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Joint Investiture Service

Wednesday, May 30th at Fairport Masonic Hall 6:30 p.m. - Steak Dinner, \$15 7:30 p.m. - Service

Reservations to Bill Edwards or Michael Noble by Friday, May 25th

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Monroe District Apron Presentation Dinner June 9, 2012

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Grand Lodge Appointments for 2012-2013 Announced

The appointments for the new Monroe District Leadership Team for the ensuing Masonic year have been announced by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. Heading the team will be the District Deputy Grand Master, R : W :: Phil Hurwitz. He will be assisted by two Grand Directors of Ceremonies, R:.W: Mike Hueston and R:.W: Rob Buchanan. They will receive their Commissions at the Investiture Service in Tompkins Memorial Chapel at the Masonic Care Community in Utica on June 23rd, St. John's Day.

R .: W .: Phillip R. Hurwitz

Right Worshipful Phillip R. Hurwitz has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District for the 2012-2013 Masonic years. Brother Hurwitz, who is the current Grand Sword Bearer, will be the head of the District Leadership Team.

Raised in Towpath Lodge in 1993, R .: W .: Hurwitz served as Master of the Lodge for the 1999-2000 Masonic year. He participated in the Masonic Leadership Development Course in 1996 and the Road to the East Program in 1998. That same year, he was awarded the Symbolic Blue Lodge Award by the Valley of Rochester, AASR. In 2000, Towpath Lodge merged with ERAC Lodge, of which Brother Phil is still a member. He is also a Dual Affiliate of Unity Lodge.

Additional Masonic service has included Chairman of the District Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign from 2000 to 2002. He has been a presenter on Masonic Law at several Road to the East Programs, and participated in the Individual Development Course in 2007. In addition, his memberships include the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, where he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Children's Dyslexia Center in Honor of Frank & Bette Paul, and Damascus Shrine, An-









R:W: Michael Hueston R:W: Robert Buchanan

cient Accepted Order of Nomads of the Mystic Shrine.

R:.W:. Hurwitz is an Attorney, a graduate of St. John's Law School, Empire State College and Monroe Community College. His affiliations include the American, New York State and Monroe County Bar Associations, New York State Defenders Association, New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Greece Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of Temple Emanu-El in Irondequoit, Brother Hurwitz is on the Board of the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society.

Brother Phil lives in Irondequoit with his wife, Pamela. They have one son, Austin, who is a college student.

The Monroe District has been granted two Staff Officers again this year.

R .: W .: Michael P. Hueston

Right Worshipful Michael P. Hueston will be one of the two Grand Directors of Ceremonies, assisting Right Worshipful Phillip Hurwitz. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of Gates-Chili High School.

Brother Mike joined Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and served as Master in 2004. He affiliated with Valley-Simes Lodge and was elected Master for the 2010-2011 Masonic year. With the consolidation in 2011, he now

calls Inspiration Lodge his home Lodge and is the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign Chairman. He has served on many Lodge Committees over the last

A member of Damascus Shrine since 2000, Noble Hueston is the Colonel of the Units of the Shrine Divan.

R:.W:. Hueston is the Service Manager at Piehler Buick GMC, where he has been employed for over 30 years. He lives in East Rochester with his wife, Laurie, and has three grown children.

R .: W .: Robert T. Buchanan

The other Grand Director of Ceremonies is Right Worshipful Robert T. Buchanan. Raised in Unity Lodge in 2008, Brother Rob served as Senior Warden, 2009-2010, and Master, 2010-2011. He currently is a Trustee of the Lodge.

A graduate of Canandaigua Academy, R .: W .: Buchanan joined the United States Army in 1990. He currently is a Sergeant First Class (SFC/E-7) stationed in Rochester as a Recruiter with the Army National Guard.

In 2007, Brother Buchanan married Kellie Jo Laney. They live in West Henrietta and have three small children: Laney Jo, Morgan Gail and Nolan Robert. You may contact him by email at: rob.buchanan479@gmail.com; by phone at 329-2432.

New Assistant Grand Lecturers in Monroe

One is V .: W .: Patrick J. Mulrooney. Brother Pat was Raised in Germania Lodge in 1995. Now he is a member of ERAC Lodge, where he served as Master in 2010. He currently is Lodge Ritual Director, a position he has held since 2004. For his service to the ERAC, he was presented the Symbolic Blue Lodge Award.

Very Worshipful Mulrooney is also a member of the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, where he has earned a Dedicated Service Award (Blue Cap). Damascus Shriners, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is pleased to have him in their membership as well.

On the personal side, Brother Mulrooney served eight years in the United States Army, honorably discharged in 1993. He is married to Corbie and they have three children - Leah, Trisha and Justin. Masonry is his hobby.

The other is V .: W .: Paul J. Kolacki, who is completing his term as Master of Webster Lodge. In addition, he is a member of Damascus Shriners where he has chaired the Committee for the Friday Classic Car Cruise Nights, an event he helped start five years ago and which has helped to support the Shriners Hospitals for Children®. He is also on the Public Relations Team and a member of the Wheelers Unit.

V∴W∴ Kolacki grew up in Henrietta, graduated from Rush-Henrietta Sperry High School, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications/ Broadcasting from SUNY Brockport. Since 1975, he has worked as a Radio Personality in Rochester and around the country and today can be heard on-the-air at Legends 102.7FM. He has an extensive background in Television Production and TV Station Management.

Along with his wife, Cynthia, Brother

Kolacki resides in the Town of Ontario. They have a daughter, Ashley, and granddaughter Isabella Rose. He has held an FCC Amateur Radio Operator's License for nearly forty years and is very active in some local Ham Radio clubs. He is a U.S. Air Force Veteran. current officer in the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, an avid pilot and motorcycle rider.



Patrick Mulrooney



Paul Kolacki

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Nolatka Chapter

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and explanations; his willingness to talk to us helped us get over the reluctance. I expect to be seeing him and putting a lot of things into place now, when I can make the decisions for myself. It will take a lot of pressure off of family who will be traveling here. Thank you, Dave and Alice! I hope other Chapters and the Lodges invite Dave to speak.

Alice and Pat have been keeping things "on the boil" for Nolatka. It is hard to do floor work in a room not designed as a Chapter Room, but each meeting it is set up and ready to go. The room is handicapaccessible and, since we are all on one floor, it is easy to get around. Sister Linton, our Warder, guards an archway instead of a door, but the door is so far down the hall that if she sat near it, she would never hear anything in the meeting.

Betty Reisinger is having a great time with the Grand Matron's Hymn, rockin' and rollin' us through it every meeting. It is sad that we don't have an altar light, but our room is bright and welcoming, and so are the Sisters!

And the food! As you may remember, I always check out the food. On Chapter nights, I don't even bother eating dinner. I know my Sisters will feed me well. Every meeting is one to which I look forward to attending ... interesting programs, friendly, welcoming smiles and "food you feel good about!" What more can you ask for?

Check with Alice Hassett, Pat Dalykas or Carol Wynings about the fundraiser at the restaurant. We hope not only Nolatka members but members of other Chapters, family friends and neighbors will say they are eating with Nolatka so the fundraiser goes well. I'll report on what Worthy Alice planned for us for April in my June message. Happy Spring to you all!

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Secretaries, Recorders and Scribes:

Here is our annual plea for your list of Officers for 2012-2013. If your Organization elects in May or June and installs shortly thereafter, please send us the new information as soon as it is complete. We need Name, title of Office, Address, Telephone number(s), Email address. This information will be published in the Monroe District Masonic Directory and, where applicable, in the logo of the Organization that appears in the Masonic Times. Please be certain that it is information that your Officer has approved for publication. We would still like to have the contact information available to us, but will respect any privacy requests.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be a great help in our efforts to get the Directory published and revise the logos for the September issue of the newspaper. Thank you.





All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner

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No Editor's Corner

You get a break this month.
Too much copy; too little space! Look for me to get back in the groove next month.

Order of the Eastern Star Grands Association Project For the Veterans

We are collecting NEW WHITE socks - for men and women - to be donat-

ed to Veterans at the Canandaigua VA Facility.

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

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2012 St. John's Day Schedule

By Kathy Contino-Turner

Events and training during the Annual St. John's Day Weekend, will occur in two locations, at the Round Lake Property (Camp Turk) and on the Campus of the Masonic Care Community. Below find a comprehensive list of all activities and their locations during this event placed in chronological order. We hope you plan to join us!

Thursday, June 21st

1 p.m. Round Lake Camp opens. Check-in at the Camp Office. Bring a tent, RV (self-contained) or pick up your room reservation (room reserva-

tion deadline June 1st).

Bar-B-Que for Round Lake campers 5 p.m.

(\$5 - Burger, Salad and Drink or \$4 - Hotdog, Salad and Drinks.)

Bring your own grill and cook for yourself (sorry, no open fires!).

8 p.m. Movie at Camp with FREE POPCORN.

Friday, June 22nd

Breakfast Buffet at Camp for guests 6 a.m.-8 a.m. (Adults - \$7; Kids under 12 - \$5).

7 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Check-in for District Deputies and Staff Officers at Round Lake,

Camp Turk.

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. District Deputies and Staff Officers Training at Camp.

Families staying at Camp enjoy activities.

Lunch at Camp (no charge to District Deputies and Staff Officers) Noon-1 p.m. \$5 for family members - Choice of sandwich, salad and drink.

Friday Evening Service in the M. W.: Harry Osterov Synagogue fol-6 p.m.

lowed by the Oneg Shabbat.

Picnic open to all Masons and their families at Acacia Village 7 p.m.

7 p.m.-9 p.m. Entertainment and dancing at Acacia Village.

9 p.m. Lights of Honor around the Acacia Village Pond (weather per mitting). This is a special way to honor an accomplishment

or remember a loved one.

Information is available at www.mccny.com.

Saturday, June 23rd

Breakfast buffet served at Round Lake Camp 6 a.m.-8 a.m. (Adults - \$7; Kids under 12 - \$5).

Coffee & Donuts at Masonic Care Community

9 a.m.-10 a.m. 10 a.m. Grand Master meets with Residents of the Health Pavilion.

Crafters and Displays on the Great Lawn; Campus Building Tours. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Campus Wagon Rides.

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Food vendors on the Great Lawn.

Wreath Laying Ceremony in front of Soldiers and Sailors Monument. 1 p.m.

Parade (from Health Pavilion to the Chapel). 2 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Investiture Services at Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel.

Chicken Bar-B-Que at Round Lake Camp (Camp Turk); (Adults - \$8; 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Kids under 12 - \$6). After dinner, enjoy numerous Camp activities.

Campfire; Free S'mores for everyone! (In the event of rain, a movie 8 p.m.

will be shown in the theater).

Sunday, June 24th

9 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service at Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial

Chapel.

Brunch served at Round Lake (Adults - \$7; Kids under 12 - \$5); 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

guests enjoy last day at Camp.

Brunch served in the Winter Garden of the Health Pavilion on 10 a.m.-

11:30 a.m. the Masonic Care Community Campus.

Guests leave Round Lake Camp. 3 p.m.

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A Worthwhile Advisory for **Everyone to Read**

By Daniel L. Biery, D.O., FACOI, FACG and a Brother Mason

Although the month of March is Co- several years the actual number of new lon Cancer Awareness Month, the signs and symptoms of this disease are all too often ignored! It is a very preventable condition, yet, regrettably, Colon Cancer is diagnosed every day. I feel it is important for our Brothers to become better educated about Colon Cancer and how it can be prevented.

Statistics for Concern

Unfortunately, Colon Cancer is very common, with 1 in 16 Americans over the age of 50 developing Colon Cancer. Even though it is one of the most preventable cancers, it is the second .nost common cancer in the US. Fifty-six thousand people are likely to die from it this year. There will be 153,000 new cases diagnosed in Americans this year. In over 80% of those cases, early screening for colon polyps could have prevented it. The methods of screening include submitting stool samples to be checked for occult (hidden) blood, having a flexible Sigmoidoscopy exam and lower GI x-ray (barium enema) or having a total Colonoscopy exam. The best of these screening tests is Colonoscopy, as it allows the physician to view and remove polyps. Polyps are new growths that gradually enlarge silently and transform into a cancer. This process takes 7 to 10 years to occur.

Symptoms

Symptoms of Colon Cancer include change in bowel habit. For example, the development of diarrhea when your usual habit had been once-daily bowel movement or developing constipation, again different from your usual elimination pattern. Other symptoms include unexplained abdominal pain, passing blood with a bowel movement, change in caliber of the bowel movement appearance or weight loss without really trying.

Genetic Linkage

If you have a family history of Colon Cancer, such as a parent, sibling, grandparent or cousin, you are of increased risk of developing Colon Cancer yourself. There is clearly a genetic linkage for this cancer. Take notice of this occurrence and get screened by age 50 or 10 years younger than the age of your relative at their onset of cancer. Family history of colon polyps is also a risk factor for developing Colon Cancer.

Although the American Cancer Society's statistics reveal that for the past

2012 Official Visits

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September

October

Fairport-Flower City

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Inspiration

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12th

screened by Colonoscopy - the gold standard for Colon Cancer screening. Please ask your physician or your Public Health Department about Colon Cancer screening. Cancer Services Partnership of New York State will provide a free Colon Cancer screen for those without health insurance or with inadequate health insurance. Their phone number is 1-866-442-CANCER (2262), toll free. It is a very safe and thorough method to reduce your Colon Cancer risk. Prevention of this all-too-common cancer can occur, but you need to be tested!

Colon Cancer cases reported in the US

has decreased, new data also recognizes

that race plays an important role. Ameri-

can Cancer Society research indicated

a widening racial gap in death rates for

colorectal cancer. Due in part to lower

screening rates and lack of access to quality care, black people have a 50% higher

death rate from Colorectal Cancer than

do white people. This new information

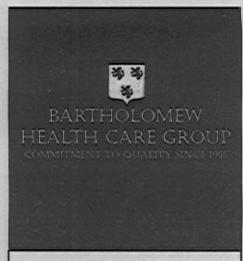
makes it even more important to have

all people over age 50 (45 for blacks)

A Word of Caution

A word of caution about using virtual Colonoscopy as a screening test for Colon Cancer ... DON'T. Although it is high-tech and news on the media comments, it isn't nearly reliable enough to have become a standard of excellence equivalent to Colonoscopy. The results are still too "reader dependent" to warrant this designation, with significant variability between Radiologists who are interpreting the images.

You can learn more by internet at www.acg.gi.org, the web page resource of the American College of Gastroenterology.



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District Deputy **Grand Master Livingston District**

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Another Masonic Year comes closer to the end. Our Grand Lodge Session in May ushers in a new Grand Master and other new Grand Lodge Officers as well. This also means changes closerto-home. With the end of Grand Lodge, a new set of Grand Lodge Officers will start their two-year terms throughout Livingston District. Of course, this also means your Grand Lodge Officers for the past two years step down and acquire that all-unimportant title of "Past."

R∴W∴ Dennis King, Grand Sword support over these past two years. We Ed Hopkins from Avon Springs Lodge. had educational programs, official visits, award presentations, dinners and many different functions throughout Livingston District and also in our surrounding Districts. Wherever we went, we never failed to see many smiling faces from Livingston District. It was a warm feeling for sure.

Although the last couple of years may have had an unfortunate bump in the road along the way, the overwhelming support from the District was truly over-the-top. Dennis and I could not thank you enough.

