



Masonic Times

Monroe
Genesee-Wyoming
Livingston
Ontario/Seneca/Yates
& Wayne Districts

Serving the Masonic Community Since 1963

Website: www.monroemasonic.com



Email: masonictimes@gmail.com

Volume 50 Number 9 USPS 0359-540

Rochester, New York

Circulation 3547 November 2012

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

DECEMBER

- 1 MON *Masonic Development Course - Session 2*, Shrine Center
- 1 Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards, Shrine Center
- 8 All Masonic Children's Holiday Party, Shrine Center
- 20 WYN Dist *Masonic Development Course, Session 3*, Sodus

JANUARY

- 31 MON *School of Ritual*, Webster Lodge Masonic Hall

FEBRUARY

- 1-16 *Have-a-Heart Campaign* at Area Malls
- 6 Deputy Grand Master's Town Hall Meeting, Location TBD
- 23 MON *Road to the East - Session 1*, Shrine Center

MARCH

- 9 MON *Road to the East - Session 2*, Shrine Center
- 22-23 *College of Freemasonry*, Shrine Center
- 27 MON *School of Ritual*, Unity Lodge Masonic Hall, Spencerport

November 11th Veterans Day



Whenever you see a Veteran during your routine daily activities, acknowledge their service to protect our freedom. They're easy to recognize as they usually wear a shirt or cap identifying the Branch of Service in which they served.

Stop and talk to them; give them a hearty handshake; ask about their Service background - what Outfit, how long in the Service and where they were in the Service. It will really make their day!

Sponsored by Grand Lodge Military Outreach Program
Dennis A. Breheny, Chairman
Masonic Veterans Service Committee
David Crawford, J. Michael Grady and Michael L. Nohle
Masonic War Veterans - Vance R. Collom, Jr., Commander

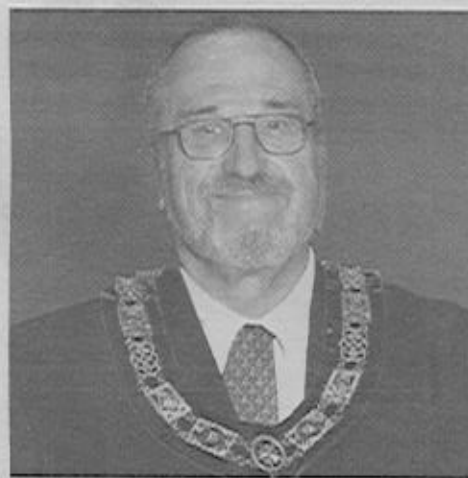
Happy Thanksgiving
to
and
fam-
from
staff

you
your
ily
all the
of the
Masonic Times

What's Inside?

Lalla Rookh Grotto & Caldron	19
Livingston District	4
Masonic Service Bureau	2
Masonic War Veterans	17
Memorials	2
Monroe District	5-8, 15
Order of Eastern Star	3, 17
Ontario/Seneca/Yates	4
Scottish Rite News	16-17
Shrine News	9-14
Wayne District	4-5
York Rite News	18

R. W. Robert Strang Conducts Convention in His First Appearance in Monroe District



The new Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, R. W. Robert Strang, made his inau-

gural appearance at the Fairport Masonic Hall last month to preside over the Annual Grand Lecturer's Convention. Eighty-plus Brothers were present to welcome him to the District and learn his desires with regard to the performance of the Ritual.

Beginning with a personal biographical sketch, R. W. Strang set the tone to a relaxed state, which was especially gratifying to the Brothers of Inspiration Lodge, who were asked to sit in the Officer Chairs for the instructional portion of the meeting - the 2nd Degree. Near the end of the program, he asked members of the individual Lodges to stand and shook hands with each Brother present, thanking them for attending.

Fairport-Flower City Lodge retained the Attendance Banner, having won it last year with, by percentage, the largest attendance for the event.



Damascus News see page 9

Dated Material



671-9730

Editor's Corner

Hey, friends, I luck out again...I don't have to write this month. You luck out, too...you don't have to read it!



**BARTHOLOMEW
HEALTH CARE GROUP**
COMMITMENT TO QUALITY SINCE 1955

We provide all the comforts of home at each of our four family owned facilities.

CREST MANOR

Providing Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Services

FAIRPORT, NEW YORK 14450
585-223-3633

EAST SIDE

Providing Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Services

WARSAW, NEW YORK 14569
585-786-8151

LEROY VILLAGE GREEN

Providing Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Services

LEROY, NEW YORK 14482
585-768-2561

THE GREENS OF LEROY

Independent Senior Living

LEROY, NEW YORK 14482
585-768-2740

TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.BHCG.COM



Masonic Service Bureau

of Greater Rochester, NY Inc.

979 Bay Road, Suite 2, Webster, NY 14580-1736
Tel: 671-9730; Fax 671-8390
Email: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com
Website: www.monroemasonic.com

President - Joy Woodley
Vice-President - Derek VanHouten
Secretary - Barbara Goodrich
Treasurer - Herbert Spencer
Executive Director - Charles Waterstreet
Office Manager - Janet Porter

By Joy Woodley, President

They Tried Something New ...

A fundraiser was needed by the Bay View YMCA in Webster for the purpose of rebuilding a Climbing Tower that was destroyed by an arson fire last Spring.

Although there was insurance coverage, it wasn't enough to replace the wall with upgrades required to meet Codes. Therefore, they came up with a new idea for raising money – a Food Truck Rodeo.

After lining up vendors for food, activities and crafts, they asked the Damascus Shriners if they could stage the event in their parking lot on Bay Road. The request was granted and the planning commenced. Many members of the Bay View YMCA had never worked on a "Truck Rodeo," but the idea was perfect and everything was in order.

As the Community started arriving, so did high winds and rain. (Who knew such weather might occur given the hot, dry Summer we were having?) But, everyone came together to support the effort ... although drenched and cool, they ate the wide variety of foods, bought raffle tickets, etc. and raised \$1,800 toward their fund. I expect it could have been

more if Mother Nature hadn't interfered.

New Ideas

My point of this example is to illustrate that sometimes we have to think outside the box for fundraising ideas. I don't know of any organization that doesn't try to make money to cover their expenses. Sometimes we have to try something new ... start small and build on the successful ones. The work is always worth the results.

If you have ideas that have been successful, please share them. □

MARTIN IPPOLITO

Master Electrician

(585) 266-6337

Electrical Work
Telephone Jacks
Burglar Alarm Systems
Cable TV
Paddle Fans

In Memoriam

Blakley, Merlin F. "Blake"

On September 28th, "Blake" Blakley, 86, went to the waiting arms of his wife, leaving 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren to remember him. He was a World War II Navy Veteran and member of Fame Lodge and Scottish Rite. We wish you the gift of a memory whenever you need to know, the one you love still walks with you wherever you may go.

Delles, Charles J.

Charles Delles, 92, laid down his Working Tools on September 29th. His wife of 63 years, Betty; 3 children and 2 grandchildren survive him. Charles was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

Hinds, John J.

John Hinds, 90, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith on October 3rd. He is survived by a son and granddaughter. John belonged to Unity Lodge. He was a US Marine Corps Veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. There is a link death cannot sever, Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

Hughes, Robert W. "Bob"

On October 16th, Robert Hughes, 56, was received into Eternal Glory and his wife, Mary, 3 children and family will forever remember his life. Bob was a member of Inspiration Lodge. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

Widows to be Remembered

Gardner, Evelyn M., 93, widow of Ray Gardner (Unity Lodge), passed away October 13th.

Holden, Gladys I., 90, widow of Richard Holden (Union Star Lodge), passed away October 3rd.

Verthe, Erika E., 82, widow of Paul Verthe (Unity Lodge) and member of Starlight Chapter, OES, passed away October 12th. □

MARTIN IPPOLITO

(585) 266-6337

Music Lessons

Beginners Welcome

Piano - Keyboards

Organ - Accordion

All-Masonic Childrens' Holiday Party

at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Saturday, December 8th
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Open to children and grandchildren (and their friends) of all Masonic Families

*Bring a wrapped gift for each child.
Be sure to mark with child's full name.*

Activities will include ...

Cookie Decorating
Coloring

Pine Cone Bird feeder
Snacks

Face Painting
Drinks

"Special Delivery" Mailbox for Letters to Santa

Special visit with Santa (including Photos)

Co-sponsored by AASR-Valley of Rochester, Masonic Service Bureau and Damascus Shrine.

Are You . . . Moving?

Print your NEW address below (including seasonal changes)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Clip and mail to: **Masonic Times 1112**
979 Bay Road, Suite 2
Webster, NY 14580-1736



Order of the Eastern Star

Monroe District OES HiLights



**DDGM
R.W.
Mae Bauer**
678-4643
maesbauer
@aol.com

**DGL
R.W.**

Robert Crystal
473-0279
crys24634@aol.com

By Robert Crystal

My sincere thanks to my beloved Sisters and Brothers - especially M.W. Wanda Williams and M.W. Neil Laundry - for two wonderful years of service to the Order District and Chapters. I was honored to be asked and fulfilled by the work. Thanks for tolerating my missteps and errors. I was warmed by your welcomes at Official Visits and at District functions. R.W. Mae was the sweetest and loving of partners, too. Next meeting if you look for us, we will be across the street, finally having that "cold one" we have been waiting for. I look forward to wearing formal to a neighborhood bar.

I have been talking about two main themes for my terms, the Honor Flights and Membership. Eastern Star is a social group that's mission-oriented. We have been blessed with the opportunity to give to those men and women who risked life and limb for us, their fellows. They paid with years out of their lives; they paid with wounds and with pain for the cost of preserving their homeland - the homeland of freedom and citizenship for all. It has been great to see my friends working to support that cause and all the others we do, Chapter by Chapter - white socks, paper products, Lilac Luncheons and the others. It is in doing this work, honoring others, that our Order shines as one of the parts of America that is worth fighting to defend.

Our devotion to these causes is the reason we are worth joining. If we only met to have fun or to strive for office, we would not have any appeal to potential members. But because we make our plans in private to help, support and encourage others, we show ourselves to be worthwhile. Our five Heroines would be proud of us! Therefore, in our justifiable pride for our Order, I ask you not to be shy about bragging on what we do. Tell people about your Chapter's charitable work! Ask others for support. In explaining why you are asking, you will educate about the Order as well as the charity. You will give people the opportunity to say, "Sounds like a good group. How does someone join?" My Sisters, as I said at the September function, no one will join if they aren't asked. But no one will join if they don't have a clue, if they don't see the pride. Do not hide your light under a bushel.

By the time this article reaches you, R.W. Mae and I will have left our Offices and our successors will be in place. I thank you for the last two years, and wish

them as happy a time as we had. I encourage every member of the District to lend a hand to help them succeed. I suspect this next Slate of Officers may be partiers. I have prescience when it comes to fun and I am getting a fun vibe from them, even before their installations. □

Membership

By Robert Crystal

If you were to meet someone who would make a good new member of our Order, would you be prepared with ready answers? Why not have Chapter discussions of how you would say it? Why should I join Eastern Star? What is that? What do you do?

- OES is a Fraternal Organization based on Charity, Truth and Loving Care
- We provide company, fellowship, mutual support and opportunity
- We provide occasions to get out of the house and be among those we respect and love.
- We meet regularly to plan events, exchange information and be together
- We encourage each other in our personal ministries and provide opportunity for charity and ministry in our Chapter activities.
- We provide occasions to dress up and to exercise our minds and hearts within our Ritual.
- My Chapter's main charity is (identify).
- My District's charities for the year are (identify).
- The State's charities are the Eastern Star Home in Oriskany, nursing scholarships and emergency relief, such as for the flood victims in Binghamton. □

Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter No. 322

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

W. Patricia Pearson, Matron
544-9171

R.W. Robert Crystal, Patron
473-0279

Secretary

W. Betty Reisinger
338-1348

805 Blossom Road
Rochester 14610

By Robert Crystal

I am getting old. I don't know how some of you Sisters of Corinthian-Fellowship manage to add years without showing symptoms, but I wish you would share your tricks with me. I apologize to you for sleeping through the September 12th (Master Mason Night) meeting. I swear, I just sat down for a moment, and the next thing I remember it was time to go to bed.

Happy 100th Birthday!

I wonder if our Sister Margaret Driscoll who turned 100 on September 19th could give me some hints as to how to grow old gracefully. She certainly has done so. Everyone wanted to make sure I put her name in the **Masonic Times** so the whole District could wish her well. Bless you, Margaret, our dear!

With Winter comes some of the other problems of having three score plus years. I find I have to watch where I put my feet and I haven't tried to run for a while now. I remind all the Corinthian-Fellowship members that we have a new,

Lilac Star Chapter #57
Order of the Eastern Star

Annual Autumn
Card Party and Luncheon
Monday, November 5th
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Cards at 10 a.m.

Webster Masonic Center
30 Orchard Street, Webster

A Chicken and Biscuit Luncheon
will be served at 12 Noon
(You may attend the Luncheon and not stay for cards.)

Donation \$8
For reservations, please call
964-2135

gentle ramp to the front door, and Brighton Reformed Church has put in all new lights, a new floor and done work on the furnace. Our meetings will be cheery, warm and safe. Plan to come. We invite you to have dinner with us at 6 p.m. at the Liberty Diner on Winton Road and then adjourn around the corner to the meeting. Call the Matron or Secretary to be sure we aren't doing a meal as part of the Chapter meeting.

This year of having luncheons on the 3rd Thursday has been a rousing success. At one luncheon we had more attendees than at the meeting the night before. It is a great way to invite potential members to get to know us. And it gives us a chance to see some restaurants we might not have visited on our own.

Betty Reisinger will be sending out the Summons for November. We will be voting on any Amendments from Sessions and will be discussing our Dues. As our membership has decreased, the cost of rent and expenses has fallen on fewer shoulders. The sources of income have decreased as well with some of our busiest worker bees having laid down their labor. Without Beverly Van Huben selling, our candy sales have fallen. Without Muriel Murrer and others our craft sales have stopped. So it is time to discuss the big issues. Please make sure to attend the Summoned Meeting.

On a really sunshiny topic, our Bake Sale keeps perking along. Barbara McMinn and Bob Crystal leaving the State and Marilyn Israel leaving the country dealt it a blow, but the rest of the crew managed to "get 'er done." It helps to have an insider working for us. Thanks to Bo Clark for doing that. We may have a new member joining us from amongst our customers. More on that later. This ministry to the residents is something we can tell others about. We contribute to the well-being of the residents, we gain the joy of working with each other and instead of just donating money to the Chapter, we donate of ourselves. That is something that will attract new members and show people who don't know us what we are made of.

I thank the Chapter for nominating me for District Grand Lecturer and for sup-

porting me for two terms. It was more than you bargained for and I am grateful for your patience and blessings. By the time this copy of the **Masonic Times** reaches your post box, I will have passed the baton on to M.W. Neil Laundry. I enjoyed serving. I have been writing these articles since Janice stopped doing them and I hope you have enjoyed reading them as much as I have enjoyed writing them. Have a blessed Thanksgiving, all! □

NOLATKA

Chapter No. 320

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

Matron

W. Alice Hassett - 581-2053

Patron

R.W. Robert Crystal - 473-0279

Secretary

R. W. Carol Wynings
594-4692

Community Christian Church
2647 Chill Avenue, 14624

By Robert Crystal

I was talking to the Sisters after the October 2nd meeting as we were sitting around eating some GREAT food and the subject of our charitable work came up. Nolatka has been doing some great work. According to W. Pat Dalykas, Nolatka has supplied all (that is 100%) of the Thanksgiving pies for the Salvation Army Emergency Shelters that house children. We have supplied all (that is 100%) of the Christmas Cookies and have been the biggest participating group for the JCPenney Winter Coat Shopping Sprees. My head swelled up like a balloon. I am so very, very glad I am a part of that. Those kids would be diminished if Nolatka were not here. I, myself, would be diminished.

