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**The College of Freemasonry
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Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
scheduled for April 13th and 14th
has been canceled**

Have-a-Heart Campaign Yields \$17K plus Another Success Story



Inspiration Lodge Brothers presented Campaign Chairman, R. W. George Fochner, Grand Sword Bearer, (right) with check from Lodge Charity Funds during one of their time slots manning the booth. Workers are (from left): Scott Rice, Junior Warden; Brian Bell, Senior Deacon; Joe Meli, W. Dick Smith, Master of the Lodge, W. Mike Hueston, R. W. Herb Spencer, Secretary; and Frank Sackett, Senior Master of Ceremony.

By George Fochner

As I start to write this *Have-a-Heart* Campaign article, three words come to mind - surprise, disappointment and exhilaration - in that order.

Surprise because as I looked over the money totals for the first six days of the Campaign, I found we were averaging over \$500 per day. I thought, let's see,

\$500 x 14 days ... wow, what a total we could have. The Lodges and Concordant Bodies driving those first six days were:

ERAC and Webster at Eastview - ERAC would eventually become the number one producers at Eastview, topping Webster by only a handful of dol

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By-Laws Vote April 19th

All members are advised that the Valley By-law changes as indicated in February and as necessary to agree with the Officer changes approved last September will be voted on at our scheduled meeting on April 19th.

A reference copy is available for review at the Valley Office.



Spring Floral Luncheon

Featuring Floral Designer,
Michael Miller
of Kittelberger's Florist

April 24th, 12 Noon
\$9 per person

at Spencerport Masonic Hall
133 South Union Street

Sponsored by Starlight Chapter
No tickets sold at door.

The Four Components of Successful Aging

By Linda Rae Avolio, Retirement Counselor, Acacia Village

As we age, our needs change. Our children grow up and move out on their own, leaving us with the family house that now is just too big. We might find ourselves living alone after the loss of a spouse. Or we are finding the work we have to do to keep our homes in shape is just too much ... shoveling the snow, salting the walkway, painting, repairing

and taking care of those everyday things that go into owning a home. Moving to an independent retirement community might be the answer. Studies show that seniors who live in communities like Acacia Village actually age better than their peers. Why? The experts tell us there are four components to healthy living and we can offer all of them.

Physical Activity

The first component is Physical Activity. Exercise and activity are paramount to a healthy lifestyle. You know the saying, "if you don't use it, you lose it." Acacia Village offers wellness classes, daily exercise with light handweights, yoga and tai chi. We have a large, heated pool that allows you to swim laps, or just water-walk. In addition to the pool, the fitness center includes a Jacuzzi, sauna, and fitness equipment such as treadmills, Nu Step machines and stationery bikes. Acacia Village residents walk inside and outside. There are a host of safe hallways that, in the inclement weather of Central New York, prove beneficial to any walking program. During the better weather, our neighbors enjoy a beautiful 400-acre campus, complete with paved walking trails.

Social Interaction

The second component to healthy living is Social Interaction. Our Acacia Village neighbors socialize at dinner and through the variety of clubs, organizations and special events held each week. There are so many interesting individuals who have moved here from a variety of places and bring with them their talents. You have your apartment when you want to be solitary, but you don't have to be. Walk out your front door and down the hall, you'll find something to do and friends to enjoy it with at Acacia Village.

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Dated Material

Sponsored by Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc.

WALK OR RUN

TO HELP CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA

Annual Rochester Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia

Saturday, April 28th

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:30 a.m. Start

11:30 a.m. Family-Style Picnic

Bring friends and family for a walk along the Scenic Erie Canal, beginning and ending at the Perinton Park on Route 31F in Fairport

The course to walk is approximately 3 miles

We're walking to raise money to help children with Dyslexia learn to read and write. Up to one in five U.S. school children are living with Dyslexia.

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Editor's Corner

I have started cardiac rehabilitation at the University of Rochester Medical Center facility in Clinton Crossings. I do the early morning sessions so I can complete my class and machine work and still get to the office around mid-morning. The whole purpose, of course, is to get the strength back in my body to the level I had prior to surgery. I was torn between the program and trying to accomplish the same satisfaction myself. I talked myself into the program, figuring the structure and regularity of the sessions would help me bounce back sooner and better. We shall see.

That's the latest update on my condition. I know many of you are interested. I feel really good...great, even! I can't believe how good I feel for what I have been through. I'm still amazed at the seriousness of my situation without having any noticeable symptoms of a problem!

Here's a few rambling thoughts from my idled mind and body, while I was incapacitated earlier this year. We will be changing Lodge Masters beginning with Elections (and some Installations) next month. I'm taking this opportunity to thank all the Masters and Correspondents for their dedication and service to their Brothers last Masonic Year. It is a lot of work! Without their persistence, we wouldn't have material to publish and many Brothers (especially the out-of-towners) would not be aware of the business and activities of the Lodge.

A few years ago, we established the gmail email address for the **Masonic Times**. We have asked that articles and photographs for publication be sent to: masonictimes@gmail.com. Some have decided that this is the email account for the Masonic Service Bureau. Not true! The original email addresses are where general correspondence should be directed. Why? Because of the newspaper's deadline of the 5th of the Month prior to the date of publication.

We start checking the gmail account around the first of the month. First, we send out the Reminder Message, and just to be clear, Jan does this most of the time. From that notice, through about the 12th of the month, we check on a fairly regular basis. Believe it or not, we do have some people submitting information for publication EARLY. We also have writers who are habitually late! We know it, and we still try to accommodate them. It has not always been possible.

For the next few days, we will complete formatting the articles and have proofreaders come in to check accuracy. That is followed by the layout and assembly of pages, with the final layout being sent to the printer. During this period, we are NOT checking the gmail account. Second, if something comes in late, we may not be able to fit it in the layout, and I am not going to re-arrange articles and pages unless there are extraordinary circumstances that require action. We hope that doesn't happen.

The regular email address for the Bureau is: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com. Both Jan and I access this information. You may send email messages directly to the Executive Director of the Bureau at: smasonic@rochester.rr.com.

To new Masters and/or volunteers, contact us for guidelines for submitting your articles for the **Masonic Times**.

Thanks for reading. □

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By Joy Woodley

Healthcare Equipment Loan Closet

The Masonic Service Bureau maintains a "Loan Closet" of home healthcare equipment needed, usually on a temporary basis, by those who are challenged with a medical situation. We service an eight-county area.

Equipment most commonly used includes walkers, canes, crutches, shower/tub seats, toilet rails, commodes, wheelchairs, transport chairs and rollators. Miscellaneous items include ice pumps, foam wedges, air casts, surgical boots, braces, IV poles, rolling bed tray tables, "hip kits" and many other donated items.

Most of the items are donated and because of the 501(c)(3) status of the

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Cognitive Stimulation

Number three on the list of successful components to aging is Cognitive Stimulation. We need activities to keep our minds sharp. Acacia Village has a number of weekly programs such as card games, trivia and a variety of stimulating activities. Two recent programs have been facilitated by our residents; an eight-week psychology class conducted by Dr. Ann Williams and a course on the Sonnets of Shakespeare presented by the former Chancellor of Indiana State University, Lester Wolfson.

Spiritual Fulfillment

The last component is Spiritual Fulfillment. Every Sunday morning in our historic Tompkins Chapel, residents, staff and the public attend a Christian non-denominational service. It's one of the most beautiful Masonic Chapels in the country, complete with Tiffany stained-glass windows. Spiritual fulfillment encompasses more than church services and for our Acacia

Masonic Service Bureau, a letter is sent to the contributor so they may use it for tax deductions.

When the Webster Senior Center re-located to a new facility, they gave the Service Bureau all of their equipment, leaving the MSB Loan Closet the only local source. Sometimes local ambulance and fire departments have a few items available, but we are full-service. Most loan closets in the area service residents of the town in which they are located; the MSB services an eight-county area.

There is a lot of work to maintain the equipment ... cleaning, numbering for inventory, documenting each item and cleaning again. Many clients are unfamiliar with what's available to suit their needs, so much counseling is done to equip them with items that will help them the most.

The Loan Closet is open 9 a.m. - 12 Noon, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Most people are unaware that these items are available free-of-charge. A refundable deposit is requested for wheelchairs, transport chairs and rollator walkers. If you have questions or want to check availability of equipment, call 671-9730.

Help spread the word of this service, which the Freemasons sponsor, to anyone you know whom we can help.

I offer a big thank you to those who maintain this service. □

Village neighbors there is a woman's sharing group that meets to talk about a variety of issues and concerns. Some residents like to travel to our adult residential community Wiley Hall and our Health Pavilion to provide comfort, conversation and companionship to others who live here on our campus.

Moving to an independent retirement community could be the best move you ever make. It doesn't take long for residents to feel at home. In no time at all we see them feeling better, infused with more vitality and with a new lease on life. We hope you will consider a visit to Acacia Village, to see what independent retirement living is all about. But even if you don't consider our community, please take a minute to consider your current lifestyle, and whether or not you could benefit from the four components of successful aging.

For more information on Acacia Village, contact us at (315) 798-4775 or check us out on the web at:

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Project
For the Veterans**

We are collecting NEW WHITE socks - for men and women - to be donated to Veterans at the Canandaigua VA Facility.

Give your donations to any member of the Eastern Star or drop them off at the Masonic Service Bureau in the Shrine Center on Bay Road, Webster.



**"Hey Brothers,
Have you done the
"Yellow Dog" Degree?
Well, now's your chance,
Puppy."**

The "Yellow Dog" is a fun, side Degree to promote Masonic fellowship while serving as a fundraiser for Masonic Scholarships. There are no annual Dues, pesky meetings or committee assignments. It is simply an enjoyable evening you won't soon forget!

**Thursday, April 19th
at 6:30 p.m.**

at Northfield Masonic Lodge, 17 Church Street, Pittsford

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This fundraiser benefits Royal Arch Scholarships

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In Memoriam

Attwood, William W., Jr.

William Attwood, Jr., 85, laid down his Working Tools on February 22nd. His wife of 61 years, Carita; 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren survive him. Bill was a World War II Army Veteran and a member of Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

Biswanger, Edward

On March 9th, Edward Biswanger, 93, went to the waiting arms of his wife, leaving 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren to remember him. Ed was a World War II Army Veteran and a member of Northfield Lodge. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Campaniello, Luigi

Luigi Campaniello, 83, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven on March 17th. He is survived by 2 children and 4 grandchildren. He was a very active member of ERAC Lodge, Scottish Rite, Damascus Shrine and Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Evans, Wesley M.

We have received word that Wesley Evans, 68, passed away on December 16, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Paula; 6 children and 8 grandchildren. He was a member of Unity Lodge.

Fritz, Homer E.

On February 8th, Homer Fritz, 91, went Home to his Lord. His memory will be shared by his companion, Phyllis; 3 chil-

dren, 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Homer was a World War II Army Veteran and a member of Damascus Shrine and Sagoyewatha Commandery. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

Funk, Henry W.

Henry Funk, 71, entered Eternal Rest on March 3rd and will always be remembered by his wife, Shirley. Henry was a U.S. Navy Veteran and a member of Ark Lodge and Damascus Shrine. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

Gordon, Kenneth

Kenneth Gordon, 73, said goodbye to his Earthly home, leaving his wife, Beverly, to remember his life. Kenneth was a member of Seneca Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Hart, William T.

On March 3rd, William Hart, 91, departed from a lively life of accomplishments and he will always be cherished by his wife, Mary; 2 sons, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Bill was a World War II Army Veteran. He was a member of Unity Lodge, Damascus Shrine and a 32° Mason, Scottish Rite. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Kopen, Seymour

On March 8th, Seymour Kopen, 74, went to the Celestial Lodge and will be remembered by his wife, Marjorie; 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Sy was a mem-

ber of Fairport-Flower City Lodge and a Scottish Rite, 33° Mason. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

Lonneville, Peter J.