It is our sincerest wishes that our successors receive that same support and involvement as we have had during our term. That goes for the good and pleasant, as well as the difficult or uncomfortable. The initiative, strength and guidance Dennis and I received, came from all of you. We are confident it will once again flow to our new District Deputy and Staff Officer. With a true "District Team" behind them, they will certainly succeed.

As Dennis and I fade into the sunset, the same adages as an outgoing Master uses ring true for us as well. There were many additional things we wished we had done. There are those we wish we had done better. It seems there is never enough time to do all that you want.

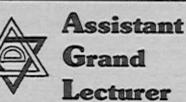
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of the District, your encouragement and continued words of "stay the course" were always appreciated and comforting at those times of self-doubt. Thank you!

We know we leave our posts in very to joining the District's "Pasts" as reinforcements when needed. Both Dennis along the sidelines.

See you soon!



Livingston District

R:W: Roy Moses 346-2117

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At the reading of this newspaper, I am almost finished with my duties as the Livingston District Assistant Grand Lec-Bearer and I thank all of you for your turer. I am turning the reigns over to W .:.

> Brothers of the Livingston District for dinated the District Ladies Appreciathe Last six years. I have nothing but tion Dinner in March. As Chairman of the utmost respect for all Brothers of the event, I got a lot of the praise and the District. The enthusiasm and interest you have shown me in the Ritual is above and beyond any I could have make this event successful. Masonic imagined six years ago. The Brothers must be commended for their devotion to the Ritual.

The Ritual teachings are what guide us to be better men and teach us in the ways of life. God Bless each and every one of you. You have made my job worthwhile, and a lot of fun. Thank You.



Master W .: E. James VanSickle

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Secretary W.: Robert Cox, 468-5066

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I was conversing with some Brothwish you did not have to do, but that ers after Lodge one night and made the had to be done. That is where all of you comment that the older I get the faster come in on the positive support meter. the time seems to go. Most of my listen-Although we were but the Officers of the ers nodded in assent. But Brother Oscar, moment and the messengers of the voice who is more experienced in these things

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shaking my head at the fact that Nunda The end of the year seemed far away not just a visit, please let me know. too long ago.

Degrees

But, in our Lodge, that doesn't mean we stop working - in fact, the pace picks up. At our May 1st meeting we will be conferring the 1st Degree for our two Candidates who have been elected by the capable hands. We also look forward Lodge to receive the Degrees. Other Degrees will follow after the Summer break.

At our May 15th meeting we will and I look forward to seeing all of you have our Annual Steak Roast, Election around the District as we take our place and Installation of new Officers for the ensuing year. I encourage all Brothers to attend this important meeting. Just make sure dinner reservations are made with Brother Secretary so a steak with your name on it can go on the grill.

Nunda Fun Days

Nunda Fun Days will run from May 31st - June 2nd and we will again have our famous hot sandwiches. Our menu will include plain and BBQ Pork sandwiches, Beef-on-Weck, Salt Potatoes and soft drinks. As this is a major fundraiser for the Lodge, please be sure you stop by. Tell all your family and friends about it, too.

Let me look back for a moment and thank our Brothers who worked on our Talent Show. It is a reminder to ourselves and others that supporting our young people is an important obligation we have in our community.

I would be remiss if I did not thank It has been a pleasure to serve the Joe Shanks and Steve Shull who coorthanks that should have gone to the guys who did all the heavy lifting to Brotherhood - it's a wonderful thing.

Livingston Masonic Association **Annual Communion Breakfast**

On May 20th, the Livingston Masonic Association will be holding its Annual Communion Breakfast at Mt. Morris United Church starting at 7:30 a.m. Tickets for the breakfast and service are \$8; just call me with your reservation and I will hold the tickets for you.

Over the Summer, our Association typically holds events where we can get together in less formal settings and share the time with family. Please check next issue

said, "It gets worse." That leads me to of the Masonic Times for more details.

In closing, let me remind any Brother Station's Masonic year is near an end. who needs help, or a ride to Lodge, or



7:30 p.m. Master R:.W:. Roy Moses 346-2117 rmoses14485@

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It seems hard to believe the year is over. This year has been the fastest and best year I have sat as Master of the Lodge. It all boils down to you, my Brothers; without you we would not have had such a successful year. I think this is the best men's organization in the world and you, Brothers, prove it day after day. Thank you to each and every one of you and that's from the bottom of my HEART.

I have to thank all the Brothers who participated in the Appreciation Dinner for the Town and Village employees. A special thanks to Brother Greg Radford for organizing the dinner. A lot of people learned a few things about Masonry. I am sure the community will benefit from this dinner. Thanks again, Brothers, for your support.

Many thanks to Brother Joe Gallant, Junior Warden, for the fine 1st Degree he organized and conferred at the last meeting. Joe has been involved with a lot of the Degrees we've had and I think we can call him a veteran. Well done, Joe, and good luck to you and all the Brothers for the upcoming years in the Chairs.

As my term as Master winds down in the next few days, I will surely miss the rapport I have had with the Officers, elected and appointed. You have shown great enthusiasm and joy in your role. It has been a pleasure to serve you in the Lodge. In my last statement in this paper, I thank all Brothers of Union Lodge for their support, enthusiasm and service to the Lodge. You are the greatest.

ario/Seneca,

District Deputy Grand Master - George E. Meyers (315) 568-4245

Canandaigua Lodge No. 294



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Secretary R.: W.: George N. Stanton Jr. 394-6829 gnstanton@aol.com

The O/S/Y District has been very busy with Degree work, more than 22 new members this Spring. This is absolutely terrific.

Canandaigua Lodge has three new members Richard Pierson (Raised 12/21/11) and Matthew Wasson (Raised 3/19/12) and James Waldorf (Restored 1/16/12). We still have one Brother to get Raised and one Candidate to be Initiated. If you know anyone who would make a good Mason or someone who is interested in becoming a Mason, let me know and I will get you some Petitions.

Let's Spruce up the Building

We need to do some cleaning in and around our building. The front has been painted so the rest of the building needs to be finished. The inside needs a lot of attention so it will look more presentable to new members and visitors. One or two Saturdays should do it; if you are available, let us know.

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Upcoming Events

May 7th will be our Move-up Night May 21st is our Election of Officers June 4th - Installation of Officers,

Mark your calendar and come to Lodge.

Grand Lodge is meeting May 7th and 8th; one of the amendments to be voted on for the second time and, if passed, Summons Notices will be able to be sent by electronic mail. I now have email addresses for one-third of our members. If you have not sent me your email address, please send it to gnstanton@aol. com. Every Summons Notice I can send by email will save the Lodge 45 cents plus paper and envelopes.

May Birthdays

If you see any of the following Brothers, wish them a happy birthday. James Waldorf (2nd), Gregory Seaborn (5th), James M. Rice (8th), Sam Stepanovich (19th), Richard Pierson (22nd) and Harold Hughes (28th).

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April showers have come and gone and May is here. I hope everyone had a Happy Easter with your families and loved ones.

Degrees for New Members

We welcome Brothers Nathan Biery and Greg White who were Raised on March 20th. Special thanks to both Brother William Hargrove, Senior Warden, for his work in the East as Master, and Brother Ron Galens who served as King Solomon. A great job by both! Many thanks are extended to all Brothers who also participated in the Degree. Your hard work in preparation sure shows. We also enjoyed a fine dinner prepared and served by Cherry McIntyre, Mary and Meghan Smith, and Nancy Walti, spouses of Lodge members.

Annual Golf Tournament

O/S/Y Charities has scheduled the 20th Annual Golf Tournament for August 19th at Big Oak Golf Course. Donations for Hole Sponsors and door prizes are encouraged. Door prizes could include merchandise, gift certificates, discount coupons, etc. Information is available from Tourney Director, Ron very busy with Degree work over the Galens; 1602 Griffith Road; Phelps, NY 14532 Phone: (315) 548-3453; email: tinue into the Fall. rongalensosy@yahoo.com.

Sickness and Distress

neth Overslaugh on March 10th, A Mahis family in your thoughts and prayers. Also remember all our Military Men and Women and their families.

Upcoming Events

May 1st - Move-Up Night with Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

May 7th - 8th - Grand Lodge in New York City

May 15th - Election of Officers

May 21st - Investiture Service for incoming Masters at Phelps Masonic Hall.

June 5th - Installation of Officers June 19th -Lodge Steak Roast Night

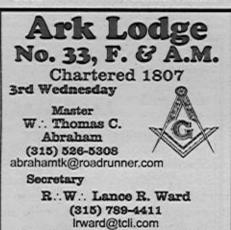
May Birthdays

and Michael Patrick (9th); John Davis approved, we will try to make the move dies Appreciation Dinner in March. As (10th); Ralph Adams (18th); Dale Gelder by our September meeting. We have met the Chair of the event, I got a lot of the and William Smith (22nd); Glen Webster in Phelps since November, 2011, in order (27th); and Donald Sabin (30th).

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Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations and best wishes to these Brothers who were Raised in May: Ralph Adams 1956 Kenneth Pedersen Donald Tiffany 1961 F. Lee Walters Glen Webster 1962 Robert Kloepfel 1970 Ranse Brooks Richard Kauder 1972 George Durkee 1973 Thomas Hudson Bobby Dorgan 1975 1977 Bruce Andrews 1980 Chris Howard Timothy Piper 1981 Garry Clock 1986 Ernest Bishop 1993 James Allen 1996 Richard Hamelinck 1998 John Walti 2006 Michael Patrick a



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Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It is a way of life whose purpose is to make good men better. The eventful couple of months here at Drumthree principle tenets of Freemasonry being Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love, are self-evident basic truths for all members of the Craft. We must live them daily to show all mankind that Freemasons are working toward a better world for all people. Each Brother must realize he is an ambassador for the Fraternity. A Freemason represents the Fraternity wherever he may be. People will associate our deeds as indicative of our Masonic teachings. Therefore, we must exemplify the highest ideals of the Craft if we are to make a good, meaningful and long-lasting impression on the world.

Degrees

Our Lodge has Raised four Brothers and Passed five Brothers as of April 1st. We have had two more Petitions submitted to the Lodge so the Lodge has been last few months. The Degrees will con-

Farewell to a Brother

On March 30th, we held a Masonic With sadness, we wish to inform our Graveside Service for Brother Henry Brothers of the passing of Brother Ken- Funk at the new National Veterans Cemetery on the old Sampson Base near Ovid. sonic Memorial Service was held. Keep Brother Funk served in the Navy and was one of the individuals who worked to make the new Veterans Cemetery a reality. He did most of the work on our current Lodge Room in Border City. He was a tireless worker and a faithful Brother. He will be sadly missed.

Moving Our Meeting Place

As most Brothers know by now, Ark Lodge is making plans to move our Charter to the Phelps Masonic Hall in the near future. We will continue to look for a Lodge Room in Geneva, but we need to move given the lack of a heated preparation room and lack of any kitchen facil-Happy Birthday to Brothers Lynn ity. The Trustees and Master of Garoga-Spence (1st); David Retchless and Ben- Sincerity Lodge have been very generous jamin Wheat (5th); Stephen Durso, Jr. and Fraternal in their dealings with us. If

ing of the proposal to move our Charter Brotherhood - it's a wonderful thing. tion on May 16th, with the second reading, discussion and vote at a Summoned we get a sense of how the members feel eca Falls about this proposed move.

Mark Your Calendar

May 7th - 8th Grand Lodge Communication in New York City

cation at Phelps Masonic Hall. First Installation of Officers for 2012-2013 reading of proposal to move Charter to Shull who coordinated the District La- Deputy Grand Master.

praise and thanks that should have gone to confer our Degrees in a comfortable to the guys who did all the heavy lifting and pleasant environment. The first read- to make this event successful. Masonic will be held at a Summoned Communica- Hall, Election of Officers and announce tentative date for a 1st Degree.

May 20th - OSY Memorial Service at Communication on June 20th. It is vital 2 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church in Sen-

> May 21st - Investiture Service at Masonic Hall in Phelps

June 20th - Summoned Communication at Phelps Masonic Hall for second May 16th - Summoned Communi- reading of proposal, discussion and vote.

June 22nd-24th - St. John's Day in Phelps Masonic I would be remiss if Utica - V∴W:. Jed Brandow will be I did not thank Joe Shanks and Steve commissioned as the new OSY District

District Deputy Grand Master - William C. Benedict, II

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By Robert J. Zanin, Jr., Junior Deacon

May and June promises to be an lin Square Lodge. May 16th is the Annual Grand Lodge Report and Balloting for new Officers. Be sure you try to will be guiding us through the upcoming year. Also in May, we will be having Public Installation and Awards Ceremony on June 6th.

Speaking of awards, we will be giving Service Awards to Right Worshipful Floyd A. Sheldon for 65 years of service, Brother Oliver T. Amsbury for 50 years of service and Brother Clyde W. Johnson for 50 years of service. Sadly, Right Worshipful Peter J. Lonneville passed away on March 7th. He was Raised in Palmyra Lodge in 1952. His 60-year Service Award was presented to his wife in Florida.

Right Worshipful David Tabor will receive the Distinguished Service Award June 6th with a special presentation from the newly installed Grand Master, of Masons in the State of New York. The more Brothers we have show on this important night, the better. Show your support for these Brothers by coming out for this special evening.

Lastly, we are looking for volunteers to help with Palmyra's Pirate Weekend make the meeting and have a say in who information booth. Last year we had a small display put together by a couple of our Brothers, answered questions about a Lodge clean-up in preparation for our the Fraternity and Lodge and enjoyed spreading the news of our Brotherhood. Please contact me with any questions.

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Here I am, writing my last article as your DDGM and I find myself reflecting on the experience of the last two years. I have to say that I have learned a tremendous amount and enjoyed every second of it. I thank our leadership team - R:.W:.George Foehner and R:.W:. Phillip R. Hurwitz - for their tremendous support and great work; I also thank them both for their friendship and for filling in when I couldn't be there. My thanks to the AGLs, V:W : William Edwards and R .: W .: Michael L. Nohle, for their wonderful work during my term.

A special thank you to all my Brothers who assisted me, provided encouragement and whispered wise counsel when needed. Several names come to mind as I write these words and I am sure if I try to name all of them, I will miss mention- watch over and protect you always. ing so many. The reality is that I could not have done it without you, my Brothers.

If the measure of a leader is his ability to provide an environment where others can thrive and be the best they can be, I think I have accomplished some measure of that success. As a team, we were able to stay true to our theme of "One District, One Brotherhood." We worked hard on communication between the Lodges and stressed the importance of Masonic education - especially the study of our Ritual.

Highlights I Will Remember

Our AGLs leave an important legacy and they leave behind the proverbial "big shoes" to fill for those coming after them. I am writing this article after having attended the Ritual Competition event which was held at the Hilton Masonic Hall. I congratulate all those who participated and all those in attendance. This is Freemasonry at its best.

The District Table Lodge event last year soon-to-be V .: W .: Patrick Mulrooney.

Another goal for our team was to revive the Masters and Wardens Association and, thanks to W .: John Lemke, the group of Masters and Wardens thrives tion. Your participation at the Master's with a renewed enthusiasm.

years are many and I regret not having been able to leverage the power of available technology to further improve com- I say we are truly fortunate to have had munication and education in the District. We created the Monroe Masonic Facebook page which had moderate success, but still needs more input and would benefit from additional activity.

