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HAGGAI CHAPTER'S 12TH SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY AWARDS DINNER APRIL 14TH

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At this year's Haggai Chapter Community Awards Dinner, the award recipients are James H. Norman and Orlando Ortiz. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Norman.

James H. Norman, M.S.W.

Since 1992, Mr. Norman has been President and CEO of Action for a Better Community (ABC). Before relocating to Rochester, he served as the Michigan Department of Labor Deputy Director for Administration. Prior to that appointment, he directed the Department's Bureau of Community Services, which administered the State's Community Services Block Grant, Weatherization, Energy Assistance and the Neighborhood Assistance Programs.

Under Mr. Norman's leadership, ABC has expanded services and developed new initiatives to address the needs of low-income individuals and families in Monroe and Ontario Counties. Services include Head Start, outpatient substance counseling, AIDS/HIV outreach and education, workforce development, community building support, youth violence prevention and home weatherization. (ABC employs 400 staff and has an annual budget of \$27 million).

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- Community Investment Futures Board (national community economic development organization)
- New York State Community Action Association Board (former President)
- Rochester/Monroe County Workforce

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James H. Norman



Orlando Ortiz

- Distinguished Minnett Professor, RIT (2010-2011)

- Adjunct Faculty, Monroe Community College (Since 1999)
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
- Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

Education

Mr. Norman received his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Mercer University (Macon, GA), and his Master's Degree in Social Work (policy, planning and administration) from Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI), where he also pursued Doctoral studies in Public Administration. In 2009, he earned a Certificate in Leadership/Executive Coaching.

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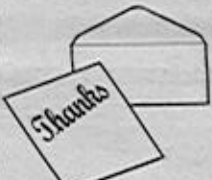
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at Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster
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Thank You,
One and
All!

I am now home doing my R&R ... Rehabilitation and Recuperation. Hopefully no more hospitals. I can't thank the Brothers enough for the many cards, phone calls and visits made to the hospital and my home.

Thank you to the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine and the many Blue Lodges for your thoughts and concerns. I love you all, my Brothers.

I will see you all soon.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
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Dated Material

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.

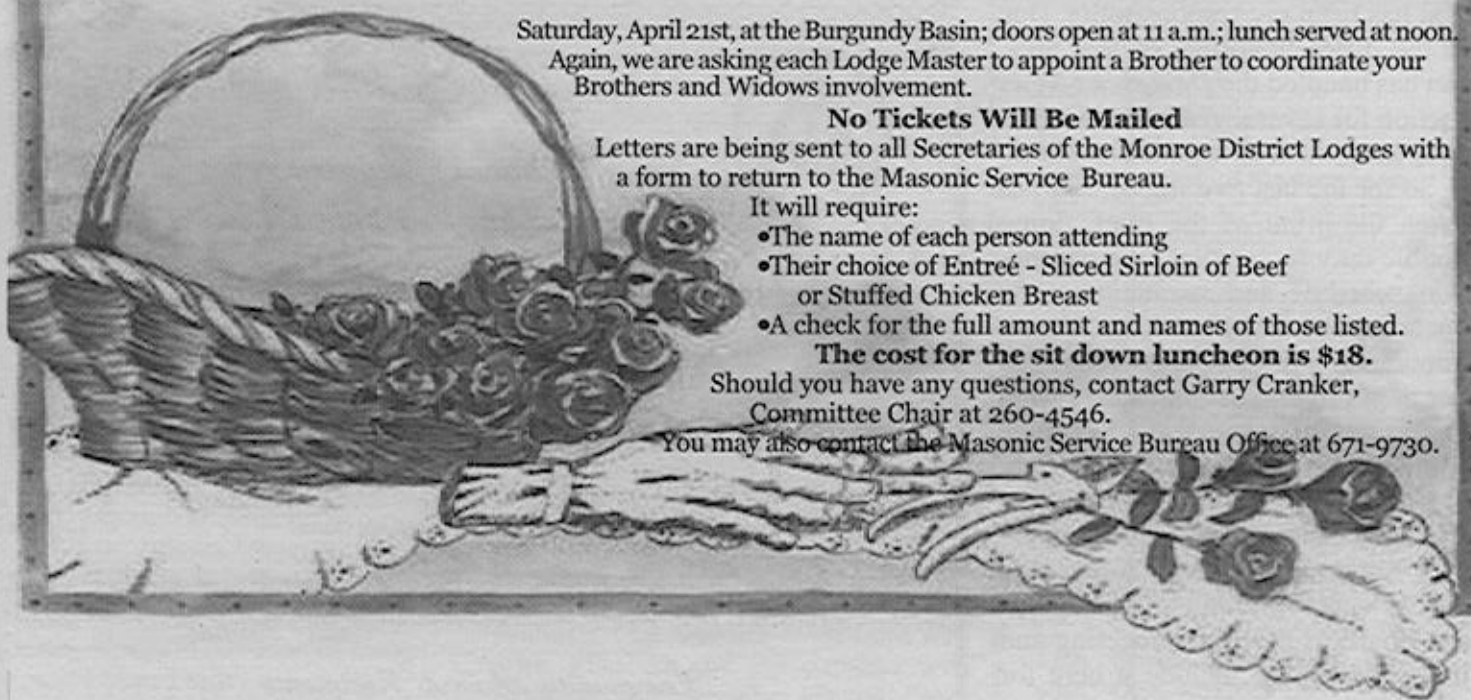
It will require:

- 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.



Damascus News see page 9



671-9730

Editor's Corner

Glory and Grief

For the past few weeks I have heard from several correspondents and subscribers praising my efforts to keep up with the details required to assure the **Masonic Times** is published and delivered on time. I am always pleased to hear compliments on our publication and try to accept them graciously. It is as if I personally am a miracle man! I'm the recipient of a miracle, not the performer. The Great Architect has given me a second chance.

Let me set the record straight. I didn't do it! I've been getting all the glory, while the staff has been coping with the grief. The real hero (or heroine) here is Janet Porter. When the serious nature of my illness was revealed, I probably had about 75% of the January issue formatted. I just ran out of time to complete the task before I was hospitalized. Jan had to finish the job and, to the amazement of at least a few, the issue was on time.

There is no break in the action! Right behind one issue comes another. The reminder notice is emailed to correspondents and preliminary set-up work for the next issue is completed almost as fast as the current issue is given to the printer.

In addition to being the Office Manager of the Bureau, Jan has certain areas of responsibility with regard to the newspaper. She does all the formatting of articles submitted, including notifying the author of the receipt of the article and preliminary corrections of spelling and grammatical errors, and prepares most of the photos for Mike to convert to black-and-white images. Once proofreaders have finished reading and correcting the galleys, she revises the typeset text and prepares the final file for placement in the issue.

That's where I come in. Most of the positioning within the basic section has been my responsibility. Due to the different format of that area, Jan has handled the **Damascus News** section for several years. It was easier to keep them as separate entities.

So for the last two issues, Jan has taken the brunt of the grief, doing double duty to complete the production schedule and maintaining the operations of the office. I don't know how many extra hours this required her to put in and I'm not sure I want to know.

I do know that we all are deeply indebted to her for the dedication she contributes to the Masonic Service Bureau every day. I mentioned this to those present at the February Board of Directors' meeting and thought I should include it here for all of you to know, as well.

As I recuperate and slowly work my way back into the daily routine, it has been very comforting to know the office has been in good hands.

Thanks for reading

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By Joy Woodley, President

Congratulations to the new Potentate, Gary Burke, who served as President of the Masonic Service Bureau in 1996-1997.

Past President Gary Sanford installed all 2012 Officers at the January Masonic Service Bureau Board Meeting. He was presented with an award plaque for his service on the Board the last few years.

Our Committee Chairpersons are now in place and working hard at their responsibilities. They are:

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

My personal thanks to Gary and Gail Sanford for the beautiful angel presented to me after the meeting.

If you can imagine it,

You can achieve it.

If you can dream it,

You can become it.

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Thanks to the sharp eye of one of our readers, it was pointed out to me that in the "Editor's Corner" column last month, I used the name Herbert Sarachan when, in fact, it should have been Herman Sarachan. I know better! My "excuse" is the medications I have been taking following my recent surgery! I apologize for the error.

Skip Waterstreet

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Contact Betty Crews (225-7949)
for tickets or additional information



You are Cordially Invited to

Haggai Chapter No. 41
Royal Arch Masons

12th Annual Social & Community
Awards Dinner

Saturday, April 14th

at Whittier Party House - 88 Whittier Road
(off the corner of Buffalo Road in Gates)

Social Hour ~ 6 p.m. Dinner Served ~ 7 p.m.

Tickets \$35 Semi-Formal

Community Award Recipients

Orlando Ortiz
James H. Norman

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Parents do not have to be a member of the Masonic Fraternity for a son to participate.

NOTE : Call ahead for the 4th Wednesdays; the Chapter may be away on a fun activity.



New 2012 Sessions Offered at Camp Turk this Summer

Preparing for Summer Camp is sometimes scary for both new campers and their parents. Separation is a part of growing up and camp is a great opportunity for your child to grow in a safe and structured surroundings.

Camp Turk accepts children between the ages of 8 to 16 years old. We will be offering One-, Two- and Three-week Sessions:

Boy's Session

Option 1 (1 Week):	July 1st to July 7th	\$500.00
Option 2 (2 Weeks):	July 1st to July 14th	\$900.00
Option 3 (3 Weeks):	July 1st to July 21st	\$1,100.00

Girl's Session

Option 1 (1 Week):	July 22nd to July 28th	\$500.00
Option 2 (2 Weeks):	July 22nd to August 4th	\$900.00
Option 3 (3 Weeks):	July 22nd to August 11th	\$1,100.00

Contact Mollie Denslow at (315) 392-2081 for additional information or visit our website at: www.campturk.org

If you are interested in hosting a Camp Turk Information Night in your area, give us a call and we will send one of our Committee members out to your area.

Financial Assistance Available

St. John's Weekend Expands

Adds Camp Turk Venue to Masonic Care Community Events



On behalf of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home, you're invited to view two of our jewels - the Masonic Care Community in Utica and Camp Turk in Woodgate.

Mark your calendars for June 21st through June 24th. St. John's Day Weekend, which is held at the Masonic Care Community in Utica is being expanded. We are opening the Round Lake Camp (Camp Turk) for you and your family. Instead of booking a hotel in the Utica area, a short drive north and you can camp ... bring an RV or stay in a room in the beautiful Adirondack Park on private Round Lake.

You will be required to bring your own bedding and fishing equipment (sorry, you cannot bring your own boat). Keep in mind, this is a children's camp and the bathroom/shower facilities are not in individual rooms (see map on reservation form).

Friday, June 22nd

This year the Grand Master will be holding training classes at Camp on Friday. While you are in these meetings, let your family hang out and enjoy the outdoors at Camp Turk. There will be meals served and activities for everyone! At the conclusion of the meetings, everyone is welcome to attend the picnic (no charge) at Acacia Village in Utica on the Masonic Care Community Campus.

Saturday, June 23rd

Saturday everyone is welcome to attend St. John's Day on the Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica. There will be something for everyone (adults and kids).

Local Masons, please feel free to stop by for a tour or to join us for the Bar-B-Que on Saturday night (\$8 - adults - reservations are required).

Reservations ... Make them Soon!

Reservations for staying at Camp Turk must be made by calling (315) 392-2081 or email campturk@aol.com NO LATER than June 1st. This is a weekend you won't want to miss!

Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 21st

1 p.m. Camp Turk will have its doors open, check in at the Camp Office; Bring a tent, RV (self-contained) or pick up room information

5 p.m. Bar-B-Que at Camp Turk (or bring your own grill and do your own cooking) No open fires! ... Burger, salad and drink \$5 OR Hot dog, salad and drink \$4

After dinner enjoy some fishing, kayaking, swimming or perhaps a game on the field!

8 p.m. Movie in the Camp Theatre - FREE popcorn

Friday, June 22nd

6 - 8 a.m. Breakfast buffet served at Camp Turk (adults - \$7; Children under 12 - \$5)

8:30 a.m. District Deputy and Staff Officer training at Camp Turk begins. Grand Master addresses

Families, stay at camp enjoy all the things camp has to offer!

Noon - 1 p.m. Lunch served at Camp Turk - Choice of sandwich, salad and drink \$5

4:45 p.m. Everyone departs to the Masonic Care Community Campus for the picnic at Acacia Village - NO meals served at Camp.

Haggai Chapter

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Over the years, Mr. Norman has been a consultant, speaker or workshop panelist at National and State conferences on topics such as Results-Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA), advocacy, structural inequality, poverty trends, community action history, economic security and not-for-profit governance.

Orlando Ortiz

Born in Cayey, Puerto Rico, Orlando Ortiz, at the age of 10, moved with his family to Rochester. During their transition, many in the community helped the Ortiz family get situated. Mr. Ortiz noticed that "strangers" were genuinely concerned for the family's well-being and he appreciated their willingness to help and support his family. As he grew older, he noticed his immediate family reciprocating the support they had received.

Watching his father work multiple jobs to make ends meet taught Mr. Ortiz the value of hard work. Starting at the age of 11, Orlando began working at his uncle's grocery store, a job he continued until the age of 16.

Orlando attended Edison Technical Vocational High School and was the first in his family to attend and complete college. He began at Monroe Community College and graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in Manufacturing Engineering. In 2008, he attained a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Active in collegiate and professional organizations, he realized he had a perfect channel to give back to his community. As a member of Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc., Mr. Ortiz began organizing community services in Rochester like street clean ups and assisted with programs through the Red Cross Hispanic Mentoring program, St. Michael's Church, Foodlink and the Puerto Rican Festival, among many others. He joined the Board of Directors of the Festival and became the Volunteer

Coordinator. He has held various positions on the Board including Treasurer and, for the past four years, President. As President, Orlando's vision to create a year-round Organization versus a weekend event, led to the establishment of such events as "Parrandas" (Christmas caroling activity, Puerto Rico style), Vino Con Sabor (wine tasting paired with Puerto Rican cuisine), Latino Film Festival, Night of Comedy and Networking events. This vision has led to the improved image of the Puerto Rican Festival, increased collaborations, the development of a network of professionals and has exposed the Rochester community to the richness and potential of the Puerto Rican culture.

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Another month has passed and our Brothers in Monroe District have not lessened their activity. Whether in the Lodges or the District, so much is going on ... from the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign ... Lodge charitable events ... Degree work and mentoring, Masonry in our area continues to fulfill its mission of Brotherly love, relief and truth. For all you do, I congratulate each and every one of you.

At the same time, the process of nominations for District leadership continues and I am happy to say that after Grand Lodge Sessions in May, Monroe District will have a new and vibrant leadership team, all of whom are eager and excited to take on the helm of the District and continue on the road of improving Freemasonry in Monroe District. I have no doubt they will succeed and I wish them all the best while pledging my help and assistance whenever needed.

