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Have-a-Heart Campaign Begins February 1st at Area Malls for the Benefit of Ronald McDonald Houses

R.:W.: George Fohner, Chairman of the Campaign, has released the schedules for this year's Project. Since 1988, the Masons of Monroe District, now including the surrounding Districts, Order of the Eastern Star Chapters, Concordant Bodies and Prince Hall Affiliates, have held this fundraiser to support the Houses.

The schedules for staffing at the Malls are on Page 3. Please check to see when your Organization is covering the *Have-a-Heart* Booth, and offer your support. If that time is inconvenient, and you still wish to help, call Brother George Fohner and ask for a contact number for the Organization whose time slot fits your schedule. Maybe the group assigned at that time could use your help!



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Thank You!

I thank all my Brothers and Sisters for their thoughts, prayers, concerns and cards following my recent surgery. It has been an amazing experience ... not one I would necessarily recommend.

On February 1st, I will celebrate the 35th day of my 2nd Life and I am looking forward to many more as it may please the Great Architect of the Universe. I'm waiting for my recuperation to be completed so I may join you at activities and functions, maybe even later this month.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Skip Waterstreet

Charity Grants

Each year the Masonic Service Bureau offers Grants to area Charities for the use of their actual charity mission and objectives.

Application is made by the Charity writing a request letter that outlines 1) their purpose, 2) other sources of funding, including a financial report and 3) the project/activity to which the funds would be applied.

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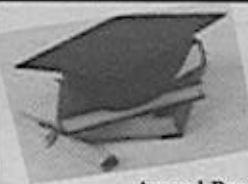
or call 671-9730 and we will send the information to the charity.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **Midnight, March 31, 2012.**

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Education Assistance Applications Available!

The Masonic Service Bureau's Education Assistance Committee announces applications for the 2012 Education Assistance Award Program are now available!

- This Award is on a **one-time-only** basis.
- All applicants must either belong to a Masonic Youth Organization or be sponsored by a Member of a Masonic Lodge or Related Body.
- Must be a High School Senior who has been accepted for 2012 enrollment at an accredited college OR a Student who is currently attending an accredited college on a full-time basis.

Applications may be obtained from the Masonic Service Bureau; 979 Bay Road; Webster, NY 14580; Call 671-9730 or email:

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All Applications must be completed and postmarked no later than **Midnight, March 31, 2012.**

Awards are presented in June; recipient must be present to receive.

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Editor's Corner

By Skip Waterstreet

February is National Heart Month. That makes it very appropriate for me to discuss, in this column this month, my recent experience. I shall try not to be gruesome.

Over a three-month period last Fall, I experienced a strange sensation in my chest ... instantaneous, fleeting, annoying, but no pain or, seemingly, lingering effects. Annually, I visit my Primary Care Physician, Dr. Joel Shamaskin, for a physical exam. (Coincidentally, Dr. Shamaskin happens to be the nephew of the late R.:W.: Herbert Sarachan ... there is a separate story there.) Practically faster than you can read this, I visited the Cath Lab at Highland Hospital, the Cardiology Center at Strong, had a pre-operation meeting and eventually sextuple by-pass surgery.

Men, Pay Attention

Women can read on, too

The point I want to make here is, I really did not have any symptoms indicating I had medical issues. In fact, I'm not sure, if my physical had not been scheduled so near in the future, if I would have waited a while longer before bringing this feeling to the attention of medical personnel. Probably I would have waited, because it did not seem to be a significant, incapacitating situation. Little did I know! Of course, if the symptoms persisted or got worse, I'm sure I would have acted.

When I got word of the serious nature of my heart disease, I described myself as a walking dead man. I was a possible misdirected piece of plaque away from com-

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By Joy Woodley, President

As we have welcomed the new year of 2012, I am eagerly looking forward to new and fresh ideas from the Directors, Trustees and Council of the Masonic Service Bureau Board. We are always striving to achieve this goal and with their help and dedication, we will be successful. We have a strong team.

plete blockage. The right cardiac artery was diagnosed as 99% closed, with similar symptoms in several other arteries.

The operation was a success. More impressive to me, were the post-operative experiences. I expected to be in excruciating pain; I was not! Modern drugs had the situation under control, and I could request additional help if needed. The care, concern and compassion directed toward me by all staff personnel in the Intensive Care Unit were exemplary; ditto the Vascular Surgical Recovery Center, which was my next stop. Due to some complications, I spent an extra two days in each area. It was worth it to me, in the long run, to really get stabilized before moving to Recovery or being discharged.

I have recuperated throughout January and may be allowed limited duty and activity about the time you are reading this article. More extensive rehabilita-

2012 Committees
I have appointed the following Committee Chairs:

- Finance - Terry Wihlen
- Widows Luncheon - Garry Cranker
- Charities - Elaine Milner
- Education Assistance - George Fochner
- Policies - Jim De Lorenzo
- Camp DeMolay - Angelo DiCataldo

Education Assistance

Applications are now available. Either obtain from Lodge Secretary or call the Masonic Service Bureau (671-9730).

Widows Luncheon

This very popular luncheon event is sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau to recognize and honor the Widows of Masonic Brothers. It will be Saturday, April 21st, at the Burgundy Basin. Lodges will receive information this month and, hopefully, will invite the Widows of their Lodge.

I am a firm believer in Love and Prayer; it can move mountains. With that said, remember Skip Waterstreet with both. □

tion comes next and by the end of three months I should be better than ever, heart-wise. I am not thrilled with having to curtail my activities, but I'll do the best I can to get back to 100%.

None of us will escape the call from the Great Architect. However, I believe many of us do not act quickly enough when a possible condition surfaces. The earlier an illness can be detected, the better the chance for a cure and it could result in prolonging your life. May I suggest every one of you, but particularly those who have been negligent in annual physicals or other medical personal visits, or those of you with a history of health issues, act promptly. If you won't do it for yourself, do it for your spouse, your children or your grandchildren. Don't make them mourn your loss because you failed to act! I'm begging you! Are you listening?

Thanks for reading. □



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By Ronald P. Kamp

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The Mall at Greece Ridge Center		
Mall Chairman - Eugene Crews (H: 225-7949 or C: 317-8846)		
Date	Time	Lodge
Wed., February 1st	Noon - 3 p.m. 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36 Social 713, Kendall
Thu., February 2nd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Starlight Chapter 507
Fri., February 3rd	Noon - 9 p.m.	Clio 779
Sat., February 4th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Sun., February 5th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Inspiration 109
Mon., February 6th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Inspiration 109
Tue., February 7th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Grotto
Wed., February 8th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Caldron
Thu., February 9th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Clio 779
Fri., February 10th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Sat., February 11th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Inspiration 109
Sun., February 12th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Fame 722
Mon., February 13th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fame 722
Tue., February 14th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Eureka 36

Eastview Mall		
Mall Chairman - Gary Sanford (944-6872)		
Date	Time	Lodge
Wed., February 1st	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Seneca 797
Thu., February 2nd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eagle 619
Fri., February 3rd	Noon - 9 p.m.	Webster 538
Sat., February 4th	Noon - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163
Sun., February 5th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Northfield 426
Mon., February 6th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Wakan-Hubbard 154
Tue., February 7th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fairport-Flower City 476
Wed., February 8th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eastern Star
Thu., February 9th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Wakan-Hubbard 154
Fri., February 10th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Seneca 797
Sat., February 11th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Webster 538
Sun., February 12th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Northfield 426
Mon., February 13th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Daughters of the Nile
Tue., February 14th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163

Marketplace Mall		
Mall Chairman - Steve Phillips (314-6569)		
Date	Time	Lodge
Wed., February 1st	Noon - 3 p.m. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Union Star 320 Geneseo 214 Mount Morris 122
Thu., February 2nd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Livonia 778
Fri., February 3rd	Noon - 9 p.m.	Oatka 759
Sat., February 4th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Nunda Station 682 Livonia 778
Sun., February 5th	Noon - 6 p.m.	York Rite
Mon., February 6th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36
Tue., February 7th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Union 45
Wed., February 8th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Union Star 320 Oatka 759
Thu., February 9th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Scottish Rite
Fri., February 10th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Union Star 320
Sat., February 11th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Oakta 759
Sun., February 12th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Union Star 320
Mon., February 13th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36
Tue., February 14th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Union Star 320 Oakta 759





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It is our hope that each Lodge will come out and support their Brothers and the plaques will travel around the District for years to come. We are asking all participants to complete the Registration Form and submit it to us by Sunday, February 26th. The specific portions of Ritual are detailed on the Registration Form. Depending on the number of participants, a "run-off" may be scheduled in early March. Application Forms are available from your Lodge Secretary. The Competition will be on Thursday, March 29th, at Clio Lodge (Hilton) starting at 7:30 p.m.

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By V. W. Bill Edwards
Calling all Ritualists

Our Ritual is the language of Freemasonry and, as AGLs, we want to encourage Brothers to be committed to performing quality work. It has been our experience that, when quality Ritual is performed, it is inspirational and gets everyone fired up about Freemasonry.

You Are Challenged!

We are inviting you to an evening of friendly competition and fun to celebrate our Craft. At the March School of Ritual we will be holding a District-wide Ritual Competition. There will be two classes of participants -

- Worshipfuls (sitting Masters and Past Masters) and
- Brothers (up through the Chair of Senior Warden)

The work is being selected from the Entered Apprentice Degree based on the 2007 Standard Work and Lectures from Grand Lodge. Judges will be rating the work on correctness, clarity and presentation.

Our speaker for the evening will be R. W. Richard Friedman, Chairman of the Custodians of the Work and Past Junior Grand Warden. Those who know Brother Rich know he is passionate about the Ritual and I am sure we will all be inspired to square our work after hearing him speak.

Each winner will have his name added to a plaque which can be proudly displayed in their Lodge until the next Competition.



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Education Assistance for MEMBERS of Masonic Lodges and Concordant Bodies!

In these times of job losses and career adjustments, adults are embarking on new paths of continuing education to qualify for new positions. Some Members have returned to school to improve their lives and it's time we started putting goodwill into our own Masonic Family.

The Masonic Service Bureau's Education Assistance Committee announces that applications for the 2012 Continuing Education Assistance Award Program are now available.

It is the plan of the Committee to award TWO, up-to-\$500 Grants, on a **one-time-only basis**, as governed by the following criterion and rules:

1. Applicant must be a Member-in-Good-Standing of a Masonic Lodge or Concordant Body in the five Districts supported by the Masonic Service Bureau.
2. Must be enrolled in an accredited Continuing Education Program.

Applications may be obtained from the Masonic Service Bureau; 979 Bay Road; Webster, NY 14580; Call 671-9730 or email: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com

All Applications must be completed and **postmarked no later than Midnight, March 31, 2012.**

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District Deputy Grand Master - George Nasra, 233-8275

District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District



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By George S. Nasra

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season with your friends and family; may the New Year bring you happiness and peace. I have not had much official business during the month of December, except to conclude the Official Visits with ERAC, my own Home Lodge. It was indeed a special feeling to finally come home and be among my own family while I deliver my last Grand Master's Message for my term as DDGM.

I thank all Brothers from ERAC for their support, advice and guidance along the way. I will also take this opportunity to thank all of you, my Brothers, for your kind words, support and patience at times. My term is not yet over, but we are in a time of transition where I will be working with the new Leadership Team in the District to "pass the baton" and ensure a smooth transition while the business of the District is handed off to the new DDGM.

As the Lodges are busy accepting new Brothers into their midst, I have decided to include in the next several articles a few thoughts and brief educational comments about the three Degrees of Masonry which I have compiled over the years.

The First Degree

My message this month deals with the symbolic meaning of the Entered Apprentice Degree. The 1st Degree of Masonry is my favorite Degree for several reasons, not the least of which is that it is always a happy event when Brothers get together to welcome among their midst one or more Candidates they will call Brothers at the conclusion of the evening. Also, the symbolism of the 1st Degree is beautiful in its simplicity, at the same time rich in practical every day teachings.

You have often heard me comment on the fact that Freemasonry differs from most other organizations by being an initiative society of Brothers. Just as new parents rejoice at the arrival of a newborn child, the Brothers of a Lodge rejoice at the Initiation of new Candidates. The Latin *initium* means beginning. The word "initiation" came widely into use in the ancient mysteries and sacred rites, and has been adopted by the Masonic Fraternity to symbolize birth.

From the Historical Lecture, we also learn that the form of the Lodge is symbolic of the World. It therefore follows that Masonic Initiation means that a Candidate entered into Freemasonry is born once again into Masonic life, making the same kind of beginning a baby makes when born into the world.

The word "candidate" is derived from the Latin *candidatus* which literally means "dressed in white." It also carries the meaning of the French word *candide* which means "innocent and naive." Candidates to Freemasonry are dressed in white and blindfolded. They are helpless, blind and depend on their Con-

ductors to lead them around the Lodge Room. Like a newborn child, they cannot be left alone and cannot fend for themselves. With trust in God and relying on help from their Brethren, they are able to gain enough nourishment - knowledge and strength - to start their Masonic Journey into the world of Freemasonry.

The Tools of the Entered Apprentice Degree are the 24-Inch Gauge and the Common Gavel. Together with the password of this Degree, these symbolize Force and Strength. Force is that power which can potentially lead to destruction and ruin. It is the volcano, the earthquake - the "cyclone" (as Albert Pike explains). When applied to our inner feelings, it is anger, greed and envy. The Common Gavel alone can hardly be an instrument that builds. But when used together with the 24-Inch Gauge, that instrument that measures and regulates, it can then build that awesome and beautiful edifice; The Temple of Solomon.

The 24-Inch Gauge is, therefore, reason and intelligence. It represents Law and Order in the world. Using the power of thinking, we can regulate our inner forces and build that Temple within to make us better men. To use again Brother Pike's own words, "Intellect is to the people and the people's force, what the slender needle of the compass is to the ship."

A Brother Entered Apprentice is a Freemason. A worthy Brother with all the privileges and rights appertaining to this Degree. He has the right to attend Entered Apprentice Lodges, the right to be called a Brother and the right to a Masonic Funeral.

An Entered Apprentice, however, is asked to be silent while the Craft is at work. Silence and secrecy are the first teachings conveyed to us as we join the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. As the newborn child, he is silent, but listens, for how else is one able to learn if he is not silent? Masonry is indeed an educational institution, and to be silent ensures that we use our ears more efficiently.



Harpocrates, son of Isis and Osiris, gesture of initiation with left hand.

This enables us to learn from other well-informed Brethren the lessons of Freemasonry. Secrecy and silence have always been sacred attributes revered by ancient mystical religions. The Ancient Egyptians God, Harpocrates, is symbolic of the teachings of the Entered Apprentice Degree. This ancient god was represented by a child surrounded by eyes and ears, holding an index finger to his mouth. This gesture signifies silence. The finger in the mouth also reminds us of a baby sucking his finger and has therefore been described as the sign of initiation. Harpocrates, also known by the name of "Horus the child," was to the ancient Egyptians the god of silence and secrecy.

This, my Brothers, is only an introduction to the beauty of the symbolism of the 1st Degree of Masonry. There are so many other beautiful symbolisms found in the Ritual of this Degree, which I urge you to read and discover for yourselves. It is only through reading and careful study you may uncover the key to the mysteries of Freemasonry and you may discover its true secrets. It would be such a terrible shame if those remain a secret - even to Freemasons.

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

Grand Sword Bearers Monroe



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By R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz

It's that time of year again, when our District comes together to support the local Ronald McDonald Houses. Each year we host a booth at our area malls, giving out paper hearts for a donation. This donation, in turn, goes directly to the Ronald McDonald Houses (RMH), located here in Rochester.

There are two RMH facilities located in our community. The larger one is a free-standing home located on Westmoreland Drive. The other home is located within the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong Memorial Hospital.

RMH provides a "home away from home" for families traveling to the Rochester Area for their child's medical care. According to the RMH website, it costs on average about \$125 per day for a family to stay at RMH and be close to their hospitalized child.

To ease their burden, RMH requests only a \$10 per-night donation for stays at the House at Westmoreland, and nothing to stay at the House within the Hospital. RMH never turns a family away due to inability to pay. Source:

www.ronaldshouse.com/donors

It's obvious that people out there are depending on people like us. Please volunteer your time, as your circumstances allow, by joining your Lodge and coming out to support the RMH.

Road to the East

Reserve the date for the Annual Road to the East Program. This year's lineup of speakers is impressive and will be sure to generate and provoke thought and discussion. The Course will be held in two sessions - February 18th and 25th - at Union Star Lodge Hall, Main Street in Honeoye Falls, from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. The cost is \$35. You will need a copy of the 24-Inch Gauge, The Handbook of Masonic Law and a copy of your Lodge's By-laws. Pre-paid reservations are required and can be sent to R.:W.: George Foechner. A reservation form has been sent to your Lodge Secretary, or can be obtained by sending an email to R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz at: phurwitz@frontiernet.net

To be continued ... □

Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By John Lemke

Problems & Opportunities

The Moving Finger writes: and having writ,

*Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Nor all thy Tears wash out a word of it.*

~ Omar Khayyam

At our January Masters & Wardens Meeting, we learned that Wakan-Hubbard has decided to sell its building. Oatka is considering doing the same. I'm not revealing secrets. Lodges are not the buildings they are in. When a situation is unsustainable, eventually reality forces decisions. Waiting until the bitter end may not be the best policy.

Our next Masters & Wardens Breakfast Meeting will be held Saturday morning, February 11th at 8:30 a.m. in Northfield Lodge Hall, 17 Church Street, Pittsford. At this meeting we will discuss options for all our Lodges. A meeting with as many Lodges present as possible provides a unique opportunity. This isn't just one Lodge telling another to fold and join it. This meeting is to discuss the locations at which our Lodges meet and how we might be able to do better for all.

Not to make light of this, but it will rather be like a Monroe Masonic Monopoly Game session. Circumstances make action advantageous. Inaction, while always an option, is not a successful one. The Moving Finger will write. We can just be washed along in the current or we can be active participants.

At this meeting we will also have our second vote on changing our quorum requirement.

These are exciting times. There are huge opportunities. Masonry is important to all of us, to America. Let's move forward. □

Assistant Grand Lecturers

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It is hard to believe our term as Assistant Grand Lecturers will be winding down in a few months. This has been a very rewarding and enjoyable time for us. In preparation for that transition, we are actively looking for any Masters or Past Masters who would like to learn more about the role of an AGL. Please contact us at:

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to explore this opportunity.

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On December 15th, Webster Lodge Raised four new members to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It is my pleasure to welcome and congratulate Brothers James Young, Jonathon Collom, Dale Palmer and Joseph Bahamonde as our newest members.

All of them worked hard in their studies, and each will make a fine addition to our already great group of members. Thanks to R.: W.: Mike Nohle, W.: Brad Lewis, W.: Warren Patterson, W.: Scott Cronk, W.: Bernie Russell, R.: W.: Dave Allen, R.: W.: Bruce Chilton, and Brothers Joe Serio, Hank Libera and Jeremy Knox for their work that evening. Several other Brothers also played a key role in the Degree, and your work and dedication is much appreciated. Our AGL, V.: W.: Bill Edwards, was in attendance as was R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz. Thank you all for what you do for Masonry!



On December 24th, several members gathered at Webster Lodge for a breakfast prepared by our Fellowcraft Club before heading out to distribute Poinsettia Plants to our members who are not able to make it to Lodge. This is always one of the highlights of our year and certainly exemplifies the value we place upon friendship and Brotherly Love. To see the joy it brings to those members of our Fraternity who are not able to regularly gather with us is priceless. I thank all of you who showed up on Christmas Eve to assist us in this outreach effort.



On January 5th, we welcomed R.: W.: Rich Friedman to Webster for his Walk-About the Lodge Presentation. This is one program I look forward to every year. No matter how many times I see it done, I always seem to learn something new. This Walk-About the Lodge is planned to further the knowledge of our new members shortly after they are Raised. I thank R.: W.: Rich Friedman for taking the time to share his vast knowledge with Webster Lodge!

Our recent Brother Bring-a-Friend Program seems to have yielded some great results. At this time, it looks as though we will be on track to admit at least six new members to our Spring Class! The growth we are experiencing at Webster Lodge is no accident. This is truly a great place to be. However, bringing in new members is just one aspect; taking the time to mentor them properly

makes a difference when it comes to retention and keeping them actively attending meetings. My Officers have been doing a phenomenal job in this area.

music to be provided by Laser Sound Professional DJ Service, and Legends 102.7FM Radio Personality, Paul Jason. Yes, it's rumored that the Master of Webster Lodge will be at the microphone and spinning the tunes for your dancing pleasure! RSVPs are required and should be sent to: k2fx@arrl.net by NO LATER THAN Tuesday, February 7th! The cost for the event is yet to be determined, but all those who RSVP will be informed of the final cost prior to the event. I hope you will all consider joining us. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with Dinner to be served at 6 p.m., followed by music and dancing.

Finally, on February 16th, we'll be holding a Table Lodge, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For our newest members, this is one event you will not want to miss! Dinner will be served prior to the toasting festivities. The attire for the evening will be formal for all Webster Lodge Officers. Please send your RSVP to our Junior Warden at: joelewis4@gmail.com no later than Sunday, February 12th. Attendance will not be limited to Webster Lodge members. Members of ALL Lodges are invited to attend, so please consider joining us for one of our highlight events of the year.

Valentine's Day History and Things

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine." Other aspects of the story say that St. Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14th to honor St. Valentine. Over time, February 14th has become the date for exchanging love messages and a celebration of St. Valentine, the Patron Saint of Lovers. The date is marked by sending poems and simple gifts, such as flowers, to loved ones and secret loves.

I hope all of you have a nice Valentine's Day and may Brotherly Love prevail and shine through in all that you do. I'll see you in Lodge!

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April 24th; Frank H. McClain, September 11th; Gordon W. Oakes, passed March 10th; Gerald H. Relyea, June 12th; and William B. Cobb, December 21st.

To the families of our Brethren, thank you for sharing them with us.

The Lodge also had a chance to award three 50-Year Aprons to Harold E Churchill, Frank DeSantis and Gary Printy. W.: Wayne A. McCrossen received a 25-year Certificate.

Building Information

From Hugh Woodside

As most members of the Lodge are aware, Expressions in Photography notified us in early December that their business would close, effective December 31, 2011. Given the closure of the Simply Fabulous Boutique in August, 2011, the Lodge was left with no commercial tenants, effective December 31, 2011. Expressions in Photography had been a good tenant since 1993, and the store's closure presented the Lodge with a difficult problem.

At our Annual Financial Meeting on December 12th, following a long discussion about our circumstances and options, the Lodge voted to pursue a sale of the building. While the ownership of the Lodge building is a source of pride to all of us and, in some ways, part of our identity as a Lodge, we were faced with the need to make a prudent decision in the face of difficult circumstances.

For years, while the commercial spaces were rented, it was easy to "kick the can down the road," ignoring the simple fact that the building does not generate sufficient income to support itself in the long term. I was proud of the way the Brothers in attendance at our Annual Financial Meeting were able to acknowledge the financial realities associated with the building, have a constructive discussion about what to do, and take proactive steps to move forward.

As a result, the Lodge building is now up for sale. Many of you will now ask, "What's Next?" The Worshipful Master has appointed a committee to investigate all of the Lodge's options concerning a new meeting location. Ideally, the proceeds from the sale of the building will provide us with sufficient resources to rent at a new location. While this may be the most likely alternative, the committee is charged with investigating all reasonable options to allow the Lodge to make the best decision about how to move forward. If you have any input concerning this process, please feel free to call me at 330-5886 or email at hww@rochester.rr.com.



*All Lodges are Invited to a
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*Saturday,
February 11th*

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February Events

On February 2nd, we'll hold a 1st Degree for our Spring Class. My Junior Warden will be in the East to confer. The attire for the evening will be formal and Lodge will open promptly at 7:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend as we Initiate some new men to our great Fraternity and show them your support.

February 3rd will be the date of our next Spaghetti Dinner which begins at 5 p.m. One of the best around! The cost is just \$8.00. Whether you stop out to buy dinner or lend a hand in the kitchen, your help is always needed and greatly appreciated.

As you know, February is when we work in support of the *Have-a-Heart*

Campaign effort for the local Ronald McDonald Houses. This year, Webster Lodge has been tasked to staff the booth on Friday, February 3rd, and Saturday, February 11th, from Noon - 9 p.m. each day at Eastview Mall by the Food Court. Very shortly, I'll be distributing a sign-up sheet so we can get all shifts covered on those two days. Webster Lodge has historically had great attendance at the Mall; I am hopeful this year will be no different.

On Saturday, February 11th, Webster Lodge is going to host a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance. We're extending an invitation to all Lodges who want to attend. You're welcome to bring your spouses and family members. A catered dinner will be served, followed by dance



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Mark Your Calendar

February 4th - *Have-a-Heart* at East-view Mall

February 6th - Second, 1st Degree

February 13th - Regular Meeting, Phylum Feast Program Celebrating Science and Masonry

February 14th - *Have-a-Heart* at East-view Mall

February 20th - 2nd Degree Rehearsal

February 27th - First, 2nd Degree

I hope the New Year's Resolution for all our Officers and Brothers was to get in some cardio as we're going to need the endurance as we head into the second leg of this year's Degree Marathon. I'm out of breath just typing it, but as I reflect on all the areas where the Brothers of ERAC have already stepped forward and risen to the occasion, I have faith we will not simply "get through this" but make it a strongly positive experience for all our Candidates, Officers and Brothers on the sideline.

As I write this at the beginning of a New Year, I want to take a moment to offer my gratitude for all that was done in 2011. Thank you to all the Brothers who have stepped forward to come to the relief of distressed worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans. The generosity exemplified by our members for these requests and our other charitable fundraising has been nothing short of inspiring.

Thank You to ...

... all the Brothers who have found it within the length of their Cabledowns to donate their time and energy to ERAC's charitable activities, including most recently the "Ringing of the Bells" and Christmas Eve Dinner at the Ronald McDonald House.

... all the Brothers who have come to our meetings; it is a truly sublime view from the East when the Chairs in the South are occupied (and for those of you who haven't been able to come thus far, don't worry, there's still room).

... all the Brothers who have participated in the Masonic Funeral Services, a sad but important duty we owe as a measure of respect to our Brothers whose work has moved to a new quarry.

... the Brothers who have emailed me with wonderful questions and suggestions; these back-and-forth communications have truly become one of the pleasures of the Chair.

... the Brothers who have stepped forward to present a program at one of our meetings for your gifts of further Light in Masonry.

... my Officers, who have worked hard to ensure that every aspect of our meetings, from the time the Brothers walk in the door, to the dinners they eat, to the Opening and Closing of the Lodge, the programs in between, the refreshments after, to when they get back in their cars to go home, exemplifies the true spirit of the Fraternity. Thank you.

From the Secretary's Desk

By W.: Dave Upham, Secretary

Antisthenes says that in a certain far-away land the cold is so intense that words freeze as soon as they are uttered, and after some time then thaw and become au-

dible, so that words spoken in Winter go unheard until the next Summer.

~Plutarch, *Moralia*

For many of us, dare I say all of us?, from time to time, words spoken to us somehow move into that perma-frost area of our brains, only to reappear at some time further down the road. Sometimes, it's as simple as suddenly becoming in possession of a prompt, such as "Didn't you get the pasta?" Sometimes, it's the sudden recovery of a salient fact from your American History studies decades ago that you can interject into a conversation to the amazement of everyone participating, including yourself!

For the next several months, at ERAC, we need to assure that this isn't the case for sixteen of our new Brothers (and their mentors) as they not only struggle to commit certain words and phrases to memory, but to find some relevance to the context of those words.

You all have heard our motto - that we take good men and make them better. There's no magic wand that we wave over their heads. No magic formula or potion that we feed to them. It's not just an automatic thing! No man enters Masonry to find that, poof!, he has become better. What he finds, if we do our job right, is an opportunity to learn how to grow as a man through the lessons we offer through our Ritual, through other educational materials, and through the example of how we lead our lives. Masonry is a system of education, a place of educational opportunities unlike any other, where we provide the opportunity to learn and grow ... the opportunity to change for the better, should you choose to do so. (Perhaps this is why I personally object to the wording of that motto. I believe it should say, "We take good men and offer them the opportunity to become better men.")

The next time you hear that first question asked, "Where did you come from?", think about the spiritual significance of the time-honored answer which indicates, or should indicate, that before anything else, we are based upon the principles of life exemplified by two Holy men who, through their dedication to become all they could be, are and always have been venerated by our Craft. Right from the beginning, we offer the candidate an important life lesson. And we follow that up immediately with his Q&A in which his first two words are, "Learn to..."

Learn to! What powerful words, my Brothers. Two little words that collectively define what it is we, as Masons, are all about. We don't become. We learn to become!

Our Ritual, my Brothers, is what holds us apart from other institutions. Our Ritual is the center of all that we do, both in Lodge and while abroad in the world. It isn't just a collection of words that have come across the years that we memorize and then forget. That Ritual is the primary roadmap through which Masonry offers us the opportunity to find our way through the confusion and temptations of life as we work to find our way to a better life. Masonry is the road map provided, and it is up to us to learn how to read it.

Farewell to a Brother

On December 28th, Right Worshipful Brother Leon Perkins, an old friend and a great Man and Mason, passed to the Supreme Lodge above. He was a man who took the lessons of Masonry to heart. Always. I dedicate this article to his memory. □

Monroe District
Widows Luncheon
Saturday, April 21st

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Happy New Year everyone. Our year at Unity started with our Communication on January 9th. This was a meeting to conduct some business and the program for the evening was to emphasize the importance of getting the words right, getting the Ritual right. Getting small things right leads to getting larger things in life right. All of us can do better with more practice. Doing things well is fun. We all have the time, if we chose, to spend a little more time on improving our Ritual.

On February 13th, we will hold a 1st Degree with a dinner preceding it. It is always good to experience this Degree again. Anyone wishing to participate, please let Junior Warden, Jeff VanSice know and I'm

sure he will try to accommodate you. Junior Warden, Jeff, will be in the East.

February 27th will feature a program about Freemasonry and the Third Reich. When freedom and liberty are attacked you generally find Freemasonry attacked. Independent-thinking men who believe in the principles of Freemasonry are an obstacle to forces committed to limiting freedom and liberty. It is interesting and important to know what happened in Germany not so very many years ago. What we believe in is never completely secure. We must always be cautious and aware.

I want to mention that on March 26th, we will have our last "Bring-a-Friend Night" for this Masonic Year. Start thinking about who you might invite. A great many men just don't know. Without a little introduction, they will never know. You would not be asking a man to join Masonry, just come to a dinner on us. Birds of a feather flock together.

I wish a Happy Birthday to our following Unity Brothers - Arthur Brueningsen, Walter Cone, Matt Cryer, Charles Cutler, Septimius DiLauro, Edward Gillott, Doug Goddard, Frank Gordnier, Ronald Hamman, Robert Kreason, John Little, Jay McCullough, Charles Rettig, Alex Robb, James Toogood, Donald Walzer and Rudolph Youngman. □

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Have-a-Heart Campaign

It's that time of the year to assist those whose loved ones are hospitalized and in need of some relief. Ronald McDonald Houses are such a place that helps those in need. It has been Union Star Lodge's pleasure, along with the rest of the Masonic Fraternity, to staff *Have-a-Heart* Booths at the malls of Rochester and seek contributions to support the Houses. R.: W.: George Foechner, Chairman of this event, received an award from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester, recognizing the Masons for their outstanding work in fundraising. If you have not already signed up for a shift, please contact me for dates and times. (Frank 486-4341).

Our Junior Warden has been preparing to confer the 2nd Degree on February 27th. As usual, there will be a dinner prior to the Degree. I'm sure the Candidate will be most impressed by another large attendance of Brothers.

Happy Birthday

Those who have matured this month are Ronald E. Kennedy, Roy A. Cluff, Gilbert L. Gilbert, Dennis O. Coons, Lawrence A. Millard and George A. Foechner.

February Dates to Remember

- (All *Have-a-Heart* shifts will be at Marketplace Mall)
- 1st - *Have-a-Heart*; 12 Noon - 3 p.m.
 - 6th - 2nd Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
 - 8th - *Have-a-Heart*; 3-9 p.m.
 - 10th - *Have-a-Heart*; 12 noon - 9 p.m.
 - 12th - *Have-a-Heart*; 12 noon - 6 p.m.
 - 13th - Regular Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
 - 14th - *Have-a-Heart*; 12 noon - 6 p.m.
 - 27th - 2nd Degree, Jr. Warden in the East; 6:30 p.m. - Dinner

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Sickness and Distress

The end of 2011 found a number of our Brothers in Sickness and Distress. Let me start with W.: Nelson Bertch who is having some medical problems and is undergoing tests to determine the cause.

R.: W.: John Faro had four TIAs in a 2-hour period, was in the hospital, but is home now and doing fine.

Rene VanDeViere had back fusion surgery.

Ken Skidmore is still undergoing tests for unsolved medical problems.

R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet had open-heart surgery and they made six repairs (WOW). Skip's surgery took place on December 29th and he is home recuperating.

Let's keep all these Brothers, along with all our Brothers, in our prayers.

Mark Your Calendar

Have-a-Heart ... Our Lodge is responsible for staffing the Booth in The Mall at Greece Ridge Center on:

Sunday, February 5th from Noon until 6 p.m.

Monday, February 6th from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 11th from Noon until 9 p.m.

Please pick a time and date you would be available for three hours (more or less) and let me know. You can call me at 425-0331 or 703-0039 or email me at dsmithr1018@yahoo.com to reserve a time slot. ALL HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED and needed. This can be a family affair, bring them along to help. The money collected goes to the local Ronald McDonald House for their needs.

We will be having another Ladies Night for Valentine's Day, with a special dinner. That evening we will be honoring our long-time Brothers with Years of Service Awards.

The Brothers receiving the awards are:

70 Years - George R. Wilkinson

65 Years - Carl J. Ester

60 Years - Sidney J. Horton, Mathew L. Gingold, Wallace H. Roworth, Richard I. Van Zant and Frederick A. Stahl

50 Years - Arthur Hill, Richard I. Lippincott, Robert C. Knyrim and James A. Clark

40 Years - John H. Auer

February Birthdays

Douglas Torrance and Richard Giedd (3rd), Olindo Nardone and Gary Lind (5th), Gerald Merzke and Robert Burns (6th), Donald Brown, Kenneth Goodrich and William Anderson (9th), Herbert Spencer (10th), Ronald Hibbard and Michael Bailey (18th), Bryan Anderson and Scott Herzog (19th), Jack Palmer (20th), David Dahrsnin (24th), Scott Rice (27th) and Stephen More (28th).

As reported in our last article, R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet and I, along with W.: Ken Goodrich and Brother George Lloyd, traveled to Washington, DC, to attend the Installation of (now) Most Worshipful Joseph Crociata to the Office of Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia.

The Installation was colorful with a lot of high-ranking Masons in attendance to include our own Grand Master, M.: W.: Vincent Libone; Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: James Sullivan; along with their Officers.

There was a reception after, which we attended for a short time. Immediately following the reception, we attended a surprise birthday party for M.: W.: Joe.

We also did some sightseeing, visiting the George Washington Masonic



Congratulations! R.: W.: John Faro, Grand Representative of Minas Gerais, Brazil, near the Grand Lodge of New York. (l-r) W.: Richard Smith, Master; R.: W.: John Faro; and R.: W.: George Foechner, Grand Sword Bearer.



Shriners Joe DiTucci, High Priest & Prophet and Gary Burke, Potentate thank Worshipful Richard Smith (right) and Inspiration Lodge Members for a huge pile of Holiday gifts collected for the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.



Most Worshipful Joseph Crociata, Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia, delivering his Inaugural message. He is a dynamic speaker who captivates an audience.

Memorial, something every Mason visiting DC should take time to do. We went to Arlington, saw the JFK Gravesite, Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and visited the Marine Memorial. Skip and

his wife, Diane, went on to the World War II, Korean, Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials. By then I was having some back pain so I sat in the car and read the newspaper. I'll see you in Lodge.

Annual Tribute to Our Widows

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau

Saturday, April 21st, at the Burgundy Basin; doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch served at noon. Again, we are asking each Lodge Master to appoint a Brother to coordinate your Brothers and Widows involvement.

No Tickets Will Be Mailed

Letters are being sent to all Secretaries of the Monroe District Lodges with a form to return to the Masonic Service Bureau.

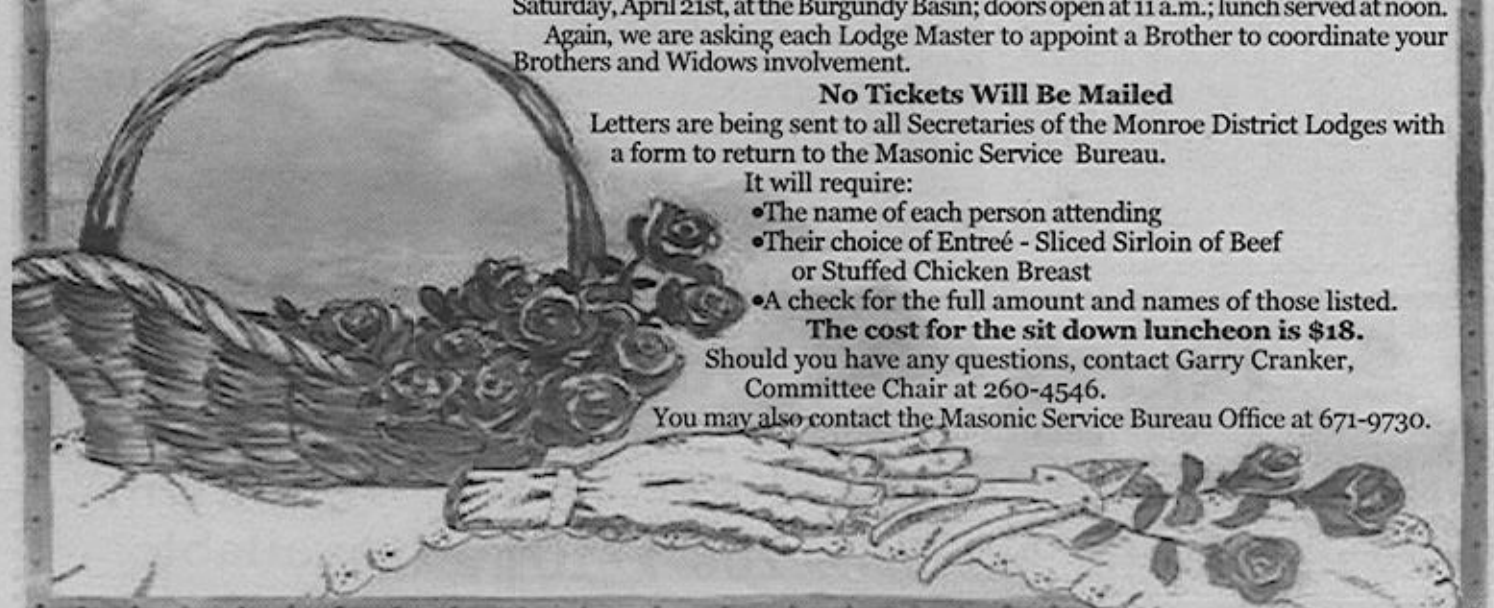
It will require:

- The name of each person attending
- Their choice of Entree - Sliced Sirloin of Beef or Stuffed Chicken Breast
- A check for the full amount and names of those listed.

The cost for the sit down luncheon is \$18.

Should you have any questions, contact Garry Cranker, Committee Chair at 260-4546.

You may also contact the Masonic Service Bureau Office at 671-9730.



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By Stephan Michener, Jr. Warden

"Remember that it is the actions, and not the commission, that make the officer, and that there is more expected from him, than the title."

~ George Washington

I lead off this month's column with a fine quote from Brother George Washington, whose birthday we celebrate this month. Let us be reminded that our titles and the offices we hold are not as important as our actions and behaviors as we endeavor to erect both our temporal and spiritual buildings.

Looking Back

At our first meeting in January, W.: John Dudley gave a great presentation on the history of the historic Lodges that



have called Pittsford home. He told the fascinating story of one of the members from Morningstar Lodge who was involved in the Morgan Affair. Morningstar Lodge eventually went dark due to the unpleasantness during the 1820s, but eventually returned in 1857 under a new name, which is Northfield. Also, significant was the eventual merger of Rochester No. 660 into Northfield. Rochester No. 660 was home to many prominent figures in the Rochester community including physician Walter M. Fleming, who would later move to New York City and become a Founder of the Shriners.

Also in January, we were visited by Chris Bowles who received his Lapel Pin, having completed the Journeyman Passport Program.



As a reminder, Northfield Lodge still has Passports available for any Brother who would like to participate in the Program. All it takes is that you come visit us and then visit the other eleven Lodges around the District to earn your Pin. The Passports are available at Northfield for a small fee which covers the costs of the Passport and Lapel Pin.

Looking Forward

On February 2nd, our first meeting of the month, W.: Mike Zona will have a program presented on Masonic Etiquette. At our meeting on February 16th, we will be having the Fellowcraft Degree.

On March 1st, we will have Move-up Night, and at our second meeting of the month on March 15th, we will confer the 3rd Degree.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Brothers, mark your calendars for Sunday, February 5th, and Sunday, February 12th, when the Northfield Brothers will staff the *Have-a-Heart* Booth at Eastview Mall from Noon until 6 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to show the public how Masonry benefits our local community. Please plan to join us. We can use all the help we can get!

A Very Special Announcement

In looking way ahead to April 19th, Northfield Lodge will be presenting a very special evening. Please pay close attention to the *Masonic Times* next month for more details about what is being planned. At the moment I am not at liberty to disclose what the event is, because the details are still being worked out. However, it will promise to be a very fun evening you won't want to miss and we hope many Brothers from all Lodges around the District will be able to join us for this special and rare event.

Let's Eat

As a reminder, the Junior Warden is attempting to have a meal at every meeting this year. Please contact him with a reservation, by the Monday before the Thursday meeting. Keep in mind that a reservation made is a reservation paid. I can be reached either at 746-3960, or you can send me an email at:

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Meals are usually about ten dollars. □

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We must be doing something right to be having this fair Winter (so far).

I do not know whether Increase A. Lapham was a Mason or not. He was born in Macedon in 1811. As a scientist and member of the faculty at the University of Wisconsin, he was concerned about the loss of life and property on the Great Lakes. In 1870, the United States Government established the Weather Bureau with Lapham as the first Weatherman. His uncle, Fayette Lapham, was a Charter Member of Fairport Lodge No. 476.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Fairport-Flower City Lodge has volunteered to "work" the donation table for Ronald McDonald Houses. We are responsible for the Noon to 9 p.m. shift at Eastview Mall on Tuesday, February 7th. It really isn't work. You have a chance to meet new and old acquaintances and represent a good charity and the Masons. Call the Secretary (271-7446) to sign up.

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 13th - There will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. If you know of someone who has indicated an interest or who you would like to introduce to Masonry, this is a great opportunity to share your devotion for the Craft. You make a contact and then give the name, address and telephone number to the Secretary. A personal invitation will be sent, if time permits.

Celebration for Brother Richard Ulrich, Sr., Receiving the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award

Arrival of Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: James Sullivan, escorted by Deputy Grand Marshal, R.: W.: John Krupp.



February 27th - The 1st Degree will be conferred on Candidates already awaiting membership. Opportunities abound for speaking and non-speaking parts. No long-term commitments are required.

Farewell to a Brother

Brother Bill Cobb left us and joined the Celestial Lodge on December 21st. He was a member of the Lodge for over sixty years and usually played Second Base. He will surely be missed by all. A Masonic Service was conducted by W.: Tom Goodrich and attended by several members of Fairport-Flower City and Wakan-Hubbard Lodges.

February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Pete Swanson (2nd), Terry Adams (3rd), Daniel Barish (6th), Ralph Hansen (7th), George Bracht (12th), Michael DeSpain (13th), Maynard Hellman and Dick Budgeon (15th), Frederick Ogborne II (18th), Bruce Kepelin (26th) and Elmer Hess will be 94 on the 28th. February 29th will be just another day in our birthday book. Happy birthday to all and we wish for everyone a healthy and happy year ahead.

Comments are welcome to Dave Taber at 388-0629 or email:

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Join us as we gather around the Altar. □

Cyrene-Monroe

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the Great Crusades, sponsored by the Church, but actually carried on through the great Chivalric Orders of that day. The object of the Crusades was to wrest the Holy Land and the sacred places of Christian history from the Moslems.

The Crusade Period marked a new era in the life of the world. It brought the Eastern and Western worlds together. The evils and virtues of the East were brought to the West and vice versa. But the greatest thing which emerged through these conflicts of Christian and Saracen was the virtue of Charity. The Knights of the Temple and the Knights Hospitaller were the Red Cross organization of that day. For the first time in the history of war, men began to think of aiding others. Many are the deeds of Charity recounted, not only between those of the faith, but extending from Christian to Moslem.

Thus did this era usher in those homely virtues of Charity, Hospitality and Universal Benevolence? Today the warlike character of the Knights has disappeared; no more is it thought necessary to engage in useless struggle over holy sites and places; no more is it believed necessary to fight men of other nations in order to convert them to our way of thinking. But the same feelings of Love, Truth, Charity and Hospitality, and Universal Benevolence still remain in the human heart, and the world at large is benefited by any group which encourages such essential needs of mankind.

Thus has grown the modern Order of the Temple. Knights of today claim no direct legal descent from those ancient knights of old, yet they do claim to carry on the virtues for which they fought, bled and died. No longer is it necessary to fight with material weapons, for today "the pen is mightier than the sword," and the weapon of a knight is the influence of a good life and that we love one another.

And you ask, "Just what place does the Templar Order hold in respect to other branches of Freemasonry?" And we reply, "A most important part." To the Christian Freemason, it represents the summit of the teachings of the Craft. While in no way minimizing the teachings of the symbolic degrees, yet to him the Order of the Temple conveys the essence of Masonic teachings, and is the Christian interpretation of the Symbols of ancient Craft Masonry. □

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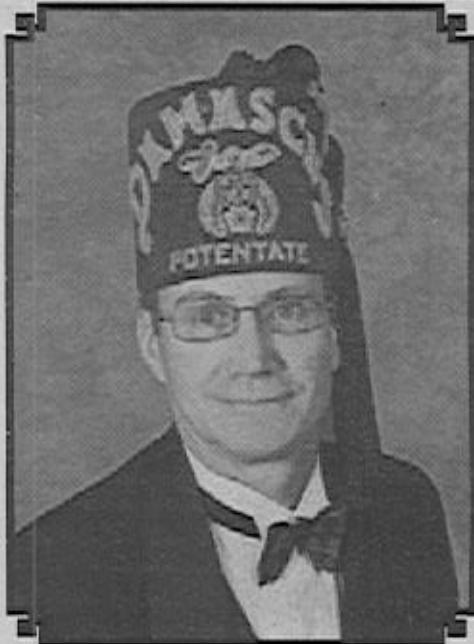
February 2012

Shrine and Divan Meetings
Dinner Reservations Required

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Monday — Friday
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GARY BURKE
POTENTATE

By Potentate Gary Burke

What a start to the year we've had and it's just the beginning! Check out the array of activities we have scheduled throughout the year on our website; make your reservations online as well. Make them early so you don't miss out.

I, once again, thank Past Potentate Bruce Chilton for a very amusing Installation. He never ceases to surprise me on what he can come up with.

As we approach February 14th, we wish all the Ladies of Damascus a very Happy Valentine's Day.

Upcoming Events

The February meeting will be Open as we will, once again, enjoy the talents of each other as we Square Dance the night away to the instructive tongue of Mike Callahan. That after we enjoy a Bar-B-Que Dinner, catered by "The Char Broil." Don't miss this fun-filled evening.

Please Take Note ...

To keep you aware of some future events, I will tell you that March 7th will be a Tiled Meeting. Bob Anderson will give an update on what is happening at our Erie Hospital; Lance Ward will do the same for Springfield.

March 10th is our Spring Noble Bring-a-Brother Event, which is an Open Meeting, beginning at 4:30 p.m. We welcome all who are interested in learning about the Shrine and our mission as well as a bit about our beloved Masonic Fraternity.

Also in March will be our first CALL OUT Parade, when we will march in the Downtown Rochester St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th. After the parade, join us back at the Shrine Center for lunch. Those who march in the parade will be given free tickets for the lunch; anyone who just wants to join us for lunch, the cost will be \$13. Check the website for further information.

Membership

Remember when I talked about our

Membership Campaign with the phrase, "If not you, then who?" and asked you to remember that phrase whenever you talked about or approached a potential member about joining our great Fraternity? If you don't do it, who will? Well that phrase is vital in our every success within Damascus. Continue to remember it when you approach a potential member.

Our Trestleboard for the year has a variety of events scheduled, but the success of each of them depends upon you. We certainly realize not every activity we have planned will appeal to everyone, but we hope those that do appeal, you'll give your full support. We can plan the best activity, but it won't become a success without you. Therefore I say, "Our success at Damascus depends upon you!" Be a part of the success and make Damascus the best it can be. If not you, then who? I truly believe that "together we can" achieve great things.

As we move into this year, I would emphasize that membership will continue to be a major push for Damascus. You have done a tremendous job this past year; let's keep the momentum going through 2012. I would charge each of our new Nobles who joined this year to reach out to those Brothers who you know, who are not yet Shrine Masons and encourage them to become a part of the World's Greatest Philanthropy.

Share with them the opportunity to enjoy the fun and fellowship of Damascus. Encourage them to be a part of helping the one million kids through our wonderful hospital system. This charge to reach out to our non-Shrine Brothers extends to each and every member of Damascus as well. Don't stop asking now. Be a part of our membership growth. Every part of Damascus should focus on a goal of a 5% growth factor. That would be an overall gain of 5% for Damascus, as well as each Club or Unit. So take a look at your segment and make it your goal to increase membership by that amount, or maybe even a bit more.

With that in mind, start gathering those names of potential candidates for our Spring Noble Bring-a-Brother event on March 10th and Petitions for the Ceremonial on May 12th. Send in the names and contact information to the Recorder's Office so an invitation can be sent. If you are the First-Line Signer on three (3) Petitions during 2012, you will receive a Damascus Shrine shirt to wear and show off. Not the Damascus Pride Shirt, but a special "Potentate's Membership Award" shirt. So get those Petitions in and walk around looking quite smart in your new shirt.

The IRR Factor

You will hear a lot from me about the IRR factor as I make my way around this year. We need each of you to be Involved as we work on the Retention of members and Restoration of those whom we lost for whatever reason.

We have had a great team on the 2011 Divan and, as we move into 2012, I'm

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Hope to see you there! Thanks!

confident you will agree we have equally talented and dedicated individuals who have the best interest of Shrine and, in particular, Damascus in their heart. But, the Divan can't do it alone; they are only a handful of Nobles doing the best they can. We need your support.

Your support in attending the various events planned during the year is vital. Your support for the fundraising activities for Damascus, as well as the Hospitals, is critical. We can plan and execute what we believe to be the greatest events, but without your support, they're nothing! Be a part of it all, don't sit on the sidelines.

Volunteers Needed

As we begin to look into 2012, I'm looking for volunteers to be involved with the planning and execution of our 2nd Annual Arts and Crafts Show. This year it will be a one-day show, held on June 16th. The Rochester Area Crafters Association will be teaming up with us to plan and execute this Hospital fundraiser. They already have a number of members who have committed to be on

their side of the committee, now I need members of the Shrine - both Nobles and Ladies to volunteer. I have also asked the Daughters of the Nile to join in on this event as a joint fundraiser.

If you're interested in being a part of this 2nd Annual Event, please respond to me directly. We have already had an initial face-to-face meeting with the Committee during the latter part of September, and need to fill some responsibilities to continue our work through email as much as possible. Looking forward to your response.

Dues

You have already received your 2012 Dues Notice and you will see we have made an adjustment in the way we bill you. Let me try to explain what transpired.

Since 1985, we have added into the main portion of the Dues Notice, a line for a \$15 "voluntary" contribution in your total payment. This was initiated as a way to avoid a general increase in Dues for all.

While many have found it within their means to add the "voluntary" por

Burke, Potentate

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tion in their Dues payment each year, some have not. For those who have not, that's OK. That has been the purpose. However, for those Nobles who have found the burden of Dues to be too great and have fallen in arrears, this "voluntary" portion aggravates the situation even more. Because we have included the "voluntary" contribution in the main section of the Notice, as well as the way the programming of the membership program works, once a Noble falls behind in his Dues, this "voluntary" portion automatically gets added to the arrears amount calculated, thus creating a false amount owed to Damascus. A Noble is only responsible for the stated amount of Dues, which is currently \$52, not \$67 (\$52 + \$15).

In your 2012 Dues Notice, the \$15 (or some other amount) "voluntary" contribution has been taken out of the main area and listed in the "Notes" sec-

tion. PLEASE continue to consider your ability to add this "voluntary" contribution when you write your check. It is a vital portion of our operating budget and continues to be a means of avoiding an increase in everyone's Dues.

If you need further explanation, feel free to contact me.

Damascus Pride Shirts

YES, all orders placed for shirts are in. If you ordered a Pride Shirt, they are in the Office and can be picked up at any time. If you have already picked yours up and have yet to pay for them, please do so at your earliest opportunity.

Request for New Bartenders

If you would like to be considered for a bartender at the Shrine Center, please contact either Oscar Wilson or Pat Mulrooney and let them know of your interest. Depending upon your experience, availability and qualifications, we may have a position for you. Should you need training, that would also be taken into consideration.

Yours in the Faith... "Together we can." □

CHIEF RABBAN

By Oscar C. Wilson, Chief Rabban

WOW, another year on the Damascus Shrine Divan! I thank Past-Potentate, Rich Friedman, and his Lady, Joanne, for an awesome year. Rich, with his great Divan, provided many great events for our Nobles and their friends and families to enjoy. This will be my 10th year representing you on the Divan. I'm looking forward to another great year under the leadership of my friend, Ill. Sir Gary Burke.

Cruise Nights

We had another awesome Cruise Night Season. We set many new car cruise records, most classic cars, most fish fries sold and many more records. We held our 2012 Cruise Night start-up meeting in January. Your Cruise Night Chairman and Committee members are busy implementing many of the great ideas. The 2012 Cruise will ROCK. If you have any suggestion on how we can improve the Nights this year, please let us know by the end of February. A special thanks to all the Nobles, spouses and friends who worked Cruise Nights last season.

As many of you know, I enjoy clowning around and making children of all ages happy. It's my goal this year and for the next few years to get the Damascus Shrine Clowns and friends of the clowns (Clowning for Fun Group) active doing things for the Shrine and the Community again. An idle clown is not a good thing; he/she could be causing trouble. The Clowns and Friends are working on developing a program to take to schools, churches and community groups to help spread the word about Damascus Shrine and what we do. We are hoping to have the program ready to launch by late Summer. The clowns will be active in local parades. The clowns will be meeting from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month, starting February 7th. We will meet at the Shrine Center (979 Bay Road, Webster) and serve pizza at the February meeting.

Membership

Damascus Shrine needs a few good men. Our membership is the best and your Divan goal is to keep our membership happy and involved throughout 2012. We need a strong and growing membership to survive. We had great positive growth last year. We need to continue to grow with new members, having members return and lower the number of NPDs in 2012. Your Divan Members are willing to work

with any Noble who might be experiencing difficult times to stay active. We are all Brothers. Your Divan needs your help finding Nobles who have left Damascus over the last few years. Please let us know how to reach out to these Nobles and help them re-join Damascus Shrine in 2012.

The Divan

If there is anything you think we, as a Divan, should be doing differently, please bring it to the attention of a member and we will look into it. If you would like us to look into sponsoring an event, please bring the request to us. Over the years I have heard of many good, and even great, ideas at the Oasis, but we (our Divan and you) have not always followed up on the ideas. You and your Divan will need to change this going forward.

Visibility

Your Divan would like to increase the name branding of the Damascus Shrine Masons within the Rochester and Finger Lakes Region. You ask, what is name branding? It's letting our friends in the community know what we are all about. We need to spread the word that we are here to help children with medical treatment for burns or orthopaedic problems at no cost to the patient or parent.

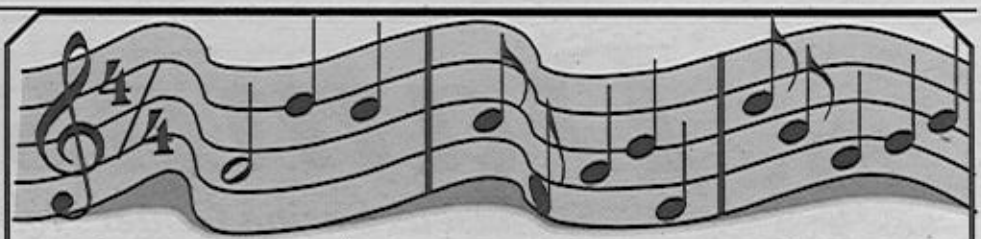
Here are a few ways we will be able to spread the Damascus Shrine name within the community: Cruise Night, Clowns' School, church programs, community parades and by wearing clothing that promotes the Damascus Shrine Masons.

We are planning on activating the Damascus Shrine Speakers Group. This group will be available to attend community group meetings such as local Fire Departments, Ambulance Corps and Rotary meetings to provide presentations about our 22 Shrine Hospitals for Children and what great care we provide our children. If you would like to join this group, please contact the Office today.

We will have golf shirts, dress shirts, Spring/Summer jackets and many more items available to purchase at our regular Shrine meeting on April 4th. The topic for this meeting will be how to get the word out about the Shriners Hospitals for Children and Damascus Shrine Masons (name branding). We will also have some beer and wine tastings at this Open Meeting.

Oasis Happy Hours

Happy Hours at the Damascus Oasis (bar), will be starting February 2nd. On the first Thursday of every month, the Oasis will be open 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will be serving Wings, Fries, Chicken Nuggets and more. This is a great place to bring the family or come to hang out with your friends ...

**Daughters of the Nile Temple No. 14**

To all Masonic Lodges, Chapters,
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You are invited to a Fundraiser
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It's an Afternoon Musical

"Praising the Lord with Songs"

Sunday, March 4th

4 O'clock in the Afternoon

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There is no Admission Fee; a Goodwill Offering will be collected
and donated to the Daughters of the Nile Endowment Fund
so we can keep on working forever for the benefit of
the Kids in Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Please join us and help make this event a successful one!

- From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., we will be demonstrating and teaching balloon twisting to anyone who wishes to learn.
- If you wish to play cards with your friends, we will have decks available.
- Some Brothers will be practicing their Masonic Ritual in the Lodge Room; you are welcome to join them.
- We also have a quiet room available for children to do their homework.

Hoe Down/Square Dance

We will be having our Second Annual Hoe Down/Square Dance at our next Shrine meeting February 1st. This meeting is an Open Meeting. Please bring your spouse and friends for an evening of fun.

Super Bowl Party

On February 5th, we will be hosting Damascus' First Annual Super Bowl Party starting at 5 p.m. and going until there is a winner. Please come down and support your favorite team at this great event. There will be activities for the children to make this a fun event for the whole family. We will have the normal football party food available for purchase (Wings, Pizza, Nachos and Cheese and much more). See the ad elsewhere in this issue for more details.

Fish Fries During Lent

Friday Night Fish Fries during Lent will start February 24th and go through April 6th. Our \$9 Fish Fry will include a choice of potato (Baked or French Fries), Coleslaw or Green Salad, Rolls and Butter. We will also have Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs for the children. Come out to the Damascus Shrine Center for a great dinner and good time. See the ad elsewhere in this issue for more details.

Chili Cook-off

The Wheelers are hosting their Annual Chili Cook-off and Euchre Tournament on February 25th. For more details go to:

www.damascusshrinemasons.org

Noble Bring-a-Brother Night

Our first Noble Bring-a-Brother Night is March 10th. We will have more details in the next issue. It's time to start looking for potential new members within your Lodge or community.

Parade Call-Out

Our first call-out parade will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade; please plan on participating in this great parade. More details to follow.

Rent the Shrine Center

Over the last nine years, many of our Nobles have had great parties at the Shrine Center such as weddings, birthday parties and more. The Shrine Center is available for our Nobles to rent for personal functions. If you would like to host your event at the Shrine Center, either visit our website or contact the Office today. All dates are reserved on first-come basis, so book your event now.

I will try my best to attend as many Club and Unit Meetings as I can. Working together we will accomplish great things for our Clubs and Units which will benefit our children. Your Divan is here to help the Clubs and Units grow in 2012. Please let us know what we can do to help.

We are here to make Damascus Shrine the greatest Shrine Temple in North America and we need your help to do this. Ill. Sir Rich Friedman and last year's Divan put us on the right track. We now need to continue moving toward our goal "BEING the BEST of the BEST!"

Enjoy the Winter, we are one day closer to Spring. Thank you for your support. □



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February 1st

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\$15 per person

**Damascus
Legion of Honor
Meeting
Election & Installation
Wednesday,
February 8th
at Damascus Shrine
Center
979 Bay Road, Webster
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.
(Hors d'oeuvres ... Cash
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Dinner - 6 p.m.
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February Birthdays

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William Anderson	Richard Henderson	William Samar
Christopher Bowles	Scott Herzog	Matthew Sansone
William Boyd	James Hess	Richard Schmanke
George Bracht	Richard Hodges	Albert Schnabel
Glenn Brown	Robert Hunt	Dale Shatzer
Richard Budgeon	Douglas Jones	Herbert Spencer
Charles Buisch	Ben Keel	William Spillane
Louis Caldarelli	Robert Lasky	Ernest Swan
John Cambareri	Joseph Lorah	Dayne Tharrett
Richard Chapple	James Miller	James Toogood
Howard Colegrove	John Miller	James VanHouten
Wallace Farnsworth	John Mosher	James VanSickle
George Fochner	Michael Nohle	Wayne Wagner
George Fogarassy	Theodore Peck	Donald Walzer
Kevin Gerhard	Michael Postilli	Lawrence Wetherbee
Maurice Guinup	James Pray	Ronald Wexler
Ralph Hansen	Ryan Reese	Mark Wishman

Damascus Shriners and Friends

**Super Bowl Party
February 5th**

5 p.m. 'til there's a Winner!

Join us at the Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Cash Bar ~ Food will be available for purchase

*Fun for the whole family ... Come and enjoy the
Big Game on our humungous screen with your
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For More Details, Contact:
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email: slasky91@gmail.com

Oscar Wilson 585-748-0511
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**Damascus Shrine
Friday Night Fish Fries**

Every Friday Night During Lent

February 24th thru April 6th

5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Cost - \$9

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

Dinner Includes:

Fish (Battered) ~ Choice of Potato
Coleslaw or Green Salad ~ Roll and Butter

(Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs are available for the children.)

For more information, Contact:

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**Congratulations, Potentate Gary Burke! Watch for In-
stallation pictures in next Issue of the Damascus News!**

GENEVA SHRINE CLUB

By Jim VanHouten

A Happy New Year to all from the Geneva Shrine Club! At our last meeting in November, the Annual Election of Officers was held and President, Jim VanHouten, handed over the Presidency he has held for five years to Sandy Wagner for the 2012 year. Rob Swarling was elected as Secretary and Lance Ward will continue to serve as Treasurer.

The Annual Christmas Party held at Club 86 in Geneva was our premiere event of the year. Thank you to the Auburn Shrine Club for donating the lovely holiday baskets for our raffle. Santa (Oscar Wilson) was on hand for pictures. The 16-piece Big Band, "For Dancers Only," provided the music and lit up the dance floor. Each Lady present was given a Poinsettia plant to take home at the end of the evening.



Geneva Shrine Club Secretary/Treasurer, Lance Ward, made a special presentation of \$834 to each of our Springfield and Erie Hospital Representatives, Ken Pollard and Bob Anderson. These donations exceeded our previous year's donation of \$500 to each Hospital. Many thanks to the Club Members for their generous donations.

Damascus Shrine Potentate-Elect, Gary Burke, ended the evening with Holiday Greetings and closing remarks. It was a wonderful party and great night. We're already looking forward to next year.



Keeping with the Season and the spirit of giving, pilot Lance Ward and co-pilot Jim VanHouten made a Holiday flight with Lance's plane, loaded with presents for the children at our Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield. The staff at the Hospital was very thankful for the generous donation of toys and gifts donated by Inspiration Lodge No. 109 from Rochester.

Father's Day Cruise

Another great event is our Father's Day Cruise on the Esperanza Lady on beautiful Keuka Lake. A delicious brunch and three-hour sightseeing cruise is scheduled for Sunday June 17th. It's always a great time for the whole family. The Shrine Club secures the entire boat for this event.

Of note, this past Summer marked the rehabilitation of our antique 1940 fire truck seen at the Annual Memorial Day Parade in Waterloo, followed by parades in Webster and Penn Yan. Thanks to the Club Members' hard work; Lance Ward for new tires; Jim VanHouten for new signage and flooring; and Lance McFetridge and Deloss Stuck for engine repair. They brought the vintage truck back to life and back in service. We anticipate more participation in area parades this year giving additional exposure to the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

Need to clear my head here for a second. This is the February issue, so our Christmas Party was two months ago? Well, it was a great time. The band, well, when are you going to hear Big Band sounds nowadays? Santa was there (I'm starting to think Clark Kent and Superman - when I see Santa, I don't see Oscar, hmmm. Naw can't be, it must be Oscar knows that Santa knows who is bad or good and figures he best make himself scarce where Santa is concerned.) Our Club supplied four baskets of cheer for the raffles. Bob Coleman wants everyone to know it is Beth Bowman who is filling them with love.

At our November meeting, we voted to make a donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield.

Our January meeting was at "The Hollywood" and starred our Potentate, Gary Burke. We also were given a report on the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield by our neighbor to the East, Bob McManus.

Ken Pollard, after many years of service to the Springfield Hospital, is now Emeritus. The best I can tell is it's Latin for "I Winter in Florida." Enjoy it as Winter has finally arrived after a late start. It has been pleasant not to be shoveling in December.

Sickness and Distress

Our Club President, Jim Kahn, has been recuperating this Winter and we all wish him well. We have it on good authority that his Lady will be able to wear his latest dress purchase at our next event.

Because of Jim being a little sore, this article doesn't contain an outline for the year, but I promise there will be exciting news in the next article.

I cannot end this article without a tip of the hat to Skip Waterstreet. For those who do not receive the **Masonic Times**, Skip is the Steve Zabriskie of the **Masonic Times**. He had surgery December 29th and by the first of January had a message sent out to the **Masonic Times** contributors reminding them to get their articles in. I know if it were me, I would still be trying to figure out where I was and why. Skip, "you are the man," as they say; get well as your heart needs to keep up a hectic pace. □

PAST POTENTATES

By Bob Anderson, Past Potentate

Here's an opportunity for you to become a LIFE MEMBER of Damascus Shriners.

As you are aware, your Annual Dues of \$52 consist of a \$5 Hospital Assessment, a \$15 Imperial Council Per Capita Fee, and a \$32 Damascus Shriners Dues payment. Of course, we also ask that you make a \$15 Voluntary Dues payment. You can save the annual billing of these fees by becoming a Life and Permanent Member of Damascus Shriners. Also, you can offer this program to a new member, or, you can provide your son or grandson with a permanent part in the World's Greatest Philanthropy.

Your first opportunity is to become a Permanent Contributing Member (PCM) to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The cost of this Certificate is \$150, and it relieves you of ever again paying a Hospital Assessment. Our Hospitals deserve

WHEELERS UNIT

By Chuck McDonald, President

At this time, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Chuck McDonald and at a meeting held by the Wheelers Advisory Committee, I was appointed to be the President of the Damascus Wheelers for the year 2012. It is with great pleasure I have accepted the position and the challenges that go with it.

My motto for the year is, **We're Having Fun ... We're #1**. The Club Motto is "We Ride so Kids Can Walk." Vice-President, Al Brocolo and I, along with Secretary, Bruce Chilton, are planning a busy and fun-filled year.

Upcoming Events

February 25th - Our only Club Fund-raiser ... our Annual Chili Cook-off and Euchre Tournament. Please plan on attending if you can.

The Damascus Wheelers will be holding their "world famous" Hogg Degree, Chili Cook-Off and Euchre Tournament on February 25th, at the Shrine Center. Each event is \$5 per person and are explained below:

- The Hogg Degree will begin at 3 p.m. Sharp. The cost is \$5 and it is open to anyone - Mason, Non-Mason female, anyone over the age of 18. If you are not a HOGG, this is your chance to wear the pin proudly and announce that finally - you are a Hogg.
- While the Hogg Degree is in process, the Chili Cook-Off will begin. The cost to enter your Chili and the cost to sample and judge the Chili is the same - \$5. There will be prizes for the best Chili and I understand we have some great cooks entering this year ... Rich Friedman and Maximilian Caterers, to name a few.
- At 6:30 p.m. sharp, the Euchre will begin. This event costs \$5 per person and the top five placed Teams will win cash prizes.
- All in all, this will be a great day; if you partake in everything, the total cost is only \$15, unless you get Euchred a lot and then, each time a quarter is thrown in the kitty ... "For the kids."

As the year progresses, we will be having many other events and rides. I will keep you posted so you can plan on being a part of the fun.

If you are interested in becoming a Wheeler, contact me or any of the other Wheelers. The only requirement to joining is having a Motorcycle or wishing you had one. **Let's all have Fun ... We're #1.**

Come out and have a great day and see what this Wheelers having fun thing is all about. □

the support you can provide.

Secondly, you can become a Lifer Per Capita Member. The cost of this is \$450. For this, if you retain your Membership in your Masonic Lodge, you will always be a Member of the Imperial Council. With this Membership, you will never have to pay an Imperial Per Capita amount - whatever that amount may rise to in the future.

Finally, you can become a Life Member of Damascus Temple by paying \$640. Of course, if you are a member of Damascus Shriners for 35 years and are over 65, you are automatically a Life Member of Damascus. A Damascus Life Member doesn't have to pay the Damascus Shriners Dues (now \$32) no matter what that amount may be in the future.

Remember, you can participate in part or all of the Life Member opportunities. Contact the Office and they will assist you in becoming a Life Member in the Shrine. Of course, your Annual Voluntary Dues, even if a Life Member, are always appreciated. □

What's New in Erie...



During the December meeting of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, the Damascus Shriners' Board Members presented the Hospital with various donation checks totaling \$2,023, including \$250 from the Wayne County Shrine Club and \$834 from the Geneva Shrine Club. Pictured (l-r) are Damascus Associate Board Member, Frank Russell; Damascus Board Member, Terry Wihlen; Erie Hospital Board Chairman, Tom Foose; and Damascus Board Member and Board Treasurer, Robert Anderson.

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It's hard to believe the Winter we have not had. When is the last time you saw footage on the news of people on the golf course in January! No matter how the rest of the Winter turns out, we did pretty well.

I recently read a couple stories about some people who did not do well in two separate situations. I don't know how they turned out, but it sure seemed like there was a lack of Masonic values in place. Not that any management personnel in these stories were Masons ... maybe that was the problem.

One was a story about a man who signed up for a special mortgage program. Apparently, he may have been one of the unfortunate who was in danger of a foreclosure. The special program put in place special payments that needed to be made on time for a period of a few months with no late payments. I believe if you did not comply and were late, the foreclosure process would start.

The man made one of his payments, with the previous ones being made on time. This particular one had an issue. It seems he made an error on the check he wrote. It was supposed to be for a certain dollar amount and 82 cents. He made a mistake and wrote 02 cents. I guess the payment was rejected due to the incorrect amount. He called right away. Even sent a check for the 80 cents. I guess it did not matter, and they were going to proceed with the foreclosure. Can you believe it? Over 80 cents!

The follow-up was that logic prevailed, but I think it would not have if the media attention would not have been so intense. Basically, the "people" spoke up in support.

The other one was about a mom and pop bar and eatery in Ohio that catered

to football fans. The establishment was near a lake and was primarily a Summer business. They could manage to squeak by financially by staying open in the Winter and offering snacks during football games. Their mistake was using their home cable box in their business.

Of course, they did not know any better, and when faced with a \$2,500 fine to be able to continue with their cable service, they had no choice but to close. They did not have the money.

The kicker? The monthly fee for their home cable box service they were using was \$60. The monthly fee for the correct commercial cable service? \$50. That's right, it was LESS. They were being fined for paying the cable company more than they should have. As of this writing, this one never had a happy ending. The business closed.

Where has common sense and logic gone? Where has "do the right thing" gone? The Golden Rule. We learn all about it in our Degrees. It is not a Masonic invention. We just try to focus a little attention on it.

Maybe a little vocal pressure from the public on these type of things actually works. With Facebook and Twitter, right triumphs over wrong. Maybe public values are stronger than we think they are. Nice to see.

This is why we, as Masons, try to demonstrate these principles. If we try and stand as a shining example of what is right and how we should treat one another, the message spreads. That circle of influence reaches further than we can conceive.

This is the month we need to "really" focus on someone other than ourselves. Our Sweethearts! Those all-important special ladies in our lives. Don't forget February 14th!

February in the Livingston District also means Degrees. Many of our District's Lodges are in the middle of Degrees. Please come out and join us as we welcome all of these new Brothers to the Craft.

Mark Your Calendar

Two big events are in front of us in Livingston District -

April 14th - Our District Ladies Night at the Conesus Country Club. It's always a great event.

May 20th - Annual Communion Breakfast in Mt. Morris. There will be more on these events in the coming issues.

Happy Valentine's Day. I hope to see you all soon.

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Now that we are back to our Labors for a month after the Holidays we should be well into the swing of our Masonic duties. I thank all our Brothers for the very fine Degree presented to two new Brothers at our last meeting. Our Junior Warden, Brother Joe Gallant, sat in the East and did an excellent job with the Degree. All the Brothers who participated did the excellent work that is expected from our Lodge. As your Master, I am very proud of the work Union Lodge performs.

This month will be a very busy month, also. We are going to have a dinner for the Village and Town Personnel to thank them for the fine work they do. It is a chance to show people who are not connected with Masonry to see what we are all about. If at all possible, please make this night and dinner, a great showing of us can only impress all the more.

Also, let's not forget the 2nd Degree at the end of the month for our two new Brothers. Let's all get behind Brother Senior Warden, Dave Hanson, and put on a great Degree for the new Brothers. If you are interested in being in the Degree, call or email Brother Hanson and volunteer.

This month we will be needing a lot of kitchen help. If you can assist, give a call or drop an email.

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This Month we will be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree to satisfy the Grand Master's Edict. Our AGL, R.: W.: Roy Moses, will be with us to review our efforts and let us know how we did. Following the Degree, we will review the Bristol Ritual's EA Degree for comparison. I know it will be an interesting evening.

We are also planning our Family Winter Party and Dinner this month - a date to be decided. The theme of the party will be "Wacky Gifts." Please bring a wrapped silly or wacky gift for the dinner and we will "draw lots" for the selections. Debbie and I hope to see everyone there.

At this point we will be in full swing for our fundraisers. I want to personally thank everyone for helping out with these critical projects.

February 7th - Next meeting. Our pre-meeting dinners, at Q's Restaurant, are very successful. It is our goal to continue this tradition. We will be eating at 6 p.m. and then continue with our meeting at the Lodge at 7:30 p.m. If you are able to join us, please let me know so I can get a working headcount for the restaurant. We all look forward to seeing you there.

All the members of Eunice Lodge wish a short convalescence to our beloved Editor, Skip Waterstreet. We hope his recovery goes smoothly and the **Masonic Times** Office does not get used to his being away.

Don't forget to check out:
www.EuniceLodge830.org



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As February rolls around, we are all reminded of the Feast of St. Valentines, which we celebrate throughout our lives. It is a joyful little holiday that doesn't get as much attention as it once did, or should. Each of us is given permission to tell the ones we love how much we care - right out there, direct; no messing around; chocolates and flowers and a beautiful card! When you give a Valentine, you are telling someone you care

about them and value how they make you feel. None of us should ever pass up the chance to "make someone's day."

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Don't forget ... on February 4th, we will be working from 9 a.m. to Noon (at Marketplace Mall) doing our part for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign.

On January 3rd, our Lodge held its Annual Meeting and heard the Annual Reports on the State of the Lodge. Neither problems nor stunning achievements jumped out at us; rather it can be said that we are traveling a very steady journey and keeping up our obligations to ourselves, our Association, community, family and spirituality. At a time when many are challenged by all sorts of circumstances, we truly are "keeping the faith." A great Ham Dinner was enjoyed by all. THANKS BROTHERS.

It is in that spirit that our Livingston Association is holding a Ladies Night Dinner on March 16th at 5 p.m. at the Mt. Morris Lodge Hall. Invitations

will be sent to all the wonderful women who have worked the countless dinners that Masons have consumed over the years. It promises to be a fun evening for all who attend. Masons can get in touch with W.: J. VanSickle to add names, and all guests names should be turned in by March 1st. Reminder ... we will be serving the "Ladies" only!!

Sickness and Distress

Seems this time of year the sick list gets longer and needs our attention. Right now I know that Charlie Duryea is still healing; Ralph Cox has had his pacemaker updated and Bill Lindsay is home from Noyes Hospital.

Please keep these Brothers in your prayers and let me know how they and others are doing. Masons look out for each other. It was good to hear that Brother Skip Waterstreet, **Masonic Times** Editor, is home after heart surgery.

We managed to get to Mt. Morris Lodge and deliver the "Traveling Gavel." What a nice way to spend Masonic

time together.

Brother Marcus Hugi is planning to do a presentation on "Jacques DeMolay and the Knights Templar" as a Lodge Program on February 7th. This should be an excellent presentation as Brother Marcus is always well prepared and the subject matter has been of high Masonic interest over the years. Please join us.

We also are planning our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night for April. So talk with your friends and neighbors who will make great additions to our Craft and encourage them to come!!

On February 21st, we will be rehearsing the 1st Degree under the supervision of R.: W.: James Bailey from this Lodge. When readied, we can either put on a Degree or use it for exemplification.

Finally, we have been having excellent attendance at our meetings so join us to see what you have been missing. Don't forget our new stair climbers are installed for your convenience, and if you need a ride just give any Brother a call!!!

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By Doug Poole

Hope you have all survived the Holidays. I had a chance to rest, refresh and reflect. Each New Year comes with hope things will be better. Peace will rule our world.

Our December meeting was quite busy. We were honored to have the Official Visit of R.: W.: Donald Kunego, District Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by R.: W.: John Wiktorowski, Grand Steward. We were glad to have them and hear the Grand Master's Message.

While at Olive Branch Lodge, they had the honor of presenting Brother Harry Strobel his 50-Year Apron. Though he has never been Master, he has contributed a lot to support us over the years. Congratulations!

A warm welcome to three new members from our latest Degree class - Peiter Poulton and Paul Campbell; W.: Ed Hise is a Dual Member from Eggertsville. Your company is appreciated.

We also thank the Brothers from around the District who helped us put on our first set of Degrees in the new Lodge. I hope next time we do Degrees, we can do it on our own.

Thanks for all the cards and notes during my recent "vacation." Strong Hospital was not my idea of a place to spend Christmas. A big thank you to Bill MacPherson for my eggnog. I did get to drink it and it's helping in my recovery. Slowly, but surely, my voice is coming back.

A quick reminder ... please remit your Dues and Brotherhood Fund Contributions. Please mail them to: 12 Bank Street, Le Roy, NY 14482.

See you 'round the Altar!

With the beginning of a new calendar year, we will be active with Degree work. On January 17th, we expected to Initiate two new Brothers. The 2nd Degree is scheduled for February 21st. Come join with us as these new Brothers pursue the road to becoming a Master Mason.

Remember that we have a Pot Luck Dinner prior to our first meeting each month. The meal will start at 6:30 p.m., with pleasant conversation and a few stories. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget Game Nights are the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month until further notice. Please be there by 6 p.m. and the fun will start at 6:30 p.m. with Euchre and board games. The pool table has been refurbished and can be enjoyed. All are welcome to come. Spouses or significant others are welcome. Bring a neighbor or friend. Bring a snack-to-pass and join in the fun.

At our January 3rd Communication, we began preliminary discussion about having a Celebration of 200 years of Masonry in our community. Committees will be formed to work on the planning with June 30th as the scheduled date. Let us know if you'd like to help. More information will be forthcoming.

Sickness and Distress
Please continue your thoughts and prayers for all our Service Men and Women and their families.

From the Secretary's Desk ...
Dues Notices have been sent; please remit. We are trying to build an email address bank for all our members so we can contact you about other events that arise between our **Masonic Times** articles, i.e. the passing of a Brother.

Birthdays
We send February birthday greetings to Perry Adams (3rd), Doug Galens (12th) and Jesse Gillespie (15th).

Masonic Anniversaries
The following Brother was Raised in February - Don Sabin (1951).

The year 2012 holds the promise of prosperity and hope that our Fraternity will grow and find new meaning. Ark Lodge is actively searching for a new meeting place in and around Geneva. We have initiated conversations with members of Geneva Lodge to try and promote more Fraternal cooperation between the two Lodges by trying to find a place where both Lodges can meet. We are pursuing a course to help bring the two Geneva Lodges closer by working together on programs and Degree work.

The month of December saw the Lodges come together for the "ringing of the bells" for the Salvation Army, the Annual Ark Lodge Christmas Party and the Salvation Army food distribution.

The last event I attended in 2011 was a 3rd Degree at Milo Lodge in Penn Yan. Some fifty Brothers gathered to participate in the Raising of five new Master Masons. The Degree was expertly conferred by the Damascus Shrine Team. The evening was a great event for the fellowship and witnessing the Craft at work.

On January 18th we Passed three Candidates through the 2nd Degree. The Lodge has two Candidates preparing for the 1st Degree, and will continue to be active with planned programs for the first Wednesday of the month and Degree work.

The program for February 1st will be presented by our own Brother Charles Rouse and his wife, Lisa, on their Birding Trip to Spain.

I would like to share an article written by M.: W.: Bruce D. Hunt, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, that I read in 1981. The title of the article is the "Definition of a Freemason." "The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the uniform

We wish all Brothers and their families a very happy and prosperous New Year.

During the Holidays, we had a Breakfast with Santa, which was very successful. We took our families out to dinner for Christmas (instead of a Communication) with over 30 Brothers and their wives attending.

We Raised one Brother in December and are doing a 1st Degree on January 16th.

Farewell to Brothers
We are sad to report the passing of four Brothers - Frank Gorgonzola, Jr. (59 years); Joseph Proctor, Jr. (51 years); Howard Gladding (52 years); and Stuart North (49 years). They will be sadly missed. □

unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded or in dread of the evil in the next world.

"A Freemason would be just, even if there were no laws, human or divine, except those written in his heart by the finger of the Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same.

"He kneels before the universal throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and in humble solicitation for his humble protection. He venerates the good men of all religions.

"He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense because he does not choose to be offended.

"He contracts no debts which he is not certain he can discharge, because he is honest upon principle."

It seems to me these words have meaning today. They speak to all Freemasons that ours is a higher calling. We are called to meet on the level, act by the plumb and part upon the square. With this in mind let each Freemason re-dedicate himself to service to the Craft and our Lodges that 2012 may be a meaningful Fraternal experience. □

By Mae Bauer, DDGM

Hard to believe that the first month of 2012 has gone by. I hope everyone is staying inside to keep warm and cozy.

Line Officers had their first meeting in January and made plans for the coming year. Please support your Line Officers in their projects.

School of Instruction
School of Instruction will be held on March 3rd at 9 a.m. at the Fairport Masonic Hall on Main Street, Fairport. We should be done by noon.

Official Visits
Next month I will list the Monroe District Official Visits to each Chapter and the time of the meeting.

Upcoming Events
Plans are being made for some upcoming events ... the Grand Matron's Visit in June; a bus trip to Corning Glass Works in August; an October bus trip to Lake Placid for the receptions of R.W. Keri Rhebergen and the Clinton-Essex Grand Officers.
God Bless. □



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Ice Age

Now that the Holidays are over, we are getting back to work within the Valley. Even though our weather has been Spring-like and very mild, another ICE Age will be hitting the area. The Valley of Rochester will be continuing the "Lite from The Rite" events. More information for all our members about the Signs, Symbols and Words that are part of all our Degrees but rarely noticed.

The 33rd Degree Club of Rochester will be explaining these at our February 16th and March 17th meetings. You won't want to miss these nights.

In April we will be learning about directing and Degree presentations. Have you ever wondered how some Brothers perform their Ritual so well? They will be sharing some of their techniques during this meeting.

Degree Schedule

Staying with the ICE AGE Program.

the Membership Team will be conferring the 4th, 8th and 16th Degrees on the February 18th.

On March 10th we will be conferring the 18th and 30th Degree.

On April 21st we will be participating in a Western New York Reunion with the Valleys of Buffalo, Lockport, Jamestown and Corning. If you are a Scottish Rite Mason, join us and support all our new members. If you are not a Scottish Rite Mason, come join us and become part of the Scottish Rite Family.

Valentine Party

On February 11th, the Valley will again be taking our Ladies to the Sanibel Cottage for another Valentine's Day celebration. If you missed this event last year, you won't want to miss it this year. Sovereign Prince, Tom Goodrich, 32° DSA, promises this night to be spectacular. Come and join us for a fun night of food and dancing. Please send your payment of \$30 per person to the Valley Office.

Upcoming Events

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb will be presented at the Shrine Center on March 25th. This is a public presentation of one of the most beautiful and inspiring of all the Scottish Rite Degrees.

Each of our members who have passed away this past year and their families will be recognized and honored. Friends and families are invited to witness the ceremony and enjoy the dinner and fellowship.

College of Freemasonry

On April 13th and 14th, the College of Freemasonry will, as usual, be a signature event for the Valley. This year's theme is Leadership in Freemasonry. Saturday's Program is open to all Masons, non-Masons and families.

Note: Reservations for all Scottish Rite Events can be made thru the Valley Office -Phone 264-1160.

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10:30 a.m. Start

11:30 a.m. Family-Style Picnic

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Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar

7 p.m. - Dinner

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This is turning out to be a great Winter. It feels as if two months of Winter has bypassed us as I have not had the driveway plowed once up to mid-January.

Our first activity in February is a Birthday Party at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua. The party is on Wednesday, February 18th, at 2:30 p.m. in Building 7A. Come join us for lunch at the Villager Restaurant at 12:30 p.m., then on to the party.

Thursday, February 26th, 7:30 p.m. is the next meeting of the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No.12 at Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street. We will have a Service of Remembrance that night.

There will be over 45,000 Military Personnel returning to the U.S. this year and civilian clothes are in big demand. If you have any civilian clothes in good condition that you are not using, please bring them to the next meeting. You can also drop clothing off at the Military Outreach Center at 459 South Avenue, Rochester.

If you would like to support the Veterans, please come out and visit the Masonic War Veterans at one of our meetings. Anyone who is a Mason and has worn a uniform is welcome and encour-

aged to join the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No.12 of the MWV.

James A. Hard History, Part 5

James went West in 1864 to seek his fortune. He spent most of the next four years in Iowa and Nebraska as a construction worker to extend the railroad West to California. The railroad construction work made the Indians very angry. The construction workers had to be on the lookout for trouble and defend themselves as well as build the railroad. He didn't make a lot of money, but the work was enjoyable and exciting. Most of the railroad construction work was similar to what he had done for the Government Department of Transportation after he was discharged from the Army. He also did some carpentry work and remembers helping to build a Catholic Church in Nebraska.

It was in Nebraska during 1884 that he married his first wife, Lodusko Davis from Buffalo, NY. In 1869, Lodusko and James moved back to Buffalo. He found a job with the Railroad as a carpenter and helped construct buildings, stations and whatever else was needed all over Western New York.

He never was a Carpenter's Apprentice, but learned the trade as he worked. His wife died of pneumonia in 1880 and he moved to Rochester two years later with his daughter Alberta who was then seven years old. He worked as a building contractor and received \$6,000 for building a home near Plymouth and Greig Streets in Rochester. Rochester was his favorite city of all the places he had worked.

In 1884, he married his second wife, Anna West. James still wanted to better himself and decided to go into business for himself as a Notary. About 1890 he rented a balcony room in the Reynolds Arcade Building and worked there for the next 37 years. He drew up many wills and settled a great many estates. He also worked as a Pension Attorney and did a lot of work for Veterans and their families. James received many citations and awards for his service to Veterans groups, their widows and orphans.

More to come about his later years ... □

Tutor Training at Dyslexia Center

The Children's Dyslexia Center is seeking tutors for its next training session in the Orton Gillingham Approach to Reading. This comprehensive, IMSLEC Accredited, Certification Program trains qualified candidates in a multi-sensory structured language approach.

The Center allows trained tutors to work one-on-one with school-aged children with Dyslexia.

Valley of Rochester Mid-Winter - 2012

February 9th at Marketplace Mall
Have-a-Heart Booth - 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

February 11th at Sanibel Cottage
Ladies Night - 7 p.m. Dinner (**)

February 16th at Shrine Center
"Lite from the Rite" Educational Program/Meeting (**)
Social - 5:30 p.m. *** Dinner - 6:30 p.m. *** Program - 7:30 p.m.

February 18th at Shrine Center
Presentations of 4°, 8°, 14° and 16°
Coffee and Donuts at 8 a.m.; Lunch (**) ~ Degrees start at 9 a.m.

March 10th at Shrine Center
Presentation of 18° and 30°
"Country Style" Pancake Breakfast at 8 a.m.

March 15th at Shrine Center
"Lite from the Rite" - Lessons of the 18° and 30° / Meeting
Social - 5:30 p.m. *** Dinner - 6:30 p.m. *** Program - 7:30 p.m.

March 25th at Shrine Center
"Feast of the Paschal Lamb" Remembrance Ceremony (**)
Ceremony at 3 p.m. *** Dinner following

April 13th at Shrine Center
College of Freemasonry - Members Cabaret Night (**)
Social/Hors d'oeuvres - 6 p.m. *** Dinner and Entertainment - 7 p.m.

April 14th at Shrine Center
College of Freemasonry - Program and Presentations (**)
Coffee & Donuts - 8 a.m. *** Program - 9 a.m. *** Lunch

April 19th at Shrine Center
"Light from the Rite" - Degree Participation and Direction/
Meeting (**)
Social - 5:30 p.m. *** Dinner - 6:30 p.m. *** Program - 7:30 p.m.

April 21st at Genesee Community College
Western New York Reunion
4° (All Parts), 19° (New) and 32° (New) (**)

** Make your reservations On Time! Don't be Late!
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Why not sign up on our Permanent Meeting Meal Reservation List?

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Don't wait for the BBB Nights to turn yours in!

An Opportunity for Scottish Rite Masons

If there are any local Freemasons or Scottish Rite Masons who are interested in serving on the Board of Governors of the Children's Dyslexia Center in Honor of Frank and Bette Paul, please call the Scottish Rite Office at 264-1160 to leave your name and contact information.

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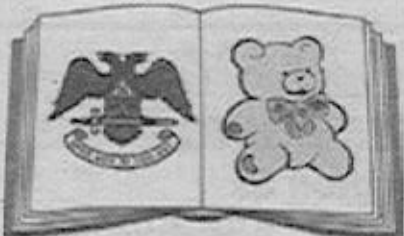
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York Rite NEWS

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By John Zabel

What's Happening

We had a successful, though belated, Annual Meeting. The meeting was held just prior to the Christmas Holidays. The current slate of Elected Officers was re-elected for the coming year. That is:

High Priest	John Zabel
King	Rick Howe
Scribe	Richard Horton
Secretary	Charles Roberts
Treasurer	Jim Nersinger

We did, however, change the Masters of the Veils and the Royal Arch Captain. We are working towards a new Line of Officers that include many of our newer Companions. This is an exciting time for the Chapter.

I am happy to say that several of our Companions will be at Grand Chapter in March for various good reasons. More on that next month, so, as they used to say, "stay tuned."

I am also happy to report that the Chapter ad in the Rochester Numismatic Association's 100th Anniversary Booklet came out really well. I have shown a copy of the booklet to the Companions.

Musings

Over the years I have come to understand that, although no Freemason knows all, most Masons have learned the basic Tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We, as Masons and Companions, are better for our association with other Masons and Companions and from the lessons of the various Degrees we have received and continue to view and think about. Wouldn't it be nice if more people learned our lessons? Our world could use more toleration between nations and peoples and we have the tools to help in this regard. Unfortunately, many men do not realize what we offer and can do for them.

How can we let the profane world know more about us? One way is to always act as a Mason should. Respect other people's beliefs and traditions and act towards others as we would want them to act to us. All this sounds familiar and can be hard to do at times. Between Christmas and New Year, my car was rear-ended by a younger man with children in his truck. He was not paying attention as I stopped for a crosswalk in Pittsford. Well, I did what was correct, kept cool, said nothing in haste or anger, and worked with the Police in their investigation of the incident. My car is much damaged, but I am fine. In rehearsing my actions, I believe I acted as a Mason should. At least, I hope so.

Going forward, Spring is coming and I have noticed the sun is up longer these days, though not much longer. We have had an exceptionally mild Winter and I

hope that, when the snow does come, it is pretty but the road will be fine and the skiers will have a good Season.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Companions, remember that February is *Have-a-Heart* time and the Chapter does have a session at the Mall. The January **Masonic Times** listed the dates and the Masonic groups for each day. If you are available, please come and support both the Chapter and the project. This is a signature program for area Freemasons. No other organization has a campaign as extensive or as enduring as we do.

To conclude, we hope that R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet is well on his way to recovery after his recent surgery. He may even be back to work when you read this, which would be nice. □

Doric Council

No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)
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By I.:M.: John A. Gallant

I am happy to say February is finally here, (it's National Return-Shopping-Carts-to-the-Supermarket Month in case you wondered). I hope Ground Hog Day will be a "cloudy" day so Punxsutawney Phil does not see his shadow and we won't have six more weeks of Winter!

We will be holding our Royal Master Degree during our meeting on February 15th. Preceding our meeting will be another special dinner being served by Joy Woodley, a truly outstanding chef. She always does a great job. I need to remind the Companions we have to reach a minimum threshold of reservations for our dinners. The cost for the meals is still \$10 and I ask you to please let me know if you will be attending.

All the members of Doric Council wish a short convalescence to our beloved Editor, Skip Waterstreet. We hope his recovery goes smoothly and the **Masonic Times** Office does not get used to his being away.

In closing, I am asking all our Companions to please consider donating to the Grand Council Charity Fund this year. The appeal will be going out soon. □





Zone 11
News

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The last of the Holidays are finally gone and we have started our journey down the road of a new year, not knowing where it leads us, but looking forward to the journey. I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays - spending time with friends and families both near and far.

A request was made for an Honor Guard for December 17th in recognition of Richard J. Ulrich at the Fairport-Flower City Lodge. My thanks to those Sir Knights who participated - SK Joe Oelgoetz, SK William Flesher, SK Dave Taber, SK Benny Vitullo, SK Gary Worth and SK Jonathon Buck.

I have asked SK Charles Hancock, who worked to set up the night's program to write a small article depicting the night's event and it appears below.



A presentation of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouting Award to Brother Richard J. Ulrich, Sr. on December 17th, Fairport-Flower City Lodge was supported by an Honor Guard of Knights Templar. The three Commanderies of Zone 11 (DeMolay, Cyrene-Monroe and Sagoyewatha) were represented.

Dick Ulrich is 91 years young and has a long and distinguished Scouting career of 70 years - from being an Eagle Scout (with Bronze Palm) as a youth to, serving on 17 Wood Badge Courses as an adult. He is a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow.

He became a Master Mason 69 years ago at age 22 on January 18, 1943, with Continental Lodge No. 287, New York City, (5th Manhattan District). He also is a member of Cyprus Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar, in Oak Ridge, TN. He is a World War II Veteran and a Life Member of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. He has given a lifetime of service and is deserving of this fine award.