The Monroe Masonic Website requires significant attention, and we need to think about additional ways to communicate more effectively. We should continue to work on providing a link for nate to have him as their patriarch. our Lodges to share their stories and stay connected electronically and in real time Nasra, always saw to it that we operwith all Brothers in the District and else- ated as a team. His is an example to folwhere around the world. I am confident low. I will always be impressed with his

others will take on these tasks and succeed where I was not able to.

Here, I also congratulate R ∴ W ∴ Phillip R. Hurwitz, R .: W .: Michael Hueston and R.: W.: Rob Buchanan for their appointments as the new Leadership Team for our District. I have no doubt they will be successful in moving our District and Fraternity forward and I pledge my support to them during their tenure.

One thing I can say for sure is that these two years have given me the greatest experience of my Masonic Career. I leave the District in good hands as I return to my studies and the books I cher- By George Foehner ish. I will continue to learn as much as I can about Masonry and absorb the lessons of our beloved Ritual. I charge you to do the same as the true secret of Freemasonry is the discovery of the hidden meanings of its Ritual. Let us all renew our commitment to being serious students of Masonry, let us study the Ritual, learn it by heart, lodge it in our heart and let it guide us in our daily lives.

Finally, I end this last message with this recognition; paraphrasing the words of the great Austrian writer and poet Rainer Maria Rilke from his book Letters to a Young Poet ... If one could live without Masonry, then one shouldn't be a Mason at all. I will always be your Brother and I take comfort in the fact that I have Masonry as my family.

May the Great Architect of the Universe

Grand **Sword Bearers**



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By Phil Hurwitz

This is my last article as your Grand will also be etched in my memory forever Sword Bearer. It has been my privilege as a great event which brought all our Lodg- to serve you during these past two years es together at the Downtown Temple once and the time many of you took to share again. The credit for that event goes to our your fellowship with me will always be appreciated.

The main obligation as your Grand Sword Bearer, along with R:W: George Foehner, was in Masonic Educa-Chair, Masonic Development Course My shortcomings during the last two and Road to the East is what has made these courses successful.

I believe I am in good company when R .: W .: George Foehner as our coordinate Grand Sword Bearer. His companionship, insight and counsel have made fulfilling my obligation to the District a pleasure. I could not have asked for a better partner when it came to executing our obligations to this District. What will always impress me is that R .: W .: George puts others first. His family is truly fortu-

Our District Deputy, R .: W .: George

supportive demeanor, regardless of the tricts I visited for their courtesies and pressure brought on with demands of respect paid me on those visits. The best both his family and professional life. In by-product of my duties was the makcase you didn't know, R .: W .: George ing of so many new friends; I enjoyed has been back to school now for nearly a year, earning his MBA from the Simon School. As someone who has been a commuter student, both for my job was making the deadline for these undergraduate and graduate degrees, I can truly empathize with the commitment it takes to get through your studies. Despite all these demands, R:W: George always made himself available to any Brother who sought his counsel.

There are many other Brothers who shared their wise counsel with me during these past two years. To all of you, thank you.

To be continued. . .

As this will be my last article as Grand Sword Bearer, it is only fitting I end it with words of thanks. First, let me say it was my honor to be your Sword Bearer the past two years. It was an experience that won't be soon forgotten.

My thanks to all the Lodges and Dis-

all the camaraderie with my Brothers and Sisters. It was a fun and happy time for the most part. The hardest part of the articles (only kidding). I enjoyed writing them, always trying to keep them short and interesting.

I thank my Lodge, Union Star, for their support and the use of their building for many District functions. Special thanks to Gary and Gail Sanford for allowing me to wear R∴W:. Robert Sanford's Grand Steward 1992-1994 Grand Lodge Jewel. It was a great honor! I only hope I lived up to your Masonic standard, Bob.

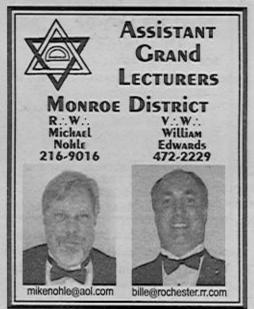
This isn't the end, only a new beginning. Look for my articles on the Freemasons of the Genesee Region and Have-a-Heart which, by the way, is in full swing for next year's Campaign.

Until then, God Bless All the Good Men and Women in Freemasonary!

Master of Unity Lodge, and W .: Mike Hueston, Past Master of Valley-Simes (Inspiration) Lodge, for competing in the "Masters" Category; and Brothers Jeremy Knox and Allyn Borrino of Webster Lodge and Brother Steve Michener of Northfield Lodge for competing in the "Brothers" Category. All these Brothers did an outstanding job!

Thank you to our judges, R:W: George Nasra, DDGM Monroe District; V .: W .: Hugh Woodside, Past AGL Monroe District; W .: Pat Mulrooney, Past Master of ERAC Lodge; and W .: Paul Kolacki, Master of Webster Lodge, for your assistance and support of this program. Although it was close, in the end Brother Steve Michener and W .: Mike Hueston were chosen as the winners in each of their respective categories. Congratulations to both Brothers for having earned the title of winner of the 2012 Ritual Competition.

We are having plaques made and these Brothers will have their names recorded on them. They will be given them to proudly display in their home Lodges until next year. The presentations will be made in the near future. Overall, it was a fun program and we believe the Broth-Congratulations to the following ers who participated and attended are Brothers for their participation and dedi- further inspired to learn and confer our cation to our Ritual - W .: John Lemke, beautiful Ritual. It is our sincere hope



By R:.W:. Michael Nohle Ritual Competition

On March 29th, we held our last School of Ritual for the year, which was a District Ritual Competition. It was held at Clio Lodge Hall in Hilton. We had 55 Brothers in attendance. Thanks to Clio Lodge for hosting this event and for providing delicious meatball sandwiches after the Competition.



(From left): W .: Paul Kolacki, W .: Pat Mulrooney, R .: W .: Mike Nohle, V .: W .: Hugh Woodside, V∴W∴ Bill Edwards, W∴ Mike Hueston, W∴ John Lemke, V∴W∴ Jason Dzembo, and R .: W .: George Nasra.



(From left): W .: Paul Kolacki, W .: Pat Mulrooney, R .: W .: Mike Nohle, V .: W .: Hugh Woodside, V∴W∴ Bill Edwards, Brother Steve Michener, Brother Al Borrino, Brother Jeremy Knox, V .: W .: Jason Dzembo, and R .: W .: George Nasra.

ued in years to come.

Attendance Banner

are done ... Webster Lodge is, once again, the clear winner of the 2011-2012 School of Ritual Attendance Banner. Congratulations to W .: Paul Kolacki, his Line Officers and the Brothers of Webster Lodge for this achievement. Congratulations also to Unity Lodge and Inspiration Lodge for having taken second and third places respectively. All-in-all, the Schools of Ritual this year were very well attended. We hope all Brothers who came out found them to be inspiring and educational. We very much enjoyed leading and taking part in these essential programs.

Joint Investiture Service

The Monroe District Joint Investiture Service is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30th, at Fairport Masonic Hall. This program is open to Masters-Elect, Masters, or Past Masters only. A Steak Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to the service The cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP to either V:.W:. Bill Edwards or R .: W .: Mike Nohle with your dinner reservation by Friday, May 25th. The Service will commence at 7:30 p.m. sharp. We are honored to have R:W:James Sullivan as our guest for the evening. It will be an exciting night as this will be one of R .: W .: Sullivan's first visits to our District after the Grand Lodge Election. Thank you to V∴W∴ Hugh Woodside for helping us to coordinate the events for the evening. We hope all Lodges of Monroe District will be represented at this program. A letter with all the details will be sent to each Lodge, including the Master-Elect Investiture Proxy Form.

In Closing

drawing to a close. Both Bill and I express our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to all Brothers of the District for your support and encouragement. It has been a great deal of fun and a very rewarding experience for us to serve in this capacity. We hope you will all extend the same level of enthusiasm to our incoming AGLs. We will both continue to support the cause of Ritual Education going forward but for now, it is with bitter sweetness that we stand down and allow others to serve.

Monroe District **Masters** and Wardens Association

By John Lemke, President

Freemasonry is on the move in Monroe District. The elected leadership in our with handicaps and Senior (Seasoned) Lodges and the Masters and Wardens have acted this year benefiting our Lodges and District. Men are looking for answers and finding them in our Fraternity. It is clear that Masters and Wardens is not just superfluous but by its actions can help each of our Lodges to grow and prosper.

With interest in Freemasonry increasing, we need to continue to work to tap that interest while we work together to keep all our 12 Lodges viable. As we grow, there is a time period that needs to be bridged until our increased membership helps significantly from the financial prospective. We are moving from fighting a rearguard action to formulating strategy to grow and flourish. The input from those elected Masters and Wardens in the quarries now will provide relevant experience needed to continue our success.

example of acting to benefit from our coming together socially as well as in a business meeting. The friendships and

this successful program will be contin- associations made this year will help with the success of Masters and Wardens next year. Being able to talk freely The numbers are in and the calculations in a relaxed, congenial atmosphere once a year is certainly a good thing. The presence of our ladies ads the touch that makes it particularly enjoyable and relevant in our own lives.

Future success, while not assured, is attainable. The momentum is with us. Freemasonry is not new and untried. Let us follow that which our fathers and grandfathers have and help to make America a better home for all of us.

Monroe District

New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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We were troubled recently to learn that a 17-year old, East High Student was accosted, slain and her body dumped in a swimming pool in Irondequoit. This tragedy stresses the importance of the Masonic Safety Program. The several law enforcement agencies involved did an excellent investigation and apprehended Our term as your District AGLs is a suspect. Had the body not been discovered for a few months the immediate connection would not have been so easy.

> With an increase in violence to young people, I trust you will see the importance of this program as a tool for law enforcement. The program gives some peace-of-mind to the parents and children and is a great way to meet potential Masons and Eastern Star members as you are interacting with the family members during the events.

> Bruce Katz, ERAC Lodge, is planning several Child ID events utilizing innercity Boy Scouts over the next few months. Also, Fairport-Flower City and Inspiration Lodges have events scheduled.

You Can Do It

Brothers, will you think and plan for each Lodge to host at least two Masonic Safety ID Programs? Let's set a goal toward that accomplishment! We will supply the equipment (and always need supplies, pens, paper, printing ink); you will plan, advertise and provide the manpower.

There are underserved youth, people 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. Instead of two events, why not 20???

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.

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the program and involve-Our dinner meeting in April was an ment from your Lodge!!! We can be reached most easily by email:

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By Jason Gartland, Master

Spring is here! The flowers and trees are in bloom and the grass is growing. It also means we are coming to the end of my term as Master of Fame Lodge. It has been a pleasure serving and I have truly enjoyed the experience. My thanks to all Brothers for your support, tips, words of encouragement and constructive criticism throughout the year. This has helped me learn and grow as your Master.

I also thank my Officers for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Lastly, thanks to Dave Foster for his work as Secretary - especially for all the work he does above and beyond the responsibilities of Secretary. Your guidance and support through the year keeps Fame Lodge moving forward. Thank you, Dave.

Upcoming Events

May 7th-8th - Grand Lodge Annual

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Communication. I will be attending the Communication and will have a report for our Brothers at the next meeting.

May 10th - Election of Officers. A Roast Beef Dinner will be served prior to this meeting.

May 24th - Installation of Officers. This will be an Open Installation. Please bring your family and friends to welcome our new Officers.

June 14th - Our last meeting of the year before going dark; it will be our traditional Strawberry Social put on by Dick Topel and Heinz Gunkel. This is also our Crazy Shirt Night. Which Brother will have the craziest shirt?

Thank you again for a great year; I wish our new Worshipful Master and his Line of Officers great success in the upcoming year.

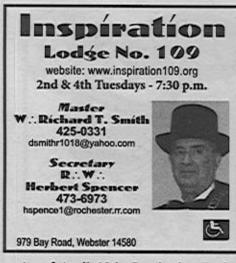
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As of April 13th, Inspiration Lodge No. 109 completed its first full year of existence, Raising five Master Masons - Adam Gerkin, Bill Grishaber, Andrew Herzog, Michael Kelly and Timothy Stewart. Their 3rd Degree was conferred by the Damascus Shrine Degree Team on April 10th. These are five young and eager new Brothers anxious to help our new Lodge grow. Soon there will be a changing of Officers and with the young men we have added we should have a Burke (26th); and Daniel Miller (27th). strong future ahead of us.

Traveling Gavel

Eight Brothers visited Webster Lodge on March 15th and brought the Traveling Gavel back to Inspiration Lodge. They were surprised when we arrived, indicating they didn't see it coming. We expect to entertain them in the near future, or another Lodge may stop by to take it to their home. Brothers attending were: Derek VanHouten, Skip Waterstreet, Mike Hueston, Glenn Stahl, Scott Rice, Todd Colburn, Frank Sackett and me. My thanks to all of them for helping me achieve one of my goals for the year. Good News

Brother Scott Mason's wife, Melissa, gave birth to their second son, Caleb Luke, on March 28th. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. Scott, who is in the Military, was deployed the week after his son's birth.

Sickness and Distress

Two of our Brothers have joined the Celestial Lodge. William Scheer passed away on March 15th, following a long, courageous fight against cancer. Richard VanZandt died March 30th. A Masonic Memorial Service was conducted for each of these Brothers and the sympathy of the Lodge was extended to their widows and family members.

We still have many Brothers with health issues. W.: Nelson Bertch is making progress and hopes to be back in Lodge soon. R .: W .: John Faro has been back in Lodge and continues to recover his strength from his recent hospital visit. W .: William Hook is back home but still struggling to become fully navigable again. W .: Duane Smith continues his rehab at the Jewish Home and

Infirmary. He would appreciate visitors or calls as he tries to regain his strength and weight. Brother Rene VanDeVeire continues to rehab from his surgery and is slowly getting back into the swing of things. R .: W .: Skip Waterstreet is in Cardiac Rehabilitation and making progress toward his full recovery.

Ritual Competition

On March 29th, the program at the School of Ritual was a competition. W: Mike Hueston, who competed in the Master's category, came in first, doing an excellent job in the portion of the Ritual required in that category. Congratulations, Brother Mike.

Celebrations

Sixteen Brothers were born in the month of May. Happy Birthday wishes to Raul Fernandez (3rd); George Wilkinson and Edward Start (4th); Andrew Bauridel (6th); Robert M. Hughes and David Leisten (10th); Gordon Kotzin (14th); John Lodge at Grand Lodge on May 7th and Steinkamp (18th); Terry Ramsey (21st); Robert Knyrim (22nd); Michael Hueston (23rd); Timothy Babcock and Timothy Stewart (24th); Charles Freida and Gary

May Events

the 231st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. It will be Move-Up Night in Lodge with our Senior Warden, Brother Joe DiTucci, in the East. Come out and give your Officers support in their efforts in new positions.

Our Annual Meeting will be May 22nd. Annual Reports will be given and the Election of Officers for the 2012-2013 Masonic year will be conducted. This is a Summoned Meeting and your attendance is requested and desired.

