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## Have-a-Heart Campaign February 1st – February 16th

### Masons acknowledged again with Pillar Society Award



Pillar Society plaque presented to Freemasons of the Genesee Region shown by R.:W.: George Foechner

By R.:W.: George Foechner

I can't believe it's been six months since putting pen to paper; how time flies! I also didn't believe lightning could strike twice, but it has!

On October 22nd, at the Genesee Valley Club, the Freemasons of the Genesee Region walked away with their second Pillar Society Award from the Ronald McDonald House Charities. This time the Award was for "The most money raised for one event" within the

\$15,000 to \$25,000 category. I had no idea we would win again. I was told, after the presentations were handed out, that the Freemasons are held in the highest esteem at the Ronald McDonald House.

#### The Word is Out!

Thanks to the Ronald McDonald House, people now know who we are and what we do. I am so very proud of every one of YOU for bringing this wonderful award to us.

I'm back on the road, showing off our new Award and promoting the Have-a-Heart Campaign which will run from February 1st through February 16th.

#### A Bonus Day

We are planning a bonus day at Marketplace Mall on February 17th when we will open at Noon and make a final push to reach our goal of \$20,000 plus.

The Mall Chairpersons and I will be contacting every Lodge and Concordant Body, for the times and dates we need.

As I have said before, less is more: So, time to say Happy Holidays to one and all and we, "The Freemasons of the Genesee Region," will see you in 2013!

## The Holidays at the Masonic Care Community

By Kathy Contino-Turner

Our Holiday events kicked off on November 15th, as The Landmark Society of Greater Utica honored the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel as its 2012 Commemorative Ornament. The ornament was designed by the same company that produces the annual ornament for the White House and will join a collection of Central New York landmarks that have been celebrated

by this non-profit group. The Daniel D. Tompkins Ornament is a beautiful gold, with red and green accents; a wonderful addition to any holiday tree.

We invite you to enjoy the Annual RCIL Wonderland of Lights that opened on our Utica Campus on November 21st, and will run every night, from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. (except Christmas Eve) through New Year's Day. There are close

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### SAVE THE DATE

#### 2013 College of Freemasonry

#### Saturday, March 23rd

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Featured Speakers:

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**Andrew Hammer**  
Author  
*Observing the Craft*

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## All-Masonic Childrens' Holiday Party

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FROM ALL OF US AT THE Masonic Times...MERRY  
CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH, HAPPY KWANZAA!  
However you celebrate, may you have a wonderful season with family and friends.

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### Editor's Corner

Happy Holidays, everyone. I will start with those greetings. As a Christian, I used to say, "Merry Christmas!" As I aged, I learned that the greeting was not always appropriate. My Jewish Friends celebrate Hanukkah; Blacks, Kwanzaa; others may have a different celebration...I don't know. It was never my intent to be disrespectful of another's beliefs. I was just ignorant!

I was extremely happy one year when a prominent Jewish author wrote that "Merry-Christmas" never offended him. He accepted it for what it was intended to do...wish him well! Not everyone has that sentiment. It isn't "politically correct," which is a term I have come to detest. To those, I'd like to say, "get over it!" Our great Country is a melting pot of many Cultures. I'm sorry that I am not an expert on yours. Perhaps instead of being belligerent, you could politely educate me on what is proper in your sphere of influence.

#### Update

About a year ago, I learned I had health issues. I am particularly grateful to still be here, editing and writing the paper. In many issues, I have told you of my progress. Softball season went well...I didn't even have to eject any player! I was pretty tired sometimes, and that continues to be an area that I need to improve upon. At least, I hope I will be able to regain my stamina.

Three of my associates have not been so fortunate. Beverly VanHuben is struggling to get back to her apartment and the proofreading tasks she helped us complete. Mat Gingold is in failing health, and hasn't been able to contribute much at all this year. David King went to the Celestial Lodge in January.

For nearly a decade, we three guys were a great team, plugging away over the wax machine and mechanical boards. We struggled to move into the digital age and I have succeeded for the most part, even though it takes more time to accomplish some tasks. I miss them both!

Bev was (is) a great pair of eyes for picking up typographical and grammatical errors. The authors think I make them look smart, but in reality it is the work of Bev and our other proofreaders who do the bulk of the work.

Fortunately, I still have the rest of the Staff intact - Jan Porter on the computer formatting, Mike Bocklage on the digital pictures, and Barbara Goodrich, Garry Cranker and Herb Spencer working on the proofreading committee. All are invaluable to me in completing every issue of the **Masonic Times**.

This is my sincere thanks to all of them for another successful year, but especially to Jan, who bore the brunt of the action while I was unavailable. There is such a degree of satisfaction when the paper finally hits the mailbox. I can't thank them enough for all their help.

Another group that is not recognized nearly enough is Webster Printing/Empire State Weeklies. We get great service from Dave Young and his crew. Sometimes I am amazed how quickly they turn out an issue. Even when I deliver the final copy to them late, they seem to have it out the next day. While I try not to be late, it is nice to know that they deliver the finished product in a timely fashion. Thanks to them and thanks for reading!

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By Joy Woodley

Two more hard-working men were honored for their dedication to the maintenance and construction improvements at Camp DeMolay. Ralph Jurgens and Jack Steinkamp have devoted many hours over the last few years. Each was presented with a Medal for Masonic Service to DeMolay obtained from DeMolay International.

The Camp is always in need of maintenance. If you have some skills and would be willing to help, please contact the Service Bureau. If you have time and are willing to volunteer, we will show



Medals for Service to Camp DeMolay were presented to Ralph Jurgens (left photo) and Jack Steinkamp by Executive Director, Charles Waterstreet. Project Manager of the Camp, Richard Snyder, took the photo at Ralph's home and witnessed the presentation at the Service Bureau Board Meeting, as both men were unable to attend the function for the original presentation.

you what needs to be done and work with you to accomplish these tasks. We plan to open the Camp for 2013 at the end of April or in early May, depending on the weather. Please think about your opportunity here and let us know.

As we have recently celebrated Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, I take this opportunity to reflect upon and thank all our past and present Service personnel for giving me the freedom to place my hand over my heart and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of my Country; to kneel and pray at any Church I choose to attend without fear of retribution; and for the protection, dignity and rights giv-



en to me as a woman. Take time this holiday season to thank all the wonderful people whom you may see every day, but don't know even know their names. The gentleman who tips his hat, holds the door and lets you go first. To all the Police, Firefighters, Gas and Electric personnel, Mail Carriers and many others, who leave their homes every day, regardless of the weather, to provide us with services and protect us in our daily lives, thank you! Thank you for making our Country safe.

I send you my love and a big smile, and may God bless and protect each one of you always.

## Help Re-establish Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay

Check website rochesterdemolay.wordpress.com or

Facebook rochester order of demolay. Hit like and information is posted.

By Gary Burke

Does membership in your Blue Lodge or Eastern Star Chapter or Concordant Body concern you?

Does being a role model for a young man or-women appeal to you?

If your answer to either of these questions was "yes," then you need to read on...

If we, as members of any of our organizations want talented, energetic new members, we should do everything we can to promote our Masonic Youth groups of the Organization of Triangle for girls and the Order of DeMolay for boys. From their ranks can come our next generation of leaders, but we need to cultivate them NOW. We need to look around at our family and neighbors to see those young people who may make good members for these youth groups. Pass their names on to the Officers of Triangle or DeMolay so they can follow up with the prospects.

The Lodge members have heard the District Deputy and Staff Officers speak to the need for names of prospects for the revitalization of the DeMolay Chap-

ter here in Rochester, but names have not been submitted. The Chapter is doing its job planning events and programs that will inform and entice young men to join, but we can't do it alone. We need your help to get this Chapter up and running again. We need names! Young men between the ages of 12 and 20 are welcome. Certainly you have one! Submit them to our Staff Officer, Mike Hueston, or to me. We will do the rest.

#### Contact Information

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Triangle needs your assistance as well. Same reasons as stated above. Triangle is meeting at the Hilton Masonic Hall, September - June, on the second and fourth Saturdays at 7 p.m. Young ladies between the ages of 10 and 20 are welcome.

Should you have the desire to be a role model for these young men and women, training is available. Just ask.

Members from these organizations have a natural tendency to seek further light in the Masonic Bodies once they have been exposed to the youth groups. Why not sow the seeds of the next generation of members now, by showing support now. □ have a natural tendency to seek further light in the Masonic Bodies once they have been exposed to the youth groups. Why not sow the seeds of the next generation of members now, by

#### Masonic Care Community

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to 100 different light displays throughout our Campus and the proceeds of this event benefit the Resource Center for Independent Living in Utica. The entrance to the Wonderland of Lights is at the Acacia Village Gate off Welshbush Road.

If you need more information on obtaining the Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel ornament or attending the Wonderland of Lights, please contact Kathy at (315) 798-4768. □

**Attention Young Men Ages 12-21 ...**  
**DEMOLAY MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
**2ND & 4TH**  
**WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M.**

*at Fairport Masonic Hall  
 87 South Main Street, Fairport*

*Young men, ages 12 to 21, and their parents are invited to stop by and learn about the Rochester Chapter of DeMolay from one of our advisors*

*Interested young men are asked to email their name, address, phone and age to :*  
 secretary@valleyofrochester.org  
 Call (585) 264-1160 (M-F 9-12) if further info is needed

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### A Farewell Thank You

By R.W. Mae Bauer, Junior Past DDGM

This is my last communication. I have had a wonderful two years. It has been a good time with R.W. Robert Crystal, District Grand Lecturer, at my side. From now on news will come from the 2013 District Deputy Grand Matron, R.W. Kathy Alvito, and District Grand Lecturer, Robert Crystal.

Grand Sessions was great. Just seeing so many from Monroe District being installed along with M.W. Kenneth Milner as Grand Patron was most memorable.

The only item left for me is the Christmas Party on December 1st at Fairport Masonic Hall, beginning at noon going until whenever. I'm asking people to bring snacks, goodies or a dish-to-pass. At that time the Christmas wreaths

and poinsettias that everyone ordered through either your Matrons or Chapter Secretary will be delivered.

At the District Banquet a donation of \$1,210, along with a \$100 check from Leah Chapter, was presented to Richard Maier for Honor Flight. This was in addition to funds sent periodically throughout the year. During his remarks, he told us the Rochester Chapter went to Syracuse to help them set up a unit.

To everyone in the District who helped me in any way possible, I say "THANK YOU" for your willingness and your efforts. Happy Holidays to everyone this year. GOD BLESS.

### Introducing Our New DDGM

By R.W. Kathy Alvito

*District Deputy Grand Matron*

Let me introduce myself. I am the 2013 District Deputy Grand Matron for Monroe District, Order of the Eastern Star. I, along with my District Grand Lecturer, M.W. Neil E. Laundry, and twelve Companion Grand Officers from Monroe District, am ready for a wonderful, exciting ride on "The OES Express" with our Grand Matron, M.W. Keri Rhebergen and Grand Patron, M.W. Ken Milner.

The personal choices for my year are: Color - Purple & Teal; Symbol - Heart; Flower - Dark Purple Lilac w/teal ribbon; Motto - I hear and I forget; I see and I remember; I do and I understand; District Project - "Project Search" ... a program that helps young adults with developmental disabilities transition to the work world by giving them hands-on experience. It is coordinated by the Institute for Innovative Transition at Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities, which is funded by a grant from the Golisano Foundation. The program is taught

by Monroe 2-Orlean BOECES and The Arc of Monroe County and is based at the Golisano Children's Hospital.

### Upcoming Events

December 1st - District Christmas Party at Fairport Masonic Hall

December 4th - Oriskany Christmas Week

### From the District Grand Lecturer

By M.W. Neil Laundry

Holiday Greetings to the Sisters and Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star of Monroe District and to all of the members of our great Masonic Family in the Rochester Region.

Many of you shared the gift of your presence with us at the two recent receptions for, first of all, M.W. Brother Ken Milner, our newly installed Grand Patron and, secondly, for his rather large supporting cast of Grand Officers and Grand Representatives from Monroe District. We were honored to be joined by M.W. Sister Keri Rhebergen, Grand Matron 2013, and many of our other Companion Grand Officers from across the State. Thanks to all who joined us in these celebrations.

My personal thanks to R.W. Mae Bauer and R.W. Robert Crystal, DDGM and DGL for 2011-2012. I congratulate you on two busy and rewarding years for the District.

During the coming year, I will have the honor of serving as District Grand Lecturer alongside R.W. Kathy Alvito, our District Deputy Grand Matron for 2013. R.W. Kathy has already had the opportunity to meet with our incoming Matrons at the East/West Luncheon and to discuss the schedule for our 2013 District Official visits and a Grand Matron/Grand Patron's Social Visit at our August Picnic.

The Matrons also brainstormed sev-

eral suggestions to promote Kathy's District Project. She has selected "Project SEARCH" which is a partnership between the BOCES 2 Department for Exceptional Children and the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong.

R.W. Kathy and I were asked by M.W. Keri and M.W. Ken to share key points from their "Briefing Notes" with our Matrons and they, in turn, share that information with their Officers and Chapter members. I'm sure you will find the material interesting and informative. You might also find some points for discussion.

As DGL, I will continue Associate Grand Patron George Walter's emphasis on maintaining an active District participation in Veterans activities, and M.W. Ken's Grand Patron's Project for the Rochester Area's Honor Flight Program.

M.W. Keri's Special Project is the promotion and awareness of the Emergency Relief Fund and the Social Welfare Fund. Given the flooding of recent years and now the devastating results of Hurricane Sandy and the Nor'easter that followed so closely on her heels, the importance of supporting these funds has certainly been made clear. In addition to monies from these funds, our Grand Chapter is acting to identify specific needs and to provide emergency assistance to disaster victims. Several other Grand Jurisdictions have offered immediate and substantial assistance to us and other Grand Chapters throughout the affected areas.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the District Christmas Party on December 1st and throughout the coming year.

Be happy and be safe!

## Homecoming of 2012 Grand Officers





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# Livingston District

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## District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District

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Well, we are back on Standard Time so we have less daylight when we come home now in the evening. The weather is damp and cold and Winter is coming on strong, so our activities at home will be mainly indoors. Hopefully we will be more focused on Masonic business such as Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, conferring Degrees, mentoring new Brothers and socializing with our Brothers from around the District when participating in our Masonic education courses, such as the *Masonic Development Course, Road to the East, The Master's Chair, etc.*

It was my distinct pleasure to present 70-year Certificates to R.: W.: Edwin Dickson, Nunda Station Lodge, and R.: W.: Gerald Pease, Livonia Lodge, both of whom are in their mid-nineties and still very active in Lodge!

I am stressing community involvement in Livingston District so that people will begin to inquire about those men wearing Aprons, what they represent and how they connect to the community. We need to be ready to answer those questions in the local newspapers and explain our origins and involvements in the history of the community where our Lodge is located. We should set up Masonic information booths at large community outings and be ready to describe what Masons do now in that community and elsewhere. As the Livingston District Deputy Grand Master I can issue dispensations to allow you to wear your Apron and appropriate Masonic Regalia while appearing in community parades as part of a Masonic Organization.

Let our presence be known. □

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We have had a strong start to our new year. October was a full month beginning with our regular meeting, which was our Official Visit from District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Donald Munger, and Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Douglas Stanley. Continuing a great tradition, we met for dinner at the Gunsmoke Country Grill then made our way back to the Lodge for the meeting.

We also hosted the Association meeting this month, starting with a delicious Chicken and Biscuits Dinner that was well attended. We also helped the Livingston County Sheriff in registering 80 Caledonia elementary students for the

Child ID program. I thank the several Brothers from the District as well as our own members who assisted the Sheriff and Caledonia Police in the endeavor.

We participated in a 2nd Degree for our Entered Apprentice with Union Lodge on November 8th. He has been working very hard on his proficiency in the work. We are planning to hold the 3rd Degree after Christmas. As soon as we can solidify the date we will announce it to you.

December 6th - Holiday Dinner for you and your families. We will open at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. If you are planning on attending, please contact our Secretary.

