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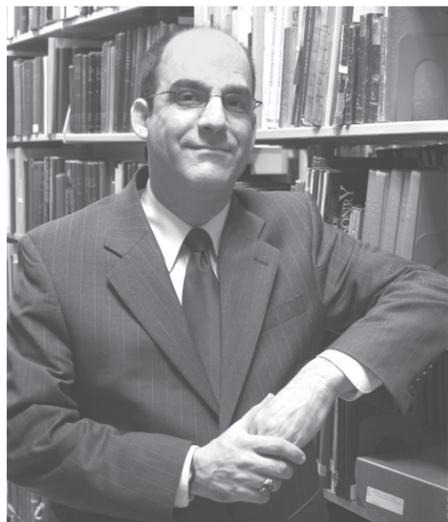
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## Right Worshipful Thomas M. Savini Director, Livingston Library & Museum speaks April 8th at ERAC Lodge meeting



R. W. Thomas M. Savini

ERAC Lodge cordially invites you to attend their meeting on April 8th when R. W. Thomas Savini, Director of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge, will speak on "The History of the Ritual."

A native of Buffalo, Brother Savini moved to Brooklyn and began his service as Director of the Library in January, 2000, after completing his Master of Arts Degree. He implemented the conversion of the Library's card catalogue to computer database format and

directed the creation of a virtual museum using digital technology to convert the Library's artifact and manuscript collections.

The library holds one of the world's largest collections relating to the subject of Freemasonry. It is so vast it not only holds books, but periodicals, biographical files on famous Freemasons and historical exhibits to name a few. The library is located in the Grand Lodge Building on 23rd Street in New York City and is open to the Public.

### Biographical Information

R. W. Thomas Savini was raised in United Craft Lodge No. 931 (now Erie Parish United No. 161, Cheektowaga) in 1992, became Charter Master of Great Valley Lodge No. 1178 in Olean, was Assistant Grand Lecturer of the Cattaraugus District from 1998-1999 and Worshipful Master of James W. Husted-Fiat Lux Lodge No. 1068 in the 8th Manhattan District from 2004-2005. In April of 2006, he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Estonia near the Grand Lodge of New York, and in September 2010 he was appointed a Custodian of the Work.

This will be a very educational and inspiring meeting so I hope you can join us. ☐

## Have-a-Heart 2013 Epilogue



Joy Woodley (right) President of the Masonic Service Bureau, presents the Big Check to Representatives from the Ronald McDonald Houses (from left) Dave Anderson, Lori Stevenson and Patty Schwarzweller.

By R. W. George Foehner

As they say in the movies, "It's a wrap!" The 2013 *Have-a-Heart* Campaign ended on a high note on March 13th when, at the Masonic Service Bureau Meeting, we gave the "Big Check" to the Representatives of The Ronald McDonald Houses of Rochester.

The President of the Service Bureau, Joy Woodley, presented the check for \$18,000 on behalf of all the Freemasons of the Genesee Region, which the Service Bureau serves. The luncheon was well attended and I hope everyone enjoyed the short program and good food.

Besides the Officers and the regular members of the Service Bureau, we were joined by some special guests. From Livingston District – District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Donald Mungler; *Have-a-Heart* Coordinator, Richard Trescott; and Livonia Lodge Master, Joe Shanks. From Monroe District – District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Phil Hurwitz; from Eureka Lodge, PHA

– Brothers Eugene Crews, Richard Pickett, Bing Reaves, Joe Thomas, Mason Dix, and Lawrence Brown. Accepting from The Ronald McDonald House was Patty Schwarzweller, Lori Stevenson and David Anderson. My thanks to all who attended and to the Masonic Service Bureau for hosting a solid event.

This year's Campaign had its challenges with bad weather and low Mall attendance. At one point, the numbers didn't look good for a successful Campaign, but like a movie, the good guys made a heroic recovery! Normally I wouldn't mention my Lodge in my writings, but in this case the numbers dictate that I should, and will. Union Star Lodge raised a total of \$3,700 with \$2,000 coming in the final two days, pushing the Campaign total to \$18,000. Besides staffing their assigned dates and times, they were only a phone call away when some dates and times couldn't be filled

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## Operation Kellie nets 140 pounds



Olivia (top) and Ethan Bell, children of Gyllian and Brian Bell, created greeting cards for Military Personnel, which were included in shipment of goodies collected by Inspiration Lodge Brothers and Friends. Contact Brother Scott Rice for details to help next time - 269-2495.

Dated Material

## Town Hall Meeting

R. W. William J. Thomas, Deputy Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons  
of the State of New York

Invites you to a Town Hall Meeting

**April 25, 2013**

Social - 6:30 p.m. ~ Program - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

At Drumlin Square Lodge Hall

161 East Main Street; Palmyra

Light refreshments will be provided.

This is an Open forum on what we need to do in the future to improve our Lodges, Districts and Fraternity

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# Damascus News see page 9



### Editor's Corner

As I write this column, the Masonic Service Bureau is receiving completed applications for grants to charitable organizations and student education assistance grants. The postmark deadline was March 31st. Through the funds in our endowment portfolio, which have been donated to the Bureau over past years and the annual growth in those funds, the Board of Directors determines an amount of money to be awarded to deserving programs that serve the elderly, youth, hungry and needy, as well as providing qualified students with some cash.

This year, through the generosity of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, we will be hosting an Awards Night on Thursday, June 20th, at Damascus Shrine Center. Recipients are required to be present on that evening and prepared to speak about themselves or their organization. It is truly a fascinating evening. Punch and cookies will be available at 7 p.m.; the program begins at 7:30 p.m. and should end around 9.

I'm mentioning it here in the hope that you will mark this on your calendar and, if you are available, stop down that night to watch and listen to these incredible individuals as they explain the work they perform for the community and, in the case of the students, the career path they have chosen and how they hope to achieve their goals.

We will have 75-100 people present, but there is room for more and I hope you will avail yourself of the opportunity to see where some of our financial support is directed and the good it achieves. Times are, and have been, tough for the past few years and some of these groups are so grateful that we continue to support their programs.

#### Follow Up

Last month I wrote about the Brotherhood Fund Campaign and the requests from a couple of the groups to whom you could designate funds. In the interim, I thought I should include in this month's column the other choices available to you. I didn't want it to appear that I was endorsing one area over another.

The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Library of the Grand Lodge of New York, on the 14th floor of Masonic Hall on 23rd Street in New York City, is an amazing place. Without a lot of fanfare here, let me promote the visit of R.:W.: Thomas Savini, Library Director, to ERAC Lodge on April 8th at the Shrine Center. He will be able to answer any questions you might have regarding the facility.

The Masonic Care Community in Utica is a showcase of the concern and care for those in need of assistance, whether minimal or total nursing care. It annually operates at a deficit and could use any donations we are willing to make.

The Masonic Benevolence Endowment Fund has been established to provide assistance to Masons and their families who are in dire need. I believe those devastated by the recent weather catastrophes received some assistance from this Fund.

If you don't have a particular choice among those mentioned, you may direct your contribution "For Allocation by the Grand Master." That gives him some freedom to dispense emergency money as needed. Please contribute as you are able.

Thanks for reading. □

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By Joy Woodley, President

Please remember Saturday, April 20th, when we will be hosting a very special event ... our Annual Widows Luncheon, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau, at the Burgundy Basin.

#### What Can You Expect?

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Check in at the Registration Table and receive a name tag. Then a colorful mini-rose corsage will be pinned upon the attire of our lovely Ladies, courtesy of the Nobles of Damascus Shriners and James Miller, Illustrious Potentate.

They will then be escorted to their seat in the Dining Room by a Lodge Brother where they will find old friends to spend a part of the afternoon in fun, conversation and good food. Don't miss this beautiful day in honor of the Masonic widows.

Many thanks to all the Brothers, Lodges and Shriners for all they do to make this day so special. □

## Saturday May 4th on the Masonic Care Community Campus



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### 13th Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner

Honoring Rev. Dr. Richard Douglass (featured in last month's **Masonic Times**) and Brother Larry Copeland, Eastman Kodak Company Innovator and Retiree.

Saturday, April 27th, 6:00 p.m.

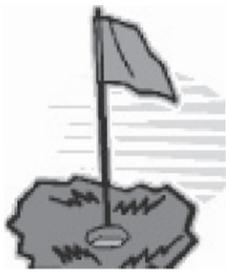
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# Annual Tribute to Our Widows

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau

Saturday, April 20th, at the Burgundy Basin

Doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch served at noon.

Choices are: Stuffed Chicken Breast or Sliced Sirloin of Beef

Questions may be directed to Garry Cranker,

Committee Chairperson at 260-4546

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



## Show your support for the Masonic Service Bureau of the Greater Rochester NY ... While you save money and earn cash back!

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### Rochester Forest No. 133



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Our next meeting is April 24th. Everyone, please bring a joke or humorous story. We continue to meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at the Hong Wah Restaurant, behind Dunkin Donuts at 1802 Penfield Road. Guests are welcome. Last month we had dinner with TC Glenn Scott's wonderful children.

In the month of March, we were informed by the Tall Cedar Foundation that Rochester Forest No. 133 has qualified for the Emerald Award for the year 2012 for our generous support of our charity, Muscular Dystrophy Research. Thank you for your continued donations to our "Dog House" and our social events. Many small donations grow to a large donation!

Winter is behind us and I expect to see more Woodsmen returning to our Forest. I am happy so many could travel to Florida this year! Let's hear about your travels.

God bless America. □

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proud to be a Mason.

But, it seems to me these values might be only in local Lodges throughout the State. In the last couple of Grand Lodge Terms, I have had reason to question my belief in how New York is showing these values. I am not as proud of the way they have been doing as I once was and I don't think my father would be either! Our job as Masons is to lift a fallen Brother up and help him get back on the right path.

What is the impact of the Morgan Affair, the History Channel and the Grand Lodge sniping over the last few terms on the Potential Brother? If it were me, I would question if I want to become a Mason or not!

It's time to allow our Grand Lodge Leaders to reinforce these True Masonic Values, live by our Masonic Compact and get back to being Brothers!

In keeping with the spirit of True Masonic Values mentioned above, our Lodge has conferred a complete set of Degrees and we are on our way to doing our second 3rd Degree for four Brothers on April 16th. I think all our Brothers in the Lodge have done a great job in their present Chairs and definitely are qualified to move up next year!!! Thank you to all our Brothers - especially to R.: W.: James Bailey, W.: E. James VanSickle, Brothers James VanSickle, Marcus Hugi and Alex Pierce.

A special thanks to W.: Bill Wright, Junior Warden, for a great set of 1st Degrees and R.: W.: Phil Cox, Senior Warden, for a great set of 2nd Degrees.

I thank all Brothers of Nunda Station Lodge for all their support this year. And, also, I remind all Brothers not to forget to help Brother Randy Cox with the Nunda Fun Day's Booth, as Brother Randy again volunteered to run this fundraiser for us.

This year in Nunda Station Lodge has been very rewarding!! □

## Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.

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It was a great month here at Eunice; we had a lot going on and were very busy with plans for the rest of the year. We have a lot of great ideas as the year goes forward as we keep our goal of becoming more visible in the community.

### Recent Events

We had a terrific 3rd Degree conferred by the Brothers in our Lodge, as well as others from around the District. I thank all involved for a great evening; we couldn't have done it without you. Rick LaFave put on a delicious Chicken Dinner and we had some great fellowship afterward. The Degree started shortly after and ran smoothly. Congratulations to Michael Brown, he was most patient and worked very hard in preparation for the Degree.

Several Brothers were involved in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign at Marketplace Mall. We had a great time and saw many people we knew. It was nice to reconnect with Brothers from around the District. What a great opportunity to be visible in the community for such a great cause. I had a few conversations with some people interested in learning what the Fraternity was about.

We also had a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We had three young gentlemen who were treated to a night of informa-

# LIVINGSTON DISTRICT MASONIC ASSOCIATION

Ninth Annual  
*Ladies Night*

Saturday, April 27th

Conesus Golf & Country Club  
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Masonic Association Ladies Night

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Spring is right around the corner (if you can disregard the present snow and cold). A number of our District Lodges are scheduling their 3rd Degrees and also planning their second Brother Bring-a-Friend Night in this Masonic Year. R.: W.: Rick Howe, presented a very good article, concerning God and Religion by John L. Cooper III, Senior Grand Warden. I have distributed copies of the article to each Master with directions to read it in Lodge for the benefit of the Brothers. The article gives you pause to reflect on the universal Brotherhood of man and is very appropriate for this time in history with all the world tension.

I have encouraged and hope many in Livingston District were able to attend the College of Freemasonry Symposium by a panel of outstanding Masons which included our Grand Master, M.: W.: James Sullivan.

Livingston District will be conducting a Ladies Night Program on April 13th at the Conesus Golf Club at 5:30 p.m. R.: W.: Doug Stanley, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and I will be attending the Regional Training in Utica on April 13th. Have a great Spring! □



## Nunda Station

Lodge No. 682

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I am finding myself questioning my motives for becoming a Mason! I see in this Lodge and most of the Blue Lodges displayed every day, True Masonic Values. These are the qualities I found in my father when he was a Mason, the friends he had showed these values as well! I was impressed by them and wanted to become like them. As I took my Degrees, I was impressed by these same values stated in my Obligations! When I went through the Chairs, I was still impressed and then, when I was fortunate enough to become District Officer, I saw these values displayed in all local Lodges I visited and was more impressed by these values. I have been fortunate enough to see these values shown in other countries as well, and that is when you are

tion about Masonry. Many thanks to our several Brothers who showed up to participate in the evening. You were an experienced group who had a lot to say about the Craft. I've already received notes from a couple of the young men

thanking us for an informative evening. We have a Euchre Night in the plans before the Summer break. Keep your ears open for news about that and some other opportunities for fellowship. Hopefully, we will see you along the way. □

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Spring is upon us. It is a time of year often thought of as the "Season of Renewal," as we observe the return of the Robins to our yards and the fresh new growth and glorious blooming of the plants that have been waiting in dormancy all Winter to "come alive" once again.

In Masonic terms, it is a time of year to get busy in the Lodge. We have many activities in which to be involved and many things to do. The Trestleboard is full and the Craftsmen will be busy carrying out the plans found thereon.

It is also a great time to renew our focus and support of our three great Tenets - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

With regard to Relief (or Charity), there are some wonderful opportunities

to be found in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District to support this Tenet.

### O/S/Y District Charities Corporation

Our O/S/Y District Charities Corporation meets the 1st Friday of each month. All Brothers and their Ladies are welcome. We meet for dinner at a local restaurant for food and fellowship and conduct our business while enjoying time together. The Charities Corporation exists to help Brothers of the District in need and is supported primarily through proceeds raised at the Annual Golf Tournament.

### Ronald McDonald Houses

I have asked the Lodges of the District to help the mission of the Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester by collecting and contributing shelf-stable foods. Things like canned soup, tuna, boxed macaroni and cheese, etc., are in constant demand at the House in order to feed the families staying there. Anything that can be held for a long period of time without refrigeration fits the bill.

I will be providing heavy duty plastic crates to each Lodge to be used for this collection. There is no deadline to accomplish this. Their need is ongoing. When the crate is full, just let me know and I, or Brothers from the Lodge if you like, will get it delivered.

It is also our intent to help the Monroe District cover the *Have-a-Heart* Booth at Eastview Mall next February during

the Annual Campaign to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald Houses. At a recent meeting of the O/S/Y District Association, we discussed a plan to work together as a District and cover at least two days next year.

**Upcoming Events**

April 6th - The O/S/Y District Surviving Spouses Luncheon, 12 Noon, at the Clifton Springs Country Club. The program will include a portrayal of Clara Barton. This is a very special way for us to continue to remember and support our surviving spouses.

May 4th-8th - Grand Lodge trip to New York City. Our District will be traveling to New York City by train this year and again staying at the Edison Hotel. Details have been communicated to each Lodge and are available from the DDGM, if needed.

May 19th - The O/S/Y District Memorial Service will be held at the United Church of Phelps at 2 p.m. Brothers from our District who laid down their Working Tools in 2012 will be remembered. Our speaker will be R.:W.: Jeffrey Williamson, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. ☐

**Ark Lodge**  
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First of all, I need to apologize for not having any news in the March **Masonic Times**. I did write a message and I did send it, but when I looked in my files I found I had sent it to the wrong email address. I will be more diligent in the future. Therefore I will catch you up on what has gone on in February and March.

The Geneva Historical Society and Prouty-Chew Museum have on display the Ark Lodge No. 33 furniture that was used in the 1800s. Brother Charles Rouse and I moved the furniture to the Museum to be displayed through June of 2013. We moved the altar, three candlesticks, three chairs, three gavel pedestals, and the Secretary's desk. The Secretary's desk dates back to 1799. This furniture was on display at the Farmer's Museum in Cooperstown in the 1990s. Also on display are several Aprons that belonged to some of our departed Brothers and have been donated to the Lodge. The DDGM Apron of Brother Charles Rouse, Sr. and the Apron of Brother Fred Tryan are part of the collection on display. When you are in Geneva, stop by the Museum at 543 Main Street and take a look at the display.

On February 1st, I was asked to give a talk about the Freemasons in Geneva. I was honored to have R.:W.: James Rice, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, participate in the program with me. I had several handouts and spoke for about an hour to approximately twenty people in attendance. I enjoyed this opportunity and hope the people in attendance have a better understanding of who the Freemasons are and what we stand for.

For you more mature members of the Lodge, I attended a 1st Degree at Seneca Lake Lodge in January for the great grandson of our late Brother, Percy Lane. Brother Ernest Callaway III invited me to the Degree. Brother Callaway was a student of

mine many years ago and now it is an honor to call him and his son "Brother." The family tradition of Freemasonry lives on.

On January 15th, I attended Garoga-Sincerity Lodge to hear the Master, W.: Brother William Hargrove, confer the 1st Degree Historical Lecture, complete with the old projector and glass slides ably manned by W.: Ken Gibbs. Brother Hargrove did a fantastic job for his very first time giving the Lecture and it brought back memories of my 1st Degree and listening to R.:W.: Charles Rouse, Sr. with Brother Percy Lane showing the appropriate slides.

On March 20th we held a 3rd Degree at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall. We had the potential of having five Candidates - three from Ark Lodge, one from Geneva Lodge and one from John Hodge Lodge. The Brothers of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge put on a dinner for us. The 1st Section of the Degree began at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following and the drama following the dinner.

**Mark Your Calendar**

On April 17th, Ark Lodge will host a Brother Bring-a-Brother Night. Each Brother is asked to contact a Brother, who has not been active in Lodge and bring him for the event. We will meet at Emile's Restaurant for dinner at 6 p.m. and then proceed to Lodge.

Spring is upon us and the Lodge will be busy with the Election of Officers, Grand Lodge, Installation of Officers and the planning for our Annual Anniversary Pin Presentation.

Please get involved in the activities of our Lodge and with events in the Lodges of the District. You will find the experience to be most rewarding and enjoyable.

**Upcoming Events**

- April 11th - Geneva Lodge Meeting
- April 17th - Brother-Bring-a-Brother Night
- April 25th - Geneva Lodge Meeting ☐

**Garoga-Sincerity**  
**Lodge No. 200**  
1st & 3rd  
Tuesdays

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The month of March was a busy month in the Lodge. The Lodge had two fundraisers - a Spaghetti Dinner and a Roast Pork Dinner. Seven Brothers went to Geneva Lodge to deliver the Traveling Trowel and retrieved the Traveling Gavel at the same time.

Ark Lodge conferred a 3rd Degree on March 20th.

**Mark Your Calendar**

On April 6th, the Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon will be held at the Clifton Springs Country Club.

May 4th-8th - Grand Lodge trip. Plans for the trip to New York City are being made. The District will travel by train from Syracuse. Those planning to attend need to make reservations. Information is available from the DDGM or Lodge.

Sunday, May 19th - The District Memorial Service is scheduled at 2 p.m. at the United Church in Phelps. The speaker will be Senior Grand Warden, R.:W.: Jeffrey Williamson. Brothers are encouraged to attend as Brothers Lowell Falkey, Ken Overslaugh, Richard Hamelinck and George Durkee of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge will be remembered. Put the date on your calendar.

August 18th - O/S/Y Charities 21st

Annual Golf Tournament at Big Oak Golf Course. Donations for Hole Sponsors and door prizes are encouraged. Door prizes could include merchandise, gift certificates, discount coupons, etc. Information is available from the Tourney Director, Ron Galens, at (315) 548-3453; email: [rungalensosy@yahoo.com](mailto:rungalensosy@yahoo.com).

**April Birthdays**

We send April birthday greetings to Bobby Dorgan (7th), Todd Ruggles (8th), Jay Ford and John Roush (9th), Vincent Rozella III (12th), Jed Brandow (15th), Norman Schafer (16th), Edward Minns (20th), Robert Lash and Robert Spink (26th), Stephen Durso, Sr. (28th) and James Gostley (29th).

**April Masonic Anniversaries**

The following Brothers were Raised in April:

- 1950 **Robert Hines**
- 1950 **Robert Spink**
- 1959 **Frederick Wheeler**
- 1960 **Paul Adams**
- 1963 **John Bowles**
- 1964 **John Davis**
- 1965 **Douglas Nicot**
- 1967 **Douglas Parmele**
- 1969 **John Roush**
- 1974 **Ronald VanCamp**
- 1975 **Milton Lum**
- 1980 **Ramon Howard**
- 1983 **Dale Gelder**
- 1984 **James Frind**
- 1994 **Ernest Day**
- Michael Klimeczko**
- Charles Bird**
- Scott Upchurch**

**Upcoming Events**

- May 7th - Move-Up Night
- May 4th-8th - Trip for Grand Lodge Sessions in NYC
- June 18th - Annual Steak Roast Night

Don't forget Game Night is the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month until further notice. All are welcome to come. Just bring a Snack-to-Pass and join in the fun. ☐

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On April 11th, we will welcome R.:W.: Robert Hanggi, Grand Sword Bearer, who will be visiting with our DDGM, R.:W.: Jed Brandow. Just a reminder ... dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Thank you to Assistant Grand Lecturers, V.:W.: Steven Durso and R.:W.: Fred Newton, and all the Brothers from the District who helped with the recent 1st Degrees.

Our two newest Master Masons, Zack Steele and Brian Collier, Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremony, do a great job and they deserve acknowledgment. Brother Collier also presented the Working Tools; keep up the good work Brothers.

We pray for a speedy recovery for Brothers Don Raw, Vince Onley and all our Brothers and their families in need.

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## District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District

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On Thursday, April 25th, the Brothers of Drumlin Square Lodge and the Masters and Wardens Association of Wayne District will have the honor of hosting R.:W.: William Thomas, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York. Pizza, wings and soft drinks will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the Deputy Grand Master's Program to follow afterward. Reservations may be made to Secretary of Masters and Wardens, Richard Brewer:

email: brewerjmc@verizon.net  
or me: dewispelaerejay@yahoo.com

Please come and join us for an informative evening with our Deputy Grand Master!

### Lodge By-Laws

The Brothers of my home Lodge, Sodus Lodge No. 392, are currently undertaking a review of the Lodge's By-laws. Keep in mind that By-laws of your Lodge are a living, vital document that reflects how your Lodge functions. By-laws should be reviewed periodically and updated to ensure they accurately reflect how the Lodge is structured and works. The Master can appoint a committee to review the By-laws, with the amendments voted on by the members. Please remember that amended By-laws need to be forwarded to Grand Lodge. The process can be reviewed further in the Grand Lodge Constitution. I would gladly speak to Lodge Officers, or assembled Lodges, who are interested in undertaking a review.

As we approach Spring and the renewal it brings us all, keep in mind that Elections of Officers are not far off either. Consider the Election of Officers as a chance to renew the vitality of your Lodge. If you have not held a Chair in the past, consider placing your name in nomination. If your Lodge has struggled to fill all of the required positions, please consider stepping up, or returning to your Lodge's service. It will be meaningful to you, your Lodge and, by mentoring newer Brothers, to those who will take a positive example from your service.

Spring is here Brothers! □

## Town Hall Meeting

R.:W.: William J. Thomas, Deputy Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons  
of the State of New York

Invites you to a Town Hall Meeting

**April 25, 2013**

Social - 6:30 p.m. ~ Program - 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

At Drumlin Square Lodge Hall

161 East Main Street; Palmyra

Light refreshments will be provided.

This is an Open forum on what we need to do in the future to improve our Lodges, Districts and Fraternity

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### Road to the East

The *Road to the East Course (RTTE)* is underway in Wayne District at Sodus Lodge Hall, 4 East Main Street, Sodus. There are two Sessions remaining which you can join.

April 18th will be our 2nd two-and-one-half-hour Session at 7 p.m. The manual we use is called *The 24-Inch Gauge*. Now for those of you who have never thumbed through this book, it is the operations and answer keys for what the Wardens and the Master need to know to run a well-oiled machine called "your Lodge." Senior Deacons and up should be at these meetings. This Program will help you make your future years easier and more fun. Lodges which have Officers at the RTTE will be the superior Lodges of Wayne District in the years to come. Plan to attend and make a reservation and by contacting me at:

Phone: (315) 483-2745 (it takes messages)  
or email: soduspowleys@msn.com

### Town Hall Meeting

Another great opportunity coming in April is the Town Hall Meeting with our Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: William J. Thomas. The date is Thursday, April 25th, at Drumlin Square Lodge Hall, Palmyra. Social time with pizza and wings at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. R.:W.: Thomas ends his meetings promptly at 9 p.m. so you will get home at a reasonable hour. Please let your Master know if you plan to attend so he can call your Lodge reservations in by April 19th. I can be reached during business hours at (315) 483-6944 or email: ted.powley@mizkan.com (work).

I hope to see you soon. God bless America. □



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Last month R.:W.: Ted Powley, District Staff Officer; W.: Jay Frind, Master of Humanity Lodge, and I car pooled to Pocahontas Lodge in Seneca Falls for one of the District Town Hall Meetings held throughout the State by Grand Lodge to see Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: William Thomas. For some reason, I expected a small turnout and a lot of uncomfortable moments of silence for lack of questions or strong topics. I've seen this happen before at the Questions and Answers Session for our Grand Lecturer's Conventions in past Masonic years, but not this past year.

Last year, I met Grand Master M.:W.: James Sullivan for the first time, before he took office. A year later, shortly after being installed as Grand Master, one of his first visits in an official capacity in the State was to one of the Lodges in my District - Drumlin Square Lodge. Having only talked to me briefly the year previous, Grand Master addressed me immediately by my first name, even though I had no name tag, and inquired, in conversation, on things he remembered about my Home Lodge in Pultneyville. I thought that was impressive given the hundreds of Lodges he must have visited and the tens of thousands of Brothers he's probably shook hands with over the years.

I then noticed how he not only did this with me, but every Brother he addressed as he approached them, calling them by their first name and inquiring about their Lodge as he remembered visiting it in past years. He then finished the evening speaking for maybe thirty minutes leaving all of the Brothers on the sidelines feeling proud to be Masons and feeling they were on a noble endeavor, serving their Lodges in any capacity be it small or great.

Upon hearing M.:W.: Grand Master appointing R.:W.: Robert Strang as Grand Lecturer, and subsequently receiving a letter appointing me as Assistant Grand Lecturer for Wayne District, I was looking forward to meeting the new Grand Lecturer, wondering if he possessed the same inspirational quality as our new Grand Master. The new Grand Lecturer did not leave me disappointed, either at the AGL Summer Orientation, when I first met him, or his performance at the Grand Lecturer's Convention last Fall for my District. His ability to correct

Ritual errors the Brothers made without offending the Brother or talking condescendingly to him or the Convention as a whole when correcting us, was special.

At the Town Hall Meeting in Seneca Falls, Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: William Thomas, together with half the Grand Line who were able to make it, were equally exceptional speakers as M.:W.: Jim Sullivan and R.:W.: Bob Strang. I'm not sure of the total number of Brothers attending (maybe 50); however, at the end of the evening, no Brother left feeling dissatisfied or cheated for driving the distance to hear them speak. For those who have not had the opportunity to meet the Deputy Grand Master, please mark April 25th on your calendar.

### Mark Your Calendar

On Thursday, April 25th, Drumlin Square Lodge will host a District Town Hall meeting with Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: William Thomas from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. There will be a social hour with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. prior to the meeting. Drumlin Square Lodge Hall is located at 161 East Main Street in the village of Palmyra. Contact information for the Lodge is R.:W.: Richard Brewer, Master at email:

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### By Robert J. Zanin, Jr., Senior Deacon Second Town Hall Meeting

Brothers, it is the honor of the Worshipful Master to announce a second Town Hall-Style Meeting led by the Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: William J. Thomas of the State of New York to be held at Palmyra Masonic Hall. The meeting will be Thursday, April 25th, starting with refreshments at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Let us welcome R.:W.: William J. Thomas with a strong showing of Brothers from our Lodges.

Our Annual Table Lodge went off with a bang. Lots of food and good cheer were shared with guests, many of whom were already looking forward to the next open event. This is a great opportunity to bring someone in who may be interested in joining or just enjoys good company.

At the March 6th meeting, I made a presentation about the Masonic Reading Program. This Program has become a very useful tool for my everyday struggles. For the new Brothers, it will explain a lot of what they are encountering in the meeting and what they just experienced in the Rituals. I started the Program soon after joining and now I use the information in the books to move through the different positions and provide a more accurate Ritual procedure during our ceremonies.

All you have to do is call or email and they will send you the forms. This contact information is available at the Lodge. Once the form is returned, you will receive a book in the first course and a return label. All you need to do is mail it back when you've completed it and another soon follows. It's cheap, easy and very informative. Brother Tom Savini and the others do a great job of picking out good books to

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keep your interest. Check it out, you won't be sorry.

**General John Swift**

As promised, in last month's newsletter, I will include a short write-up of Lodge history, or a famous Freemason. This month it will be the founder of Palmyra, General John Swift ...

Born in Kent, in what is now Connecticut, in 1761, he joined the Continental Army at the young age of sixteen. After the War, he settled in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania. In the Winter

of 1788-89, he purchased land near Ganargua Creek in the Phelps-Gorham Purchase, now known as Wayne County. In 1790, the area was known as Swift's Landing, then Tolland until, at the first town meeting, it was finally agreed to re-name the town Palmyra.

Brigadier General Swift met his demise in July of 1814 in an attack at Fort George in Canada. His grave is now located on the hill across from St. Anne's Catholic Church in Palmyra. □

# Monroe District

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**District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District**



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**About the District**

I have received Secretary Reports from every Lodge in our District. As of December 31, 2012, we have a total of 1,568 Master Masons who are affiliated with a Lodge within Monroe District. During 2012 our Lodges Raised a combined total of 58 Brothers to the Degree of Master Mason and lost 125 Brothers due to NPD/Dimit/Death ... 57 were due to death, 21 due to Dimits and 47 for Non Payment of Dues (NPD).

It's this last figure – 47 for NPD – that caught my eye. Presumably every Lodge is investigating why a Brother is at risk of being dropped from the roles for Non-payment of Dues. Every Lodge is encouraged to consider (and if in the position to do so) waiving the Dues of a worthy Brother Master Mason. If a Brother wants to remain in our Craft, but is financially unable to do so, then why not help him? I understand that waiving Dues can itself pose a financial burden upon the Lodge; reason being that every member on the roles is taxed by Grand Lodge.

Every Lodge which chooses to remit the Dues of a worthy Brother Master Mason can obtain financial relief from Grand Lodge by having that Brother's *per capita* assessment waived. A separate application for each Brother whose Dues are being remitted by the Lodge, must be submitted to the Grand Secretary and must be submitted anew each year. Forms for this purpose, and the protocol that must be followed, are available from the Grand Secretary's Office at Grand Lodge.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign Results**

Our District's *Have-a-Heart* Campaign raised \$18,000 for the local Ronald McDonald Houses. Brothers, that's fantastic. To each and every Brother who showed up and helped out, I say thank you. Thank you for the commitment of your time in making this fundraiser a success. On behalf of our District, I thank R.:W.: George Foehner and his crew of Mall Managers for planning, implementing and executing this fundraising initiative. Without their investment of time and talent, we would have been hard pressed to make this a success.

This success, though, is coming at a price. It appears our District, as a whole, is not supporting this effort at a level as it has done in past years. By that I mean, the number of Lodges and Brothers par-

ticipating in this cause has been steadily dwindling. We need to take a hard look at why this is so. Maybe we need to approach this fundraiser in a different way. What I do know is that we cannot continue business as usual. If it wasn't for the efforts of R.:W.: George Foehner, this fundraising effort may not have succeeded.

It should not be this way. There was a time when the Masters and Wardens Association (M&W) took responsibility for planning and executing this activity.

This brings me to a recent study I commissioned. The purpose of the study was to determine whether it was feasible to form a District Association (not unlike what exists in our Brother Districts) to combine the functions of the Purple Club and M&W. After considerable study, which included visiting District Associations in other Districts, the consensus of the task force was to leave our current structure as it now exists. In other words, maintain M&W and Purple Club as separate entities.

I thank the participating members of this task force (R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, Brother Andy Woeppel, Brother Stephan Michener and R.:W.: Cliff Short) for their time and thoughtful input. The consensus of this working group was that the Purple Club and M&W have discreet functions which do not lend themselves easily to combination.

- The Purple Club's main responsibility is in selecting the Grand Line Officers who will be representing our District
- M&Ws is primarily concerned with planning for Grand Lodge and coordinating District-wide activities, such as the *Have-a-Heart* Fundraiser.

M&W is not realizing its full potential as an organization due to the lack of participation from Lodges. Currently less than half of the Lodges in our District participate in M&W. The consensus of the task force was to work on developing M&W by increasing Lodge participation within the District. One suggestion was to have M&W meet on a quarterly basis.

What kind of organization is M&W? What is its purpose and what does it want to accomplish? Unless its mission is re-evaluated, M&W may continue to languish despite the best efforts of its current leadership.

I have attended every M&W meeting since beginning my tenure as your District Deputy. The best of intentions and efforts are not enough unless every Lodge in this District participates. Maybe you believe that M&W isn't worth your effort in becoming involved. M&W isn't about you. It's about your Lodge, your Brothers and your District. The current leadership of M&W is doing all it can, but is being stymied by the lack of participation from all Lodges within our District. Each Brother who occupies an Elective Chair in your Lodge has a direct stake in the future direction of M&W. There is nothing about M&W that cannot be changed so it better serves your Lodge.

**Widows Luncheon**

Now it's on to something completely different - our Widows. On April 20th at Burgundy Basin, we will be gathering to honor the Widows of our dearly departed Brothers. This is an opportunity for every Lodge in our District to ensure that all identified Widows who would like to attend this luncheon, can do so. Please do all you can in your Lodge to coordinate transportation to and from this luncheon.

**A Thought for April**

"My importance to the world is relatively small. On the other hand, my importance to myself is tremendous. I am all I have to work with, to play with, to suffer and enjoy. It is not the eyes of others that I am wary of, but my own. I do not intend to let myself down more than I can possibly help, and I find that the fewer illusions I have about myself or the world around me, the better company I am for myself."

~ Noel Coward

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

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By R.:W.: Rob Buchanan

April should mean Spring is here!! Time to get out of the house and visit a Lodge! Finish reading your **Masonic Times** and look at the calendar on the back; pick a date and travel to another Lodge to visit our Brothers and enjoy the fellowship of the evening. There are many things going on making it a full and busy year. Before we know it, Summer will be here and we will close yet another Masonic Year.

**Road to the East**

Thanks to all Brothers who participated in this year's *Road to the East*

Program. R.:W.: Mike Hueston and I appreciated your time and efforts you put in to making it a successful program. Best of luck to all our future Masters.

**Master's Chair**

Incoming Masters for next year ... Mark your calendar for the *Master's Chair* on August 24th at the Shrine Center. This is a valuable Course and will be just in time for your seat in the East. Please send your reservation to:

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**Masonic Education**

Again, we'd like to emphasize the importance of Masonic Education and remind Lodges to continue to use the LSOME DVD to help further Light in newly Initiated, Passed and Raised Brothers. Please continue to educate and mentor beyond the 3rd Degree. Also, remember if you have intentions of being a Grand Lodge Officer in the future, the *Masonic Development Course*, *Road to the East*, and *Master's Chair* are required Courses.

R.:W.: Mike Hueston and I are still making our way around to all the Lodges as often as we can. Thank you for the invitations to your events and the warm welcomes we receive when we can attend. We hope to see you all again real soon.

**On a Personal Note ...**

I would like to express again how thankful I am for all the support I have received with my wife, Kellie, being deployed overseas and for all the efforts put on by Inspiration Lodge with the assistance of the Monroe District in showing your support for my wife and our US Troops in Afghanistan. □

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## Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By Frank Habitzreuther, President  
Luncheon with the Ladies

The Masters and Wardens will be having a luncheon with the ladies at the Lehigh Restaurant, 4835 West Henrietta Road, Henrietta, on April 13th at 2 p.m. This get-together will give the ladies a chance to get to know one another prior to Grand Lodge.

### Mark Your Calendar

Our next meeting will be held on June 8th for the purpose of electing Officers for the upcoming year. Time and place yet to be decided.

My thanks to all the Lodges for the work we have done and all your help; I wish you all the best in the future. ☐

## Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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The Mission of the NY Masonic Safety ID Program (MSID) is to:

- Provide a vital community service
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  - Encourage Masons to become involved in their communities
  - Promote a positive image in our communities
  - Broadening public awareness and recognition of Masonry as an involved community organization
  - Provide an opportunity for Monroe Masons and their families to have fun!!!
- Brethren, we want to make greater use of the ID equipment by having events supported by each Lodge. We want to process over 2,000 folks!!! It is possible with your support and help. Think of opportunities in your community - either children or senior citizens - who can benefit and be protected by your efforts.

It does not take much to set up an event and man it -- just a little creativity and forethought. Will you help? Urge your Master to appoint a Coordinator for your Lodge and contact us to schedule an event.

Contact information about the Masonic Safety ID Program is available online at [www.nychip.org](http://www.nychip.org).

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

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[rcdowns@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rcdowns@rochester.rr.com)

If you have questions or suggestions, call Don Tubman at 889-4725.

### Here's an Opportunity

By Jim MacDuff

The Masonic Safety ID Program is proud to announce that we will have a table at each Shriners Cruise Nite, running every Friday night from May 10th through September 6th.

Cruise Nites are held at the Damascus

Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster.

Additionally, on Sunday, September 29th, there will be a booth for the Masonic Safety ID Program at the Mary Cariola Walk-About Fundraiser for the first time.

Learn more about the Mary Cariola organization by visiting:

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

Brothers, please remember the Plumb ... Come out and help support this Program. Just an hour of your time would be such a huge help. ☐

## Union Star Lodge No. 320

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Brothers, we have come a long way so far this year. We have conferred the 1st and 2nd Degrees, had a Table Lodge, and labored for our charities. We now have the pleasure of conferring the 3rd Degree on three Brothers; this is our Edict Degree, so I would ask that we have a full house for this glorious event. There will be a dinner prior to the Degree and a reservation will help assure everyone will have enough to eat; you can make your reservation by emailing me at [animalhab@aol.com](mailto:animalhab@aol.com) or calling me at 486-4341.

### April Birthdays

Those maturing this month are Martin J Reitz, Brian J. Miller, John L. Armendinger, Joseph E. Bourcy and Kenneth J. Hecker.

### Upcoming Events

April 1st - 3rd Degree Rehearsal  
April 8th - Conferral of 3rd Degree, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
April 22nd - Fellowcraft ☐

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March was a busy month, and I thank everyone who helped to make it a success! Thanks to Jeff Ross for coordinating our Past Masters in conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree and Hugh Woodside for visiting and delivering the Historical Lecture for us.

### Coming up in April

April will be a very well-paced month ... we will be holding two meetings and two Spaghetti Dinners. Though we're not yet revealing the details, we do have very special plans already in place for the program during the meeting on April 16th. If you haven't been out for awhile (or even if we see you every week!), this will be a great night to be in attendance.

April 2nd - Fellowcraft Degree  
April 10th - Spaghetti Dinner  
April 16th - Regular Communication  
April 24th - Spaghetti Dinner

### News and Events

The date for our Spring Chicken Bar-B-Que has been rescheduled from the date on the Trestleboard. **The correct date is May 11th.** Tickets are available now from Brother Bill Hunn. ☐

## Photos from Clio Lodge's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner:



Pete Matthews, Nate Thompson, Blake Keller, Charles and Mark Shapiro



Jeff Robinson, Frank Sassone, Gary Richardson



Steve Hamilton, Bill Hunn, Jeff Ross, Charles Shapiro, Cody Groth



Clio Brothers Mike Postilli, Lou Cook and Pete Matthews deliver corned beef and cabbage dinners to the ladies of Unionville Station Senior Living Apartments.

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

April 2013

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



## JAMES MILLER POTENTATE



As we move into the month of April, we have been spoiled with Mother Nature giving us a nice peek at Spring and the warmer weather to come! This is a time for us to sow the seeds of Brotherhood and stewardship as we look toward the busy weeks ahead. Let us plant the seeds of companionship and gather at the future dates as listed on the Trestleboard to enable Damascus to make a difference both within and out of our Fraternal community.

By the time this edition of the **Masonic Times** is published, the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will have become a fond memory (weather regardless!) and the "wearing of the green and/or the orange," as it may be, will have been set aside until next year. Thanks to all parade participants and volunteers! It is said, "If you are lucky enough to be Irish, you are lucky enough!"

Lady Mary Lou wants to "plant the seed" and watch the Niagara on the Lake Ladies Trip grow as we look to gather near the end of May or early June for this fun-filled trip North. Please be looking through the Spring bloom for information regarding final details in the May issue of the **Masonic Times**.

### Mark Your Calendar

**May 1st** - We have Richard E Liebel, Development and Donor Relations-Erie Hospital speaking. Also, we are presenting 50-year Service Pins and Certificates.

Down the road of events is a possible joint trip with members of the Daughter's of the Nile to Erie's Shrine Hospital to include delivering of gifts and necessities for young patients and a tour of the facilities. See you soon! ☐

**WE**  
We do it for the kids  
We do it for the Nobles  
We do it for the community.

We do it for the good of the kids  
We do it for the good of the Nobles  
We do it for the good of the community.

I can't do it alone,  
I will find a We to do it together...  
Will you be my We?

*Karin R. Staples*

## DAMASCUS SHRINE 4th Annual Seneca Casino Bus Trip Sunday, April 21st



**\$40 per person**

*Includes donation to  
Shriners Hospitals for Children®  
Bus 'Round-trip Fare*

**\$20.00 Slot Dollars ~ \$5.00 Food Voucher**

*Pizza bread, wine, soda & water on trip up  
Snacks, cookies, raffles and  
"Karaoke by Carm" on the way home*

### ITINERARY

Meet at Shrine Center

Bus leaves at 11 a.m. sharp

Arrive at Casino 1 p.m.

Bus departs at 6 p.m. sharp

Return to Center approximately 7:30 p.m.



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

**Call the Shrine Office at (585) 671-3565  
to reserve your spot and pre-pay  
with credit card, or send a check to  
979 Bay Rd Webster, NY 14580**

**Payment with Reservation is due in the  
Office by Monday, April 15th by Noon.**

## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2013 APRIL



- 1st Divan Meeting
- 3rd Tiled Shriners Meeting
- 21st Seneca Casino Bus Trip
- 27th Euchre Tournament
- 29th Divan Meeting



- ### MAY
- 1st Open Shriners Meeting ... *Mexican Meets the Potato* (Auburn)
  - 10th First Cruise Night ... Every Friday thru September 6th
  - 11th Call-Out ... Lilac Festival Parade
  - 25th Euchre Tournament - End-of-Season Party  
Cruise Nights - May 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st



- ### JUNE
- 3rd Divan Meeting
  - 5th Tiled Shriners Meeting - Steak Roast
  - 22nd Fishing Derby  
Cruise Nights - June 7th, 14th 21st and 28th

- ### JULY
- 11th Webster Fire Department Parade
  - 25th Hilton Firemen's Parade
  - 27th East Rochester Fireman's Parade  
Cruise Nights - July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

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## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

Submitted by Mary Louise Hollwedel

The Perry Shrine Club met at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant in Perry on February 28th with a nice turnout of Nobles and their Ladies.

Clarence Bogardus reported that the mini-cars need repairs. That means some minor and major work will be necessary and serious financial assistance will be essential. Some of the oldest cars could be sold and possibly a new one purchased. A committee to make some decisions and get some prices may be needed. Potentate, Jim Miller, said "Tell me what you need and we will get it."



Potentate, James Miller, and Robert Cox

Clarence will do a budget for needed repairs. There are five Call-Out Parades including the March 16th St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rochester.

Our speaker for the evening was Rev. Charles Duryea who presented information on the medical procedure of Deep Brain Stimulation. This is used to treat Femoral Tremor, Chronic Depression and some Parkinson's cases. It greatly improves the quality of life for many patients. Charlie spoke from personal experience and is a living example of a suc-

cessful outcome. We thank him profusely for sharing his experience with us.



Guest speaker Reverend Charlie Duryea



(l-r) President, Bob Cox; Potentate, James Miller; and Lady Vicky Cox.

Potentate, Jim Miller, brought us up-to-date on additional plans for the future.

The next meeting will be on April 25th at the Lumberyard Restaurant and Howard Wood will be arranging the program.

The May 23rd Meeting will be at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant. Look forward to seeing you all.

Think Spring!

## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

Valentine's Day is officially over for this year. (Although my wife tells me that roses are available any time of the year; imagine that!) Chuck Minster did a wonderful job with our get-together this year at a new venue and a new restaurant. We were at the Hilton Garden Inn. More specifically, the Beauvine Restaurant. I keep explaining the joke about bovine and beavine to my wife, but she just won't laugh. This place has not been open a year and it is so clean and sharp, you should stop by sometime.

Our new President, Jack Erlich, was quick to introduce his wife, Elaine. No flies on him. Though maybe, right out of the box, we could get her a dress. During the evening we were able to get a photo of our Officers that can be seen on the Damascus website by clicking on the Auburn Club site.

Chuck Minster had a neat game for us to play to see how compat-



(l-r) Jim Kahn, V.P.; John Erlich, President; Dave Bowman, Secretary; Chuck Minster, Treasurer.

ible we were with our dates. I am proud to say I did well, but was not the big winner. That went to Bob Coleman. The Lew Hares made it out of the cold and into our hearts that night. Also in the crowd I spotted the Buddy Rodgers, the Gerry Stantons and the Burt Wards. Our guests received candy and our men received a little something to bring our

guests a little closer to us.

Spring has to be on its way. I know this because our April meeting will be hosted by Ken Pollard. Ken is gone until the ice is melted from Cayuga Lake. He says he doesn't eat frozen fish!

### Aluminum Can Tabs

TABS - bring 'em in! Jim Kahn has a big trunk along with a big heart and he is collecting our tabs. ALSO - Cans and bottles recycling continues at Finger Lakes recycling on Grant Avenue (Route 5, across from the new Nissan Dealership). We just received a check for the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield for \$178 from the recycling center. I'll mention again, they will give you a receipt for your taxes for your donations, if you wish, or just drop them off.

### Happy News

Here's some good news. Jim and Mary Kahn are going to be Grandparents. Talk about good planning, the

baby is due the end of the Doubledays Baseball Season and, hopefully, before the first football game. Congrats early to the Grandparents.

One last thing. We are a large Club and, sometimes, we aren't aware when someone is in need of our aid or sympathy. We ask that you contact us if you know of one of our Shriners who is in such distress. □

## I Love the Parades!

By Mike Hueston,  
Colonel of the Units

### Mark Your Calendar

The Potentate has requested your participation in the five Call-out Parades for 2013.

### What is a Call-out Parade?

This term is used by the Potentate to request all Clubs and Units to participate in the parades to the best of their ability. Marching or sitting - if your legs are not as young as you are, we have fire trucks on which you can join the parade!

Saturday, May 11th- Lilac Festival Parade

Thursday, July 11th- Webster Fire Department Parade

Thursday, July 25th- Hilton Parade  
Saturday, July 27th - East Rochester Firemen's Parade

The details for all parades will be sent out by constant contact as they become available. As always, if you have any questions, please call Mike Hueston at (585) 509-0606. We need your participation in these events to help us show the Rochester Community that being a Shriner is something very special - especially all that it means for all the children we have and will continue to help. Thank you for your support. □



## Cruise Nights

May 10 thru September 6th



## April Birthdays



Robert Anderson II  
Jason Appel  
A. Robert Banker  
Charles Blazey  
Stuart Bobry  
Allyn Borrino  
Joseph Bourcy III  
Jed Brandow  
Mitchel Buchinger  
Joshua Burke  
Thomas Burrall  
Frank Churnetski  
David Clarke  
Raymond Cody  
Raymond Cody II  
Michael Cowley  
Scott Cronk  
Robert Crystal  
James Davenport  
Phillip Dean  
Harry DeHollander  
Angelo DiCataldo  
Daniel Dixon, Sr.  
Bobby Dorgan  
John Dwyer

James Gostley  
Frederick Haik  
Harvard Harding  
Richard Hast  
Kenneth Hecker  
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Robert Heselton  
Franklin Higgins  
Reginald Higgins  
Bruce Huie  
Milton Jefferson  
Bruce Kennedy  
Robert Kimmel  
Howard Kyper  
Scott Lasky  
Michael Lewis  
Herman Lyman  
Roger Lynch  
Mark Malchoff  
Kenneth Martens  
Carl Mason III  
Lance McFetridge  
Frederick McKinley  
Bruce Miles

Evar Miller  
Jeffrey Miller  
Patrick Mulrooney  
George Nasra  
Erwin Newell  
Gordon Palmer  
Dale Polmateer  
Andy Reynolds  
John Rogalski  
Harold Roxburgh  
Norman Sandle  
Wellington Sanger  
Carmen Santaferarra  
Frank Sassone  
Carl Scarpulla  
Lance Seeber  
Kenneth Stafford, Sr.  
Ronald Sterling  
Pedro Ugalde  
Michael Vanas  
Lloyd Vandeviver  
Derek VanHouten  
Robert VanLare  
Peter VanVlack  
Raymond Zieman



## God Bless Our Troops

## WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Frank Russell, President

The Wayne County Shrine Club tried a new venue for its meeting on March 21. The Blue Ribbon Restaurant in Phelps was most hospitable and provided a good facility for the video program. We were delighted to welcome Michael Patrick and Rod Finewood, two Masons who brought their Applications to become Shriners. Along with our Divan Rep, Charles Feller, we also welcomed our Damascus Shrine Treasurer, David Larson, and his wife Beth. Beth won the 50/50 and generously donated her winnings to our Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Our program was presented by John Adamski, President of the Board of Trustees of The Finger Lakes Muse-

um. The Museum's base of operations and proposed activity center is on the northern shores of Keuka Lake. A 2014 opening is planned. When completed, its presence will be a hub for natural and cultural history programs throughout the Finger Lakes Region. Outcomes of its efforts will promote the responsible economic well-being of the Region and will protect fresh water resources both locally and around the world. Anyone interested in contacting the Museum may do so at [www.fingerlakesmuseum.org](http://www.fingerlakesmuseum.org).

The Shrine Club will next meet on Thursday, May 16th, at Connelly's Cove Restaurant for the Annual Bull-head Dinner. □



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# There's Always Something Going On With the Damascus Shriners ...

## Damascus Shriners Euchre Tournaments

Last Saturday of the Month ...

March 30th ~ April 27th

May 25th ...

End-of-Season Party after Tournament

Fall Season

September 28th ~ October 26th

November 30th

December 28th ... Holiday Party



All Tournaments and Parties are Open to the Public

Food available for purchase: 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Registration: 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Tournament Starts: 7 p.m.

\$5 per player ~ 25¢ Euchre ~ 50/50 Raffle

For more details:

Mike Hueston: mph0523@frontiernet.net

Oscar Wilson: roscosc@earthlink.net

(585) 671-7701 Damascus Shriner Center

2nd Annual "Spring Thing" Fundraiser  
it's "All about the Children"  
at Webster Firemen's Field

Saturday, May 18th

Family Fun - 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Entertainment

Vendors

"Bad to the Bone"  
Bar-B-Que

Raffles

Kid's Activities

Games

Silent Auction

Door Prizes

For more information, Call Andy (585) 752-2650  
or Email: areyceramic@yahoo.com

Sponsored by Widows Sons Grand Chapter.

Mark Your Calendar

The Date has been Changed ...

### Damascus Golfers, Friends and Relatives Golf Tournament

Proceeds to Benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children®

New Date!

Saturday, July 13th

at Chili Country Club

\$95 per person

~ Registration - 8 a.m.

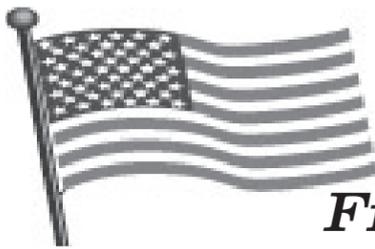
~ 4-Person Scramble

~ Shotgun Start - 9 a.m.



Lunch at the Turn  
Buffet Dinner Following Play

More Details to Follow



## God Bless Our Troops

Freedom is Not Free.

### 2013 Damascus News Boosters

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Dean & JoAnn Smith

Ronald & Mary Sterling

James Toogood

John & Sandra Wihlen

### Directors Staff Dinner Meeting

Wednesday

April 24th

Yellow Mills Diner

2534 Route 31, Palmyra

Order off the Menu

Social Time - 5:30 p.m.

Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Ladies and Guests Invited  
Casual Attire

Call Vance Collom (585) 217-9817

vcollom1@rochester.rr.com

with any questions or  
to make reservations

### Shriner's Charity Fishing Event

Proceeds to Benefit the  
Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Saturday, June 22nd

at Reel Excitement Charters, Point Breeze

\$125 per person includes:

5-Hour Fishing Trip ~ 10 boats reserved for this event

4 people per boat - get a group together

or come alone and join a group

Lunch at the famous Black North Inn

All participants meet at the BNI parking lot at 6:00 a.m.

14858 Ontario Street, Kent

Boats will begin leaving the docks PROMPTLY at 6:30 a.m.

Full payment must be made by June 1st to secure a spot in a boat.

Mail payment (payable to Damascus Shriners) to:

Damascus Shriners

Attn: Fishing Derby

979 Bay Road

Webster, NY 14580-1736

For further information, contact:

Bob Songin at: reelxite@rochester.rr.com

### Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

Wednesday, April 10th

Damascus Shrine Center

979 Bay Road, Webster

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

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Salad \* Beef Stroganoff \* Vegetable

Rolls & Butter \* Coffee \* Dessert

\$12 per person

RSVP no later than Friday, April 5th

at (585) 436-8216 or email: cylegalrx@hotmail.com

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The Seine:

Paris to Normandy

October, 2013



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## What's New in Erie...

By Bob Howden

The Annual Shriners Erie Community Open House and 5th Annual Shriners Erie Charity Golf Outing are coming in June. Be sure to mark your calendar now, as everyone is invited to attend!

### Community Open House

The Annual Shriners Erie Community Open House (formerly known as Hospital Day), will be held Sunday, June 2nd, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As in past years, self-guided tours of the facility will be available. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet the staff and learn more about the new Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center. Back by popular demand will be the Antique/Classic Car Show on the Grounds. Anyone with an antique/classic car is invited to participate. There will also be a Craft Fair and musical entertainment. The formal Shrine Ceremony will begin at approximately 12:45 p.m.

The Community Open House will include a special recognition of the volunteer Shrine Drivers who transported patients to and from the Erie Facility during the past year. This recognition will occur during the formal Shrine Ceremony. We hope to see many of our great Shrine Drivers at this event.

### Golf Outing

The 5th Annual Shriners Erie Charity Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, June 20th, at Peek'n Peak Resort in nearby Findley Lake, NY. Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12 noon. Following the golf outing, participants will be treated to a Buffet Dinner at the Peek'n Peak Ski Lodge. This year's event will again include an opportunity to win a new car for a hole-in-one on a par 3 hole.

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

Additional details and information

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

### State Senator to Decorate Office with Art from Shriners Patients

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie is working with the Office of Pennsylvania State Senator, Sean Wiley, of Erie to obtain children's art to decorate the walls of his new Erie Office. Senator Wiley and members of his staff met with Shriners Erie Officials in January to present the idea of having Shriners Erie patients produce artwork that would be hung on the walls of the Senator's District Office in Downtown Erie.

The Child Life Department at Shriners Erie is currently soliciting artwork from patients of all ages. The artwork can be done in any medium. Once the Erie Facility has collected the artwork, it will be given to Senator Wiley's Office for their use.

Senator Wiley, who has a background in health care management, has been a strong supporter of Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie. This is a great way to achieve public recognition for our patients and the Facility.

### Hats Off to All Our Great Volunteers!

April 21st-27th is National Volunteer Week and Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie is proud to honor all of its Volunteers for their outstanding contributions in support of our patients, their families and the Erie facility.

The Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie currently has about 40 volunteers who work at the Hospital assisting staff and patients with a variety of tasks in departments such as the Outpatient Clinic, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, the Movement Analysis Lab, Child Life and Administration.

In addition, there are some 300 Shrine Drivers who bring children and families to the Erie Facility for medical care. These drivers come from the 14 Shrine Temples affiliated with the Erie Facility, and several other Temples that periodically transport children to Erie. These men and women do a wonderful job for Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie and everyone deeply appreciates their efforts!

## Attention Shriners!

### Join the Celebration at Our Community Open House!

Shriners Hospital for Children® - Erie

~ Ambulatory Surgery Center ~  
~ Outpatient Specialty Care Center ~

**Sunday, June 2nd**  
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- \* Self-Guided Tours of the Facility \*
- \* Antique/Classic Car Show \* Craft Fair \*
- \* Entertainment \* Driver Recognition \*
- \* Shrine Bands \*

Official Shriners Ceremony begins at 12:45 p.m.



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## DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

### Shrine Veterans ... Consider Joining this Unit!

By Frank Russell, Commander

Our Damascus Legion of Honor members are Shriners who have served, or are still serving, in the Armed Forces of our Country. Honorably Discharged or Retired, Volunteer or Draftee, Officer or Enlisted, we are all proud to be doing or having done whatever our Country needed to be kept safe. Among our objectives is to foster a Spirit of Patriotism, Love of Country and Flag, and to perpetuate the memory of our Comrades-in-Arms who made the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives for our Country while members of the Armed Forces. Our Damascus Legion is an active member of the International Association of Legions of Honor.

We meet for dinner and camaraderie at our Shrine Center on the second Wednesday of each month, except July and August, although we usually have a Steak Roast in August. At each meeting we have a brief program which is generally military-oriented.

This year, on June 9th, 2 p.m., we will be having our 2nd Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at the flagpole in front of the Shrine Center. All persons are welcome to attend. Our Shriner Band will be joining the Legion of Honor for this Ceremony. Anyone having a flag to be retired is urged to drop it off at the Shrine Center. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside.

Following the Flag Retirement Ceremony, the Legion of Honor will be hosting a Reception for all Shrine Veterans and their guest for some pizza and beer in the Oasis. One need not be a member of our Legion of Honor to join with us for this Reception. We hope all of our fellow Shrine Veterans will join with us.

If anyone has any questions about the Legion of Honor or how to join the Unit, we will be pleased to answer them. Questions may also be directed to the Adjutant, Cy Kloner (585-436-8216), or to the Commander. (315-331-7621).

Every characteristic, every trait and every feature of the human body is written in the DNA language through the genetic code. Cystic fibrosis, Down syndrome, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, polycystic kidney disease, sickle-cell disease, neuroblastoma, 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 Madson'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 a hereditary ailment, 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 benefitted 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 drastically 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 Madson 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 \$50, 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 21256, Tampa, FL 33601.

Canadian order forms and donations may be sent to Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada, 1529 Cedar Ave, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 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 [jmadson@shrinersnet.org](mailto:jmadson@shrinersnet.org).

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

The Miracle of a Single Seed

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

**Flag Retirement Ceremony**  
**June 9th ~ 2:00 p.m.**  
**at Damascus Shrine Center**

**Conferred by Damascus Legion of Honor**  
**Shrine Band ~ Refreshments**

**Anyone having a flag to be retired is urged to drop it off at the Shrine Center.**

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Distinguished head table guests at Inspiration's Table Lodge.

By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

I will begin by saying that I did behave myself. The Table Lodge was a huge success by all comments and standards. The meal, prepared by Brother Kevin Gerhard, was outstanding; the wine, plentiful; the toasts, appropriate and meaningful. Nearly sixty attendees will be happy to vouch for the above.

I had to pass on attending the 2nd Degree due to illness, but I was informed that everything went extremely well with our Senior Warden, Brother Scott Rice, in the East. Our attendance at meetings and events is picking up! My Brothers, if you haven't been around lately you should come and check us out. Meals are great and inexpensive, and you have the opportunity to meet our younger members and Brothers from the "other" Lodge before our merger. Don't think you can work your way in? Let not that discourage you. Give me or one of the Officers a call for assistance. We'll be delighted to see you.

**Project Kellie**

Brother Scott Rice led the charge again. At our Table Lodge, R.: W.: and Sgt. Rob Buchanan thanked the Brothers for their continued support and prayers and commented that he had spoken to his wife, Sgt. Kellie Buchanan, who is deployed to Afghanistan. Their personal supplies were running low. Before the evening was over, a plan had been established to secure needed and requested items, hold them at the Masonic Service Bureau and then arrange a gathering to pack and ship the cartons to her. Brother Brian Bell, his wife, Gyllian, and two of their children, Ethan and Olivia, set up and arranged for children to make greeting cards to send to the troops as well.

The bottom line? With the assistance of Worshipful Brother Art Cohen, 141 pounds of donations were packed and shipped on Monday, March 18th. We anticipate much joy from the soldiers when the boxes are opened and the contents distributed.

Don't think the work is done! Scott is still accepting requested items, as well as spontaneous contributions... and cash to help offset the packing and shipping charges. Contact him if you are able and willing to help with this continuing project.

**Sickness and Distress**

It is with profound sadness I report the death of Jo Anne "Jodie" Brinthaup, the wife of Brother John, after a brief illness. She accepted a position in the medical field and they moved here a few years ago from the Southern Tier. She was a well-known and well-respected professional, who will be sorely missed by all but especially, John, their two

sons, daughter and grandchildren. Our sincere sympathy, John.

Also reported to me was the death of Julius Toth, Sr., the father of our Brother Julius Toth, Jr. Our sympathy to you and your family, Brother Julius.

My Brothers, if you learn of any of our membership or their family who are in need of our aid or assistance, please let the Officers or me know. I've been a little negligent in reporting this information, but I can't if I don't know about it. I hope everyone else is in good health or recovering.

**April Events**

April 9th our program, titled "Myth vs. Fact of Masonic History," will be presented by Brother Scott Mason. Come hear this enthusiastic young Mason explain his research

On April 23rd, we will present Certificates and Pins as Service Awards to those Brothers able to attend and acknowledge those not present. Social hour commences at 5:30 p.m. for each meeting. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with reservations required (PLEASE) as early as possible. Both programs are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., with the meeting on the 9th a Tiled Session and the Awards Night an Open Program with everyone welcome.

Our rescheduled Master Mason Degree will be conferred on Saturday, April 27th. The Degree will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center. All Brothers expecting to be Raised shall arrive by 9:30 a.m. for proficiency testing of the Questions and Answers. A social hour from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. will follow, with coffee and donuts. We will break for lunch (pizza, wings and subs) after the 1st Section of the Degree ... the cost will be \$5 per person. After lunch we will return to the Lodge Room to finish the Degree.

**May Happenings**

The year winds down and we elect the Officer Line for 2013-2014 at the May 14th meeting. Plans at this writing are to include a "Walk-About" the Lodge Program on May 28th. Please plan to attend these events and, if you would like dinner, make your reservation(s) with Brother Brian Bell or R.: W.: Derek VanHouten.

See you in Lodge. □

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Brother Rich Greenaway coordinated our *Have-a-Heart* Campaign in February at Eastview Mall. February 1st was our first day of the Campaign and it was a great success raising \$773; February 9th ERAC Lodge raised \$662 ... for a grand total of \$1,435 to support the Rochester Ronald McDonald Houses. Thank you to Rich Greenaway and all those who came out to support this very important cause.

**Recent Happenings**

February 11th we held our Annual ERAC Table Lodge. Brother Mike Vanas headed up this event and he assured me this would be a most memorable night. Brother Vanas was correct; I had a great time and I'm told a great time was had by all. Brother Rich Friedman did an excellent job as our Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Thank you, Rich, and to everyone who made this event a great success - with planning, setting up, cooking and cleaning up. Your efforts and support are very much appreciated.

The English-style Lodge, followed by the "Fellowcraft Tracing Board Lecture," by Bill Vassily was the presentation for our February 25th meeting. This was a most interesting meeting. He showed us the differences between the English-style Lodge Room and the Lodge Room we use. Bill also showed us how their Tracing Board looks compared to ours and he did the 2nd Degree obligation in the English-style. This was very interesting as the wording was different but the meaning was still the same. Thank you, Bill, for presenting this very enlightening information.

**Upcoming Events**

April 6th - We will be conferring the Master Mason Degree. The Degree will be held at the Shrine Center starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning followed by a reception honoring our newly Raised Brothers. Cocktails will be at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6

p.m. Please contact Carl Scarpulla at: [go4soda@rochester.rr.com](mailto:go4soda@rochester.rr.com) to make your dinner reservations. More information to follow. Please come out to support our Officers and our newly Raised Brothers.

April 8th - Brother Thomas M. Savini will be presenting "The History of the Ritual." Brother Savini is the Director of The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library located in New York City. This will be a most enlightening talk so please make every effort to come out and broaden your knowledge.

April 22nd - Brother Rich Friedman will be hosting The Masonic Light ... "A Walk-About the Lodge" at our meeting. Please be sure to attend this meeting and support our new Brothers as they are introduced to the Lodge room.

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

**Note from Jim MacDuff ...**

I will be setting up shop at the Shrine for Cruise Nights this year. I have had volunteers offer to help already, including our new DeMolay Chapter. Join us and learn how to process the Masonic Safety ID Program.

**From the Secretary's Desk ...**

By David Upham

This is one of those good news/bad news articles ... As I write this article, the good news is that 64% of our members have submitted their Dues and, hopefully, received their Dues Cards in the mail. The bad news is that only 64% of our members have submitted their Dues since receiving their Dues Notices in November. By now, a second notice/reminder should have been received which SHOULD help raise that paid percentage to 100%. At the time of publishing this article, our Lodge will have to pay over \$6,000 in our Grand Lodge per capita Assessment. Just sayin'.

I have been busy in and around the Lodge, ordering supplies, responding to emails and phone calls, keeping the books in good order, and all the other things a Secretary does, almost on a daily basis.

But, I want to tell you about just one task I took on that has nothing to do with the Secretarial work. Brother Mike Sukhenko and I have dedicated a couple of hours every Saturday morning to meet with our new Brothers as they work on their proficiency for their journey through the Degrees. As part of our Lodge Improvement Plan, we began this process as an experiment three years ago to evaluate whether or not it would have an impact on Lodge attendance and membership retention. What we've seen is a very active cadre of newer Masons and a new level of interest in our Lodge. Younger members are stepping up and participating in the Ritual of the Degrees. Attendance in the Lodge has increased. Proficiency in Ritual has exhibited itself with Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons volunteering to be examined in open Lodge - something that has never happened before in ERAC.

Yes, Brothers, there are some changes happening in your Lodge, changes you have to see to believe! We have raised the bar. We continue to raise it even farther. If you haven't been to Lodge in awhile, drop by and check us out. □



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By Jeffrey Van Sice, Senior Warden

Well, another month has flown by and we are now into Spring. This reminds me that we only have a few months to finish up this year and to begin planning for the next Masonic Year.

#### Mark Your Calendar

April 8th – Conferral of 3rd Degree is scheduled for four Brothers. W.: John Lemke will be in the East for the Degree. I encourage all members who can attend, please help us Raise four Fellowcraft Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

#### April Birthdays

I wish Happy Birthday to Brothers Richard Bean, Dale Bond, Raymond Cody, Gary Cornelius, Robert Crystal, Clarence Dinger, Charles DiPilato, Richard Fisher, Jared Groth, Alexander Guilday, Franklin Higgins, Robert Kennedy, Earl Lenhard, Cedric Lodge, Jerry Luedemann, James Robb, Gary Rodriguez, Arthur Rogers, Jonathan Smith, William Stoddard, Derek VanHouten and Jeffrey Van Sice.

I leave you with a quote from one of my favorite Masons ... "We represent a Fraternity which believes in justice and truth and honorable action in your community... men who are endeavoring to be better citizens ... to make a great country greater. This is the only institution in the world where we can meet on the level all sorts of people who want to live rightly. Although I hold the highest civil honor in the world, I have always regarded my rank and title as a Past Grand Master of Masons the greatest honor that had ever come to me."

Harry S. Truman

Until we meet again on the Level. ☐

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In February, we had the pleasure of Initiating two new Brothers. Both were introduced to Freemasonry by Brother Jonathan Buck. Brother Buck also informs us he has another Petitioner interested in joining Northfield Lodge. At this rate, Jonathan may well be the member who brought in the most Petitions this year.

Mark your calendar for April 4th, when we will engage in the Master Mason Degree with the Shrine Degree team at the helm. If you are interested in attending the dinner, please contact Devon Littlefield at 203-1123 with your reservation.

#### April Birthdays

Celebrating this month are Brothers Frederick Halik, J. Michael Zona, Gregg Moore and Pedro Ugalde.

#### Masonic Anniversaries

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43 years	<b>Robert De Visser</b>
20 years	<b>James Craib</b>
19 years	<b>Don Abmonte</b>

We need volunteers to help with cleaning the building and caring for the grounds. There is a sign-up sheet and calendar at the Lodge. We need as many people as we can get to help with the various tasks. If you are available, please list your name. ☐

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Have you got cabin fever? Time to get out of the house. Join us at Lodge for fellowship, good food, fellowship, learn something new, fellowship and maybe learn something old.

The "Pub Crawl" was moved to March 9th. Some twenty Brothers took part in the food, games and brew of choice. A good time was had by all. The Worshipful Master turned out to be a "pool master."

#### April Events

April 8th - There will be an Awards Night.

April 20th - Boy Scouts earning the Eagle Badge will be recognized at this special gathering. This, of course, will be open to the public.

The 3rd Degree will be conferred on April 22nd for at least three Brothers.

#### Sickness and Distress

W.: Tom Goodrich continues with radiation and chemo. Of course, he has good days and bad. He surprises us with his determination. Pray for him, call him and/or send a card.

We have been concerned about not seeing R.: W.: Brother Bob Cameron. Apparently Jean fell and broke her hip and they both have been forced to stay close to home. No more trips South for the Winter. Soon they will both be able to get out and about.

#### April Birthdays

April birthdays include the following Brothers: Charles Blazey (2nd),

Jeremy Leichtner (3rd), James Martin (7th), Stuart Bobry (8th), John Byam III (9th), Gary Moore (11th), Ray Anderson (20th), Arthur Friedman (22nd) and Nicholas Miraglia (28th). Happy Birthday to all and wishes to them for a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

More information about our group trip to a Red Wings game will be forthcoming. Think fellowship, the game, fellowship, food and fellowship. We will be hosting our Little League team and our newly sponsored adult baseball team. ☐

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My apologies to our Brothers for my floundering in the last two issues and failing to submit an article for the **Masonic Times**.

We have some changes underway at our Lodge in hopes of continuing to restore our building. Brother Mike Denard has headed a crew that is opening up the Fellowcraft Room and combining it with the Storage Room. Hopefully, when all is done we will have a more magnificent building to show.

I became a Mason for many different reasons. The social aspect of the group, the camaraderie, the lore that surrounds us, and the simple caliber of people I met who were Masons intrigued me to press on to become one. When asked why he became a Mason, part of the Senior Warden's reply is so he may come to the relief of a distressed worthy Master Mason, their widows and orphans. I never put much thought into those lines. In fact, I am not sure how many Brothers actually do.

This past January, after 11 years with a company, I found myself unemployed. Like most in my situation, I was misplaced. The thought of what I was going to do next or how I was going to make ends meet vexed me greatly and the thought of not being able to provide for my family was worse.

Yet all this actually turned out to be good news. In the preceding weeks I began to question exactly why I became a Mason. With time constraints, a new house, being over worked and a new dad, I began to question exactly why I was coming to meetings. I was sure that missing time with my family and my Wednesday night shows "Modern Family" and "The Middle" were just not worth it. However, the day I found myself unemployed is the day I learned why I became a Mason.

Within a few hours of getting home, before I could start the pity parade, the calls began to come in. Brother after Brother called me, not only to offer their condolences, but their help as well. In the preceding days, Brothers were working the phones contacting friends looking for openings, and some Brothers were trying to get me on my feet by helping me start my own business. Brothers were altering their schedules, their workload and their lives to assist me - a Brother in distress. Most impressive is that the Brother who helped me the most was one with whom I recently had a major disagreement.

In the end, I received such a great outpouring of support that I was re-employed in three weeks. Though I did not know it seven years ago, this is why I became a Mason, because when the chips are down we

will have each other's backs; not because we have to, but because it is who we are. As good and upstanding men, despite what we may claim we feel or how we act towards one another, at the end of the day we are all Brothers. I am eternally grateful to those Brothers for their support, not only for helping me in my hour of need but for reminding me why I am a Mason. Hopefully I can pay it forward in the future. ☐

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By R.: W.: Dave Allen

Time marches on and so does the workings of Freemasonry - especially in Webster Lodge. My Brothers, we have been truly fortunate to have accomplished what some of our Brother Lodges haven't. We have, at one time or another, retained all the Awards available in Monroe District - namely, Howard Pott's Award, Traveling Gavel, Grand Lecturer's Attendance Banner and School of Ritual Attendance Banner. As of this date, we have five Fellowcraft who will have been Raised on March 7th. Al Borrino enjoyed the fruits and labors of Right Worthy Joy Woodleys delicious repast she and her workers provided at this 3rd Degree. Welcome back, Sister Joy.

On February 21st, 40 members and guests once again celebrated our Annual Table Lodge. Along with our ever-present DDGM, R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz, were four of our soon-to-be Master Masons who were toasted by R.: W.: Phil. R.: W.: Bruce Chilton did his usual fine job of Chairing the occasion. The Raising of the Glasses along the Seven Toasts were done to Perfection. Again, Junior Warden, Al Borrino, saw to it that no one went away hungry. Senior Deacon, Jeremy Knox, will have to keep on top of things in order to follow in his footsteps. He has already exhibited many of those traits.

Might I deviate for a moment? Masons like me, who have 40-50 plus years in the Quarries, I'm sure don't remember involving or even allowing anyone below the Degree of Master Mason to even set foot on Lodge Property. It was unheard of to lower Lodge to allow an Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft to be present in Open Lodge. This, I firmly believe, is one of the primary reasons why we are enjoying such a fine Line of Officers and attendance at the different functions.

Again, I thank all who participated in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. We outdid ourselves and as I don't have the final figures, would guess it was well over last year's \$500. A special thanks to our DDGM R.: W.: Phil, who showed up on the 6-9 shift on the February 8th and saved my "B---."

Rumor has it that some well-qualified Brother is looking to assist and eventually take over "Spaghetti Nick's" duties. If this is false, then let's make it happen. I'll bet Nick would become a "Snowbird" if he had the chance. At 83, he deserves it. Don't know if Fran would agree, but it's worth a try.

#### 150th Anniversary Plans

All Webster Past Masters, take notice!!! We are primarily responsible for seeing that our 150th Anniversary Celebration is done to perfection. If you have not yet received a letter of explanation from Junior Warden, Al Borrino, you

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Friday, April 5th**  
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will shortly. Do not shrug your assignments!! We are expecting this will be one of the final duties of our Present Grand Master, M.:W.: James Sullivan, as his term expires three months afterward. Let's show him all the respect due him and his Grand Line, most of who will be in attendance. By the way, we have 170+/- local members who are eligible to attend. We expect in the area of 250 total. As you can see, this will require much planning which hasn't started yet.

Along with Local and County Officials, we expect a group from Canada. Speaking of which, did you know that we received a Special Dispensation from Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada to display the Canadian Flag in our Lodge Room? It must always be one

step below "Old Glory."

**To Brothers of Inspiration Lodge ...**

Beware, the Fellowcraft of Webster Lodge are preparing to return to it's rightful home you know what.

**Sickness and Distress**

W.: Ken Hutchinson suffered a stroke earlier this month. I talked to Edna today and he is again back at Blossomview Nursing Home in Sodus. Due to various illnesses such as flu, visitation is limited. Please call before going (315) 483-9118.

Got it through the grapevine, Brother Fred Cornell will talk to you if you insist, so try!!!!

In closing, let's not forget our Widows to be invited to the Annual Widows Luncheon on April 20th. Contact Brother Hank Libera, Chairman, 872-5427. □

and place their names in the archives and memories of all of Seneca Lodge so they may live forever. But the sadness of the Ceremony will hit home as some of the Brothers were close to me, especially Fred Norter, who I looked up to as a mentor, Brother and friend. I am also encouraged by the fact that the purpose of the Lodge of Remembrance is to "calm the sorrow for the absence our Brethren who have gone before us."

The Brothers who went to the Grand Architect of the Universe this past year were: Douglas R. Bell; Allan W. Gardner; Russell C. Marron, Jr.; Edward L. Matthews; Frederick T. Norter; James G. Smith; and Howard P. Stickney. If you knew these Brothers, please take a moment to remember them, remember the good times you shared with them and say a prayer for their families.

April will be a busy month with a special treat at our April 9th Open Meeting. We have invited guest speakers Brother Paul Vick and his lovely wife, Joyce, to share their presentation on their recent trip to India. Among the rich experiences they shared was presiding over the dedication of a new library and three new churches! The presentation promises to be entertaining and inspiring.

I have asked that this regular meeting be an Open Meeting, so all are welcome. Invite your wives to be the guests of Seneca and enjoy a fine evening of good food and good friends with us! And please get your reservations to Brother Quartley so he can have an accurate headcount for dinner.

Since our regular meeting will be Open, and we have five Brothers on whom to confer the 3rd Degree, there will be a Special Communication mailed out calling the Brethren to Lodge on Saturday, April 20th at 9 a.m. This is the one time I will really push you to stretch your Cabletow and assist Seneca in conferring a proper 3rd Degree for the new Brothers. Nothing bothers me more than seeing too few Craftsmen in the drama portion of the Degree.

Think back to when you were Raised and the impact that day had on you. Now it is your chance to give that feeling to a new member of your Seneca family. Lunch and cocktails will be served afterward. This is the 3rd Degree to attend as we finally will be getting out of the Lodge before midnight! So tell your wife you need a few hours on Saturday,

April 20th, ink it on your calendars, and support your Lodge.

The date and place for Seneca's Annual Ladies Night has been set. It will be at the Shadow Lake Golf Club on Saturday, May 11th; (time and price forthcoming). Dinner choices are Filet Mignon, Chicken French, Crab-Stuffed Sole or Eggplant Parmesan with Pesto Pasta. There will be entertainment and open bar for a period of time before and after dinner. Please make your reservations for this highlight event with Matt Dehmler at 739-9393 or via email at [mdehmler@gmail.com](mailto:mdehmler@gmail.com). Hurry, as reservations are due by May 8th!

**April Birthdays**

I recognize Brothers born in the hopefully warm month of April: Jack Maltby (2nd), Mike Lewis (6th), Wayne Fenton (18th), Ray Riddell (24th), Bob Crystal (29th) and Bob Kimmel (30th). Thank you to all our April Brothers for your service to our Lodge no matter how long ago it may have been. Whether you live near or far, Seneca Lodge wishes you a heartfelt and most happy birthday!

If you are ever interested in visiting our Lodge and enjoying one of the finest meals in the District, please contact Junior Warden, Jeff Quartley, at 202-1524 or [piperq@rochester.rr.com](mailto:piperq@rochester.rr.com). □

til a subsequent Communication. The focus of the evening should be on the Candidates and having the Degree begin promptly in the evening, will help allow them to be awake and better engaged in the ceremony. Also, after a long Degree, the Brothers will want to have a little time for some fellowship before the lateness of the day sets in and bringing business before the Lodge (that can wait until later) should be avoided. Remember that email reflectors are a great tool for disseminating those types of things.

Secondly, it is so important that the Masters of Ceremony, Stewards and Conductors participate in rehearsals. One recurring weakness we have observed is the floor work related to the assembling and breaking of the symbolic temple. With a bit more attention to detail and proper rehearsal, this can easily be corrected. Just a small adjustment can make the difference between good and truly great work. Also, we are finding that the job of conducting Candidates is being overlooked. I can't emphasize enough just how important it is to have Conductors who are attentive to the needs of the Candidates, and who truly know the proper way to guide and encourage them through the floor work.

Also, those of you who are responsible for preparing your Candidates for the Degree need to be very diligent in this task. We've encountered some instances where not doing a thorough Inspection has led to Degrees being halted to correct issues up to, and including, Candidates being allowed to enter the Lodge Room not wearing Aprons! Please contact V.:W.: Pat Mulrooney or me if you have any questions on this subject and we'll be happy to guide you appropriately.

I recommend that everyone review their Cipher Books. Over time, it's very easy to substitute or add incorrect words or phrases. You all know it takes a serious amount of practice to memorize the Ritual. If you are going to put in the effort, then please take the extra time to occasionally review the Ritual so it remains firmly embedded in your minds and hearts. Reading the Ritual out loud as you study helps identify areas where improvement might be required.

Finally, all Lodge Masters are reminded that a Short Form Closing is not permitted. This is a Grand Lodge Directive! Even after a late night of Degree work, the Lodge must be properly closed in Due Form just as you would during a normal Communication. I hope these observations are helpful, as they are intended to be purely constructive and hopefully beneficial to you and your Lodge.

**Joint Investiture Ceremony**

Our Joint Investiture Ceremony for incoming Masters will be held on Friday, May 17th, at Fairport Masonic Hall. More information regarding this important District event will be available shortly. Please watch for complete details in the May edition of the Masonic Times, on your various email reflectors and Lodge announcements. Until next time, I hope to see all of you in Lodge soon! □

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By V.:W.: *Paul Jason Kolacki*

It's hard to believe that April is already upon us! Our first year as Assistant Grand Lecturers is certainly moving by very quickly. So far, it's been a pleasure for us as we've visited your Lodges for the various Edict and Dispensation Degrees. I sincerely thank you all for the warm hospitality.

With the advent of the Springtime Season, many of you have nearly completed your Degree work. I congratulate you on successfully Raising so many fine new Brothers and for doing so with such great care. I welcome all new Brothers to our great Fraternity. Many of you are excited about the Ritual, and have focused on improving and upholding the quality of the same for the benefit of our new Brothers. With that in mind, I do have a few observations to share for your consideration, which V.:W.: Patrick Mulrooney and I sincerely hope will help you as you strive to raise the bar concerning your Degree work.

First, for the benefit of our Candidates, new Brothers and your District Leadership Team, we recommend you try to table all unnecessary business un-



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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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III.: Kenneth "Rick" Howe, 33<sup>rd</sup>  
Commander-in-Chief

The Children's Dyslexia Center announces its Annual WALK for Dyslexia-the Annual fundraiser for the Children's Dyslexia Center. Our children work hard to overcome their reading difficulties. Please recognize their efforts and the work done by the Learning Center by participating in the Annual WALK. We look forward to seeing you there. To Register: email [rochcent@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rochcent@rochester.rr.com), or call the Center at (585) 264-1690 to request a Registration Brochure.

## Western New York Reunion

On April 27th, we will be traveling to Buffalo to participate in the Western New York Spring Reunion. This will be the third time the Western New York Valleys will have worked together for this purpose. We will be carpooling and/or taking a bus from Rochester to Buffalo. The Degrees scheduled are: 4<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and the Trial 32<sup>nd</sup> (which will count as 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup>) to complete our "bookend" Reunion. This will be your last chance to achieve your 32<sup>nd</sup> until next Fall, so get your Petitions filled out and sent in.

## Reunion Banquet

On May 4th, you don't want to miss the Reunion Banquet at Cobblestone Creek in Victor. There will be a very special presentation by our Illustrious 33<sup>rd</sup> members, which promises to be enlightening an entertaining. Get your reservation in early.

May 16th - Our Annual Election and Installation at the Shrine Center. More information to follow.

## