attendance at a qualified college or university, have at least a 2.75 GPA and either have a father or grandfather who is a Valley of Rochester member, be a graduate of one of the Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Centers, or have been a member of a Masonic-related youth organization. Application forms for 2012 will be available on-line after January 1st and are due no later than April 1st. □



# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District OES HiLights



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By Mae Bauer

I hope everyone had a great Summer and many activities have happened since the last issue of the **Masonic Times**. It's time now to get back into a very busy Fall of events.

In May, we joined Wayne District for the Official Visit of Grand Matron, M.W. Janet Siano, and Grand Patron, M.W. John Whitney, at the Burgundy Basin. It was well attended and Monroe District presented over 200 small blankets to Lucille Arthmann, the local Chapter Coordinator for Project Linus. These blankets will be distributed to Police Departments, Fire Departments, Battered Women, Children's Cancer Center at Strong Hospital and wherever else they are needed.

### Lilac Luncheon

On June 16th, twenty-four of us went to Oriskany for the Lilac Luncheon. This event is an opportunity for members of Monroe District to take residents of the Home to lunch. The day couldn't have been more perfect - sunny with a slight breeze. After lunch, we visited the Eastern Star Home Chapter meeting. Seeing the Sisters and Brothers at the Home do-

ing an Initiation was impressive. It goes to show running a Chapter can be accomplished, even accommodating some members in wheelchairs.

On June 29th, Grand Conductress, R.W. Keri J. Rhebergen, joined us for a get-acquainted dinner. We enjoyed her visit and look forward to many more.

On August 13th the Annual District Chicken Bar-B-Que was held on the Firemen's field in Webster. This was a great day for fellowship and a great way to help advance our presence in the community.

### Save the Date

Friday, September 30th will be Honor Night, 7:30 p.m. at Webster Lodge Hall. At this time we will honor the Monroe District Grand Officers for 2011 and 2012. Invitations should be in the hands of the Chapter Secretaries for the first meeting in September.

### Line Officers

Line Officers will be meeting the 2nd Saturday of September and the 1st Saturday of October. There is a lot to plan for the upcoming months and all Line Officers are encouraged to be there.

### Grand Chapter Sessions

October is Grand Sessions in Binghamton. You still have time to get your early registration into the Grand Chapter Office if you are attending - if you register now, it's \$12; if you register at Sessions, it will be \$17. Again your Chapter Secretary has this form available along with a form to order box lunches, if you want, for the three days.

### December Bus Trip

The District is planning a Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA, on December 3rd and 4th. Cost of rooms is Single - \$334, Twin - \$294 and Triple - \$274. Bus pickup will be in Irondequoit and East Rochester. We will be attending "The Miracle of Christmas" show along with many stops along the way for shopping and even a stop at the Hershey Chocolate Village. Down payment of \$100 is due to Nancy Venette by September 30th; the balance by November 3rd. Chapter Secretaries should have registration forms for this trip.

God Bless. □

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## Americanism Awards to NROTC Midshipmen

The Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps Annual Awards Ceremony was held at the Interfaith Chapel on the campus of the University of Rochester on April 13th. The NROTC Battalion is composed of four Companies representing United States Marine Corps, Surface Warfare, Nuclear and Aviation Elements.



Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33°, and Midshipman 3/C Andrew Smith.

On behalf on the New York State Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation, Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33°, presented the Scottish Rite Americanism Award, including Medal and Ribbon, to Midshipman 3/C Andrew Smith; and the National Sojourners Americanism Award, including Medal and Ribbon, to Midshipman 3/C Natalie May. □



Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33°, and Midshipman 3/C Natalie May.

## "Super Star" Award to Mary Hall



Presenting a "Super Star" Award (l-r) M.W. Janet R. Siano, Grand Matron, R.W. Mary Hall and M.W. John Whitney, Grand Patron.

By Beverly Thompson

This year, Grand Matron, M.W. Janet Siano, recognized a member in each District who was nominated for a "Super Star" Award. At the Monroe-Wayne Districts Official Visit, the members of Leah Chapter in Hilton nominated Mary Hall for this special recognition and she was impressively surprised when they read the submission.