We are also planning for a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program for February 21st. We are asking everyone to bring one man who is interested in Masonry or whom you believe would make a worthy addition to our Fraternity.

There are several other plans in the works for this year, all working on new ideas to improve our exposure here and begin to rebuild our place and reputation in the community. □



## Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

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

Master

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Secretary

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I thank the Officers and Brothers of Nunda Station Lodge for winning the Howard Potts Award for us! We turned out in force; we also won the Grand Lecturer's Convention Attendance Award! Thank you for joining together and making all of us look good! W.: Jim VanSickle put in a lot of effort to get this Award! Thank you Jim!

We are having our 2nd Degree on December 4th and all are invited! R.: W.: Jim Bailey will be doing the Middle Chamber Lecture and I know he does a great job! Our Oyster Stew Night will be on December 17th and this is always a lot of fun and very tasty as well!

Brother Marcus Hugi did a great job doing the Senior Master of Ceremonies part at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. He is doing a great job in the Lodge as Senior Deacon as well! The new Brothers who have accepted a position in Lodge are doing an excellent job also!

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope our New Year will continue on the same course as we are heading right now in Lodge, which will complete a great Masonic Year for us. Thank you all!

I wish all the Lodges in New York State, gave as much support for their Master as Nunda Station has shown me. This is one of the best years I have had in Masonry. First, the Lodge graciously allowed me to be Master 55 years after my father was Master in the same location (under a different Lodge name), but still a lot of the same people were involved and the Master's Chair is where my father sat when he was Master. This Lodge has allowed me to accomplish one of my main personal goals in my life! Thank you! □

# Ontario/Seneca/Yates

District Deputy Grand Master - Jed Brandow (315) 548-2359

## District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District

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October was a very busy month in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, with much happening at both the Lodge and District level.

Our District Apron Presentation took place on October 5th at the Sons of Italy Restaurant in Geneva. Guest speaker, R.: W.: Brother Thomas McMullin, past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, gave a heartfelt and inspirational address that touched all in attendance.

The E. Platt Soper Award was presented to R.: W.: Brother Herbert Goodman, of Seneca Lake Lodge in Dresden, in recognition of his many long years of commitment and dedication to the District. It was certainly an honor and a privilege to make the presentation on behalf of the District. Thank you so much for all you do R.: W.: Brother Goodman.

Our Grand Lecturer's Convention took place at Eagle Lodge in Honeoye on October 18th. Our new Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, R.: W.: Robert Strang, presided over the Convention with close to 50 Brothers in attendance. It was an evening full of both instruction and good fellowship that was enjoyed by all.

Entered Apprentice Degrees took place at Ark, Seneca, Farmerville-Union and Eagle Lodges. The class of 10 new Brothers will continue with Degree work throughout the Fall and early Winter. Many Brothers throughout the District are helping out with Degree work and the help is appreciated, as is the fellowship. Brothers working together is always a joy to be a part of.

December offers a very full calendar. Here is the schedule of Official Visits for the month.

### Official Visits

December 3rd - John Hodge Lodge, Naples  
December 6th - Seneca Lake Lodge, Dresden  
December 13th - Dundee Lodge  
December 18th - Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, Phelps

I want to use this space for simple Holiday Wishes for all of you, as you are all very special. Nothing grand or poetic, just a simple thought and reminder.

As the Holiday Season approaches, there will be much to do. Things will be happening, (at home, at school, at Lodge, at church, at work), that will pull you in many directions. While it is quite easy to get overwhelmed with it all, I would remind you to find time to enjoy the peace and joy of the Season with those you love.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless you and your family this Holiday Season, and always. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!! □

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## Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

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We wish all the Brothers and their families a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy New Year. May we all have good health in the coming new year.

In early December, we will be calling upon Brothers for help in the Ringing of the Bell for the Red Kettle Fund. Brother Ernie Day will be chairing this event. We will also be delivering Poinsettias in the coming weeks to our Surviving Spouses. If there are any Brothers who would like to help in delivering these, please feel free to give the Master or Secretary a call. Remember it is the Season of the year for giving and you are reminded about the Brotherhood Fund.

December 2nd - The Lodge will have its 2nd Pancake Breakfast, open to the public.

December 4th, we will have a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited, just bring a dish-to-pass; come and enjoy.

Game Nights - December 14th and 28th starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack-to-pass; come join in the fun.

December 18th - Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master.

### December Birthdays

We send December birthday greetings to Brothers John Bowles (1st), Gary Yancey (14th), Jerome Phillips (17th), James Sullivan (19th), Everett Grimsley (21st), Ronald Galens (22nd), William Lally Jr. (25th) and Ernest Day (30th).

### Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in December:

1947	John Record
1952	Frederick Gifford
1960	Bernard Dell
1962	William Goodman
1975	William Tatro IV
1978	Charles Anderson
1990	John Sherman
1994	Perry Adams
1995	David Smith □

## Milnor Lodge No. 139

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

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My Brothers, we will have a 1st Degree on December 5th and 13th at 7:30 p.m., subject to revision.


Please be very generous with your Brotherhood Fund donation this year so these collected funds can be used to

assist our Brothers who suffered devastation due to the recent storms. When you do, please reflect on how lucky we were. Although this area suffered some destruction, we were spared the full devastation that hit the New York City and Long Island areas.

Finally, I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year for you and your families. Reflect on how fortunate we are as a Nation, for all you have to do is look at the plight of others. □

**Ark Lodge**  
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Brothers of Ark Lodge, your Lodge needs your help. The Lodge needs you as a vital component in the working and survival of our great Fraternity. Come to Lodge, stay informed of the workings of the Lodge and be involved in the decisions which affect the Lodge. We need and want your involvement.

We have three new Entered Apprentices who will take their 2nd Degree on December 19th at Pocahontas Lodge in Seneca Falls. We need to give them our support at their Degrees to show that they are joining a Fraternity where each and every Brother cares for and about each other. As stated in the Masonic Compact, we need to show that our friendship, fidelity and family are the foundations of a well-lived life and that we welcome our new Brothers in the "bond of friendship and Brotherly love." There is no better way to demonstrate our Fraternal Broth-

erhood than by coming to Lodge, attending Degrees and participating in the programs of the Lodge.

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving, remembering that we have a lot for which to be thankful. We have our families, friends and our Fraternal Brothers who support us and make life meaningful and full. May we never take any one of them for granted. With the holiday season upon us, we need to stop and reflect on family, friends and Fraternity. We wish all our Fraternal family a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

In the spirit of friendship and Brotherly love, I would request that Ark Lodge Brothers try to attend the Stated Communications of Geneva Lodge in an attempt to bring the two Lodges closer and to have a Fraternal dialogue on how the two Lodges can best work together. Thank you to the Ark Lodge and Geneva Lodge Brothers who rang the bells and distributed food for the Salvation Army.

My Brothers, ours is a Fraternity based on Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. These three principle tenets are held to be self-evident basic truths by all members of the Craft. We need to live them daily to show everyone that Freemasons are working for the betterment of mankind. As a Freemason, each Brother is an ambassador for the Fraternity. People will associate our deeds as indicators of our Masonic teachings. Each of us must exemplify the high ideals of Freemasonry if we are to make a good, meaningful and long lasting impression in our communities.

**Dates**

December 12th - Lodge Christmas Party and St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Geneva. Fellowship - 6 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Catered by Club 86.

December 13th - Stated Communication of Geneva Lodge Hall, 7:30 p.m.

December 19th - Summoned Stated Communication - 2nd Degree at Pocahontas Lodge Hall, Seneca Falls. Dinner at Emile's Restaurant, Geneva, at 6 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m. □

**School of Ritual**

To comply with the Grand Lecturer's wishes, I am scheduling four days, one each in the months of December, February, March and April to cover the three Degrees, and one being used to "walk through King Solomon's Temple."

On Saturday, December 8th, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sodus Lodge has graciously allowed use of their Hall for the first of the sessions. This class will only cover the 1st Degree of Masonry. It will be open to any duly Initiated Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason of Wayne District or of the surrounding Districts be they newly Initiated or a Brother who somehow fell through the cracks and got left behind and wants to "catch up."

The agenda is to use an Open (untiled) meeting with casual dress giving each Brother opportunity to read as we work through the Degree, covering as much of the Degree as possible. There will be emphasis on words and phrases I have heard commonly misused in Degree work, such as "report to the preparation room" instead of "repair to the preparation room" or "will you letter it or helve it" instead of "letter or halve it." Also, a special emphasis will be placed on the "Whys and Wherefores" as it is seldom Lodges cover these in the conferring of Degrees.

**Increase Participation**

Our new Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: Bob Strang, is particularly conscious of Brothers who sit on the sideline of Degrees aspiring to be part of the conferring of the Degree or part of the Hiram Legend, but never get a chance because the Lodge has a tradition of using the same Brother to cover the work each time. As a result, when the opportunity arises from sickness, work or family obligation of the traditional Brother, the Lodge has to go to a sister Lodge for help. Hopefully, each of these classes will give an aspiring sidelined Brother opportunity to decipher words and work on a piece to be part of the Degree.

**Let's Eat!**

A lunch is planned of either Pulled Pork Sandwiches or BLTs and Onion Soup for any Brother wishing to eat light. A \$5 donation would be appreciated to defray the cost of the meal, but no Brother will be left hungry if his funds are low. RSVP to my email or cell phone would be appreciated with no reimbursement if canceled due to change in plans. □

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By Robert J. Zanin, Jr., Senior Deacon

Season's Greetings, Brothers! It feels strange saying that as I am writing this on Halloween. October was an eventful month. Four of the Officers attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention giving us a fresh look at the Entered Apprentice Degree. We applied this newly acquired knowledge as we welcomed our own Entered Apprentices the following week.

The first Wayne District Masters and Wardens meeting of the year was held at Drumlin Square with an interesting presentation from V.:W.: Brother Joe Green, Assistant Grande Lecturer. I encourage you to try to attend one of these meetings for the fellowship and enlightening information. Check the calendar for times, dates and locations.

The Village of Palmyra Celebration Committee's "Trick or Treat on Main Street" was a huge success this year despite the weather. The afternoon saw hundreds of kids and their families having fun in a friendly, safe environment. Thank you to the Brothers who made it there to hand out candy and to those who donated candy for the event. Very special thanks go to my wife, Judy, and son, Nate, as well as Brother Krest's wife, Janet, for helping out. Janet entertained the kids in front of the Lodge dressed as a witch and Judy and Nate handed out doughnuts and apple juice for the Village making this a true family event.

November will be the Entered Apprentice Degree Historical Lecture.

December 5th will bring the Fellowcraft Degree.

December 19th will be our Christmas Party. I hope this Holiday Season finds you and your loved ones well and, as always, we will see you at the Lodge. □

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We're in the midst the Holidays! I feel so blessed to have young grandchildren around this time of year. Their bright eyes, big smiles and excitement are a joy to take in ... very much like the smiles and warm handshakes of Brothers in Lodge, I think.

R.:W.: Jay DeWispelaere, V.:W.: Joe Green and I have enjoyed our Official Visits at Wayne, Pultneyville and Humanity Lodges these last few weeks very much. As a Staff Officer, it has been rewarding to have new Brothers ask about the Livingston Library Reading Courses and the *Masonic Development Course* that is now in progress.

December 20th - We will be exploring the Fellowcraft Degree at our *Masonic Development Course*, Session 3, at Sodus Lodge Hall, 4 East Main Street,

Sodus at 7:30 p.m. Feel free to join us, "as more, the merrier" saying goes.

Lady Marilyn and I wish you the happiest of holidays, hopefully with lots of friends and family around and a very prosperous and healthy 2013. God bless you. Say a prayer for our troops and those less fortunate or recovering from Sandy. □



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I extend warm Season's and Holiday Greetings to all Brethren in Wayne District and Brothers in sister Lodges in surrounding Districts.

We are well into the new Masonic Year and many of the Lodges in the District have started Ritual work and the conferring of Degrees. In addition to overseeing Ritual work and the conferring of Degrees, the Grand Lecturer has requested AGLs to hold a School of Ritual in their respective Districts.

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## District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District



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My Official Visits for 2012 are now complete. The courtesies you have extended to both me and our Staff Officers are truly appreciated. All Lodges within the Monroe District are in compliance with Section 320 of the Constitution. It is because of the work of your Lodge Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees that I am able to make this favorable report.

The Secretary, along with the Treasurer, are one of the "keystones" of the Lodge. Because they make it look easy, we sometimes take it for granted all that they do. A Masonic Lodge requires both a competent Secretary and Treasurer if it is to function in accordance with Masonic Law. There is a learning curve in becoming both a competent Secretary and Treasurer. It takes some time to get into the "rhythm" of this position.

We are fortunate in our District. Brothers who are elected as Secretaries and Treasurers, tend to remain in that position for a period of time. But the scythe of time guarantees that your current Secretary and Treasurer will not be with you forever. Any Lodge that has lost a Secretary or Treasurer due to tragedy, relocation or retirement can attest to the uncertainty that surrounds having to find a capable Brother who is willing to serve in this Office.

Our Masonic Constitution (Sec. 302) empowers a Lodge to include a provision in its By-laws to avoid this uncertainty. A Lodge can either appoint or elect an Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer. With that in mind, I am asking those Lodges whose By-laws do not provide for one, to consider amending your By-laws to provide for an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer.

Recently, I put out a survey to all Lodge Secretaries determining their interest in forming a District Secretaries Association. A number of years ago, there was a District

Secretaries Association. There isn't one now, and I don't understand why.

While there are a number of Secretaries who have been acting in this capacity for a while, there are also a number of Secretaries who are still climbing that learning curve. The MORI System alone requires an investment of time to finally master its workings (if that is even possible). For those of you still on the fence in replying to my survey, I ask you to reconsider. At the very least, I see no harm in having all the District Secretaries meet to discuss whether re-inaugurating a Secretaries Association is worthwhile or not. I look forward to hearing back from you.

### Masters & Wardens

Another important group in our District is the Masters and Wardens Association. Under the leadership of W. Frank Habitzreuther, I have witnessed a focused effort on bringing this group back to the forefront in our District. Regrettably, our District is not participating at a level for which it is capable. The turnout at our Masters and Wardens meetings needs improvement. Having been a President of the Masters and Wardens, I have seen first-hand the difference that participation can make.

I am hard-pressed to believe there is no Officer available (Master, Wardens or Deacons) from every Lodge in our District, who cannot attend a meeting.

Consider this example: We have the *Have-a-Heart* Fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald Houses coming up in February. It takes an amount of effort to coordinate and schedule volunteers for every shift at the three area malls in which we participate. If every Lodge participated in Masters and Wardens, then the task of coordinating this effort becomes that much more effective.

Consider another example: The Widows Luncheon in April. If every Lodge participated in Masters and Wardens, then we could guarantee that every widow who wanted to attend could be at the Widows Luncheon.

Brother Officer, our District is counting on your Lodge to participate in Masters and Wardens.

### Brotherhood Fund

Another area needing an increased participation is with the Brotherhood Fund. The Masonic Brotherhood Fund is a charity that our Grand Master, M. W. James Sullivan, holds dear. I thank you Brothers for your generous support of this fund by purchasing a Grand Master's Pin. A fund of this size though, requires orga-

nization and leadership.

Our District Brotherhood Fund Chairperson, R. W. Derek VanHouten, has reached out to every Lodge to (1) determine who that particular Lodge's Brotherhood Fund Chair is, and then (2) coordinate efforts of this group. The response, Brothers, has been overwhelming. How can Brother Derek coordinate the activities of our District if your Lodge won't step up to the plate?

As a former Lodge and District Brotherhood Fund Chair, I am asking of you that which I have done myself. This is a perfect position for a Brother who may not want to get "into line," but is motivated to become involved in the life of your Lodge. On behalf of our Grand Master, I ask every Master of every Lodge in our District to appoint a Brother in your Lodge as your Brotherhood Fund Chairman. When done, please see that this Brother is identified to R. W. Derek as your Lodge's Chairman.

### A Poem for December

It matters not what tools we use  
But that we use them well;  
For some must write  
And some must print  
While others buy and sell;  
And some must preach  
And some must pray  
And some must plot and plan;  
But this rule holds for one and all ...  
Just do the best you can!