Lodge Shirt

There has been an interest expressed for obtaining shirts with the Lodge logo. A high-quality golf shirt has been selected. It has a pocket on the left chest and is available in four colors. The price is \$40; personalization of your name can be added for an additional \$5. Brother Scott Herzog has graciously taken over co-ordinating this effort. If you are interested in obtaining a shirt, we will accept your check, size and color choice. Contact Brother Scott by email at: scott.herzog@inspiration109.org; or by phone at: 309-9967. He can tell you the colors available, you can make your choice(s) and mail him a check (no order without money!), payable to Inspiration Lodge No. 109, His address is 58 Milford St., Rochester, NY 14615.

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Eight members of Inspiration Lodge visited Webster Lodge to obtain this prize. W .: Richard Smith, Master of Inspiration Lodge, accepts Traveling Gavel from Brother Andy McQuade and W∴ Paul Kolacki, Master of Webster Lodge.

Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476

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



Secretary - 271-7446 W .: Bernard D. Lazerson lazerbdl2@aol.com

Fairport Masonic Hall 87 South Main Street



As the weather gets warmer, the Lodge begins to wrap up one year and start another. We have had sad days this year with the loss of our Master, Sy Kopen. Soon we will shift into high gear with new, young leaders at the helm.

W: Tom Goodrich will represent the 8th in New York City. Fairport's own R.: W.: James Sullivan will become the new Grand Master. He is an honorary member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge.

Mark Your Calendar

May 14th is the only meeting of the On May 8th, I will be returning from Lodge in May. Reports from Grand Lodge will be given and the Officers for 2012-13 will be elected and appointed. The Officers will be installed at our June 11th meeting.

Fairport-Flower City Lodge will host the District Joint Investiture meeting on May 30th. A great Steak Dinner will precede the meeting. Of course, the meeting will be open to the newly elected Masters and Past Masters.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Greg Ludwig, DSA, is recovering from a hip replacement operation. After the usual torture rehab at St. John's Home, he is now home receiving special care from his good wife, Judy.

The Lodge is well into the planning for our Annual Food Booth at Fairport Canal Days on June 2nd and 3rd. Hopefully, there will be enough manpower to enable us to run a Child ID Program either at the Lodge or near our booth.

May Birthdays

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead to Brothers Reed Patterson (1st), John Leonard (3rd), David Green and John Harris (6th), Hank Wiener (8th), Bruce Budd (9th), Brett Shulman (10th), Alan Weinberg and Roy Forest (11th), Carl Dattel (16th), David Mawhiney and Craig Carey (17th), R. Clinton Emery and Jonathan Kirwan (19th) and Kermit Moyer (28th).

The Lodge continues its support of Fairport Little League. Young men proudly wear their "Masons" shirt. It is a 60-year tradition of which we can be proud to be a part.

Now that it is warmer and the days longer, please make an effort to come to Lodge to meet old friends and make new ones. a

Lodge No. 154 2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30 p.m. Master W .: Roger J. Lynch 334-7953 tc45410@aol.com Secretary W.: Donald C. Bell 334-7768 don_bell@hotmail.com

As this Masonic year comes to an end, it is time to say thank you for making it possible to serve as Master of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. With rising of vestiture, Fairport Masonic Hall new growth in the Spring it is time for a change. The new Master will step for-

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ward and present new and different ideas for all to work on along with his staff of Officers and their plans.

My Sincere Thanks

To the Brethren who stepped up to help fill the Places and Stations, I thank you. Sometimes with less than a minute before the Opening of the Lodge, due to poor communications or family emergencies, you willingly helped.

To my Officers, thank you for your work in trying to follow me as some of the times I wandered. To those who performed special tasks for the Lodge, thank you for the extra work that was asked of you. My special thanks to those Brothers who came to the rehearsals - even if they had no parts to work on - and gave extra care by filling in for those who could not make the rehearsals. It helped us rehearse and better understand the floor work and responses to our speaking parts.

Brother Richard Yendall will be starting with a very busy year and will be calling upon the Brethren to step up for some special work to be performed in the first few weeks of his year.

A special thank you to V: W: Hugh Woodside for taking care of some things I was not able to perform this year. His assistance in communicating with the sending of emails in a timely manner was most appreciated.

To our Secretary, W.: Don Bell, DSA, a special thank you for being my eyes by reading the Masonic Law Book for me and setting the Order of Business.

Moving Forward

May you all grow in knowledge and be on the floor this Fall, ready for a new world. Thank you to all who edited and corrected my articles this past term. They made the articles more readable.

The Installation of the Officers for the next year is June 9th at 2 p.m.; come see the new Master step to the Dais and lead us forward.





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Secretary - 425-4240 R : W : Gary R. Sanford 27 Freshfield Rise, Fairport 14450 ggsanford@aol.com 3 North Main Street Honeoye Falls 14472-1013

My thanks to all Brothers for the support you have given me this past year. It was my pleasure to have been your Master.

We have had a busy year and accomplished a great deal. We have brought a new Brother into the Craft; the Apron Room has undergone an eye-popping transformation; and thanks to our Charity Committee, the Food Pantry was able to stock their shelves. These are but a few of the projects that have made us better. It is my hope we can continue in the upcoming years. I again thank you for your help; without you, nothing could have been accomplished.

May Birthdays

Those who have matured this month are Michael Hoose, Charles B. Grimm, Harold W. Gruschow, Andrew C. Weidert, Kenneth Samarra and Kenneth E. Buckland.

Upcoming Events

May 14th - Stated Communication, Election and Walk-about

May 28th - Fellowcraft

May 30th - Monroe District Joint In-

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

May 2012

Shrine and Divan Meetings
Dinner Reservations Required

Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565 by Monday NOON

Shrine Office Hours Monday — Friday 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org



GARY BURKE POTENTATE



Last month I began my article with the phrase, "April Showers bring May flowers" and explained how that related to our membership efforts. I likened the Spring to sowing the seeds that bring forth a bountiful harvest and our membership efforts are much the same. As we sow the seeds of membership in the Shrine with our Masonic Brothers and Masonry with our friends we hope to reap a bountiful harvest of new members.

As we begin the month of May we will be conferring the Knickerbocker Degree upon our new crop of Nobles on May 12th. Come on out that day and join your other Nobles to welcome our new Nobles with a packed house! How great it is when we see a full room on Ceremonial Day.

Activities start with registration and social hour at 4 p.m.; then the world-famous (well, almost) cast performing the Ceremonial at 5 p.m.; the banquet immediately following. Don't be left "wishing" you had attended.

For all the Top-Line Signers of Shrine Petitions, are you taking my challenge seriously? Are you making sure the Noble you brought into Damascus either last year or are bringing in this year is becoming an active participant? Are you making sure he shows up for the Ceremonial? Make our membership efforts your Number One priority, please.

Speaking of May 12th, it is also our second "CALL-OUT PARADE," as we march in the Lilac Parade. Let's show Rochester, once again, that Damascus Shriners are alive and well with another great turnout of Clubs and Units. For details, see the article from Colonel of the Units, Mike Hueston, in this issue. As always, keep an eye on those constant

contact messages for all the latest.

Another date to pack the house is for our May 2nd, Community Service Awards presentation, when we honor the great things that Wegman's Food and Pharmacy does for this and every community they serve. I'm asking for your support that night to really show that members of Damascus care as much about what others do for the community as we do ourselves. Let's not have an open seat.

Remembering a Past Potentate

We lost a great member in the passing of Past Potentate Illustrious Seymour G. Kopen on March 3rd. He was an active member in not only the Shrine but the Scottish Rite where he was serving as Thrice Potent Master and his Craft Lodge where he was serving as Master. Sy enjoyed being involved in a great many things and did well at all of them. I'll especially miss him at Cruz Nights, as he was there to help on a majority of Friday nights. Well done, good and faithful servant.

His widow, Marjorie, wanted to make sure the Shrine remembered Sy and graciously donated a number of collectible decanters that Sy collected over the years. These will be displayed in our hallway cabinets for all to enjoy. She also donated a quantity of "adult beverages" as well.



A Look at the Past

If you missed out on the April 4th "Beer & Brats - Wine & Cheese" Night ... well, all I can say is, you missed a very enjoyable event. We had a great selection of craft beers, wine, plus vegetable and cheese trays to sample as we began the evening. When we thought we had enough, the real food was served and we enjoyed a meal of Bratwurst, Knockwurst, Sauerkraut and German Potato Salad. Oh, what about that dessert? ... wasn't that just delectable!

April 22nd gave us our Third Annual Seneca Niagara Casino Bus Trip. A big thank you to Sean Noonan for all his work in making this a great event. Some winners; some not, but a great time for all. Carm of Gino Tours does a fantastic job of putting this trip together and making the ride to and from the Casino as enjoyable as the Casino itself.

Another new event for Damascus this year was the Friday Night Fish Fry during Lent. What a success! Special thanks to all who helped out from February 24th thru April 6th, but an extra special thanks to our 1st Ceremonial Master, Scott Lasky and his family; Director, Jim Clancy and Lady Julie; 2nd Ceremonial Master, Matt Muller; Aide, John Hellaby III; and Chief Rabban, Oscar Wilson. They and others



DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2012

MAY

Open Meeting - Ladies invited. Community Service
Award - Wegman's
Classic Car "Cruz-in Nights Commence

12th Lilac Festival Parade/Spring Ceremonial (Open)
19th Damascus Wheelers Cigar Smoker Night

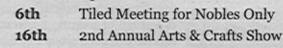
20th Auburn Shrine Club Mother's Day Brunch

11th, 18th & 25th - Cruz Nights at Shrine Center



JUNE

2nd & 3rdWeekend Bus Trip to Erie - Annual Community Open House





1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th - Cruz Nights at Shrine Center

JULY

1st-5th Imperial Session; Charlotte, NC 21st Summer Pig Roast at Shrine Center

Proceeds from Cruz Nights is for the benefit of Damascus Shriners. Contact Oscar Wilson to volunteer at: roscosc@earthlink.net. We need all hands on deck to help!

made this the success that it was and an event that will be repeated.

Looking to the Future

In addition to the events I listed above, we have on May 19th, our first-ever "Cigar Smoker" sponsored by the Wheelers. Even if you don't smoke, you don't want to miss this one. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship and food. It promises to be a good time. Use it as a membership tool to show off the great times we have.

Cruz Nights begin on Friday, May 11th. Come out and see what all of Rochester is talking about. See some classic cars and motorcycles. Join your friends as we present great food, music and atmosphere for all to enjoy.

June Events

June 2nd and 3rd brings us a great trip to Erie Hospital. Ride the bus on us! That's right, a free ride. Enjoy a great dinner and Comedy Show on Saturday night, and then tour the Grounds and your Hospital on Sunday. See details elsewhere as well as your constant contact messages. All you Top-Line Signers make every effort to get your new Nobles and their Lady to make this trip. Get involved in your Shrine!

June 6th will be a tiled meeting for Nobles only. We will review the call items that will be presented at Imperial Sessions for your opinions. Your Representatives need your input so we know how to vote when these items come up for vote at Imperial. The menu for the evening will be Roasted Stuffed Pork Chops, (Chicken,

corection

Last month, as Cruz Nights started appearing on the Trestleboard, I made the assumption (and you know what that means ...) that proceeds benefitted the Shriners Hospitals for Children. But, this year the proceeds go to the Damascus Shriners.

My apologies,

Jan Porter, Compositor

by request only), Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad and Dessert.

June 16th will bring us our 2nd Annual Arts & Crafts Show in partnership with the Rochester Artisans Group. Don't miss this exciting day at your Shrine Center.

July Events

Imperial Session, will be in Charlotte, North Carolina on July 1st – 5th; this could be a very interesting Session to say the least.

July 21st is the date of our Summer Outing when we will have a Pig Roast with all the trimmings. The event will be catered by Colby's Pig Roast Catering. You will have a menu consisting of a Whole Pig Roasted on the Spit, Slow-Roasted Chicken Bar-B-Que, three sauces consisting of BBQ, Sweet and Hot, Fresh-Baked Rolls, Baked Beans, Salt Potatoes, Baked Ziti in Sauce, Tossed Salad and Dressing as well as Fresh Fruit Salad. Don't miss out on another fantastic event at your Shrine Center. Get this date on your calendar now. This is an

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Mark Your Calendar ... Shriners Classic Car "Cruz-in Nights" ...
Fridays, May 11th thru September 7th



What is this Shriners Charity Fishing Event all About? By Bob Songin

ad in the Damascus News section of the Masonic Times or at least heard of the new event we are planning to help raise money for our Hospitals at the end of the Summer. This should be a fun event and, if successful, become a yearly outing.

We are planning a Charter Fishing Event for King Salmon and Trout on Lake Ontario. Those of you who are not familiar with the fishing opportunities Lake Ontario provides, should really consider giving this a try. First off, you do not have to have fishing experience to enjoy this event; in fact, this is the perfect event for the person who has never fished, or one with very little experience, up to the expert fisherman.

I have secured the services of 20 professional Charter Captains who have agreed to take us out on Lake Ontario at a reduced cost, for 5 hours of Salmon fishing. They will provide us with all the equipment and, hopefully, knowledge of where the fish are for a successful outing.

So the Questions Are

When - September 12th

Where - Point Breeze, which is located straight North of Albion where Route 98 hits the Lake and I mean when you best when already in your system. run out of road, it turns into a parking lot.

Directions

(heading North), turn left at the end of the everyone will be boarding the boats.

of their family and friends.

includes 5 hours of fishing followed by lunch with a cash bar at the Black North ther email me at: Inn in their new annex building.

What you Need to Bring and Know 1) If you are over 16 you need to

By now I hope everyone has seen the have a Fishing License. They can be purchased at any sports store, Town Hall or Wal-Mart. If you buy a yearly license, you are all set. If you don't, you can by a One-day License for \$15; just have them date it for September 12th. Please take care of that before you show up ... we will not have time for license purchases that morning. (Note: The DEC does check often for licenses).

2) If you want anything to eat or drink on the boat, you have to bring it with you and, yes, alcohol is allowed as long as you do not get intoxicated to the point you become a danger to yourself or others on the boat.

3) Dress for the conditions and you must have soft-sole shoes (like sneakers). If you wish to keep fish to take home, they will be cleaned and packaged for you on the vessel and you can put them in the cooler you brought your food or beverages in to take home.

4) If you are worried about motion sickness while out it is good to be prepared. The best bet is Dramamine or Bonine. We suggest you take it the night before and the morning of, as it works

5) Each vessel will carry four people. It is best if you put a group together, either Coming from Rochester, take the four friends or family. If you cannot get a Lake Ontario State Parkway get off at full group of four, no problem - sign up the Point Breeze Albion Exit. Turn right and we will put a group together for you.

6) Last of all, reservations and payroad and pull into the parking lot where ments must be made through the Damascus Shriners Office - Checks payable to Who can Attend - This is an open "Damascus Shriners" - before September event for any and all Masons, members 1st. The sooner you get this done the better as we would like to give the Captains What will it Cost - \$125/person, which involved confirmation as soon as possible.

If you have any further questions, ei-

reelxite@rochester.rr.com or call me at 585-733-5829.

See you there!

ing at 8 a.m. Join us there for coffee and donuts. We will be on Science Parkway to wait the start of the parade which begins at 10:30 a.m. sharp. This is a "call-out" parade and we are asking all Clubs and Units

It's More Than the Parade ...

Don't forget, after the parade we will meet back at the Shrine Center for our Spring Ceremonial. It would be great to show support for our new Nobles. As we get more information we will pass it on. "

From the Quill ...



By Derek VanHouten, Recorder To Bring to Your Attention ...