Peter Lonneville, 89, passed away March 7th. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; and a son. Peter was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge and York Rite Commanderies. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Matthews, Edward L.

On March 13th, Edward Matthews, 90, was embraced by his wife, Marjorie, who went before him and 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren will keep his memory in their hearts forever. Ed was a member of Seneca Lodge for more than 70 years. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Nicoll, Robert G.S.

Robert Nicoll, 84, was embraced by those who went before him in faith on March 18th. Left to cherish his memory are 5 children, 1 step-daughter, 10 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Bob was a World War II Marine Corps Veteran, a 55-year Mason - member of Olive Branch Lodge - and a member of Order of the Eastern Star.

Scheer, William J.

On March 15th, William Scheer, 75, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; 4 children and 2 grandchildren. He was a member of Inspiration Lodge, Damascus Shrine, Damascus Horse Patrol and Royal Order of Jesters. You left us with a garden of memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Sciortino, John

On March 12th, the Lord called John Sciortino at a young age, leaving his wife, Michele; and daughter to survive him. John was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. 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.

Smith, Kenneth William

Kenneth Smith, 94, went to the waiting arms of his wife on March 1st. He is survived by a daughter and 2 granddaughters. Ken was a member of Northfield Lodge. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

Todd, George Lee

On March 5th, George Todd, 66, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord. George leaves his wife, Dody; 2 children and 3 grandchildren to share his memories. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

Widows to be Remembered

Ashman, Juanita W., 88, widow of Russell Ashman (Unity Lodge), passed away March 19th.

Gill, Grace V., 94, widow of Aura Gill (Unity Lodge), passed away March 8th.

Mollon, Rita E., 95, widow of Chester Mollon (Unity Lodge), passed away March 14th.

Youngman, Arlene R., 84, widow of William Youngman (Drumlin Square Lodge), passed away March 5th. □

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lars. Congratulations and many thanks to both Lodges.

At Marketplace, the charge was led by Livingston District represented by Geneseo, Mt. Morris, Livonia, Nunda Station, Union and Eunice Lodges, who, overall, raised \$2,200. Ninety percent of that total was raised during the first six days. The number one contributor was Eureka Lodge, Prince Hall Masons, with over \$1,600 total. What a team; thanks for the hard work.

At The Mall at Greece Ridge Center, Inspiration, Unity and Clio Lodges were running up some big numbers. On Sunday, February 5th, Inspiration Lodge raised a 2012 record of \$1,364, then followed up on Monday the 6th with \$680 more. Later down the stretch when needed, they added \$800 at Greece, from Starlight Chapter, Hilde DiJames and Sharon Listman when broken down into money raised divided by hours worked, came to \$135 per hour. WOW! Hats off to this year's Have-a-Heart unit.

Joyce Bernhardt painted faces.

Not to be outdone, Unity and Clio Lodges waged their own battle with both ending up with over \$1,400 each, with each Lodge averaging over \$80 per hour. Their terrific effort powered The Mall at Greece Ridge Center to number one this year. A job well done!

Disappointment set in during the middle of the Campaign as the numbers started falling. I can't explain why; maybe low volume of shoppers or the economy. During this slow time, the following Lodges, Concordant and Allied Bodies made outstanding efforts to keep the Campaign on track. I refer to Fame, Oatka, Seneca, Webster and Union Star Lodges; Starlight Chapter, OES; Scottish Rite; Lalla Rookh Grotto; Lalla Rookh Caldron; Daughters of the Nile; and York Rite Bodies. This effort shows the true grit my fellow Brothers and Sisters have. At this point, I lowered my goal and prayed for a turnaround in our fortune to reach even the new goal.

The last word was exhilaration on receiving the totals from the Mall Chairmen following our last day, February 14th. During the last few days of the Campaign, Eureka Lodge (working two malls) collected over \$1,000, as did Oatka and Union Star working together, adding the last-minute heroes of ERAC and Inspiration Lodges and the Daughters of the Nile. This super effort by these Lodges and allied organizations with their late rally, pushed us within \$1,700



At Greece, from Starlight Chapter, Hilde DiJames and Sharon Listman



Daughters of the Nile at Eastview Mall

of our original goal, ending with this year's total of \$17,300. The committee's sincere thanks and appreciation for the many hours of hard work go to all who assisted. We also hope you had a good time.

When informed of this year's total, the folks at Ronald McDonald House said they knew we would have another good Campaign. "The Freemasons have never let us down in over 20 years of doing Have-a-Heart."

Particular Thanks

- A special thanks to the following:
- Label World U.S.A. for those great heart stickers
 - Terry Baird for making great signs and banners - I think everyone knew we were there.
 - Richard Trescott, for coordinating the efforts of Livingston District
 - John Gallant and Eunice Lodge for returning to the fold during their re-building year
 - The Mall at Greece Ridge Center Eastview and Marketplace Malls, and all their personnel, for the space and help
 - The Service Bureau for our new banners and the loan of Jan Porter to our Committee. We couldn't have done it without her.
 - Oscar Wilson and the clowns, who were the life of the party and the kids love them
 - John Lemke, aka "Honest Abe" on the 12th (Lincoln's birthday). Let's do it again.
 - The Shoppers at the Malls - remember it's their money and their belief in the Ronald McDonald Houses.
 - Again to all the Lodges, Prince Hall Masons, Concordant Bodies and Women's organizations for your help and hard work.
- Last, but not least, our Mall Chairmen, Eugene Crews, Gary Sanford and first-year Chairman, Steve Phillips. Long hours, late nights, set ups, tear downs and hours on the phone. Two weeks that takes four to recover. These men are great Masons, but also great friends who always have my back and are always there when needed. Thanks guys, you are the best.
- All the people mentioned in this article are the team that makes the Have-a-Heart Campaign click. It is my privilege and honor to work alongside these people for the benefit of the Ronald McDonald Houses, a class charity. We know not what the future holds, but hope to see you all next year. A Proud Mason. □

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By Doug Poole

My apologies for not having an article in the **Masonic Times** the last few months. I have the best intentions, but things come up, such as several hospital stays, usually when the articles were due.

Welcome New Brothers

Now for the start of the good news! It is our pleasure to welcome two new Brothers - Paul E. Campbell and Peiter C. Poulton - who were Raised November 11th. We are very glad to welcome them and a big thank you to the Brothers in the District who helped us with the Degrees.

Even better, we were scheduled for another round of Degrees on March 21st. We had approved two Petitions for membership and it looked very promising that we would have one other Candidate. The 2nd Degree will be April 18th. We are going to have another class in September. Outstanding!

Renovating Hall

Work continues on remodeling the kitchen. Equipment has been ordered and will all be installed this month. This kitchen is designed to meet the current Health Department Regulations. We already have community members ask-

ing when we will be serving our famous Pancake Breakfasts.

Anniversary Reminder

Next year we will be celebrating our 200th Anniversary. We are working on the plans. Part of the project is updating our history. There are a few details from the early years that need correction. Therefore, we are requesting our current members to send in notes about any outstanding event at Olive Branch Lodge. Either that or talk about a Brother you really respected. Your help would be appreciated.

Planning is proceeding for the placement of the John Lent, Jr. Memorial Window. It will be placed where it can be seen from Main Street. It has been professionally restored and put in a special frame with bullet-proof glass. It will be backlit with LED lighting. We are working with the Le Roy Historical Society so we have the correct portrait of John on display. The painting that hung in the Ante Room was actually his father John, Sr. who, from the stories about him, would never have been a Mason.

Sickness and Distress

Under sickness and distress we have the Worshipful Master Neil and his wife, Pat. Pat's brother died very suddenly. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and our prayers are with them.

Upcoming Events

Olive Branch Lodge will be very busy this Spring. If you haven't been to Lodge for awhile, the Degrees are a great time to sit and remember ... or at least come for breakfast and see the new Lodge Hall.

We do have an upcoming event in September. The Grand Line will be at Olive Branch Lodge to dedicate the building. I don't have many details as of yet, but we will be sending letters to our members this Summer.

See you around the Altar. □

a Petition to contact Brother Secretary, and all Brothers to think about men you know who may be ready to join after some reach-out discussion with you.

Our Lodge is also getting ready for the Talent Show, although not many details are set. It's not too early for any participants to begin adding a little time to the weekly practice/rehearsal schedule.

On a final note, the College of Freemasonry is scheduled for the Shrine Center on April 14th and is chaired by Rick Howe. It has always been an outstanding Masonic Education program and he promised the same for this year. Details are available on the Scottish Rite page elsewhere in the paper, but if several want to go from here, I would be glad to coordinate a carpool.

In closing let me remind any Brother who needs help, a ride to Lodge or just a visit, please let me know. □

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2016 Anniversary

It has happened again, the Month just flew by. We had the first meeting of our 200th Anniversary Planning Committee and got a lot of good ideas. Now we're thinking how we can implement some of them. We know that 2016 is a couple years off but we want to get the start out of the box in a timely fashion. This gives us the time we need to do things right.

I thank all the Officers and Brothers for conferring the most wonderful 3rd Degree on our new Brothers, George Kneibert III and James Manning. These are two great new Brothers and they were very impressed with all three of the Degrees. Welcome, Brothers. I also thank all the Brothers who attended from other Lodges and Districts who came to support our Lodge in bringing these two men to true Masonic Light. It is GREAT to see a Lodge Room full for this special occasion. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Ladies Night

I extend an invitation to all Brothers -

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The good news about the Internet is that there is much good information about Freemasonry; the bad news is that there is much bad information about Freemasonry, as well, of course, the ludicrous. A recent BLOG starts innocently enough praising "one-day classes" but by mid-page is describing planning for a "one-hour" class. When the article mentioned exploration of a possible "one-minute" class, a skeptical Mason would jump to the bottom of the page, where sure enough it said, "April Fool!"

The take-away from the above should be that the Internet should be used as a resource, but caution in checking sources, establishing reliability and maintaining context in reporting, are the responsibilities we have to ourselves and those

with whom we share the information. And these criteria are the same ones we learned when the good teachers of our youth were attempting to ready us for our adult roles in the Community.

"Making good men better" is our ongoing task but at the same time we must preserve our core values. That is the role of Ritual in Lodge life and practice. Knowing its meaning is essential; mastering it for recitation increases the opportunities to participate in Degree work. Living according to its principles enriches life.

Recently our Lodge had the opportunity to financially support the Bell Memorial Library "window project." Each Brother can be proud of our willingness to help a local institution that has quietly gone about the business of helping children learn to read and love books - even many of the members of this Lodge.

The Association dinner for our Ladies will miss the reporting deadline for this article, but before it is too old news (and based on reservations so far) I thank all the Brothers who have helped bring the event together. And especially "Thank you" to all the honorees for the many wonderful repasts they made over the years.

New Brothers

In Lodge we have Petitions which are in various stages of preparation so I will have to give a fuller report next month. I would encourage any Brother who needs

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The O/S/Y District has more than twenty Candidates currently going through the three Masonic Degrees. Ark Lodge has nine Fellowcraft Masons who will soon take their 3rd Degree. The Lodge is planning on two separate 3rd Degrees in the Spring. We have also received more applications for membership which means another 1st Degree before our Summer break. It has been a very busy time with the Degree work and the preparation with the new Brothers to make certain they have "made suitable proficiency in the preceding Degree."

The Degree work has been especially rewarding. Watching a Candidate progress through the three Degrees is truly a marvel to watch as they gain "Light in Masonry," followed by "more Light in Masonry," and finally "further Light in Masonry." They have brought a new enthusiasm for the Craft and have renewed our own enthusiasm for Freemasonry. What a nice resurgence for the Fraternity. It seems that more people are seeking to join our Fraternity. All of the Brothers have been willing to help out with the Degree work, serve on interview committees and help the new Brothers learn the lessons of the Craft.