Anonymous

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I wish to each and every one of my Brothers, and to your family, the blessings of this Holiday Season. □

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### Happy Holidays

Mike and I wish you and your families all the best this Holiday Season! We look forward to seeing everyone soon as we travel around the District.

### Masonic Development Course

Thanks to all the Master Masons who chose to take the *Masonic Development Course* this year. Mike and I hope the Course met your expectations and you have increased your knowledge in the Craft. We look forward to seeing you all in the near future to present you with your *Course Certificate*.

### Road to the East

*Road to the East* training sessions are scheduled for February 23rd and March 9th. Both sessions will start at 8:00 a.m. and end around 2:00 p.m. As with all of this year's training seminars, the *RTTE* sessions will be at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster. We welcome all Senior and Junior Wardens who are on the path to become Masters of their Lodge.

We also welcome any Senior Deacons who truly have an interest in one day being the Worshipful Master. If this is your first time going to the East, or you have decided to make a second or third trip around, we encourage all to attend. It is never too early to start plan-

ning your Trestleboard. Please come to learn and share your experiences with us. Please email your reservations to either R. W. : Rob Buchanan at:

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### December

December marks the first full month for my wife, Kellie, being deployed in Afghanistan. I thank everyone for your emails, calls and kind words showing me support through this difficult time for my family. Thanks for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. All my family asks is that during this holiday season, please remember to keep ALL Soldiers, Service Members and their families in your thoughts and prayers, as they are deployed around the globe. And remember to give a special thanks to all our National Guard Soldiers for deploying on U.S. soil in support of the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

### National Guard Birthday

The National Guard is celebrating its 376th birthday this year. On December 13, 1636, the Massachusetts Bay Colony divided its citizen-soldiers, or militia, into the North, South and East Regiments. The Massachusetts Bay Colony was seven years old in 1636. About 5,000 men, women and children had made the two-month voyage to the New World, leaving the relative comfort and safety of England behind.

In Massachusetts, they confronted a wilderness of dense forests, wild animals and suspicious Indians. The colonists needed a military force for protection, but they had no money to hire a mercenary army, which was common practice in Europe at the time. So, they turned to the English tradition of the militia - citizen-soldiers who gathered for military training and who could fight when needed.

In Massachusetts, all able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 60, were required to join the militia and have their own equipment. By 1636, the militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony was large enough to be divided into three separate regiments.

Today, the military lineage of these 1636 regiments is carried by the 101st Engineer Battalion, the 101st Field Artillery, the 181st Infantry, and the 182nd Cavalry, which are all still part of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. These four units, in one form or another, have been in continuous service since 1636, and are the oldest units in the U.S. Army. Not many military organizations can claim 376 years of unbroken history. The National Guard as it stands today is made up of all 50 States and four U.S. Territories which add up to over 350,000 Citizen Soldiers at home and deployed around the world.

Much has changed in this country since 1636, but one thing has not: Citizen-Soldiers still gather (or Muster) to train and deploy as they have for 376 years. Happy Birthday National Guard!  
Happy Holidays and God Bless! □

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## Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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By R.:W.: Don Tubman

In October, members of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge conducted an event at the Home Depot in Panorama Plaza and processed a number of children. The Brothers at Inspiration Lodge held another Child ID event the next day at the Spencerport Fire Hall. Both Lodges reported that they had a great time. What are you waiting for??? Contact either Rick Downs, Fairport-Flower City Lodge or Don Tubman at Oatka Lodge to schedule an event.

Did you know that we can present a program in conjunction with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)? They have speakers who will come to your Lodge and provide interesting programs on Child Safety.

### Some Facts

**How many cases of missing children have the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) helped resolve?** Since 1984, NCMEC has assisted law enforcement with more than 187,800 missing-child cases, resulting in the recovery of more than 175,200 children.

**How many calls does the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Hotline (1-800-THE-LOST®) handle?** In the last Quarter of 2012, the Hotline handled an average of 580 service-related calls per day. Since its 1984 inception, the toll-free Hotline has handled more than 3.5 million calls.

**How many children have been recovered through AMBER Alerts?** Since 1997 through March 2012, the NYS AMBER Alert Program has been credited with the safe recovery of 572 children. To date, there is a network of 120 AMBER Plans across the country.

### 2010 Annual Report

NYS Missing & Exploited Children Clearinghouse

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Public Safety

- In 2010, the Register received 20,309 reports of children missing from New York State, an increase of four percent from the previous year. In addition, 20,017 cases were cancelled during the year, and 2,322 cases were active at the end of 2010.
- Nearly all missing children cases were reported as suspected runaways (94 percent). Abduction cases accounted for approximately 1 percent of the total reports, with abductions committed by family members as the most frequent form of abduction. There were two reports of a child abducted by a stranger in 2010. [Note: The number of non-family (stranger or acquaintance) abductions reported to the Register may be undercounted. One reason for this is that abduction cases are sometimes initially entered as "circumstances unknown," especially if no one actually witnessed the child being abducted. Even when subsequent investigation determines abduction is the cause, the case type may not be revised on the Register by an investigating law enforcement agency.]
- Every county in the State, except Hamilton, reported at least one missing child during the year, and approximately half the counties reported increases in the number of new cases as compared to 2009. Of the 28 counties reporting increases, 20 had double-digit increases. Reports of missing children were concentrated in the State's largest urban areas. Excluding New York City counties (which are not reported separately to the Register), Westchester County reported the highest volume of cases (2,160) followed by Suffolk, Erie, Albany and Monroe counties.
- Controlling for the under age 18 population by county, three counties in the Capital Region (Schenectady, Albany and Rensselaer) had the highest rates of case reporting in the State (21.1, 19.0, and 10.3 per 1,000 children, respectively). These counties were found to have unusually large numbers of repeat cases involving children who ran away from foster care or other facilities. The statewide rate of reporting was 4.4 missing children cases per 1,000 children in 2010.
- Ninety-five percent of the children reported missing were age 13 or older, 59 percent were female, and 44 percent were white. The single largest group of cases by age and gender was white females 13 years and older (25 percent of cases reported).
- Approximately 27 percent of the 20,017 cases closed during 2010 were resolved by the child voluntarily returning home. Law enforcement efforts were involved in the return of 20 percent of the cases. Five children who had been reported missing were found deceased. Exact circumstances associated with the recovery of missing children were not reported to DCJS by law enforcement in 53 percent of the cases closed during the year. The median number of days between the reporting and cancellation of a case on the Register was six days.

While this news is encouraging, it is evident that vigorously promoting child safety will always be necessary. Parents and guardians play the most prominent role, by talking to their children in a calm and reasonable manner, being careful not to over-emphasize the frightening details of what might happen if safety guidelines are not followed. It is important to strike a balance between avoiding the issue and instilling a sense of fear in your child. The goal is to instill a sense of caution.

It is also clear that whenever a child is missing, parents must act decisively and the law enforcement investigation must be immediate, thorough and well coordinated.

This is what the Masonic Safety Program is about ... This is why we do it and this is your reminder that we need your help!!!! We want to make greater use of the ID equipment by having events supported by each Lodge. We want to process ID packages for more than 2,000 folks!!! It is possible with your support and help.

We have identified several Masons with American Sign Language skills who have agreed to help with our deaf program outreach to have some successful programs with the deaf community. If you possess such skills, we can always use your help. Contact us at the numbers listed below so we can set up additional events to serve the deaf community!!!

Brothers, it does not take much to set up and staff an event ... just a little creativity and forethought. Will you help???? Urge your Master to appoint a Coordinator for your Lodge and contact us to schedule an event. Contact Information about the Masonic ID Program is available online at <http://nychip.org/> We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the Program and involvement from your Lodge!!! We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at [datubman@yahoo.com](mailto:datubman@yahoo.com) or [rcdowns@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rcdowns@rochester.rr.com). You can contact Don Tubman at 585-889-4725 if you have questions or suggestions.



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### Grand Lecturer's Convention Wrap-up

We're very happy to report that this year's Grand Lecturer's Convention was well attended with Fairport-Flower City Lodge serving as our gracious host. The evening began with a Steak Dinner followed by the opening of Lodge by the DDGM, R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz. The Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: Robert Strang then gave an outstanding presentation on the first section of the Fellowcraft Degree. Some Officers of Inspiration Lodge stepped in to fill the Chairs, on short notice, and did an admirable job in their work! R.:W.: Strang conveyed the work of the evening, stressing the importance and beauty of the Ritual, but doing so in such a way as to make everyone feel comfortable and relaxed in his approach.

It was announced that Fame, Inspiration and Union Star Lodges all qualified for the Potts Award, which their respective Masters will have the pleasure of accepting at the 2013 Grand Lodge Convention. Fairport-Flower City Lodge was also awarded the 2012 Grand Lecturer's Convention Attendance Banner. As AGLs for the Monroe District, we thank all Brothers who came out to participate in this event.

### Schools of Ritual

The next School of Ritual will be held on Thursday, January 31st, at Webster Masonic Hall. We'll begin the work of the evening at 7:30 p.m., which will cover the first section of the 3rd Degree. As many Lodges in the District will be Raising Candidates in the late Winter and early Spring months, we believe that the topic for our chosen work of the evening to be very relevant to the needs of those Officers charged with the important task of completing the Degree process for their Brothers. I hope all Lodges will have a strong contingency of members in attendance. Following the School, beverages and snacks will be available in the Fellowcraft Room.

On Wednesday, March 27th, the fourth and final School of Ritual for the year will be held at Spencerport Masonic Hall. Last year, under the direction of R.:W.: Mike Nohle, and V.:W.: Bill Edwards, a Ritual Competition was held in the District, which presented some Brothers the opportunity to showcase to their peers their hard work in a friendly and educational environment. As AGLs, we will once again convene and oversee a Ritual Competition in March. The work of the evening will be the Apron Presentation for Current Masters and Past Masters, and the Senior Deacon work just prior to the Raising in the 3rd Degree. Keep watching the AGL column of the **Masonic Times** in coming editions for complete details.

### Edict Evaluation Degrees

The purpose of the edict is to ensure that each Lodge is deemed proficient with performing a Degree. Our goal is not to be over critical, but rather help each Lodge understand what their strengths and opportunities are related to the Ritual. We believe our Ritual is special and unique

to Masonry. It's been passed down to us for hundreds of years. Now, it's our turn in time to learn, understand, nurture and pass it along to the next generation of Brothers.

Great Ritual inspires new Brothers to become passionate in their work. After traveling around the District over the past few months, we are inspired by the commitment and passion Brothers have and we're looking forward to helping you with the Ritual. Please feel free to contact us to assist with your rehearsals or help answer any questions about the Ritual - V.:W.: Paul Jason Kolacki, [k2fx@arrl.net](mailto:k2fx@arrl.net), and V.:W.: Patrick Mulrooney, [pmulroon@gmail.com](mailto:pmulroon@gmail.com).

### Happy Holidays!

How good and how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity. During this Holiday Season we extend to each and every one of you and your families our wish that you all have a Happy Holiday Season and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We are excited about the future of Freemasonry in New York and the Monroe District, and look forward to all that is yet to come in 2013 and beyond!

## Area 15 Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:  
**Derek VanHouten**  
Monroe District

I will begin by saying "thank you" to the few Brothers who turned out to our Seminar where the new Brotherhood Fund Program was explained. I am very disappointed that all Lodges did not see to it to be in attendance. This just compounds the effort where followup is required.

Our Grand Master, M.:W.: James Sullivan, has stressed the importance of contributing to the Brotherhood Fund this year. How can we do it and be successful if half of the Lodges didn't feel it was important enough to come out and participate?

To the Masters of those Lodges ... you need to select a Brother to serve as the Lodge Chairman for the Brotherhood Fund. I do not wish to embarrass any Lodge, but it is most important that we in Monroe District have a good response this year. If your Lodge does not have a Chairman, please call me at 247-2920 or email me at:

[derekhouten1@mac.com](mailto:derekhouten1@mac.com).

R.:W.: Bruce Testut is the new State Chairman, having taken over for M.:W.: Robert Stack, who has retired after many years of service to the Craft and the Brotherhood Fund.

In the information distributed at the meeting (and will be given to the other Lodges that were not in attendance), one will notice that the number of funds have been reduced to help streamline the operation. The new funds are Allocation by the Grand Master; Masonic Care Community; Masonic Benevolence; Robert Livingston Library of the Grand Lodge of New York and the Medical Research Lab. A supply of forms is also included in the material.

One thing that will be missing — no Brass Rubbings as in past years.

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## Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By W.: Frank Habitzreuther

The last two meetings have produced many ideas for member retention and ways to get petitions for the Lodges. A survey was sent out to see what days would be best for the M&W meeting. Sadly there was only one response and it was decided to keep them on Saturday mornings. Our next meeting will be in January at the Fairport Masonic Hall. At our next meeting we will have some prices for transportation and hotels for Grand Lodge.

The Masters and Wardens will be at Marketplace Mall on February 13th for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. We will be looking to staff the booth that day, so bring the family.

See you in the New Year. Enjoy the Holidays.

## ERAC Lodge No. 163

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I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and warm as our Winter months have officially arrived.

At our October 8th meeting, we reviewed and voted on revisions to our By-laws and Budget. We also read the Petitions of potential Candidates.

October 22nd was our Annual Awards and Member Recognition Night. During this meeting we honored 41 ERAC members for years of service ranging from 5 to 65 years. I thank W.: Michael Knolla for being our Master of Ceremonies for the evening. During his presentation, he mentioned how Masons are builders, builders of men; he then showed how a simple building block, a LEGO®, is a great representation of the members of a Lodge. We each have special talents and, once we are united as one, we can build and accomplish much more than

we could individually. When you see the following members please congratulate them for their dedication to the Craft:

5 Years - Pedro L. Jimenez, Frank T.

Panczyszyn, Jeffery H. Thrall,  
Frank Valente, Sr. and Timothy  
P. Driscoll

10 Years - Jason A. Appel, Kevin Faro  
Brian A. Isler, Michael A.  
Knolla, Adam J. Lasker

15 Years - Josue C. Bogmis II, Michael  
T. Johnson, Howard D. Kravetz

20 Years - David E. Larson, Thomas A.  
Lebeau, Paul D. Nordquist,  
Louis P. Renzi, Stuart J.  
Schneider, Andre D. Smith,  
Jeffery P. Wilson

25 Years - Lewis J. Perna, Paul H.  
Rogers

30 Years - John A. Bryce III, Stanley  
V. Fritz

40 Years - Dennis H. Copeland,  
John E. Weekes

45 Years - Carl D. Beckwith, George  
Hejzler, Frank Kelsey, Charles  
W. Treat

50 Years - Harold Van Lare

55 Years - Clement D. Smith, Donald  
D. Smith

60 Years - Donald L. Lacy, Norman N.  
Sandle, John W. Spencer

61 Years - Clarence J. Vanderzell, Jr.

62 Years - Leland G. Comstock,  
George T. Partis

63 Years - Alexander Arthur, Jr.

65 Years - Thomas H. McKnight

Thank you also to Brother Zach Taylor for helping Brother Knolla in assembling a beautiful Mosaic Masonic Emblem entirely out of LEGO® Blocks and to Brother Mark Ricci for building the shadow box in which it resides.

December will be a very busy month starting with our 1st Degree on December 10th. Please come and support Carl Scarpulla as he will be sitting in the East for this Degree. I'm sure he will do quite well performing in the Master's Chair. I hope to see everyone there to support our members and Carl during this very important Ritual.

December 22nd is also our Annual ERAC Holiday Visitations to our shut-in Brothers. Please email Brother Terry Wihlen, Jr. at twihlen@hotmail.com for more information or if you would like a visit by the Brothers of ERAC Lodge.

Brother Rich Friedman will be coordinating the "Red Kettle" Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. He will be sending out an email once a date has been set. Please email him at richddmg@frontier.net for more information on how you can support this very important cause.