Coincidentally, the York Rite Bodies of the State of Tennessee, requested that we include award presentation Certificates recognizing 50 years of service to the York Rite Bodies and Life Memberships for Brother Dick. SK and Ill.:

Charlie Hancock, 33°, served as spokesman/presenter for those awards on behalf of the York Rite Bodies of Tennessee. Assisting were SK Joe Oelgoetz, Past Zone 11 Commander, for Grand Chapter; SK Don Adams, Zone 11 Commander for Grand Council; and SK Bill Flesher, Cyrene-Monroe Commander, for the Grand Commandery, State of Tennessee.

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouting Award presentation itself, was made by R.:W.: James E Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York (himself a former Fairport Scouter in Troop 207).



R.:W.: Jim delivered a homily rich in recollections of his own youth in Fair-

port. His words were both an inspiration for the Scouts present and an endorsement to all of the exemplary life of the man, Scouter and Mason being honored.

Following an outstanding singing of "Proud to be an American" by Rick Howe, we retired to the Dining Room for refreshments featuring two cakes - one with Masonic and one with Scouting emblems. □

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Rarely does one connect Chivalry with Freemasonry, yet there is one branch of the Fraternity which places great stress on Christian Chivalry and those virtues which go to make up chivalric character. We refer to that great Order known as Knights of the Temple, or Knights Templar.

The original Knights of the Temple were Christian warriors; they were men of Faith, inspired with love of God and the Church. The story of their exploits, their adventures, their self-sacrifice and their accomplishments, reads as a page from a storybook. There is nothing as appealing in all history as the story of

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Ronald Morthorst, Monarch

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Time to go to work, we're into February and we have our Board of Governors Meeting coming up February 6th.

Then on Tuesday, February 7th, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., we will be staffing the *Have-a-Heart* Booth at The Mall at

Greece Ridge Center in support of the local Ronald McDonald Houses. The more help we have the more fun it is. There are two shifts - 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Call Ron at 334-4196 and we will set up a time when you can join us. All you need is your Fez and a good big smile.

Remember there is a Dinner on February 15th - Free with your 2012 Dues Card and a reservation. Call Ron at 334-4196. We must have reservations by February 8th for our caterers to prepare the dinners. NO SHOWS will be billed at the cost to the Grotto. We eat at 6:15 p.m., Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Our meetings will be held to the shortest time possible as I would rather give you more time to socialize and enjoy an evening out. Many things are in the fire - "Birthday Celebration," ESGA Spring Meeting, Golf in June and National Convention in Florida in June.

Now that you have read your Grotto Page in the **Masonic Times**, make your telephone call to reserve your Free

Dinner, put your Fez where you won't forget it. Remember *Have-a-Heart* Campaign February 7th 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center with your Fez and a smile.

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

Sweetheart Weekend

Two big days, Friday and Saturday, February 24th and 25th at the Inn at Holiday Valley, Ellicottville. Shake off the Winter blues. Stocked Hospitality Room with mixers, snacks. Lunch for you Saturday Noon. Casino is 15 minutes away. BYOB TO SHARE. Reservations 716-699-2345 (ask for the "Sweetheart Weekend" Price, \$125 per night.) □

Attend Grotto Meetings

Wednesday, February 8th
Board of Governors Meeting
7 p.m. - Shrine Center

Wednesday, February 15th
Grotto Meeting
Dinner - 6:15 p.m.;
Free with 2012 Dues Card
with Reservation
Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

February 24th and 25th
Sweetheart Weekend
in Ellicottville

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Telephone Message Center

By Ron Morthorst

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

Sickness and Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the Perkins Family. Prophet and Brother Leon R. Perkins passed away December 27th. He will be remembered in the hearts of all who knew him.

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

Anniversary Celebration 2012

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

Membership

By Ron Morthorst, PM

You are a member and some of you have been a member for many years. Did you realize your Grotto is going to celebrate its 120th Anniversary in 2012? We are the oldest, fully operating Grotto in the Realm and you are part of it. Congratulations are in order! AN OPPORTUNITY EXISTS NOW for a Brother Mason to join Lalla Rookh Grotto through our Fee-Waived Initiation Program (that is, FREE). We have set up this Program for a limited time, for our Anniversary Celebration this year.

Let's face it, times have changed. We have many opportunities to spread our good works and fellowship to the members of our Craft and their families. Who are you going to ask to join you as a Prophet in your Grotto? Your Membership Chairman and I have all the necessary paperwork you need to present to a Candidate and we're just a phone call away - Monarch Ron Morthorst at 334-4196. or PM Bernie Lazerson at 271-7446. Call us today and we can take care of it.

Remember, at the Shrine Center, there are NO stairs to climb, everything is on ground level, a wide-open parking lot that's free and a well-lighted area for your safety!! We're available to assist you at any time!!!! P.S. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. □

Lalla Rookh Caldron Daughters of Mokanna

By Donna Laundry, MCO

As I am writing this article the New Year is just starting - and so is the snow. It waited a long time this year! I need to do a little reflecting back to December. I thank Jan Porter for filling in as MCO for the December meeting so I could go to Christmas Week at the Eastern Star Home in Oriskany. I heard all went beautifully.

Shortly after the meeting, I gathered all the toys members had generously brought for kids and went to Wegman's, where I filled a large shopping cart with the contributions. The store bin was empty, but after I transferred our toys and games, it was full. Thanks so much for all who contributed to make some children's Christmas happier.

At our January meeting, we initiated two new members, Pat Dalykas and Barbara Jean Smith. Welcome, and please join in as many of our meetings and activities as you can. I thank Carol Wynings for preparing the dinner before the Initiation.

On February 4th we will celebrate Lalla Rookh Caldron's 64th birthday at Yanni's Restaurant, Pixley Road. Spouses, significant others and Lalla Rookh Grotto members are welcome. This event will be Chaired by Merline Bueg, our Namourna. Everyone will be contacted with menu choices and details.

Sickness and Distress

Carol Wynings is our Sunshine person, so please notify her of any cards that need to be sent or notify me and I will pass the message on. Mary Topel is now in a nursing home. Cecil Losing-er's broken arm is mending nicely.

I will be away from February 11th-25th; please notify Jan Porter, our Lalla, of any Caldron matters that need attention during that time.

February Tidbits

Regarding February, which this year has 29 days, I truly hope you don't find that the weather makes it too burdensome. As a teacher I always enjoyed February, because it was packed full of celebrations AND a week off from school!

Here's some February information. The Groundhog Day custom was brought to Pennsylvania by German immigrants. Thus, Punxsutawney Phil tells us on February 2nd how long the Winter will be.

Valentine's Day grew out of the customs of an Ancient Roman Festival and a 3rd Century Bishop, later a Saint. The first known Valentine letter was written by a prisoner in the Tower of London around 1415.

We used to separately commemorate the birthdays of two significant Presidents in February, Lincoln on the 12th and Washington on the 22nd. Now they are merged into Presidents' Day and the week between the birthdays has become February break. A lot for the shortest month.

Stay well and be kind to each other. □

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Valentine's
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In Memoriam

Ashley, Milton E.

Milton Ashley, 81, laid down his Working Tools on January 16th. His wife of 61 years, Pauline; 2 children and 3 grandchildren survive him. Milton was a Marine Corp Veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Cobb, William G.

On December 21st, William Cobb, 93, went to the waiting arms of his wife, Barbara, in Heaven. His life was filled with 3 children and grandchildren. Bill was a member of Fairport-Flower City and Wakan-Hubbard Lodges, Royal Arch Masons, Lalla Rookh Grotto and Order of the Eastern Star. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

DePew, Bruce C.

Bruce DePew, 75, was received into Eternal Glory on December 31st. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Millie; 4 children and 8 grandchildren. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Horton, Sidney J.

On December 22nd, Sidney Horton, 91, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith. Two children, 2 grandsons and the Brothers of Inspiration Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts forever. May he find peace with the Lord.

Kennedy, Ronald E.

On February 22nd, Ronald Kennedy, 78, went to his eternal rest leaving 3 children, 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren to share his memories. Ron was a U.S. Marine Corp Veteran and a member of Union Star Lodge and Scottish Rite Mason. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Morgan, Raymon A. "Whitey"

Raymon Morgan, 82, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on January 12th. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alice; 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. "Whitey" was a member of Pultneyville Lodge and Damascus Shriners. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

North, Stewart J.

On December 23rd, Stewart North, 89, passed away and his wife of 68 years, Laura; 3 children and 3 grandchildren survive him. Stewart was a member of Canandaigua Lodge. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Perkins, Leon R.

On December 27th, Leon Perkins, 90, was escorted by flights of angels to the waiting arms of his wife, Dona. He will be remembered by 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Lee was an active Mason, a member and Past Master of ERAC Lodge; Milnor Lodge, Damascus Shriners, Lalla Rookh Grotto and Hiram Chapter, RAM. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Seaman, John R.

John Seaman, 85, went to the Celestial Lodge on January 17th. He will always be cherished by his wife of 62 years, Elizabeth; 2 children and 3 grandchildren. John was a member of Unity Lodge. You left us with a garden of memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Widows to be Remembered

Bradshaw, E. Jean, 86, widow of George Bradshaw, Jr. (Northfield Lodge), passed away January 7th.

Holmes, Janet R., 84, widow of Floyd "Russ" Holmes (Unity Lodge), passed away December 25th.

Neuert, Marion K., 99, widow of Raymond Neuert (Webster Lodge), passed away January 7th.

Wetzel, Marie H., 96, widow of George Wetzel (ERAC Lodge), passed away January 7th.



Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

MARCH

- 1-3 RAM Grand Chapter of New York Convocation
- 3rd OES School of Instruction
- 5th ERAC, 2°
- 10th Shrine, Noble BAB
- 10th Scottish Rite, 18° and 30°
- 15th Northfield, 3°
- 15th LIV Association Dinner - Mount Morris
- 17th Shrine - St. Patrick's Day Parade, Downtown Rochester followed by Party at Shrine Center
- 25th Feast of the Paschal Lamb
- 26th ERAC, 3°

APRIL

- 2nd ERAC, 3°
- 13th College of Freemasonry
- 14th College of Freemasonry
- 14th LIV District Ladies Night
- 21st Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin
- 26th Lalla Rookh Caldron, OV

MAY

- 7-8th Grand Lodge Sessions
- 12th Shrine Ceremonial

JUNE

- 27th Tall Cedar Sausage Roast

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While we are supporting the Ronald McDonald Houses through the Have-a-Heart Campaign, consider their "Wish List" for Donations ...

RMH Wish List

All items should be new for the health and safety of our families and volunteers. (*most needed items)

- * Snack foods (all kinds of individual sizes)
- * Fresh & frozen fruits, vegetables and meats
- * Juice boxes
- * Coffee creamers and sugars
- * Spaghetti O's
- * Mayonnaise, salad dressings (NOT Italian, please!!)
- * Granola bars, breakfast bars and cereal
- * Individual-size microwaveable meals
- * Liquid hand soap
- * Disposable cleaning gloves
- * Dishwasher detergent
- * Laundry detergent, pre-wash treatments and bleach
- Disinfectant wipes
- Trash bags (8-gallon and 50-gallon sizes)
- * Soft scrubbing cleanser
- * Toilet bowl cleaner
- * Spray bathroom cleaner
- * Window cleaner
- * Sponge mops and brooms
- Storage bags (all sizes, including 2-gallon and 2.5-gallon sizes)
- Styrofoam "take out" containers and disposable plastic containers
- Paper towels
- * Standard-size white pillow cases
- Feminine supplies and shaving needs
- Beige-colored bathmats and towel sets
- Heavy duty blankets, all sizes
- * Light bulbs (25W, 40W, 60W, 75W, 100W and 3-way)
- Nightlights and flashlights
- Gift cards to Wegmans, Target, Walmart, etc.)

The "needs list" is also registered at the following stores: Target, Kaufmanns, JC Penny, and Bed Bath & Beyond. For more information, call 422-5437. □

Big Calendar for February 2012

Gem - Amethyst
Flower - Violet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Have-a-Heart Campaign February 1st - February 14th						
5 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds 8th and 22nd 287 East Avenue, Hillton	6 ERAC, 1° Canandaigua-Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Morroe - Pittsford Grotto, Board of Governors, Shrine Center Damascus Shrine Divan Shrine Lunch Club	7 Clio - Hillton Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Fairport, Nolatika, Starlight	8 Oatka - Scottsville Webster - Fellowcraft Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship	9 Fame, Shrine Center Millor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron	10 Garoga-Sincerity Game Night	11
12	13 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity, 1° - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club LIV School of Ritual, Caledonia	14 Clio, 1° - Hillton Inspiration, Shrine Center Seneca - Webster Eagle-Honeoye RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hillton, Mary Jane Holmes-Brockport	15 Ark - Geneva Dumlin Square - Palmyra RSM - Doric Council, RMD - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto, Shrine Center	16 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield, 2° - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite - Shrine Center Lalla Rookh Caldron- Executive Council	17	18 Road to the East at Union Star - Honeoye Falls
19	20 Canandaigua - Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Morroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club	21 Clio - Hillton Garoga-Sincerity, 2° - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Nolatika, Starlight	22 Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Corinthian-Fellowship Directors Staff - Yellow Mills Diner	23 Fame, Shrine Center Millor - Shortsville Union, 2° - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. HardWayne Charter Post No. 12 Perry Shrine Club	24 Garoga-Sincerity Game Night	25 Road to the East at Union Star - Honeoye Falls
26	27 ERAC, 2° - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City, 1° Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Shrine Club	28 Inspiration, Shrine Center Eagle-Honeoye Seneca - Webster RAM - Dansville, LeRoy	29			
3 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult, \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street	1 Dumlin Square - Palmyra Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Liliac Star	2 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster, 1°	3 OES Line Officers, Fairport Lalla Rookh Caldron Birthday Banquet			

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