The other day we were thinking about what recreational activity some of you may want to try prior to the meetings - when warmer weather gets here. If some of you can lay your hands on "very used" golf balls and bring your clubs to the meeting, you would be welcome to launch them out back and into the woods. Retrieving them would not be a good idea - chances are you would lose them, that's why really used balls would be used.

Insurance Coverage

It was brought to our attention a question about our insurance coverage for the Noble riding a parade vehicle, one of our Mini-cars, the trucks that pull them, a Noble participating in a Shrinesponsered event or a Noble transporting a child to our Hospital. What protection is he covered with?

The answer is that each parade vehicle is covered with a One Million Dollar Policy and if you're taking a child to the Hospital you are also covered up to one million dollars. Damascus is covered with umbrella coverage of one million dollars for the preceding situations and we have our policy with Brown & Brown. Our Insurance Committee is made up of Past Potentates, Robert Anderson, Cv Kloner and Lance Ward and, along with our agent Tim McNelly, they are always available to answer your questions.

About the Dues Notices

The Office is here to assist you, the Nobility, and we wanted to acknowledge the great work Karin Staples is providing to us in the day-to-day operations. Mentioning that, we have just sent out the Second reminder for Dues payments. If you have not paid your Dues yet, PLEASE take a moment and send in your Dues. If you have moved or you have a new email address, PLEASE let us know. Currently we are working on several returned Dues Notices because the Noble went to Florida and never notified us of a Winter address, or, for a variety of other reasons, the Dues Notice was returned. Please help us to help you.

Where are They?

To this point, we could use your help in tracking down the following Nobles: Bernard W. Johnson, Edward L. Heselton, Robert M. Harrold, John N. Mosher, Roswell C. Fingar, John P. Mainville and James E. VanSickle. If you may know these Nobles, please alert the Office. Thank you.

Potentate, Gary Burke Continued from page 9

open event and a great membership development opportunity as well.

First Lady's Projects

Remember, we are still selling Damascus Shrine Cookbooks. They are only \$15 each and 100% of the proceeds go to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

And don't forget about those gift cards from fast food restaurants, Wal-Mart or Target for distribution to the families of Hospital patients. Cards can be sent or dropped off at the Office. Should you prefer to make a monetary donation towards this project, just denote "First Ladies Project" in the memo portion of your check.

Until next time

Damascus News

Boosters

Douglas & Ruth Hunt Jim Toogood Skip & Diane Waterstreet

Action Required!!!

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

> Let's Grow This List! Departed Nobles

The Black Camel has hit us hard in the last month as we said goodbye to Nobles Robert Judd, Herbert Ross and Howard Stanley. We will all remember the great Damascus moments we have experienced with them. A suitable remembrance will take place at a future tiled meeting.

RARES Program

Many of you have probably noticed the small cards in the hallway that mention the R.A.R.E.S. Program but were not sure what they were. This is a free discount program for you - discounts to many area attractions such as ballgames; amusement parks, i.e. Seabreeze, and over 400 other venues around the area. They all have a unique 2012 RARES ID Number on the face of the card. To find out more go to www.rares.org and experience some fun times.

Also, we are looking for a Noble who would be responsible to take on the position as the RARES Representative for Damascus. If you're interested, contact the Office.

By Mike Hueston, Colonel of the Units

I Love a

Parade!

Please come join the fun and help Damascus Shriners show Rochester we are still a big part of the Lilac Festival Celebration.

The Lilac Parade will be Saturday, May 12th, and we will meet for the lineup startto please plan to be in the parade.

St. Patrick's Day Parade



(Left)Two DeMolay prospects carried the banner at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. (I-r) Maverick Gerhard (DeMolay), Kevin Gerhard, Mike Hueston, Zach Taylor and Dan Damanski (DeMolay). (Right) (I-r) Mike Hueston, Colonel of the Units; Jim Miller, Assistant Rabban, and "Jingles."

Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles:

Robert W. Judd April 10, 2012

Herbert F. Ross March 28, 2012

Howard A. Stanley, Jr. March 27, 2012



May Birthdays

Robert Bailey Peter Bowers Robert Breen Gregory Brown Kenneth Buckland Gary Burke **Howard Combs** George Corbett Ralph Cox Roger Cox Robert Curtis Harry Dainty Randy Darling **Edward Denton** Donald Dill Myron Dox John Dudley Asaf Durakovic William Edwards Clark Engelsen Bruce Frazee Charles Frear Richard Friedman Dale Gelder

Mike Grady Charles Grimm Kenneth Hall Marshall Hardy Roger Hawkins Edgar Hollwedel Michael Hueston Jefferson Huff Paul Humphrey Douglas Hunt Phillip Hurwitz Eilia Jahjah Pedro Jimenez James Kahn David Klionsky Gordon Kotzin David Larson Joe Lewis Dean Locke Lyle Maldoon Roland Maracle John McCall Timothy McNelly William Michener Arthur Miller

Stephen Mitchell **Donald Munger** Gary Orbaker Jordan Pappas Warren Patterson Michael Pollock John Ramsey Gary Rathbun **David Retchless** Jay Riggs Gerald Rohrer Donald Ross Andrew Rueby Bernard Russell Robert Schwarting William Snyder Robert Strang Michael Sukhenko Ralph Talcott Gary Thompson Josue Traverzo **Donald Tubman** Harry Tyson Alan Weinberg Robert Wharmby

Imperial Potentate, Michael Severe Visits Springfield Hospital

By Karen Motyka, Donor Development

On March 19th, some members of the Shriners Hospital for Children®-Springfield Board of Governors had the privilege to greet Michael Severe, Imperial Potentate, for his first visit to the Hospital. Imperial Sir Michael had an opportunity to meet with this group of Board Members, as well as with the Administrator and Department Managers. Karen Motyka, Donor Development, gave Mike a tour of the Hospital and he was on hand to meet Massachusetts Senator, Scott Brown, in the afternoon.



Board members pictured with guest, (1-r) Ben Froggett (Cyprus Temple); Phil Thomas, Emeritus Chairman, (Melha Temple); Jim Spear (Melha Temple); Michael Severe, Imperial Potentate; David Burstein, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Governors (Melha Temple); Ralph Semb, Past Imperial Potentate, Board of Trustees Emeritus Chairman (Melha Temple); Steven Behe, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors (Kalurah Temple); and George Sachs (Melha Temple).



(1-r) Imperial Potentate Michael Severe, Senator Scott Brown and David Burstein, Esq.



(l-r) Imperial Potentate Michael Severe and David Burstein, Esq., Chairman of the Board, Springfield Hospital

What's New in Erie...

Progress Continues on Transformation physician clinic services that will continto Ambulatory Surgery Model

The transformation of Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie from an In-paan Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center is moving ahead as planned. It is anticipated this change will be implemented by May 1st.

As part of this transformation process, the Erie Shriners facility is forging new partnerships with other medical facilities in our area, most notably Children's Hospital cal care. What will not change during this to 2 p.m. transformation is the Shrine Mission and family's ability to pay.

provide Shriners Hospitals for Chilforward to meet the medical needs and pitals for Children - Erie facility.

Media/Marketing Campaign to be Launched in May

Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie the Erie facility during the past year. facility from a hospital to an ambulathe outpatient surgery, rehabilitation and fet dinner at the Country Club.

ue to be available to patients regardless of their ability to pay.

This marketing campaign will include tient Pediatric Orthopedic Hospital into television, newspaper, magazine and program advertising, outdoor billboards, new brochures and other sponsorship efforts throughout northwestern PA, and neighboring areas of New York and Ohio.

Community Open House and Golf Outing

The Annual Shriners Erie Communiof Pittsburgh. Children's is very interested ty Open House and 4th Annual Shriners in leasing a portion of our building to es- Erie Charity Golf Outing are coming in tablish pediatric clinics to offer medical June. Be sure to mark your calendar, as sub-specialties that do not already exist in everyone is invited to attend! The Annu-Erie. This fits nicely with the objective of al Shriners Erie Community Open House having the Erie Shriners facility serve as a (formerly known as Hospital Day), will Regional centerpiece for pediatric medi- be held Sunday, June 3rd, from 9:30 a.m.

As in past years, self-guided tours of Erie's commitment to provide the very best the facility will be available. This will be medical care regardless of the patient's or an excellent opportunity to meet the staff and learn more about the new Ambulatory The very special support all Shriners Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center. Back by popular demand will dren® - Erie is helping the facility move be the Antique/Classic Car Show on the grounds. Anyone with an antique/classic challenges of thousands of children and car is invited to participate. There will also families. This is an exciting time for ev- be a craft fair and musical entertainment. eryone connected with the Shriners Hos- The formal Shrine ceremony will begin at approximately 12:45 p.m. The Community Open House will include a special recognition of the volunteer Shrine Driv-As part of the transformation of the ers who transported patients to and from

The 4th Annual Shriners Erie Chartory surgery model, a major marketing ity Golf Outing will be held on Monday, and communications campaign is being June 25th, at the Lake Shore Country planned. This campaign, which will begin Club in Erie. Registration and lunch in May, is designed to inform the general begin at 11 a.m. followed by a shotgun public about the changes that will be tak- start at 12 Noon. Following the golf outing place at the Erie facility, emphasizing ing, participants will be treated to a buf-



By Eleanor Canfield, P.Q.

Zama Temple No. 14 held its Installation of Officers on March 25th at Webster Masonic Hall. Queen Diane Romanyshyn entered the room in a beautiful pink gown and was smiling beautifully as this was the special day for which she has worked very hard. Queen Diane was crowned by Lutgarda Houston. The crown Diane is wearing this year is one of Zama's first crowns. Diane processed around the room after taking her obligation and being crowned, and received flowers from her family.

2012 Officers

Elected Officers for 2012 are: Junior Past Queen, Gail Sanford; Princess Royal, Robin Locke; Princess Tirzah, Barbara Jean Smith; Princess Badoura, Rhonda Shaffer; Princess Recorder, Carol Colegrove P.Q.; and Princess Banker, Violet Ball P.Q.

Appointed Officers are: Princess Marshal, Eleanor Canfield P.Q.; Princess Chaplain, Judith VanHouten P.Q.; Lady of the Keys, Princess Rosamund Hornung; Lady of the Gates, Princess Clara Moore; Princess Nydia, Patricia Lovett; Princess Zulieka, Nancy Lynch P.Q.; Princess Zenobia, Jaime Gardner; Princess Zora, Joyce Bernhardt; Princess Zuleima, Delores Curtis; Princess Musician, Nancy Dainty; Princess Attendant, Karin Staples; and Princess Attendant, Kelly Allen.

2012 Installing Officers were: Installing Officer, Betty Nohle, P.S.Q.; Installing Marshals, Lutgarda Houston P.Q. and Carol Colegrove; Installing Chaplain, Sharon Spencer P.Q.; and Installing Attendants, Joan Davis P.Q. and Sharon Baldwin P.Q.

Installation music was provided by Nancy Dainty. The Eagle Star Singers, accompanied by Pianist, Shirley Ward, entertained. They were from Eagle Star Chapter, OES, where Queen Diane is a member.

After all Officers were installed, there were greetings from Queen Diane, introduction of Junior Past Queen, Gail Sanford, and she also signed the Bible. Ill. Sir Gary Burke and his Lady, Deborah, were introduced as well as others. Zama Temple's Pageantry performed and all retired to the Dining Room for a delicious Pork Dinner, cooked and served by Princess Joy Woodley.

Upcoming Events

Zama's new Queen has an eventful and interesting year planned.

May 7th - Finger Lakes Nile Club, PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED; Contact Sharon Baldwin or Ellie Canfield

May 11th - Cruz Night (weather permitting); PLEASE bring baked goods

May 12th - Stated Session, Queen's Luncheon at Webster Masonic Hall

May 14th - Past Queen's Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at JPQ Gail Sanford's House; 27 Freshfield Rise, Fairport; PLEASE contact Gail so she knows how many will be coming. Thank you.

May 18th - Cruz Night (weather permitting); PLEASE bring baked goods

May 21st - Line Officers Meeting; PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED

May 25th - Cruz Night (weather permitting); PLEASE bring baked goods

If you cannot attend Cruz Night (we hope you will) and you bake, please try to send your goodies with another Nile member. Thank You.

Support the Shriners

Queen Diane is also asking that we support all public events of Damascus Shrine this year. If you can, be sure to wear your Daughters of the Nile name badge and our pins.

Just as a reminder ... Cruz Nights will start at the Shrine this year on May 11th. Daughters of the Nile will again be selling cookies; therefore, we need ALL bakers to start baking cookies. (You may be thinking too early - not really; they freeze well).

I have given everyone a lot of information in this article, but there is a reason for this. We need to see faces of those who have not been out to Sessions and you know why WE MISS YOU. Won't you please think about supporting our Queen and joining us for fellowship?

Until we meet again in the Masonic Times, I leave you with this:

A Friend That's Always There

If I could catch a rainbow, I would do it just for you And share with you its beauty On the days you're feeling blue.

If I could build a mountain You could call your very own, A place to find serenity, A place to be alone...

If I could take your troubles I would toss them in the sea, But all these things I'm finding Are impossible for me.

I cannot build a mountain Or catch a rainbow fair, But let me be what I know best A friend that's always there.

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

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

Dates to Remember ...

May 12th - Lilac Parade & Spring Ceremonial

May 19th - Cigar Smoker Night

June 2nd & 3rd -Bus Trip to Erie

June 16th - Annual Arts & Crafts Show

July 1st-5th - Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC

Cruz Nights - Every Friday through September 7th!



Get together ... at the Oasis!

See you on the 1st Thursday of the Month!



Join us on a fun trip to the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Erie Saturday, June 2nd & 3rd

"Take the bus on us" ... A free bus ride, provided by Damascus Shrine Wheelers! All for Only \$179+Tax for 2 people (Additional \$60 for 3rd/4th person in a room) or \$129+Tax for 1 person

Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org

Make your own Hotel Reservation (814) 459-2220 Reference "Damascus Shrine Package" FYI - The Wheelers will be caravanning with their motorcycles, too. Contact Sean Noonan or Kevin Faro for more details.

Leave Saturday at Noon from the Shrine Center

Arrive at the Avalon Hotel and Conference Center in Erie

Enjoy a glorious meal at Jr.'s Last Laugh Comedy Club Appetizers, Choice of Entrée - Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu OR Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Sunday morning Breakfast at Hotel

9:30 a.m. - Hop on the Bus to Tour the Hospital then join the Festival ... Antique Car Show, Craft Fair, Shrine

2 p.m. Prompt - Board the Bus for trip back to Webster

Arrive in Webster by 6 p.m. Sunday evening

Damascus Clowning Unit & Clowning For Fun 2012 Schedule

"Get Your Clown On"

May 12th - Lilac Parade "Call-out" May 11th, 18th & 25th - Cruz Nights June 12th - Craft Show at Shrine Center

Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month the Shrine Center - RSVP for meetings to Doug: email: bltdogz@yahoo.com

6 p.m. - Social Hour ... food, snacks and drinks 7 p.m. - Meeting and Fun

May 7th

Makeup review ... Balloon - Ladybug Magic - Thumb Tip ... Juggling ... Puppets Share a "Clean" Joke ... How to Parade as a Clown

June 4th Balloon - Bracelet ... Magic - With Props ... Face Painting

Summer Picnic Games

July 9th Clown Pool Party at Oscar's House

August 6th Work on Skits for Graduation

September 3rd Dress Rehearsal for Graduation

October 1st Balloons - Halloween

October 5th Graduation ... Individual Skits ... Group Skits

Come one, come all to the 2nd Annual Help the Shriners Help Kids Arts & (rafts) bow

Saturday, June 16th

at Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

Show Hours - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free Admission!