During R.W. Mary Hall's 25-year membership in Eastern Star, she has served in many offices and as Matron seven times. In 1998, she served as District Deputy Grand Matron, leading our District in a most professional manner.

R.W. Mary gives effortlessly of her time and talents, including, but not limited to, writing Degrees for Chapter and District, chairing/co-chairing the

Hilton Apple Festival Booth, fundraising dinners and raffles. She has helped raise money for the Chapter's Hilton High School Senior Scholarship, Honor Flight of Rochester, Have-a-Heart Booth for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Rochester, Veterans Fund, OES Home in Oriskany and other Eastern Star Charities.

In addition to Eastern Star District organizations/groups, Mary serves as a supporting member in several community groups ... Hilton Lionesses, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Sunday School Teacher and various volunteer positions involving residents with special medical needs.

She is at ease with people who find it very enjoyable and interesting to know her. Above all, she gives her support to so many people and groups. □

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# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter



**No. 62**

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### What's Happening

As I write this, we are less than a month away from Labor Day. Hope all of our Companions and Brothers have had a great Summer. My Summer has been interesting, exciting and challenging, but that's another story.

In May, the Chapter was to be assessed for Ritual proficiency by a Grand Chapter Officer. You will remember it was scheduled for May 28th. Well, as some of you know, the Assessment did not happen, even though we had all of the Stations filled with competent Companions. We will attempt to complete the Assessment in September... we will let all Officers and Companions know the date, etc.

We had a great York Rite Picnic in June. Attendance was not great, but all York Rite Bodies were represented. We did not have to open Chapter in the men's room this year. (If you don't know what I am talking about, ask me when you see me). Also, we had matches and lighter fluid to get the charcoal started on time, so dinner was excellent. Our thanks to Chuck Roberts for cooking and John Dudley for getting the Lodge at King's Bend Park.

The upcoming Masonic Year should be a good one for the Chapter. This is due, in part, to new Companions who have stepped up to take Line positions. We will be doing something interesting at every meeting. There will be no "business meetings"... we will be working to build Degree Casts and confer Degrees as there are many Brother Masons who want to join us. Degree work is one way some of us can get away from the busy world and still be doing something worthwhile and useful to other men.

In talking to Companions and reading Masonic publications, I have come up with some ideas that I wish to discuss with the Chapter. I believe we need to look to the future and maybe make some changes in the Chapter to improve it and its image in the Masonic and civil community. This will take discussion and work on all of our parts so I encourage all of our Companions to attend the September 8th meeting where we will start the discussions. The Chapter and Freemasonry as a whole has so much to offer civilized men that we need to look towards ways of getting the message out there to encourage men to seek us out.

### Musings

By the time you read this, I will have finished a new book on the origin of Freemasonry. The book's premise is that modern Freemasonry started in Scotland and not England. The book looks at what was happening in the Masonic Craft in the late 16th and early 17th Centuries in Scotland. I am finding the topic very interesting and

will be willing to discuss this with our Companions at length. The book is *The Origins of Freemasonry: Scotland's Century, 1590 to 1710* by David Stevenson.

The reason I bring up this book is that the author looks at the development of modern Freemasonry from several points. First, he looks at the changes in stone masonry organizations in Scotland in the late 16th Century and early 17th Century. Then he looks at the changes in thinking brought on by the Renaissance, in particular, the affects of occult and Hermetic thinking of those days on the development of Freemasonry. This is all very interesting and exciting. I will be sharing what I learn from this book with the Companions in the coming year.

Again, I hope our Companions have had a great Summer and are ready to enjoy the fellowship of our Chapter this coming year. □

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

3rd Wednesday



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I hope you all had a very pleasant and relaxing Summer. I am very happy to declare that my wife, Debbie, and I had a wonderful vacation this Summer. We took a trip to Israel for the first two weeks in July. This trip was absolutely amazing and ran the emotional spectrum from awe to tears to humbleness. It is difficult to describe the impressions you get when you are standing in a place that is over 3000 years old!