ERAC Lodge will be providing Christmas Eve Dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald House. Brother Sean McKenna will be coordinating this



Front row (l-r) Alex Arthur, Michael Knolla, Frank, Kelsey, Chad Crawford and George Partis. Back row (l-r) W.: John Hellaby, Don Wilson, Josue Bogmis, Jeffrey Thrall and Carl Scarpulla.

very important endeavor. Please email him at smckenna@rochester.rr.com for more information on how you can help out in this effort.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your families during this Holiday season.

### From the Secretary's Desk

By Dave Upham, Secretary

#### Where Are You?

I have been pulling out what little hair I have left. It amazes me how many letters I send to Lodge Brothers that come back. What happens when you move and don't let your Lodge know? You don't get your *Masonic Times* or your *Empire State Mason* and you won't get any mailings from ERAC, such as your Dues Notice, which if unpaid results in you being dropped for Non-Payment of Dues (NPD).

Please, please, Brothers; let us know when you change your mailing address, telephone number and/or email address. If you don't, you are just creating more work and headaches for your Secretary.

#### Dues Notices - CHANGES

You should have received your Annual Dues Notice, along with a letter, either by email or snail mail, informing you of why the Dues have been increased so dramatically. That letter also explained that our By-Laws have changed and you now must pay those Dues prior to December, 2013. That means you have only ONE year to pay your Dues before you are dropped for NPD.

This is a big change, Brothers. Previously, you had two years to pay. Now you have only one year to pay! One thing has not changed, however ... No Brother will be dropped from membership if he finds that he is financially unable to pay his Dues. If you find yourself in that position, all it takes is a call to the Secretary. My cell phone number is 261-4883. I am

not always in a position to receive calls, but I WILL ALWAYS respond to voice-mail within a day or two - if you leave your name and phone number.

On to happier things! If you did not attend our Awards Night, you missed a fantastic and informative evening led by W.: Mike Knolla. He informed us that we celebrated a combined 1,055 years of service from our Honorees, that we lost 443 years of service through our departed Brethren and our Lodge celebrated a total of 2,113 years of combined service to the Craft. We have four members with 65 or more years of service and 21 members with over 60 YOS! Over the past decade, our average age has dropped from 74 to 58. Our average length of service is 24 years. We have maintained our total membership number for over three years in a row. These, Brothers, are numbers we can all celebrate as ERAC moves forward through its 12th year of Charter.

#### Membership

Have you recommended a friend or family member for membership? If not, it is time you give that some deep consideration! It is the recommendation of friends and family members for membership that has kept ERAC strong and healthy and it is specifically that recommendation that will keep us strong and healthy for years to come! Share with others what you have found in Masonry. Encourage them to find the same thing. We are counting on you to keep us one of the most vibrant Masonic Lodges in the State!

From my desk to yours, Doreen and I sincerely hope you and your loved ones enjoy health, happiness and a wonderful Holiday Season!

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

December 2012

**Shrine and Divan Meetings**

**Dinner Reservations Required**

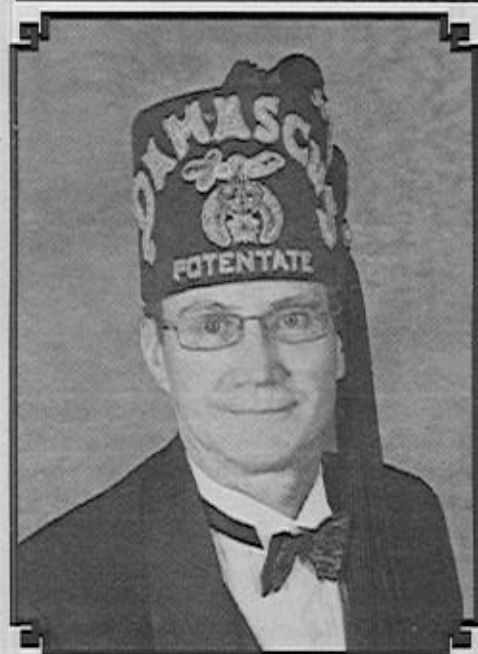
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**Monday — Friday**

**9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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



**GARY BURKE  
POTENTATE**

Welcome to Winter in Rochester. As I write this article on the first weekend of November, I really can't say what the next few weeks will bring us weather wise, especially after what we have just gone through with hurricane Sandy. I will say that our thoughts and prayers go out to all our members of the Shrine, Rites and Blue Lodges everywhere as they work their way back to some form of normalcy should they have succumbed to any effects of Sandy. Especially as we enter into this Holiday Season.

I find myself searching for words as I prepare, once again, a final article as a presiding officer for one of our Masonic organizations where I have had the privilege of serving. I most certainly do consider it to have been a privilege to serve you, the Nobles of Damascus Temple, as your Potentate this past year.

We entered this year with great enthusiasm and a plan to offer you some new events as well as tried and true ones. If you look back over the year, I think you can agree that we accomplished that goal. Damascus had a full calendar with a variety of events. Should you have attended just half of what we offered, you would agree we had a full schedule. As can be expected, some were very well attended and some not so much. But whatever the attendance, we certainly had a great time together. Lady Debi and I appreciate the support you gave to our programs and events this year and say "Thank you." Whether it was square

dancing, cruising down the Erie Canal, bringing in new Nobles, partying at the Potentates Reception or working at Cruise Night, we had a great time and hope you did as well. Our community outreach with the Bayview YMCA Food Truck Rally fundraiser was a positive step and our continued support of the Backus Road St. Patrick's Day event is always a hoot.

None of this would be possible without the backing of all the Divan members on the 2012 team. They and their ladies are a very special group of hard working, dedicated and, in some cases, crazy individuals. To single any one of them out would be a travesty, as every one of them gave it their all. Again, Lady Debi and I thank each and every one of them for all that they did for us this past year, but more importantly, for everything they did for you.

I encourage each of you to dig a little deeper and become a more committed Shriner of Damascus. We need to have you step up and become more involved in some way. There is a multitude of ways that every member could become a better Damascus Shriner. Whether it's coming out to Cruise Nights and giving a helping hand, volunteering to keep the gardens in shape, bringing the calendar program back on board as a fundraiser or coming up with another fundraiser idea(s), helping to stuff envelopes for a mailing or taking care of the website, there surely is something that you could do. Get involved, be it a small or large part, just get involved. Some things are more work than others, but we always try to have fun. It really is true to say that when you're involved in the organization; you value your membership all that much more. Get as much value from your membership in Damascus as possible.

Finally, Lady Debi and I wish each and every one of you a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Kwanza, and a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We look forward to the many holiday parties that are planned for this month and will endeavor to make as many as we can. We ask that you support the incoming Divan as much or more than you gave us so that Damascus will continue to grow and prosper. As I have said before, "If not you, then who?"

Together we can. □



**God  
Bless Our  
Troops**

## A Message from the Imperial Potentate ...

By Alan W. "Al" Madsen  
Imperial Potentate

We were quite busy in October starting with the 5th Annual Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children® Open, held in Las Vegas. More than 1,000 volunteers helped make this a wonderful tournament. Next year we will be going into the FEDEX Cup as the Shriners Hospitals for Children® Open, hosted or presented by a major sponsor.

Our two Patient Ambassadors, Hunter Woodall and Jeremy Gabriel, interacted very well with the players, volunteers and spectators throughout the week, and did a great job shar-



ing their experiences with Shriners Hospitals for Children®. The Joint Boards members were present for the trophy presentation on the 18th green with the champion, Ryan Moore, a local player with a large crowd of family and friends.

Next, we attended the Membership and Public Relations Seminars in Tampa, Florida. The Membership TEAM, under the leadership of Imperial Sir Dale Stauss, provided a fantastic and exciting training session for all those Temple Representatives present.

The Temples that did not send participants missed a golden opportunity to learn some excellent ways to improve your membership numbers. Please budget money in 2013 to send your Nobles who head up membership efforts, and their Ladies, to Tampa for the next seminar, which will be held October 3rd-6th. This seminar is going to help you reach the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels in membership!

The 30th Annual Public Relations Seminar for the Hospital PR Staff and the Imperial Public Relations Committee members, chaired by Imperial Sir John Cinotto and his TEAM, got off to a great start with a welcome reception on October 14th at the Tampa Airport Marriott. Those NOT attending

this year missed a very well-organized seminar on sharing ways and ideas to improve communications between Home Office, our Hospitals, and the Temples.

Good public and community relations are critically important to the future of both our hospitals and our beloved Fraternity. The seminar for the Temple Public Relations Representatives will be held at the Renaissance International Plaza in Tampa on April 28th-30th. I strongly encourage the Representatives to attend and participate.

Following the seminars, we were off to Europe. The Shrine Riverboat Cruise down the Blue Danube started on October 18th with Shriners and their Ladies boarding the riverboat in Budapest, Hungary. Ninety Nobles and Ladies from throughout Shrinedom traveled with us, including Noble Maurice Cantani from Al Malaikah Shriners who traveled by himself at 94-½ years young! He was a delight to be with and went on all of the walking tours! We traveled from Budapest to Slovakia, Austria and Prague. It was a wonderful time of friendship and camaraderie.

After attending the Fall Ceremonial at Oasis Temple in Charlotte, NC, we traveled to Washington, DC, along with leaders and members of the International Association Legions of Honor for the Annual Laying of the Shrine Wreath at the Tomb



of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. It was an honor and a privilege to be there; we all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude and recognition to all our servicemen and women.

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## SUMMONS

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

**December 5th, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**

for the purpose of **Election of Officers for 2013**



## From the Quill...



By Derek VanHouten, Recorder

Karin Staples and I wish all of you - wherever you may be within our Jurisdiction - a warm and festive Christmas and Holiday Season. Damascus Shrine is scattered to the four corners of the Country so it may not be snowing in your area, but we send you warm greetings of comfort and gifts of the Season. Sometimes gifts can be more of a temporal nature than brightly covered packages. I'm thinking of gifts of family, friends with whom we can associate, fine weather, the crunch of Fall leaves underfoot, the smell of the four Seasons and the laughter of small children. The pride we get when we travel to our Hospitals and experience the "centers of excellence" we have the privilege to support as Shriners. The leadership of the Shrine considers each one of its members to be a unique gift unto them for the time you have shared with us over the past year. We would invite others to come and share their talents with us as the situations arise and requirements dictate.

### Around the Shrine Center

As to other material of which you should be aware at Damascus, around November 1st, an ATM Machine was hooked up near the Dining Room; the fee is \$2.50 per transaction and Damascus gets \$.50 for each time it is used.

We had a failure of our Fire Control System, which required several hours of work by our Security Firm - Doyle, along with ABJ Sprinklers and installation of a new Fire Control Panel.

Thanks to Jim Ryan, we are removing the rotting wooden porch deck (off the Living Room) that has been an eyesore and a home for countless bugs and insects that have invaded our Office at any given time. Maybe in the future something more constructive might be installed there.

You should be aware there are about \$12,000 in outstanding Dues that have not been paid for 2011 and 2012. If this affects you or you can't remember if you paid for 2011 or 2012, please contact the Office. We are in the process of personally calling each of the Nobles who have an outstanding balance and will work with you to get it resolved.

Again, if you have a new email address or telephone number, cell phone, PLEASE let us know so our contact information can be updated.

In closing, let me quote from Noble Red Skelton who always closed with a simple, "May God Bless." □

## Directors Staff Holiday Party

Date & Place will be determined at the November 28th Meeting.

Call Vance Collom (585) 217-9817  
vcollom1@rochester.rr.com  
to find out when, where  
and to make reservations.

## Lost & Found

In the Shrine Office ...



Two rings have been found in the Shrine Center - one lady's cocktail ring and one man's ring.

If you think you lost a ring while at the Shrine Center, stop by to identify your ring.

## Patient Referral Process to Shriners Hospitals for Children®

From Public Relations Department, Shriners International Headquarters

We have made some revisions to the Patient Referral Process one-sheet, so if you are referring a patient to the Shriners Hospitals for Children®, be sure to use the revised process.

This process does not affect Canada and Mexico who can continue to refer patients to Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada and Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Mexico as you have been. □



## Imperial Potentate

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Finally, we attended the Fall Joint Boards meeting in Tampa, where we discussed the business of Shriners Hospitals for Children® and Shriners International.

Regarding Fraternal business, I have sent you an additional, separate message regarding the situation involving the Masonic Lodges and Shriners International in Arkansas. I urge you to read it and stay aware of the situation - we will continue to do anything and everything we can to "mend fences."

This is the time of year when many of you renew your membership in our great Fraternity. I take this opportunity to personally thank you for your dedication and commitment to both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children®. The membership of each and every one of you is critically important and helps us continue to be able to provide excellent medical care to the children who depend on us.

As we annually pause and give thanks, I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all the members of our Fraternity for the wonderful work you do on behalf of our philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children®. We also express our deep appreciation for all our members and for the important friendships and relationships that are at the heart of Shriners International. During this time, please reflect on and remember why you chose to join us and become part of this amazing organization. □

## Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles

Harold E. Metzler

October 27, 2012

Gerald L. Rohrer

November 4, 2012

George A. Steiner

January 5, 2011



## December Birthdays

David Benda  
Clarence Bogardus  
Mark Broyles  
Geoffrey Buell  
Dennis Carroll  
Philip Cox  
Robert Cox  
Allan Cragg  
Raymond Crandall  
M. Donald Darrohn III  
Harold Davis  
Embola Ekiller  
Daniel Emerson  
Delbert Fix  
Thomas Goodrich  
Earl Gorton  
Richard Green  
Roy Hamilton  
James Harding  
David Hatch

Harold Herman  
James Holman  
Robert Kennedy  
Paul Kolacki  
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Henry Libera  
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David Locke  
Frederick Ludwig  
Robert Mattick  
Alvin Metcalf  
G. Michael Morris  
James Nielsen  
Donald Osborne  
Earl Pearce  
George Pierce  
Kenneth Pollard  
Bradley Rathbun  
Charles Rouse

F. Murray Russell  
Robert Selbert  
James Showman  
George Simon  
Timothy Slater  
Dean Smith  
Frederick Stahl  
David Taber  
David Upham  
Michael VanderKamp  
Thomas Vasile  
Robert Verbridge  
Lance Ward  
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Happy Holidays!  
Merry Christmas!  
Happy Hanukkah!  
Happy New Year!

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## First Lady's Project Gift Cards for The Kids

By Debi Burke, First Lady

We are collecting gift cards to fast food restaurants and stores like Target or Walmart. The gift cards will be sent to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® for distribution to the families of The Kids.

In addition to my local project, the Imperial First Lady is collecting books for children in Puerto Rico. All donations can be dropped off at the Shrine Office. □



## What's New in Erie...

### New Erie Facility Video Posted on Shriners Website

The next time you go to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® website, check out the new Erie facility video that has been posted on the Erie page:

[www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/erie](http://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/erie)  
It can be viewed by "clicking" on the photo of the Erie building. The video, which was filmed earlier this year, includes interviews with physicians, hospital staff, Shriners and parents. It talks about the services available at the facility, the patient care philosophies and the wonderful care patients receive in Erie.

This would be an excellent video to show at Shrine membership, club and unit meetings.

### Outpatient Waiting Room Features New Game Unit

There is a new addition to the Outpatient Clinic waiting room at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie! It is called the Touch2Play system and it features more than 75 games for kids of all ages.

The unit was purchased with monies donated to the Shriners Hospitals Erie facility from the Spirit of Children campaign from the Spirit of Halloween store sales in the community. This interactive game system looks like a television mounted on the wall, and there is a bench where kids can sit while playing the games. The unit is also positioned so that children in wheelchairs can wheel right up to the unit and play the games as well.

It has not taken long for the Erie patients to see the Touch2Play unit and learn how to use it. It has helped keep them relaxed while they are waiting to be seen by a health care providers at Erie.

### Popular Silicone Wristbands Available at Shriners Erie

Silicone wristbands promoting all types of organizations and causes are all the rage with people of all ages! Now, Shriners Hospitals Erie now has its own popular silicone wristband! Show your support for our great facility by picking one up at the Erie's Reception Desk. The red silicone bands are just \$2 each and come in adult and youth sizes.