All the frustration of moving out of the Churchville Building, all the trouble of coming to meetings and giving up an evening in the easy chair, all the hard work of being on the refreshment committee providing GREAT food, is worth it because I get to be friends with you - the women who do these big ministries and more.

Continued on Page 17

Livingston District

District Deputy Grand Master - Donald Munger (585) 243-9826



Nunda Station

Lodge No. 682

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

Master

R.: W.: Richard Trescott
226-9042

rtrescott68@gmail.com

Secretary

W.: Robert Cox, 468-5066
robertpcox56@aol.com

I thank the Officers and Brothers of Nunda Station Lodge for working so hard to make our 1st Degree a great one! We have started the year off with new Candidates! This is a great way to start! Nunda Station has a very close Lodge; we are

proud of the way we work together and how Nunda Station feels like a family!

We have a lot planned for this year, but we can do Degrees anytime we need to and I hope that might be often!

The District has been very active with the Masonic Safety ID Program. We are in the schools this month! Nunda Station Lodge is quite active with this event along with the other Lodges in the District!

We are glad to hear there is a lot of Degree activity in the District this year and we are willing to help out when we are needed! We invite any Brother who would like to come to our meetings to visit any time you are free! We always seem to have a lot of fun at our meetings!

R.: W.: James Bailey, our Ritual Director, tries to keep us on our toes. He seems to be taking the job to heart and helping us with our Ritual. Thank you, Brother Jim!

Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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

District Deputy Grand Master

Ontario/Seneca/Yates District

R.: W.:
Jed
Brandow

(315)
548-2359

jkbrandow@yahoo.com



Fall has arrived and there is a definite chill in the air. The woods are full of color and the Holidays are on the horizon.

So, too, our Lodges are once again active and vibrant. Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights are taking place and Degree work has begun. Masonic Education Courses are underway. Harvest dinners will soon be taking place.

As we immerse ourselves in a full Masonic Trestleboard, I would again remind you of our Grand Master's wish ... that we continue to support our three great Tenets - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Last month I mentioned Relief or Charity in this message. This month I would like to focus on Brotherly Love.

Brotherly Love

Brotherly Love comes first on the list for a reason. It is not placed first arbitrarily or by accident. We need to support each other, cherish each other and care for each other every day. We need to value our Brothers and their families. We need to know what is going on in their lives and reach out to help and support them when needed. We need to show each other just how important we are to each other. When I consider what I truly value most in Masonry it's simple - My Brothers and their families.

Upcoming Events

November 3rd - O/S/Y Association will meet at Phelps Masonic Hall at 9 a.m. Breakfast at 8 a.m., prior to the meeting, at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant. Both the meeting and breakfast are open to all Masons, not just Lodge Officers.

November 15th - Seneca Lake Lodge in Dresden will be having a Table Lodge at the Dresden Hotel at 6 p.m. Contact Brother Robert Wadsworth at (315) 694-7313 for reservations.

Brotherhood Fund

R.: W.: Eldon White
O/S/Y District
Chairman

Brotherhood Fund Kickoff

Lodge Chairmen are requested to attend a short seminar on Saturday, November 10th, 9 a.m. at Pochontas Lodge in Seneca Falls. There are many changes from the past and most of materials have changed. Due to budget cuts, the State Chairman will not hold Regional Kick-off Meetings.

If a Lodge Chairman from another District wishes to attend, please email me at: ewhite01@rochester.rr.com.

Milnor Lodge No. 139

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



Master
R.: W.: Eldon
N. White

ewhite01@rochester.rr.com

Secretary
W.: Philip A. Trautman
5471 Wells Curtice Rd
Canandaigua 14424
12 Canandaigua Street
Shortsville 14548

Congratulations to W.: Gordon Phillips, DSA, on 60 years of Masonry. Gordon has always been one of the quiet hard workers and a very dedicated Mason. A Certificate and Pin were presented by R.: W.: Jed Brandow, DDGM, at his Official Visit.

Lodges in the O/S/Y District should look for a visit from the Brothers of Seneca Lake Lodge, bearing a blue box containing a large silver trowel. Six Brothers from Milnor delivered the Trowel September 20th; good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

On November 8th, Warren Jordans of John Hodge Lodge will be our guest speaker. The subject will be Masonic history for prospective Masons.

I had the pleasure of attending the Master's Chair. This course is excellent and every Master should avail himself of the opportunity to take this class.

Whether it is your first time in the East or, as some of us, you have served multiple times, we still have more to learn. Thanks to R.: W.: Bob Hanggi, Grand Sword Bearer, and R.: W.: Jed Brandow for a great job with the Course.

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

1st & 3rd
Tuesdays

Master
W.: William
Hargrove



Secretary

R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles
315-548-3573
cruggle1@rochester.rr.com
67 Ontario Street, Phelps 14532

Junior Warden, Brother Stephen Durso, Jr., will be our Lodge Representative for the Ritual Renaissance Program. The mission of this Program is to assist every Lodge in our jurisdiction to be well rehearsed and knowledgeable in our Ritual and its meaning, thereby making every Candidate's and Brother's Masonic experience special.

Plans for a Pancake Breakfast and a Pulled Pork Dinner are in the works.

A thank you was received from the Boy Scouts for the use of our parking lot during the Kraut Festival. This was a fundraiser for them.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Greg White, Junior Deacon, is recuperating from multiple leg fractures. We wish him a speedy recovery.

November Birthdays

We send November birthday greetings to Brothers Stephen Phillips (1st), Daniel Biery (3rd), Paul Adams (7th), James Allen (8th), William Hargrove (12th), Robert Kloepfel (15th), Douglas Nicot (17th), and Scott MacDonell (20th).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in November:

1946	Charles Romeiser
1955	Donald Fridley
1972	Thomas Pardington
	Elliott Schocken
	Terence Mays
	Daniel Guth
	Gary Yancey
	William Peterson
1990	Paul McIntyre
	Clayton Ruggles
	Ronald Galens
2001	Donald Romeiser
	William Smith

Wayne District

District Deputy Grand Master - Jay DeWispelaere (315) 483-0475

District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District

R.: W.:
Jay A.
DeWispelaere
(315)
483-0475



dewispelaerejay@yahoo.

On September 13th, I had the pleasure of assisting W.: Gerald Chapman, Master of Marion Lodge, in presenting 60-year Certificates and Pins to two Brothers of that Lodge. Brother Roger Adriaansen and W.: Lester DeFisher were Raised together in 1952 and 60 years later were recognized and honored together. The presentations were made at Blossom View Nursing Home where W.: DeFisher and his wife reside. Brother Lester No-decker was also on hand, as were family members of the Brothers.

Masonic Safety Identification Program

September 29th was a beautiful Autumn day for the Annual Sodus Harvest Festival. Brothers of Sodus Lodge hosted a Masonic Safety Identification Program which resulted in 12 children from the community being presented identification cards and other materials to be used should the child ever go missing.

The Brothers were pleased by the number of parents who mentioned that their child had been through the Program before and they looked for the Safety ID Program at local community events. Assisting the Brothers from Sodus were Brothers Jonathon Leisenring, Morris Edwards and R.: W.: Gerald Hoffmiesiter, Regional Masonic Safety ID Chairman. If any District Lodges would like to host a Safety ID Program, the District Chairman is Brother Jonathon Leisenring, Humanity Lodge. Please contact me and I will put you in touch with him.

November Official Visits

November 5th - Pultneyville Lodge

November 14th - Humanity Lodge
November 19 - Newark Lodge
Please join the Brothers of these Lodges and your District Team for dinner, information and fellowship. Information for times and dinner reservations can be obtained through the Lodge Secretaries.

As we enter the Holiday Season, please join Grand Master, M.: W.: James Sullivan, in remembering one of the great Tenets of Masonry - Charity. As we enter upon the celebrations and feasts of the Season, please remember those Brothers and those in our communities in need during this time of year. Reach out to help those families and individuals by making a donation to the Brotherhood Fund, your local community food pantry or a Lodge food box for a local charity.

Grand Sword Bearer Wayne



F. Edward "Ted" Powley
(315) 483-2745
soduspowleys@msn.com

Happy Thanksgiving to all! My Mom is a wonderful cook and she makes Thanksgiving dinner so enjoyable for us all. One year she baked over twenty pies for Thanksgiving and my father and siblings had them all eaten within a week! Boy, there were a lot of smiles during that week. Do you have fond memories of past Thanksgivings, too?

The brisk, sunny days of Autumn raise the energy level in most of us. It's a wonderful time to tackle some demanding tasks.

Masonic Development Course

As I stated last month, I had planned to hold the *Masonic Development Course* the 3rd Thursday of October, November and December. Unfortunately, my company decided to hold a conference in Chicago during the third week

of October. So the First Session has been pushed back to November. The positive side is you can still register for the MDC by calling me at (315) 483-2745 and leave a message. The MDC discusses the meanings of the Degrees in greater detail. All Masons are welcome to come and participate. Doesn't matter if you're a brand new Mason or a 60-Year Mason, everyone can participate.

October was a busy month with Official Visits, the Grand Lecturer's Convention and the Masters and Wardens Association meeting. It was exciting to present so many awards to Brothers, meet our new Grand Lecturer and hear what Lodges have planned for the Fall. We need to work on communications between Lodges. Sending Trestleboards to other Lodges would help, as would attending monthly Masters and Wardens Meetings.

Those are some of my thoughts to share with you this month. Don't eat too much on Thanksgiving, enjoy family and

friends and share some of your bounty with those less fortunate. Visit or send a card to a sick Brother, cheer up their day. God bless you and America. □

**Drumlin Square
Lodge No. 1180**
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Master
R.: W.:
Richard Brewer
315-986-5673
brewerjmc@verizon.net

Secretary
R.: W.: **William C. Jones**
315-986-9150
wjones@rochester.rr.com

Palmyra Masonic Hall
161 East Main Street 14522

By Robert J. Zanin, Jr., Senior Deacon
This month I start with congratulations to Brothers Oliver T. Amesbury and Clyde W. Johnson on receiving their

50-Year Aprons. They were presented on behalf of the Grand Master by R.: W.: Jay A. DeWisleare, DDGM.

Our first meeting in October was our Official Visit from the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Jay DeWisleare, who delivered the Grand Master's Message as well as his own - a message of Brotherly Love, Charity and Integrity. He was joined by Staff Officer, R.: W.: F. Edward Powley, Grand Sword Bearer, and V.: W.: Allen Green, Assistant Grand Lecturer. A thank you to Brother Thomas Krest and his wife, Janet, for putting on a wonderful dinner beforehand.

We also voted on another Candidate and by the time you read this we will have two new Entered Apprentices. Come to the Lodge and welcome these Brothers as they advance through their Degrees.

Check Your Calendar

A reminder ... there is NO second meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. I wish you and your

families a Happy Thanksgiving and ask that you remember the people who may be alone or hungry on this day of thanks. See what Brotherly Love, Charity and Compassion given with Integrity you can deliver to your comrades. □

ELLSWORTH
Quality Home Improvements & Repairs

585-414-6549

Additions • Siding • Roofing
Decks • Doors
Masonry Expert • Walkways/Patios
Waterproofing • Foundation/Chimneys
Brick/Stone Work

No Job is Too Small!

Monroe District
District Deputy Grand Master - Phillip Hurwitz 720-9653

Brotherhood Fund

To contribute to the relief of distressed Worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans ... This sentence is one of the cardinal virtues of our Fraternity. Your contributions to the Brotherhood Fund exemplify this creed. On behalf of our Grand Master, M.: W.: James E. Sullivan, I thank you for your generosity.

There are times where the need is immediate and local in nature. I have no doubt that in each of our Lodges, Brothers have given of their time and treasure to help a Brother or his family in need. In the September 2012 *Short Talk Bulletin*, titled *Widows and Orphans: Reflections on Obligation*, the reader will learn how Masonic Benevolence can have a profound impact on a departed Brother's family.

In this bulletin, we learn of a Brother, a Police Officer, was killed in the line-of-duty. The writer, also a Mason and fellow Officer, tells us of his encounter with a young woman who had encountered this fallen Brother when he was alive.

During the wake, a Police Honor Guard was stationed near the casket. The writer, having just completed a changing of the guard, noticed a young lady off by herself in a corner of the room. She was weeping so hard that her whole body was shaking. The Brother approached this young lady with an outstretched hand and asked if she needed help. She looked up, noticed that he was wearing a Masonic ring, and gave him a hug. Here's why ... She was from a small town in Tennessee. Her father, a Master Mason, was killed in an accident when she was 11 years old. From that time, until she left for college, someone from her father's Lodge would always contact the family, each month. Whether it was in person or by telephone, the outreach was the same ... how was the family doing. Many times these visits would be followed up by a visit from a Brother (or Brothers) who would fix something on the house.

As she grew up, she took note that many of her teachers and businessmen in towns, were always interested in how the family was doing, and if they needed anything. She came to learn that these people were Masons. When she went off to college, she was given an envelope from her father's Lodge containing \$1,000.

While in college, she took a self-defense course taught by a Police Officer. During the course of this class she learned that this Officer was a Mason. Our student saw this Officer in the last class she took from him. Less than an hour later, he was killed in the line-of-duty.

Being an upright man and Mason can touch lives in profound ways we may never imagine.

Masonic Development Course


Looking ahead this month, we have the *Masonic Development Course*, which will be offered in two sessions - the First Session will be at the Shrine Center on November 10th. I highly recommend this course, regardless of whether you are a newly made Master Mason, or not. The benefit of this course is simply this. You will become more knowledgeable in the Ritual, and re-discover why it was you became a Mason.

As we are now entering upon the Holiday Season, I wish all of you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving, and leave you with this thought for November:

Freemasonry is kindness in the home; honesty in business; courtesy in society; fairness in work; pity and concern for the unfortunate; resistance towards the wicked; help for the weak; trust in the strong; forgiveness


**District Deputy
Grand Master
Monroe District**

R.: W.:
**Phillip
Hurwitz**
720-9653
phurwitz@frontiernet.net



Huge Tuxedo Sale

Sale ends November 30th



Pre-Enjoyed Tuxedos
\$99.95 coat & pant

White Tux Jackets
\$49.95 coat


Shirts...Vests...Shoes
\$19.95 each

Hundreds of Items Must Go!!

NEW TUX PACKAGE \$229.95

2B Giorgio Florelli Tuxedo

Includes coat, pant, shirt, cummerbund, tie!!!



Bonus... Free Masonic Cufflink
Set with a new tuxedo
purchase!!!

Incognito
Premium Men's Resale Clothing & Tuxedo Shop

Penfield 1821 Penfield Rd. 586-7846

Spencerport 131 S. Union St 349-8003

for the penitent; love for one another; and, above all, reverence and love for God. Freemasonry is many things, but most of all - Freemasonry is a way of life.

Anonymous, Reprinted from *A Masonic Thought for Each Day of the Year*, Cerza, Alphonse, Missouri Lodge of Research, 1971. □

Crawford
FUNERAL HOME INC.
Independently Owned And Operated



**Helping Families
Share Memories
since 1957**

- Pre-Need & Medicaid Planning
- Funeral & Cremation Services
- Memorial Event Planning

David P. Crawford,
Licensed Manager

495 N. Winton Road - Rochester, NY
(Between Browncroft & Humboldt)

585-482-0400

www.CrawfordFuneralHome.com

SaveAround Rochester™

Coupon books

Now available from the Masonic Service Bureau

Get your copy today and enjoy free or reduced prices on

Fine Dining • Fast Food
Car Washes • Sports Events
Entertainment

♦ **Great Gift!** ♦

Call 671-9730 for more details

Grand Directors of Ceremonies



R. W. Michael Hueston
509-0606
mph0523@frontiernet.net

R. W. Robert Buchanan
329-2432
rob.buchanan479@gmail.com

By R. W. Mike Hueston

Thank you to all the Brothers for the kindnesses and hospitality we have received on our Official Visits; we really appreciate your support. The past month has been very busy for the Leadership Team. The Official Visits are winding down, but we have more work to be done and look forward to seeing many more Brothers as we visit the Lodges in the District on a more casual basis.