This Summer I attended the 188th Grand Assembly of the Grand Council in Owego. I will present my notes from the proceedings at our first meeting in September. I do want to congratulate M.:I.: Dave Raymond for a great year. It was a pleasure to work with him during his tenure.

As September approaches, I am looking forward to a new year as your Illustrious Master. I hope I can continue to improve on last year's successes. For our meetings we will be having a slightly modified dinner tradition. We will continue to have a dinner preceding our regular assemblies. However, for our regular meetings we will be having a "dish-to-pass" meal. For our first meeting R.:I.: Garry Hutcherson has graciously agreed to be our Chef Du Jour and will be bringing a batch of his famous Chili! I will be bringing a big collection of corn bread. We hope everyone can join us at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and bring your appetite!

Here is a little bit more history about the Super Excellent Master Degree that I did not present in my last letter. This is from the Website of The Grand Council of Michigan (08/20/2008):

"The Degree of Super Excellent Master is not allied to the other two Degrees of the Cryptic Rite, as far as its teachings and traditions are concerned. The records of St. Andrews Chapter in Bos-

ton indicate that a Degree of this name was conferred during the latter part of the 18th Century.

The earliest positive reference to the Super Excellent in connection to the Cryptic Rite is December 22, 1817, when a "Lodge" of Super Excellent Masters was organized by Columbian Council of Royal Masters in New York. The incidents, teachings and ritualistic format of the Super Excellent Degree bear no resemblance in any former Degrees so named, which appears to justify the claim that it is American in origin.

This Degree has been, and to some extent still is, a rather controversial subject. It is conferred as one of the regular Cryptic Rite Degrees in some jurisdictions, whereas the others confer it as an Honorary Degree only; in some instances, separate Grand Councils of Super Excellent Masters have been formed."

Once again, I look forward to serving as your Illustrious Master! □

## Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, R.T.

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I pray the Summer has been good to you and you're gearing up for a new year of Commandery. I hope you will consider becoming more active and involved, to improve our Commandery in our Zone. Your help and wisdom of experiences will assist me to improve our unit as well as fulfill my position.

I look forward to the year ahead and hope you do also. May God bless each of us in our endeavors in the upcoming year. Our meetings are normally the 3rd Saturday of each month. However, our first meeting is September 10th at 10 a.m. at the Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, Ontario Street, Phelps. Prior to the meetings, for those who are interested, we gather at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant on Main Street, Phelps at 8 a.m. for breakfast. Please come join us if you so desire.

Remember, you do not have to be in uniform to attend. Just be there. "Please"... your presence is an essential part of Sagoyewatha's future.

Thank you and God Bless. □

**Zone 11  
News**

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

### Grand Commandery Conclave

The 198th Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York will take place September 16th - 18th, at the Clarion Hotel in Batavia. By the time this is read in the **Masonic Times**, all reservations will be closed. However, you can give it a try by calling the Clarion Hotel directly (344-2100)

for a room (great price at \$75 per room, per night) and/or SK Harry Tyson for banquet reservations. He can be reached at 494-1137.

### Conclave Schedule

The Conclave convenes from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, September 16th, and continues from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon on Saturday, September 17th.

Drill Competition will take place on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Public Installation of Grand Officers will occur Saturday at 4 p.m.

The Grand Commander's Banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a Cash Bar; Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Please consider attending the Conclave, even if you are not going to stay at the hotel or attend the banquet. Let's support Grand Commander MacConnell, as he has provided much support to Zone 11. Additionally, our very own Sir Knight and Reverend Charles M. Roberts will be running for Grand Captain General, so show your support for Chuck by attending the conclave

### Zone 11 - Pilgrimage

Per discussions at our last Zone Officers meeting, we will again conduct our Annual Zone Pilgrimage on the first Saturday in November - November 5th. This will occur at DeMolay Commandery's Asylum at 34 Maple Street, Hornell. Check-in will start at 8 a.m. with the first Order beginning at 9 a.m. As always, De Molay will focus on the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross; Cyrene-Monroe will focus on the Order of Malta; and Sagoyewatha will focus on the Order of the Temple.