### Shriners Facilities Change Patient Application Process

As you may have heard from previous communications from Shriners Hospitals for Children® and Shriners International, it is no longer necessary for families to complete an "application" in order to be considered for treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children® facilities. A new process has been put in place that eliminates the need to fill out the complex two-page form that previously needed to be sent to the hospital and processed before a patient could be considered for treatment.

There are now several ways you may refer a patient:

- Provide the family with the Shriners Hospitals for Children referral card that has been provided to your temple and inform the family to call the toll-free Patient Referral line for an appointment. There is a place on the card to write the name of the referring temple and Shiner (if applicable).

- Direct the family to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® internet site where they will be able to locate the phone number for the nearest Shriners Hospital: [www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org)

### What does this mean for Shriners and Temples?

When speaking to the public about how to refer a patient to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, please eliminate the terminology "apply for care" or "application." Our goal is to remove the perceived barrier of "applying" for care; instead use the term "refer a patient."

All Shriners Hospital facilities, including Erie, have distributed referral cards with their toll free number and website information to their affiliated temples. These referral cards include a space for each Shiner to write his name and temple for patient referral purposes (if applicable). Hospitals will ensure that additional supplies of these referral cards are available as needed at affiliated temples. Additional patient referral/recruitment materials may also be provided when available.

Please do not use these referral cards as mass handouts at health fairs, community booths, etc. These are for families who need to call the hospital. If you need information to hand out at community fairs in mass quantities, please order the general referral information cards that are available through the Shriners Village website.

If you have questions about these changes to the patient referral process, please contact the hospital or your temple's representative to the hospital's Board of Governors.

**ASC Successfully Completes the Joint Commission Survey Process**

The Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) successfully completed its initial Accreditation Survey with The Joint Commission (TJC) with minimal Requirements for Improvements. Once the ASC plans of correction are submitted and approved by TJC, the ASC will receive TJC full accreditation for three years.

TJC surveyor, Darla Van Putten-Adams, M.D., was clearly impressed with and complimentary of so many areas, most especially for the passion and commitment to the mission and vision of SHC and caring for children by the staff, medical staff and Board of Governors, which was visibly evident and present in all aspects of the survey. The success of the accreditation survey is the direct result of a team effort on the part of the Shriners Erie staff. Special recognition goes out to the entire ASC staff, as well as Michelle Battko, ASC nurse manager, Carol Przybycin, manager for performance improvement, and Mary Jane Antoon, Director of Patient Care Services, for their hard work and preparation efforts which made the two-day survey go smoothly.

### U.S. News Names Erie Doctor Top Physician

John D. Lubahn, M.D., an Orthopedic Surgeon on staff at the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie facility, has been named a Top Hand Surgeon by U.S. News and World Report. There are 290 top hand surgeons on the list of U.S. News Top Doctors. These physicians were selected based on a peer nomination process.

Within the list of U.S. News top hand surgeons, 75 including Dr. Lubahn, have been named to a highly selective list of America's Top Doctors, placing him among the top 1% in the Nation in his specialty.

Dr. Lubahn has been a member of the Erie Shriners Medical Staff since 1981. In addition, he has been on staff at UPMC Hamot in Erie since 1981, and has been with Hand, Microsurgery and Reconstructive Orthopaedics of Erie since 1987. From December 2007 until July 2012, Dr. Lubahn served as Chief of Staff of the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie facility.

### "Love to the Rescue" Media Campaign Continues to be Very Successful

The new corporate Shriners Hospitals for Children® "Love to the Rescue" media campaign, launched in June under

the creative guidance of the Leo Burnett Company, has shown great success in its first three months.

This National Campaign includes television spots, on-line advertising and search engines, direct mail and enhanced national public relations efforts. There are currently three 30-second TV spots airing throughout the U.S. and a 60-second spot will be added shortly emphasizing donations. During the first three months of the campaign, some two billion impressions have been viewed by the targeted audiences.

Other results of the national "Love to the Rescue" Campaign include 59,000 new "likes" on the corporate Facebook page, a 22% increase in second quarter donations (and an average donation increase of \$11.41) and a 92% increase in visits to the Shriners Hospitals website. The campaign will continue to increase in scope in the years to come.

### Erie Movement Analysis Lab Assists with University Research

Research conducted in part at the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie facility Movement Analysis Lab (MAL) played a significant role in a Mercyhurst University Study on managing spinal cord injuries in football. That study is under the direction of Bradley Jacobson, Chairman of the Erie University's Sports Medicine Department, who is working with Sports Medicine Concepts and the National Football League (NFL). Jacobson and Graduate Student, Jacob Gdovin, spent the Summer presenting their research on proper protocols for managing the on-field care of football players with apparent cervical cord injuries to medical staffs of NFL teams. Working with Mike Cendoma, CEO of Sports Medicine Concepts of Livonia, NY, they presented to the New York Giants, Houston Texans, New York Jets, Dallas Cowboys and Indianapolis Colts.

The day-long sessions were directed at team neurosurgeons, orthopedic surgeons, athletic trainers and paramedics. Jacobson is also the lead author on an article recently accepted for publication in the Journal of Athletic Training titled "Cervical Spine Motion during American Football Equipment Removal Protocols: A Challenge to the All-or-Nothing Endeavor." The article is based on two years of research, completed in part at the Movement Analysis Lab of the Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie facility in collaboration with Kevin Cooney, PT, Dustin Bruening, Ph.D., and Cendoma.

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

## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

I'm not used to writing my article right after our dinner, but as I write this I'm locating our travel papers as we are going to take a quick trip to Florida. Florida or not, my article is due before our return, so here goes.

Our October dinner guest was from the Medical Research Lab. It was so informative! I stop most every St. John's Day and you might think I knew most of what was done, but that isn't the case. We are so lucky to be able to support such a world-renown group. The lives that have been saved since our Lab began in 1958 would be hard to estimate.

## WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Frank Russell, President

The Wayne County Shrine Club met on November 15th at the Newark Country Club. After the meeting, the President learned that this meeting is usually held in December. However, the meeting was not without any hint of Christmas spirit. We watched the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes do their famous Parade of the Wooden Soldiers routine.

The invocation was given by Lee Collier, who added an appropriate prayer for our recently deceased Past-President, Gerald Rohrer.

The program presented a variety of facts on the 1826 disappearance of Captain William Morgan. Most Masons are familiar with some of the facts and lore surrounding this former Mason. Morgan was not admitted into a new Masonic Chapter in Batavia and sought revenge. He wrote a book revealing the inner secrets of the Masonic Order and joined forces with a publisher who had been rejected for membership by the Freemasons. Quite an anti-Masonic movement ensued nationwide. Morgan's body was eventually found and his death determined to be a natural death.

The next meeting of the Wayne County Shrine Club will be January 17th at a location to be announced. □

From the work on pacemakers, defibrillators, and now genetic research, should make all of us willing to continue and increase our support. I have to admit, I am thoroughly bias toward the Medical Research group and my Brotherhood donation continues to support the Lab, I could only wish it was more.

And what a turnout for the evening. I spied the Paul Schencks, the Buddy Rodgers, Past-Potentate Bruce Chilton, Bob McManus and his bride. At another table was Bruce and Kathie Christopher (hey, keep bringing those bottles and cans for the Shriners across from the new Nissan building on Grant Avenue), along with the Gordon Clarks. See it is only Fall, 'cause Gordon hasn't gone South. I also saw Vern Stevens, Lew Hares, Burt Ward and Chuck Minster. OK, there were more but this isn't an attendance list.

On the Hospital front, Lance Ward gave a favorable report and it was announced that our President, Jim Kahn, is in the running as a representative to the Shriners Hospital for Children - Springfield. I don't think there is another who would work as hard for our kids. But speaking of Jim, if he is going to be going to Springfield each month, we need you to be our next President. Yeah, I'm talking to you. Come on, it doesn't take that much time. The past presidents and officers help on every month's programs, and I won't even mention the ladies dress for the first couple of months!

### December 15th Christmas Party

Now, before I go, this is the year for you to make that commitment to join us at Club 86 for a real old-fashioned Christmas Party. A party complete with appetizers, flowers, mugs, raffles, great food and desserts. Dancing to a real live band, I mean a BIG band. It is the closest I've ever been to the fancy dinner clubs I see in the old movies. Who knows, with a little encouragement you might find yourself singing and dancing. The date - December 15th, the place - Club 86, see you there. □

**Attention, Snowbirds!**  
*Are You Going South  
 This Winter?*

Mark Your Calendar ...

**Western New  
 York Shrine  
 "Reunion"**

in Punta Gorda, FL

**Tuesday, February 12th**  
 in Punta Gorda, FL

Reservations Due by February 4th  
*Details coming soon.*



## Damascus Shriners 2012 Christmas Party

Sponsored by Geneva and Auburn Shrine Clubs

**Saturday, December 15th**  
 All Welcome

For All Shriners, Masons, Their Ladies and Their Guests

**Club 86 Party House - 86 Avenue E, Geneva**

6 p.m. - Hors D'Oeuvres - Personality Adjustment  
 7 p.m. - Dinner Served

Entree Choices:

**Prime Rib**

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*To be continued . . .*

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## Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting Holiday Party

**Wednesday, December 12th**

Damascus Shrine Center  
 979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.  
 (Hors d'oeuvres ... Cash Bar)  
 Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Shrimp Cocktail \* Salad \* Roast Beef \* Potato \*  
 Vegetable \* Rolls & Butter \* Coffee \* Dessert  
**\$15 per person**

*Members and Ladies invited; attire for men is suits.*

RSVP no later than Friday, December 7th  
 at (585) 436-8216 or email: cylegalrx@hotmail.com

## From the Kitchen of Jan Porter ...

### Rum Cake

Ingredients ... Cake:

1 cup chopped, toasted pecans or  
 walnuts

1 18-1/2 ounce yellow cake mix

One, 3.4-oz pkg (4-serving size)

instant vanilla pudding mix

4 eggs

1/2 cup cold milk or water

1/2 cup vegetable oil

1/2 cup Bacardi dark rum

Glaze:

1/2 cup butter

1/4 cup water

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup Bacardi dark rum

Preparation:

Cake: Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Grease and flour 12-cup Bundt pan. Sprinkle nuts on bottom of pan. Combine all cake ingredients. Beat for 2 minutes on high with electric mixer. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 1 hour. Cool in pan. Invert on serving plate. Prick top with fork. Drizzle glaze over top of Bacardi Rum Cake. Use brush or spoon to put extra dripping back on cake.

Glaze: Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water and sugar. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in rum. Note: The rum will cause steam. Be careful not to burn yourself.

Yield: 12 to 16 servings

The longer this cakes sits, the better the taste. This cake freezes beautifully. □

## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2012

### DECEMBER

- 5th Closed Meeting - For Nobles Only  
 Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
- 8th All-Masonic Children's Christmas Party
- 29th Euchre Tournament





# Being a Shriner ... How has it Affected Your Life?

## SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

Shriners International is hosting its first ever photo contest! Shriners are dedicated to their mission of fun, fellowship and philanthropy. We invite all Nobles to share your images that best represent what it means to be a Shriner.

Two winning photos will be chosen from each of the following categories:

- Fellowship/Brotherhood
- Fun
- Family
- Community
- Legacy
- Costumes

### What are the qualities of a winning image?

Technical quality, clarity and composition are all important, but what will set a photo apart from the rest is the ability to capture that "picture perfect" moment that expresses the true spirit of the Shriners.

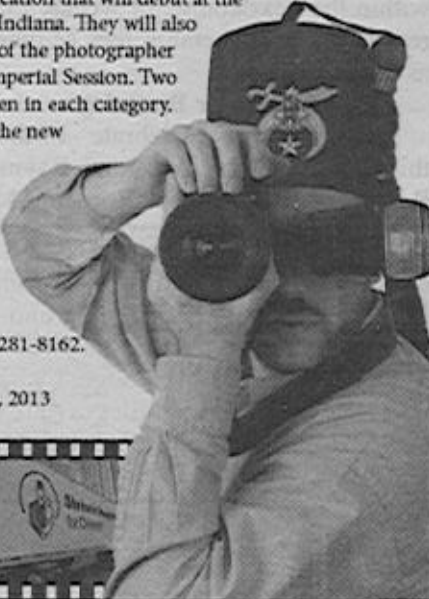
### How will winners be recognized?

Winners will receive a plaque, pin and an Amazon.com gift card. Winning photos will be published in a new publication that will debut at the 2013 Imperial Session in Indianapolis, Indiana. They will also be shown on the screen with the name of the photographer during the Public Relations report at Imperial Session. Two honorable mention photos will be chosen in each category.

These photos will also be published in the new publication, and honorable mention recipients will receive a certificate and pin. Best of luck! We can't wait to see how you have captured the essence of what it means to be a Shriner.

For rules and entry form go to [www.ShrinersVillage.com](http://www.ShrinersVillage.com) or call 813-281-8162.

Entries must be received by February 4, 2013



## 2nd Annual Shriners International Personal Essay Contest

### What should I write about?

Your essay should be a story from your life as it relates to being a Shriner. A personal essay gives the reader an intimate glimpse of the author's experience, observations, thoughts or feelings. The individual stories of our members make up the history of our organization and by preserving them on paper you will help us tell the story of Shriners International.

It does not matter whether you are 25 or 85, if you are an experienced writer or have not formally written anything since you were in school. Please take the time to reflect on your life as a Shriner. We love reading all your stories and appreciate your participation.

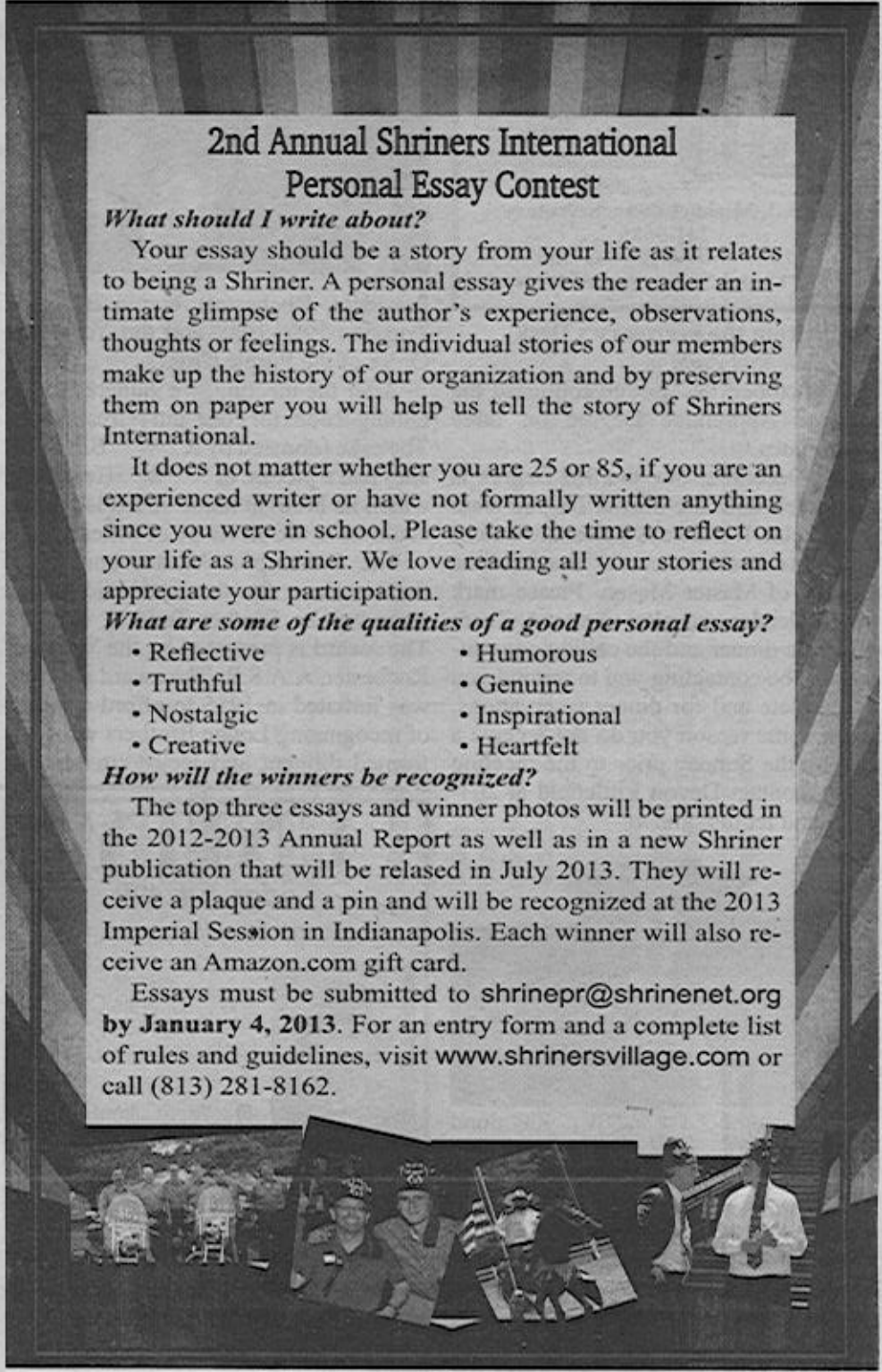
### What are some of the qualities of a good personal essay?