About the Fellowcraft Degree

In my message this month, I chose to continue our journey through the Degrees. I will focus on the Fellowcraft Degree as our new Brothers are moving up the Masonic ladder toward the source of eternal light and knowledge. In preparation for this month's column, I was reading again *General Ahiman Rezon* by Daniel Sickels, 1880. In his book, Brother Sickels describes the symbolism of the Degree of Fellowcraft as follows:

"If the object of the first Degree be to symbolize the struggles of a candidate groping in darkness for intellectual light, that of the second Degree represents the same candidate laboring amid all the difficulties that encumber the young beginner in the attainment of learning and science. The Entered Apprentice is to emerge from darkness to light - the Fellowcraft is to come out of ignorance into knowledge."

Brother Sickels reminds us that Freemasonry is a progressive science. The teaching of Masonry occurs in stages referred to as Degrees. Those same Degrees could be viewed as representing a man's journey through life.

As Entered Apprentice, we are born into the Fraternity we call Freemasonry and, just as an infant opening his eyes to the world, we open our eyes and thus move from darkness into light.

An Entered Apprentice is an infant child, but a Fellowcraft is no longer an infant. He is ready to acquire "more light in Masonry" and move from ignorance into knowledge. The 2nd Degree of Masonry therefore stresses the importance of acquiring knowledge. The Fellowcraft is man in his youth; standing in the Middle Chamber, he is an adolescent eager to learn, by aid of his five senses, he is told to seek all the knowledge and all the mysteries of life that science can teach him. He is taught to listen, taste, touch and see the beauties of creation

and always question and seek answers to the mysteries of the universe.

The genius of Freemasonry is that it speaks to every man. Within its Ritual and in its teachings the rich, the poor, the mathematician, the scientist and the laborer will find something that appeals to him.

Freemasonry as an organization includes fellowship and fun, charitable work, Brotherly love, deeper scientific inquiries into the meaning of life and the betterment of mankind. There is no limit to the extent of inquiry into the meaning of Freemasonry. It is important to remind ourselves that no Freemason is better than another, as long as he continues to journey on the path of the workman and as long as he continues to seek further light. Some of us immerse ourselves deeper into the symbolism and the Ritual of the Fraternity. Others learn the lessons of leadership by progressing through the Chairs as Officers of the Lodge. Yet others contribute to the Organization from the sidelines through their participation in social and charitable programs and thus make a difference in their community. All those are good men and Masons.

The 1st Degree stresses the importance of Morality. The 2nd Degree expands on this teaching; it adds to it a comprehensive system of instruction and knowledge which includes the seven liberal arts and sciences. The square is an important emblem in this Degree; it teaches morality and rectitude of conduct. It also teaches tolerance and equality. It is our symbol of Brotherhood.

The Fellowcraft is instructed on his entrance into the Lodge that this symbol should be the rule and guide of his conduct with all mankind. He is encouraged to seek knowledge through his five senses and to diligently study the sciences of the world, because it is only through diligent research and individual study that we can achieve true Masonic light and an understanding of the glory of the Creator of the Universe. This teaching is in sharp contrast with the didactic, passive and dogmatic method of teaching, where a man is told what to believe and how to live his life.

Freemasonry, therefore, encourages each to search for the meaning of life according to his own religious, cultural and moral beliefs, knowing there are certain eternal and unalterable truths and codes of morality common to all. By so doing, it also teaches an acceptance and tolerance of the views of others and a recognition that we are all members of the human family, children of the same God and Brothers one of another. This is the beauty of our Fraternity, my Brothers, let us proudly proclaim our allegiance to our beloved Craft and spread the Light of Masonry to others who seek it.

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

Grand Sword Bearers Monroe



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Keeping our kids occupied during the Summer months is a challenge. The challenge is finding peace of mind that comes from knowing our kids are staying out of trouble.

Summer Camp

It's like going to school, only fun. For our kids, it's a chance to continue their growth, without the parents around. For parents, it's a little peace and quiet; for all of us, it's memories that can last a lifetime.

One of the crown jewels of our Fraternity is Camp Turk. Camp Turk is located in the Adirondacks and is owned by the Fraternity. The Camp is open to both boys and girls, both of whom have their own separate sessions. A child does not have to be related to a Mason in order to attend. The sessions themselves can last 1, 2 or 3 weeks in length. Camp Turk accepts children between the ages of 8 to 16 years old.

The cost ...

\$500 for a One-week Session;
\$900 for a Two-week Session and
\$1,100 for a Three-week Session.

That works out to \$52 per day for a Three-week Session. When you consider it covers activities, lodging and food, the price appears to be a bargain. Think about when you go on vacation. The price of the hotel, food and gas alone (if you drive) can well exceed \$52 per day.

Scholarship assistance is available. The registration deadline is June 1, 2012. For more information and to obtain a Registration Form, go to www.campsturk.org.

Widows Luncheon

Our District Annual Widows Luncheon will be held on April 21st at Burgundy Basin on Marsh Road in Pittsford. The doors open at 11 a.m. and a sit down luncheon is served at 12 Noon. Every Lodge Secretary in the District has registration information.

It was not long after being Raised, that I attended this Annual Widows Luncheon. I distinctly remember bringing a number of our widows to the Luncheon and then taking them home afterwards. What made an impression on me was how much our Sisters look forward to this event. The simple acts of kindness meant the world to them. As I get on in years, I am beginning to empathize why this event is so important to our Sisters.

To be continued ... □



Calling All Ritualists!!

Monroe District
Ritual Competition

March 29th

7:30 p.m.

at Hilton Masonic Hall
287 East Avenue



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By R. W. : Mike Nohle

Our January School of Ritual was well attended and from the general feedback, a success. Over 60 Brothers were in attendance for a presentation on the Middle Chamber Lecture. Thank you to all for supporting this event and special thanks to Brother Brad Lewis for his help in exemplifying the Work of the evening. We sincerely hope all who attended enjoyed the program, learned something and were even perhaps a bit inspired to learn and confer more of our beautiful Ritual.

Calling all Ritualists!

On Thursday, March 29th, at Hilton Masonic Hall, we will hold a special School of Ritual! The program of the evening will be a Ritual Competition. All Master Masons are invited and encouraged to come and support those Brothers who have stepped up to compete.

There will be a portion of Ritual for all Brothers up to the Office of Senior Warden and a separate portion for all those either serving (or who have served) as Master of a Lodge to perform. Invitations and submission forms have been sent to our District Lodges with a deadline (February 26th) which has already passed as of this publication. Competitors will be scored on correctness, clarity and presentation of the Work. We, your District AGs, sincerely hope this program will excite many Brothers and will be carried forward as an annual event.

2012 and Beyond

Both V. W. : Bill Edwards and I are very much enjoying our terms as AGL but we have both chosen to step aside after the Joint Investiture in May to allow for other Brothers to serve our District. If you have an interest in serving as AGL, please contact us. As always, we are here to serve, so please call on us for any support you and your Lodge may require. □

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By Don Tubman

My request and challenge STILL STAND to each of you is for your group of Brethren to plan and host at least two Masonic Safety ID Programs.

We will supply the equipment (we always need supplies, i.e., pens, paper, printing ink, etc.); you will plan, advertise and provide the manpower. There are underserved youth, people with challenges and Senior (Seasoned) Citizens who are at risk and in need of the Masonic Safety ID Program. If we can prevent the tragedy of an abduction or cause the recovery of an older person who wanders away from their living arrangement, you and I have been faithful to our Masonic Oaths.

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

There has recently been a renewed interest in the Program and Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: James Sullivan, has indicated to me that this Program will continue during his term.

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the program and involvement from your Lodge!!! We can be reached most easily by email at:

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

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By Pete Matthews, Junior Warden

Hungry this Month?

Well, March into Clio! On Saturday, March 10th, we are having our 3rd Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. For the wee sum o' nine dollars, you'll get a big plate of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Veggies, with Rolls, Butter and Ice Cream for dessert. I'll bet my shillelagh that Brother Bill O'Hunn's Corned Beef will be the best you've ever had. For tickets or more info, call Brother Bill at 329-0318 (cell).

Chili Cook-off

Then join us again, two weeks later on the March 24th for our first attempt at a Chili Cook-off. We're flying by the seats of our pants on this one, as the person in charge (ME!) is winging it, but I'll guarantee lots of Chili and lots of fun!

If you want to come and sample and vote, the admission is \$5. If you'd like to compete for bragging rights and cool prizes, the Entry Fee is \$5 and a crockpot of Chili (plus whatever you'd like to serve with your Chili, i.e., cheese and onions). You'll have to supply your own crockpot and ladle. We'll supply the sample cups and tasting spoons.

The tasting will start at 12 Noon, but if you're bringing Chili, get there early enough to set up and get your sumptuous offering hot and ready to go. For more info, or to register, email us at cliochili@gmail.com or call Pete at 392-0799.

But, we do more than just eat here at Clio. In February we conferred an excellent 3rd Degree and I'd like to congratulate our new Master Masons, Cody Groth, Robert Lane and Matthew Reiter, fine Masons and fine Dart players as well! We thank the Brothers from Cataract Lodge in Middleport who came to support newly Raised Brother Matt and also for their gracious gift of a handmade gavel for our Lodge. We also thank Worshipful John Gallant for all his help in the

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Degree and I thank and congratulate the Brothers of Clio on their excellent work.

Also in March, we are hosting a School of Ritual District-wide Ritual Competition. The competition will be held Thursday, March 29th, starting at 7:30 p.m. Details are in the District Grand Lecturer's article.

We've nothing planned for the Ides of March, but I'd advise anyone wearing a toga not to show up.

I'm pretty sure that in the midst of all that activity, we are going to squeeze in a 1st Degree and I will again be sitting in the East. Time to hit the Ritual book again and brush up for the Degree and the competition.

Hope to see you at one or all of the above events this month! □

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Sickness and Distress

As I compose this article I still find more sickness and distress than I would like to report. Worshipful Nelson Bertch is still battling his ailment.

The last I knew, Rene VanDeViere was in St. Ann's rehabbing from his back surgery. I understand they placed a rod through all his vertebrae and he was still in quite a bit of pain. He would probably like some visitors.

Bill Hook, is in the Jewish Home and may be there for up to three months as his wife, Helen, will be having surgery and will not be able to care for him.

Duane Smith is in the Jewish Home while his wife, Sue, recovers from her surgery. I'm sure Bill and Duane would welcome visitors.

John Faro is home from his recent surgery and doing fine.

Skip Waterstreet has been given the green light to drive and get back to doing what he feels he can accomplish. He still has to take it slow as he tires easily. (So far, he's been good about that!)

Sad News

It is with profound sadness I report the death of Worshipful Brother David King. Until illness forced him to curtail some of his activities, Brother Dave was an active supporting member of the Lodge, who served as Master on several occasions. Our condolences to his wife, Edna; daughter Linda and her husband, Brother Vincent Costanza; son and Brother Terry King; and the rest of his family. A Masonic Memorial Funeral Service was conducted on January 28th at Riverside Cemetery.

Also called home by the Great Architect was Brother Sydney Horton, a 60-year Mason, who was scheduled to receive his Certificate at our Awards Night on February 14th. The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to his family.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of the sister of Brother Royden Guess. Alice Inquagito went to her Eternal Rest on January 21st.



R.: W.: George Foehner, Chairman of the Have-a-Heart Campaign (right) receives a check from Inspiration Lodge charity funds. Joining in for the presentation were Brothers Brian Bell and Joe Meli, W.: Richard Smith, Master, W.: Mike Hueston and R.: W.: Herb Spencer

I hope I didn't miss anyone. If I did, forgive me. Brothers, if you know of any Brother in sickness or distress or in need of anything, please let either the Master or Secretary know so it can be attended to and reported.

2nd Degree

We have completed the 1st Degree on eight new Brothers and will be preparing for the 2nd Degree in March. We will have a rehearsal on March 6th at the Shrine Center at 6:15 p.m. I would like all participants present at the rehearsal. It helps us put on a good Degree. The Degree will be conferred on March 13th, preceded by a dinner. You will be informed of the menu later. I thank everyone who has helped with our Degree work.

On March 29th, there will be a special School of Ritual to be held at Hilton Masonic Hall. Not only a School, but a Ritual Competition on portions of the 1st Degree. We have some members of our Lodge who will be competing, so come out and support your Brothers. More information will be coming in Lodge and in the form of an email message from our Secretary.

March Birthdays

The following Brothers celebrate their birthday in March. Extend best wishes to them by email, telephone or send a card. Here is the list - Harvey Anderson, Duane King and Patrick McWhinney (1st); Wallace Roworth (2nd); Harry Coates (3rd); Clyde Siverd and Nelson Bertch (8th); Thomas Grape (9th); William Carr (10th); Adam Gerken (12th); Jay Rodgers (15th); Joseph Meli (19th); Ronald Freida (20th); Douglas Fix (21st); Clifford Hayner II (23rd); and Carl Ester (31st).

In next month's article I will be reporting on our Sweethearts and Awards

Night. I hope to see YOU in Lodge. Remember we meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Damascus Shrine Center.

WEBSTER LODGE NO. 538

1st & 3rd Thursdays
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Spring is just around the corner; no one could be more pleased than myself at the thought of warmer weather and just being able to get outside and enjoy all the Great Architect of the Universe has provided for us. However, even though the outdoors will soon be beckoning us in a powerful way, there is still much to be done in the Quarries of Masonry at Webster Lodge.

On January 31st, a School of Ritual was held at Webster Lodge. Our two AGLs, V.: W.: Bill Edwards and R.: W.: Mike Nohle, put on a fantastic program centered on the Middle Chamber Lecture. All Webster Lodge Officers were in their usual Stations and Places to host the event. W.: Brad Lewis, a Past Master at Webster, did an outstanding job delivering half of the Lecture, as did R.: W.: Mike Nohle. I found the entire evening to be very educational, rewarding and moving. Ritual is so vital to what we do as Masons; good Ritual is something that is food for the soul.

The event was very well attended by Webster Lodge members. I was also most pleased that DDGM, R.: W.: George

Nasra, and our Grand Sword Bearers, R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz and R.: W.: George Foehner, were in attendance. My thanks to all who had a role in helping to make this School of Ritual a success.

Webster Lodge welcomed five new Entered Apprentices to the Craft on February 2nd. Junior Warden, Joe Lewis, did a solid job in the East to confer the Degree. Masters of Ceremonies, Joe Serio and Andre McQuade, handled the Q & A with mastery and V.: W.: Bill Edwards provided an outstanding Lecture. I am constantly reminded of the hard work and dedication Webster Lodge members exhibit. Thank you for all you do for our Lodge and Masonry!

March Events

On March 1st we'll confer a 2nd Degree on our Spring Class. Senior Warden, William Gross, is scheduled to be in the East for the conferral. The Officer attire for the evening will be formal and Lodge will open promptly at 7:30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend as we pass our new Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

March 2nd will be the date of our next Spaghetti Dinner which begins at 5 p.m. The cost is \$8 - Adult, \$4 - Child. Bring the entire family for some great food and social time. Brother Nick Hal-doupis and his staff do an exceptional job month-after-month with this great community outreach effort, but they could use more help. If you have some time to spare on the first Friday of each month, please consider volunteering to lend a hand.