On September 29th the Leadership Team attended the Grand Master's Reception in Buffalo. We thank W. Charles Cutler, Master of Unity Lodge, and his lovely fiancée, Lisa, for attending as well. We all had a great meal and a lot of fun.

The Grand Master personally thanked each Brother for attending and seeing all the Grand Line and their Ladies in attendance was quite impressive. The event was well attended, with Brothers from all over the State. The Manhattan Districts made an impressive showing by traveling many miles to attend.



From left: W. Charles Cutler, fiancée Lisa, R. W. Robert Buchanan, M. W. James Sullivan, R. W. Phillip Hurwitz and R. W. Michael Hueston at Reception.



Brothers of Seneca Lodge attending the Official Visit of R. W. Phillip Hurwitz and the Staff Officers, R. W. Robert Buchanan, and R. W. Michael Hueston.

(Photo submitted by R. W. Robert Buchanan)

As we have talked about at the Official Visits, we still need your help and recommendations for young men to start the Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay. As of this writing, we have a total of four potential Candidates; we need your help, please.

Masonic Development Course

There is still time to register to attend the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* as follows:

November 10th - 1st Session, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster.

December 1st - 2nd Session, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster.

To confirm your reservation, please email Rob Buchanan at:

rob.buchanan479@gmail.com

or Mike Hueston at:

mph0523@frontiernet.net

If you have any questions, please call Rob Buchanan 329-2432 or Mike Hueston 509-0606. The Course is open to all Master Masons no matter how long you have been a Mason. We look forward to sharing and learning more about our great Fraternity.

Road to the East

We are also accepting reservations for the *Road to the East* which also will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center on February 23rd and March 9th, 2013. The Course is open to all Junior Wardens, Senior Wardens and Senior Deacons. A lot of information is shared, which will help to make your year as a Worshipful Master a success.

We wish all the Brothers a "Happy Thanksgiving" and please remember in your prayers all the brave men and women in the armed services who are fighting for our great Nation, and for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and are now with the Great Architect of the Universe. □



ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

MONROE DISTRICT

V. W. PATRICK MULROONEY
626-0492

V. W. PAUL KOLACKI
764-1189



pmulroon@gmail.com



k2fx@arri.net

By V. W. Pat Mulrooney

We are off to a very strong start for this Masonic Year. Thanks to all who attended and participated, we have enjoyed two fun and enlightening Schools of Ritual. Our special thanks to both Inspiration and Oatka Lodges for presenting the Work of the evening at each event. We are also very proud of the Ritual we have witnessed thus far at each of the edict Degrees we have attended.

His Christmas

From "Old Tiler Talks" By Carl Claudy

"Did you have a happy Christmas?" inquired the New Brother in the anteroom.

"Indeed, yes! Did you?"

"Not particularly. Same old day, same old expense, same old gifts, same old thing," yawned the New Brother. "What did you do that made it happy?"

"First thing I went to church," answered the Old Tiler.

"Why, I didn't know you were a church goer!" The New Brother was surprised.

"It is debatable," confessed the Old Tiler. "But on Christmas I like to go to church. Anyway, I had to see the Rector. I had a turkey for someone who would need it. After church I got in the automobile and the chauffeur drove me to see Brother Fosdick and ...

"Whoa! You have a car and chauffeur?" demanded the New Brother.

"Always on Christmas," grinned the Old Tiler. "Feel mighty important, too! But it's not mine, of course. A banker lends it to me."

"Oh!"

"I couldn't get around without a car," explained the Old Tiler. "So Brother Vandevor lends me his. I called on old Brother Fosdick. He hasn't been in Lodge in ten years, but he doesn't know it. He thinks he was at the last meeting, and will be there the next. His mind isn't as clear as it was. He orders me to vote on this and how to do that, and is so important about it that he has a good time, thinking he is still a power in the Lodge. It's not much of a Christmas present, but it's what he likes best."

"Oh!" said the New Brother.

"Then I was driven to the Masonic Home. Had some toys for some pets and never can deny myself the pleasure of giving them."

"Pets?"

"Pets is the word. Two children of a Brother of this Lodge."

"Oh!"

"We had a riotous time, the kiddies and I. They showed me their tree and all their gifts and we played tag a while and they blew horns and it was real Christmas-like. It's a shame to take up so much of the children's time but I had a lot of fun and they were very kind, of course because I am old."

"Is that it?" said the New Brother.

"The big kick came in the afternoon. I made a few calls on sick and housed Brethren and then went to dinner. After dinner we got in the car and went to the orphan asylum, and I had the time of my life. We must have given away five hundred dollars in toys and games and books and dolls."

"You gave away five hundred dollars?"

"No, we did. I didn't pay for them. I am poor. Brother Vandevor paid for them. All I did was buy them and take them there in Brother Vandevor's car. He went along because he likes to."

"All you did was spend the money and distribute it and plan it. He just went along. I see," said the New Brother.

"Yes, I'd pay for part of them, but that would take some of the joy from Vandevor," the Old Tiler explained happily. "We had fun. Then we went back to Brother Vandevor's home and he gave me a present - think of that! There it is!" The Old Tiler pointed to a handsome stick. "He's quite a wag, is Brother Vandevor. He's already done so much for me, lending me the car and all. I had no present for him. I told him so. He said I had already given him Christmas, which was nonsense, because I hadn't given him anything. I hardly know where the day went. But I had a real good time. That's what Christmas is for, isn't it?"

"I always thought it was a day to get up late and laze around and stuff myself and go to bed disgusted," snapped the New Brother. "I think I'll try your scheme next time."

"There's plenty of room for you in the car," answered the Old Tiler. "I'd love to have you and so would Brother Vandevor."

"Oh!" said the New Brother, thoughtfully. □



3165 BRIGHTON HENRIETTA TOWN LINE ROAD * ROCHESTER, NY 14623

(585) 427-2880

FAX (585) 272-1216

~ ~ ~ Claude H. Wright ~ ~ ~


President

Attention Young Men Ages 12-21 ...
Join DeMolay - Check website rochesterdemolay.wordpress.com or Facebook rochester order of demolay. Hit like and information is posted.

UNITY

Lodge No. 479


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



Master
W.: Charles Cutler
330-1316
charles.p.cutler@us.army.mil

Secretary
R.: W.: Clifford Short
225-0464
short4us@rochester.rr.com

133 South Union Street
Spencerport 14559



First off, I welcome our newly initiated Entered Apprentices to our Lodge. We enjoyed the Official Visit and the presentation of the Grand Master's Message by R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz and the other distinguished guests.

We were able to present Worshipful John Lemke with his Past Master's Apron and Certificate.



While Worshipful William Mitchell received his Distinguished Service Award Apron in the Spring, I had the pleasure of presenting him his DSA Certificate.



I also had the pleasure of congratulating Brother Richard Bean on his 66 years of Masonic Service.

November 12th will feature the program, "Masons and the Civil War" presented by Senior Warden, Jeff VanSice. There will be no dinner before this meeting.

November 26th will consist of a 2nd Degree for our Entered Apprentices.

November Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brothers: Andres Alvarez, Russel Bird, Thomas Brusso, Christopher Cappetta, William Chapman, Tyler Ekwel, Christopher Harness, Garry Hutcherson, David Jones, Martin Michaels, Robert Novak, Orlo Noxon, Robert O'Hara, William Peterson and Joseph Privitera.

With the Holiday Season approaching, kids going back to school and everything else that goes along with the Fall Season, please keep these words of wisdom in mind, "Life is not made up of great sacrifices and duties, but of little things in which smiles and kindness given habitually are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort." Sir Humphry Davy

As always, Unity Lodge is here to assist as needed as other Masons and Lodges have answered our call for assistance. Brothers, be safe in your travels.

Inspiration

Lodge No. 109

website: www.inspiration109.org
2nd & 4th Tuesdays - 7:30 p.m.



Master
W.: Joseph DiTucci
259-2839
jditucci@gmail.com

Secretary
R.: W.: Derek VanHouten
247-2920
derekhouten1@mac.com

979 Bay Road, Webster 14580



Reflecting back to the month of October, we Passed 7 Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft and affiliated Brother




Brothers of Inspiration Lodge in attendance to greet R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master, and his Leadership Team, including R.: W.: Michael Hueston (member of Inspiration Lodge) and R.: W.: Robert Buchanan, at the Official Visit.

Wakan-Hubbard

Lodge No. 154

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



Master
W.: Richard Yendall
889-5895
ryendall@rochester.rr.com

Secretary
W.: Donald C. Bell
334-7768
don_bell@hotmail.com

1822-A Penfield Road, Penfield 14526

As I thought about this month's article, I wasn't sure what to write. After Initiating the fifth generation from my family this month, I was going to write about how Masonry has played a big part in our lives. I thought about an article on a Brother from Fairport Lodge I knew 20 years ago and who brought me to a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. I haven't seen him in many years or at any of the District gatherings.

Come Home to the Lodge

There is something much more concerning to me and these ideas can wait for future articles. We have had several meetings so far this year and I am very concerned about the attendance. We are getting barely 10% of our membership to a meeting. This would not be bad if our membership was 500 Brothers, but we are only at about 150 Brothers.

We have Raised many new Brothers in the last five years and have a class of three more going through the Degrees now. They are constantly hearing what it used to be like, how you had to wait to get in Line and all the activities we did. We can and must do what it takes to get back to those days.

If you have received this paper, you also will have received this year's Trestleboard. My phone number and email are in there. Please call or send me a message; I need more ideas and suggestions to get the Brothers to start filling the seats in the North again.

I completely understand there are location, health and family constraints on all of us, but help me give you a reason to come back. I hear many reasons why

Eric Hinkston. Congratulations to all of the new Brothers on their advancement. Brother Scott Rice did a fantastic job performing in the Master's Chair for our Degree. Thank you Brother Rice, along with all the Brothers who participated and attended that evening.

Upcoming Events

November 13th - The Lodge will be hosting their first-ever Harvest Dinner/ Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. This is an Open Meeting ... family and friends are encouraged to come out. If you have any potential Candidates or friends who are interested in Freemasonry, please bring them for an informative night. This will be an unforgettable night. Each table will be furnished with a whole turkey to be carved along with all of the fixings.

we can't attend a meeting; let me give you an excuse to attend. The Lodge needs you, the Fraternity needs you.

October was an eventful month. We hosted a Child Safety Booth at the local Home Depot. We provided safety information and child identification kits to many families. Like health and car insurance, hopefully it is never needed. At our first meeting we Initiated three new Brothers and, with the help of their mentors, are working very hard to make it to the 2nd Degree.

On November 12th will be our Official Visit from the DDGM, R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz and his Leadership Team. We will be having a dinner prior to the meeting, so please make your reservations. Also that night we will be presenting our Years of Service Awards to several Brothers. Please plan on attending to show them our appreciation.

Our second meeting this month will be a 2nd Degree. Please come and support our Brothers on their Passing and celebrate the work and commitment they have made.

Remember Our Fraternal Family

Please remember the families of our Brothers who have passed on to the Great Architect and help those who are in need of our support.

Fairport-Flower City

Lodge No. 476

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



Master
W.: Terrence Adams
425-4767
tmadams@rochester.rr.com

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

Fairport Masonic Hall
87 South Main Street



Be sure to vote on November 6th. November 12th - "Lodge of Remembrance" will be celebrated at our meeting. A dinner will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please let the Junior Warden, Scott Mosher, know you plan to attend by calling 415-4384.

November 26th - The Fellowcraft

This is a great opportunity to sit down and reflect on what we are most thankful for. I hope many of you will be in attendance.

On November 27th, we will be conferring the Master Mason Degrees. Please come and support the Raising of our 7 new Brothers. The meal for the evening will be catered by Gigi's Italian eatery - Roasted Rosemary Chicken, Sausage with Peppers and Onions, Seasoned Roasted Potatoes, Garden Salad, Penne with Red Sauce and Italian Bread and Butter.

Please make a reservation!

Our Junior Warden, Brother Brian Bell, will be delighted to receive your reservation. Call him at 313-7181 or email:

golgotha30@gmail.com.

I hope to see all of you in attendance. □

Degree will be conferred. Brother Scott Mosher will be in the East. Call Brother Mosher if you would like to participate as conductor, Questions and Answers, etc.

It was announced in Lodge that W.: Brother Tom Goodrich has been nominated for the 33rd Degree in the Scottish Rite. It is well deserved. We know the work he has capably performed in Lodge. Congratulations!!!

Please read the whole issue of the **Masonic Times** for information and activities of interest. Check the Lodge's webpage at www.fairportmasons.com for last-minute announcements and schedule changes.

November Birthdays

All November "birthday boys" were born after World War II. These young whippersnappers include: Adam Junod (2nd), Bob Vandebush (8th), Gary Gray (12th), David Zon (16th), Greg Ludwig (19th), William Lozon and Robert Johnson (26th). Happy Birthday to all and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

As you join family and/or friends around a festive board this Thanksgiving, remember to give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for including you in his plans. We can do just so much to advance ourselves and the world. The real "maker" is the one we call "G." □

Save Around

Rochester™

Coupon books

Now available from

Masonic Service Bureau

Enjoy free or reduced prices on

- Fine Dining
- Fast Food
- Car Washes
- Sports Events
- Entertainment

Great Gift!

Call 671-9730 for more details

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538

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



Master
W.: William Gross
370-3606
firemanbiker@gmail.com

Secretary
W.: Bernard Russell
872-1353
Webster538@juno.com



30 Orchard Street, Webster 14580

ing Course is available from the Grand Lodge Library at no cost. So, for those of you who missed a very informative evening, I hope this will encourage you to participate just a little more.

The Lodge of Remembrance will be November 1st.

Due to the absence of several key Officers, the 1st Degree is being moved to November 15th.

I must complement our Junior Warden, Al Borino, for his excellent performance in the line of refreshments after our meetings. Cider and doughnuts and cake and coffee this last meeting were delicious. He also has been very informative, much more than I have, as to re-capping the important events. You can view his comments online under Al Borrino.

By the way, V.:W.: Paul Kolacki, our immediate Past Master, is sitting in for W.: Bill Gross in the East, but only until W.: Bill is able to resolve his employment problems, a month or two. We wish him success.

I hope I've covered the important events. We're averaging 35 plus or minus members present at meetings with a spike to 50 in attendance. Lodge "Ain't" what it used to be, it's better. Come see for yourselves.

P.S. Your comments and suggestions would be appreciated. □

NORTHFIELD

Lodge No. 426

Instituted March 1857

www.northfieldlodge.org

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



Master
W.: Jason C. Zona
241-3219
zona.jason@yahoo.com

W.: J. Michael Zona, Secretary
241-9685
zona.michael@gmail.com
17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

From the Secretary's Desk

By W.: J. Michael Zona

The Official Visit from our DDGM, R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz, was held on September 20th. It was a pleasure to see so many Brothers in Lodge supporting the Grand Officers. Our thoughts are with our Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.:W.: Rob Buchanan and his family, while his wife is deployed overseas; we pray for her safe return.

The cold is upon us and we need to remember to change furnace filters, have your boiler checked regularly and, by all means, test the smoke detectors for proper operation.

Many of our Brothers will be traveling South for the Winter. This includes our Organist, R.:W.: Martin Reitz, who graciously entertained us on October 4th for the last time until next Spring.