### Zone 11 Happenings

#### Commandery Events

#### Cyrene-Monroe No. 12

- September 19th - 7:30 p.m. Meeting Sagoyewatha No. 17
- September 10th - 9 a.m. Meeting. NOTE: This September Meeting is on the SECOND Saturday... not the Third Saturday as usual.

#### DeMolay No. 22

- Regular Conclaves - 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each Month at 7:30 p.m.
- September Conclaves - September 1st and 15th

Sir Knights, if possible, please support our other Commanderies by visiting them during their events. Remember, you can wear the Summer uniform during the Month of September. It can get warm in September. Thank You!

### My Personal Thanks

I will be stepping down as your Zone Commander. My term ends at the conclusion of Grand Commandery. You will have a very competent replacement - Sir Knight Donald Adams, Eminent Past Grand Sentinel. Sir Knight Don is well equipped to do an outstanding job. As most of you know he is a member of both DeMolay Commandery No. 22 and Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12, so he is well-acquainted with many of the Sir Knights within the Zone. Please give SK Donald Adams the same courtesies and support you have shown me these past two years.

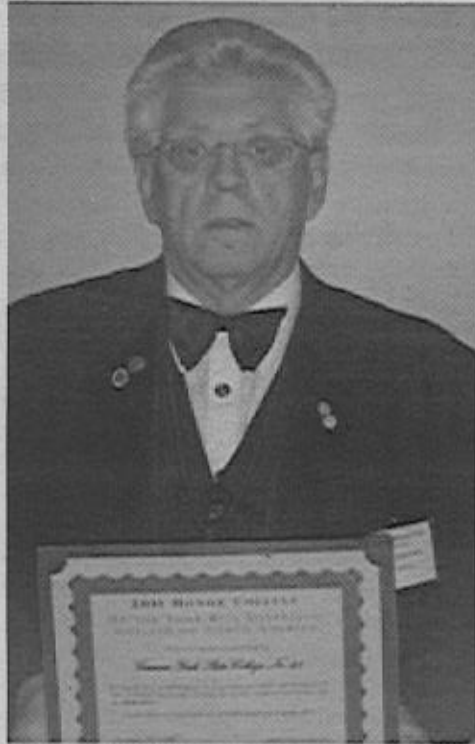
It has truly been an honor and a privilege in serving as your Zone Commander these past couple of years. I have enjoyed working with all of you. Thank you, so much for your support, your friendship and, especially, your Brotherhood. I look forward to seeing you around the Zone. May God and His Son bless each and every one of you! □

## Secretary

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In addition, a very pleasant surprise happened at the Saturday morning session of the Assembly. The Most Pre-Eminent Distinguished Governor General, Joe R. Manning, Jr., and the Most Pre-Eminent Distinguished Secretary General, D. Allen Surratt, bestowed upon one of the 193 Secretaries the Honor of Secretary of the Year for 2011. Genesee College No. 25 is proud to recognize that honor on its College Secretary, Companion Knight and Reverend Charles M. Roberts. We can say he was truly surprised when he was called upon to come forward to receive the Award and is well deserving of the honor.

Genesee College No. 25 Officers and Members are truly to be honored and recognized for their achievements and the dedication and hard work of their Secretary. Kudos, Genesee College No. 25 and may you strive to live up to these high honors bestowed upon you by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. □



Chuck Roberts holds 2011 Honor College certificate awarded to Genesee College No. 25 by York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

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## Eleven Undergraduates Participate in MMRL Fellowship Program

Since 1960, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has recognized the importance to encourage talented young men and women to pursue a career in science or medicine. This year Alexandra Chico (Providence College), Alyssa Cortese (Utica College), Nadime Issa (Syracuse University), Tyler Surman (Albany College of Pharmacy), Suveera Dang (University of Rochester), Dana Giannandrea (Cornell University), Lauren Graniero (Union College), Dona Occhipinti (Hobart and Williams College), Vanessa Roach (William Smith College),

Richard Trevisani (University of South Florida) and Yang Liu (Tonji Medical College, China) will join a distinguished group of over 400 students who have participated in the MMRL Summer Fellowship Program.