- Reflective
- Truthful
- Nostalgic
- Creative
- Humorous
- Genuine
- Inspirational
- Heartfelt

### How will the winners be recognized?

The top three essays and winner photos will be printed in the 2012-2013 Annual Report as well as in a new Shriner publication that will be released in July 2013. They will receive a plaque and a pin and will be recognized at the 2013 Imperial Session in Indianapolis. Each winner will also receive an Amazon.com gift card.

Essays must be submitted to [shrinepr@shrinenet.org](mailto:shrinepr@shrinenet.org) by **January 4, 2013**. For an entry form and a complete list of rules and guidelines, visit [www.shrinersvillage.com](http://www.shrinersvillage.com) or call (813) 281-8162.



# Damascus Shriners' First Lady, Debi Burke, is Honored at a Dinner



Everyone had a great time and "Smirky" (left) was exemplary in "clowning around" to the delight of the audience. Thanks to "Smirky" for playing along.

# NORTHFIELD

Lodge No. 426

Instituted March 1857

www.northfieldlodge.org

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



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### From the Secretary's Desk

By J. Michael Zona

In October, the Lodge conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on three Candidates,

On December 6th, the 3rd Degree is scheduled with the Shrine Degree team at the helm. It is always a pleasure watching these Brothers confer the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. There will be a dinner and the calling committee will be contacting you to remind you of the date and for dinner reservations. If for some reason you do not receive a call by the Sunday prior to the meeting night, contact Devon Littlefield at 203-1123 and let him know.



On November 1st, R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley gave a synopsis of Morning Star Lodge and then, to his surprise, the Master informed him the presentation was not finished yet.

With the assistance of the District Leadership Team, the Worshipful Master presented R.: W.: Raymond R. Beardsley with a Certificate and Pin to commemorate 60 years with the Fraternity. The affair was well attended with Brothers representing many of the Concordant Bodies. Brother Beardsley's dedication and devotion to the Craft are to be admired.



Raymond was Raised in 1952 at Northfield Lodge. Over time, he has flawlessly and eloquently performed every part of the Ritual work, not only in Blue Lodge but the various Bodies of the York and Scottish Rites.

Raymond's memberships and Offices include: Hiram Chapter; Doric Council; Cyrene-Monroe Commandery; Scottish Rite; Genesee York Rite College; Glecairn Council 14 Knight Masons; St. Paul's Conclave; Red Cross of Constantine; Genesee Council, Allied Masonic Degrees; Empire State Priory; Knights of the Cross of Honor; Purple Club of Monroe District; Order of Judas Macabaeus; Past High Priest's Association; District Deputy Grand Master 1979-1980; Grand Master of Grand Council of Cryptic Masons 1985-1986; Grand Treasurer of Grand Council 1988-2006;



President, Rochester Temple Board of Trustees 1986-1988 and the York Rite Order of the Purple Cross.

After the meeting, we gathered in the Dining Room for cake and refreshments. The cake (donated by R.: W.: Bill Spillane) had a picture of R.: W.: Beardsley, which he brought home so his lady, Lila could have the privilege of beheading.

The Worshipful Master announced the Nominee for the Symbolic Lodge Award to be Brother Todd E. Enright. The Award is presented by the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. The award program was initiated in 1985 to afford a means of recognizing Lodge Brothers who performed diligent and long-term service,

have been a significant background contributor to the success of their Lodge and who might not otherwise have a public Masonic recognition.

### Holiday Party

Saturday, December 8th - Lodge Holiday Party. You will be contacted by the Calling Committee with all the particulars.

### Dues Notices

Dues notices for 2013 will be sent within the next couple of weeks. Please return your membership fees as quickly as possible.

### December Birthdays

Brothers who celebrate birthdays this month are David Adams, Raymond Beardsley II, Robert Borden, Mark

Boyles, Devon Littlefield, Nate Poselli, Ken Stavalone and Don Woodruff.

### Masonic Anniversaries

Northfield Lodge acknowledges the following Brothers who were Raised in the month of December:

1944	James Arlington
1961	Ralph Matthews
1973	James Holzwarth
1974	Donald Smith
1982	Willard Baxa
1989	Bill Spillane
1990	Raymond Beardsley II
1992	Randy Griswold
	Philip Seridan
1997	Andrew Place
2000	Samuel Milton □

# UNITY

Lodge No. 479

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



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As we move forward after "Superstorm Sandy," we must always keep our distressed Brethren in our thoughts and prayers. While many of us sustained only minor to moderate damage and messes to our yards, there are those Downstate and elsewhere whom did not fare as well.

While traveling to Virginia Beach for reserve duty, I noticed a vehicle that I had passed making a solid effort to pass me while driving through Richmond, Virginia. It was a little odd, so I let him by. The gentleman driving made a point of getting my attention and saying hi with a smile and a wave. Once I waved back, he continued on his journey, and that is when I realized he had some Masonic markings on his car. The gentleman was a Brother and made a great effort to just simply say hi to a fellow traveler. While this is not unusual and a regular occurrence, it was a kind gesture that assisted me in my 600 mile drive. This is a true example of Brothers watching after Brothers in its simplest fashion.

November was a great month. Senior Warden, Jeff VanSice, gave a great presentation on Masons and the Civil War. Thanks, Brother Jeff; I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

On November 26th, we passed our three Brethren to Fellowcraft. I thank all who participated and attended the Degree.

December 10th is a regular business meeting to close out the year.

December 17th - Annual Christmas Party.

### December Birthdays

December birthday wishes go to the following Brethren: Robert Borden, M. Donald Darrohn, Daniel Donovan, Brian Ferguson, David Fraser, Howard Gleffe, Robert Humphreys, Ron LaDue, William Mattern, William Mitchell, Fred Palmeroni, Earl Pearce, David Reeves,

John Riess, Norman Rollo, David Sarver, James Simmons, Howard Smith, Dana Spencer, William Tipton and Edwin Wicks.

One behalf of Unity Lodge, I wish all Brethren and their families a safe and happy Holiday Season! Safe travels, my Brothers! □

# FAME

Lodge No. 722

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Our Years of Service Award recipients for this year where honored at our October 11th Awards Night. Our recipients were:

- 60 years **Richard Topel**
- 45 years **John Laymac**
- 35 years **Jerry Griffo**
- 30 years **Dennis Segur**
- 25 years **Leonard Johnson**
- Daniel Walker**

Check out next month's article for pictures of event. □

# Seneca Lodge



No. 797

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It has been a while since Seneca Lodge has appeared in the **Masonic Times**. Let's hope this is the beginning of renewed communications with our Masonic family.

We at Seneca Lodge would like to congratulate our Secretary, W.: Ray Glegg on receiving the Symbolic Lodge Award for 2012.

Sadly, we lost the cornerstone of our Lodge, Secretary Fred Norter, DSA to the Great Architect of the Universe early this year. Brother Glegg stepped into the chair with a huge backlog of responsibility. Brother Glegg not only assumed the responsibilities of his office, but has painstakingly updated our roster, pulled together data for a successful audit and consistently reached out to Brothers unheard from, to reestablish a Masonic connection. He has also been critical in assimilating a new Master (me!) to the East. He is my right arm, my friend and my Brother. If you see Brother Glegg in your travels, be sure to congratulate him for this honor and thank him for going above and beyond the responsibilities of his office. Congrats, Ray!

Last month, Seneca Lodge conducted a Brother Bring-a-Friend night. The highlight of the evening was a presentation by R.: W.: Steve Whittaker on the history of Seneca Lodge. Many of us never knew the rich history and tradition of our fair Lodge. The overall program was a success as we have five petitions as a result. Thank you to all involved!

Our meeting this month is a Table Lodge. Junior Warden Jeff Quartley has put together a phenomenal program that includes wonderful food, drink, tradition and, of course, bagpipes! It promises to be a memorable meeting!

Finally, I wish all Brethren in our District a happy, healthy Holiday Season. If you are ever interested in visiting our Lodge and enjoying one of the finest meals in the District, please contact Junior Warden Jeff Quartley at 202-1524 or piperq@rochester.rr.com. □

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Webster Masons fall highway cleanup crew. Not in any order- Dave Allen, Jim Clancy, Nick Haldoupis, Ken Heald, Bob Passino, Ron & Ben Soltzick, Bob Fisher, John Clapp, Chas Campbell, Bill Jaranowski, Bill Gross, Capone Bufearone, Paul Dill, John Ornelas, Dale Palmer and Eric Carlson.

By R.: W.: Dave Allen

As of this date, our Worshipful Master should have resumed his Office in the East. He expresses his thanks to V.: W.: Paul Kolacki for assisting him when his Cable-tow became extremely short. Just another example of "Brother helping Brother."

**Support at Events**

We didn't fare well at the District Grand Lecturer's Convention and the Banner went to Fairport-Flower City Lodge. We are still in the running for the School of Instruction Attendance Banner. We were well represented at Oatka Lodge September 26th and took Honors as we had the most members present. Let's all turn out for the next one. I believe it's at Webster, so we should do well.

We should have six Entered Apprentices from the 1st Degree on November 15th. Brother Charles Campbell, who is our Lead Conductor, will need at least six dedicated Conductors for the year. Our Grand Lecturer emphasized that Conductors are indeed the most important members of the Degree as the Candidate has no one else to rely upon. He also emphasized that physical contact was important until the Candidate was brought to Light. So, step right up and commit. We should all be extremely proud of the dedication our Officers have put into the Degree Work. I would put them up against any other Lodge in this Jurisdiction and I've seen several others.

I think one of the reasons our attendance has been good is because of the pride our members have taken - not only with the Degree Work, but the whole evening. Come and see for yourselves. We are usually through by 9 p.m., except for the evening of the 3rd Degree.

Our Junior Warden, Brother Al Bor-rino, has done an excellent job with not only the dinners, but refreshments after Closing. It's getting so we may have to reserve a time if you want to play Euchre as some of our newer members have taken over the second table.

Most of the "outside maintenance" has been done thanks to the Fellowcraft Club and Brothers Nick Haldoupis and Jim Clancy.

**Upcoming Events**

December 7th - Monthly Spaghetti Dinner. We serve from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. For takeouts, call 872-3500. A chairlift is available. Proceeds from this month's supper will be Donated to Webster Community Chest.

Just a point of interest, Brother Nick's Spaghetti Dinner last month benefited the Webster Cyclone's Hockey Team to the tune of \$ 1,000 plus! Don't you think this doesn't put Webster Masons on the Map!

December 20th - Last Meeting of the year. We've got something special planned; come see!

Most important is the Annual Poinsettia Delivery to our Brothers who are unable to participate. Sometimes we not only bring them joy, but you get to spend time with them for which they are extremely thankful. It's a very rewarding experience. I'm not sure if there will be a breakfast as in the past, or just coffee and donuts.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

Continuing with what is planned, the Have-a-Heart Campaign will take place February 1st - 16th and supports the Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester. It is a lot of fun. Besides the support, we get to wear our Aprons again this year. Last year it generated a lot of interest in why and how the Masonic Fraternity participated in this event. I think we got a lot out of showing off our "stuff," at least I did. I know we "stuck on" several thousand "Hearts." The kids were especially curious and it's a wonderful Public Relations Event.

January 3rd - "Brother Bring-a-Friend" Night. There will be a dinner before and all the "friends" will be at no charge. In the past several years, many of our new members were the result of this event. So, pick a "friend" whom you feel would be "Making a Good Man Better." Our Junior Warden will probably need reservations a week in advance. While you're at it, bring two!

**Sickness and Distress**

Worshipful Ken Hutchinson is still at Blossom View Nursing Home, 6884 Maple Avenue, Sodus, NY 14551. It's amazing what a few lines and contacts will do. By being persistent I not only was able to get him visitors, but a regular visitation schedule has been established by the Masonic War Veterans. Thanks, Brother Vance Collom, Jr.; Ken and Edna are very grateful! It's a joy to see his face light up as you approach him. This, my Brothers, is true "Masonic Fellowship." Thanks to all who have participated and will continue to do so.

A Lodge of Remembrance was held November 1st. The Following Brothers traveled to that "Lodge, Eternal in the Heavens." Luigi Campaniello, March 16th; Glen Bishop, July 10th; James Nohle, August 8th; and Richard Saxman, September 23rd for whom the Altar was draped. Farewell, thou good and faithful servants.

Following the Service, W.: Scott Cronk explained the origin of the Ballot and it was very informative. It dates back several thousand years.

**Spaghetti Dinners**

The first Friday of the month is our Spaghetti Dinner, which originated in 1984. On November 2nd, Brother Nick Haldoupis and his Crew hosted the Young Firefighters from West Webster. Both Brothers Nick and Jim Clancy, who is in charge of "Willy's Room," will be retiring. We need several Brothers to "pick up the reins." Since both of these positions are assets to the Lodge, we hope there are interested Brothers who will step up.

**Fellowcraft Christmas Dinner**

To attend the Fellowcraft Christmas Dinner, contact Brother Bob Passino at 334-6779 or W.: Warren Patterson at 352-1532 before December 6th.

**Update for 150th Anniversary**

The 150th Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Webster Country and Golf Club on March 6, 2014. We will start having Committee Meetings the first of the year.

**Attention: All Past Masters**

Each of you will be informed as to when and where the meetings will take place and

for what portion of the Celebration, which will be assigned before June, 2013, you will be responsible. That will give you until a month before the Celebration to finish your assigned tasks.

**Highway Pick-Up**

Twenty of us did our Highway Pick-Up Stretch in 15 minutes and had a ball doing it. Many Thanks to Brother Hank Libera for the Coffee and Donuts and organizing this again this year.

V.: W.: Paul Kolacki and V.: W.: Bill Edwards have enlightened us on several Facets of Freemasonry. Lodge, as it was in years gone by, isn't the same. When you get 25 to 40 members to a Communication, we really enjoy each others' company. If you are in need of Transportation, give me a call or ask a Brother who is nearby. It sure gets discouraging when the old eyesight starts to fail.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.


**O-At-Ka**  
**Lodge No. 759**

7:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th  
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Brethren of Oatka Lodge, I bring you sad tidings of the death of one of beloved Brothers, Rob Wise. Brother Rob was the Treasurer of the Lodge for many years and his loyalty was centered on the continued existence of Oatka. As many of you may not know, Brother Rob was struck down by a very debilitating disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). ALS is more often called Lou Gehrig's Disease named after the well-known Hall of Famer who played for New York Yankees in the 1920s and 1930s.

The nerves and muscles of the body work together in harmony to allow humans to move. Say for instance, if you want to make a fist, your brain first sends signals through upper motor nerves to the area in your spinal cord that controls your hand muscles. Then lower motor nerves in your spinal cord signal the muscles in your hand to move and make a fist. Over time, Lou Gehrig's disease causes these motor nerves in the brain and

spinal cord to shrink and disappear, so that the muscles no longer receive signals to move. As a result, the muscles become smaller and weaker. Gradually the body becomes paralyzed, which means that the muscles no longer work. Yet, someone with ALS, even at an advanced stage, can still see, hear, smell and feel touch. The nerves that carry feelings of hot, cold, pain, pressure, or even being tickled, are not affected by Lou Gehrig's disease. In some people with ALS, the parts of the brain that allow us to think, remember and learn also are affected by the disease.