Masonic Anniversary

In September, 1949, Brother Ralph Matthews took his 3rd Degree. This year marks 63 years with the Fraternity. Congratulations, Brother Matthews.



Brothers at Northfield Lodge's Official Visit of R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz, R.:W.: Michael Hueston and R.:W.: Robert Buchanan, who furnished photo.

October Birthdays

Those members who recognize birthdays this month are: James Arlington, James Deasey, Don Smith and Ken VanDuzer.

On November 22nd, we are scheduled to have our Fellowcraft Degree. Please contact the Senior Warden if you are interested in performing a particular part in the ceremonies.

By now we have all received a request for donation to help the Masonic Service Bureau continue with the endeavors to

help the community through various programs. Please, Brothers, show your support for the Service Bureau and help make Northfield top the list of contributors.

The Junior Warden has made arrangements to have a dinner. According to the Master's schedule the cost of the dinners will be \$12 this year and you will be notified by the Calling Committee.

Dues Notices are now being mailed. Brothers, your quick remittance is needed so the Lodge may operate within the budget. □

Union Star Lodge No. 320

Website: www.unionstarmasons.org
2nd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.



Master
W.: Franklyn Habitzreuther
486-4341
animalhab@aol.com

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

Remember Veterans Day

Remember those who paid the ultimate price for freedom and all those who have served and are presently serving.

The Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was well attended; we have a potential of receiving four Petitions. If any Brother has a Petition, please get it to the Lodge so we can process in time for the December Degree.

Christmas Party

Keep December 15th open for our Annual Christmas Party with the Ladies. It will again be held at the Mendon Country Club and I was assured the heating problem has been resolved. The particulars will be in the mail shortly.

November Birthdays

Those gaining another grey hair this month are William J. Nersinger, Eliot S. Schwartz, Arthur F. Movalli and Charles B. Swartz.

Upcoming Events

November 10th - *Masonic Development Course* at Shrine Center
November 12th - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

November 26th - Fellowcraft, 7 p.m.

December 1st - *Masonic Development Course* at Shrine Center

December 15th - Christmas Party with the Ladies at Mendon Country Club □

ERAC Lodge No. 163

website: www.eraclodge163.org

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

Master

W.: John A. Hellaby III
705-8027
jahell3@aol.com

Secretary

W.: David G. Upham
(315) 524-2610
dgupham@gmail.com



979 Bay Road, Webster 14580

On September 17th, we held our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. It was a great evening with about 30 Brothers and guests in attendance. Thank you to Carl Scarpulla, Ed Taylor, Kristian Reninger, Embola Ekille and Dave Fingado for preparing a delicious Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner. Brother Patrick Mulrooney was an outstanding emcee for the evening. Brother Dave Upham presented an interesting talk on Masonic History, Brothers Dave Fingado, David Maxwell and Dave Crawford all gave inspiring talks on Freemasonry and what it meant to them. Thank you, Brothers, for sharing your knowledge and wisdom.

Our Official Visit was held on September 24th with our own Brother, R.:W.:

Lodge News
Continues on Page 15



Webster Lodge Brothers and friends present for the Official Visit of R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz, R.:W.: Michael Hueston and R.:W.: Robert Buchanan, who sent photo.



Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

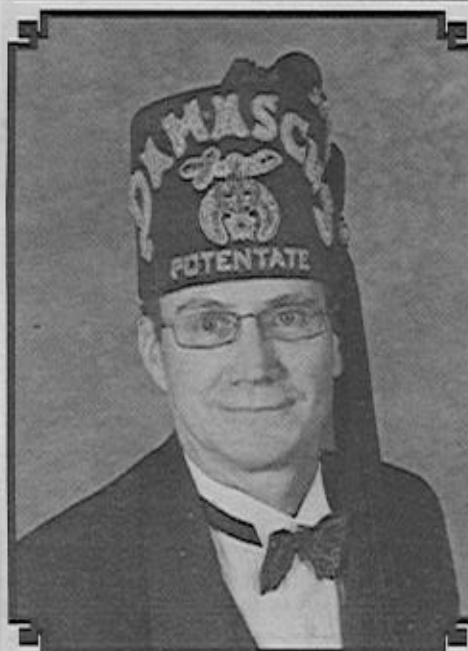
November 2012

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

By Gary Burke, Potentate

Welcome to Fall in Western New York. As I write this article the leaves are changing and the temperature is dropping. What an absolutely beautiful day it was driving from Rochester to Corning, then to Wellsville, on to Hornell and Bath, then back to Rochester. We truly live in a wonderful area of the Country.

Speaking of wonderful, the Potentate's Reception was just that. For those of you who joined us, I say "Thank you." Thank you for sharing in a great evening. A very special "Thank you" to Past Potentate, Bruce Chilton, who did an outstanding job as the Master of Ceremonies. Some may ask "Why Bruce?" but if you were there, you understand why I asked him to do me the favor of being the MC. Lady Debi and I had a great time and we hope you did as well.

The October meeting gave those in attendance an opportunity to view the latest DVD produced by Imperial that gave us a look at our 140 years of history and 90 years of compassion.

Should you want to show the DVD at your Club, Unit or other group, the Recorder's Office has a copy available for loan.

Change in the Line

Our Chief Rabban, Oscar Wilson, made a very important announcement at the October meeting in that he will not be running for election as Potentate of Damascus in

2013. This was a decision based upon his employment situation. His new job with the City of Rochester is demanding much more time than ever anticipated and rather than have that or Damascus Shrine suffer, he decided to finish out the year as Chief Rabban and not continue on in Line at this time. We all wish only the best for Oscar in the future.

At this writing I'm anxiously looking forward to our 7th Annual Sportsman's Raffle which is being run under a new team with new ideas. I look forward to reporting next month on the success of that event.

Another annual event which I'm anticipating to be a huge success is our Fall Noble Bring-a-Brother Program under the leadership of Wayne McCrossen and Joe DiTucci. This membership drive rolled right into the Damascus Oktoberfest under the Stewardship of Jim Miller. Hope I didn't scare anyone with my lederhosen! But the food was great and the beer was cold. So how can any German or German wannabe possibly have been disappointed?

Upcoming Events

November 7th will bring us a very special program at our monthly meeting. Glen Cone will give our Veterans and their spouse valuable information regarding benefits available to them from the Veterans Administration. We will also hear from Richard Liebel, Jr., Director of Development and Donor Relations for Erie, on changes being made at our Hospital. Our band will provide some enjoyable music to honor our Veterans as well. Don't miss this meeting.

Have you turned in that Petition from a worthy Brother yet? It's not too late to get it in for the Fall Ceremonial on November 17th. Another fantastic day is in store as we confer the Ceremonial in the afternoon with a "Hot Sands" and

roll right into the Harvest Dinner that evening. See all the details elsewhere and on flyers at the Shrine Center.

Dinner Reservations

A disturbing situation arises on a fairly regular basis to which I'd like to call your attention. That being folks who make reservations for dinner and end up being "no shows." This ultimately costs the Temple (you as a member) money. When we call in the final reservation number to a caterer, that is the number of dinners we pay for. If you don't come to the dinner, we still have to pay for your dinner.

Please be conscious of this fact, as we don't want to be forced to send you, the "no show," a bill. Should this issue continue, we will have to review our policy for dinner reservations.

Continued on Page 11 ...

Walker S. Kisselburgh

May 17, 1923 — August 17, 2012

Walker S. Kisselburgh, who served as Imperial Potentate of Shriners of North America (now known as Shriners International) during the 1985-1986 Imperial Year, passed away on August 17, 2012.

Imperial Sir Kisselburgh was born on May 17, 1923, in Los Angeles. He served his country during World War II with the U.S. Merchant Marine. After the war, he formed his own business and served as president of K & S Bearings Corp. for 27 years until it was sold to Kaman Aircraft Bearings Corp. He remained as president of the company for another two years before retiring in 1983 to devote more time to the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

He was raised a Master Mason in 1948 in the William D. Stephens Lodge No. 698 F. & A.M. in Los Angeles, the same Lodge as his father, and served as Lodge Master in 1959. Imperial Sir Kisselburgh again followed his father's example and was created a Shriner in 1953 at Al Malaikah Temple and became a life member. He was active within his temple, most notably with the Chanters and the Divan Ritual Cast. He was elected Potentate of Al Malaikah Shriners in 1973 and served as Grand Orator of the Lodge of California and Hawaii in 1974. In 1983, he was named "International Mason of the Year" by the Westwood Shrine Club. In his 1985 Imperial Potentate Pageant Program, he was described as a "Mason's Mason."

Imperial Sir Kisselburgh's Masonic honors include the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor, the Red Cross of Constantine, the Vierling Kersey Award from Ionic Lodge No. 520, and the Hiram Award from the William D. Stephens Lodge No. 698 F. & A.M. He was a member of the Pasadena Scottish Rite and held the honorary 33rd degree, Royal Order of Scotland, DeMolay Alumni charter member, Southern California Council R&SM No. 35, Los Angeles Chapter RAM No. 33, Knights Templar, Golden West Commandery No. 43 and Royal Order of Jesters Los Angeles Court.

In addition to his fraternal activities, he was an active supporter of Shriners Hospitals for Children and led the Endowments, Wills and Gifts Committee and co-chaired the Athletic Committee. He was also a member of the Planning, Budget, Investment, Building and Equipment, and Medical Research Planning Committees and an emeritus member of the Board of Trustees.

Imperial Sir Kisselburgh is survived by his wife Lois; son John; two daughters, Jean Horn (Joseph) and Carol Clayton; brother Albert B. Kisselburgh; grandchildren Jason and Kyle Kisselburgh, Angela and Natalie Bilotta, James and Jeffrey Flowers and Billy and Brian Clayton; and great-grandchildren Walker and Jasmin Fowlkes. □

*He walked through life and left his impress there;
 He still lives on in ways we cannot know.
 His love of life and living is not lost;
 His spirit carries out to touch humanity,
 A heritage continuing through the years.*

Summons

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

December 5th, 2012

7:00 p.m.

for the purpose of

Election of Officers for 2013

More Pictures on Page 14...



First Lady Debi and Potentate Gary



Actions at the 2012 Imperial Session of Shriners International

Attention is called to the following amendments to the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Shriners International (Iowa Corp.) as well as resolutions and requests that were adopted or approved at the 2012 annual session:

ARTICLE 11

Budget and Revenues

§211.5 Per Capita Tax.

(a) through (c) [NO CHANGE].

(d) **Proportionate Members.** The per capita tax must also be collected from members who are reinstated or affiliated throughout the year, provided their per capital tax for the then current year has not been paid, and current year has not been paid, and from candidates initiated during the year from January through October, without ratable abatement. This per capita tax must be remitted to Shriners International at the end of the month in which it is received by the temple. The per capita tax will be neither collected from candidates initiated in November or December for the then current year nor remitted to the Imperial Treasurer.

(e) through (h) [NO CHANGE].

ARTICLE 23

Temple Membership

§323.5 Balloting.

(a) through (f) [NO CHANGE].

(g) **Alternative Balloting.** Notwithstanding the procedures set forth in subsections (a) through (f) above, Abdallah Shriners, Ainad Shriners, Al Bedoo Shriners, Algeria Shriners, Almas Shriners, Amara Shriners, Bagdad Shriners, Beni Kedem Shriners, Gizeh Shriners, Kamak Shriners, Sahara Shriners and Scimitar Shriners shall utilize the following alternative balloting procedure. Subsequent to a report on a candidate's petition, paper ballots shall be distributed, marked, collected and counted in the presence of the Nobility. If a majority of the ballots are favorable, the candidate is elected. If a majority of the ballots are unfavorable, or if the votes are evenly divided, the candidate is rejected. The presiding officer may call for a collective ballot. Subsection (f) above shall apply to this alternative balloting procedure.

ARTICLE 25

Officers; Their Election or Appointment

§325.5 Balloting.

(a) **Separate Ballot.** Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting. When there is more than one candidate for election to a particular office, a separate written ballot is required. A blanket ballot is prohibited.

(b) and (c) [NO CHANGE].

ARTICLE 32

Initiation Fee; Dues; Hospital Levy; Assessments

§332.2 Dues.

(a) [NO CHANGE].

(b) **Proportionate Amount.** Candidates initiated and members restored or affiliated in the following periods pay dues in at least these proportions:

- (1) January 1 to March 31, 100%
- (2) April 1 to June 30, 75%
- (3) July 1 to September 30, 50%
- (4) October 1 to December 31, 25% for members restored or affiliated;
- (5) October 1 to October 31, 25% for candidates initiated; and
- (6) Such dues as may be deemed appropriate, but not to exceed 25%, from candidates initiated from November 1 to December 31 for the then current year.

(c) through (f) [NO CHANGE].

ARTICLE 32

Initiation Fee; Dues; Hospital Levy; Assessments

§332.3 Hospital Levy.

(a) through (c) [NO CHANGE].

(d) **Reinstated members.** The hospital levy must also be collected from members who are reinstated throughout the year, provided the hospital levy for the then current year has not been paid, and from candidates initiated during the year from January through October, without ratable abatement. The hospital levy must be remitted to the Imperial Treasurer at the end of the month in which it is received by the temple. A hospital levy will be neither collected from candidates initiated in November or December for the then current year nor remitted to the Imperial Treasurer.

(e) through (f) [NO CHANGE].

ARTICLE 34

Temple Business Affairs and Fiscal Regulations

§334.8 Construction Program; Secured or Long Term Obligations.

(a) **Imperial Approval.** Any temple contemplating any program involving a secured or long term obligation for a building or addition thereto, for the use of the members, or any other use either for the benefit of the temple, or any of its affiliated, appended or subsidiary entities, must first submit to the Imperial Potentate for his examination and approval the proposed program on the form prescribed by Shriners International. A long term obligation is one in which the principal or any part of it is payable more than one year from the date on which it was contracted.

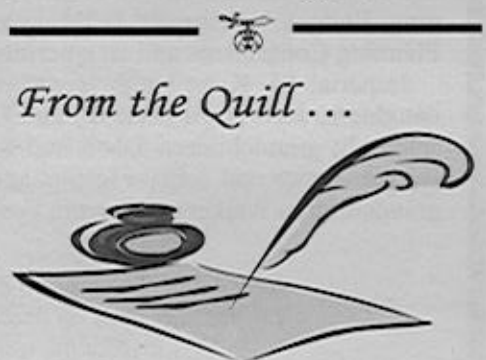
(b) [NO CHANGE].

ARTICLE 36

Temple Units

§336.2 Public Exhibitions and Civic Parades.

would be of interest to our members. Please contact the Recorder's Office or Derek VanHouten at phone - 247-2920; or email: derekhouten1@mac. □



By Derek VanHouten, Recorder

What a beautiful early Fall day it is as I compose this article for you in late September while listening to the sounds of Noble Jim Ryan as he mows our lawns here at 979 Bay Road. By the time this reaches you the several events that have transpired in September and October will have successfully been completed. The Potentates Ball was fantastic - especially the dessert table with twin chocolate fountains and huge assortment of goodies that one could slather with the molten chocolate. A hearty thanks for all who worked so hard to help celebrate Ill. Gary Burke's year as the leader of Damascus Shriners for 2012.

(a) **Shriners Only.** Notwithstanding the provisions in §335.11, in parades of temples at annual sessions of Shriners International, or in local Shriners parades or exhibitions under the auspices of temples or Shrine associations, only Nobles shall participate.

(b) **Civic Parades.** In civic parades, Nobles, their ladies and children may participate, with the approval of the potentate, so long as their ladies and children participate only as passengers in non-performing, non-competing vehicles with no less than four wheels.

(c) **Potentate Approval.** No temple unit is permitted to participate in a parade or public exhibition without the express approval of the potentate.