The 10-week program permits students direct involvement in research projects under staff guidance in the fields of experimental cardiology, molecular biology, molecular genetics and stem cell research. During their tenure, students gain an appreciation for how scientific problems pertaining to medical disease are approached and exam-

## Scientist Visiting MMRL Returns to Brazil

By Myron Thurston III

Emiliano Medei, M.D., has just completed a seven-month tenure as a visiting scientist at the Cardiac Research Institute of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL).

Dr. Medei was introduced to the MMRL by Dr. Serge Sicouri, a long-standing Research Scientist at MMRL. Dr. Medei had previously worked under Dr. Sicouri as a Medical Student at the Ramos Mejia Hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dr. Medei is currently a member of the Faculty of Physiology and Biophysics at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. His main research interest is in understanding the relationship between the Autoimmune System and Ventricular Arrhythmias. He came to the MMRL in order to obtain training in Cardiac Electrophysiology Methods that were pioneered at the Institute and to participate in studies involving induced Pluripotent Stem Cells at the MMRL's Stem Cell Center.

In collaboration with MMRL Scientists, Dr. Medei conducted studies aimed at understanding the basis for the toxicity of digitalis drugs used in the treatment of patients with heart failure. These agents have a relatively narrow therapeutic margin and can lead to the development of abnormal rhythms of the heart if blood levels get too high. Using stem-cell-derived Cardiomyocytes, originating from fibroblasts isolated from skin biopsies of patients, he found that the late sodium channel current plays a prominent role in the development of the adverse effects and that block of this ion channel current can protect against the development of life-threatening Ventricular Arrhythmias caused by Digitalis.

The MMRL has a long record of scientific achievements regarding Cardiac Electrophysiology and is credited with either discovering or unraveling the mechanisms of the majority of known cardiac arrhythmias. According to Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research, "Dr. Medei's visit will facilitate future collaboration between the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory."

Founded in 1958, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has

ined, and experience the day to day running of a cutting-edge research facility. After completing the program, they will have gained knowledge and practical experience in physiological, biochemical, molecular and pharmacological methodologies and be better prepared to make important career decisions.

The Summer Session closed with a Scientific Symposium presented by the students, followed by an Awards Luncheon honoring the Summer Fellows and



Emiliano Medei, M.D.



Dr. Serge Sicouri

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

local sponsors at the Laboratory. Funding for this year's program has been provided by Slocum-Dickson Foundation, Excelus BC/BS, Utica Lodge 47, F. & A.M., Bredablick Lodge 880, F. & A.M., Ashok Patel, MD, Theodore Max, MD and Drs. Atul and Amita Butala.

Please visit [www.mmrl.edu](http://www.mmrl.edu) to learn more about the Summer Fellowship Program. Application for the 2012 Program will be available online after January 2nd. □



Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Yang Liu, Alexandra Chico, Alyssa Cortese, Suveera Dang, Dana Giannandrea, Lauren Graniero, Nadime Issa, Dona Occhipinti, Vanessa Roach, Tyler Surman, Richard Trevisani, Dr. Jonathan Cordeiro.

# In Memoriam

## Bloom, Jack A.

Jack Bloom passed away August 2nd leaving his wife of 58 years, Phyllis, 2 sons, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren to remember his life. Jack was a World War II Navy Veteran and a 50-year member of Fame Lodge and Scottish Rite. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

## Brewer, Harry L., Sr.

Harry Brewer, 92, passed into the presence of the Lord on August 3rd. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Vivian, 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Harry was a World War II Army Air Corps Veteran and a 60-year member of Webster Lodge. Celebrate the lives of your loved ones and hold their memories close.

## Canoll, Charles H.

We have received word that Charles Canoll, 90, passed away on February 5th. He was a member of Scottish Rite.

## Chapman, Leonard A.

On July 2nd, Leonard Chapman, 92, joined his Heavenly family who went before him. He was a US Air Force Veteran of World War II and a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. Remembrance is a golden chain that ties all the love and sorrows.

## Falk, Albert F.

Albert Falk, 94, completed his life's journey on July 26th. Albert dimitted from Fame Lodge in 2007 and joined a Lodge in Hawaii. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine.