Ark Lodge and the O/S/Y District are experiencing a greatly needed infusion of new Brothers. The willingness of the entire District to help out with whatever needs to be done is an amazing insight into the type of Fraternal Brotherhood we all share. We have a wealth of Fraternal knowledge upon which to draw within our own O/S/Y District.

It seems to me that Freemasonry is once again gaining momentum. Ark Lodge may actually see an increase in membership for the year instead of a decline. Maybe we can keep going on this positive trend. In order to continue on this path, it will take the effort of every Brother to expose the public to the value of Freemasonry. We need to be seen and

heard within our communities for the good works we do. We need to attract new members who can provide the necessary leadership the Fraternity will need to move forward in the years to come.

In a review of Allen E. Roberts' *The Craft and Its Symbols* by Lawrence J. Hommel, Jr., the following quotation appears:

"Freemasonry lets no man travel alone. There is always a trusted friend and Brother to help guide him along a safe path. Brotherly love will always win over adversity."

This truth has been evident to me since I entered Freemasonry in 1976. Every Brother with whom I have come in contact has been more than willing to lend a helping hand. The fellowship of Brothers in time of prosperity and trouble; in times of sickness and distress; have been a source of strength and vitality to all Brothers.

Ark Lodge continues to look for a suitable meeting place in the Geneva area. We are most thankful to the Officers and Brothers of Garoga-Sincerity for allowing us to conduct our Degree work in their Lodge Room.

Mark Your Calendar

April 4th - Stated Communication, Program - Game Night, Place TBD
April 18th Stated Communication, 3rd Degree at Phelps Masonic Hall □

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

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200th Anniversary Celebration

A committee of six is working on plans for our 200-year celebration that marks the beginning of Masonry in Phelps. This celebration is scheduled for June 30th. Committee members include Jed Brandow, Ron Galens, Ken Gibbs, William Hargrove, Bob Ruggles and Donald Tiffany. More information will be forthcoming.

Golf Tournament

O/S/Y Charities has scheduled the 20th Annual Golf Tournament for August 19th at Big Oak Golf Course. Dona-

tions for Hole Sponsors and door prizes are encouraged. Door prizes could include merchandise, gift certificates, discount coupons, etc. Information is available from Tourney Director, Ron Galens; 1602 Griffith Road; Phelps, NY 14532; Phone - 315-548-3453; email: rongalensosy@yahoo.com.

Sickness and Distress

We note with sadness the passing of Brother Lowell Falkey. A Masonic Service was held on March 10th at the United Church in Phelps. Lowell will be sorely missed as a presenter of the 1st and 3rd Degree Historical Lectures, as well as the Middle Chamber Lecture. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Upcoming Events

May 1st - Move-Up Night
May 5th-9th Grand Lodge, New York City
June 19th - Annual Steak Roast Night
Don't forget Game Night is the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month until further notice. All are welcome to come. Just bring a snack-to-pass and join in the fun.

April Birthdays

We send April birthday greetings

to Bobby Dorgan (7th), Todd Ruggles (8th), Jay Ford and John Roush (9th), Vincent Rozella III (12th), Jed Brandow (15th), Norman Schafer (16th), Edward Minns (20th), Robert Lash and Robert Spink (26th), Stephen Durso Sr. (28th) and James Gostley (29th).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in April:

1950	Robert Hines
1959	Robert Spink
	Frederick Wheeler
1960	Paul Adams
1963	John Bowles
1964	John Davis
1965	Douglas Nicot
	Douglas Parmele
1967	John Roush
1969	Ronald VanCamp
	Milton Lum
1974	Ramon Howard
1975	Dale Gelder
1980	James Frind
1983	Ernest Day
1984	Michael Klimeczko
1994	Charles Bird
	Scott Upchurch □

Wayne District

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Only five short weeks are left before Grand Lodge and the end of my term as AGL for Wayne District. I thank all the Brothers who have helped me this year, whether it be at Convention or at Masters & Wardens for exemplifying work.

I am also the District Coordinator for the Masonic Hall and Home. My endeavor this year, with the help of my wife, Linda, has been to raise money for the Home. Our small part has been cooking dinners for Masters & Wardens each month.

April 26th Masters & Wardens meeting will be at Palmyra Masonic Hall, 161 East Main Street, Palmyra. The guest speaker will be Jon-Paul Kidwell, Director of Development of the Masonic Care Community. At this meeting I will present him with a check from the profits of the dinners.

Dinner is at 6:45 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m., reservations for dinner to me by April 23rd at brewerjmc@verizon.net or phone (315) 986-5673. Wayne District Masters & Wardens is open to all Masons and for this meeting we also invite Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft Brothers. □

warm sun to recharge our spirits.

I am working on getting involved with the Palmyra Village Celebrations Committee to see how we can make a more public appearance. Sometime in the near future, we will be re-dedicating the General John Swift Historical Marker in the Village. This should be a fun event, with a procession of all our current members in our Aprons, from the Lodge to the site, and with a formal presentation at the marker. I hope all of you can make this event; more details on date and time to follow.

Since Spring is coming into view, we should take the opportunity to Spring clean the Lodge. We could start organizing the area outside the Dining Hall and set it up to host Game Nights. This would allow us to show off our Lodge Hall to prospective members, in a fun, low-key atmosphere.

Which reminds me ... if you know of anyone who you think would make a good Mason or is interested in the Fraternity, let Master Pro-tem, James Aylesworth, or Secretary William Jones know and we could set up a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

Brotherhood Fund

Donations to the Brotherhood Fund are in full swing. So far, the Lodge and 23 Brothers have given a total of \$1,070. While this is a good start, imagine what we could do if the other 73 gave even just a little. Remember, when you donate you are helping a Brother in need somewhere. For more information or to donate, contact Charles Hargrave, Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund.

Surviving Spouse Luncheon

Finally, don't forget our upcoming Surviving Spouse Luncheon on April 15th, 1:30 p.m., at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Macedon.

Our June 6th Open Meeting is coming up faster than you think and will feature Years of Service Awards, Installation of Officers, and the presentation of the Dedicated Service Award.

To close this month, I'll simply state that I hope to see you at Lodge. □

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By Robert J Zanin, Jr.

Although the Winter has been very mild, I am hoping April brings some

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As I get closer to the end of my journey as District Deputy Grand Master, I reflect on all I have learned and all that lies ahead for me and for our beloved Fraternity. I feel somewhat the same as our newly Raised Brothers in the District who have just received their 3rd Degree and are now Master Masons. At the same time that I congratulate each and every one of those Brothers, I would like to remind them this is certainly not the end of the road in their Masonic education, and our responsibility toward our newest members is not yet fully discharged. Similarly, I have so much more to learn and so much more to discover.

The 3rd Degree of Masonry is the climax of accomplishments of a Mason during his journey of knowledge. Our Brothers who were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason received their Degree surrounded by their Lodge Brothers and are now ready to spend a lifetime of search and discovery to study and understand the meaning of the symbolism of Freemasonry.

I have often made the comparison between Freemasonry and medicine; both being applied sciences. Medicine uses biology, chemistry, physics, pharmacology, pathology, physiology and psychology as its basic sciences, with the purpose of curing disease and relieving the suffering of patients. Freemasonry uses the seven liberal arts; grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy, as well as the five senses of human nature; hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, tasting, and the tools it borrowed from our operative Brothers.

Freemasonry's purpose is to make good men better. The 3rd Degree of Masonry teaches us our duty to ourselves. We need to show these Brothers the meaning behind that Ritual. We need to take them under our wings and ensure we are Raising active members who will help our Lodge and Fraternity to flourish for years to come. We need to show them our own dedication and excitement. I fear that apathy and fatigue is too often competing with our dedication and involvement in the Lodge and its programs.

I take this opportunity to encourage the current Senior Wardens to start working on their Trestleboards for next year and to consider themes of education, family involvement and involvement in the community as an integral part of such Trestleboard. I challenge every Lodge leader and every active Mason to make it a personal goal to re-ignite the enthusiasm in each and every Mason in the Monroe District.

There will be new faces in our District and this should stimulate us all to put our best foot forward and find this renewed vitality and love for our Craft. Isn't that the real meaning of the 3rd Degree? Isn't the message that of renewal and rising above one's challenges? Those newly

Raised Brothers were told in the Lodge they are entitled to receive all the light that can be conferred upon, or communicated to, them in a Lodge Room.

Let us then mean what we say, my Brothers. The Ritual of our Degrees is beautiful and we certainly do a great job with it. But do not let what we say in the Lodge Room be merely empty words and recitations of lines that have no real meaning.

At the risk of repeating myself, let me say again that Freemasonry, just like medicine, is an applied science. What good is a physician who can recite from memory long lists of names of body parts, diseases and medications if that physician is unable to apply this knowledge in his treatment of a patient? What good is a Master Mason who can memorize the whole Cipher book, but does not apply any of the teaching of Masonry in his daily life? Our Ritual remains empty words written in old English which no one even uses until it is really and truly "deciphered." The words we say in Lodge remain as dead as the old language they were written in until we give them life. When the Ritual is applied, it rises like our GMHA and lives in our deeds and actions. Freemasonry should be made to similarly rise and live through our actions, otherwise it dies like the language of its Ritual, and our Cipher books would be forever shelved in the historical section of old bookstores.

My charge to you, my Brothers, is that the next time you read the Ritual in your Cipher book, or you are asked to memorize a part for a Degree, take a moment to reflect on the meaning of the symbolism you are reading and memorizing. Most importantly, reflect on how you could apply its lessons in your daily life.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your loved ones. □

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By Phil Hurwitz

Consider the Following ...

Our Widows Luncheon is April 21st. Doors open at 11 a.m. at Burgundy Basin on Marsh Road in Pittsford. Every Lodge secretary in the District has registration information.

Camp Turk

It's already April; June isn't far behind. Do you know of a child who could benefit from the experience of Summer camp? One of the crown jewels of our Fraternity is Camp Turk, located in the Adirondacks. A child does not have to be related to a Mason in order to attend.

The sessions themselves can last 1, 2 or 3 weeks in length. Camp Turk accepts children between the ages of 8 - 16 years old. The cost? ...

1-week session	\$500
2-week session	\$900
3-week session	\$1,100

Scholarship assistance is available. The registration deadline is June 1, 2012. For more information, and to obtain a registration form, go to:
www.campturk.org

Road to the East

Our February session of the *Road to the East* was a success. Based on the comments from the attendees, it was a worthwhile course to take. Running a Lodge, comprised of men who voluntarily choose to associate, is both challenging and rewarding. This course provides you with the tools to help make your year in the East, a successful one.

The leadership team thanks the following Brothers who took the time to share their knowledge and expertise: R. W. : George Fohner, R. W. : Cliff Short, W. : Rob Buchannan; W. : Paul Kolacki, R. W. : Rich Friedman, V. W. : Hugh Woodside, Brother Bruce Katz, R. W. : Steve Whittaker, W. : Gary Burke and R. W. : John Zabel. Of course, thanks to our hosts, Union Star Lodge. Very special thanks to R. W. : George Fohner and Kerry Fohner for their hospitality in providing refreshments.

What We Learned - Facebook

At the *Road to the East*, we all had an opportunity to share our thoughts, goals and concerns about our Craft. Communication is one of the keys to increasing Masonic awareness. Everyone who attended agreed with that. Our monthly **Masonic Times** serves an important and obvious function in our District (as an aside, have you considered advertising in the **Masonic Times**?).

The internet is another opportunity for outreach to our Brothers. The question is which platform works best on a District level. The consensus at the *Road to the East* was that our District Facebook page is worth continuing. When you think about it, doesn't a Facebook page serve the same function as a webpage? The easy part about maintaining a Facebook page is that you really do not have to. Participation by "writing on the wall" is what keeps our Facebook page updated.