This show is in partnership with the Rochester Artisans and will feature artists of all kinds on the spacious grounds of the Damascus Shrine Center which easily reached via Routes 590 and 104. Ample free parking available!

Hot Dogs, Burgers and Sausage available hot-off-the-grill! Music by local artists throughout the day! A fun time for all!

Join the Geneva Shrine Club for

Father's Day Brunch and Cruise on Beautiful Keuka Lake Sunday June 17th



Pre-Launch Party - 12 Noon Cruise and Brunch - 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Cost \$35 per person Cash Bar

Shriners, Masons, Ladies and Guests invited

RSVP to Lance Ward at (315) 789-4411

Payment in Advance preferred.

Make check Payable to "Geneva Shrine Club"

and mail to: 3394 Sutton Road, Geneva, NY 14456

Make Reservation Early - Limited Seating!

Damascus Shrine Wheelers

CIGAR SMOKER

Tickets - \$35 Saturday, May 19th 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

> Ticket-Purchase Deadline - May 14th Food-Only Tickets - \$10 ~ Sold at door

> > INCLUDES:

2 PREMIUM (hand-rolled) CIGARS by Santiago Cigar Factory

Hamburgs ~ Hots ~ Sausages ~ 3 Salads & Trimmings Raffles and Prizes

at Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster

For Tickets/Information: Call Shrine Center at 671-7701 or Sean at 261-6311

_____ Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

Program - "A Civil War Memorial" by the Williamson Middle School Students

Wednesday, May 9th

at Damascus Shrine Center 979 Bay Road, Webster

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

Dinner - 6 p.m.

Meeting - 7 p.m.

Tossed Salad * Baked Ham * Scalloped Potatoes Vegetable * Bread & Butter * Coffee * Dessert \$12 per person

RSVP no later than Friday, May 4th at (585) 436-8216 or email: cylegalrx@hotmail.com ____

> Save the Date! ... Rain or Shine!

Flag Retirement Ceremony June 10th ~ 2:30 p.m.

at Damascus Shrine Center

Conferred by Damascus Legion of Honor

Shrine Band ~ Open Bar ~ Refreshments

Summer Pig Roast Saturday, July 21st

at Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster

12 Noon to 4 p.m. ~~~ Food Served at 2 p.m.

A feast not to be missed!

A full-service, catered Pig Roast that will delight you by the aroma and sight of the plentiful, freshly prepared cuisine by Colby's Pig Roast

The menu for the day will consist of:



Whole Pig Roasted on the Spit Chicken Bar-B-Que Sauces (Bar-B-Que, Sweet & Hot) Fresh Baked Rolls Baked Beans ~ Salt Potatoes Baked Ziti in Sauce Tossed Salad & Dressing

Fresh Fruit Salad ~ ~ ~ Soft Drinks, Coffee or Tea

All this for only \$23.50 per person

Reservations due by 10 p.m., Sunday, July 15th Call Reservation Line - (585) 671-3565 or email: office@damascusshriners.org

Bring your lawn games and enjoy the park-like setting at the Shrine Center. Maybe even get some competitions going with the games that are brought.

Make this the event of the Summer at Damascus.

Directors Staff **Dinner Meeting** Wednesday May 2nd

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.

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

Call Vance Collom (585) 217-9817 vcollom1@rochester.rr.com with any questions or to make reservations

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

Farewell to a Friend

It was sad news that our friend Henry Funk has laid down his Working Tools. He was a friend to all and often graced us with his presence at our Club meetings. Both Jim Kahn and I were privileged to attend the Masonic Service in Geneva. I also understand the service at the new Veteran's Cemetery at Sampson was beautiful and that the cemetery itself is something everyone should visit.

Our March meeting at Springside Inn was a huge success. Our guest speaker, Ray Bizzari, from the Cayuga County Mental Health Center, gave us insight (from an insider's view) into the workings of our medical community.

It was great to see Ted Tennent out. He got the prime seat next to the fireplace ... and then we had to have the air conditioning turned on. What weather we had in March! Derek Van Houten, Harry Dainty and Bob McManus - all Past Potentates - were in attendance. Oscar and his date, Sharon, were seated at our table, along with the Richard Palmers. Oh yes, welcome back to Ken Pollard. He was with the singles group as his bride already had another meeting planned. I'm not sure they were ready to come back from Florida or if they just had too many commitments to stay any longer. I also noticed the Erlichs, the Hares, the VanVlacks and the Stantons.

Mother's Day Brunch

Mother's Day Brunch is planned for Sunday, May 20th. I know, that isn't Mother's Day, but in Auburn Shrine Calendar time it is. We will be at Old Erie Restaurant in Weedsport; 11 a.m., \$18 per person. Reservations to John Cambareri (315) 253-0997 by Sunday, May 13th (the real Mother's Day!).

When you call in your reservation you might want to say "Aloha." We know that means Hello as well as goodbye. John, you are going to be missed more than this limited writer can express. It is no secret that he and Carol are making big changes in their lives. We wish them well and hope we are given contact information. Keep your eyes peeled to this column in future months for that information.

The Tigris Shrine Circus was on our "to do" list again this year. We went on Sunday to a huge crowd. We didn't win a bike, but ate hot dogs, popcorn, soda pop and nachos. Next time you see me, ask to see the picture of my granddaughter with her clown nose!

Finally, as you are looking at your calendar, make sure you put the AN-NUAL STEAK ROAST in big letters for August 20th. It is always a big crowd and you want to be a part of it.

WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB'S ANNUAL BULLHEAD DINNER

May 17th - Ladies invited

Social - 5 p.m. with Smelt, Cheese and Crackers Dinner - 6 p.m.

> Connelly's Cove Restaurant 7147 Lake Bluff Road, Wolcott

Entrée Choices: Bullhead - \$16 ~~~ Fillet of Haddock - \$18 Delmonico Open Steak - \$21 ~~~ Chicken Parmesan - \$17

Dinners include: Soup, Baked Potato, Vegetables (Served Family Style) Cole Slaw, Bread and Butter, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

Reservations due by May 13th; Be sure to include Choice of Entrée. Please contact Pete Adams at (315) 548-3218 or Frank Russell at (315) 331-7621

Easter Egg Hunt Was an **Awesome Event!**



Enchanting Erie Canal Dinner Cruise with the Damascus Shriners

> Saturday, August 25th 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

This is The "Fun" in "Fun With a Purpose" Bring your friends and family to this open event.

\$45 per person includes:

Colonial Belle 3-Hour Cruise ~~~ Dinner (w/gratuity) Cash Bar ~~~ Entertainment ~~~ Beautiful Sites

Choice of Entrée: Chicken French, Pulled Pork, OR Vegetarian Pasta Make Reservations with Entrée Choice by Noon, Monday, August 20th (Prepaid tickets get 1 free drink coupon/ticket) Call the reservation line: (585) 671-3565 Or email: office@damascusshriners.org

Dress Code - Business Casual Attire Meet at 400 Packett's Landing, Fairport Boarding at 6:45 p.m. ~~~ Handicap Accessible

Event Chairpersons - Kevin Gerhard and John Hellaby (This is not a fundraiser.)



In Memoriam

Chapman, John D.

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John Chapman, 91, went to the waiting arms of his wife on April 3rd. John will always be cherished by his 3 children, 13 grandchildren and 10 greatgrandchildren. He was a World War II Veteran of the US Marine Corps and a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

Judd, Robert W. "Bobo"

Robert Judd, 86, laid down his Working Tools on April 10th and his wife of 65 years, Betty, 2 children and 3 grandchildren survive him. He was a US Marine Corps Veteran of World War II. He will be missed by his Masonic Brothers of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

Moser, Lowell

On March 12th, Lowell "Sam" Moser, 87, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven. His wife of 66 years, Marian, survives him. Sam was a US Army Veteran of World War II and a member of the Valley of Rochester, Scottish Rite. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Overslaugh, Kenneth C., Jr.

Kenneth Overslaugh, Jr., 74, went to Ward, Kenneth C. the Celestial Lodge on March 10th. Ken will be remembered by his wife, Judy, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and the many students he taught. Ken was a member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge. His Masonic Brothers and family will miss him.

Ross, Herbert F.

Herbert Ross, 80, went Home to his Lord on March 28th. He is survived by his wife, Terri; 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Herb served his country with the US Army in the Korean War. He was a 53-year member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

Ross, John W.

On March 29th, John Ross, 100, went to the waiting arms of his wife. He is survived by 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. John was a 66-year member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine. May he

find peace with the Lord.

Simons, Donald Bruce

Donald Simons, 85, was received into Eternal Glory on March 21st. His wife of 64 years, Margaret Betty, a son and grandson will share his memory. Don was a World War II Veteran. He was a member of Fame Lodge and Scottish Rite. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

Stanley, Howard A., Jr.

On March 27th, Howard Stanley, 76, departed from a lively life of accomplishments and joined his wife, Sharon, who predeceased him. Howie is survived by 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. The Brothers of Union Star Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine will keep his memory in their hearts. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Van Zandt, Richard L.

Richard Van Zandt, 81, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on March 30th. His wife, Patricia, 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren will remember him often. He was a member of Inspiration Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Kenneth Ward, 89, went to the waiting arms of his wife, Audrey, on April 4th. He will always be cherished by 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Ken was a World War II Veteran and a 63-year Mason, member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

Widows to be Remembered

Brown, Esther W., 102, widow of Stanley Brown (Seneca Lodge), passed away March 24th.

Scobell, Elaine R., 89, widow of James Scobell (Seneca Lodge), passed away





Order of the Eastern Star

Monroe District OES HiLights



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By Mae Bauer

Monroe Official Visits are going alongwell. May visits include:

May 7th - Corinthian-Fellowship, Etolian and Leah Chapters Combined Visit, 7:30 p.m. at Spencerport Masonic Hall

May 15th - Nolatka Chapter, 7 p.m. at Community Christian Church, 2647 Chili

May 16th - Lilac Star Chapter, 7:30 p.m. at Webster Lodge Hall.

Please come out and support your Sisters and Brothers at these meetings.

May 29th - The Tri-District Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the St. James Episcopal Church, 405 East Main Street, Batavia. They will be honoring Present and Past Patrons. Monroe District is asked for the donation of 8 pies for refreshments that evening. Once again, there is a need for help before and afterwards and a few people to fill Offices for the evening.

June 1st - Grand Matron's Official Church, 101 East Main Street, Palmyra. A call for involvement with the light lunch afterwards will be going out to the Chapters. I will need help for the setup and cleanup. I hope many members will come to enjoy the evening and show our support for Right Worthy Ken Milner.

June 14th - Lilac Luncheon at our Eastern Star Home in Oriskany.

August 11th - Monroe District Chicken Bar-B-Que and Peach Festival; Firemen's Field in Webster. There is a need to help make peach pies on Thursday, August 9th and Friday, August 10th. The Bar-B-Que is on Saturday, serving Noon 'til Gone.

Letters are going to the Chapters with sign-up sheets for the above activities. Many hands make light work for everyone.

Fairport Chapter had an Open Meeting on May 1st to give potential members an idea about our Order. Here's hoping they are interested enough in joining and will come to love it as we do.

July 27-28 Pilgrimage in Oriskany

July 27th - Friday morning is the Golf Tournament, coordinated by our own M.W. Neil Laundry - information should be in the hands of each Chapter.

This year, Friday night will be special because of a combined Districts dinner and announcement of Grand Officers for our big 2013 year. Many will be going for an overnight stay and arrangements have been made with the Ramada - New Hartford. You have to call and make your reservations for Friday night ... phone 315-735-3392. Make sure you ask to book in "OES-Wayne County."

Bring a wrapped auction item (\$5 value) - we'll have lots of fun! Cost of the dinner is not available as I write this article.

Spaghetti Dinners

Don't forget to support the Spaghetti Dinners on the second Saturday of May (12th) and June (9th). This is one of many projects to help raise funds to present to R.W. Ken Milner at his Installation as Grand Patron in October.

A Sock Challenge

The Grands Association is collecting NEW WHITE socks for the Veterans in the Canandaigua VA Hospital. They can be delivered to any Eastern Star Member or you can drop them off at the Masonic Service Bureau. We've been challenged by the Clinton-Essex District to collect 100 pairs of socks ... I say we can beat that. The next time you're out shopping, buy some socks for our Veterans.

God Bless.

From the DGL

My Sisters, Spring is a time of emergence, growth, exuberance and of "busyness." But, we have just come through a time of quiet, of contemplation and of hope. As the days lengthen and the air warms and green leaves appear, we know our hope and faith is well-founded. The cold and the dryness is over; we can begin to plan and anticipate the liveliness of Spring and the abundance of Summer.

In these last few weeks, a member of my parish was in the hospital for several weeks, heroically fighting a blood infection after surgery. She was well beloved, and the members rallied around her. It wasn't until her obituary was published that I learned she was a Star. I had been planning to approach her and offer her Visit, 6 p.m. at the Western Presbyterian membership because she was the kind of busy, active, caring and effective woman wanted to call my Sister. As it turned out, she was my Sister after all, but her family didn't ask for a Star Ceremony By Robert Crystal and I didn't know to offer it.

Her funeral and a funeral at which I presided over for Greater Rochester Community of Churches were one after the other. Her funeral was attended by many people; the other by only six took a break. strangers and the Funeral Director.

means of answering the call to love one another. The OES is a place to make new friendships and continue to build up old ones. There is never a need to go unaccompanied. It is up to us to strengthen the bonds with our Sisters and Brothers.

Time for Action

who no longer comes to meetings? In my articles I have been urging those Sisters and Brothers to come to meetings. But we all can call and just have coffee or tea with them. We do not have to wait for them to come to a meeting. Call someone and ask if you can come over for tea, or meet them at the mall for lunch, or whatever. Re-establish those ties that bind. If you, reading this, have stopped attending and know someone else who has stopped attending, get together! Stay friends! Don't let the hurly burly of Spring and Summer keep you from maintaining old bonds. The most beautiful gardens I have seen were inside old stone walls, both garden and wall lovingly maintained.

On Friday night there is a dinner fol- today. We must care for each other. We a "Hobo Meal." We ate Homemade do everything and make decisions while lowed by an auction for which the pro- must keep in contact, and show each othceeds are going to the Good of the Order er how much we hold each other dear. or whatever fund they decide that night. Reach out! Love One Another.

Lilac Star Chapter No. 57, OES



Cards - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chicken & Biscuit Lunch - 12 Noon Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street

You may attend Luncheon and Not Stay for Cards.

Donation \$8.00 For Reservations, please call: 964-2135 or 359-3691

Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter No. 322

Order of the Eastern Star 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

W. Barbara McMinn, Matron H) 359-3934; C) 7214590 R.W. Claude Gramse, Patron (315) 597-1342

> Secretary R.W. Betty Reisinger 647-1391

805 Blossom Road Rochester 14610

Well, Sisters and Brothers, after a long-Winter sleep, our Chapter is back awake and functioning again. We never missed a lunch through our hibernation and we kept up with the Bake Sale, but our meetings

Please welcome our new Sister, Janice Our Fraternal organizations are one Nash. She has been a visitor, having been a member of the Order in Syracuse and Matron in New Jersey; we are her third Chapter. She is a welcome addition.