(d) **Outside of Jurisdiction Approval.** Public appearances by units are under the auspices of the temple with which they are identified and are not permitted in any place outside the temple's jurisdiction except with the consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction.

(e) **No Compensation.** Units and their members are prohibited from accepting any reward or compensation for participating in parades and exhibitions.

ARTICLE 49

California

§449.1 Aahmes Shriners

Has

(a) [NO CHANGE].

(b) Exclusive jurisdiction in the states of New South Wales and Victoria in the country of Australia; and exclusive jurisdiction in the countries of Austria, Great Britain and Norway.

(c) [NO CHANGE].

REQUEST FOR A TEMPLE CHARTER

At the 2012 annual session of Shriners International, the petition of Agila Shriners, U.D. for a charter to form and open a temple of the Order in the island of Mindanao in the Republic of the Philippines, under the title of Agila Shriners, was granted.

RESOLUTION FOR ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP

At the 2012 annual session of Shriners International, the application of Hadji Shriners for membership in the Florida Shrine Association was granted, and the association's charter was amended accordingly. The following temples are now members of this association: Amara, Araba, Azan, Bahia, Egypt, Hadji, Mahi, Marzuq, Morocco, Sahib.

RESOLUTION FOR ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP

At the 2012 annual session of Shriners International, the application of Al Rai'e Saleh Shriners for membership in the Southeastern Shrine Association was granted, and the association's charter was amended accordingly. The following temples are now members of this association: Abba, Abou Saad, Al Chymia, Al Menah, Al Rai'e Saleh, Al Sihah, Alcazar, Alee, Alhambra, Amara, Araba, Azan, Bahia, Barak, Cahaba, Egypt, El Karubah, Hadji, Hasan, Hejaz, Jerusalem, Joppa, Kerbela, Kosair, Mahi, Morocco, Oleika, Sahib, Wahabi, Yaarab, Zamora.

Attention is called to the following amendments to the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Shriners Hospitals for Children as well as resolutions and requests that were adopted at the 2013 annual meeting:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the Colorado Corp.

ARTICLE 9

Admission to Hospitals

§509.2 **Acceptance for Care.** The acceptance of all patients considered for care in Shriners Hospitals for Children shall be based on the individual merits of their medical conditions, as provided in the Hospital Regulations.

§509.3 **Sponsors.** Any Noble may sponsor a patient.

RESOLUTION

At the 2012 annual meeting of Shriners Hospitals for Children, the following resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the boards of directors and trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children are directed to form an independent and unbiased committee to investigate and report on activities conducted for the presumed benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. This report will cover the last five year time frame and all future projects which have resulted in appreciable losses in excess of a quarter of a million dollars or more.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a sound written business process be put in place. This process must include signature approvals on all hospital events and fundraising activities, of which the Treasurer and the Executive Vice President of Shriners Hospitals for Children must approve. The determined process must be complete before proceeding with the activity using Shriners Hospitals Funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of Shriners Hospitals for Children be a member of the committee; and that the time and place to make the report shall be at the 2012 annual meeting of Shriners Hospitals on the first Monday of the annual meeting. □

SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten

Sometimes one never knows where you will find an item of interest or of historical nature that pops up and grabs your attention. Recently, at our Potentate's Reception, Noble Matt Muller presented Ill. Gary Burke with a picture that was taken around the 1920s. I asked Matt if I could see it and was shocked to see my Grandfather in the group of Damascus Drum and Bugle Corps. The picture was taken in front of the Armory on Main Street and my Grandfather was at the extreme right side of the picture.

I have personal photos of him at a later stage in his life and more stories about him, but suffice it to say that in looking at him it almost seemed that silent thoughts crossed the space of time when I first saw his image standing most proud in the photo. As a side note, he was the 13th employee of Kodak and worked there 47 years. I worked there 32 years in the Construction Division and he retired from the same area of work that I did. That's another story for a different article.

If any Club or Unit needs a speaker, I am doing a short program on the early days of Damascus Temple and some recently found archival material that

On October 13th we had our Annual Sportsman Raffle under the leadership of Jim Ryan and his crew. Many went away happy with a new firearm or other items that were available that day. Just in October there were seven opportunities to come to the Shrine Center and partake of Shrine activities, which included the Next-to-New Sale from the Daughters of the Nile.

Looking ahead to November will be the Fall Ceremonial and our famous Harvest Dinner on November 10th. As the year heads for its exit, the functions slow down as well. It's been a very busy and rewarding year and many memories have been safely locked away for the future.

Our Imperial Potentate, Alan W. Madson, has informed the membership that the words "free care" and "care at no cost" are not to be used when referring to Shriners Hospitals for Children® and need to be removed from any brochures or other material that reference those words. It will be difficult for some to understand why, after so many years, but because of the culture that our Hospitals are in now we have to change the way we express ourselves to the public. Quoting from the Imperial Potentate: "It is truly 'more accurate' to say ... Shriners Hospitals provide the highest quality medical care to children regardless of the patient's or family's ability to pay."

The new Shriners Slogan is: "All care at Shriners Hospitals for Children is provided without regard to a patient's or family's ability to pay."

Changing the venue for a moment, there are quite a few Damascus shirts that we have for those who ordered them and would like the following Nobles to either call the Office or come in and pick them up: Ron Wexler, Peter Van Vlack, Neil Pollack, Jay Ramsey, Jason Soying, Ted Sykes, Pat Nicholson, Tim Irwin, Jim Holman, Anthony Henderson, Mike Grady, Tom Goodrich, Gary Antinore, Jason Bortle, Jim Nielsen and Tom Abraham.

I know some of the Snowbirds have, or are in the preparation stage of, heading for warmer climes and we wish we could join you, but we have work, or should we say opportunities, to stay in the cooler part of the Country. If any of you have or will be changing addresses, phone numbers or email addresses, please let the Office know. Until we pass this way again, enjoy the Turkey and dressing and watch a good football game. □



God
Bless Our
Troops

From the Hospital Boards...

Information supplied by Alan W. Madsen and Douglas E. Maxwell
Shriners Hospitals for Children®

In followup to previous communications about a Revenue Cycle Initiative for Shriners Hospitals to collect from insurances, when available, they now have contracts with many insurance companies and State healthcare programs. This is requiring us to comply with numerous laws and regulations. As a result, we must be very careful that we no longer promote Shriners Hospitals as providing "FREE CARE."

That phrase "free care" or "care without cost" does not really accurately reflect the significant contributions made every day by our Fraternity and by our generous Donors who support the expert care we provide. Unfortunately, those phrases such as "free care" and "care at no cost" are red flags to our insurance providers and the regulatory agencies. They reflect practices that contradict our Shriner's "contractual obligations" with the insurers.

What Can We Say?

It is truly "more accurate" to say ... "Shriners Hospitals provide the highest quality medical care to children 'regardless of the patient's or family's ability to pay'." We all need to encourage our Nobles to utilize this newer phrase, which is also a part of our mission statement.

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By Dave Bowman

What a great meeting we had at Old Erie in September. Our own Auburn Doubledays (to whom we brought luck by attending opening night as our June meeting) won the Division. We got to celebrate by having Adam Winslow as our guest for the evening. As you might know, Adam is the General Manager for the Doubledays, having come from some very intense sport background. Thank goodness for his kids and wanting to be back in Auburn. It certainly is a gain for us. I couldn't have guessed how many baseballs were used in a Season. He really brought us up close and personal with the workings of a professional sports team.

Ken Pollard gave us an update on all the tabs that have come in, especially that truckload from Sprague Wheeler. What a simple act to bring so much help to our Hospitals. Makes me want to go get a soda right now.

There were plenty of singles mixed in with couples that night. Me, for one, so I looked around for a seating partner. Larry Pritchard ended up being the lucky

Action Required
It therefore becomes very important for all of us to promptly review our documents, newsletters and other publications at your Shrine Center and change those that contain these statements. We will also need to eliminate these phrases from our Websites.

In addition, these phrases that are on our Shrine Center vans, parade vehicles, and anywhere they might be displayed in our buildings, should also be removed. It will serve our philanthropy much better to use this newer phrase from our "Mission statement," "Regardless of our patient's or family's ability to pay."

So that we have no further "awkward discussions" with the insurance providers or regulators, all of the members of your National Boards, hope you will be able to make these changes at your facility, as quickly as possible. This action on your part is extremely crucial to the continuing success of our Revenue Cycle Program. Please help us spread the word to all of our Nobles and their Ladies, that our new Shriners' Slogan is ...

"All care at Shriners Hospitals for Children® is provided without regard to a patient or family's ability to pay". □

guy. Thanks, Larry. Bill Newcomb could be spotted in the crowd. On my opposite side were Peter VanVlack and his Lady. Further down the tables I spotted John Ehrlich enjoying the evening. Oh, did I mention I saw a photo of our friend Oscar Wilson's twins? They both had red clown noses. Now, I mean, that probably is no shock to anyone who being a clown must be in the genes.

Oh, coming up. November's meeting will again be at the Old Erie. Jim Kahn has conned his Admiral buddy to be our guest speaker. It should be a great way for Jim to finish up his "tour of duty" as our President for the past two years. It went by so quickly.

We are looking for you to step up and take the next crack at President. Don't laugh, we need you and you know it is not anywhere near as difficult as the other Presidential Office that we have heard so much about this past year.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with friends, memories, and maybe, a little pumpkin pie. □

Potentate, Gary Burke

Continued from page 9

New Ideas We've Tried

Our experiment of trying to utilize the building for you the member for a more social atmosphere has been less than successful. Our "First Thursday of the Month at the Oasis" has had very poor attendance so we will be discontinuing this event.

A better-attended event seems to be the "Last Saturday of the Month Euchre Tournaments." The September Tournament (first) turned out 85 people and a great time for all. Future tournaments are scheduled for November 24th, December 29th, January 26th, February 23rd, March 30th, April 27th and May 25th. Look for full details elsewhere and on flyers at the Shrine Center.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Would you like to take on a role at Damascus? Jim Slocum, who has been selling items at our Jewelry Counter, has

decided to retire. So, we are looking for someone to take that task over. If interested, please contact me.

Do you enjoy Degree work? The Shrine Degree Team, under the watchful eyes of John Gallant and Richard Trescott, are looking for additional volunteers to assist in exemplifying the Third Degree. If interested, send John an email to: jgallant@rochester.rr.com and let him know what part(s) you are capable of doing so he can add you to the list. Last year the Shrine Degree Team conferred the 3rd Degree at five Lodges, Raising 21 new Master Masons. We are also looking for additional cast members for the Knickerbocker Degree Team. If interested, let John know.

Lady Debi and I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to being with you at one or more of the Christmas parties scheduled this year. Please support as many of them as you can. □

*Salute our
Veterans on
Veterans Day*

~ ~ ~

*Sunday
November 11th*

**Directors Staff
Dinner Meeting**
*Program -
Shrine Hospital Changes
(By Frank Russell)*
**Wednesday
November 28th**
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

November Birthdays

Thomas C. Abraham	Jeffrey L.S. Hershberger	Richard O. Reber
Paul W. Adams	Garry R. Hutchurson	Allen J. Roggen
Oliver T. Amesbury	Timothy J. Irwin	Willard Schwarting
Gary S. Antinore	Cameron C. Jameson	Thomas L. Shafer
Donald J. Badger	Adam Junod	Lee W. Shanks
Richard M. Batz	Stanley Knutowicz	George Shapow
Gordon D. Bennett	Steven LaLonde	Roland A. St. Louis, Jr.
Robert T. Brodell	William S. Lozon	Harry Steinorth, Jr.
Arthur D. Cohen	Gregory W. Ludwig	DeLoss A. Stuck
Harold Coller	James S. MacDuff	Harold F. Teeple
Jose Diaz	Scott C. Masucci	John J. Turpack
Lawren K. Ely	Robert F. Merithew	Glen E. VanBuskirk
John Fegley	Charles M. Minster	Kenneth H. Vanduzer
Albert Festa	Harlan C. Morse	James S. VanSickle
Michael A. Fults	Richard T. Nielens, Jr.	John White
Nicholas A. Gould	Robert F. Novak	William Woodward, Jr.
Richard F. Griswold	Orlo L. Noxon	Richard H. Zonneville
P. William Haake	John C. Owens	
Lewis W. Hares	Stephen Persaile	

Attention, Snowbirds!
Are You Going South This Winter?

Mark Your Calendar ...

Western New York Shrine "Reunion"

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

Details coming soon.

WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Frank Russell, President

The Wayne County Shrine Club met on September 20th at the recently reopened and renovated Newark Country Club. The meal was delicious, the service excellent and the view of the golf course most refreshing.

A very interesting and useful program was presented by Attorney Mark Schulman of the Koldin Law Center. He spoke of Medicaid financial eligibility and other income requirements and limitations relating to being in a nursing home or having home care as relates both to the spouse being cared for and the healthy spouse. He stressed planning in advance and discussed various options, to include revocable and irrevocable trusts. Many questions were asked and answered.

Attorney Schulman gave each attendee a detailed handout containing information on family trusts, estate planning, long-term care insurance, transfer of property and other important things. He offered a free consultation to each of the attendees. He and the other attorneys of the Koldin Law Center are available to speak to groups.

The next dinner meeting of the Wayne County Shrine Club will be on Thursday, November 15th, again at the Newark Country Club. The program will be on the disappearance of William Morgan. While most of us have some familiarity with this incident in the 1820s, some new and interesting events surrounding his disappearance, to include the finding of his body, will be revealed. □

Fall Ceremonial & Harvest Dinner



**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 10TH**



HOT SANDS CEREMONIAL

REGISTRATION - 2:30 P.M. ••• CEREMONIAL - 3 P.M.

Ladies are invited to socialize in the Lounge during Ceremonial.



HARVEST DINNER Open to the Public

SOCIAL - 5 P.M. ••• DINNER - 6 P.M.

\$23 per person

A DELICIOUS TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS!

Reservations Required by November 7th:

Call the Shrine Reservation Line at 671-3565 or

Email: office@damascusshriners.org

Damascus Shriners 2012 Christmas Party

Sponsored by Geneva and Auburn Shrine Clubs

Saturday, December 15th
All Welcome

For All Shriners, Masons, Their Ladies and Their Guests

Club 86 Party House - 86 Avenue E, Geneva

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

Entree Choices:

Prime Rib

**Baked 1/2 Chicken or
Broiled White Fish**

All dinners include soup, salad and dessert; Coffee and Service

Price \$90 per Couple

Please Specify Dinner Choice & the number in your party.

8 p.m.-11 p.m. - Music and Dancing with the great

The Big Swingin' Band

10 p.m. - Venetian Table ~ Raffles and Prizes

Dress Code: Tuxedos or Business Suits and Fez for Gentlemen;
Cocktail Dresses for the Ladies

Reservations by Tuesday, December 11th

Call 800-448-0741 with your Reservation and Advance Payment

Send Checks and Dinner Choices to:

Geneva Shrine Club; 3394 Sutton Rd; Geneva, NY 14456

Accommodations Available with Special Prices for Shriners

Ramada Geneva Lakefront,

41 Lake Front Dr; Geneva, NY 14456 (315) 789-0400

\$65 per night with transportation provided to and from the party.

Reservations needed by December 1st

*Get together ...
at the Oasis!*

By Gary Burke

This is to advise you that the Shrine will discontinue the "First Thursdays at the Oasis" due to a lack of interest in this activity.

We have been doing this for over a year now and attendance has only been one, two or maybe three indi-

viduals who show up.

This attendance is not a good use of our personnel who volunteer their time for the night and has not produced the desired results, so we will discontinue this effective immediately.

Please remove it from all Announcements, Trestleboards, Websites, Constant Contacts and Bulletin Boards. □

CANCELLED

Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting Program - Necrology

Wednesday, November 14th

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

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

**Salad * Steak * Mashed Potatoes * Vegetable * Rolls
& Butter * Coffee * Dessert
\$12 per person**

RSVP no later than Friday, November 9th
at (585) 436-8216 or email: cylegalrx@hotmail.com

From the Kitchen of Jan Porter

White Trash

This recipe makes a lot, but it's worth the time and effort. If I didn't make this every Christmas, I'd be in big trouble. Therefore, it's the first thing I make ... and usually make at least two batches so everyone gets some to take home.

Melt together:

2 lb. white chocolate
2 tbsp. vegetable oil

Pour melted white chocolate over:

3 c. Wheat Chex Cereal
3 c. Rice Chex Cereal
3 c. Corn Chex Cereal
3 c stick pretzels, broken up
3 c. Cheerios Cereal
2 c. mixed nuts

Stir gently, spread on waxed paper. Break into pieces and store in covered containers.

Planning a Brunch? Try this ...

Baked Omelet

Ingredients

8 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon seasoning salt
3 ounces cooked ham, diced
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1 tablespoon dried minced onion

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease one 8x8-inch casserole dish and set aside.

Beat together the eggs and milk. Add seasoning salt, ham, Cheddar cheese, Mozzarella cheese and minced onion. Pour into prepared casserole dish.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 40 to 45 minutes.

Yield 4 to 6 servings.

DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2012

NOVEMBER

7th Open Meeting - Veterans Informational Presentation
10th Fall Ceremonial & Harvest Dinner
24th Euchre Tournament

DECEMBER

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





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

2nd Annual Shriners International Personal Essay Contest

What should I write about?

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

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

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

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

How will the winners be recognized?

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

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



SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

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

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

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

What are the qualities of a winning image?

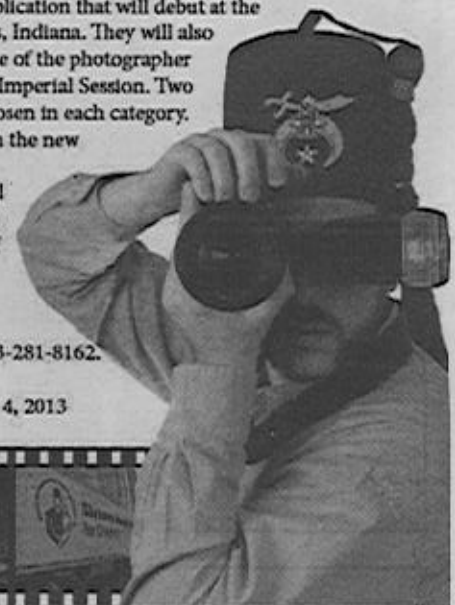
Technical quality, clarity and composition are all important, but what will set a photo apart from the rest is the ability to capture that "picture perfect" moment that expresses the true spirit of the Shriners.

How will winners be recognized?

Winners will receive a plaque, pin and an Amazon.com gift card. Winning photos will be published in a new publication that will debut at the 2013 Imperial Session in Indianapolis, Indiana. They will also be shown on the screen with the name of the photographer during the Public Relations report at Imperial Session. Two honorable mention photos will be chosen in each category. These photos will also be published in the new publication, and honorable mention recipients will receive a certificate and pin. Best of luck! We can't wait to see how you have captured the essence of what it means to be a Shriner.

For rules and entry form go to www.ShrinersVillage.com or call 813-281-8162.

Entries must be received by February 4, 2013



SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

Rules

1. The photos must be the original work of the entrant.
2. Each entrant can only submit a maximum of six photos – one per category. If more than one photo is submitted per category, you will be disqualified.
3. You must be a Shriner in good standing.
4. Each applicant must provide us with the information on the entry form.
5. Photos may be sent electronically to shrinepr@shrinenet.org. You may also send them on CD, flash drive, or hard copy via regular mail, UPS or FedEx. If you send a CD, flash drive or hard copy photos they will not be returned.
6. All photos sent electronically must be 300 dpi resolution. If your image is less than that, it will be disqualified.
7. All photos sent electronically should be named as such: your last name, temple name and category. For example, John Smith from Egypt temple submitting a legacy photo should name his photo `Smith_Egypt_Legacy`.
8. By submitting your photos, you give permission to Shriners International to publish your photos, regardless of whether they are chosen as a winner. You also agree and understand that you will receive no compensation, payment or royalties from publication of your photo, and that you agree to promptly execute any release necessary to allow publication by Shriners International.
9. Shriners International has the right to announce the winners of the contest by any manner in which it deems appropriate.
10. Entries must be received no later than February 4, 2013.
11. A panel of photography contest judges decides which photos win. Two entries will be chosen from each of six different categories. Two honorable mention photos will be chosen from each of six different categories. All decisions will be final.
12. Due to HIPAA regulations, please do not include patients in your photo unless you provide a signed consent form. If you fail to provide one, your photo will be disqualified.

Entry Form

Name: _____
 Temple: _____
 Member Number: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 How many photos did you submit and in which categories? _____

How were your photos submitted? email CD/DVD flash drive hard copy

Every characteristic, every trait and every feature of the human body is written in the DNA blueprint through the genetic code. Cystic fibrosis, Down syndrome, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, polycystic kidney disease, sickle-cell disease, retinoblastoma, cleft lip and palate – these are just a few of many genetic diseases and disorders that may occur when defects are hard-coded in the genes. While it isn't possible to stop the defects before giving birth to a child, we can work to discover new information and gain new insights into the treatment and therapies for genetic diseases and disorders.

This is the mission of First Lady Jan Madsen's 2012-2013 fundraising program, "The Miracle of a Single Seed." This fundraising effort will provide needed research opportunities that can develop the seed of an idea into medical miracles that will greatly impact the lives of children affected by genetic diseases.

As one of the cornerstones of Shriners Hospitals for Children®, in-house research has far-reaching influence on the medical care that patients around the world receive. Discoveries from internationally-renowned experts and research teams have already changed treatment options for many genetic diseases and disorders. Whether it's being discovered or evaluated and tested at Shriners, the research function of the hospital is a critical component of its success and the hospital's mission to impact others' lives.

First Lady Jan is personally aware of the daily challenges of living with rheumatoid arthritis, a genetic disease. Noting that she would not be able to serve in her role as First Lady were it not for present day medications, she is grateful for the advancements in treatments and therapies made possible through research.

"There's a saying, 'If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change,'" explains First Lady Jan. "Each of us as individuals or our family members have benefited greatly from medical advancements and changes made possible through research. So while we may

Fundraising Seed Money for Genetic Diseases



"Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word."

not understand why or how diseases occur, we can develop the treatment methodologies and therapies that will dramatically improve the lives of countless children affected by debilitating conditions. To plant a seed that will change a life? That is a miracle."

First Lady Jan Madsen invites you to help support "The Miracle of a Single Seed" program. As she makes her visits throughout the year, she asks that donations be made to the fundraising efforts in lieu of personal gifts. Donations are also encouraged online. With each donation of \$30, contributors can choose a silver and gold lady's pin fashioned as a single flower or a gentleman's tie reflecting the children we support. The Shriners Hospitals for Children Research Committee will determine how the funds are allocated.

Completed order forms may be given to the First Lady. Order forms, along with donations made payable to Shriners Hospitals for Children, can also be

mailed to Shriners International Headquarters, First Lady's Program, Donor Relations Department, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631.

Canadian order forms and donations may be sent to Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada, 1529 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1A6. Additional order forms and return envelopes may be obtained from the donor relations department at Shriners International Headquarters by calling 800-241-4438 or by sending an e-mail to jmadsen@shriners.org.

Donations to this program can also be made online at <http://support.shrinershospital.org/FirstLadyJan>



Shriners Hospitals for Children®
 Love to the rescue.™

Support Shriners Hospitals for Children®
 Proceeds from the sale of *Damascus Shriners Cookbook* goes to the Kids



Great fun at the Potentate's Reception!



Many Potentate's attended in a strong showing of support for Ill. Potentate Gary Burke.



Matt Muller presented the Potentate with new working tools of his Office for completion of Super High Intensity Training.



Gary presenting PP Rich Friedman with the Imperial Gold Membership Plaque the Temple received at this year's Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC.



Past Potentate, Bruce Chilton, performing his duty as Master of Ceremonies in a classic Bruce Chilton way.



First Lady Debi and Potentate Gary, after receiving his personal scarves from the visiting Potentates. Gary could not be left out as all the First Ladies received the gift of a scarf from Debi at their Receptions.



Front Row (l-r) Linda Walther (mother of Dan Walther), Debi Burke, Elsie Burke (mother of Gary Burke), Robin Dunn (First Lady of Rameses). Back Row (l-r) Dan Walther (Potentate of Ismailia), Jan Walther (First Lady Ismailia), Gary Burke, David Dunn (Potentate of Rameses).



First Lady, Debi, and Ill. Potentate, Gary, being escorted by their son, Noble Joshua Burke.

Official Publication of Damascus Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S.

979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580
(585) 671-7701
Fax - (585) 671-7702
office@damascusshriners.org

Gary L. Burke
POTENTATE

Oscar C. Wilson
CHIEF RABBAN

James S. Miller
ASSISTANT RABBAN

Joseph DiTucci
HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

Wayne McCrossen
ORIENTAL GUIDE

David Larson
TREASURER

Derek VanHouten
RECORDER

Scott Lasky
1st CEREMONIAL MASTER

Matthew Muller
2nd CEREMONIAL MASTER

Kevin Gerhard
CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

James Clancy
DIRECTOR

Lee L. Coller
DIRECTOR EMERITUS

Ronald Williams
MARSHAL

Frank Sassone
HOSPITALER

Charles Feller
OUTER GUARD

Michael Hueston
COLONEL OF THE UNITS

Terry Wihlen, Sr.
LT. COLONEL OF THE UNITS

Norris P. Shapiro
CHIEF AIDE

Skip Waterstreet, EDITOR
Damascus News
(585) 671-9730
masonictimes@gmail.com

**Let's Grow This List!
Support Damascus Shriners!
See Your Name Here!**

Damascus News Boosters

Douglas & Ruth Hunt
Jim Toogood
Skip & Diane Waterstreet
Terry & Jo-Carroll Wihlen

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).

ERAC Lodge

Continued from Page 8

Phillip Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master. He delivered the Grand Master's Address to the 30 Brothers in attendance. R.:W.: Michael Hueston talked about upcoming educational programs throughout our District.

Masonic Development Course

The *Masonic Development Course* is scheduled for November 10th and December 1st from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. This is a very good two-part educational class for new Masons and a great refresher for everyone else.

Also, on September 24th, we held our Annual Chili Cook-off. Several of the Brothers brought their special blend of spices and seasonings for everyone to taste. After the tasting of the various kinds of chili, the Brothers voted on the winner. It was a tough decision, but the top chef for the evening was Dave Cross. Congratulations, Dave, for a delicious and hearty dish. For the Brothers who were not able to attend our Chili Cook-off, remember that there is always next year. So start perfecting your special recipe now.

Please come out to honor and/or be honored as a US Veteran on November 12th. Our own Brother, W.: David Crawford, will be presenting this very important topic as we salute our Veterans. I hope to see everyone at this meeting.

On November 24th, R.:W.: Rich Friedman will be presenting a very interesting talk on Freemasonry during the Civil War. Please join us for the evening to hear about this historical topic.

Finally, I thank everyone for your well wishes, offers of help and support after my accident. I hope I will be back to my old self again shortly.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your families.

From the Secretary's Desk

By Dave Upham

This is not an article I have been looking forward to writing. ERAC Lodge has come to the point where we have been forced to implement a significant increase to our Annual Dues. A full explanation of the financial situation that has forced this increase has been sent to each member. Following is a letter written by Worshipful Mike Knolla in which he talks about the intrinsic value of membership in our Craft and, especially, in our Lodge. I do hope you will take the time to read and consider his comments and how they compare to the reasons you continue to be a contributing member to ERAC Lodge.

Dear Brothers,

I cannot know what each of you has taken away from your membership experience. But, from the evidence before our eyes at each meeting (whether it is the extended Crawford family, the Whilens, the Taylors, etc.), many of you took away something significant enough that you felt the need to share it with your family. I know others, such as myself, have found in Masonry another family.

We are blessed to be members of a very active Lodge. A Lodge that consistently brings in high-single digit to double-digit new members each year. A Lodge where there is not only a full Of-

ficer Line, but a line to get in the Line. A Lodge with programs at every meeting that run the gamut from educational to celebratory to spiritual. A Lodge with Degrees that have consistently made our membership proud.

In many areas our Lodge couldn't be stronger. Unfortunately, as was discussed at our first meeting of the year, an area of weakness is our finances. Like many families and other institutions a period of low interest rates have reduced the income we receive from our investments. Our costs have also been rising, increasing the pressure on our budget. In recent years we have also faced the need to replace some Lodge items such as the Candidates' uniforms. The temporary loss of our tax-exempt status has also proven costly, both in the penalties incurred and the costs required to take care of the paperwork to re-acquire it. As a result, we have been running a growing budget deficit and have begun to erode our principal.

We have made and continue to make efforts to reduce the budget-related issues. Starting with the Craig Covert Challenge my year as JWD we have now successfully transitioned our meals to a self-sufficient status, eliminating one line of the budget. We are considering the potential of transitioning our meetings to a lower rent facility. But the simple reality is that after a decade of static Dues such measures will only reduce the gap, not close it completely.

In other words, because we didn't raise the Dues at least a little during the "good times," and because we postponed this action during the initial recession in or-

der to avoid hitting our members with a double-whammy, we are now faced with the necessity of a large step change in our Annual Dues. Our Secretary will soon be sending out a letter providing the details of this increase, both its size and the budgetary basis for it.

As you read the Secretary's letter, we hope you will remember the value you, your family and your community has gained from the Lodge. We hope you will recognize that these financial issues need to be addressed in order to support the continued strength of the Lodge; we are plugging holes, not bailing out a sinking ship. And we hope you will agree with us that our Dues still represent an absolute bargain as compared to the value we each receive as Masons and Members of our Lodge.

As always, should you be in financial distress there are programs available to assist you in relation to your Membership Dues. Finances should never be the reason our Lodge loses a member, but if we don't know, we can't help so please reach out to our Secretary or respond to his reaching out if this should prove an issue.

As a Lodge, we have been through far more difficult and trying times than these, and we have always emerged stronger. The Lodge will get through our current financial difficulties and be the stronger for it. I look forward to sharing Fraternal experiences in our Lodge with each and every one of you for not years, but decades more.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Brother Michael Knolla, Trustee □

FAME
Lodge No. 722

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

Master
W.: Charles Zlotkus
217-6977
zlotkus@yahoo.com

Secretary
W.: David Foster
244-0194
dnfveg@rochester.rr.com

979 Bay Road, Webster 14580





R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master, made his Official Visit to Fame Lodge in September, along with R.:W.: Michael Hueston, Grand Director of Ceremonies. Group photo above shows Brothers in attendance that evening. Prior to that, W.: Doug Jones (shown with Oscar Wilson, above right) took the honors at the Crazy Tie Night held at the first meeting of the Lodge for this Masonic year. Photo below shows those in attendance...competition was pretty thin, although in color some looked very nice!



We have had a busy month. September 13th was Crazy Tie Night and if you can't guess from the group shot, check out the picture of Oscar Wilson and Douglas Jones. Doug won the craziest tie competition this year.

Then on September 27th, we had the honor to have our Official Visit from District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz and Grand Director of Ceremony R.:W.: Michael Hueston.

Remember our Brothers who cannot make the meetings because of illness and injury. We miss you and are eagerly awaiting your recovery and return to Lodge.