March 15th - It looks like this Regular Communication should be one you will surely want to attend. The program for the evening will be a Historical Lecture. After Lodge closes, we'll retire to the Dining Hall for the now world-famous Stink Night!!! Sandwiches will be served with some of the most savory meats and cheeses imaginable ... like Limburger! I think some pickled herring, horseradish and hot mustard might also be available. Yum! I strongly urge each of you to bring a personal supply of breath mints, chewing gum or mouthwash for use after we wrap up the evening.

Finally, on March 29th the fourth and last School of Ritual for the season will be held at Hilton Masonic Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The race for the Attendance Banner all comes down to this final School and I would like nothing more than for Webster Lodge to retain its title!

Ritual Competition

By now most of you have heard that the School will include a friendly Ritual Competition and some fun to celebrate our Craft. It will be a District-wide Ritual Competition with categories for Masters and Past Masters as well as Brothers up



Senior Deacon, Brian Bell (left), and Junior Warden, Scott Rice, affix signed paper hearts to the Have-a-Heart booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center. Inspiration Lodge Brothers solicited the highest amount for an organization during their three assigned sessions last month.

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through the Chair of Senior Warden. A few of our members have already risen to the challenge and are actively preparing for the Competition. For more information, please contact either V.: W.: Bill Edwards (472-2229) or R.: W.: Mike Nohle (545-5522).

Saint Patrick's Day

In Ireland, Saint Patrick's Day is both a Holy Day and a National Holiday. Saint Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland as he was the one who brought Christianity to the Irish.

According to legend, Saint Patrick used a shamrock to explain about God. The shamrock, which looks like clover, has three leaves on each stem. Saint Patrick told the people the shamrock was like the idea of the Trinity - that in the one God there are three divine beings - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The shamrock was sacred to the Druids, so Saint Patrick's use of it in explaining the Trinity was very wise.

Although it began in Ireland, Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in countries around the world. People with Irish heritage remind themselves of the beautiful green countryside of Ireland by wearing green and taking part in the festivities.

Saint Patrick's Day is usually celebrated with a parade. The one in Dublin, Ireland, is known to some as the Irish Mardi Gras, but the one in New York City is actually one of the biggest. It lasts for hours. Two Irish Wolfhounds, the mascots of the New York National Guard Infantry Regiment, the "Fighting 69th," always lead the parade. More than one hundred bands and a hundred thousand marchers follow the Wolfhounds in the parade.

In Rochester, the 2012 Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 17th. I know the Damascus Shriners will be marching, so please come out and support our Brothers. Better yet, if you are also a Shriner, come march with us!!!

Happy Saint Patrick's Day, and may the luck of the Irish be with you. As always, I'll look forward to seeing you in the quarries!

Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476



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Spring seems to be on the way; I already have Spring Fever. We can't complain about this Winter, but beware ... March can have some surprises.

Our Table Lodge went well. The food was excellent and the fellowship outstanding. Two members ate Limburger Cheese and three more tried it. No one died, at the Lodge at least.

Sickness and Distress

We are happy to hear that Brother Skip Waterstreet is home and improving.

Worshipful Master, Sy Kopen, has been out on a limited basis - in the hospital for short times and is home building up his strength under his private nurse's care (wife, Margie). Keep up the good fight, Sy. At least he is home and Spring is around the corner. Sy sends his thanks to all for the many cards, calls, emails, visits and especially the prayers for his speedy recovery.

Speaking of our Master, we would like to congratulate him upon his elevation to the 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite. He is a tireless worker in all he sets out to do.

Upcoming Events

March 12th - The first meeting will be an Awards Night Celebration. Please be present to honor those who have served the Craft for many years.

March 26th - The Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred with Brother Terry Adams in the East. Please attend to support the Officers and new Brothers as they advance in their search for true Masonic Light.

March Birthdays

The following Brothers share birthdays in March - Murray Kellogg (2nd), Samuel Katz (3rd), Daniel Bliss (12th), Tom Trapanovski (16th), Michael Johnson (20th), Andrew Woeppel (21st), Seymour Margolis (23rd), John Lindsay (25th) and Donald Cameron (27th). Best wishes for special celebration and a healthy, prosperous year ahead.

Brother George Bluhm was raised 65 years ago. Congratulations to him and the other nine Brothers who mark March as their Masonic Anniversary month.

See you around the Altar.

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Words to Ponder

A Mason is a man and a Brother who meets you on the Level and acts upon the Square. Truth is his Compass and he is ever Plumb. He has a grip on all that is right. He is loyal to the Order and whatever his Degree he is Master of himself. My Brothers, this is You, a Mason.

An Irish blessing for You

He who loses money, loses much; He who loses a friend, loses more; He who loses faith, loses all. May God grant you always ... A sunbeam to warm you, A moonbeam to charm you, A sheltering angel so nothing can harm you.

By the time of this publication, we will have completed the 2nd Degree and be well on our way in preparing our newly made Fellowcraft to become a Master in the Craft.

Thanks to all Brothers who helped make the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign a great success.

March Birthdays

Those who have matured by another year include - Allen B. Foechner, Mark Armbruster, Andrew L. Cotraccia and

Allen H. Hopkins, Jr.

Dates to Remember

March 12th - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

March 26th - Fellowcraft, 7 p.m.

March 29th - School of Ritual, 7 p.m., Hilton Masonic Hall.

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



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I very much enjoyed our recent Table Lodge. We had a good turnout and a great time. We then had the pleasure of W.: James MacConnell telling us about the York Rite. I only have so much time, but some day I hope to explore the York Rite. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

The month of January concluded with a School of Ritual. It was good to have a different part of the Ritual presented and discussed. We also found out at the School of Ritual, that there will be a Ritual Competition at Hilton Masonic Hall on March 29th at 7:30 p.m. We will discuss the particulars of the Competition at our Lodge meeting and will send out relevant emails. It should be a fun and different night, so I encourage you to attend.

March Events

March 12th - 2nd Degree, preceded by a dinner. We expect up to eight Brothers being Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. It is a special night to attend. Newly Raised Brothers will enjoy participating or observing this Degree as, of course, will every Brother. A good

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Picnic Fare (Burgers and Hots) - 6:30 p.m.
Program - 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, March 31st

at Olive Branch Lodge #39, 12 Bank Street, LeRoy
Social (Hors d'oeuvres) - 2:30 p.m.
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turnout adds to the Degree. We build the walls Brother-by-Brother as we would stone-by-stone. More Brothers makes for a more impressive edifice.

March 26th - Bring-a-Friend Night, preceded by a dinner. If you are glad to be a Brother in Freemasonry, then consider other men who may be similar in their likes. Have a friend attend just to find out about Masonry and its aura of mystery, history and destiny. Masonry is about something. Good men over the centuries have found purpose and direction for themselves and their country. Indeed our country may well depend, to be true to its founding Masonic principles, on the good men of today to not take the easiest path, but the good and necessary one. Leadership is required and should not be shirked. We plant the seeds not just for today.

March Birthdays

Spring is a good time for beginnings; Birthday congratulations to the following Brothers - Robert Clark, Harry Conover, Tom Grape, Orville Gravelle, Dave Hagmier, Don Hunter, Neil Laundry, John Lee, Andrew Loughlin, Craig McCann, David Olsen, Joseph Picioli, Andrew Tascione, Curt Vallentin, and Theodore Wolfey. □

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By Craig Covert

2012 Scholarship Program

March is upon us and Applications for the 2012 ERAC Lodge Scholarship Program are now available. Like last year, if you have a student who received a Scholarship Award in 2011, you will automatically receive an Application for 2012. The Application will also be made available on the Lodge website:

ERAC163.org.

The Application is simple and only requires proof of attendance or acceptance at an accredited institution of higher learning. The Application deadline is June 1, 2012.

If you have any questions, contact me at ccover@rochester.rr.com or at 227-3461. I can also be reached at the following address: 91 Goethals Drive, Rochester, NY 14616-1925. □

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By Stephan Michener, Junior Warden
Looking Back

In January we held a 1st Degree for two Candidates. It was a fine evening with yours truly in the East. My Brothers, it was an honor and a privilege to do the Master's Work and I thank all who helped with the Degree. Special thanks

to Devon Littlefield and Jason Higley who did the Q&As, W.: Glenn Hedges who did the Apron Presentation; W.: John Dudley for the Bible presentation; W.: Erik Loepker who did the Working Tools; and R.: W.: Bill Spillane for the Charge. A very special thanks to W.: Mike Postilli and Pete Matthews from Clio Lodge who ventured through a snowstorm to come and do the Whys and Wherefores. I also thank R.: W.: Mike Nohle who came to observe us.

In February we were pleased to bring the Lodge down to the 1st Degree and welcome our two new Entered Apprentices. The meeting was preceded by a meal of Goulash, which unfortunately did not get heated thoroughly due to an issue with the thermostat in the stove. Hopefully that will get taken care of. During the month of February, we participated in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign at Eastview Mall. At one point, we had a total of seven Northfield Brothers passing out the hearts. It was great to see so much enthusiastic participation.

Also in February we held the 2nd Degree.

Looking Forward

On March 15th, we will be conferring a 3rd Degree; a dinner will be served before. Please consider coming to Lodge to welcome our newly Raised Brothers.

As you can tell, there are many exciting things happening at Northfield and, as we gain momentum, there will be more events to follow.

Two Very Special Announcements

On Saturday, March 31st, Northfield Lodge will host our 1st Annual District Chili Cook-off. We are encouraging Brothers from all around the District to join us in this event. Any Brother who wishes to participate can bring a pot of Chili to the Lodge by 1 p.m. when the tasting begins. At 2:30 p.m., the "Chef of the Chili," which is voted to be the best will be acknowledged. A plaque will be awarded to hang in his Lodge until the 2nd Annual District Chili Cook-off.

Also during the event, we will be playing Euchre and darts and sharing fellowship. The admission will be \$5 for Chili Entrants, and \$8 for anyone who wants to come without Chili. The proceeds from this event will go to support the Brotherhood Fund. If you would like to participate in the Chili Cook-off, please contact Devon Littlefield at 203-1123 by March 26th.

As was mentioned in last month's column, Northfield Lodge is presenting a special evening on April 19th, when the Most Worshipful Bruce Widger will come to our Lodge to present the "Yellow Dog" Degree. This is a fun, side Degree which is a fundraiser to support Masonic Educational Scholarships. We hope that as many Brothers as possible will come and join in the fellowship and fun of what promises to be a memorable evening. The cost is a mere \$10, which is your Lifetime Membership and goes to support a good cause. Also, before the meeting we will be serving dinner at a charge of \$10 per person.

If you would like to take the "Yellow Dog" Degree, please make your reservation with Steve Michener by Monday, April 16th at 746-3960 or email: smichene@rochester.rr.com

Brothers, we hope to see you in Lodge sooner, rather than later! □

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March, the month of green. Not only for St. Patrick's Day, but maybe a representation of growth and a new beginning as in Springtime. Things we planted, maybe a long time ago, start to push through the surface and give us some indication that things do once again bud and bloom. The efforts of planting seeds do eventually bring about something new.

Funny how that draws a parallel to efforts in other daily endeavors. Rare is the occurrence of instant success when trying to mend something that has not performed for a long time - certainly when it involves people and not mechanical objects.

I remember an old adage concerning sales, "It takes far less effort to keep a customer than it does to bring one back after they have been disappointed." The same notion would apply to friendships, family relationships, and memberships ... specifically, membership retention or membership re-activation.

Every Lodge has some type of membership issue. Very few have hundreds and hundreds of members with a waiting list of those wanting to join. The more typical is a membership that has a few members who do everything and a larger group that does very little. The old 80/20 rule - 80% of all the work is done by 20% of the people.

In many Lodges, it is more like 90/10 or worse - 95/5. Now add to that 95/5 situation, less than a harmonious existence of the 5% and you have a recipe for no percent. Everyone loses.

Freemasonry, my Brothers, is a collection of words - very powerful words. Where do we start? On our Altars rests a Book of Sacred Law. It does not matter what country you are in, or what that actual book might be. It represents the light that comes from something better than us. It stands for the very best ideals of mankind. The representation of "The Rule and Guide" for our sustained best interaction with our fellowman: Words.

Our next literary guide is a little blue book with a plastic cover. It has a snap closure on the front to keep it closed. Small enough to go in your jacket pocket. It outlines what Masons are taught during the only "True" lessons that are necessary to become as much of a Mason as you can ever be. There are symbols intricately described - each one indicating an important lesson. There are lectures that define the basis of what we are all about - each a subject for further contemplation and deeper thought on who we are sup-

posed to be as Masons: Words.

I find it very interesting that neither book instructs me, that my success is based on gaining power or control. Nothing within that little blue book tells me I must strive to have dominion over my Lodge or its members. The very essence of those two books instructs us to do the exact opposite. The real question is in who understands that, and who does not.

It is unfortunate that we sometimes find ourselves focused on spending an inordinate amount of time trying to reinforce that principle. Fortunately, success often comes when the "many" reaffirm that standard by seeing a dismal display from the "few" who don't. Comparison is often a good teacher.

Words ... very powerful. From 500 BC through great literary times, one version or another of the phrase "The pen is mightier than the sword," has been written. Great care should be used to wield a pen as in brandishing a sword.

As we venture out on our quest to absorb and also impart Freemasonry on the world, let us take pause. It's not about us. It is not my Lodge, my committee, my dinner, my fundraiser, my Degree, my Freemasonry. We are but caretakers of principles that are void of the word, "mine." I seem to remember the word "harmony" being used though.

Yes, green is the color. Plant those new seeds. Give them new nourishment. Be patient. Still not sure? Do a little reading. It's all about Words ... Positive ones.

I hope to see you all soon. □

Union Lodge

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

No. 45

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I thought January went fast; February was just as bad.

Union Lodge truly amazes me - another great Degree. Brother Dave Hansen again did an excellent job in the East. We are very thankful for having a Senior and Junior Warden, coming up through the Chairs who care about the Lodge and the work they do. It is wonderful to know the Lodge is in such great hands in the years to come.

The *Have-a-Heart* Campaign went well for our Lodge. I understand it was a great success again this year. Many thanks to R.: W.: George Foehner for running such an event and including Union Lodge and the Livingston District.

We will be holding a 3rd Degree for our new Brothers, on March 22nd. I extend an invitation to all our Brothers at Union Lodge and Brothers from other Lodges to attend. We will have dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Degree will start at 7:30 p.m. SHARP. Come out and support the new Brothers. It sure is great to see the sidelines full. □

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

March 2012

Shrine and Divan Meetings

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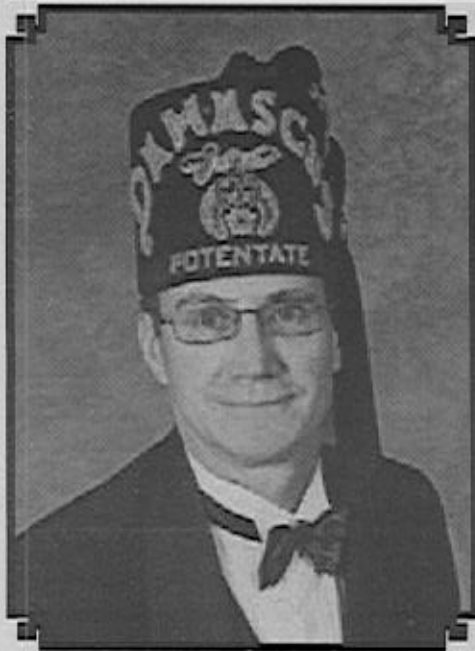
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Monday — Friday

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org



**GARY BURKE
POTENTATE**

Together We Can

Not only is that the slogan I've selected for this year, but my firm belief! If we all work together, in the same direction, with the same conviction and energy, we can accomplish great things at Damascus.