We hope to see our Snowbirds soon. In other traveling news, Worthy Barb McMinn is back in town. Kevin and she were Down South where he was working. Is there a member of your Chapter (Some people have job assignments in the North in the Winter and South in the Summer. Kevin lives a charmed life.)

We helped Norma Lee celebrate her 80th birthday. She had sooooo many pictures on her memory boards. She kept Kodak going with all the film she exposed. There was even a picture of By Robert Crystal her with Edna Monell; they have been friends since elementary school. We got to meet the family and co-workers from Monroe Community Hospital, two doctors' offices and St John's Home. It says something great about our Sister that she has made so many friends. Our Directory has a month and day of birth for every member. Have you sent out cards? It is about our own funerals. never too late to start.

Electa's motto is ringing in my heart we had where our Matron served us tions and our loved ones would have to Chili served in bean cans, canned Bos- in mourning. But, Dave had handouts ton Brown Bread and Cast-Iron Skillet Cherry Cobbler. Corinthian-Fellowship

Chapter has always done tureen dinners with flair. Our meetings are small, efficient and over quick, so we can linger over friendly talk and good food.

We spent some time discussing plans for Official Visit and look forward to sharing the Chapter Room in Spencerport with our partner Chapters. It will be fun.

The church has offered us a plot in their Community Garden. Are there any green thumbs out there? It would be great to work the soil and plant a crop next to the parking lot. Maybe we could plant some wheat and make up a new sheaf for Ruth in the Fall. The one we have is a little beat up.

Also, mark your calendars for the first Saturday in August. If Worthy Merilyn and Robert Israel are in town, I hope they will host our Summer Picnic. More details on that in the June article. Meanwhile, have a happy green Spring, everyone!

Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Matron W. Patricia Dalykas - 429-6565

Patron W. Robert Crystal - 473-0279

Secretary R. W. Carol Wynings - 594-4692

Community Christian Church 2647 Chill Avenue, 14624

Worthy Matron, Alice Hassett, has brought us yet another great month. Our program in March was Funeral Director, Dave Crawford, who talked to us at length about how to be prepared in advance for our funeral needs. He brought a lot of us into a better awareness. First and foremost, we actually TALKED

Most of us at the Chapter meeting I remember one Birthday Banquet had to admit we had made no prepara-

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Lodge No. 426 Instituted March 1857 www.northfieldlodge.org 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.



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17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

By Stephan Michener, Junior Warden Did You Miss It?

In April we had two fantastic events. We Raised two new Brothers - Nathan Polselli and Ken Stavalone. We welcome them to the Lodge and are sure they will make many contributions to the activities at Northfield in the years to come. Welcome Brothers!

Because Northfield was closed on Maundy Thursday (as per our By-laws), several of us attended Webster Lodge for their 3rd Degree and to support our Brothers in their Raising.

Chili Cook-off

We also held our 1st Annual Districtwide Chili Cook-off to benefit the Brotherhood Fund. Brother Devon Littlefield, his wife, Wendy, and children Noah and Madison, decorated the Lodge in a fes-

very apropos to the five pots of chili that were prepared by Brothers Dave Adams, Nathan Polselli, Jason Higley, Devon Littlefield and Steve Michener. Although we all know who should've won (he came in third) Brothers Adams and Littlefield tied for the top spot. The judges had to taste a little more and eventually decided that Brother Adams was the "chili of choice." Congratulations, Dave! Thanks to all who attended and helped with the cleanup.



W .: Dave Adams is congratulated for providing the "Chili of Choice" at Northfield Lodge's Chili Cook-off.



Steve Michener encourages participants to taste his chili at the Cook-off.

WEBSTER LODGE No. 538 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:30 p.m. Master Paul Kolacki usafpilot@rochester.rr.com Secretary Bernard Russell 872-1353 30 Orchard Street, Webster 14580

Last June, I was told by several Past Masters that this year would pass by very quickly. At that time, as a new Master, I was excited and proud to be in this Chair, but never thought it would come to be that the year would pass by as quickly as they said it would! Now I find myself asking the question, "Where did the time go?" Past Masters always know best. It seems as though I am just getting started, yet soon it will be time to turn over the responsibility to a successor. In a way, it's a little bitter sweet, but I am very happy to have had this opportunity. In any event, my work in the quarries is not quite complete yet, so let us take a look at what's upcoming for Webster Lodge.

May Events

May 3rd will be a Regular Communication and the topic of the night will be a presentation on how to hold a proper prospective Candidate interview. Senior Deacon, Al Borrino, and I will lead the discussion. This is something that on the surface seems simple enough, but

in essence really takes a bit of planning. We'll cover the DO's and DON'T's of Candidate Interviews. Snacks will be served immediately following the closing of Lodge.

On May 4th, Brother Nick Haldoupis and his staff will be hosting yet another fine Spaghetti Dinner for one lucky community organization. It's still the best hope you will join us!

231st Annual Grand Lodge Convention. am a US Air Force Veteran. Should any issues arise while I am away, Freedom is a little like oxy please get in touch with Senior Warden, Bill Gross, or Secretary, Bernie Russell, who will be available to assist you.

May 10th the Webster Lodge Past Masters Association Annual Dinner will be held. W .: Bernie Russell is this



Ruth Beard and John Clapp pose with Wes Beard, who is holding his 55-year Service Award Certificate Lodge for the sacrifices they (presented in Florida), along with Mark Fenton.

tive Mexican/Southwest theme. It was year's President. Be watching for email information about this event which will be forthcoming soon from Bernie.

May 17th will be a big day for Webster Lodge. It is a SUMMONED COMMU-NICATION for the purpose of electing next year's Officers. Your attendance, health and business permitting, will be required. It's important that as we move forward into another year, we have your input as to the direction the Lodge will move, and decide how it will best serve you and the community.

On May 30th, I, along with the Webster Lodge Master-Elect, will be attending the Joint Investiture Service at Fairport Masonic Hall.

Loss of a Brother

Brother Herbert F. Ross passed away on March 28th at the age of 80. Although Herb was not a member of Webster Lodge, he was a long-time family friend and as such, and at the request of the family, I officiated his Graveside Masonic Service at Mt. Hope Cemetery on March 30th. His son, Steve Ross, is currently a member of Webster Lodge.

Herb was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War, and then was active in the 98th Division of the Army Reserve and other military organizations after he retired as Major. He volunteered for many civic organizations, including the Brighton Volunteer Fire Department, where he was Past-President; the Boy Scouts; the Town of Brighton; and The New York State Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, where he became Monroe County and State President of the organization. Herb was twice President of the Brighton Chamber of Commerce. He received the Paul Harris Award from Rochester Rotary. Herb was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners. He was also a 60-year volunteer and Lifetime Member of Temple-B'rith Kodesh.

Herb began a long and successful career at DAW Drug Company, a family-owned business. He then worked at the Connecticut & Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Companies as an agent until he retired. Brother Herb Ross will be missed! Well done Good and Faithful Servant!

Memorial Day

On May 28th, we will observe Memorial Day. I extend a very special thank you to all who are currently serving or have served so we may remain free. From my family, that includes my father Eugene around. The cost is just \$8 for a dinner Kolacki, an Army Veteran; my Uncles with all of the extras that go with it. I R:W: Bernie Kolacki and Richard Kolacki, both Navy Veterans; and my brother, Then on May 6th through the 9th, Daniel Kolacki, who served with the US I'll be in New York City attending the Marines and Air Force Reserve. I myself

> can be easy to take for granted until you start to lose it. A society that waits until it's gasping and turning blue to realize that, can't remain free for long. Memorial Day is an opportunity to take a deep

breath and appreciate the fresh air we enjoy, thank these heroes and pledge to see to it that their sacrifices were not in vain. This is a valuable service that even those who never served in the military can provide and it's the least we can do.

Memorial Day is the day we "officially" thank all those who have given their lives in our Country's service. On Monday, May 28th, please join me in taking a few moments to remember all of our Veterans, including those members of Webster have made.



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After six nights of Degrees, including three special Communications and eleven Obligations/1st Sections later on April 2nd, ERAC completed its Degree series for the year. We proudly Raised twelve new Master Masons into our Fraternity. I cannot thank our Officer Line and the members of ERAC enough for their participation and support to the new Brothers through what can only be called an ambitious Degree schedule. This year's Top Line Signers honored ERAC by bringing so many new Candidates to our Lodge and I strongly believe we have returned that honor with the respect and dedication demonstrated in our presentation of the Degrees. Thank you again, Brothers.

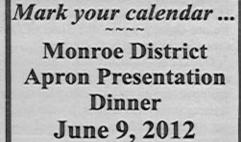
As we look ahead to the remainder of the current Masonic year, ERAC will hold its Elections and Annual Lodge of Remembrance on May 14th. Please come out to support the Brothers standing for election and for the beautiful ceremony honoring those Brothers we have lost to the Celestial Lodge above over the last twelve months.

On June 11th, the new Officer Line will be installed.

Let me conclude my last article for the Masonic Times with a quote I came across today ... "Ordinary people are friendly to those who are outwardly similar to them. The wise are friendly with those inwardly similar to them."

From my 1st Degree when I was Initiated as Entered Apprentice in Cooperstown a decade ago, I have been privileged through Masonry to have been introduced to and enriched by Brothers from all walks of life in a way nothing else could have done. One of the greatest joys of my time in the East has been the expansion of the circle through labor in the quarries of those inwardly similar to me.

I have rarely been more honored than I was last year at this time when the care of ERAC was handed to me by vote of the Brothers. I have been privileged to serve the Lodge over the last twelve months in a leadership position. And now, I look forward to a lifetime of supporting those who have walked the same path as I have in our Fraternity.



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Much of our Masonic year is behind us as we enter May. I have enjoyed being Master and hope I have contributed to the success of Unity Lodge. I have received much assistance from our Unity Brothers and appreciate all of it. I expect the next article in the Masonic Times will be from our Senior Warden Chuck Cutler. I look forward to hearing about the future.

Award. He most certainly is deserving of Michielsen, John Page, Walter Pagel, it with all he has contributed to Freema- Keith Phelps, Steven Richard, Thomas sonry. He has been a great asset to Unity, Riddle, Robert Spaulding, James Tellina big help to me throughout the last coughuisen and Josh Traverzo.

ple of years and a great leader and Worshipful Master for many different years in the Capital District Region of our State. Thank you very much, Brother Bill.

Also in April, we conferred the 3rd Degree on a large class of Brothers. It is good to see such interest in our Fraternity. We must work to see that our new Brothers feel at home in Unity. We should see that our Brothers, new and not-so-new, have a purposeful place in Lodge and look forward to participating. We should each take action, helping one Brother at a time, to find their particular spot in Lodge. We want all Brothers to feel welcome.

Unity's Annual Election of Officers will be held May 14th. Support our Brothers who take on the leadership of the Lodge. If you have an interest in being an Officer, make your intentions known.

May Birthdays

I wish a very happy birthday to the following Unity Brothers: Byron Barnes, Randy Bloechl, Harry Buss, William Collister, William Dunn, Charles Frear, April was a memorable month. I was James Gisleson, George Greenauer, Vicpleased to be able to present W .: Bill tor Gundrum, Edward Hogle, Robert Mitchell with the Distinguished Service Knorr, Michael McPherson, Thomas



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The Masonic War Veterans have had a good time supporting Veterans programs and being with the Veterans at the Canan-cers for 2012 -2013. TBD - More to follow. daigua VA Medical Center (VAMC). We sing "Happy Birthday" and a few other songs (old favorites that go along with buckets to carry those old tunes! We your uniform as you have. thank Richard Spangenberg (our newest

able to coax another member or two to join us at one of our birthday parties this year. That will shake up the old VA.

Sickness and Distress

We had several members of the MWV in the hospital this year; we wish them well and hope they are back with us soon.

Gregory Ludwig had knee replacement surgery on March 23rd and now is having physical therapy.

Fred Cornell and Ken Hutchinson have been in the hospital and are also working on physical therapy.

We will miss Past Commander Luigi Campaniello who passed away on March 17th and a past member, George Todd, who passed on March 5th.

Mark Your Calendar

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

May 20th - Memorial Day Service at the War Memorial at 3 p.m. Come in Uniform. May 26th - Installation of MWV Offi-

May 28th - Downtown Memorial Day even had a few laughs while trying to Parade. Color Guard, Float and Cars -Assemble at Strathallen Place and East Avenue at 9:30 a.m. Step out or ride at monthly holidays). We do need more 10:30 a.m. Wear cap and as much of

May 28th - Greece Memorial Day Pamember) for providing the words to the rade. Assemble at 1 p.m. at Long Pond and old songs. He plays in a band and may be Janes Road. Step out or ride at 2 p.m. a

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By Doug Poole

Hard to believe it is May already. Great to see the flowers in bloom. Things are be-Due to Grand Lodge's meeting date we five in attendance. will hold our Elections May 16th.

Changing Times

Batavia Lodge No. 475 is accepted at Grand Lodge Session. It is sad to see Batavia Lodge pass out of existence. Olive Branch No. 39 met in Batavia from 1811 until 1820. So I guess you can say we are uniting again. the Slate of Officers will represent both Bodies.

Our kitchen is finally done. It should be useable for any large event. It is very well equipped and up-to-code. We plan on fundraising meals and rentals. It's the kitchen our Secretary always wanted, but due to the need for oxygen can't use it!

A big thank you to all who have supplied so much free labor, the contractors and equipment for which we received very good deals. Those supervising the work were Neil Bedford and Jack Flint; Bill MacPherson for all the tile work; and several others who helped on and off. The free labor would be equal to the cost of the building.

Degrees in Action

We already have Petitions for the Fall Class. There should be five or six Candidates. Olive Branch is on a roll. That's quite an achievement for a Lodge that coming fresh and new. Just like the Lodge. was opening most nights having four or

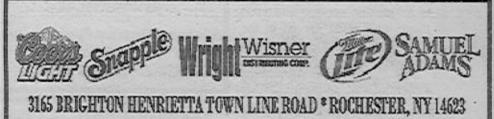
We were saddened by the death of

On March 21st we started our current Degree class. We now have three Entered Apprentices waiting for the 2nd Degree in June. Batavia Lodge had one Candidate who needs to be Raised. Hope we can finish him with this class.

Sad News

We are assuming our merger with R:W: Robert G. S. Nicoll on March 18th. Bob would have been a 55-year member in December. Luckily we had ordered his 55-year Certificate early and Senior Warden Don Keys and Brother Clayton Dimick, DSA, presented it to him at the Hospice. Bob's Memorial Service was at the LeRoy Methodist Church. He will truly be missed.

Hope we see you at Lodge. We will still be known as Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 and will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.



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



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

March was a very busy month for the Chapter of Rose Croix. On March 10th, the 18th Degree was conferred and was followed on March 25th by the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. Special thanks to all the cast members who participated in these two functions. Most Wise Master, Donald Tubman, 32° DSA, served as the Director for both the Feast of the Paschal Lamb and the Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. Degree.

The cast for the 18th Degree included Thomas Goodrich, Eric Lubberts, Donald Tubman, Rick Howe, Frank Habitzreuther, James Champagne, Charles Feller, James Clancy and Don Fox.