I personally mention Harold Metzler. He was my personal mentor who guided me through my Ritual as I progressed through the Chairs. He is recovering from an illness. □



Arndt FUNERAL HOME




Family Owned & Operated

RONALD JOHN ARNDT
ROBERT J. ARNDT SHARI L. ARNDT

1118 Long Pond Road South of Maiden Lane (585) 225-6350

- Pre-planned Funeral Arrangements By Appointment
- Formal Chapel on Premises
- Complete Funeral Arrangements At One Convenient Location
- Personal & Dignified Service For All Faiths
- General Price Lists Available
- Central Greece Area
- Locally Owned

www.arndtfuneralhome.com

BILL & EARL'S
AUTO MAINTENANCE, INC.

Complete foreign and domestic auto repair

235 WINTON Rd. N. (585) 288-3210

Since 1957

FIREPLACE FASHIONS
Celebrating Our 55th Year!

HEAT & GLO
Where everything comes together
"Dealer of Distinction"

Visit our newly remodeled showroom - Experience our burning displays!

(585) 266-8967
www.fireplacefashions.com

1936 Hudson Avenue
Irondequoit

Scottish Rite NEWS

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



Ill.: Kenneth "Rick" Howe, 33^o
Commander-in-Chief

Planting Seeds

Our Pastor at GPC has been ministering this past Summer on planting seeds and nurturing them in their development. It occurred to me that we Masons are in the planting season, as many, and hopefully all, Lodges are holding Brother Bring-a-Friend Programs. The Scottish Rite is invested in helping the Craft Lodges grow in any way we can.

I have been asked to put on presentations in many Lodges in my District. I use the basic format as printed in "The 24-Inch Gauge" and embellish it by using DVDs and CDs provided by Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council.

I will have done a presentation at Livonia Lodge, and will be in Nunda Station Lodge on November 20th. Mount Morris and Geneseo Lodges will hold their events after the Holidays.

We suggest you invite friends from church, civic groups, other fraternal orders, Police and Fire Departments to attend. I have also used a simple ad in the local Shopper and Penny Saver noting "The Da Vinci Code," and "National Treasure" as well as directing attention to programs on the History Channel and A&E. The ad then has an invitation to come to our respective Lodge and hear a presentation on New York State Freemasonry. I have the template on electronic file. If you would like one, contact our Secretary at the Valley Office and I will make sure a copy gets sent to you.

I suspect there are a lot of ideas in the Districts. If you have one that works well, please share it with the rest of us. Thanks. Here's hoping we all have a great harvest.

Visiting Other Valleys

On October 20th, Cathy and I will have traveled to the Valley of Syracuse to celebrate with our new friends Mylo Peterson and his Lady. Brother Peterson received his White Cap denoting his new status as Illustrious 33^o Honorary member of Supreme Council.

On November 9th, we will travel to The Valley of Buffalo to celebrate with Brothers Phil Biethe, Keith Popendek and Grand Master James Sullivan as they receive their White Caps. It's always a great joy traveling and sharing with Brothers from other areas.

Reunion

On Monday, November 12th and Tuesday, November 13th we are planning to take a trip to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, to visit the Valley and witness their Lodge of Perfection Degrees. This trip will require a Passport or Enhanced Driver's License for those planning to travel. We will

be leaving Monday morning, staying over Monday night and returning Tuesday afternoon. Those interested should contact the Valley Office.

On November 15th, the Valley will be entertaining our new Candidates at our monthly meeting. We will be discussing the Reunion set for Saturday. Any and all last-minute Petitioners will be welcomed.

Reunion is set for November 17th. As I have mentioned in previous articles, the bookend concept will allow all qualified Candidates to leave the Reunion a 32^o Scottish Rite Mason. After the Reunion, the Knights of Saint Andrew will meet at the Shrine Center.

Coming Events

Just as a reminder of the "Symbolic Lodge Awards" on Saturday, December 1st, at 4 p.m. and the "All-Masonic Holiday Party" on December 8th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Both programs will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center.

On January 3rd, our Membership Committee will be presenting the "Last Full Measure" at Northfield Lodge Hall.

Our January 17th meeting will be a "Lite from the Rite" Program on memorization and presentation of Ritual. All aspiring Thespians are encouraged to be there.

On January 19th, an "Explore the Rite" on the Road will be hosted by the Brothers of Unity Lodge in the Masonic Hall in Spencerport.

Our February meeting will be a presentation of the 18th Degree, and our March meeting will be conferral of the 31st Degree.

College of Freemasonry

Mark your calendar for the College of Freemasonry. On March 22nd and 23rd we will be at the Barber Conable Building at Genesee Community College for the College of Freemasonry. Brother Bill Edwards is putting together a great program and you will not want to miss it. Friday night there is a program for Scottish Rite Brothers and their Ladies. The College Program will be on Saturday and it is open to the Public. Our 2nd Lt. Commander, Jim MacConnell, has arranged to have some rooms reserved at a local hotel for those who choose to stay overnight. Call the Valley Office for details. □



By John S. Lemke,
32^o DSA,
Thrice Potent Master

A couple of years after the end of the Civil War, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite came to Rochester. Many Masons came to realize they wanted to enlarge their circle of Brothers and go further with their Masonic experience.

After that great conflict they knew that good men, striving to personally improve, were needed to put the Country on the right path. In the once every 90 years crisis in which our Country presently finds itself, we recognize these are not normal times. Our great Scottish Rite Fraternity is all about Brother helping Brother.

On the morning of Saturday, November 17th, you can start on your journey to become a 32nd Degree Mason and by the afternoon of the same day you can have met the requirements to be a 32nd Degree Mason.

We are all busy, or think we are. New endeavors seem daunting. Time seems insufficient. Time though is the same for all of us and is like the sand in the hour glass. Act now and take the lead in being a positive force in our dangerous and uncertain world. Your family, your posterity and your country depend on you. □

AASR Valley of Rochester 2012-2013 Officers

Rochester Lodge of Perfection
Thrice Potent Master John S. Lemke, 32^o

**Rochester Chapter of
Knights of Rose Croix**
Most Wise Master Thomas Goodrich, 32^o DSA

**Rochester Council of the
Princes of Jerusalem**
Sovereign Prince Derek E. VanHouten, 32^o MSA

Rochester Consistory
Commander-in-Chief Kenneth R. Howe, 33^o
1st Lt. Commander Joseph Bourcy, 33^o
2nd Lt. Commander James MacConnell, 32^o

Allegiance

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

Ill.: John William McNaughton, 33^o
Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill.: Jim S. Deyo, 33^o
Grand Lieutenant Commander

Ill.: Robert F. Ogg, Jr., 33^o
Grand Minister of State

Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33^o
Deputy for New York State

Active Members for New York

Ill.: David P. Spencer, 33^o
Ill.: P. Michael Nielsen, 33^o

Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33^o
Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33^o

Active Emeritus Members for New York

Ill.: James F. Niehoff, 33^o
Ill.: Richard H. Welkey, 33^o
Ill.: Frederick D. Greene, 33^o
Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33^o, Past Deputy/New York

Ill.: Bruce Widger, 33^o, Past Deputy/New York
Ill.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33^o
Ill.: Edward R. Trosin, 33^o

Secretary

Ill.: Jack VanElzakker, 33^o

Treasurer

Robert L. Anderson II, 32^o

Deputy's Representative

Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33^o

General Committee

Members-at-Large

Gary L. Burke, 32^o MSA (2013)
Ill.: Glenn A. Stahl, 33^o (2014)
Bernard D. Lazerson, 32^o (2015)
Ill.: Charles R. Frear, 33^o (Emeritus)

3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 320, Rochester, NY 14618

Office (585) 264-1160; (800) 858-2320; Fax (585) 264-1161

Email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org

Children's Dyslexia Center - In Honor of Frank & Bette Paul
3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 330, Rochester, NY 14618

Office (585) 264-1690; Fax (585) 264-1692; Email: rochcent@rochester.rr.com
Ann Kaczka, Learning Center Director
John W. Paul, Chair, Board of Governors

Interested in a Trip to Canada?

Valley of Hamilton, Ontario

is presenting all

Lodge of Perfection Degrees

Monday, November 12th and Tuesday, November 13th

Departure early Monday ... Return late Tuesday

Overnight stay

(Enhanced Driver's License or Passport required)

INTERESTED? - CALL THE OFFICE at 264-1160

Acacia Village

Good Neighbors.

Great Value.

Exceptional Living.

Come live your values.

Explore your dreams

Love your retirement!



Visit Acacia Village and discover how!
To schedule your personal visit contact,
Linda Rae Avolio or Cindy Copperwheat

(315) 798-4775

1-800-593-3353

www.acaciavillageny.org

Valley of Rochester Holiday Season 2012

November 15th at Shrine Center

"Lite from the Rite" Meeting/Candidate Orientation (**)
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Light dinner fare (no charge) ~ Casual Dress (Slacks/Sport Shirt)
BBB Event (last sign-up prior to Reunion)
NOTE: All Candidates should plan on attending

November 17th at Shrine Center

Reunion ~ Presentations of 4°, 11°, 22° (Musical), 29° and 32°
Coffee & Donuts - 8 a.m. ~ Lunch (**)
Candidates should arrive by 8:30 a.m. ~ Degrees start at 9 a.m.
NOTE: KSA Program will follow Degrees that afternoon

December 1st at Shrine Center

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

December 8th at Shrine Center

All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Games and Treats for the youngsters - Santa and Helpers
Public - Open to all area young and young-at-heart Masonic families!
SAVE THE DATE - more details to follow

January 3rd at Northfield Lodge Hall, Pittsford

Presentation of "The Last Full Measure" by Valley Membership Team

January 17th at Shrine Center

Business Meeting / Ribeye Steak Dinner (**)
Program - Ritual - Memorization and Delivery
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

January 19th at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport

"Rite on the Road" Meeting / BBB Membership Program
Social - 2:30 p.m. ~ Program - 3 p.m. ~ Refreshments following
Casual Dress - Ladies invited

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

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

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

Attention Young Men Ages 12-21 ...

DEMOLAY MONTHLY MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M.



at Fairport Masonic Hall
87 South Main Street, Fairport

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

Interested young men are asked to email their name, address, phone and age to :

secretary@valleyofrochester.org

Call (585) 264-1160 (M-F 9-12) if further info is needed

The Rochester Chapter of DeMolay is supported by :

The Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite

Damascus Shriners

Lalla Rookh Grotto

Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476

The York Rite Bodies

and other surrounding area Masonic Lodges.

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

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

Harloff Funeral Home
SERVING YOUR NEEDS SINCE 1955
803 S. Washington St.
E. Rochester, NY 14445 586-5948

Nolatka Chapter

Continued from Page 3

Sula Baxter fed our October attendees with cream puffs and eclairs. Someone else brought sliced rollups filled with turkey, salami and bacon ... there were taquitos, too. Everyone went home full. Nolatka always does food well!!!

By the time you read this, several of your Sisters will have had the wonderful feeling of buying a child or two their Winter clothes; taking the child with them up and down the aisles of a department store and buying them stuff they need and want so badly. And doing it with other people's money!!! Come to the November meeting to hear the stories. I was so thrilled last year to sit and watch the joy on my Sisters' faces as they told about their adventure. You can shop with them in 2013. Just put it in your calendar to call Tracy or Pat Dalykas in September.

Tracy Dalykas has asked me to remind all of you to be ready for the coming projects for this Winter and the Holidays. This is the calendar of charity for the next months:

Pies by November 17th

Set up the Toy Shop - December 7th and 8th

Food Bag Packing - December 14th and 15th

Hats and Gloves by December 17th

Toys by December 17th

Cookies by December 22nd

Adopt a Shelter - anything you want to give for operations, i.e., soap, detergent, paper goods, room deodorant, etc.

I can imagine Jean Stewart floating a jack-o-lantern made of leftover pie crust in the center of her pies before baking them. I can see Carol Wynings putting an odd or unexpected spice or ingredient in hers. (Sage?) I can imagine Linton Warner sitting in the kitchen sipping tea wait-

ing for the timer to run through its sand. I can see Jane Lapree walking in with a bag of scarves, hats and gloves, or Sula Baxter with a toy under each arm. These are the memories I am planning to have. I look forward to treasuring them and to bragging about them to my friends.

If you want to contribute, and can't bring the items to Chapter, call Pat, Tracy, Worthy Matron, Alice Hassett, or me to arrange for pickup. But we surely would like to see you at the November meeting.

Pat Dalykas is planning two things you all need to know about way in advance. One is pure fun and fraternity. We will be calling each and every one of you to make sure you can come to the Chapter Holiday Party. It will be held in December and we have found a new restaurant, since the "traditional" ones in the Scottsville Area are closed. (How sad to drive through Scottsville Village and see boards on the windows of the old Inn.)

Please be prepared to come. We are considering December 8th or 15th in the early afternoon, so darkness will be no excuse. I have also called Mr. Roker to discuss how much snow we want. I told him just enough to hide the grey frozen slush piles, but not enough to need shoveling.

Our second big item is our Official Visit. Our expectation is that in May or so, we get as many sideliners into the Chapter Room as possible. If I swear on a stack of Bibles that if you attend, you won't be asked to take a part, will it persuade you? (Of course if you WANT a part, call Pat right away. You'll hear some joyful noise if you do!)

Sisters and Brothers, our Ritual refers to "an unselfish service." We all are good at that. We should allow ourselves to feel the glow and warmth that service provides and we should tell others about what we do. Why else will they want to join us? □



**James A. Hard/
Wayne Charter
Post No. 12**

**Commander
Vance R. Collom, Jr.
217-9817**

vancollom1@rochester.rr.com

**Adjutant
Dennis Gellasch
265-3993**

dgellasch@rochester.rr.com

The Masonic War Veterans of Post No. 12 had a good September meeting with 15 members in attendance. Joy Woodley prepared a nice soup and sandwich lunch and the orange cake dessert was delicious.

Note this Change ...

The Post Members voted to move the lunches to 12 Noon and the meeting time back one hour to 1 p.m. Please make a note of time change for future meetings.

Donald Osborne was elected Treasurer to complete Dennis Finucane's term. Dennis Finucane passed on July 13th at age 62 and will be remembered for his dedication to the Post and his outstanding work ethic. Dennis left the Treasurer's books in good order and our account was transferred to Key Bank on October 1, 2012.

Just a note to let everyone know that one of our Past Historians and Past Commanders, Kenneth Hutchinson, is in a nursing home. Ken is not doing well and is in a wheelchair most days. He would really like a visit or a telephone call from

a fellow Veteran. Please send a card, call or visit soon. Ken is in Blossom View Nursing Home 6884 Maple Avenue, Sodus, NY. 14551.

Mark Your Calendar

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the following activities.

November 11th - Veterans Day Wreath Service at The War Memorial Atrium. Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts. Wear as much of your uniform as you have. Lunch to follow the Service at the Wishing Well Restaurant. The cost is \$20 for a three-meat buffet. Reservations must be turned in by the end of October.

November 21st - Birthday Party at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua at 2:30 p.m. in Building 7A.

December 1st - Scottish Right Symbolic Awards Program; Social - 4 p.m., Program - 5 p.m.

December 15th - Holiday Party - Save the Date, place TBD. □

MARTIN IPPOLITO
(585) 266-6337

Music Lessons

Beginners Welcome

Piano - Keyboards

Organ - Accordion

**Empire State
Weeklies, Inc.
Webster Printing
Corporation**
2010 Empire Boulevard
Webster, NY 14580
(585) 671-1533

Specializing in Newsletters
Printers of this Publication

York Rite NEWS

Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

E.: John E. Zabel, High Priest
223-3228
zabelj@mindspring.com

E.: Charles M. Roberts, Secretary
225-6533
cholyone@rochester.rr.com

17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

What's Happening

By the time you read this, we will have honored Companion Richard Horton by the presentation of a Certificate and Apron as a Meritorious Companion Award. Companion Richard has been a member for quite a while and has supported the Chapter Programs and Degrees for years. He has earned this honor and is the first Companion of our Chapter to receive this honor. When you see him give him hearty congratulations on this award. We know he will come to appreciate how much the Chapter values him as a member and Companion.