Brother Rob's last wishes were that any donations be made to the ALS Association in his memory. Their website is [www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org); their address is The ALS Association - 1275 K Street NW - Suite 1050 - Washington, DC 20005.

**Upcoming Events**

December 12th - 2nd Degree  
 January 9th - 3rd Degree


**Wakan-Hubbard**  
**Lodge No. 154**

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Greetings, Brothers. As we continue through the Holiday Season, I hope you all remain healthy and safe. This is an exciting time of year with all the family gatherings and parties. It is also a great opportunity to discuss the Fraternity and Masonry with potential Candidates. We have plenty of information at the Lodge for interested gentlemen. There will also be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Event in January.

On November 2nd, there was a good luck dinner to honor V.: W.: Joe Oel-goetz at our Lodge. Brother Joe and his wife Karen are relocating to Kentucky and it was a great evening to wish them good luck and safe travels. Special recognition needs go to W.: Angelo DiCataldo and W.: Wayne McCrossen for their efforts in organizing the evening.

Our first meeting of the month we welcomed our DDGM and his Staff Officers to Lodge. It was a nice evening with dinner prior to the meeting. After R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz, R.: W.: Michael Hueston and R.: W.: Robert Buchanan delivered their presentations, R.: W.: Phil was gracious enough to present our Service Awards and 50-Year Aprons. Thanks also to our Junior Warden, Dave Wilkinson for a wonderful dinner. Attendance was a little light and I was looking for a better turnout to honor our long-time Brothers.

**Upcoming Events**

December 10th - Annual Business Meeting. A Summons will be going out to all. Please plan on attending this important meeting. In addition to the usual reports, I would like to have an open discussion on the long-term plans for the Lodge. Have a safe and joyous Holiday Season.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Friday, December 7th  
 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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## Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476

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Snow has been in the air. How much will stay on the ground, time will tell. It is December and who doesn't want snow for the Holy Days?

### One Meeting in December

December 10th - Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be opened to conduct business. The Worshipful Master has promised to present a special morsel of Masonic enlightenment to all present. Please contact Brother Scott Mosher (415-4384 or smosher@rochester.rr.com) with your reservation.

December 17th - Worshipful Bernie Lazerson will be orchestrating a Latke Party. Potato Pancakes and many Hebrew traditions will be remembered. Again, call Brother Scott Mosher with your reservation.

There will not be a meeting on December 24th as many Brothers will be with their families that evening.

A pub crawl is planned for February (possibly the 23rd). New mugs are being ordered for the event. One can be pre-ordered now from the Treasurer or Secretary for \$20. The cost will be \$25 on the night of event. The beverage of choice will be your own making on that night - beer, wine, liquor and/or pop.

January 14th - The 3rd Degree will be conferred on our class of five; preceded by a dinner.

### December Birthdays

There is more than one birthday recognized in the month of December. The following Brothers have their special day this month as well: Warren Reigelsperger (4th); Robert Robbins (5th); Alan Libglid (7th); Tom Goodrich (8th); El-

is Hormats (10th); Murray Russell, David Taber and Michael Morris (12th); William Gerber (14th); Jay Stubbings (18th); Morton Stein (19th); Harold Davis (20th); Irwin Rosenbloom (22nd); Peter Moore (23rd); Robert Wise (24th); Carl Mosher (28th); and Martin Lukacher (29th). Happy Birthday to all and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

### Dues Notices

Dues Notices are out. Check your Dues Card when in doubt. Remember the Brotherhood Fund - even a dollar will help.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to you and your families! □

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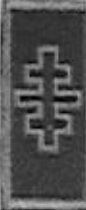
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Brothers, I take this opportunity to wish you the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year. We are coming upon the conferral of the 1st Degree on the 10th of this month; your attendance would be greatly appreciated. We need to show these Candidates a full sideline. The Senior Warden has been working to confer a great Degree.

### Lodge Christmas Party

The Lodge Christmas Party with the Ladies will be held December 15th at the Mendon Country Club. Being the Club will be open only to Union Star, we will be using the Great Room. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$30 per person. Make checks payable to Union Star and send to:

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Holy Spirit. In addition it has been said such a symbol was once used to represent Salem, the Royal City of Melchizedek, and future place of Jerusalem, and even that it serves as a representation of the Tree of Life.

Facts are rare when it comes to this symbol of our faith, and stories are conflicting, but what we know for certain is that this cross has been long used in conjunction with ultimate mortal leadership within Christendom and is a fitting emblem of the leader of all Knights Templar.

As a close relationship with Christ is the most we can hope for while still walking this earth, the color of the Grand Master's shoulder board remains purple even as a Past Grand Master, but he forever carries the Cross of Salem with him

**Happy Birthday**  
Those who have graced us with their presence for another year are Jason M. Mullins, Robert E. Eisenberg, Jack Nasu, Eugene E. Gorden, Scott M. May, John P. Yendell, Mark F. Hutton, Clifford E. Moshilder, Richard A. Ash and Richard W. Horton.

### Upcoming Events

December 1st - *Masonic Development Course* at Shrine Center, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

December 3rd - 1st Degree Rehearsal at 7 p.m.

December 8th - Decorate Lodge Hall  
December 10th - 1st Degree; Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

December 15th - Christmas Party, 5:30 p.m.

December 17th - Fellowcraft Christmas Party at 7 p.m., □

## Inspiration Lodge No. 109

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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

Our 2nd Degree conferral, with the Senior Warden, Brother Scott Rice, sitting in the East, went off without a hitch. You are missing some fantastic Degree work by your Brothers if you are not in attendance. Please try to make at least one of our two 3rd Degrees this month!

Seven Brothers were Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Participants included Brother David Leisten, who presented the Working Tools and a special guest orator, R. W. Alan Ramsay, Western Region Assistant Grand Lecturer and member of the Grand Lodge Custodians of the Work Committee, who was his usual magnificent self in his delivery of the Middle Chamber Lecture.

as a testament to his dedication to and leadership within our glorious and unanimous order.

The Lecture of Forms and Ceremonies was exchanged between Brother William Grishaber and Brother Andrew Herzog. The Charge was given by Brother Brian Bell, our Junior Warden.

I can also report on our Harvest Dinner. What a feast! There were about 70 people in attendance (I was too busy eating to count!). If anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault. I feel badly for those who couldn't make it. Try for the next one, or any one of our meeting night dinners. Brother Bell has contracted for some spectacular meals (probably none of which I should be eating, I might add!).

### December Trestleboard

The Worshipful Master has indicated that December 4th and December 18th will be Special Communications for the purpose of conferring the 3rd Degree upon our 9 Fellowcrafts. Our new Grand Master had indicated that no 3rd Degree can include more than five new Brothers. So, we anticipate five new Master Masons on the 4th and four to be Raised on the 18th. The Shrine Degree Team will be doing the work. Dinner will precede both Degrees; please make your reservation(s) early! (Brian Bell - golgotha30@gmail.com; 313-7181. Or, Derek VanHouten - derekhouten1@mac.com; 247-2920.)

Use the above contacts also to make reservations for the Holiday Party on the 11th. This is a nice event to invite your wife or significant other to attend. Yes, that makes December an unusually busy month, but it may help us end the year with an increase in our membership. And, it is only one more night than would normally be the case...there will be NO MEETING on December 25th.

The Trestleboard calls for a Past Masters Night on January 8th. Subject to change, come out and see if the Old Guard can hold up to the standards being established by our current Officers. Dinner reservations on or before January 4th would be appreciated.

No matter how you celebrate, on behalf of the Lodge Officers I extend Greetings of the Holiday Season to all the Brothers and their Families. May you be blessed with a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. □

Based on extracts from an article by SK Brandon Mullin, CMDR in Ann Arbor Commandery #13, Newsletter October 2012 □

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Ill. Kenneth "Rick" Howe, 33°  
Commander-in-Chief

## What is your "Why"?

Last Spring I attended the Leadership Conference at Supreme Council in Lexington, Massachusetts. We, of course, covered many topics and shared many thoughts and ideas. One discussion, in particular, was on the subject of "The Golden Circle" which is a paradigm on the, "what," "how," and "why" of an organization.

What we do, as Masons, and how we do it, is quite straightforward. It's the "Why" that generated a great deal of discussion. Why does a man invest his time, energy and resources on an organization that has no tangible remuneration?

The question was posed - "why did you become a Mason?" I suspect there

I've always felt welcomed - handshakes and smiles. It's a feeling like "coming home," each time I visit a new Lodge.

Being a Mason is the best "ice breaker" I know of. I can walk into a room full of strangers and find a room full of friends.

So, let me pose the question to you ...  
*What is your "Why"?*

## New Year

It's hard to imagine, but the Holidays and New Year are nearly here. Much has been accomplished, with much more ahead. Fall Reunion, Thanksgiving and Symbolic Lodge Awards Night are behind us. My first six months as Commander-in-Chief is history and I'm excited about the coming year and all it has to offer. I've had the opportunity to visit many Lodges. I've enjoyed meeting many Brothers for the first time. I can safely say that Freemasonry is alive and well in Western New York. I would welcome an invitation to visit other Lodges. Feel free to call and I will be happy to come and talk about Scottish Rite Masonry, especially on this, our 200th Anniversary.

## All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party

Don't forget our All-Masonic Children's Christmas Party on December 8th. Let's all get out to support and enjoy our children and grandchildren.

## 2013 Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 2nd - I'll be doing a Scottish Rite Presentation at Livonia Lodge.

Thursday, January 3rd - I'll be traveling to Northfield Lodge, in Pittsford, where John Lemke and his Membership Team will be presenting the Public Degree called "The Last Full Measure" - a play set during the American Civil War circa November, 1863.

Saturday, January 19th - The Membership Team will be presenting our "Explore the Rite on the Road" Program at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport. I'm sure the Brothers from Livonia, Northfield and Unity Lodges would enjoy the presence of any visitor who might want stop by. I look forward to meeting you.

Thursday, January 17th - Our "Lite from the Rite" topic will be a program on the memorization and presentation of Ritual. Ill. John Zabel, 33°, will be heading up this event.

## Ladies Night

Stay tuned as Tom Goodrich is finalizing the plans for our Annual Ladies Night Dinner and Dance. All Concordant Bodies are invited to join us.

## Rite on the Road - Warsaw

Brothers and friends from Genesee-Wyoming District should mark your calendars for Saturday, March 16th, as we trek to Warsaw where the Brothers of Warsaw Lodge will be our hosts for another "Explore the Rite on the Road" Presentation.

## College of Freemasonry

Brother Bill Edwards is industriously working on "The College of Freemasonry" scheduled for March 22nd and 23rd at the Barber Conable Building at Genesee Community College.

## Western New York Spring Reunion

Plans are being made for our Western New York Reunion coming in April. Details to follow. See you in the quarries. ☐



By John S. Lemke, 32° DSA,  
Thrice Potent Master

You turn the corner and all is different. There are times when things change as if you went around a corner in history and we leave the past behind.

If you lived on or near the Coast of New Jersey, New York City or Long Island two months ago, you would hardly believe the change. Events could occur in our Country or locally that could leave us likewise feeling we entered a new and different world. Dramatic change is very stressful.

We live in a complicated, interconnected world. When things unravel, you find store shelves and gas stations empty quickly. We depend on things working that may teeter on a knife's edge. Our Country seems to arrive at these turning points, times of crisis, about every 80 to 90 years (say four score and seven years).

As a Mason, you are connected to others in a way most men are not today. Men in times of crisis, who are not Masons, may discover they are very alone and dependent on indifferent others. Whether it is the Revolutionary War, Civil War, the Great Depression or today many men come to realize the value of Freemasonry; some, though, too late.

Our obligation to each other can be, and is, fulfilled in many ways. The basic principles of our Fraternity are fairly simple. In our complicated world the beautiful simplicity of our Craft is of great value to ourselves and families.

Our Scottish Rite Masonic Fraternity gives us more of what we get from our Master Mason Lodge. With Scottish Rite you're more connected with further moral lessons and Degrees to guide you. Brothers at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg came to know the value of Masonic Brotherhood. I'm sure you know other men who would want to be squared away. ☐

## Valley of Rochester Winter Season 2012-2013

December 1st at Shrine Center  
27th Annual Symbolic Lodge Awards (\*\*)  
Social - 4 p.m. ~ Program - 5 p.m. ~ Refreshments following  
Public Awards Ceremony  
Dress Code - Jacket/Tie or Tux ~ Photographs

December 8th at Shrine Center  
All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Games and Treats for the youngsters - Santa and Helpers  
Public - Open to all area young and young-at-heart Masonic families!

January 3rd at Northfield Lodge Hall, Pittsford  
Presentation of "The Last Full Measure" by Valley Membership Team

January 17th at Shrine Center  
Business Meeting / Ribeye Steak Dinner (\*\*)  
Program - Ritual - Memorization and Delivery  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

January 19th at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport  
"Rite on the Road" Meeting / BBB Membership Program  
Social - 2:30 p.m. ~ Program - 3 p.m. ~ Refreshments following  
Casual Dress - Ladies invited

February 14th at Marketplace Mall, Henrietta  
Have-a-Heart Program (in costume)  
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

February 21st at Shrine Center  
Business Meeting / Dinner (\*\*)  
Program - 18° - Knight of the Rose Croix  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

February 23rd at Sanibel Cottage  
Ladies Night - 7 p.m. (\*\*)  
Fine Dining ~ Music ~ Dancing

March 23rd at Genesee Community College, Batavia  
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Why not sign up on our Permanent Meeting Meal Reservation List?

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# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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### What's Happening

This month, Companions, December 13th will be our only meeting. It is extremely important that all who can make the meeting come. Why, because it is our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. We will also be appointing Officers to the non-elective Offices. If you are interested in taking a position or would like to move up, let the High Priest know as soon as possible.

We have had an interesting Fall with Hurricane Sandy, the elections, etc. I know that some of you missed a meeting due to the campaign debates, but they are over so plan to attend our convocations. I assure you will leave our meetings knowing something new and interesting.

R.:E.: Joe Oelgoetz enjoyed a hearty sendoff for his move to Kentucky. The dinner was good and R.:E.: Charles Roberts did a great job in roasting Joe. Joe has found a Lodge to attend, Lexington No. 1, a very old Lodge with an historic membership. It is still a very active Lodge.

The Chapter needs to step up to confer our Degrees on our Candidates-in-waiting. We have the talent, but need to get everyone out to take parts or help in the production of the Degrees. More on this will be coming at our meeting and possible personal contact.

Due to his High Priest's Grand Chapter appointed position, he has had the opportunity of presenting three Companions with their Zerubabel Society Medals. Two of the Companions are members in the 15th Capitular District and one from the 14th Capitular District. Unfortunately, there are no new members from the 13th Capitular District - Hiram Chapter's District. If you need more information about the Society, contact Companion John Zabel.

### Musings

I read a book review the other day on a Masonic book. The book review stated the book's premise was that the Concordant Bodies are part of the reason Lodges are not meeting their Masonic responsibilities. I will have to get a copy of the book and give you a better idea of its premise in the future.

But this got me thinking that the York Rite should be a resource for and not a drag on Lodge. We, as York Rite Masons, need to support our Lodge through our attendance at its meetings, helping out in the Degree work to make sure the Lodge is doing the best possible job and working to supply or coordinate programs for the Lodge. By helping to improve our Lodges, we are building the reputation of our Ancient Craft and improving the character of the Masons the Lodges make. The stronger the foundation of the Order, the stronger the whole structure of Freemasonry.