The cast for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb consisted of Thomas Goodrich, James Deasey, Matt Muller, Kenneth Howe, William Jones, Chris Bowles, Adam Junod, Charles Feller and Donald Tubman. The music for the event was provided by the Hilton Baptist Choir under the direction of Betty Benoit.

The Consistory conferred the 30th Degree on March 10th. Ill .: John Zabel directed this rarely conferred Degree. Cast members for the 30th Degree were Phillip Hurwitz, Ed Kelsy, Charles Feller, Joseph Oelgoetz, Michael Nohle, John Lemke, Ralph Pate, Matt Muller, Joe Green, Paul McLaughlin, Kenneth Howe, Donald Tubman, Eric Lubberts, Frank Habitzreuther and James Champagne.

For both of the Degrees conferred on March 10th we had Brothers from Syracuse and Utica and one Brother came all the way from Chicago to witness our Degrees. For anyone interested in filling their Passport, please call the Office to find out when and where Degrees are being conferred.

On behalf of the members of the Valley and the Donald Fox, 32° MSA, Class, a special thanks to all the Officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix line, cast members, directors, wardrobe support and staging personnel for your efforts and attention to detail. You all made these events a success.

Reunion Banquet

Saturday, May 5th, is the Reunion Banquet welcoming the 2012 Class Members to the Valley of Rochester and honoring SP Donald Fox, 32° MSA, Class. Cobblestone Creek Golf Club will be the setting for the banquet with Social Hour at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; and Program at 7:30 p.m. This is a special night with our Ladies to honor the Class of 2012. Please save the date and come to celebrate with us. We will also be announcing the recipients of the Ill .: John B. Mullen, 33°, Dedicated Service Awards. Dress code for the evening is semi-formal or tuxedo.

Election and Installation

On May 17th, the Election and Installation of the 2012-2013 Valley of Rochester Officers will take place at the Shrine Center. Elections will be at 5:30 p.m. on May 17th, followed by dinner. At 7:30 p.m., there will be an Open Installation (Ladies welcome). Please call the Valley Office to make your reservation (264-1160).

Summer Events

As many Lodges go dark for the Summer, the Valley will still be very active.

July 27th and 28th we will be traveling down the thruway to Liverpool for the New York Council of Deliberation. This is the Annual Meeting of the New York Contingent of AASR.

August 4th is the 7th Annual Clambake and Steak Roast. Mark your calendar. This is one event you don't want to miss.

Let Us Know ...

If you know of any Brothers in sickness, distress, or in need of our help and support, please call the Valley Office, 264-1160, to let us know.

Valley of Rochester Onward to Summer - 2012

May 5th - Blue Cap Announcement / Reunion Banquet (**) at Cobblestone Creek Country Club 5:30 p.m. - Social & Hors d'oeuvres ~ ~ ~ 6 p.m. - Dinner New 32° Members and Wives are Valley Guests!

May 17th - Elections and Installations at Shrine Center Valley Election Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Social - 6 p.m. Steak Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Open Installation -7:30 p.m.

August 4th - Family Picnic at Camp Morris (**) 7th Annual Clambake / Steak Roast 11 a.m. - 'til??

Bring a dish-to-pass and a hearty appetite -- Rain or Shine!

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Just a Reminder ... Don't forget ...

Reservations were due by April 27th; late reservations accepted only to fill cancellations.



Valley of Rochester . Reunion Banquet

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What's Happening

As I write this, my left arm is totally numb and limp due to having Dupuytren's Fasciectomy having been done to fix a problem with my hand. I should be in great shape when you read this.

I hope you, our Companions, made a point to be at the DDGHP's Official Visit on April 26th. Seeing that R .: E .: Joe Oelgoetz is our DDGHP, we had a great evening. Joe, I am sure, delivered his interpretation of the Grand High Priest's Message for this Capitular Year.

Your Chapter was represented at the Grand High Priest's Reception in New York Mills, a suburb of Utica, on April 28th.

Musings

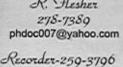
There is a real need to improve our Chapter in many ways. Your High Priest is, and will continue, to improve programming. In that regard, we will have R .: E .: Don Wright speaking to us on May 24th on Simon McGillivray. Who is he? Well, come and find out. Companion Don is a great researcher.

Second, we need to improve our Ritual, both for Opening and Closing, as well as the Degrees. This will take effort from all of us. I am confident we will all work towards the goal of very good work. We can make the Chapter that Masons want to join and of which to be a part. We can have fun in accomplishing all of this as well as learning more about our Ancient Craft.

We will write more for the next issue when the hand is more usable.

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First, I thank all the Sir Knights who participated in our Inspection on March 19th, especially those from our Sister Commanderies. I believe Sir Knight Stenrick Adams, Eminent Grand Warder, found our Commandery satisfactory; I am very proud of our Commandery's performance during the annual event.

This month's article, though, is about the Chinon Parchment which is an historical document discovered in September, 2001, in the Vatican Secret Archives. The Vatican then published the Parchment in 2007 as part of a Limited Edition of 799 copies of Processus Con-

tra Templarios after centuries of obscurity, with an eight-hundredth copy being presented to Pope Benedict XVI.

The Parchment (dated August 17-20, 1308) was written by three Cardinals detailing the investigations carried out by agents of the Pope to verify claims against the accused in the Castle of Chinon in the diocese of Tours, France. According to this document Pope Clement V instructed Cardinals to conduct these investigations of the accused Knights Templar. Furthermore, the Parchment affirmed that Pope Clement V secretly absolved the last Grand Master, Jacques de Molay, and the rest of the leadership of the Knights Templar from charges that were brought against them by the Medieval Inquisition.

According to the document, all interrogations of the accused were always in the presence of the Notaries Public and the gathered witnesses. Raymbaud de Caron was the first to be interrogated, on August 17, 1308. Also interrogated on August 17th, were Geoffroy de Charney and, third, Geoffroy de Gonneville. On August 19, 1308, Hugo de Pérraud was the fourth Templar to be interrogated. The Grand Master was interrogated last, on August 20, 1308. Among the accusations were sodomy, denouncing God, illicit kisses, spitting on the Cross, and worshiping an idol. The appearances of the accused, their swearing-in, the charges against them and the modes of questioning to which they were subjected were detailed in the text of the Parchment. The text further expounded on the denunciations of allegations, requests for absolution and the granting of absolution by the agents of the Pope.

While three of the accused admitted to having been asked by their interrogators during their Initiation to denounce the Cross and spit upon the Crucifix, their stories are inconsistent. Geoffroy de Gonneville, for example, stated he had not succumbed under duress to denouncing and spitting on the Cross. Despite this, he was admitted into the Order, implying that the denial of the Cross may have been a test of some sort. The other accused men admitted to "denouncing in words only, not in spirit." This practice of the denial of the Cross was thought to be training for what the new Knights might later face, were they taken prisoner by Saracens.

Thus, the Chinon Parchment describes a failed attempt by the Pope to preserve the Templars from the scheming of King Philip IV of France, through establishing that the Order was not heretical and was capable of reform under the auspices of the Church.

Another Chinon parchment, addressed to Philip IV, stated that absolution had been granted to all those Templars who had confessed to heresy, and the Sacraments and unity with the Church had been restored.

However, as it became apparent that Philip IV was determined to eliminate the Order (and confiscate all of its considerable wealth and property within his kingdom), the Pope abandoned the Templars to their fates. Outside of France, the By Don Bell, Scribe dissolution of the Order was achieved with far less bloodshed and surviving members of the Order were absorbed into other religious institutions.

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HAGGAI CHAPTER PRESENTS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

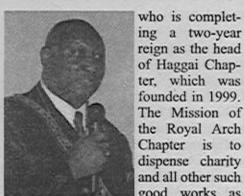


James Norman listens as E\ Bing Reaves, High Priest, reads the inscription on the plaque presented for Outstanding Community Service.

The 12th Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner, held last month at the Whittier Party House, was the occasion to honor two men who have been active in the community for several years. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a placque to Mr. James H. Norman, President of Action for a Better Community since 1992. He also gave the keynote address for the evening. Under his leadership, ABC has expanded services and developed new initiatives to address the needs of low-income individuals and families in Monroe and Ontario Counties.

Also honored was Orlando Ortiz. As was the welcoming President of the Puerto Rican Festival of Haggai Chapfor the past four years, his vision for a ter's own M.: E.:

year-round organi- and Dr. James A. zation has led to the Ghent, Jr., 33°, creation of several Grand High Priest, events exposing the Holy Royal Arch Rochester Commu- Masons in the nity to the richness State of New York and potential of the and its Jurisdic-



ing a two-year reign as the head of Haggai Chapter, which was founded in 1999. The Mission of the Royal Arch Chapter is to dispense charity and all other such good works as are beneficial to

Bing C. Reaves, Sr.

the service of the community. Another high point of the evening

Puerto Rican culture. tions (Prince Hall The Awards were Affiliated), who at-



presented by Ex- tended along with James A. Ghent, Jr. cellent High Priest, his wife, Jeanne, and extended greetings Bing C. Reaves, Sr., to all the Companions in attendance.

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Orlando Ortiz

Our Grand Tall Cedar, Joe Raubar, had Gall Bladder operation on March 5th. He is currently recovering and undergoing rehabilitation at the Garden Gate Nursing home in Cheektowaga, which is two doors down from the Buffalo Masonic Family Facility. He does physical therapy twice a day, and can be reached, via phone, at (716) 923-1910, extension 4021. Best times to call are between 3 and 5 p.m., or after 6:30 p.m. He would appreciate receiving your calls.

Brother Dave Wilkinson received some injuries falling from a ladder several months ago. He broke several ribs, had a blood clot (which caused his doctors some concern), etc. He is now on the mend and we look forward to seeing him at meetings.

On June 27th, we will meet at Camp Smile in Webster. It will be our Annual Sausage Roast; Woodsmen, their families and friends are invited. Plan on arriving between 5 and 6 p.m., and we can start enjoying the variety of sausages so well cooked by Brother Angelo. This will be our last meeting for the Summer.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Steak Roast on September 26th, also at Camp Smile. For this meeting, plan on arriving between 5 and 6 p.m. and we can enjoy the variety of steaks exquisitely prepared by Brother Angelo.

During the Fall, plan on holding the Royal Court Degree in October and the Election and Installation of Officers in November. Our Annual Christmas Party, so ably sponsored by Brother John Zabel the



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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April showers bring May flowers! With the great weather we have had, I expect the flowers won't wait for the showers.

The first four months of this year have been great. We have Initiated 9 new Prophets so far and heartily welcome them to Lalla Rookh Grotto. They are tion (334-4196).

Sickness and

Prophet Ken Hutchinson, PM, is now

recuperating in a nursing home. A card

home address, which is 6352 Still Mead-

and expects to go home soon. A card

could be sent to his home at 211 Dean

wig and welcome to the club with your

Road, Spencerport, NY 14559-9541.

Prophet Fred Cornell is recuperating

Congratulations to Prophet Greg Lud-

ow Way, Williamson, NY 14589.

finding out we are a fun group for the Masons in our area.

Anniversary Celebration

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

A note to all our Prophets ... Make an effort to attend your Grotto meetings. You will always be welcome. See you on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Shrine Center. It will be the annual presentation of our donations to community service organizations. This is a Open Meeting and your Lady is invited; refreshments to be served afterwards. Dick Topel would appreciate it if you could let him know you are coming by calling him at 663-2547.

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 informa-

Call the Grotto Office 671-6320 or the Monarch 334-4169 if you know of any

Sympathy Prophet Luigi Campaniello passed Golf away March 17th. Our sympathy goes to his family. May he rest in peace. Tournament

Our annual Golf Tournament is June would be welcomed, but send it to his 16th at Old Hickory Golf Course, Liwith Dick Topel, using the form in the is happening this year. Our Grottoes are ad in this month's Masonic Times. Put all showing a plus in membership prothe names of the golfers on a separate grams, interest and growth this year. If

May your balls travel straight and knee replacement. You will never regret it. far. We're waiting to hear from you. "

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 334-4196 or PM Bernie Lazerson 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

ESGA

The ESGA Spring Meeting was a sheet of paper and send it along with you were unable to attend this meeting, watch this column.

All members of Lalla Rookh Grotto are automatically members of the Empire State Grotto Association (ESGA) and are welcome to attend with your Lady and participate in any of its functions.



By Donna Laundry, MCO

As I write this article, we are anticipating the visit by our Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Rosemary Lusher. Additionally, we are delighted that our Canadian members will be coming from Toronto to join us for that day. They will be participating in the Inspection, as well as the White Fez Luncheon the following day. It is always a highlight to have them with us.

On May10th, we will have our regular meeting at which time mothers will be honored. Mother's Day has been a national holiday since 1914, due to the tireless efforts of Ann Jarvis to honor her own mother. Today over 100 countries celebrate Mother's Day, Happy Mother's Day to all the moms. My mother, Cecil Losinger, is our only May birthday (May 14th). Happy Birthday, Mom.

Upcoming Events

Looking ahead to June, we will have to revise the published schedule. On June 7th we will have a picnic at my house in Hamlin (because it's Carnival week in Spencerport). Lalla Rookh Prophets have been invited to join us and I hope many do that. Our regular meeting will be held June 21st.

Future dates to keep in mind when vonia. Open to all Masons and their great success. There was a good turnout planning Summer activities are Saturfriends who play golf. Please register and many things were discussed on what day, July 28th, and Sunday, July 29th. We will be selling cold beverages in front of the Spencerport Masonic Hall in conjunction with Spencerport Canal Days. This is our major fundraiser. Please let me know if you can help on either day (964-2135). Hilde DiJames, her family and friends will "make things happen" on the Saturday date and that is appreciated, as many of us will be in Oriskany for OES Pilgrimage Day.

Attend Grotto

Meetings

Monday, May 7th

Board of Governors Meeting

7 p.m - Shrine Center

Wednesday, May 16th

Grotto Meeting

Humanitarian Awards Night

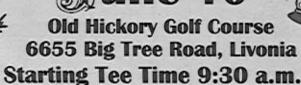
7:30 p.m.

Shrine Center

The sun is shining, the white balls are flying and it's time to think GOLF!!!!

Lalla Rookh Grotto





Entry fee is only \$45 per person Enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments on the course, food on the turn. Steak Dinner and prizes. We use the Callaway scoring system.



Entry Deadline is June 8th To make your reservation or get more information, call Dick Topel at 663-2547

Make checks payable to & send with reservation form to: Dick Topel, 949 Bennington Drive, Rochester, NY 14616 Please list complete names of players on separate sheet.

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Number in party _____ Amount enclosed ____ Name Address State ZIP

Legion of Honor By Richard Topel, Commander

The Legion of Honor has NO meeting this month. Our next meeting will be

June 18th at Henrietta Town Park with the Masonic War Veterans. A picnic plus Dick Topel's Strawberry Shortcake Dessert will be served.

The Commander gave us the new meeting schedule for this year. For any questions you may have, call your Commander, Dick Topel, at 663-2547.

- Use this form to
- sign up for the **Lalla Rookh Golf**
- **Tournament**

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120th Anniversary Celebration

August 24th is the date 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 Monarch Ron Morthorst (585) 334-4196. We need fresh ideas and your help on this! We hope all Prophets will make an effort to attend this Anniversary Celebration.

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