Some of the Chapter Program is still up in the air. Why? Well, we need the support and participation of our Companions. Please let the High Priest know how you are willing to help, in Degree work, in program planning, etc. When we work together we will succeed.

Musings

This Summer I learned something that was somewhat surprising to me. As we are all aware, a Master-elect must be invested with the Secrets of the Chair prior to being installed. In New York, the Assistant Grand Lecturer has the duty and privilege of conferring the ceremony on the Masters-elect. Now, in the State of Ohio, the Grand Lodge of Ohio does not have an Investiture Ceremony. Instead they have York Rite confer the Past-Master Degree on the Masters-elect. I have not seen their Past Master Degree Ritual, but I suspect there may be some differences with our Ritual. I will have to find out in the future.

I wonder how many other Grand Lodges use the Rite's Past-Master Degree to invest their Masters-elect. Maybe there is a Companion out there who knows? If so, kindly let me know what some other jurisdictions do.

This is an example of why visiting other jurisdictions is part of our education in the world of Freemasonry and the Rites in particular. Learning more about our Fraternity is one thing we should all do. There is so much in our Rituals that is not explained and can lead to much thinking and conversation with knowledgeable Companions and Brothers.

I heard our Grand Scribe give a talk on the Mark Master Mason Degree that went deep into the philosophies inculcated in the Degree. There is much that can be learned from such talks and much thinking can be initiated in the listeners.

Companions, I write about the Rite and many of its symbols, but if you do not get involved with the Rite, you will miss a lot. What kind of involvement am I talking about? At one end I mean attending the Chapter meetings and taking part in discussions that will occur. At the other end is participating in the Degree work and, possibly, becoming an Officer and work your way to High Priest. Any participation in between will enrich you as a York Rite Mason. We are working to make sure our Chapter meetings are better than televi-

sion, video games, etc. Any suggestions in this area would be appreciated.

Don't Forget to Vote!

November 6th is Election Day. I hope all of our Companions are registered voters. It is not for me or any Brother or Companion to say how you should vote, other than to say, please vote. Voting is a responsibility and a right of all citizens of this Country of ours. □

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered 1861)



3rd Wednesday

Ill. Master
Garry R.
Hutchurson
494-1395

ghutchurson@yahoo.com

John A. Dudley, Recorder
586-6426

jdudley1@rochester.rr.com

17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

Good to see everyone back and getting the Council going for the year. We will be meeting on November 21st for our Thanksgiving get-together for a Turkey Dinner before the meeting and hopefully good fellowship.

Farewell & Good Luck

We are sorry to say goodbye to our PCW Joe Oelgoetz as he is leaving the area and moving to Kentucky. Joe will be missed by all for his fine work in Masonry.

The Grand Reception for our Grand Master, Richard Anderson, went well and we had a great time. Your Master was there and enjoyed the Proceedings.

Hope to see you soon; God Bless. □

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993

Commander
SK William

R. Flesher
278-7389

phdoc007@yahoo.com

Recorder-259-3796

SK Charles M. Roberts
cholyone@rochester.rr.com

3rd Monday

17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

Sir Knights, we have had our first Conclave and our numbers were scarce, but with the help of the Sir Knights from Sagoyewatha Commandery we were able to open. The first added night of our Commandery on Monday was held on October 1st for a review of the sword manual given by Sir Knight Charles Hancock. These sessions are for new, as well as experienced, Sir Knights to go over *Tactics* and other matters of Templary. The time for these Conclaves is the first Monday of the month, starting at 7 p.m.

Last year Cyrene-Monroe Commandery received an award for our thoughtful giving to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. It was truly an honor to represent our Commandery before the assembled Sir Knights at the Grand Commandery on October 15th. Of course, all of this is a great introduction to this year's Knights Templar Eye Foundation voluntary Donation Campaign.

Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in the U.S., addressed all Sir Knights with the following message. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has committed to preserving sight and preventing blind-

ness since 1955. The [Foundation] has provided funding for direct patient care, research, and education throughout its history. As health care has changed over the years the [Foundation] has looked at its Mission, "To improve vision through research, education and supporting access to care" as not only following in the footsteps of our Forefathers, but continuing our position as an influential member of the ophthalmic community for many years to come.

It is the hope of the Grand Master that all Sir Knights will continue to support the Mission of this charity with your generous donation.

As the Commander of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery, I have been appointed

to be the Chairman for our Sir Knights. I hope we will be just as generous as we have been in the past few years for the very worthy cause. I will be handing out donation envelopes at our next Conclave. You may also send your donation directly to:

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.,
1033 Long Prairie Road, Suite 5,
Flower Mound, TX 75022

Be sure you put that you are with
Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No.12.

Mark Your Calendar

Of further note is the School of Ritual presented by Sir Knight and Rev. Charles Roberts on November 10th at the Mt. Morris Lodge Hall starting at 9 a.m. All Sir Knights are welcome to attend. □

Show your support for the Masonic Service Bureau of the Greater Rochester NY ...

While you save money and earn cash back!

Even if you don't have a computer ... Let your friends and relatives know about this fundraising program! The Masonic Service Bureau is participating in an exciting new fundraising program. It is a link to a website featuring thousands of partner stores like Walmart, JCPenney, Best Buy, Apple, Microsoft store, Dell Home Systems Co., Home Depot, Dick's Sporting Goods, and many more.



When you make a purchase on:
WWW.MSBGR.COM
the Masonic Service Bureau receives royalties and you earn up to 50% cash back on qualified purchases. The benefits don't stop there. You earn 0.5% cash back on the purchases of everyone you refer to our website. Now, you can take advantage of the ease and convenience of Internet shopping to buy the products and services you want, while feeling good about helping one of your favorite organizations. Our new fundraising website has a variety of benefits ...

- Check out the Hot Deals page to get access to coupons and exclusive deals to help you save even more.
- Go to the Partner Stores page to find specific stores where you would like to shop.
- Use the Search feature at the top of the page to locate over 35 million different products and services.
- Discover unique products and services like GENE SNP™ DNA Analysis, Isonix® line of high quality nutritional supplements, Cellular Laboratories® luxurious skin care line, Transitions™ Life Style System for weight management, Motives® makeup, and many more.
- Find the perfect gift in our Gift Ideas area.

Getting Started is Easy!

- 1) Visit our website at WWW.MSBGR.COM
- 2) Register as a Preferred Customer
 - Click "Sign in" in the upper right hand corner. Registration is Free, yes ... as in no charge ... Free
 - Select the "No I am a new customer" option
 - Follow the prompts
 - You will then be eligible to earn up to 50% on qualified purchases
- 3) Go Shopping
 - Use the search box at the top of the screen to find a specific item or type of product you're looking for
 - Use Shop Partners to find a specific partner like Best Buy or Walmart
 - Use "Shop All Departments" to shop via category
 - Use Hot Deals to find special deals and coupons to save even more money
 - Look for the icon to find out exactly how much cash back you'll earn from purchases made from that store or on a particular product.



RL

ROCHESTER LUMBER COMPANY

103 N. Washington Street, East Rochester
(585) 586-0909

Over 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

Harloff Funeral Home

SERVING YOUR NEEDS SINCE 1955
803 S. Washington St.
E. Rochester, NY 14445 586-5948



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Ronald Morthorst, Monarch

lallarookhgrotto.com

Legion
Clowns
Caldron
Historian

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



Ronald Morthorst
Monarch
334-4196
marmort@frontiernet.net

This has been a great year. We have Initiated 12 new Prophets!

We celebrated our 120th Anniversary that was well attended by over 80 Prophets and their Ladies. I thank every Prophet who was there.

Mark Your Calendar

There is no meeting in November due to the Holiday. Make a date with yourself to attend the December meeting at the Shrine Center, 7:30 p.m. You should be home before 10 p.m. - Bonuses are free parking and no stairs to climb. This is Your Grotto, and there are no long speeches - we keep it simple. □

Membership

Membership is coming along fine. Our Fee-Waived Program ends December 1st. You must have your Petition to the Monarch by then. Need assistance, call Ron at 334-4196 or Bernie Lazerson at 271-7446. □

Up and Coming

Nominations were read at our October meeting. Elections will be in December with Installations to follow. Please call Dick Topel (663-2547) when you make a date with yourself, so we can have a great "Topel Feast" after the meeting. □


Election and Installation

Election and Installation of Officers plus our Annual Turkey Dinner. This year you must make a reservation together with a \$10 check for dinner, which will be refunded after the dinner, if you show up. We must know who is coming to have enough food (NO WALK-INS). Send your check, payable to Dick Topel at 949 Bennington Drive, Rochester, NY 14616, before Wednesday, December 5th. Your cooperation will be appreciated. See ad in this issue. □


ESGA

The Fall ESGA Convention was held in Niagara Falls at the Seneca Casino and Hotel - a great place. Our Grand Monarch, David Rebmann, and his Lady, along with some of the other Grand Line Officers and their Ladies, joined us. Watch for changes this year from Supreme.

Our Foundation is expanding and growing. The Grand Monarch is a planner. He is interested in you and our Grotto, how we can improve our outreach, so the Grotto word and our work's mission can be told to all our Brother Masons. Become an active Prophet if you are able. □



**Lalla Rookh Grotto's
Annual Turkey Dinner
Wednesday
December 19th**
Eat at 6:15 p.m.
Free Dinner with reservation
Send \$10 Check By December 5th to:
Richard Topel
949 Bennington Dr., Rochester, NY 14616
(Your \$10 will be returned after dinner.)
Election of Officers & Installation
to follow at Meeting.



Sickness & Sympathy

Prophet Richard Felgner passed away July 21st at the age of 93. Our sympathy is extended to his family on their loss. May he be remembered by all whose life he touched in his time with us.

Ken Hutchinson is residing at Blossom View Nursing Home, 6884 Maple Avenue, Sodus, NY 14551-9303. A card or phone call (315-483-9118) will always be appreciated. May every day be brighter for Ken and make him feel a bit better. □

Holiday Greetings

Happy Thanksgiving
to all our Prophets and their families. May it be a joy and blessing for you and your family to once again gather together and celebrate the holiday.

Congratulations, Caldron

Congratulations are in order for Jan Porter on her Election to the Office of Mighty Chosen One in our Sister organization, Lalla Rookh Caldron, Daughters of Mokanna. She will be Installed on November 15th at 7:30 p.m. at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. □

Ones. I was very proud to represent Lalla Rookh Caldron and think our group is THE BEST!

New Officers

My year as Mighty Chosen One is winding to a close. I just held the last meeting under my term. At that meeting we elected the following Slate of Officers for the 2013 year:

Mighty Chosen One	Janet Porter
Lalla	Christina Eeckhout
Yusuf	Beverly Murray
Namouna	Hilde DiJames
Zulette	Janice Bueg
Rodeval	Sula Baxter
Zulaika	Nancy Lynch
Junior-Past Mighty Chosen One	Donna Laundry

Jan Porter and her Staff of Officers will be installed at an Open Meeting on Thursday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m. On that same night, we will honor Hilde

**NO GROTTO MEETING
IN NOVEMBER!**



By Donna Laundry, MCO

In mid-September five members of our Caldron joined two from the Toronto Area and met in Westlake, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb, to attend the 93rd Supreme Sessions of the Daughters of Mokanna.

As usual, there was a School of Instruction, an Informal Opening and a Formal Opening, Business meeting, Memorial and Election and Installation of the new Supreme Officers. Sandwiched in were gatherings for fun - a 50's Welcome Night, a Festival of Tables Luncheon where we were dressed as a "rookery" of penguins and our table was decorated in similar theme, a Supreme Banquet followed by a hospitality room competition, a night playing the Family Feud Game which mirrored the actual show and celebrations after the installation.

It was a well-run Session and, at times, very emotional due to family issues with both the outgoing and incoming Supreme Mighty Chosen

Attend Grotto Meetings

November Meeting Cancelled

Friday, November 23rd
Salvation Army Bell Ringing
The Mall at Greece Ridge
5 - 7 p.m.

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

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

CLIP AND SAVE!
Information Hot Line
Ron - 334-4196

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Save the date, Friday, November 23rd, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. for bell ringing to help the Salvation Army at The Mall at Greece Ridge, Food Court Entrance. We are able to take turns ringing the bells for short periods of time and then go inside to relax. We have a good time doing it. Let Jim Toogood (594-2189) know if you can work. The more, the merrier! □

DiJames, who was installed at Supreme Sessions as Supreme Zeldina.

Congratulations to Jan, Hilde and the 2013 Officers, both elected and appointed. Best wishes for a great year as you serve Lalla Rookh Caldron and Supreme Caldron. □




Hilde DiJames, Janet Porter and Marcia Morrison in their visors, bibs and tuckers.



Daughters of Mokanna "rookery" at Supreme Sessions in Westlake, Ohio, included (from left) Beverly Murray, Marge Harding, Janet Porter, Marcia Morrison, Kim Johnson (visitor from San Diego), Hilde DiJames, Donna Laundry and Quenda Stern.

Big Calendar for November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20	29	30	31	1 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster OES Monroe District Banquet	2 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$8 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street	3 OES Line Officers O/S/Y Association - Garoga- Sincerity Lodge Hall, Phelps
4 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner November 7th 287 East Avenue, Hilton	5 Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto - Board of Governors, Shrine Center OES - Eliolian Shrine Lunch Club Damascus Shrine Divan	6 Clio - Hilton Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Fairport, Nolaika	7 Olive Branch - LeRoy Drumlin Square, Palmyra Damascus Shrine, Veterans Informational Presentation OES - Lilac Star	8 Fame - Shrine Center Malnor - Shortsville Union - Lima Webster - Fellowshipcraft RAM - Hiram Chapter	9 Garoga-Sincerity Game Night	10 SHRINE - Fall Ceremonial & Harvest Dinner Masonic Development Course - Shrine Center
Daylight Saving Time Ends	11 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Union Star - Honeye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield (OV) Clowning Unit Meeting Shrine Lunch Club	12 Inspiration - Shrine Center Seneca - Webster OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	13 Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian-Fellowship Shrine Legion of Honor	14 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster, 1 ^o Scottish Rite - Veterans Recognition Night Lalla Rookh Caldron - 1 Wayne County Shrine Club	15 Sagoyewatha - Phelps Scottish Rite Reunion - Shrine Center	16 Shrine Euchre Tournament
18	19 Canandaigua - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club OES - Eliolian	20 Garoga-Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Nolaika, Starlight	21 Ark - Phelps Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council - Pittsford Masonic War Vets Birthday Party at Canandaigua VA	22 Thanksgiving Day 	23	24
25	26 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City, 2 ^o Unity - Spencerport, 2 ^o Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield, 2 ^o Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Shrine Club	27 Inspiration - Shrine Center, 2 ^o OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	28 Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon Damascus Directors Staff OES - Corinthian-Fellowship	29	30	



DON'T OUTLIVE YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME!
GUARANTEE!
 Call Bernie Lazerson (585) 242-9720 for safety and security....
 An independent Broker/Agent with over twenty-five years experience

Doerrer Jewelers Warren Doerrer (585) 232-4874
 1100 Temple Building (Opposite the Liberty Pole) 14 Franklin Street
Diamonds - Gems Gold Jewelry Silverware
 Masonic Jewelry Jewelry Repair
 Special Order Work Competitive Prices

Phillip R. Hurwitz Attorney at Law

 72 Long Pond Road Rochester, NY 14612-1107
 Phone: 585-720-9553 Fax: 585-227-6083
 Email: phurwitz@frontiernet.net Web: www.frontiernet.net/~phurwitz

Deadline for the next issue of the **Masonic Times** is **November 5th**