So here is my plug. If you haven't done so already, go ahead and "like" the Monroe Masonic District Facebook page.

Light

According to our Ritual, and as expounded in the *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* by Albert Mackey, "The rising sun is represented by the Master, because as the sun governs the day, so the Master is taught to open and govern his Lodge with equal regularity and precision."

To be continued ... □

Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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My request and challenge has been answered by Bruce Katz of ERAC Lodge ... he requested the ID Equipment for an event in late March to provide Masonic Safety ID to under-served youths in Rochester.

Brothers, will you think and plan an opportunity as well? Brethren of each Lodge, plan and host at least two Ma-

sonic Safety ID Programs.

We will supply the equipment (and we always need supplies, pens, paper, printing ink) and you will plan, advertise and provide the manpower. There are under-served youth, people with handicaps and Senior (seasoned) Citizens who are at risk and could benefit from the Masonic Safety ID Program. If we can prevent the tragedy of an abduction or assist in the recovery of an older person who wanders away from their living arrangement, you and I have been faithful to our Masonic Oaths.

If I have not reached you by the time this is published, I urge you to please call me at 889-4725 to plan your Masonic Safety Events for your Trestleboards, schedule the equipment and to appoint your Lodge's new CHIP's Coordinator. We will have a Masonic force to set up and deliver a high-quality Child ID and Masonic Safety Program that could really serve the community and make a difference.

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the Program and involvement from your Lodge!!! We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at datubman@yahoo.com, or rcdowns@rochester.rr.com. □

Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By John Lemke, President

Our next meeting is our social dinner meeting on Saturday, April 28th, 6 p.m. at Keenan's Restaurant, 1010 Ridge Road East. The dinner is \$17.99 plus tax and tip, but M&W will subsidize the cost. How much will be the net cost per person depends on how many will attend. It will turn out to be a very good value. The dinner is for wives or girlfriends as well.

To be able to get together in a relaxed social atmosphere breaking bread is an important tradition of M&W and Freemasonry. To get to know each other better will help us to work together to do the work for the District.

There is work yet to be done this year and as Brother Wardens move up they need to be comfortable in their leadership roles for their Lodges and the whole District. Our District can and should provide leadership for Freemasonry in New York State as we grow and prosper and help men do the same. Wives and girlfriends also play a very important part in the success of our Lodges and the entire District. The participation of our ladies at the events throughout the year where they are included, is of great importance. For the ladies of the Lodges to get to know each other will be a real benefit.

At this dinner meeting we can also talk over the details of the Grand Lodge Communication that will be held shortly after this date. Please get your reservations in very soon to our Secretary, Steve Michener, at: smichene@rochester.rr.com. I look forward to seeing you on April 28th. □

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Our special communication on April 2nd should see the completion of ERAC's double set of Degrees for the 2011/2012 Masonic Year. Thank you to all the Officers and Brothers for rising to this occasion. Our regularly scheduled communication on April 9th will be the Walk-About of the Lodge, starting our new Brothers off on the right foot as Master Masons.

On April 23rd, we will celebrate the successful conclusion of the Degree season and reward our hard-working Brothers with the Annual ERAC Table Lodge. Please make your reservations with our Junior Warden for what is always one of the highlights of the year in our Lodge.

From the Secretary's Desk

By Dave Upham

It has been so great to watch a class of 14 as they work through the Three Degrees of Masonry. Several of us have worked with them in their progression toward proficiency and we have seen the results pay off in the new Brothers' enthusiasm. You should note that this is part of our growing effort in the realm of membership retention, following what we have accomplished in that arena over the past two years and what we have yet to do.

- We have formalized our Interviewing procedure. Now each Interviewing Team covers the same questions and provides the same information to Candidates. They make sure the Candidate will have a mentor who will help him in his studies and continue with him for the first year or two.

- We have also begun a process for Ritual memorization review where each Candidate will meet with his class and an instructor on a weekly basis to help assure they have the help they need to achieve proficiency.

- We are working on a plan to assure that Mentors will be and remain actively involved with their Petitioners/new Brothers both during the Initiation process and for (at least) their first full year following the Master Mason Degree.

- We are working to develop programs that will provide each new Brother an

opportunity to become involved as soon as he is initiated into the Craft and hopefully build enthusiasm in maintaining an active participation in ERAC Lodge, which will include attending meetings.

- We have purchased a Constitution and Book of Laws for all of the top three Officers of the Lodge so they may be more fully informed of the government of the Lodge and of Masonic Law.

Just in case you are wondering why we are working so hard to make these and other changes - In six years, we have lowered our average age from 72 years to 58 years. We have increased our average Initiation class size from seven to twelve. Change is good for a Lodge. And one change you can be certain we are addressing is a change in the average attendance at meetings. Now we average about 30 at our Stated meetings.

By this time next year, we hope to have that number closer to 50! With that in mind, if you haven't attended in awhile, please come see what is going on - introduce yourself to our newer members - enjoy great cuisine before the meeting. We miss you and want to see you come back. If you need a ride, call me at 315-524-2610. We'll pick you up and take you home...and it will be no inconvenience. That's what Brothers do. □

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The past few months have been really trying having to go to Lodge every month, getting involved with the Concordant Bodies and helping Brothers with their Ritual. With all this pressure, I think it's time to pack it in. April fool!!!

In fact, I believe we all enjoy being at Lodge and being able to take part in the Degrees, having fine meals and enjoying the company of our Masonic family.

I thank those Brothers who showed how our Masonic family comes together. There were nineteen Brothers from five Lodges who showed for a Masonic service for a Brother from Pennsylvania.

April Birthdays

Those Brothers who have matured another year include Brian J. Miller, John L. Armendinger, Joseph E. Bourcy and Kenneth J. Hecker.

Upcoming Events

April 9th - 3rd Degree
April 23rd - Fellowcraft Meeting □

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Degrees

We have a class of two for Degrees this Spring. April 9th will be the 3rd Degree and will be preceded with a dinner at 6 p.m.

The building is up for sale as previously mentioned. As of this writing, we

have some relief because we have two new tenants - an insurance agent in the corner store and a new photo studio where the old one was. This will ease the strain on the Lodge to meet its obligations to the Town and County Governments along with the School Taxes. All options are still on the table, we are not as pressured at this time to plan for the future. Changes will still have to be made to go forward.

Widows Luncheon

The Widows Luncheon is set for April 21st at Burgundy Basin. A letter should be in your hands by the time this paper reaches you. If not, call the Secretary, Don Bell, at 259-0647 or Roger Lynch at 334-7953 to make your reservation if you are able to join us. □

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March was a busy month with a 2nd Degree, a Bring-a-Friend Night and the School of Ritual. As a growing Lodge with younger Brothers and Officers, we are advancing and learning together. We improve our Ritual and organization. We have a ways to go, but our progress and enthusiasm is clear. We want to include all our Brothers. If you don't feel included, ask how you can become more involved.

In the trying times we live in, many can feel isolated. Contact between people, while frequent and good in modern electronic ways, is still somehow lacking in the personal connections you have when you actually get together. An electronic Fraternity is not by itself sufficient. We need to add the connections that help us - email, Facebook, etc. - while recognizing our success will be largely tied to Brothers now, as over the centuries, uniting in facing the world, to learn the truths, to find the light, to enjoy the Fraternal camaraderie. These are not times for a man to be an island.

Upcoming Events

At our April 9th Communication, the program for the evening will be Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. I also have something else up my sleeve, which I will not reveal at this time. This should be a motivational and inspirational evening and should be enjoyed by all.

The April 23rd Communication is our 3rd Degree with a dinner. A well-attended Degree night with a concerted effort to do Ritual work that will make us all proud, will be enjoyable and memorable for the Brothers taking the Degree and all of us attending.

April finds Spring coming alive and with it the optimism that comes with new beginnings. I wish the following Brothers a very happy birthday - Richard Bean, Dale Bond, Raymond Cody, Gary Cornelius, Robert Crystal, Clarence Dinger, Charles DiPilato, Richard Fisher, Jared Groth, Alexander Guilday, Franklin Higgins, Robert Kennedy, Earl Lenhard, Cedric Lodge, Jerry Luedemann, Rick Randolph, James Robb, Gary Rodriguez, Arthur Roger, Jonathan Smith, William Stoddard, Derek VanHouten and our Junior Warden, Jeff VanSice. □

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By Stephan Michener, Junior Warden

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the Crocus and Daffodils will be making their annual showing and the most beautifully designed game (baseball) will be soon under way. However, we can't complain all that much as this Winter has been quite mild. Spring is in the air!

Good Eats!

In March we had our long-awaited "Garbage Plate Night" before our Move-up Night. I was pleasantly surprised to find all the Brothers who had made reservations eagerly anticipating my arrival to Lodge with the Garbage Plates. Everyone seemed to enjoy them as a hush fell over the room as Brothers chowed down.

After our dinner we all got to experience what it would be like in the seats we might hope to occupy next year. The meeting was very short and we were soon back downstairs for our dessert of chocolate chip cookies.

Our Very Special April!

There will be no meeting on April 5th as this is Maundy Thursday and Northfield Lodge is closed as per our By-Laws.

April 19th will be a night to remember at Northfield Lodge. We are pleased to host Most Worshipful Bruce Widger, who will be conferring the Yellow Dog Degree upon the Candidates. At this point, several Brothers from surrounding Lodges have already made reservations, and it is shaping up to be a fantastic evening. This is a fun, side Degree which is a fundraiser for Masonic Educational Scholarships. The cost is a mere \$10, which is your Lifetime Membership and goes to support a good cause. Before the meeting, we will be serving dinner - also \$10. If you are opposed to laughing and having a good time, please don't attend this event. On the other hand, if you like to laugh and would like to attend this great event, please make your reservation with Steve Michener by Monday, April 16th at 746-3960 or at smichene@rochester.rr.com. You don't want to miss this event! Woof, woof. □



John Dudley (above) reprimands the Junior Warden for not doing the dishes. Northfield Lodge Brothers (photo below) manning the Have-a-Heart Campaign Booth at Eastview Mall.



I am pleased to report our participation in the Have-a-Heart Campaign resulted in a total of \$2,345.54 added to donations to the Ronald McDonald Houses. This includes a donation from the Inspiration Lodge Charity Fund. Great job to the Brothers, Family members and Friends who helped - R.: W.: Herb Spencer; R.: W.: Derek Van Houten; W.: Mike Hueston; W.: Dick Giedd; W.: Ken Schumacher and wife, Lauren; W.: Ralph Jurgens; W.: Joe Steffen and his family members, wife, Gail, daughter's Amanda and Adeline, son Vincent, and nephew Jacob Freida; W.: Gabe Milonni's grandson, Zachary Milonni, and his friend Cris Muller; and Brothers Frank Sackett, Brian Bell, Scott Rice, Joe Meli, John Brinthaup, Roy Guess and his friend, Rita Gardner; and my lady friend, Linda McBride. On behalf of the Ronald McDonald Houses, the Lodge and me, thank you each and every one for a job well done.

I also thank Rosco and Smirky, Damascus Shrine Clowns, who came out Saturday to assist us with our efforts. They spent a large part of the day and evening entertaining the little people (and adults) who visited the booth, putting a lot of smiles on faces young and old. Thank you both for helping a good cause.

Gala Event

Our Sweethearts and Awards night was a well-attended affair, with 64 Brothers, their Ladies and Friends there. Only two recipients were able to attend and receive their awards - MATHEW GINGOLD, 60 years, and JAMES CLARK, 50 years. Congratulations for so many years of service. James made



R.: W. Mathew Gingold holds 60-year Membership Certificate and his wife of 65 years, Norma. Presentation was made by R.: W. George Fochner, Grand Sword Bearer and W.: Richard T. Smith, Master of Inspiration Lodge.