## Gramse, Virginia

On August 5th, Virginia Gramse, 70, entered Eternal Rest. Ginnie is survived by her husband, Claude, 3 children and 11 grandchildren. She was a US Navy Veteran and member of Corinthian-Fellowship and Richards Chapters, OES; and Zama Temple, Daughters of the Nile. We wish you the gift of a memory whenever you need to know, the one you love still walks with you wherever you may go.

## Hess, Robert C.

Robert Hess, 63, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on June 15th. A son and 2 grandchildren will miss him. He was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. God sends his children here with special tasks to do; and calls them home when their work is through.

## Hull, Frederick G.

Frederick Hull, 93, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith on July 6th. He is survived by 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Fred was a member of Northfield Lodge, Scottish Rite and York Rite. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

## Jones, Gurnal A. "Gurney," Jr.

"Gurney" Jones, Jr., 89, returned to his Creator on June 6th. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Geraldine "Jerry," 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Gurney was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and a member of Fame Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

## Mahoney, Philip J.

Philip Mahoney, 85, reunited with his wife, Carol, in Heaven on July 3rd. Two children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and the Brothers of Drumlin Square Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts. May he find peace with the Lord.

## McGowan, Guy L.

Guy McGowan, 90, departed from a lively life of accomplishment on July 4th. He is survived by his daughter and family. Guy was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. Your gentle spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

## Myers, Ralph D.

We have received word that Ralph Myers, 95, went Home to his Lord on June 16th. He was a member of the Damascus Shriners. There is a link death cannot sever; Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

## Nulton, Malcolm M.

On August 3rd, Malcolm Nulton departed from a lively life of accomplishments. Mal will always be cherished by his wife, Joanne, 2 children and 5 grandchildren. He was a US Army Veteran and member and Past Master of John A. Robertson Lodge (now Inspiration Lodge). He labored hard for those he loved then left us to remember.

## Palazzo, Joseph J.

Joseph Palazzo, 79, laid down his Working Tools on April 29th. The Brothers of Unity Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts.

## Piper, James

James Piper, 87, passed away July 6th, leaving 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren to share memories. Jim was a member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

## Relyea, Gerald H.

On June 12th, Gerald Relyea, 76, went to the Celestial Lodge leaving his wife, Marilyn, 4 children, and 5 grandchildren to share memories of his life. "Hawk" was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge and a US Navy Veteran. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

## Skopinsky, Charles

On July 9th, Charles Skopinsky, 40, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven. Chuck is survived by his wife, Vicki, a son and family. He was an active member of Inspiration Lodge and Damascus Shriners. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

## Smith, John Horton

John Smith, 93, went to the waiting arms of his wife on June 13th. His son and 3 grandchildren are left to cherish his memory. He was a member of Inspiration Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

## Wright, Norman E., Sr.

June 26th was the day Norman Wright departed his Earthly family leaving his wife of 60 years, Florence, 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 10 grandchildren to cherish his memory forever. Norman was a decorated US Air Force Veteran and was active in the community and churches. He was a member of Clio Lodge. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

## Youngman, William J.

On June 14th, William Youngman was received into Eternal Glory, leaving his wife of 64 years, Arlene, 4 children and 4 grandchildren to survive him. Bill was a proud Army Veteran of World War II and a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

## Widows to be Remembered ...

Williams, Ruth H., 92, widow of Robert E. Williams (Northfield Lodge), passed away June 7th.

## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### OCTOBER

- 1st Grand Master's Ball, Buffalo
- 1st *Masonic Development Course* - LIV, Perry
- 10th Wakan-Hubbard, 1°
- 10th Unity Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, Spencerport
- 15th Unity, 2°
- 16th Scottish Rite Artisan Works Gala Event
- 17th Grand Lecturer's Convention - MONROE
- 18th Grand Lecturer's Convention - LIV, Dansville
- 19th Grand Lecturer's Convention - GEN-WYO
- 20th Grand Lecturer's Convention - WAYNE
- 22nd Unity, 2°
- 24th LIV District Association Meeting - Mt. Morris
- 25th Grand Lecturer's Convention - O/S/Y