I have mentioned this before, the better the work is done by a Chapter the more active the membership and the Chapter grows. Towards this end, wouldn't it be great if Hiram Chapter was looked up to

by the other Chapters in the State? This is a lofty goal, but I believe our membership can accomplish this. It may not necessarily be in the next month or year, but with work, in the next couple of years. This will require that each member do what they can to help the Chapter improve. Oh, regardless of what you may think, every Companion has some talent that can be used to improve the Chapter.

Let's take a look at leadership. Leadership of a Chapter is not just doing the Opening and Closing well ... anyone can learn how to do that. Leadership means making good decisions, building plans and showing the way towards the goals the Chapter Companions agree on achieving. If you want to build your leadership skills there are steps you can take. First, find those whom you think are good leaders and discuss leadership skills with them. Take leadership courses, when offered. There are Masonic courses that cover some essential leadership skills. Seek out these courses and take them. There is much more to this topic.

Hopefully, your appetite is whetted for the subject and you will work on building good leadership skills for future use.

We wish all our Companions a joyous Holiday Season no matter how you celebrate it. We look forward to your increased participation in future Chapter activities. Also, let's have a Happy New Year. □

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## Knights Templars Shoulder Boards

By SK Charles O. Hancock  
Captain General

Many Brother Masons know very little about Knights Templars. Our uniforms, while distinctive in appearance, are a mystery to the uneducated. I will attempt to provide some guidance in answering questions pertinent to specific questions as they arise.

"What the heck do the shoulder boards mean?" One could easily write a book about Commandery uniforming. I've been asked this specific question a few times recently, and thought I might as well answer it.

The Commandery Uniform can be easily described as a military dress uniform. It has some features that are common amongst all military uniforms - some are unique to it alone and others, by design, specifically duplicate the features of other military uniforms. The shoulder boards are among those features. Their basic design comes from the US Army Dress Blue uniform, and they serve the same purpose, to signify rank. All Council Officers (Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General) within a Commandery wear shoulder boards as well as the Prelate, Recorder, Treasurer and all Officers of the Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment. The background of a constituent Commandery's shoulder board is



green in color, and the insignia on it is the same as their Jewel of Office. The green represents, as we have learned through our various travels through Masonry, the immortality of the soul, a most basic and fundamental belief to which all Knights Templar must adhere. In addition the color can represent the green pastures of creation of which the LORD in whom we trust will guide us through and allow us to safely lie upon, and as it is the color of the first shoulder board any Officer receives the honor of wearing.

The Eminent Commander's insignia is the Latin, or Passion Cross emanating rays of light. The cross itself, as one might expect, represents the crucifixion of our Blessed Emanuel whose sacrifice allowed us the gift of eternal bliss with our Father in Heaven, but in addition, the rays of light remind us that humility, love and pure benevolence should always be found emanating from our belief in that great gift. While we may have been saved through faith, without works that faith is clearly dead. The further allusion of a cross placed on the shoulders of a Sir Knight is to that of Simon of Cyrene who was compelled to bear our Savior's cross as well as the cross we must all bear so we can in time wear the crown.

After you serve your term as Eminent Commander and see your replacement is duly installed, you have reached the status of Past Commander and wear a similar shoulder board to the one you wore while Commander, except in this case the background is red which, as we have been previously taught in our journeys through Masonry, represents the fervency and zeal which a leader must espouse to assure success, and represents our acceptance of the precious blood of the Lamb of God, which was slain for our benefit. This shoulder board continues to be worn even if you cycle back through the line. Once you become a Past Commander you never go back to an Officer's green shoulder board. It also serves to represent a Past Commander's connection with the Grand Commandery, which also wears Red shoulder boards, as a Past Commander is obligated to continually support his Grand Commandery long after his term as Eminent Commander is over.

The Generalissimo's insignia is the Square surmounted by the Paschal Lamb, a representation of Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for us. Masonic tradition tells us the Square is a symbol of leadership and a guide for our actions. The Paschal Lamb's place upon it is to remind us that Christ is our eternal leader and it is by his teachings that we should square our actions.

The Captain General's insignia is that of a level surmounted by a rooster. As with the square, we are informed of its meaning by Masonic tradition but the rooster itself has three unique places in Christian symbolism. He marks time as to give order to man, crowing in the morning and at night, he has also served to announce transgressions such as in Peter's denial of Christ but most notably he is a relentless fighter, always zealous and always to conquer or be conquered however the LORD may will. So should the Captain General give order to the Commandery, keep them mindful of their transgressions and have zeal for his duties.

The Excellent Prelate's insignia is called the Triple Triangle, and is con-

sidered to be a beautiful emblem of the LORD. It consists of three triangles, each with a Latin cross resting inside. This is to represent the three aspects of deity, omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence, as well as the three figures of the Godhead, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. In addition, the three triangles positioned as they are make a shape with 9 sides referencing the ninth hour in which Jesus Christ expired, the nine times



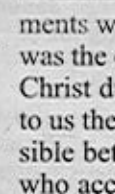
he presented himself to the apostles after his resurrection, and the nine fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness and self-control. Given the Office of Prelate is often held by a Past Commander this set of shoulder boards is rarely seen.

Just as a Past Commander, and for the same symbolic reasons, members of the Grand Commandery wear shoulder boards with a red background, but instead of the Latin Cross, or a cross of their Office, they wear the Cross Patée, or Templar Cross, a long held symbol of royal power within Christendom. It serves as the cross of kings, bishops

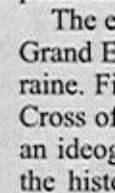


and many others in authority throughout the world and has often been considered a de facto official symbol of the Knights Templar in general. It is believed that this Cross was given to the Knights Templars by Pope Eugenius, but that has been a contentious point of debate. None the less its regal lineage dates back centuries and has always been connected to authority.

Much as a sitting Commander's shoulder board transitions from green to red when he becomes a past Commander, placing him alongside the ranks of the Grand Commandery, when a Grand Commander becomes a Past Grand Commander his shoulder board transitions from red to purple, placing him alongside the ranks of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. Purple is worn by the top leaders within our institution because it represents royalty, authority and leadership. This status is affirmed in Masonry and is found all throughout western civilization, very possibly dating back to the purple vestments worn by Aaron. In addition purple was the color of the robe placed on Jesus Christ during the Passion and represents to us the close personal relationship possible between the Son of Man and those who accept him into their hearts. In that way the colors of the shoulder boards are emblematic of the Christian experience, with green representing growing faith, red representing accepting the gift of Christ, and purple representing the close personal relationship found within.



The emblem worn by members of the Grand Encampment is the Cross of Lorraine. First used in ancient Samaria, the Cross of Lorraine has long been used as an ideogram for rulership. This cross is the historical heraldic arms of an arch bishop and the Patriarch of Jerusalem and is named for the Duke of Lorraine, Godfrey of Bouillon who knowing this history used it as his standard when he took the holy city. A humble man at heart, Godfrey was quick to bestow the holy symbol to a group of Sir Knights with the high aims of defending pilgrims traveling to the holy land, a group that would later





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Now that my year is coming to a close, all I can say is it went very quickly. I thank my Officers, the Past Monarchs and all the Prophets for your help and cooperation this year. When I was elected Monarch for 2012, I felt honored that the Officers and Prophets of Lalla Rookh Grotto had faith in me; for this, I say again "thank you" to all the members. □

## Up and Coming

December will be the last meeting of the year. We will have initiation of new Prophets, Election of Officers with Installation to follow, and a free dinner preceding the meeting.

RESERVATIONS for the Annual Turkey Dinner are due by December 5th, with your check for \$10. See add in this **Masonic Times**. All new Prophets -- make sure you get your reservations in to Prophet Dick Topel early.

Come and meet the new Line of Officers and Monarch. Keep the December 19th date on your calendar open for this meeting at the Shrine Center, eat dinner at 6:15 p.m. followed by the Grotto meeting at 7:30 p.m. □




### Lalla Rookh Grotto's Annual Turkey Dinner

## Wednesday December 19th

Eat at 6:15 p.m.  
*Free Dinner with reservation*  
Send \$10 Check By December 5th to:  
Richard Topel  
949 Bennington Dr., Rochester, NY 14616  
*(Your \$10 will be returned after dinner.)*

Election of Officers & Installation  
to follow at Meeting.



### Attend Grotto Meetings

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

**Wednesday, December 19th**  
Dinner - 6:15 p.m.  
Reservations Required  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

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

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Information Hot Line  
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## Daughters of Mokanna



By Jan Porter, MCO



On November 15th, Lalla Rookh Caldron held their Installation of Officers, commencing a new year of activities. We

were honored by the presence of three Canadian members, seven Prophets of Lalla Rookh Grotto and several friends.

Many thanks to the Prophets who tended the duty of Honor Guard as the Officers were presented. What a nice gesture; it added so much to the evening.

Thanks to the Daughters who prepared such a tasty spread of refreshments. It certainly made everyone happy and allowed them to stay around for ca-

maraderie that naturally happens when you sit 'round the table with friends.

### Dinner at December Meeting

December 13th is our next meeting at which I will be serving a Christmas Dinner at 6 p.m. I expect we'll have an evening of Holiday celebration. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.* □



Junior Past Mighty Chosen One, Donna Laundry, escorted by her husband, Neil (left) to receive her White Fez.



Hildegard DiJames, Supreme Zeldina, presented by Junior Past MCO, Donna Laundry, in honor of her Supreme Appointment.



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The Masonic War Veterans, James A Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 had a good meeting on October 25th with 18 members and guests in attendance. Joy Woodley served a delicious Chicken and Biscuit lunch with cookies and ice cream for dessert.

We are always looking for ways to support our Veterans at home and abroad and promote Veteran causes and awareness. Area Representative and Adjutant, Gil Gellasch, has collected hundreds of paperback books, comfort care items, treats

and hygiene kits for our military troops in Afghanistan. Members of Post 12 worked most of one week to package up one hundred (100) boxes which were shipped to Afghanistan October 25th.

Five members of Post 12 Honor Guard, led by Area Representative and Past Commander, John Ponshock, presented colors at St. John's Home on November 1st. This was to support the Veterans at St. John's Home and the program included a presentation about Honor Flight Rochester. The mission of the Honor Flight Network is to fly American Veterans to Washington, DC, to visit their memorial dedicated in honor of their service. Top priority is given to America's most senior Veteran survivors of World War II and Veterans with a terminal illness who wish to visit their Memorial. Some of our Post 12 members have traveled on previous flights and two more members of the Post hope to be on the first flight in the Spring of 2013.

### Would you like to help a Veteran?

Come join Post No.12. If you are a Veteran, do come to some of our meetings and activities and enjoy the fun and fellowship. The Dues are now due for 2013 and are a bargain for \$20 a year. We do something every month to help Veterans and promote Veteran causes and awareness.

We do not have a business meeting until February 28th due to the Holidays.

### Mark Your Calendar

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend some of the Holiday activities coming up:

December 1st - Color Guard at Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards, at Shrine Center. Arrive by 4:30 p.m.; Program at 5 p.m.; Refreshments to follow.

December 7th - Pearl Harbor Day - 7 a.m. at Charlotte Pier; Breakfast at Dorsy Road. VFW to follow Wreath Service.

December 15th - Holiday Party and Gift Auction. Dinner at Webster Masonic Hall - Ladies Invited. Social - 11:30 a.m.; Lunch - 12 Noon, followed by a Gift Auction.

Everyone bring a \$5 - \$10 gift wrapped and marked for him or her. Everyone is encouraged to come and support this Post No.12 fundraiser.

December 19th - VAMC in Canandaigua - Birthday Party at 2:30 p.m.

January 16th - VAMC in Canandaigua - Birthday Party at 2:30 p.m.

February 20th - VAMC in Canandaigua - Birthday Party at 2:30 p.m.

February 28th - Lodge of Remembrance at Webster Lodge Hall, 1 p.m. meeting.

Happy Holidays and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year To All. □

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~ Claude H. Wright ~

President

# Big Calendar for December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Shopping Season is here</b>  <b>Visit <a href="http://www.msbggr.com">www.msbggr.com</a></b>                      Register as a Preferred Customer ... It's FREE!                      Click "Sign in" in the upper right hand corner                      Select the "No I am a new customer" option; Follow the prompts</p> <p><b>Then, go shopping!!</b>                      YOU are eligible to earn                      up to 50% Cash Back on qualified purchases                      and the Service Bureau benefits as well</p> <p>Contact Kenneth Hecker 760-9395 with questions                      Independent Unfranchise Owner, Market America, Inc.                      and manager of the MSBGR's non profit web portal</p> <p><b>SaveARound Rochester™</b>                      Coupon books now available                      for Holiday gifting!                      Call the Service Bureau                      671-9730</p> <p><b>Masonic Development Course,</b>                      Shrine Center</p>						
<p><b>2</b>                      Garoga-Sincerity Lodge's                      Pancake Breakfast, Phelps</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      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</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      Clio - Hilton                      Inspiration - Shrine Center, 3°                      Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps                      Nunda Station, 2°                      OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      Olive Branch - LeRoy                      Drumlin Square, Palmyra, 2°                      Milnor - Degree Rehearsal                      Damascus Shrine                      OES - Lilaac Star</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      Eunice - Caledonia, Holiday                      Dinner                      Northfield - Pittsford, 3°                      Webster</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      Webster Lodge                      Spaghetti Dinner                      5-7 p.m. \$8 adult; \$4 Child                      30 Orchard Street                      Masonic War Veterans                      - Wreath Ceremony at                      Charlotte Pier                      Pearl Harbor Day</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      All-Masonic Children's                      Christmas Party, Shrine                      Center                      Daughters of the Nile, Webster                      WAYNE District School of Ritual,                      Sodas Lodge Hall                      Northfield Lodge Christmas Party</p>
<p><b>9</b>                      Clio Lodge                      Spaghetti Dinner                      December 12th                      287 East Avenue, Hilton</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      ERAC - Shrine Center, 1°                      Fairport-Flower City                      Union Star - Honeoye Falls, 1°                      Unity - Spencerport                      Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield                      Clowning Unit Meeting                      Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      Inspiration Holiday Party - Shrine                      Center                      Seneca - Webster                      OES - Leah - Hilton; Mary Jane                      Holmes - Brockport</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      Oatka - Scottsville, 2°                      Milnor - Degree Rehearsal                      Ark - Christmas Party, St.                      Michael's-Geneva                      Masonic Service Bureau Monthly                      Luncheon Meeting                      OES - Corinthian-Fellowship                      Shrine Legion of Honor</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      Fame, Shrine Center                      Milnor - Shortsville, 1°                      Union - Lima                      Webster - Fellowcraft                      RAM - Hiram Chapter                      Lalla Rookh Caldron, Holiday                      Dinner</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      Garoga-Sincerity Game Night</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      Sagoyewatha - Phelps                      Union Star Christmas Party                      Masonic War Veterans Holiday                      Party, Webster</p>
<p><b>Hanukkah</b></p>						
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>                      Fairport-Flower City - Latke Party                      Union Star Fellowcraft Christ-                      mas Party                      Unity Christmas Party, Spencerport                      Canandaigua - Shortsville                      Nunda Station Oyster Slew Night                      Cyrene-Monroe Commandery                      Shrine Lunch Club                      Auburn Shrine Club                      OES - Eriolan</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      Clio - Hilton                      Inspiration - Shrine Center, 3°                      Garoga-Sincerity, Phelps (OV)                      OES - Nolatka, Starlight</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      Ark - Phelps, 2°                      Drumlin Square, Palmyra -                      Christmas Party                      Olive Branch - LeRoy                      Lalla Rookh Grotto - Shrine                      Center - Turkey Dinner                      RSM - Dorte Council - Pittsford                      Masonic War Vets Birthday Party                      at Canandaigua VA</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      Eunice - Caledonia                      Northfield - Pittsford                      Webster                      Scottish Rite                      Wayne County Shrine Club</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      First Day of Winter</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b>                      Milnor - Shortsville                      Union - Lima                      RAM - Hiram Chapter                      James A. Hard Wayne Charter Post                      No. 12                      Perry Shrine Club</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      Garoga-Sincerity Game Night</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>Christmas Eve</b></p>						
<p><b>New Year's Eve</b></p>						
<p><b>Christmas Day</b></p>						

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