W.: Richard T. Smith also presented a 50-year Certificate to Brother James Clark, who came from Texas to accept.

a special trip from Texas to receive his Award. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the evening and the entertainment by Right Worshipful Rick Howe, who provided music for the evening.

On April 10th, we will be Raising seven new Master Masons, with the help of the Damascus Shrine Degree Team. Come out and help us welcome these new Master Masons into our Lodge.

April 24th we will work on plans for our Annual Summer Picnic, which is usually in August, along with conducting other necessary Lodge business.



R.: W. Herbert Spencer, who will retire in May, received a clock to thank him for his long service as Lodge Secretary.

April Birthdays

Here are the Brothers who celebrate their birthdays in April. Many happy returns of the day! Give them a call or send a card to extend your personal greetings. Adam Jurzyniec (1st); Derek VanHouten (3rd); Ronald Sterling and Jeffrey Miller (6th); George Gray (7th); Michael Kelly (13th); Carl Robinson (14th); David Clarke, Mark Jacobs and Robert W. Hughes (15th); Harold Silvis and Scott Mason (17th); Robert Anderson (18th); Sion Honea (21st); Richard Militello (23rd); Roland Butler (25th); Guy Clark (26th); John Rogalski (27th) and Isaac Taylor (28th). □



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We held our first meeting in the Webster Masonic Hall facility on February 23rd with a Lodge of Remembrance for our deceased Veterans. We have lost a number of great Masons and dedicated Veterans over the last several years and we really miss them.

You're Invited to Join Us

We are always looking for new members. We are always looking for Masons who have worn a uniform in any branch of the Armed Forces, or served with an ally of the United States of America. Come join the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No.12 if you would like to have

some fun and be involved in some of the following activities. We seek to promote Veteran awareness and promote Veterans issues throughout New York State. We are Chartered by the Grand Lodge in New York State. The Grand Post, through Director General Dennis Breheny, was instrumental in the formation of six new MWV Posts this past year. The Grand Post has also just recently donated two, ten-passenger buses to the VA Hospitals, one to Northport Long Island and one to the VA Hospital in Buffalo. These buses will greatly enhance the Veterans quality of life by having transportation available for Veterans who are trying to get to medical appointments and services.

The James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No.12 supports many programs at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center which include the following:

Monthly birthday parties, memorial programs, color guard presentations and taking Veterans to services and appointments. We provide a color guard to Masonic organizations for Grand Post Officer Visits and special occasions such as the Widows Luncheon. We also support active duty Veterans with Operation Paper Back by sending books, magazines and other supplies overseas and we promote many Veteran awareness programs in Monroe County.

Mark Your Calendar

April 18th - Canandaigua VAMC Awards Banquet at Burgundy Basin; 11:30 a.m.
April (day TBD) - VAMC Birthday Par-

ty, Bldg.7A at 2:30 p.m.; Lunch at Villager Restaurant 12:30 p.m.

April 21st - Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin; Color Guard - assemble at 11:30 a.m.

May 5th - Armed Forces Day Lunch; Check Internet at armedforcesday.com for program

May 16th - VAMC Birthday Party, Bldg.7A at 2:30 .m.; Lunch at Villager Restaurant 12:30 p.m.

May 20th - Memorial Day Service at the War Memorial, 3 p.m.

May 28th - Memorial Day Parade; Assemble at East Ave & Strathallan Place at 10 a.m.; Color Guard - wear uniform, ride on MWV Float or in cars provided

May 28th - Greece Town Parade; Assemble at Long Pond and Janes Roads at 1 p.m. Please call if any questions. □

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Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

April 2012

Shrine and Divan Meetings

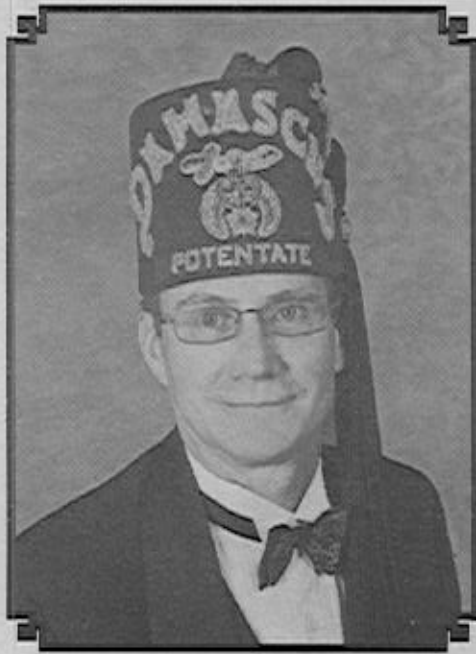
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Shrine Office Hours

Monday — Friday
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org



**GARY BURKE
POTENTATE**

As I think of the phrase, "April Showers bring May flowers," I'm reminded that our membership effort is much the same. The efforts we put forth during the months leading up to a Ceremonial are vital to the growth of our Fraternity. As we cultivate the fields of our Masonic Lodges with members, we sow the seeds of future Shriners. I am hopeful each of you has been doing just that these past several months so we have a plentiful May Ceremonial.

Now let me reflect upon the "IRR" Factor for a moment. I have asked that you become just little bit more "I"nvolved in the activities of your Shrine. Now I'd like you to work on the "R"etention of our membership. I challenge those Top-Line Signers of our 2011 Class to reach out to those new Nobles you brought into Damascus and get them involved. I challenge you to make a commitment to bring those new Nobles to at least three meetings or events during the year. Get them in the habit of Shrinedom. If you're the top line signer of a new Noble in 2012, please commit to the same effort. Should we develop an "I"nvolved Noble, we are much more likely to "R"etain him as a lifelong Noble.

What's Been Happening?

Our March meeting gave us a great Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, followed by a very interesting program from our Past Potentates, Bob Anderson and Lance Ward. They both gave us updates on what has been happening and will happen at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie and Springfield. Thanks to both for sharing with us some very important and interesting information. As I write this article, I'm looking forward to a wonderful Noble Bring-a-Brother Pro-

gram, coordinated by our High Priest and Prophet, Joe DiTucci and Oriental Guide, Wayne McCrossen. It is always a joy to have one of our patients with us and what a joy it was to have Emma and her mom, Erin, share some stories with us. I know their stories touched our hearts.

I thank all those who came to the Rochester Downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade to show all of Rochester that Damascus is alive and well.

What's Coming?

Our April 4th meeting will not leave you either hungry or thirsty! Be there with your Lady to enjoy Beer & Brats as well as Wine & Cheese tasting. Check the website for further details on this fun evening.

April 22nd brings us our Third Annual Seneca Niagara Casino Bus Trip. Yet another open event and an opportunity to show a perspective member the fun we have AND support our cause. Again, check the website for all the details for this exciting event. Remember, only 49 seats on the bus, so don't hesitate.

Our May 2nd meeting will be Community Service Award Night, when we will honor Danny Wegman and the Wegman's organization for their outstanding community involvement and support.

Cruz Nights kick off on Friday, May 11th. Come on out, enjoy the sights and sounds of days gone by, some great food and Fraternal exchange. Oh, and if you care to help out, I'm sure the Committee can use you somewhere.

Save the date of May 12th ... the day will begin with Damascus showing its stuff at the Lilac Parade, then off to the Shrine Center for the Spring Ceremonial.

On May 19th will be a first ... The Wheelers will hold a new event for Damascus. If you enjoy a good cigar, then you won't want to be left out of this Cigar Smoker Event.

First Lady's Project

First Lady, Debi, is continuing the sale of the Damascus Shrine Cookbooks. If you have not yet purchased one, don't wait; get one now before they are all gone. They are only \$15 each, with 100% of the proceeds going to the Hospitals.

She is also asking you to purchase gift cards from fast food restaurants, Wal-Mart or Target for distribution to the families of Hospital patients. Cards can be sent or dropped off at the Office. If you prefer to make a monetary donation towards this project, just denote "First Ladies Project" in the memo portion of your check.

Friendly Reminder

Keep the Recorder's Office informed on ANY changes to your contact information. Should you move, return from the warmer climates, change email address or anything, let us know. We can only keep you informed, if you keep us informed. Thanks.

Until next time. □



DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2012

APRIL

- 4th Open Meeting - Ladies invited. Beer & Brats - Wine & Cheese Tasting Event
- 22nd Seneca Niagara Casino Bus Trip

MAY

- 2nd Open Meeting - Ladies invited. Community Service Award - Wegman's
- 11th Classic Car "Cruz-in Nights Commence
- 12th Lilac Festival Parade/Spring Ceremonial (Open)
- 19th Damascus Wheelers Cigar Night

11th, 18th & 25th

Cruz Nights at Shrine Center

100% of the proceeds for Cruz Nights goes to Shriners Hospitals for Children® after expenses. Contact Oscar Wilson to volunteer at: rososc@earthlink.net. We need all hands on deck to help!

Great Events Coming in June

By Bob Howden

The Annual Shriners Erie Community Open House and 4th Annual Shriners Erie Charity Golf Outing are coming in June. Be sure to mark your calendars, as everyone is invited to attend!

The Annual Shriners Erie Community Open House (formerly known as Hospital Day), will be held Sunday, June 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As in past years, self-guided tours of the facility will be available. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet the staff and learn more about the new Am-

bulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center. Back by popular demand will be the antique/classic car show on the grounds. Anyone with an antique/classic car is invited to participate. There will also be a craft fair and musical entertainment. The formal Shrine ceremony will begin at approximately 12:45 p.m.

The Community Open House will include a special recognition of the volunteer Shrine Drivers who transported patients to and from the Erie facility during the past year.

The 4th Annual Shriners Erie Charity Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 25, at the Lake Shore Country Club in Erie. Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 12 noon. Following the golf outing, participants will be treated to a buffet dinner at the country club.

The registration fee for the golf outing is \$125 per person which includes lunch, green fees, golf cart, course beverages and dinner. In addition, there are various sponsorship levels for tees, holes, putting greens, golf carts and beverage carts. Information on these various sponsorship levels is available by calling (814) 875-8782. All of the proceeds from this event benefit the pediatric medical services offered at the Erie facility.

Additional details and information about either the Shriners Erie Community Open House or the Shriners Erie Charity Golf Outing may be obtained by calling Bob Howden at (814) 875-8782. □

**Directors Staff
Dinner Meeting
Wednesday
April 25th**

Yellow Mills Diner
2534 Route 31, Palmyra

Order off the Menu
Social Time - 5:30 p.m.
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Bring your Lady and FEZ
Casual Attire
New Shriners & Guests welcome!

Call Vance Collom (585) 217-9817
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**Mark Your Calendar ... Shriners Classic Car "Cruz-in Nights" ...
Fridays, May 11th thru September 7th**



Damascus Shrine Wheelers

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Saturday May 19th 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Food-Only Tickets - \$10 ~ Sold at door

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It's time to renew the *Damascus News Boosters* ... a way in which you support this publication. If you are interested in being a Booster for 2012, please send \$15 to the Damascus Shrine Office. Anyone interested in advertising their business in this *Damascus News* pullout section, please contact Karin Staples in the Shrine Office (671-7701). □

April Birthdays

Robert Anderson Jason Appel A. Robert Banker Wesley Beard Charles Blazey Stuart Bobry Allyn Borrino Joseph Bourcy Jed Brandow Mitchel Buchinger Thomas Burrall Frank Churnetski David Clarke Raymond Cody Michael Cowley Scott Cronk Robert Crystal James Davenport Phillip Dean Harry DeHollander Angelo DiCataldo Daniel Dixon Bobby Dorgan John Dwyer James Gostley Frederick Halik	Kenneth Hecker Richard Heidorn Edward Heselton Robert Heselton Franklin Higgins Reginald Higgins Bruce Huie Ivar Hultman Milton Jefferson Bruce Kennedy Robert Kimmel Howard Kyper Scott Lasky Michael Lewis Herman Lyman Roger Lynch Mark Malchoff Kenneth Martens Carl Mason Lance McFetridge Frederick McKinley John Merz Bruce Miles Evar Miller Jeffrey Miller Patrick Mulrooney George Nasra	Erwin Newell Joseph Oelgoetz Arnold Palmer Gordon Palmer Sante Panella Dale Polmateer Andy Reynolds John Rogalski Harold Roxburgh Norman Sandle Wellington Sanger Carmen Santaferarra Frank Sassone Carl Scarpulla Lance Seeber Raymond Smith Kenneth Stafford Ronald Sterling Pedro Ugalde Frank Valente Michael Vanas Peter VanVlack Lloyd Vandeviver Derek VanHouten Robert VanLare Raymond Ziemann
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DAMASCUS SHRINE

3rd Annual Seneca Casino Bus Trip

Sunday, April 22nd




GINO TOURS and our hostess, Carm, invite you to sit back, relax and have fun on the trip up and back in a luxury coach.

\$40 per person ...
Includes donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, bus trip \$20 Slot Dollars and \$5 Food Voucher
Pizza bread, wine, soda & water on trip up.
Snacks, cookies, raffles and "Karaoke by Carm" on the way home ... All raffles for trip attendees.

ITINERARY

Meet at Shrine Center
Bus leaves at 11 a.m. sharp
Arrive at Casino 1 p.m.
Bus departs at 6 p.m. sharp
Return to Center approximately 7:30 p.m.




This trip is open to all - Shriners, Masons, OES, family and friends
Call early - only 49 seats available

Call the Shrine Office at (585) 671-7701 to reserve your spot and pre-pay with credit card, or send a check to 979 Bay Rd Webster, NY 14580

Join us for a day of fun!

Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles:

Luigi G. Campaniello March 3, 2012 Henry W. Funk March 3, 2012 William T. Hart March 3, 2012 William J. Scheer March 15, 2012	Homer E. Fritz February 8, 2012 Kenneth R. Gordon, Jr. March 8, 2012 Seymour Kopen March 8, 2012 George L. Todd March 5, 2012
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Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

Program - "Hero's Home Advantage" by James P. Kahn, P.C.

Wednesday, April 11th
at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

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

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

Tossed Salad * Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Italian Bread & Butter * Coffee * Dessert
\$12 per person

RSVP no later than Thursday, April 5th at (585) 436-8216

Shriners Charity Fishing Event
proceeds to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children®

**Wednesday,
September 12th**

at Reel Excitement Charters, Point Breeze
Cost - \$125 per person, Includes ...



- 5-Hour Fishing Trip
- 20 Boats reserved for this event
- 4 people per boat - get a group together or come by yourself and join a group
- Lunch at the famous Black North Inn

All participants meet at the BNI Parking lot at 6:30 a.m., 14352 Ontario Street; Kent, NY.
Boats will begin leaving the docks at 7 a.m. promptly.

Full payment must be made by September 1st to secure a spot in a boat.
Mail payment (Payable to Damascus Shriners) to:
Damascus Shriners
Attn: Fishing Derby
979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580-1736
For further information, contact Bob Songin at reelxite@rochester.rr.com

WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Frank Russell, President

The Wayne County Shrine Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day two days early with an enjoyable and fun-filled dinner at Studebaker's Restaurant in Lyons.

We recognized our member, Fred Ludwig, the new Commander of our Shrine Legion of Honor. Of course, I could not resist one Marine story. The 50-50 was won by Silvia Day, who graciously donated her winnings to our Shriners Hospital for Children. Lee Coller led us in recognizing our recent deceased Nobles.

Upcoming Events

Oscar Wilson, our Divan Representative, gave a thorough update on current and future activities of our Shrine. Not only did he encourage our seeking new Nobles, but discussed the Imperial Conference, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Easter Egg Hunt and Cruz Nites. He stressed that our Shrine has the premier Friday Night Fish Fry Cook and humbly did not mention who that person was. Like we all did not get the hint!

Frank Russell, after relating a couple of humorous stories, presented a program on the development of the U.S. Power Squadron and the Local Red Jacket Power Squadron. He stressed the educational forte of the Squadrons, as well as the free vessel safety checks that its qualified members perform. Any interested in further information may contact him.

The next meeting will be the Annual Bullhead Dinner at Connelly's Cove Restaurant on the picturesque Sodus Bay. It will be May 17th with the Ladies. There will be other menu choices for those who do not prefer Bullheads.

Don't Forget the Parades!

- By Mike Hueston, Colonel of the Units
- May 12th - Lilac Festival Call-Out Parade
 - July 12th - Webster Call-Out Parade
 - July 26th - Hilton Call-Out Parade
 - August 4th - Phelps Parade
 - September 8th - Livonia Call-Out Parade

I will provide more details for each parade as the information becomes available. If you have any questions, please call me.



AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

It's Spring! Well, it's got to be Spring somewhere. Our weatherman gave us a choice of March 1st or March 21st for the First Day of Spring. As long as I feel warmth on my face and see some blue sky and sunshine, I don't care when Spring officially arrives. (Not that I'm complaining about the easy Winter).

Did you get a letter about making a donation to the Shriners Hospitals for Children®? I did and sent my check in. It may be a small thing to do, but I believe all of us want to support our Hospitals and I didn't want my letter to get misplaced.

Speaking of the Hospitals, Lance Ward gave a wonderful presentation at our Valentine Bash about our Hospital and the many ways we are staying up with the times and serving our kids. Lance is up to speed, without missing a beat. Go ahead, ask him anything; he's great!

Oscar was such a hit at our Valentine Party (I swear my wife forgets my name when Oscar/Roscoe has the floor). Balloons of every size and shape ... Oscar was so patient to explain the process. We are glad he didn't blow a lung with

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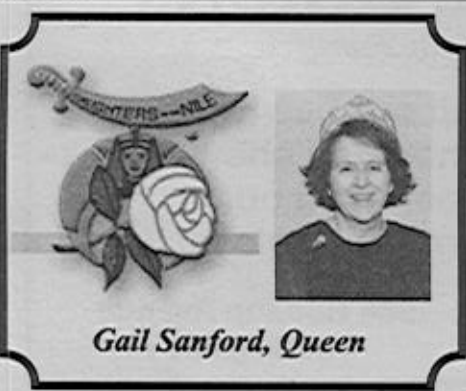
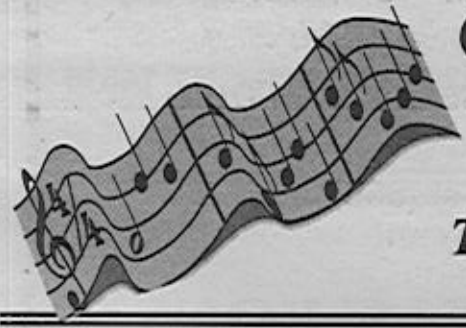
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Thursday of the Month!*



Gail Sanford, Queen

a "Festival of Choirs" at St. John's Church of Rochester. Those who performed included Dr. Reverend Miller, Northstar Christian Academy Choir, 15th Tabernacle Rochester Appella Choir, Kurt Griffen, Mt. Olive Baptist Church Choir and Yellow Jackets of the University of Rochester.

All donations are to benefit the Daughters of the Nile and Yellow Jackets charities. The coordinators of this event were Barbara Jean Smith and Gail Sanford. We also thank Deborah Burke as Mistress of Ceremonies.

On Sunday, March 4th, Zama Temple No. 14, Daughters of the Nile, held



15th Tabernacle Rochester Appella Choir



Northstar Christian Academy Choir

all his work. I took my creation home to our granddaughter (age 4) who wanted to know how it was done. I took the easy way out and told her it was "Shriner Magic." A big thanks goes to Chuck Minster for making all the arrangements. As a wise man once said, "If you need something done, ask a busy person." That is Chuck all right. By the way, great work as DDGM!

We are in discussions now to bring Oscar back with his suitcase of tricks for our August Steak Roast so our "own" kids can see him in action. What do you think? Let us know at our Spring Meetings, or email me. We are considering having some hot dogs and ice cream for the kids at a real reasonable cost. I mean, how many hot dogs can a kid eat?

Be checking your inbox for information about our April Meeting. Bob Coleman will lead us into battle.

As was said last month, May 20th will be the Brunch at Old Erie in Weedsport. Make sure you make a reservation early. John Cambareri, as busy as he is, has offered to see that our special ladies are treated to the best.

Scottish Rite NEWS

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Lodge of Perfection



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

Degrees

On February 18th, the 4th, 8th and 16th Degrees were presented by the Valley's Degree Teams. Brother Joseph Oelgoetz, 32°, directed the 8th Degree which was very well received by the members present. It has been several years since we presented this Degree and the cast did a great job in their performance. Brother Evar Miller, 32°, directed the 16th Degree which also was well received. The cast also did an outstanding performance.

We had several Brothers visiting from other Valleys, which included Syracuse,

Utica and Hartford. If anyone is interested in traveling to other Valleys to see some Degrees, call the Office 264-1160 and let us know.

I thank everyone involved in the presentation of these Degrees. The casts, directors, wardrobe support and staging all made them a success.

Spring Reunion

This year we will again be teaming up with the Valley of Buffalo as well as the Valleys of Corning, Jamestown and Lockport for our Spring Reunion at the Genesee Community College in Batavia. This is a true Western New York Scottish Rite Reunion.

It will begin early on April 21st with the 4th Degree, performed by all five Valleys. The 18th and 19th Degrees will be presented by the Valley of Rochester. The Valley of Buffalo will be presenting the Allegory in the 32nd Degree and the Valley of Rochester will be presenting the rest of the 32nd Degree.

Reunion Banquet

Saturday, May 5th is the Reunion Banquet welcoming the members of the 2012, Donald Fox, 32° MSA, Class to the Valley of Rochester. Cobblestone Creek Golf Club will be the setting for the banquet with Social Hour at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6 p.m.; Program, 7:30 p.m. This is a special night with our Ladies to honor the Class of 2012. Please save the date and plan to celebrate with us. We will also be announcing the recipients of the Ill.: John B Mullen, 33°, Dedicated Service Awards. □

By-Laws Vote April 19th

All members are advised that the Valley By-law changes as indicated in February and as necessary to agree with the Officer changes approved last September will be voted on at our scheduled meeting on April 19th.

A reference copy is available for review at the Valley Office.

Valley of Rochester Springtime - 2012

April 13th at Shrine Center

College of Freemasonry - Members Cabaret Night (**)
Social/Hors d'oeuvres - 6 p.m. *** Steak Dinner
Entertainment by Paul Stillman
Historical Impressionist - 7 p.m.

April 14th at Shrine Center

College of Freemasonry - Program and Presentations (**)
Coffee & Donuts - 8 a.m. *** Program - 9 a.m. *** Lunch

April 19th at Shrine Center

"Light from the Rite" - Degree Participation and
Direction/Meeting (**)
Social - 5:30 p.m. *** Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Program - 7:30 p.m.

April 21st at Genesee Community College
Western New York Reunion
Valleys of Buffalo, Corning, Jamestown,
Lockport and Rochester

4° (All Parts), 19° (New) and 32° (New) (**)
Required attendance for all Class of 2012 Candidates!

May 5th - Blue Cap Announcement / Reunion Banquet (**)
at Cobblestone Creek Country Club
New 32° Members and Wives are Valley Guests!

May 17th - Elections and Installations at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ** Steak Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Program - 7:30 p.m.

** Make your reservations On Time! Don't be Late!
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity (585) 264-1160
or Email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org

Why not sign up on our Permanent Meeting Meal Reservation List?

Completed Petitions are accepted any time ...
Don't wait for the BBB Nights to turn yours in!

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York Rite NEWS

Hiram Chapter



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What's Happening

Well, Companions, I have just returned from the Convocation of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New York. It was a very interesting time in Albany. I met Companions I know and many I did not. Some of the highlights include that Grand Chapter now has a Chapter in Lebanon with a send under Dispensation. One of the Chapters does its work in English while the other does the work in Arabic.

Due to the different languages, the Constitutions of the Grand Chapter are being amended to allow the Grand High Priest to issue a Dispensation for a Chapter to do the work in a language other than English. Other changes include that the returns and records of the Chapter must be in English regardless of whether the Ritual is in another language. These changes were read and approved, but will not be active until approved at next year's Convocation.

I met several members of the Lebanese Chapter, who all speak excellent English. It was very interesting and instructive. These Companions are basically world travelers whose home is Lebanon. They do need to be careful about wearing Masonic pins, jewelry, etc. It's a safety thing.



Your High Priest was installed as the Grand Master of the First Veil. Last month I mentioned becoming the Second Veil, but there is an Upstate/Downstate status for Veils, so I ended up as First Veil. It really doesn't matter which Veil I was assigned as the Veils are not in the progressive Grand Line, but are in the Grand Line. In addition, Companion Joe Oelgoetz was installed as the District Deputy Grand High Priest for our 13th District. Joe and I will be working together as I am the Regional Grand Line Officer for our District and the 14th and 15th Districts. The Installation was impressive and the Regalia is very impressive. See the picture of me dressed up.



The Grand Chapter did a very rare thing. They elevated a Companion to the rank of Honorary Past Grand High Priest.

The Companion elevated was Companion Harvey Eysman the Grand Proctor. Grand Chapter does not do this very often.

Musings

The Grand High Priest's theme for the year has two parts. First, we have talked about giving 100% or more to the Craft but that is not sufficient. The Grand High Priest is using 212° as his theme. 212 is an interesting number. It is the temperature where water is converted from a liquid to a gas, with the concurrent expenditure of a large amount of energy. So let us move up to a point where we are transformed from one state to a more volatile state where more energy is expended. We need to do this not only for our Chapter and the Rite, but for the Fraternity as a whole.

As we move forward, Hiram Chapter will become, with all the Companions' help, the Chapter everyone will want to visit, join and be associated with. This will take work, but I believe we have Companions who will step to a degree of transformation.

The Grand High Priest's second point comes from a statement by Henry Ford, "if you think you can or think you can't, you're right." If you look at this country's early industrialists, they had ideas that most people thought were not supportable, but look at what Henry Ford, John Rockefeller, George Eastman and Thomas Edison did and what industries they built or the technology they invented or helped invent. In more recent times we have Bill Gates and Steve Jobs. Well how does this relate to the Chapter? If we are willing to work hard and take some well-thought-out risks, we can build what has not been seen before. We can become the Chapter that other Masons view as the best. I am willing to work hard, are you?

Come to a meeting; we will make sure it will be worth your time. □

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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When you see Companion Steve Michener, congratulate him on becoming a Royal Master. In February he started his first step in Cryptic Masonry!

I am happy to announce we will be holding our Annual Table Council in place of our meeting on April 18th. For our Table Council, Joy Woodley, will be serving up a delicious multi-course dinner. She always does a great job. We will be having multiple toasts, good wine and an interesting and dynamic speaker.

Our special guest of the evening will be R.:I.: Curtis A. Banks, our Grand Steward. He will be joining us for a number of reasons. He is looking forward to meeting and getting to know the Companions of the various Districts and Councils. He also wants to talk about what ideas, suggestions or changes the Companions would like to see their Grand Council implement. R.:I.: Curtis A. Banks was our Grand Lecturer and if you ever had the chance to meet him and hear him speak, you know the evening will be a very interesting one!

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

In closing, I am re-asking all our Companions to please quickly return this year's Grand Council Charity Pledge Form. We really want Doric Council to once again be leading the pack! □

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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3rd Monday
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Recently I had the privilege of becoming a member of the Scottish Rite. During the various Degrees, I have noticed a similarity in the Rituals to those of our valiant and magnanimous Orders. So I found I was asking myself what are the differences between the Scottish Rite and the York Rite - the two major Concordant Bodies of Freemasonry? An answer to this question, if attempted without limitation, would soon bog down in a myriad of details. In the intricacies of each Body's Rituals, for instance, there are hundreds of differences.

First, the overriding similarities should be noted. Both groups are Ma-

sonic organizations dedicated to the benefit of society through improvement of the individual. By morality lessons and peer association, they promote behaviors which civilize the man and strengthen his society. This is consistent with the Blue Lodge lessons which teach a man to be a better husband, father, son, neighbor, churchgoer and citizen.

It is in the focus of their objectives that the two organizations can most easily be seen to differ. Scottish Rite Masonry is the champion of individual freedoms and citizenship rights as well as responsibilities. York Rite Masonry, in its concluding Orders, is the champion of Christianity. A man must pledge to defend Christianity to become a Knight Templar Freemason in the York Rite. Good men of other religions (Jews, Moslems, Hindus, etc.) believing in Deity may become Scottish Rite Masons, and in the York Rite Royal Arch Masons and Cryptic Masons.

York Rite Freemasonry has three separate and autonomous bodies. These are Royal Arch Chapter, Cryptic Council and Knights Templar Commandery. Each have different Rituals and conduct their own separate meetings. The Officer Lines are not much different from Blue Lodge, but with differing titles. The top Officer in the three Bodies is respectively and formally called Excellent High Priest, Illustrious Master and Eminent Commander. As the title Brother is used in the Blue Lodge, the title Companion is used in the Chapter and Council; the title Sir Knight is used in the Commandery.

Scottish Rite Masonry has four coordinate Bodies - Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and

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By Mae Bauer

Here we are in April already and I hope the Easter Bunny is good to everyone. The flowers and trees should be budded or in full bloom which gives us all new hope for the year and the end of this unusual Winter.

I have spoken with the Matron of LeRoy Chapter, who is in charge of the Tri-District Meeting. The woman who is in charge of the skit is in Florida and needs three months to get things planned. Therefore, the meeting will be held on May 29th (the 5th Tuesday in May.) In the meantime, think about taking an Office when I call for volunteers and for refreshments.

The Grand Matron's Visit to Monroe/Wayne Districts is coming up fast. By the time you read this article the invitations should be in the mail.

Oriskany Weekend

Concerning the Oriskany Weekend, everyone is encouraged to attend Friday night's banquet and auction to be held to help raise money for the Good of the Order or whatever they decide the money should be donated to that night. Early that morning is the Golf Tournament - information will be coming to each Chapter Secretary. There will be information for the hotel reservations at the Ramada Inn in New Hartford coming from the Wayne District.

Information will be forthcoming to each Chapter regarding our day-trip to Corning Glass Works in August. I have contacted the Day Tour Company to come up with costs. At the same time, they will be forwarding costs for the trip to R.W. Keri Rhebergen's Reception in October. Both events should be fun-filled for all those who are planning to attend.

God Bless.

From the District Lecturer

By Robert Crystal

Official Visits are starting. I look forward to seeing all of you in your best gowns, serving your best Ritual. After serving as your DGL, I hope you know I enjoy your company. I think you all are a great bunch of folks. WE are a great bunch of folks. We have fun, we stay active, we do good works and we "love one another." (Go Electa! Go, Red!)

One fact you may not know about me is that I led cheers in 1967-68 for Cornell. They didn't have boy cheerleaders, but the Rowing Team cheered the Football Team. So I am used to saying "Go, Big Red!"

One thing we discussed in the School of Ritual on March 3rd was how to cope with someone who wants to participate in the Ritual but has trouble physically or with memorization. I was pleased to hear so many people say, "Figure out a way; they are our Sisters."

I remember being taught the motto "Charity begins at home" can also be translated from the Latin as "CARING (that is, LOVE) begins at home." Caritas is not just charity but also caring. Our point of Electa teaches us to love one another. When better to show love, concern and membership than in our performance of our Ritual? So, if a Sister or Brother cannot march in at opening, cannot stand to address the Matron or recite a Degree, we permit them to go to their seat and stay seated through the whole meeting. If someone cannot memorize a part, and they really want to participate, work with her to find a way to offer her gift smoothly and for the benefit of the new member. Our inclusiveness will provide proof we mean what we say.

And to the Sisters and Brothers who feel you are too old or your memory is too far gone, have you considered offering to help someone else memorize? I would never have learned my memory work if not for three men in my Lodge who helped me. They will always be first among my Brethren for the CARITAS they showed me.

I will continue to bring the \$5 "gold" coins with me to our Visits. I hope to have the date for the Mary Cariola "Walking in Sunshine" Walkathon for your planning. Don't forget the membership challenge. No Chapter has obligated three yet! Fairport and Starlight Chapters have each Initiated two new members.

If your Chapter has raised any funds for the Honor Flight Network, I will be glad to accept it when R.W. Mae and I come calling. See you then!

Chapter Happenings!

Fairport Chapter

Fairport Chapter is having a fundraiser on Wednesday, April 11th, at Denny's Restaurant located at the intersection of Routes 250 and 31 (Perinton Hills Mall, Fairport) from 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. The Restaurant will make a contribution to the Chapter equal to 20% of the evening's pre-tax receipts.

Starlight Chapter

On April 24th, 12 Noon, at Spencerport Masonic Hall, Starlight Chapter is hosting their Annual Spring Floral Luncheon, featuring Floral Designer, Michael Miller, from Kittelberger's Florist. For \$9, you'll enjoy a luncheon, entertaining floral demonstrations and door prizes. It's a most popular event. Contact Beverly Murray at 865-8507 or any Starlight Chapter member for tickets. No tickets sold at door. □

NOLATKA

Chapter No. 320

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By Robert Crystal

Well, Nolatka Chapter has had a lot on our plate. By the time you read this, we will have had a meeting in Ample Form, a regular meeting with a presentation from Crawford Funeral Home, served at the Grands Association Dinner

and supported Ken's Operators by eating at the Stone-Ridge Perkin's Restaurant.

What is lined up for April is a regular meeting and travel to another Chapter. Please, please, please let me give you a lift to a meeting! I have time and a big car that sips at the gasoline, so don't hesitate. Your Sisters will really love to see you!

One of the things you missed by not coming to a meeting was seeing me in my new look. One of the items on my "bucket list" was growing a beard. As you know, I was a flower child, a member of the "Make Love not War" Generation. I even spent some time in a commune. But, I was also the son of a Navy Nurse and Army Drill Sergeant, so I never grew a beard. Well, now I have done it and I know the Sisters at the meeting on February 21st noticed it. My Friday Fish Fry crowd at the Moose Hall knew about it before I got there ... someone with the initials R.W. V.G. had told them. But, sad to say, I am not a beard person. I was waking up in the middle of the night because it bothered me. It didn't itch, it was more like I couldn't forget it was there. So now it is NOT there. Ahhhhhh!

We are all looking forward to the next two months of activity. Worthy Alice has a lot planned for us, and I hope to see many of you at the Official Visits, too. I hope we can have fun, get the work done that needs doing and raise funds for our charities.

What's Up, Sisters

I hope our Sister Tracy Dalykas will be able to come for more than a couple of minutes and tell us all she has been up to. Martha Loomis will have a lot to tell about downsizing. Sue Huff will be able to tell us all she and her husband are doing, including dancing and sewing and visiting with General Grant and President Lincoln (I think that is why Sue couldn't make it to School of Ritual ... Mrs. Lincoln had stopped by to visit). I am pretty sure Carol Pickworth will not be going to "Cali" until after Official Visit, but she may go bungee jumping or parachuting. I wouldn't put anything past her.

I have been invited to Quebec City on Memorial Day to play the bells in the Anglican Cathedral. I am still researching the answer to Carol Wyning's question, "If Quasimodo is French, how do you say it in English?"

Even if you live out of town and cannot come to a meeting, send us a note and tell us what you have been doing. Has anyone added a grandchild or great-grandchild we should know about? Has anyone gone back to college and graduated into a new Degree? Is anyone attending Chapter where you are? Let us know. Drop us a line.

Start planning now for our trip to Oriskany in July. Save the date! □

Corinthian/Fellowship

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By Robert Crystal

I hope by now you will have had an opportunity to see a flower, feel the sun on your face and hear a bird warble sweetly in a gentle breeze. And I hope that all happens in Upstate New York, not in your Snowbird Home!

Spring Cleaning

Our Winter Hiatus is over at Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter. We will be working with the church folk to clean up the Fellowship Hall and do our Spring cleaning. Barb McMinn will be back from Georgia or Mississippi or wherever, and we'll be working on Ritual for the Official Visit and so forth. Do any of you have a sister, niece, daughter or granddaughter who would be a good addition to our Chapter? It is never too late. If we can't finish the reading, investigation and vote in time for our Official Visit, I am sure we can take them to another Chapter. Everyone helps to achieve success!

Cookie Maker?

Our monthly Bake Sale is doing well. I am still waiting for someone to step forward and make those Crispy Oatmeal Cookies. I have tried. They come out of my oven either soggy or charred. It is up to someone else. We can always use more little cakes and quick breads. Let R.W. Edna Monell know.

Our monthly luncheons are doing well, too! I miss most of them because I work on Thursdays, but I have had excellent reports and the group is getting to eat at some hidden gems of restaurants. Contact Pat Pearson for information and to ask for a ride.

Grow Vegetables?

We were offered a plot in the Brighton Reformed Church Community Garden last year, and I didn't coordinate that, but we can try this year. Is anyone out there looking for the chance to plant tomatoes, zucchini or gladioli? The soil is rich and already worked. All we have to do is turn it over, remove last year's weeds and plant. Let me know at the April meetings.

Happy Spring! □

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April showers bring May flowers! With the great weather we have had, I expect the flowers won't wait for the showers. The first three months of this year have been great. We have initiated 9 new prophets so far and we heartily welcome them to Lalla Rookh Grotto. They are finding out that we are a fun group for the Masons in our area.

All members of Lalla Rookh Grotto are automatically members of the Empire State Grotto Association (ESGA) and are welcome to attend with your lady and participate in any of its functions. See ESGA article about Spring Meeting in Corning, NY.

We have set a date for our 120th Anniversary Celebration for Friday, August 24th at the Burgundy Basin Party House. Prophets, make a date with your lady now for this event. More to come as we finalize the program.

A note to all our prophets --- Make an effort to attend your Grotto meetings. You will always be welcome. See you on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Shrine Center.

My theme this year is "The Opportunity Is Yours!" Attend our regular meetings and get involved. Enjoy the programs we are planning. Check the scroll for meeting dates. Call me for information (334-4196).

Legion of Honor

By Richard Topel, Commander

The Legion of Honor's March meeting was well-attended at Perkin's Restaurant in Stone Ridge Plaza. The Commander gave us the new meeting schedule for this year. For any questions you may have, call Commander Dick Topel at 663-2547.

ESGA

ESGA Spring Meeting

All members of Lalla Rookh Grotto are members of the ESGA. All Prophets and Ladies of the ESGA are invited by the Past Presidents to attend the 2012 Spring Meeting at the Radisson Hotel in Corning. This hotel is within walking distance of the Corning Glass Museum, shops and restaurants on Market Street and the Arnot Mall is a short drive from the hotel. Hotel reservations have a cut-off date of March 29th; (Room Rate \$95 plus tax). To make a reservation, call Radisson Hotel at 125 Denison Parkway East; Corning, NY 14830 (607) 962-5000.

Meeting Registrations must be received by April 9th. Send to: Brad Mangel; 56 Vista Circle; Bradford, PA 16701; (814) 368-8311; bman47@verizon.net.

Membership

By Ron Morthorst, PM

You are a member and some of you have been a member for many years. Did you realize your Grotto is going to celebrate its 120th Anniversary in 2012?

We are the oldest fully operating Grotto in the Realm and you are part of it. Congratulations are in order! AN OPPORTUNITY EXISTS NOW for a Brother Mason to join Lalla Rookh Grotto through our Fee Waived Initiation Program (that is, FREE). We have set up this program for a limited time for our Anniversary Celebration this 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?

Your membership chairman and I have all the necessary paperwork that you need to present to a candidate and we're just a phone call away - Monarch Ron Morthorst at 585-334-4196 or PM Bernie Lazerson at 271-7446. Call us today and we can take care of it.

Remember, at the Shrine Center - There are NO stairs to climb, a wide open parking lot that's free, everything on ground level, well lighted area for your safety!! We're available to assist you at any time!!!! P.S. We meet the third Wednesday of the Month 7:30 p.m.

Grotto Telephone Message Center

By Ron Morthorst, Asst Sec/Treas.

We have a message center system in operation that we use to contact you, our Prophets, when we have an announcement or a message of importance from us to you PLEASE listen to it and write down what it is about so you can act accordingly. Make your lady aware of this new system so that she isn't surprised by a call. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cyrene-Monroe

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Consistory. The business affairs of all four bodies of the Scottish Rite are conducted in the Lodge of Perfection. The top Officers in the four Bodies are respectively and formally addressed as Venerable Master, Wise Master, Venerable Master of Kadosh and Commander.

Both the Scottish and York Rites emphasize the theatrical by use of elaborate costumes and stage props with scenery backdrops to heighten the dramatic impact of each Rite's morality lessons.

Another noticeable difference from Blue Lodge is the attire sometimes worn by the ordinary members. Most striking of these are the uniforms worn by a York Rite Commandery of Knights Templar. The uniforms are reminiscent of what was worn on formal occasions by Naval Officers - complete with ceremonial swords. The chief characteristic is a large, folded-brim hat, called a chapeau, with white ostrich plumes. The other two York Rite Bodies use modern blazer jackets, red for Chapter and purple for Council.

The Scottish Rite limits its non-Ritual attire to a hat with ornamentation including the symbolic double-headed eagle and gold-colored braiding. The hat is of the pillbox type without bill or brim. Black is the basic color of the hat that can be worn by the majority of the Scottish Rite members who are 32° Masons. Yel-

Daughters of Mokanna



By Donna Laundry, MCO

The old saying is that "April showers bring May flowers." For Lalla Rookh Caldron, April will bring us the visit of our Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Rosemary Lusher. She will arrive from Elyria, OH, on April 25th for the April 26th Inspection of our Caldron. For the first time in many years the Supreme Visit will be a week-night meeting, instead of on a weekend. This necessitates that there will be no Ceremonial after the Initiatory work. That is always a fun part but I'm sure we will do it in the future. I know I will be very proud of my Officers. There will be a dinner preceding the meeting at 5:30 p.m., provided by Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, OES.

At this time I am happy to report that all those who had medical issues last month are doing nicely. Chris Eeckhout's cataract surgery went well; Dorothy Merritt's tooth discomfort is gone; and Cecil Losinger's broken arm is healing as expected.

Thank you, Chris Eeckhout, for our nice new rosters, which include our two new members. It's always good to be up-to-date with member information.

Happy birthday this month to Barbara Jean Smith (1st), Dorothy Merritt (8th) and Chris Eeckhout (13th).

I wish all a joyful Easter and hope the plans for the day go EGGsactly as you want them to, with no EGGception.

Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, April 2nd
Board of Governors Meeting
7 p.m - Shrine Center

Wednesday, April 18th
Grotto Meeting
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Shrine Center

April 20th - 21st
ESGA Spring Meeting
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Sickness and Sympathy

Ken Hutchinson, PM, is now recuperating in a nursing home. Cards would be welcome; send them to his home address: 6352 Still Meadow Way, Williamson, NY 14589.

Fred Cornell is recuperating and expects to go home soon. A card could be sent to his home at 211 Dean Road, Spencerport, NY 14559-9541.

Call the Grotto Office 671-6320 or the Monarch 334-4169 if you know of any Prophet in need of our aid or sympathy.

120th Anniversary Celebration

Plans are being worked on for our 120th Anniversary Celebration in 2012. This will be a class program for everyone to enjoy. If you an idea or a thought for this endeavor, call your Monarch Ron Morthorst (585) 334-4196. Don't be bashful, we need fresh ideas and your help on this! We would hope all the Prophets will make an effort to attend this Anniversary Celebration.

low hats represent an Officer of one of the four coordinate bodies. Two honorary hat colors are representative of a Meritorious Service Award recipient, red, and a Dedicated Service Award recipient, blue. The supreme honorary recognition of 33° Freemason is identified by a white hat. The white Scottish Rite hat is rare representing slightly over 1% of the membership. In even smaller numbers are the purple hats worn by the 33° Active Members of The Supreme Council.

Both of the Rites practice charity and have their favorite projects. York Rite Masons have several charities, among them the Royal Arch Masons Auditory Research Assistance Program and the

Knights Templar Eye Foundation which makes it possible for needy persons with sight problems to get medical help. The Knights Templars also support a Holy Land Pilgrimage Program which sends clergy on tours dedicated to the locales important to Jews, Christians and followers of Islam. Scottish Rite Freemasons support their 122 Childhood Learning Disorders Clinics, Centers and Programs treating children with learning disabilities. All groups practice local charity and usually sponsor educational scholarships.

In the final analysis, both groups are champions - like Blue Lodge Masons - of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

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Big Calendar for April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Palm Sunday	Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto - Board of Governors, Shrine Center OES - Eriolan Shrine Lunch Club Damascus Shrine Divan	Clio - Hilton Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Fairport (OV), Nolaka, Starlight	Drumlin Square - Palmyra Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star	Eunice - Caledonia Webster Maudy Thursday	Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street Good Friday Passover begins at Sundown	First Day of Passover
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners April 11th and 25th 287 East Avenue, Hilton	ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Union Star - Honeyoye Falls, 3° Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield, 3° Shrine Lunch Club	Inspiration - Shrine Center, 3° Seneca - Webster OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport OES Fairport Fundraiser at Denny's - Perinton Hills Mall	Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship Shrine Legion of Honor	Fame - Shrine Center Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Fellowshipcraft RAM - Hiram Chapter Lalla Rookh Caldron	Garoga-Sincerity Game Night	LIV-Ladies Night at Conesus Country Club OES - Line Officers - Fairport
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Easter	Canandaigua - Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club OES - Eriolan	Clio - Hilton Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Nolaka, Starlight (OV)	Atk - Geneva, 3° Drumlin Square - Palmyra Olive Branch - LeRoy, 2° Lalla Rookh Grotto - Shrine Center RSM - Doric Council - Pittsford	Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford, Yellow Dog Degree Webster Scottish Rite - Shrine Center, By-Laws Vote Lalla Rookh Caldron - Executive Committee		Sagoyewatha - Phelps Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin Scottish Rite Reunion - Batavia, 4°, 18° & 32°
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Orthodox Easter	ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City, 3° Unity - Spencerport, Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Shrine Club	Inspiration - Shrine Center Damascus Wheelers Unit Meeting OES - Starlight's Spring Floral Luncheon - Open to Public	Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon Damascus Directors Staff OES - Corinthian-Fellowship	Fame - Shrine Center Milnor - Shortsville Union - Lima RAM - Hiram Chapter James A. Hard/Wayner Charter Post No. 12 Perry Shrine Club WAYNE District M&W, Palmyra Lalla Rookh Caldron - Supreme Inspection	Garoga-Sincerity Game Night	MONROE District M&W, Keenan's Restaurant
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Earth Day Administrative Professionals Week			Administrative Professionals Day		Arbor Day	

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