### 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 MONROE School of Ritual - Webster Lodge Hall

### FEBRUARY

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

### MARCH

- 29th MONROE School of Ritual - Clio Lodge Hall - Hilton

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| <b>4</b><br>Clio Lodge<br>Spaghetti Dinners<br>September 14th and 28th | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>6</b><br>Clio - Hilton<br>Northfield - Pitsford<br>Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps<br>Nunda Station<br>Oakland - Castile<br>OES - Fairport, Nolarka & Starlight<br>Damascus Awards Night<br>(DATE CHANGE) | <b>7</b><br>Drumlin Square - Palmyra<br>Livonia<br>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br>OES - Liac Star<br>Masters & Wardens - Unity<br>Lodge Hall - Spencerport                               | <b>8</b><br>Fame - Shrine Center<br>Milnor - Shortsville<br>Union - Lima<br>Webster - Fellowcraft<br>Lalla Rookh Caldron<br>Hiram Chapter                   | <b>9</b><br>Cruz Night - Shrine Center                            | <b>10</b><br>OES - Line Officers - Fairport<br>Sagoyewatha - Phelps |
|                                                                        | <b>Labor Day</b>                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                   |                                                                     |
| <b>11</b>                                                              | <b>12</b><br>ERAC - Shrine Center<br>Fairport-Flower City<br>Union Star - Honeye Falls<br>Unity - Spencerport<br>Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield (OV)<br>Shrine Lunch Club                  | <b>13</b><br>Inspiration - Shrine Center<br>Seneca - Webster (OV)<br>OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane<br>Holmes - Brockport                                                                              | <b>14</b><br>Oakta - Scottsville<br>Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting<br>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship<br>Shrine Legion of Honor                                      | <b>15</b><br>Eunice - Caledonia<br>Northfield - Pitsford<br>Webster (OV)<br>Scottish Rite Award Night - Shrine Center<br>Wayne County Shrine Club           | <b>16</b><br>Damascus Duffers Golf Tournament, Geneva             | <b>17</b><br>Damascus Shrine<br>Potentate's Ball, Geneva            |
| <b>Patriot Day</b>                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Fall Empire State Grotto Association Convention, Warren, Pa; September 15-17</b>                                                                         |                                                                   |                                                                     |
| <b>18</b>                                                              | <b>19</b><br>Canandaigua - Shortsville<br>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle<br>KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pitsford<br>Grotto Legion of Honor<br>Shrine Lunch Club<br>Auburn Shrine Club<br>OES - Eiolian | <b>20</b><br>Clio - Hilton<br>Nunda Station (OV)<br>Oakland - Castile<br>Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps<br>OES - Starlight                                                                                  | <b>21</b><br>Aik - Geneva<br>Drumlin Square - Palmyra<br>Livonia<br>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br>Lalla Rookh Grotto - Awards<br>Night & Past Masters Night<br>Doric Council - Pitsford | <b>22</b><br>Fame, Shrine Center<br>Milnor - Shortsville<br>Union - Lima<br>James A. Hard/ Wayne Charter<br>Post No. 12<br>Perry Shrine Club<br>RAM - Hiram | <b>23</b><br>First Day of Autumn                                  | <b>24</b>                                                           |
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| <b>25</b>                                                              | <b>26</b><br>ERAC, Shrine Center<br>Fairport-Flower City (OV)<br>Unity, 1 <sup>st</sup> - Spencerport<br>Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield<br>Shrine Lunch Club<br>Geneva Shrine Club         | <b>27</b><br>Inspiration - Shrine Center (OV)<br>Damascus Wheelers Unit Meeting                                                                                                                        | <b>28</b><br>Oakta - Scottsville (OV)<br>Tall Cedars of Lebanon<br>Damascus Directors Staff<br>OES - Corinthian-Fellowship                                                        | <b>29</b><br>School of Ritual - Unity Lodge<br>Hall                                                                                                         | <b>30</b><br>Shrine NYOSA - September 30 through October 2, Utica | <b>1</b> <b>OCTOBER</b>                                             |
|                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Rosh Hashanah<br/>begins at Sundown</b>                                                                                                                  |                                                                   | <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>                                                |

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