This Really Centers on YOU!

Remember the old adage – you get out of something what you put into it? Well that stands true with our Fraternity, and maybe even more so. Because this Craft we belong to is capable of giving back so much more than we give it. Think about it. Really ... stop right now and take a moment to really think about what Shrine offers.

I can't write any more, because I believe this issue becomes a very personal one. I can offer some of my thoughts, but they are mine. So stop and contemplate why you joined Masonry in the first place, then why you joined Shrine. Then think about your current involvement in each. Are you putting into it what you expect, or expected, to get out of it? Your

answer to that should determine your level of involvement for the future. I hope, truly hope, you see a value in your membership and a value to what we do so you become a more active member in the Craft and Shrinedom.

What's Been Happening?

January brought us the Installation of Officers for the Wheelers; Cruise Night 2012 initial planning session; as well as the usual Club and Unit meetings.

In February, we had a great time at the 2nd Hoe Down/Square Dance where we enjoyed the delectable food fare from the Char Broil of Bar-B-Que'd Chicken, Pulled Pork and the best homemade Cornbread on the planet. Then we had our workout with a great bunch of folks as we square danced, or learned to, line danced and in general had a grand old time. If you missed this one, you missed a good one!

The Super Bowl Party at the Shrine Center was a great success as well when some 30 folks gathered to watch the BIG game on the BIG screen. They enjoyed the event with great food and beverages as well as a great game. I'm sure a number of us assisted with our support of the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign at the area Malls in support of the Ronald McDonald Houses. The Potentate and First Lady had the pleasure to travel to Florida and enjoy the Western New York Picnic in Punta Gorda. A great job by Mac and Dee Gath for the coordination of this annual event.

What's Coming?

On March 7th we will have the opportunity to learn what is happening at both Erie and Springfield Hospitals. Past Potentates and Hospital Representatives Robert Anderson (Erie) and Lance Ward (Springfield) will bring us up-to-date on each facility. This is a tiled meeting, so we need to leave the Ladies to a night to themselves. Enjoy a traditional Irish dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots, finished off with Ice Cream topped off with Crème de Menthe; Cost - \$15. Oh, I never get tired of that Corned Beef!

March 10th will be our Spring Noble Bring-a-Brother event, so look at the

membership teams article elsewhere in this issue for the details. The dinner will consist of Chicken Parmesan, Penne Pasta, Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert; Cost - \$15.

Get those potential candidates names in to the Recorder's Office as well as the Petitions. Even after this Noble Bring-a-Brother event, continue to work on signing those Petitions, right up until May when we will hold the Spring Ceremonial on May 12th.

March 17th brings us to the Downtown Rochester St. Patrick's Day Parade, which is a call-out parade. All Clubs and Units are requested. Let's show Rochester that Damascus Shriners are alive and well! If you participate in the parade, you will receive a ticket to come back to the Shrine Center after the parade for a feast on us. That's right, a free lunch! The feast will actually be a Create-your-own-Sub Feast – with custom-roasted Beef, Ham and Turkey with three cheeses to choose from along with Macaroni, Potato and Pasta Salads. Oh, did I mention Camel's Milk and Pop as well! If you can't make it to the parade and want to join in on the after-party, come on down (reservations requested) around 2 p.m. and have some food and fun; the cost will be \$13.

April 4th will be a night to enjoy as well. This is an Open Meeting so bring the Ladies and enjoy Beer and Brats (for the German in me!), as well as Wine and Cheese tasting. The menu will consist of Bratwurst, Knockwurst, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Cheese Trays, Vegetable Trays and, of course, Dessert. This is sure to warm you up for the Octoberfest later in the year!

April 22nd takes us on our 3rd Annual Seneca Niagara Casino Bus Trip. This is another open event and a great event to bring a perspective member to. We only have 49 seats available, so don't delay.

The Next Step

Get involved! We have a lot of good things happening at Damascus, but it depends upon you. That's the "I" in the IRR factor. Become "I"nvolved in

your organization.

Speaking of getting involved, why not join a Club or Unit, especially you new Nobles who joined in the past couple of years. Each Club or Unit would welcome you with open arms. Should you have any questions about a club or unit, feel free to contact a Divan Representative listed here or a Club or Unit member directly.

Auburn Shrine Club - Oscar Wilson or Scott Lasky

Band - James Holman
Canandaigua Shrine Club - James Miller or Charles Feller

Directors Staff - James Miller or Kevin Gerhard

Geneva Shrine Club - Wayne McCrossen or Oscar Wilson

Legion of Honor - Joseph DiTucci or Matthew Muller

Lunch Club - Oscar Wilson
Perry Shrine Club - Wayne McCrossen or Charles Feller

Shrine Degree Team - Joseph DiTucci or Scott Lasky

Wheelers - Matthew Muller or Kevin Gerhard

Wayne County Shrine Club - Oscar Wilson or Matthew Muller

Clowns - Oscar Wilson

Remember, you get out of something what you put into it!

You Can Help

Our records are only as good as the information we have. The Membership Program we have from Tampa is a great tool, but if we have incomplete, or worse, inaccurate information, it's almost useless. Help us by making sure when you change ANY information (address, phone number, email address, Winter to Summer address) you name it, that you notify the Recorder's Office. Also, if you belong to a Club or Unit, please send a note to Karin (karin@damascusshriners.org) and she will include that information in the membership data base. This will help your Club and Unit Officers when they need information as well. Help us keep your records up-to-date!

Until next time. □

CHIEF RABBAN

By Oscar C. Wilson, Chief Rabban

We are off to another great year at Damascus Shrine. In January and February I visited many of my friends at the Club and Unit meetings. I had a great time, thanks to you for showing me your hospitality. I will continue to visit as many Clubs and Units throughout 2012 and 2013. You are the lifeline of the Shrine and your Divan is dedicated to help the Clubs and Units grow.

Calendar Program

Payments for ALL of the winners of the 2011 Calendars have been sent out. I thank Karin Staples for her great help in completing this project. We apologize for the delay with sending out the checks for calendars last year. We will be doing the Calendar Program in 2013

with many improvements in place to assure prompt payment to the winners. Your Divan greatly appreciates your support of the 2011 Calendar Program.

20/40 (Young Shriners) Club

The 20/40 Club is open to any Nobles or Masons who are between the ages of 21 and 45 years old. The purpose of the Club is to have fun and help promote events for the younger members and their families. The members of this Club will also help out at many of our larger events such as our Cruise Nights and the Circus. The 20/40 Club's main goal this year is to be able to purchase a pool table for the Shrine Center. Many of the 20/40 Nobles will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our next outing will be March 21st at 6 p.m. at Six Pockets Bar, Grill and Billiards, 716 Ridge Road East in the Ridge-Hudson Plaza.

Cruise Nights

We had our 2012 planning meetings in January and February. We are working on many of the great ideas that were discussed, such as how to speed up the food order processing. To speed things up we will be having two order takers with two new cash registers. We will also be adding a separate cashier with a register at the beverages table. This way our customers will be able to purchase just beverages without standing in the food line. We are also planning a HUGE end-of-the-season Cruise on Saturday, September 15th (more details will be in my April article). Stay tuned. Please mark your calendar for April 27th, which will be our Cruise Nights Kickoff Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Always Clowning Around

The Damascus Shrine Clowns and

Clowning for Fun Group had a meeting on February 7th. We had nine clowns in attendance. Doug Jones has accepted the position of President of the Clown Unit. Please give Doug your support this year. The clown groups will be planning two clown training programs - one for new clowns and one for more experienced clowns. I'm looking for experienced clowns willing to help out with the new clown class. I will be teaching the advanced clown class. Please see me if you are willing to help out.

The clowns will be in the St. Patrick's Day Parade; please come out and support your local clowns.

The Clown Unit's next meeting will be on March 6th at the Shrine Center, starting at 7 p.m.

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Chief Rabban

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The Clowning for Fun Group will be hosting the Annual Damascus Shrine Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st from 11 a.m. - 1p.m. This event is open to the public. Please check out the flyer for more details.

Visiting the Lodges

I have been attending many of the local Masonic Lodge meetings during the months of January and February to share with them what is happening at Damascus Shrine in 2012 and also to share our main mission which is to help provide medical care to children with our 22 Hospitals at no cost to the parents of the child. I will continue to be attending more Lodge meetings this year. It's my goal to visit each of the Lodges in the Damascus Shrine territory in 2012 and 2013.

Ill. Sir Gary Burke and I will be doing a Shrine Presentation at Eagle Lodge in Honeoye on March 27th. Please see either Gary or myself if you would like to attend.

Wine Tasting in April

Our April 4th meeting will be an Open Shrine monthly meeting with your spouse. Wine and beer tasting will be our program. We will also be talking about how to get the Damascus name out more within the Finger Lakes Region. We need to spread the word about the great work Damascus Shriners do and about our great 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children. The cost of the dinner and the tasting is \$17. Please call the Shrine Reservation Line (585) 671-3565 today to reserve your spot for a great evening of fun.

Happy Hours

Is the food available at a cost?

The next Happy Hour at the Damascus Oasis (bar) will be Thursday, March 1st. The Oasis will be open 5:30 p.m. - 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. Rosco will be teaching balloon twisting or clowning from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. If you wish to play cards with your friends, we will have a

few decks available. Some Brothers will be practicing their Masonic Rituals in the Lodge Room; you are welcome to join them. We also have a quiet room available for children to do their homework. What homework!!!!

Great Super Bowl Party

On February 5th, we held the 1st Annual Damascus Super Bowl Party. We had about 30 football fans in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the great food prepared by Scott and Kate Lasky. They both did a SUPER job! I also thank Matt Muller for helping behind the bar. With a few minor improvements we will be hosting another Super Bowl Party next year.

Greatest Fish Fry in Rochester

The Fish Frys will be served Friday Nights during Lent - February 24th through April 6th. The cost for fish fry is \$9, which includes a Choice of Potato, Coleslaw or Green Salad, Rolls and Butter. We will also have Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs available for the children. For an evening of great food and fun, join us for the Greatest Fish Fry in Rochester. See the flyer in this issue of the Masonic Times for more detail. Please see Scott Lasky or myself if you would like to help with the Friday Fish Fry.

Putting on the Green and Walking

Our first call-out parade will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Please plan on participating in this great parade. Let's show Rochester that Damascus Shrine is still in the area doing great things for children. Damascus Shrine will provide a free lunch to all the marchers back at the Shrine Center. Anyone who wants to join for just the lunch, it will be \$13.

We are off to a great start; please continue to support Ill. Sir Gary Burke's events and programs. Please come out and support your Divan this year. We are here to make Damascus Shrine the greatest Shrine Temple in North America and we need your help to do this. "TOGETHER WE CAN BE THE BEST OF THE BEST AT HELPING CHILDREN."

Spring is around the corner. Thank you for your support this year. □

Calendar Winners for Balance of 2011

Congratulations to the calendar winners in the final months in 2011. Changes and training activities in the Shrine Office Administration delayed the completion of processing the payouts to the appropriate recipients. Thank you for your patience while we worked out the particulars.

Scott Aman	Barb Green	Carla Payne
Helen Bodner	Doris Griffing	Richard Perkins
Alanna Bowman	Frank Guereri	Jan Porter
Tom Boynton	David Hardy	Ted Powley
David Brien	Ruth Hares	Faye Pritchard
Bruce Buchinger	William Hares	Tim Pritchard
Edna Bucholtz	Donald Heath	Mary Rand
Eileen Buckley	William Heath	Gerald Rayburn
Dan Burkhardt	Dan & Sue Hofmann	Ronald Rizzo
Lucille Camp	Edgar Hollwedel	Frank Russell
Jim Clark	Harold Hughes	Becky Sanford
J. Cornelius	Jim Kahn	Ronald Schatel
Brenola Cosentino	Edward Kemp	Will Schwarting
Kirby Cox	Mel Knapp	Lisa Shaffer
Roger Cox	Harry Krayner	Fred Shelley
Amy Cram	James Kuchinick	Jennifer Smith
William Cram	Marion Lamont	Roy Smith
W. A. Crosby	Robert Lawty	Roland St. Louis
Chrystal Croster	Susan Learn	Barbara Stanton
R. J. Cruz	Karl Leippe	Deborah Stanton
Richard Day	Mark Lowe	Joel Steele
Jeff Deroos	Bernie Lynch	Gary Stemper
Jenny Derrenbacher	Mark Malys	Thorsten Swenson
Gerald Erdle	Richard Mangan	Lauren Taylor
David Fischer	Julie Marble	Donald Thompson
Martha Fisher	Lucy Mastellar	Richard Trescott
Matt Frackelton	Frank McDonald	Jim VanSickle
Celis Franco	Ronald Miller	Robert Vigdor
Henry Funk	Shannon Miller	Lance Ward
Melanie Funk	Denise Morphy	Kelly Weber
Charles Gauss	Phillip Moyer	Erica Williams
Russell Gillett	Marcia Palmer	William Wright
Barbara Goodrich	Sharon Parker	Teresa Young
Laura Gorjance	John Patterson	

March Birthdays

Harvey Anderson	William Gurnett	Clayton Ruggles
William Armstrong	Clifford Hayner II	Franklin Russell, Jr.
Thomas Baroody	Glenn Hedges	Paul Schenck
Gary Baxter	Jason Higley	Glenn Scott
Gordon Bell	Sherwin Isaacs	Gary Shultz
John Bennett	Hugh James	Steven Sill
Maurice Bittman	Timothy Jennings	Raymond Smith
Chapin Blake	Bruce Katz	Ronald Smith
Larry Blazey	Murray Kellogg	William Smith
Albert Broccolo	Wilfred Kershaw	George Stanton, Jr.
John Bryce III	George Kerstetter, Jr.	William Sullivan
Kevin Burke	Neil Laundry	Richard Topel, Sr.
Hugh Chittenden	William Learn	Richard Trescott
Bruce Christopher	John Lee	Curt Vallentin
Robert Clark	Bradley Lewis	Jeffrey VanHouten
Harry Coates	John Mainville	Nathan VanLoon
Franklin Davis II	Albert Mann	Lloyd Verbridge
Roy Farnsworth	Patrick McWhinney	Scott Waldeis
Kevin Faro	Richard Miles	Joel Walker
Kevin Florack	Kenneth Milner	Scott Wells
Robert Fox	Patrick Nicholson	Philip Westcott, Jr.
Henry Funk	Richard Palmer	Cyril White
Joshua Gilhuly	Larry Pritchard	Eldon White
Darold Grant, Jr.	Thomas Pusateri	Berislav Zlokovic
G. Thomas Grape	Wallace Roworth	

From the Quill ...



By Derek VanHouten, Recorder Pro-tem

January 16th was just another day for most who read these columns, except for me. This was the day I was introduced to the Inner Office at Damascus Shrine Center as the Recorder Pro-Tem. How many times have we gone into this space and never really paid too much attention to what is contained therein.

Sure, we experience the evenings when Shrine meetings are going on ... some business goes on in the Outer Office with Nobles paying their Dues or getting information from the Administrative Assistant. Then we leave for the dining room or elsewhere. A few get to wander into the Inner Office, but only if invited and usually these are Divan Members and those individuals who have business with the Recorder.

The Recorder's Office is the engine that runs the Shrine Center. When I be-

came a Shriner in 1983, Noble John Cummings sat in the big chair; Ill. Charles Frear, Ill. Erwin Newell, Ill. Cy Kloner are among those who served as the Recorder and left their mark on Damascus Shrine. Noble Patrick Mulrooney had hoped to stay on for a longer period, but work responsibilities required him to leave the big red chair vacant.

We were very fortunate that in July a new Administrative Assistant, Karin Staples, (many knew her father William Staples of Seneca Lodge) came to work with us. Yes, the Office has had its problems, but with the diligent work of Pat Mulrooney and Karin, it has gotten somewhat smoothed out. More work still needs to be done.

There are many activities going on at Damascus and you will read about some of them elsewhere in the *Damascus News* Section. I would suggest you make note of them and post them nearby for easy access. I have already heard from folks who are eagerly awaiting the beginning of Cruise Nights in May. I know the Committee has met and are discussing plans for another successful season.

Our Office stands ready to assist you with any Shrine-related issues and we look forward to welcoming you to our facilities. □



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DAMASCUS SHRINE



3rd Annual Seneca Casino Bus Trip

Sunday, April 22nd



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

\$40 per person ...

Includes donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, bus trip \$20 Slot Dollars and \$5 Food Voucher Pizza bread, wine, soda & water on trip up.

Snacks, cookies, raffles and "Karaoke by Carm" on the way home ... All raffles for trip attendees.

ITINERARY

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



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

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

Join us for a day of fun!

It is the mission of Shriners International to be a dynamic fraternal organization dedicated to attracting and retaining men of good character by being committed to providing progressive quality programs and services for our members, their families and friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship and social camaraderie.



Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles:

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<i>January 31, 2012</i> |
| Emerson E. Jones
<i>February 5, 2012</i> | Lawrence D. Kilmer, Sr.
<i>February 16, 2012</i> |
| David K. King
<i>January 24, 2012</i> | Russell C. Marron, Jr.
<i>February 12, 2012</i> |



Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

Program - Civil War Medicine

Wednesday, March 14th

at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

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

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

Salad * Pork Loin
(Chicken for those who choose)

Dressing & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes *
Vegetable

Coffee * Dessert
\$12 per person
RSVP no later than

Friday, March 9th
at (585) 436-8216

I Love a Parade!

By Mike Hueston, Colonel of the Units

Our Potentate has a great year planned and we want all Clubs and Units to please join us in the upcoming parades.

There will be five Call-Out Parades and two more scheduled parades. Please help us show the Rochester and Finger Lakes Communities that Damascus Shriners are active and we love to have fun. The more Shriners we have participating, the better impression we can make for our Shrine Center.

Upcoming Parades

- March 17th - St. Patrick's Day Call-Out Parade
- March 24th - Backus Road Parade
- May 12th - Lilac Festival Call-Out Parade
- July 12th - Webster Call-Out Parade
- July 26th - Hilton Call-Out Parade
- August 4th - Phelps Parade
- September 8th - Livonia Call-Out Parade

I am very honored to be a part of this year's Divan and will provide more details for each parade as the information becomes available. If you have any questions, please call me.



Results of Charity Miles Contest for Shriners Hospitals for Children®

By Amy Ritzel
Corporate Director of Public Relations

I've been asked by many what was the outcome of the voting we did for the Charity Miles in December. Here's the official statement from headquarters. Congratulations to all for sharing the message, and putting Shriners Hospitals for Children® on top to win this contest!

I am pleased to let you know we finally have confirmation regarding the United Charity Mile Giveaway and Shriners Hospitals for Children® did indeed win the con-

test. Recently three million miles were deposited into our account. An explanation of the process regarding the use of these miles is being written and will be distributed once we have the completed version.

Please thank everyone you know who participated. We were well behind in the voting when the contest began and yet we managed to far surpass the others to win. We appreciate everyone's participation and the passion of our staff, Shriners, family and friends! It speaks volumes to the belief in our mission!

Damascus Shrine Friday Night Fish Fries

Every Friday Night During Lent

... Through 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:

Scott Lasky 585-739-2468, email: slasky91@gmail.com or
Oscar Wilson 585-748-0511, email: roscosc@earthlink.net



Directors Staff Dinner Meeting
Wednesday
March 28th

Program -
To Be Announced

Yellow Mills Diner
2534 Route 31, Palmyra

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

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WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Frank Russell, President

On January 20th, a mildly snow showery evening, Wayne County Shrine Club met for dinner at the Phelps Hotel. A relaxed and social evening with friends was had by all. The 50-50 drawing was won by Ernie Day. It was our pleasure to welcome the Club's newly assigned Divan Representative, Chief Rabban, Oscar Wilson, who updated us on future Shrine activities, recruitment, involvement, retention, and restoration.

The highlight of the evening was a most interesting and informative program presented by Sandy Wagner of the Geneva Shrine Club. Filling in for Lance Ward, who was attending a Board of Governors meeting at our Springfield Hospital, Sandy presented a video made by the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield on its Cleft Lip and Palate Program. This new Shriner treatment was clearly explained from the medical, emotional and rehabilitative aspects. Without a doubt, it makes us proud we are providing this new treatment to the children.

The next meeting is March 15th, tentatively scheduled for the newly renovated Newark Country Club. Suggestions for future locations and programs are welcomed. □

Damascus Shrine 20/40 Club Meeting

(for Young Shriners and Masons)
Any Shriners or Masons
who are between the ages of 21 to 45
years old are welcome.

March 21st

6 p.m. Cocktails
6:30 p.m. Dinner (Order from menu)
7 p.m. Meeting and Play Some Pool



at Six Pockets

Bar-Grill-Billiards
716 Ridge Road East
in Ridge Hudson Plaza, Rochester
585-266-1440
www.sixpockets.net

Please call the Shrine Reservation Line
to make your reservation.
585-671-3565

Call Oscar Wilson at 585-748-0511 for
more details. Walk-ins are welcome.

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

The year started off with a bang. We had a great meal at the Hollywood Restaurant followed by information from Lance Ward and Bob McManus on the status of the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield. We all cheered for our new Representative from the Damascus Divan, Oscar Wilson. We finished the night with words from our Potentate, Gary Burke. We were pleased that his wife, Debi, and daughter, Ashley, were able to join us.

February meeting was a Valentine's Party at the Holiday Inn. Special Guest Oscar (Roscoe) Wilson had us tied up in knots ... balloon knots that is.

March meeting will be at the Springside Inn. We will be in the Fireplace Room (which will be a great place to meet on cold nights). John Cambareri will head the night with a visit from the people running the Suicide Hotline. It has been awhile since we have been at the Springside, so come out and see the changes.

Another date you want to get on your calendars now is Sunday, May 20th. We will have our May meeting that day at the Old Erie to honor our Ladies. It will be a

Brunch, and if it is like the previous Brunch at the Old Erie, you want to be there. O.K. so put in on your calendar, I'll wait

So now that you're back, we have plans to have a big doo at an Auburn Doubledays Game with Masons, OES, and Rainbow girls. Jim Kahn is working on this for the Club. Bring your glove and show off for your date.

Summer will also include our Steak Roast in August. Ken Pollard ought to be to back from Florida by then and Beulah will do most of the work, as usual.

In the Fall we are hoping to have a representative of the MMRL visit so we can get to the "heart" of the matter.

As I said, we had a great turnout in January and hope that continues throughout the year. We welcomed our newest members - Steve Howard and Mike Miller. We also spotted the Palmers, the Bowmans, the Jim Kahns (no dress this time!), Gerry Stanton, John Cambareri and a visit from the Rainbow Girls.

At the meeting it was announced that Ken Pollard would like to give up the task of keeping track of Dues. If you have a couple of minutes, we need you to step forward. □

DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2012

MARCH



7th Tiled Meeting - Men Only. Past Potentates and Hospital Representative Reports. 6 p.m. - Dinner; 7 p.m. - Program at Shrine Center



10th Open Meeting - Ladies invited. Noble Bring-a-Brother Night at Shrine Center. Registration - 4 p.m.; Program - 5 p.m.; Dinner - 6 p.m.



17th St. Patrick's Day After-Parade Party (Open), approximately 2 p.m. at Shrine Center



APRIL



4th Open Meeting - Ladies invited. Beer & Brats - Wine & Cheese Tasting Event



MAY



2nd Open Meeting - Ladies invited. Community Service Award - Wegman's



12th Lilac Festival Parade/Spring Ceremonial (Open)

Welcome

Noble Bring-a-Brother Night

By Wayne McCrossen, Oriental Guide

March 10th - As everyone knows, membership last year took off like a jet plane and we have no intention on landing. Once again, it's our famous Noble Bring-a-Brother Night.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. with a program to follow at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

Dinner will be Chicken Parmesan, Penne Pasta, Baked Ziti, Salad and Garlic

Bread. All Candidates and their Ladies eat free; also, all Sponsors and their Ladies eat free. All other dinners will be \$15.

Let's all make an effort to attend this important event. For Reservations, call the Shrine Office Reservation Line (585) 671-6535.

Note - Sponsors, please send contact information for potential candidates to the Shrine Office so a personal invitation can be mailed to them. □

Festival of Choirs

Sunday
March 4th
4 p.m.

Featuring the Yellow Jackets from the University of Rochester and Other Choirs

Proceeds go to Daughters of the Nile Foundation and Yellow Jackets Charity

at St. John of Rochester Church - 8 Wickford Way, Fairport
Admission - \$10 per person ~ Tickets can be purchased at Wegman's or at the door of event, if not sold out.

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... at the
Oasis!

Join the 25/25 Club

So what is the 25/25 Club
you ask ...

In an effort to make the Oasis at the Shrine Center more sociable, we are asking for donations so we can purchase a Flat-screen TV and mount for behind the bar. Wouldn't that be a great addition to the Oasis!

We have the cable already installed, now all we need is the TV.

We are looking for 25 individuals to donate \$25 to get this done. Be one of the 25 and get your name on a plaque as a donor.

Send your donation to the Recorder's Office, noting "25/25 Club" in the memo line. □

Shriners Hospitals for Children® Giving Activities Increase in 2011

By Bob Howden

The number of visitors to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® website (www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org) grew 65% in 2011, with 646,383 visiting compared to 339,070 visitors in 2010.

Online donors increased slightly in 2011 climbing to 25,066 from 23,309 in 2010. Overall online gifts collected were up \$342,809 in 2011. Text to give or "mobile fundraising" is relatively new to Shriners Hospitals, allowing the system to raise money via cell phones. Supporters send a text message to a specific number and a \$5 donation is applied to their cell phone bill. In 2011, 4,000 donors made mobile gifts. Although this may seem a small accomplishment, this program is in its infancy, having just been launched in July 2011. Given the economic conditions in some areas of the country, these numbers are very encouraging and will continue to grow as advertising and promotion of Shriners Hospitals for Children® increases.

Burn Awareness Campaign Materials Available to Temples

Burn Awareness Week was February 5th-11th, and Shriners Hospitals for Children® used the week to kick off a year-long campaign focused on teaching children to "Be Burn Aware," especially at home. Shriners Hospitals for Children® and Shriners International are committed to raising awareness about burn prevention and to reducing the number of burn injuries to children. The Burn Awareness Week program is part of that effort.

Resources and promotional aids in support of burn awareness and prevention, as well as information about order-

ing and downloading burn awareness materials are available at:

www.burnawareness.org

The 2012 Campaign focuses on teaching children safety tips that will help keep them safe from burn injuries. The burn awareness website contains a wide variety of information about burn safety as well as providing information about burn care services available at Shriners Hospitals for Children® Burn Care Centers.

Hospital Board Elects New Officers for 2012

A new slate of Officers have been elected to lead the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, in 2012.

Jeffrey B. Stephenson of the Zem Zem Shriners in Erie is the new Chairman of the Board. Stephenson is a Past Potentate of the Zem Zem Shriners and currently serves as their Recorder. Previously he has served the Erie Board of Governors as Vice Chairman and Treasurer.

Robert M. Lee of the Moslem Shriners in Detroit has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors. Lee is the immediate Past Potentate of Moslem, and has served as Secretary of the Erie Board of Governors.

The new Secretary of the Board is Steven A. Withers of the Al Koran Shriners in Cleveland. Withers joined the Erie Hospital Board in 2007 as an Associate Member and became a full member in 2009.

Continuing a second year as Treasurer of the Board of Governors is Robert L. Anderson of the Damascus Shriners in Rochester, NY. Anderson has been a member of the Erie Board since 2008.

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

Springfield News ...

David H. Burstein, Esq. of Longmeadow has been appointed as Chairman of the Board of Governors for Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield, MA. Attorney Burstein has been a Melha Shriner for 15 years and is a member of the Samuel Sherwood Lodge and Scottish Rite 44. He has been a voting member of the Shriners Hospital Board of Governors for the past five years.

His late father, Merwyn, was a Shriner, as is his brother, Jeffrey, with whom he shares a law practice in downtown Springfield. Attorney Burstein attended Tufts University in Medford, MA, and received his Juris Doctorate from The Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, DC. He was admitted to practice in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Attorney Burstein specializes in civil and criminal litigation, and has done extensive work in the areas of bankruptcy, real estate, business law, tort law, contracts, probate law and estate planning. He is also a licensed real estate broker, a licensed mediator, and an adjunct professor at Baypath College in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, teaching courses in mediation, business law and litigation.

Attorney Burstein is a past chairman of the Lawyer Referral Service of the Mas-



David H. Burstein, Esq.

sachusetts Bar Association and is a past member of the Board of Directors of Holy Name Hockey Association in Springfield. He and his wife Jodie have two beautiful daughters, ages eight and ten. David is an avid tennis player and enjoys traveling with his family. According to David, serving on the Board of Governors of the Springfield Hospital has been an incredibly rewarding experience. □

**Mark Your Calendar ...
Make Your Reservation ...
Invite Your Friends ...
Don't Miss the Fun!!**

**Damascus Shrine Clowns
&
Clowning For Fun Clowns**



**Easter Egg Hunt
March 31st**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**at Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster**

**Children Activities:
Clowns, Balloons, Face Painting,
Games, Prizes, and Easter Bunny**



**Refreshments - Cookies and Drinks
Cost: \$3.00 per child**

Call the Shrine Reservation Line to make your reservation - 585-671-3565

For more details, call Oscar Wilson at 748-0511; the public is welcome!



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

**Wednesday,
September 12th**

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



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

**All participants meet at the BNI Parking lot at 6:30 a.m.,
14352 Ontario Street; Kent, NY.**

Boats will begin leaving the docks at 7 a.m. promptly.

**Full payment must be made by
September 1st to secure a spot in a boat.
Mail payment (Payable to Damascus Shriners) to:**

**Damascus Shriners
Attn: Fishing Derby**

979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580-1736

**For further information, contact Bob Songin at
reelxite@rochester.rr.com**

*Lama Temple No. 14 Daughters of the Nile
90th Installation of Officers
Sunday, March 25th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon
at Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street, Webster
Dinner follows at 5 o'clock; \$15 per person
Catered, family-style Roast Pork with Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad & Beverages
Reservations with remittance by March 18th ... Checks payable to Zama
Temple No. 14 and sent to:
Carol Colegrove, 8 Cynthia Drive; Geneva, NY 14456-1308*



Damascus Shriners Install New Officers... An Evening of Pomp, Circumstance & Fun!

Photographs courtesy of Ashley Burke.



Rich and Joanne Friedman retiring.



Working Tools for everyone! The Officers are all equipped to "plunge" right into the work. Potentate Gary (below) received the whole package of decision-making tools in his Shrinedom.



Obligation of Damascus Shriners Divan



Ill. Gary Burke, Potentate Damascus Shriners



Rich Friedman and Gary Burke sharing a personal moment.



(l-r) R. W.: James E. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master; Ill. Gary Burke, Potentate; and Ill. Gary J. Bergenske, Imperial First Ceremonial Master.



Oscar Wilson being congratulated by a fellow Noble.

Damascus Shriners installed the 2012 Divan on January 4th. It was an evening to be remembered by everyone who attended.

Watch the calendar this year ... there is a full schedule of activities planned. It's happening at the Shrine Center. Don't miss a thing!



Announcement ... Announcement ... (l-r) Josh Burke, Rich Friedman and Gary Burke. Rich announcing that Josh has turned in his Petition to join Damascus Shriners.



Honorary Memberships presented to R. W.: James E. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master (left) and Ill. Gary J. Bergenske, Imperial First Ceremonial Master.

Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory
Chapter Rose Croix
Council of Princes of Jerusalem
Lodge of Perfection



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

Light from the Rite

On January 19th, those present at the monthly Valley of Rochester meeting, were treated to a fabulous dinner. Following dinner the Valley's 33rd Club presented a continuation of the Light from the Rite Program. Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, and Ill.: John E. Zabel, 33°, presented an explanation of several of the Lodge of Perfection Degrees and Council of Princes of Jerusalem Degrees. The lessons, signs, tokens, regalia and words of the 4th, 14th and 15th Degrees were explained in great detail.

Ill.: Hancock and Ill.: Zabel also explained that other Scottish Rite Jurisdictions function differently in how the Degrees are presented. In some Jurisdictions, one of the Concordant Bodies may open on a particular Degree, present that Degree and then close on that Degree.

The similarity with all the Jurisdictions is that the lessons taught in each Degree are the same, though different in how they are presented.

Rite on the Road

On January 21st, 15 Brothers and ladies traveled to Social Lodge in Kendall to present "Explore the Road" Program as part of the Valley's Membership Program. The Valley Brothers provided refreshments for the Brothers and ladies from Kendall and the surrounding areas. The Brothers from the Lodge prepared and

served a delicious home-style Ham Dinner for the couple dozen people present.

On January 28th, we traveled in the other direction to Wayne Lodge in Ontario where W.: Eric Lubberts and the Lodge Brothers and their ladies prepared a Pasta Dinner for all present. Both of these events are part of the Valley's Outreach Program to assist our Brothers.

At both of these Lodges, the Valley's Membership Team presented the "Last Full Measure" with John Lemke as Abraham Lincoln, Eric Lubberts as Mr. Smart, Adam Junod as Warrie Blair and Joe Oelgoetz and Frank Habitzreuther as Captain Blair. Following the presentation of the "The Last Full Measure" a DVD on "The Scottish Rite for the 21st Century" was presented and an explanation about the AASR Valley of Rochester. All guests received a Membership Package which also contained an Application for Membership. Several were filled out that night and, hopefully, more will follow.

Please check 1st Lt. Commander, Rick Howe's article for the upcoming Rite on the Road and Membership events in March and April.

Traveling Men

On February 3rd, 17 Brothers traveled to the Valley of Buffalo for their "6:29 Dinner." We were treated to a fabulous Prime Rib Dinner with all the fixin's followed by the presentation of the Patriarch Noachite Degree (21st Degree) by the Valley of Toronto. All present had a wonderful time.

Order of DeMolay

Hopefully, you have all seen the advertisements in the past few **Masonic Times** and some local newspapers about the restart of the Rochester Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. The local Advisory Committee has been working very hard putting together the information and programs to set this in motion. As you look through the **Masonic Times** you will continue to see information on what we are doing and what is planned. What we really need is young men. Without them, all our efforts are for nothing. If you have a son or grandson between the ages of 12 and 21, or know someone who does, bring them to one of our meetings. Let them find out what a great organization this is and opportunities that await them. □

**Special Ceremony for Ill.: Seymour Kopen
January 29th Coronation to 33°**

By Ill.: Joseph E Bourcy, 33°

On January 29th, I was honored to be present with the other Honorary Members of Supreme Council from the Valley of Rochester as Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for the State of New York, along with Ill.: David Spencer, 33° Active Member of Supreme Council, Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, Ill.: P. Michael Neilson, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, Coroneted Brother Seymour G Kopen a 33°, Honorary Member of Supreme Council.

As many of you know, Ill.: Brother Sy was elected to receive the 33° in August, 2012, in Cleveland, Ohio. Over the past several months, Brother Sy has been having some health issues After numerous conversations it was decided, with the approval of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: John Wm. McNaughton, 33°, that Brother Kopen should receive the 33° now.



Family

Ill.: Seymour "Sy" Kopen is a native of Rochester. He currently lives in Fairport with his wife, Margie. They have been married 51 years, have three children and two grandchildren.

Masonic

Ill.: Brother Kopen became a Mason in 1960 in Fairport-Flower City Lodge, where he served as Worshipful Master and as Chairman of the Trustees. He joined the

**Valley of Rochester
Winter to Spring - 2012**

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

**March 15th at Shrine Center  
"Explore the Rite" - Brother Bring-a-Brother Night  
Social - 5:30 p.m. \* \* Picnic Dinner - 6:30 p.m.  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Casual Dress \* \* Ladies Invited \* \* No Charge to MM Guests**

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

**March 29th at Shrine Center  
"Explore the Rite" Program - 3 p.m.  
Social - 2:30 p.m. \* \* Pizza and Wings following Program  
Casual Dress \* \* Ladies Invited \* \* No Charge to MM Guests**

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**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
Valleys of Buffalo, Corning, Jamestown,
Lockport and Rochester
4° (All Parts), 19° (New) and 32° (New) (**)
Required attendance for all Class of 2012 Candidates!**

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

**May 19th - Elections and Installations at Shrine Center  
Social - 5:30 p.m. \* \* Steak Dinner - 6:30 p.m.  
Program - 7:30 p.m.**

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

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

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

Valley of Rochester in 1964, where he has served as Most Wise Master, and presently is the Thrice Potent Master. He has been the Chairman of the Valley Veterans Program and the Valley's Membership Team. He has recruited several members for both the Scottish Rite and his Lodge. He is a "Gold Recipient of the "Re-Member the Blue Lodge" Program. He was appointed to the Divan of Damascus Shrine in 1975 and served as Potentate in 1984. More recently, he has been the Commander of the Legion of Honor and participates in many Clubs and Units.

**Community**

Sy is a member of Temple Beth David. He retired from Lowe's where he worked as a Department Manager. As a youth he was an active Boy Scout where he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Ill. Brother Kopen also belongs to the Rotary Club in Fairport. He served his Country in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Rangers-Special Forces. His hob-

bies include flying, sailing and fishing. Congratulations, Illustrious Brother Sy. Thank you for all you have done for the Valley of Rochester. Get Well and we'll see you in Cleveland. □

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## From the Valley Secretary

By Jack VanElzakker, 33°

The 33° was conferred in short form on Seymour G. Kopen, 32° MSA, by Peter Samiec, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for New York, with the approval of Sovereign Grand Commander John William McNaughten. David Spencer, Steve Whittaker, P. Michael Nielsen and G. Michael Morris, all Active Members for New York, participated in the conferral. Most of the members of the Valley of Rochester 33° White Cap Club were present.

Following the ceremony, Ill.: Joe Bourcy, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester, with assistance from Sy's wife, Margie, presented Sy with his White Cap and 33° Jewel. Ill.: Brother Sy will still participate in the Full Form 33° Conferral at the Supreme Council Meeting in Cleveland in August - health permitting.

Sy can be reached best via email at s.kopen@yahoo.com. Please take a moment to send your congratulations and wishes for a speedy recovery to our newest 33° Member - Ill.: Sy Kopen, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council. □

## AASR Valley of Rochester 2011-2012 Officers

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### Allegiance

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Rochester, State of New York, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose officers are:

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## Annual Rochester Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia

**Saturday, April 28th**

**9:30 a.m. Registration**

**10:30 a.m. Start**

**11:30 a.m. Family-Style Picnic**

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

*The course to walk is approximately 3 miles*

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

# Explore the Rite

Are you a Master Mason? ... Would you like find out how to receive "More Light in Masonry?" ... Do you want to discover what other "Hidden Mysteries" there are? ... Have you explored what Masonic opportunities may await you?

Then you should consider attending one of the "Explore the Rite" Programs of the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite.

**Thursday, March 15th**

at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster Social (Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar) - 5:30 p.m.

Picnic Fare (Burgers and Hots) - 6:30 p.m.

Program - 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Invited ~ Casual Dress ~ No Charge

OR

**Saturday, March 31st**

at Olive Branch Lodge #39, 12 Bank Street, LeRoy Social (Hors d'oeuvres) - 2:30 p.m.

Program - 3:00 PM

Pizza and Wings following

Ladies Invited ~ Casual Dress ~ No Charge

Please phone or email your intentions to the Valley Office: (585) 264-1160 or secretary@valleyofrochester.org  
The Valley of Rochester is committed to supporting our members and Masonic Lodges



## 2012 Scottish Rite Scholarships

of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

*Children of Scottish Rite Masons ...*

must use the form on Website:

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

*Grandchildren of Scottish Rite Masons ...*

must use the form on Website:

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

Requirements are available on the respective website. In New York State, High School Seniors are NOT eligible to apply.

Applications for all Scholarships must be received by April 1, 2012, and must be complete for consideration.

The forms can be filled out online and printed for submission. Completed forms should be returned to:

Valley of Rochester, AASR

Attn: Valley Scholarship Chairman

3300 Monroe Ave. Suite 320

Rochester, NY 14618-4617

## THE FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB

Presented by The Chapter of Rose Croix of the Valley of Rochester AASR

**Sunday, March 25th**

at Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

2:30 p.m. - Doors open; Light refreshments ~ 3:00 p.m. - Ceremony


5:00 p.m. - Social (Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar)

followed by Prime Rib Dinner - \$15 per person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



# Livingston District Continued



**Nunda Station**  
Lodge No. 682  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

**Master**  
W.: E. James VanSickle  
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**Secretary**  
W.: Robert Cox, 468-5066  
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Ever since I was a little kid I learned about the aura of secrecy surrounding the Freemasons. Back then we knew who some of them were and would see them as we went about the town doing ours, or our parents' business. Sometimes they would be in the barbershop when we went to get buzzed, other times at the soda bar when we went for a Cherry Coke. They all seemed nice enough, but I never could feel brave enough to ask directly what was a Mason and what does he do? Like most kids I was trained not to be too nosy, generally, but the aura kept me further in check. It took me a number of years before I finally got up my courage.

Our local Historians (Hand and Frost)

are nearly silent on the topic as well. But we do know that Freemasonry has a history in this area dating to the early settlers who first came here. Luther Bisbee's (of Bisbee Town on 436) Masonic Apron still exists from his membership in Royal Arch from another jurisdiction; and he was a Revolutionary War Soldier. We also know (A History of Livingston County Masonry) that at one time there were two Royal Arch Chapters in the village. Furthermore we know that in the 1870s one of our residents died while attending a Grand Com-mandery Session in Elmira.

Much research has shown that Free-masonry was a key building block for emerging communities and community growth on the Genesee Frontier (Dr. Kathleen Kutolowski); and if you go through Oak Wood Cemetery, including the oldest section, you can see countless stones with S&Cs. Even Oakland had a Lodge in older times and it still exists - in Castile where it moved years ago. So Freemasonry was ... and is, only now-a-days a lot less "secretive."

Obviously, much of the outer fea-tures of the Fraternity have changed over time, but the core beliefs and ob-ligations remain unchanged - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

As we get closer to Spring, we need to get ready for all the chores that we

seemed able to put off all Winter. And, in Lodge, we look forward to program meetings and our regular events.

### Ladies Appreciation Dinner

Please plan to attend our Ladies Ap-preciation Dinner on March 16th at Mt. Morris Lodge; this is a good way to say thank you for all the wonderful meals you ever sat down to ahead of a Lodge meet-ing. See me for reservation/information.

### Sickness and Distress

We all continue to hope that Charlie Duryea and Jim Bailey will mend and be back in Lodge soon. And to any Brother, who is struggling and needing help, let me know so we can help work things out. □

## Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.

Master  
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I am very happy to report that in the upcoming months we will be confer-ring a set of Degrees. We are scheduling our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night this

month and we already have two gentle-men who are interested in Freemasonry and Eunice Lodge.

The exact scheduling of the Entered Apprentice Degree will be dependent on the planning at our meetings. We will keep you informed via our email and phone lists.

At the March 1st meeting, we will re-view the Bristol Ritual's EA Degree that we postponed from last month. I know it will be an interesting presentation.

Our fundraisers are in full swing and the quality of things we have to offer is really remarkable. I personally thank everyone for helping out with these critical projects.

Our pre-meeting dinners at Q's Res-taurant continue to be successful. It is our goal to carry on with this tradition. We will be eating at 6 p.m.; the meeting will follow at the Lodge Hall at 7:30 p.m. If you are able to join us, please let me know so I can get a working head-count for the restaurant. We all look forward to seeing you there.

I thank the Brothers who helped with the February *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. It was wonderful to be able to participate as Eunice Lodge members. I am always amazed at the level of giving our commu-nity supports for a great cause such as this.

### Visit Website

Don't forget to check out [www.eunice830.org](http://www.eunice830.org) and let us know what we can do to improve it. □

# Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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

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We have had a pretty mild Winter Season and have had decent weather for traveling throughout the O/S/Y District. The District has been full of activity. There have been many Degrees conferred and many social events to attend.

Ark Lodge has had two 1st Degrees and two 2nd Degrees since January. We are in the process of planning a 3rd De-gree in the Spring. The Lodge has been able to have several social functions to al-low the Brothers and their Ladies to have an evening of fellowship and a program.

At our meeting on February 1st, Brother Charles Rouse, Jr. and his wife, Lisa, presented a program on their Birding Trip to Spain in April of 2011. Brother Rouse described how his inter-est in birding began with a course in Ornithology taken at the Finger Lakes Community College some 35 years ago, which sparked a lifelong passion for Birding. He and Lisa enjoy traveling to different parts of the Globe to watch and identify various bird species. The pro-gram included slides of different species seen in Spain. Everyone enjoyed the evening at Nonna's in Geneva. Thank you to Brother Charles and Lisa for a wonderful evening.

Ark Lodge will be holding Degree work at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall until we can decide on where the Lodge will meet in the future. Our Lodge Room is sufficient for Regular Communica-

tions but inadequate for Degree work especially considering that our Outer Room does not have any heat. There is a continuing discussion on possible meet-ing sites in and around the Geneva Area.

### Upcoming Events

On Friday, March 2nd, the next O/S/Y Charities Corp. meeting will be held at the Geneva Country Club. There will be a speaker whose topic will be women's heart health issues.

March 26th - There will be an O/S/Y District Table Lodge at Pocahontas Lodge at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 14th - The Surviv-ing Spouse Luncheon will be held at the Clifton Springs Country Club at noon.

Years ago R.: W.: John Stelter wrote in one of his newsletters that the Frater-nity is really concerned about WORK which Lodges call LABOR. In 2012 let us build on the LABOR of the past. We must apply our Tenets, Principles and Obligations to our WORK. A quote from an anonymous source states:

*Let me but do my work day to day,  
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,  
In roaring marketplace or quiet room,  
Let me but find it in my heart to say  
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray  
This is my work - my blessing, not my  
doom.*

*Of all who live, I am the one by whom  
This work can best be done in the  
right way.*

*Then shall I find it not too great or  
small*

*To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;  
Then shall I cheerful greet the labor-  
ing hours*

*And cheerful turn, when the long  
shadows fall*

*At eventide, to home and friends and  
rest*

*Because I know for me my work is best.*

So, my Brothers, each of us must continue to LABOR in the quarry of the speculative Freemason to make our Frater-nity strong and prosperous. We have a rich heritage to embrace and pass on to the next generation of Brothers. □

## Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

1st & 3rd  
Tuesdays



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On January 17th, we had two new Brothers begin their journey in Ma-sonry. Their 2nd Degree was scheduled for February 21st, and the 3rd Degree is scheduled for March 20th. We hope you can put this date on your calendar, as we welcome our new Brothers as Master Masons. On the 18th, the Lodge hosted Ark Lodge as they conferred the 2nd Degree on three new Brothers.

Anyone wishing to attend Grand Lodge this May is encouraged to con-tact the Secretary for more information. The bus will be leaving our Lodge Hall on Saturday, May 5th, about 8 a.m. and

will return on Wednesday, May 9th, about 9 a.m. This trip also provides an opportunity for non-Masons alike to en-joy a short trip to New York City.

Remember that the first meeting of the month begins with a Potluck Meal at 6:30 p.m. Come join us.

### Game Nights

Game Nights continue on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month until further notice. All are welcome to come. Just bring a snack-to-pass and join in the fun. Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

### From the Secretary's Desk March Birthdays

We send March birthday greetings to Roy Farnsworth and Robert Taylor III (7th), Charles Anderson (22nd), Ramon Howard (22nd), Garry Clock and Clay-ton Ruggles (23rd).

### Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in March:

- |      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 1954 | Nelson Gulvin and Robert Lash |
| 1972 | Norman Schafer                |
| 1981 | Stephen Phillips              |
| 1989 | Robert Patrick Jr             |
| 1998 | Vincent Rozella III           |

### Don't Forget Us ...

Brothers who have not done so are reminded to remit their Dues. □



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## Canandaigua Lodge No. 294



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As I write this, it looks like February is going to be like the rest of the Winter (I hope).

We had two Brothers receive their 2nd Degree in February and are prepared for the 3rd Degree, hopefully in March. We will need help for the Second Section.

I wish the following a happy birthday in March:

Frederick Frankish,  
Robert Green,  
James Herrmann,  
Herbert McFetridge and  
George Stanton, Jr. □

# Wayne District

District Deputy Grand Master - William C. Benedict, II

## Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays



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By Robert Zanin, Jr.

This year has been an eventful one so far. A few congratulations to Brother W. James Aylesworth and Brother Peter Wimer for stepping into new positions mid-year - Master and Senior Warden, respectively.

We also need to acknowledge Brother Tom Krest for his completion of the second installment of the Masonic Reading Course.

Finally, an acknowledgement of greatest esteem to R.: W.: David Taber for receiving the Dedicated Service

Award which will be presented at our public meeting in June.

### Upcoming Events

A few upcoming events include a Table Lodge meeting on March 21st. Please join us for fellowship and fun, bring a guest and a dish-to-pass.

The Surviving Spouses Luncheon will be held in April; more details will follow.

### Summer Plans

This Summer we plan on getting involved with more Palmyra community events. Last Summer we set up an Information Booth at the Annual Pirate Festival in August; sold sausages at Canaltown Days in September; and handed out candy at Trick-or-Treat on Main Street in October. We are lucky to live in a town with so much to offer our residents; let's include Freemasonry and remind them of our great traditions by getting involved in our own Palmyra community.

I will close this month by thanking the Lodge Brothers for the opportunity to write this column. I look forward to writing future articles, as I missed seeing columns on Drumlin Square Lodge in the **Masonic Times**. □

By Vance Collom, Commander

The Masonic War Veterans started a new chapter in the life of Post No.12 this year with a move to Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street. Your Post Officers look forward to everyone's support and attendance at our 7 p.m. meetings during this year of change and transition. All Masons who are Veterans (combat duty not required) are welcome to attend the meetings. You are also welcome if you have served as an Ally of the United States.

We had a Lodge of Remembrance last month for our members who have joined the Great Architect of the Universe.

### VA Birthday Party

Our monthly Canandaigua VA Medical Center Birthday party is planned for Wednesday March 21st. We will meet at the Villager Restaurant (243 South Main Street) at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and then proceed to the VAMC for a 2:30 p.m. Birthday Party.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 22nd at Webster Masonic Hall.

Next month, the Color Guard will present colors at the Widows Luncheon on Saturday, April 21st. The lunch will be served at the Burgundy Basin at 12 Noon and colors will be presented just before lunch. The doors will be open at 11:00 a.m.

### Thought for the Day

In order to remain young, one must change.

Until we meet again, keep the faith with all Masons and Brothers.

James Albert Hard - History Part 6

James Albert Hard was the last survi-

vor of the New York State Grand Army of the Republic. The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was the term used for the Northern Civil War Soldiers and referred to their Annual Encampment, similar to a National Convention.

The first GAR Encampment was held in Indianapolis, IN, in 1886. Mr. Hard attended many of the Encampments becoming more active as he grew older. The Encampments consisted of an opening day banquet, The second day consisted of business meetings, election of officers for the coming year and a military parade. There was a closing night campfire meeting before the Encampment ended.

In 1949, James Hard was flown to the 82nd GAR Encampment in the Gannett Newspaper airplane. He really enjoyed seeing Niagara Falls when the plane circled the Falls for him. James was 107 years old and the only remaining Delegate from New York State. At the 82nd Encampment in Grand Rapids, MI, the Delegates voted to have one more Encampment in Indianapolis, IN, in 1950 due to the age of the Veterans and their depleted ranks. James Hard was honored at the banquets and in many ways for being the oldest Veteran in attendance. He and some of his family were also flown to and from the final 83rd GAR Encampment in Indianapolis in the Gannett Newspaper airplane.

James Hard loved parades and took part in many Memorial Day Parades in Rochester. He was the Grand Parade Marshal in 1950 at 110 years old and would take his place in the lead car behind the Masonic War Veteran Color Guard. He was Grand Parade Marshal for the last nine consecutive years of his life. As soon as he reached City Hall he would take his spot next to the reviewing stand and watch the entire parade. James received boxes of cigars on many occasions and was always smoking or waving a big black cigar along the parade route.

James remained in relative good health up to the last two years of his life. He was taken to the hospital several times with pneumonia, but always surprised his doctors and left in a week or two. James had severe circulation problems in his right foot and leg during the last year of his life. He had his right leg amputated above the knee in early March, 1953. The operation was a success and he rallied initially, but was not strong enough to regain his strength. He died on March 12, 1953. James Albert Hard was 111 years, 7 months and 26 days old. □



## 1st Annual Monroe District Chili Cook-off

Proceeds to benefit the Masonic Brotherhood Fund

The Brothers of Northfield Lodge  
cordially invite you to join us

### Saturday, March 31st

at the Northfield Lodge in Pittsford

\$5 per Chili entrant ~ \$8 attendees  
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The Chili tastings will start at 1 p.m. Entries are open to the Brothers of every Lodge in the Monroe District. The District Chili Champion will be crowned around 2:30 p.m.

The rules are simple ... Bring your best pot of Chili to be tasted and judged by the Brothers in attendance. The best offering will be crowned Champion of the District and to the chef go the spoils!!!

Individuals from each Lodge are encouraged to participate.  
NOT LIMITED TO ONE ENTRY PER LODGE!!!

Whether you come as a chef or come to taste, be ready to enjoy an afternoon of Euchre, Darts and fellowship!

Please contact Brother Devon Littlefield of Northfield Lodge  
(Phone: 203-1123) to reserve a spot for your pot.  
All Entrants must register by Monday, March 26th

### Join us for a great afternoon!

## Rochester Forest No. 133



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Our December 28th Christmas Party was quite a success according to JDGTC Cy White. He said the 21 attendees (11 were Tall Cedars) was the most he'd ever seen. No one mentioned that their attendance was because of the Forest's offer to pick-up a portion of their evening's

tab. If your attendance was because of this, let Scribe Don Bell know so we can judge the future of this option. We extend a hearty thank you to PGTC John Zabel for his selection of the location, Mulconry's Irish Pub in Fairport.

It was good to hear of no deaths or member illness at our January 24th meeting. We extend a hearty welcome to our new District No. 17 Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, F. Herbert McCandless, PGTC of ERIEZ Forest No. 175. We also extend a great thank you to immediate Past Supreme Tall Cedar Kenneth Kempka, PGTC (also of Forest No. 175) for his enlightened service period to our District.

We still meet on the fourth Wednesday at the Wakan-Hubbard Lodge Hall in Penfield. We are always ready to receive Blue Lodge Masons looking for more Masonic Light. If interested, contact Don Bell for a Petition. □

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Ronald Morthorst, Monarch

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## M.O.V.P.E.R.



**Ronald Morthorst**  
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February has been a busy month. The *Have-a-Heart* Campaign to benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses was well staffed and we had a great time on our day there.

Our Annual Free Dinner with your Dues Card was well attended, full of good food and conversation. Did you forget or miss it? Read the **Masonic Times**, make a reservation if necessary and put it on your calendar so you don't forget.

The Legion of Honor is going to a new meeting schedule this year. All Veterans are welcome to join us. See the Legion of Honor news block. I had the pleasure to attend our Caldron's Birthday Party with my wife at Yianni's Steak and Seafood Restaurant. It was a very enjoyable afternoon to be out with the Ladies for this occasion. "Happy Birthday, Ladies"

Got any ideas or something you would like to see at our meetings? Call Monarch Ron at 334-4196. I'm open to anything you may have. 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/Anniversary Celebration; ESGA Spring Meeting on April 20th and 21st in Corning; Golf on June 16th; National Convention in Florida July 1st to 7th.

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).

## Sickness and Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to David King's family. Prophet and Past Master, Brother Dave King passed away January 24th. He will be remembered in the hearts of all who knew him for his many contributions to the Craft.

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

## ESGA

### ESGA - Monarch's Ball

Farrah Grotto, Saturday March 10th 2012 at the Holiday Inn, 210 Ludlow St, Warren, PA; 7 p.m. Dinner Buffet - Chicken Romano, Lemon-Baked White Fish, Parsley New Potatoes, Pasta Alfredo, Chef's Choice Vegetable. Cost \$25 per person. Hotel Reservations - (814) 726-3000, ask for Grotto rate. Reservations and payment before March 5th. RSVP indicating number attending to: Kevin M. Rulander 238 Youngsville Rd Pittsfield, PA 16340. □

## Legion of Honor

By Richard Topel, Commander

On March 19th, the Legion of Honor will meet at Perkins Restaurant in Stone-Ridge Plaza. Eat at 6:15 p.m. with our Ladies; order off the menu with separate checks. Our Commander has a new meeting schedule he will outline for you then. Call Commander Dick Topel, 663-2547, for your reservation today. □

## Grotto Telephone Message Center

By Ron Morthorst, Asst Sec/Treas.

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

## Membership

By Ron Morthorst, PM

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

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

Let's face it, times have changed. We have many opportunities to spread our good works and fellowship to the members of our Craft and their families. Who are you going to ask to join you as a Prophet in your Grotto?

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

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

## Anniversary Celebration

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

## Lalla Rookh Caldron Daughters of Mokanna



By Donna Laundry, MCO

Well, the year is MARCHing right along! Soon Spring will be here and let's hope the flowers that tried to bloom in our Spring-like January will survive to bloom again.

On February 4th, Lalla Rookh Caldron celebrated our 64th year in existence with a gathering at Yianni's Steak and Seafood Restaurant. There were about 22 people, including the Monarch, Ron Morthorst, and his wife, Marilyn.

Merline Bueg organized the nice afternoon and I appreciate the work she did in that endeavor. I am reminded of a line from a Beatles song that goes, "Will you still love me when I'm 64?" Well, we DO still love our 64-year-old organization! We also hope it continues on for many more years.

Part of that hope is based on increasing membership. Just as we did at our Initiation in January, we always welcome new members. Call me anytime for information on that (964-2135).

On February 8th, we staffed the *Have-a-Heart* Booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center. I thank all who gave of their time that day. It's a great cause.

In March we will have our regular meeting, but start focusing in on the Supreme Inspection, which will be on April 26th.

Happily, at this time I have no sickness or distress to report. I wish it could always stay that way. □

## Starlight Chapter O.E.S. Honor Night



Front Row (l-r): Barbara Bossert, 50-years; Ann Marie Fox and Nancy Gingold, 25-years; Back Row (l-r): Beverly Murray, Matron and Ken Milner, Patron.

On February 6th, Starlight Chapter honored special anniversary members.

Family members joined the Chapter to celebrate these milestone anniversaries. Delicious refreshments followed the open meeting. □



R.W. Barbara Bossert, escorted by W. Ramona Dimino, received a 50-year Pin and Certificate.

## Attend Grotto Meetings

**Monday, March 5th**  
Board of Governors Meeting  
7 p.m - Shrine Center

**Monday, March 19th**  
Legion of Honor Meeting  
Perkins (Stone-Ridge Plaza)  
Eat at 6:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 21st**  
Grotto Meeting  
Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
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# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter



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### What's Happening

January turned out to be a good month for the Chapter. On January 28th, we hosted a Royal Arch Degree Festival. The Festival was for the conferring of all four Chapter Degrees on our and other Chapter's Candidates. The Festival was held at Palmyra Masonic Hall, where Palmyra Eagle Chapter used to meet. The work was accomplished by Companions from Hiram Chapter and several other Chapters in and around our District. Candidates and their sponsors came from as far away as Utica and Attica. Hum, the two \*ticas.

Anyhow, there were a total of 22 Candidates for the various Degrees. We had two for the full set and four more who completed their Degrees. We were graced by the presence of the Grand Royal Arch Captain, R.:E.: Ray Roché, and several other current and past high-ranking York Rite personalities.

I was unable to attend all of the Degrees as it was my wife's birthday and time needed to be spent with the family. From all reports, the Degrees were well done and well received.

### What Else is Happening?

Around the time you read this article,

Grand Chapter will be holding its General Session in Albany, as usual. Two of our Companions will be installed into new Offices at the Session. V.:E.: Joe Oelgoetz will be installed as District Deputy Grand High Priest for the 13th District and E.: John Zabel, your High Priest, will be installed as Grand Master of the Second Veil. This area for Royal Arch Masons will be in good hands. The last Grand Veil from Hiram Chapter was R.:E.: Tom Paglia several years ago. Oh, the Grand Veils are not part of the progressive Grand Line, but could work their way into the Grand Line if the Permanent Members and they think it is a good fit.

We also congratulate R.:E.: Chuck Roberts for his many years as District Deputy Grand High Priest. Companion Chuck has other related activities on his plate, so we will continue to hear from, of and about him in the future.

### Musings

We have been thinking about a lot of different things lately. One is the history of the coin denomination called the denarius, an interesting coin denomination that is a direct ancestor to the old English Penny. I will be putting together a talk on its history and how it relates to the Royal Arch Degrees. If you want more information, keep bugging me to conclude my research.

There is much that we as Royal Arch Masons can do for the Fraternity as a whole. We say the Royal Arch Degree is the completion of the 3rd Degree. It really can be looked at in that light. But even more, our full set of Degrees can lead a Mason in directions that the first three Degrees just barely touch. Our Degrees and those of the Scottish Rite can be the springboard for a Brother Mason to really begin to understand the whole meaning of our Fraternity and help them to a better understanding of the first three Degrees.

The Lodge Degrees are designed to give a Mason a firm foundation in the

Craft. With a good solid foundation, any building can be built and will survive the ravages of time and ignorance. Real structures have to have good foundations to withstand the rigors of weather and age. The Freemason's building needs to withstand age and attacks by forces of ignorance and, sometimes, hate. The Concordant Bodies help build a strong building on the firm foundation of the Lodge Degrees.

Next month there will be more information about Grand Chapter and what it means to be in the Grand Line. Until then, enjoy the Rite and come to a meeting or two. □

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

3rd Wednesday



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I thank the members for participating in our "Council of Sorrow" program we had in January. It was a very interesting and solemn ceremony. This was the first time I had the opportunity to present one. As I am finally getting the chance to write this article, on Ground Hog Day, I know Punxsutawney Phil did see his shadow. I just hope we won't have six more weeks of the type of Winter I am seeing out my window!

We will be holding our Select Master Degree during our meeting on March 21st. The meeting will be preceded with another outstanding dinner being served up by Joy Woodley, a wonderful chef. She always does a great job. I need to remind the Companions that 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.

### Have-a-Heart

Thanks to the Companions who helped with the February *Have-a-Heart* Campaign either with their Lodge, the York Rite Team or the Scottish Rite Team. I am always amazed at the level of giving our community supports for a great cause such as this.

### Have-a-Heart

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

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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Our Annual Inspection will be held on March 19th. Inspections typically have several common themes and are designed to help leaders verify the condition of an item or resource and help enforce standards and discipline. Properly executed Inspections are instrumental in establishing unity and standards. In all Inspections, the Inspector gains a better understanding of the morale of individuals and the *esprit de corps* of the element being inspected.

There are several different Inspection techniques. These include:

**Informal** - An informal Inspection can be something as simple as the Captain General walking through the ranks during a Conclave prior to the entrance of the Commander observing and chatting with the Sir Knights.

**Formal** - Formal Inspections are usually scheduled ahead of time for an intended purpose. This is usually done in-ranks; the Inspection is done by a member of the Grand Commandery representing the Grand Commander. These announced Inspections provide Sir Knights the ability to prepare. Grand Commandery identifies the time, location and resources that will be checked. Some resources could include: uniforms, equipment and personnel. Announced Inspections are usually used when the Grand Commander wants to assess or evaluate training or standards.

Remember the key to an Inspection is to ensure each Sir Knight has a clear understanding of the *Tactics and the Sword Manual*. All Sir Knights want to do well.

Observing your Soldiers at the shooting range is an example of performing an Inspection that checks a specific skill or discipline. Inspections can be designed to uncover details about any number of areas. The Inspection is designed to check a Sir Knight's knowledge or proficiency of the *Tactics*, a Sir Knight's equipment readiness and the overall conduct of a Commandery.

The best way to prepare for our Inspection is by practice, practice and more practice. I would encourage each Sir Knight to re-evaluate their technique with the *Sword Manual*. Please review the 2010-2011 revision of the Inspection and *Sword Manual*. □

## 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.**

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So far this has been a mild Winter and I hope it continues. We are already into March and Spring is just around the corner.

**Ladies Night**

On February 18th, we held our Ladies Night at Keenan's Restaurant. This is a night to enjoy with our Ladies and fellow Brothers. As always, everyone enjoyed a great meal and friendship with each other. I personally thank Chuck Zlotkus for organizing the event and the wonderful gifts he brought for the Ladies. I also thank Dick Topel for the handmade chocolates he prepared for the party and the carafes of wine he bought for each table. Well done, Gentlemen.

**Have-a-Heart**

This years *Have-a-Heart* Campaign went very well. My thanks to everyone who came out and represented Fame Lodge and Masonry. This Campaign is a great way to raise money for a wonderful cause and share with people what Masonry is all about.

**Next Meetings**

Our meetings in March will be March 8th with a dinner before. The dinner will be Reuben Sandwiches, celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

The second meeting will be on March 22nd.

Remember, our 3rd Degree Edict is coming up in April. We will continue to prepare for the degree at our meetings. □

**Monroe District  
Masters  
and  
Wardens  
Association**

By W.: John Lemke, President

**March 3rd**

Our next Masters & Wardens meeting will be a breakfast meeting on Saturday, March 3rd at Unity Masonic Hall, 133 South Union Street in Spencerport.

We expect to decide when (probably in April) and where to hold our Masters & Wardens Social and Dinner meeting, which will be subsidized by the M&W Association. This would be for the wives or girlfriends to attend as well.

The purpose, in part, is to get everyone better acquainted in District Lodge leadership, to be able to manage better and more successfully. Breaking bread together, maybe with a little libation, is a tradition in the Fraternity dating back centuries. So if you want to be part of deciding on the particulars for this dinner, please attend.

The meeting will also have on the agenda discussing how we can grow. We can learn from other Lodges and offer our own successes on recruiting and making the meetings fun, enjoyable ... something a Brother would want to attend, not just a business meeting. Ultimately, we grow or die. Let's grow.

We also can discuss going to Grand Lodge Communication - how to do it enjoyably and well. □

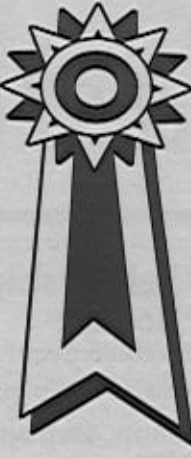
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
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MMRL Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of its Summer Fellowship Program



Nearly 50 Alumni and staff of the Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) met on November 26th to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Summer Fellowship Program. The reunion provided an opportunity for former Fellows to reconnect, reminisce and to learn about the current research at the MMRL.

Prominent surgeon and dean of Summer Fellows in attendance (1965 and 1966), John DeTraglia, M.D. said of his experience, "I considered myself very fortunate to have been selected as a Summer Fellow. We were taught to plan a project, prepare samples and were even able to work with a local surgeon. When our project was complete it was printed in the American Heart Journal and I was a bit of a celebrity when I returned to school. We were asked to explain our findings and prepare models of arrhythmias for the cardiologists at the University of Rochester. From that time on there was no question that I would become a surgeon."

The Summer Fellowship program, established in 1960, provides college students who are focusing their career on the life sciences an opportunity to spend 10 weeks working alongside one of the many talented scientists at the MMRL.

Over 425 individuals have spent a summer at the MMRL, many of whom have gone on to become highly-regarded researchers in their own right at institutions such as John Hopkins University, Duke University, and the Cleveland Clinic, to name just a few. Other Alumni have become doctors, lawyers and teachers

throughout the United States. A common sentiment shared by the summer fellows in attendance was that they credited the MMRL for giving them their start in science or their chosen career.

Another alumnus of the Summer Fellowship Program, Jonathan Blazek said, "It was a great privilege to work alongside such prestigious mentors as a Summer Fellow. I was challenged intellectually every day and learned many things that will stay with me for the rest of my life. I am grateful for the opportunity." Jonathan recently completed his Bachelors of Science degree at the University of Albany and is applying to graduate school.

Founded in 1958, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has gained international renown and wide acclaim in the scientific and medical community as a leading cardiac research center. The hallmark of the institute is its innovative and imaginative approach to fighting heart disease. The MMRL's legacy of scientific breakthroughs has helped to generate new heart medications and develop diagnostic procedures for the management of cardiac arrhythmias, and has aided in the advancement of life-saving technologies. The MMRL is also one of the top genetic screening centers in the world dedicated to helping families afflicted with sudden death syndromes.

For more information on the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory Summer Fellowship Program, please visit:

www.mmrl.edu and select "education/training." □

MMRL Selects Two Employees of the Year for 2011



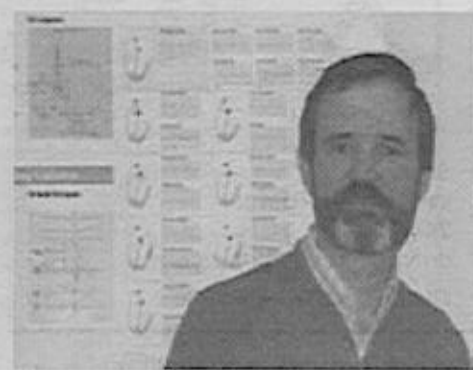
Gabriel Caceres

Gabriel Caceres is a Research Assistant in the Molecular Genetics Program. Gabriel and his colleagues search for the causes of inherited cardiac arrhythmias. One of his many roles at the Laboratory is to take patient blood samples sent to the MMRL from physicians all over the world and extract DNA for genetic screening. He is also responsible for maintaining cell lines for future research. When presenting Gabe's award, Dr. Antzelevitch said, "Gabe Caceres quickly proved to be a great asset to our Molecular Genetics Department since joining us in 2007. He approaches every task with professionalism and always with a smile on his face." In his acceptance of the Award, Gabe indicated that "the MMRL is not just a job for me; it is like being part of a family."

Gabriel Caceres lives in Oriskany, NY, with his wife, Janice Hoffmann-Caceres.

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Dr. Alexander Burashnikov

Dr. Alexander Burashnikov and Gabriel Caceres were selected as 2010 Employees of the Year at the Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) and honored at the MMRL's Holiday Party.

Dr. Burashnikov, known by his co-workers as Sasha, started working at the MMRL in the Experimental Cardiology Program as a Postdoctoral Fellow in 1994. Upon completion of his Fellowship in 1997, he was employed as a Research Associate and was promoted to the level of Research Scientist in 2000. His studies in recent years have focused on development of safe and effective drugs for the treatment of atrial fibrillation (AF), one of the greatest unmet medical needs facing our society today. AF is characterized by a quivering of the upper chambers of the heart and an uneven or irregular rhythm of main pumping chambers of the heart. This disease affects over 2.6 million Americans.

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director, speaks very highly of Sasha, "Dr. Burashnikov has been with us for over 17 years and has the distinction of being the most productive member of our professional scientific staff. He is a most congenial individual and a true pleasure to interact with in addition to being an exceptional scientist."

Dr. Burashnikov reflected on his reason for this career choice by saying, "I am a very curious person and medical research allows me to satisfy that curiosity while at the same time providing physicians better ways to treat their patients."

He and his wife, Elena, live in New Hartford, NY, with their two children Lidiya and Ivan. □

In Memoriam

Hendricks, Rev. John L., Jr.

Reverend John Hendricks, 84, passed away on January 26th. He was a member of Sodus Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Holderle, Frederick S.

Fred Holderle, 95, went to the waiting arms of his wife on January 31st. He leaves 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren to share his memory. Fred was a member of ERAC Lodge, Shrine and York Rite, RAM. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Jones, Emerson E.

On February 5th, Emerson Jones, 83, went to the Celestial Lodge leaving his wife, Anne; 2 children and 3 grandchildren to survive him. He was a member of Seneca Lodge and Damascus Shriners. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Kilmer, Lawrence D., Sr.

On February 16th, the loving arms

of the Lord embraced Lawrence Kilmer, age 70. Larry will be specially remembered by his wife, Jane; 2 children and 2 grandchildren. He was a member of Clio Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

King, David K.

On January 24th, David King, 73, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Edna; 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. David was a very active Mason, a member of Inspiration Lodge, Shrine, Scottish Rite and Lalla Rookh Grotto. David worked for many years on the staff of the **Masonic Times**. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Marron, Russell C., Jr.

Russell Marron, 89, departed his Earthly family on February 15th. His wife of 57 years, Ann; 4 children 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild survive him. Russell was a member of

Seneca Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine. Though absent you are very near; still loved, still missed and very dear.

Mercer, Allen C.

Allen Mercer, 75, departed from a lively life of accomplishments on February 13th. Allen is survived by his wife, Shirley; 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was a member and Past Master of Clio Lodge and Past Patron of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, O.E.S. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

Morris, Francis "Dave"

On January 18th, Dave Morris, 84, was received into Eternal Glory and found peace in the arms of the Lord. His wife, Elisabeth and one daughter will miss him and remember his life. Dave was a member of Unity Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.



Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

APRIL

- 2nd ERAC, 3°
- 3rd OES-Fairport OV
- 10th Inspiration, 3°
- 13th College of Freemasonry
- 14th College of Freemasonry
- 14th O/S/Y Surviving Spouses Luncheon
- 14th LIV District Ladies Night
- 17th OES-Starlight OV
- 21st Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin
- 26th Lalla Rookh Caldron, OV
- 29th Yellow Dog Degree, Northfield - Pittsford

MAY

- 7-8th Grand Lodge Sessions
- 7th OES-Corinthian-Fellowship/Leah/Etolian OV
- 12th Shrine Ceremonial
- 15th OES-Nolatka OV
- 16th OES-Lilac Star OV

JUNE

- 12th OES-Mary Jane Holmes OV
- 21-22 St. John's Weekend
- 27th Tall Cedar Sausage Roast

Big Calendar for March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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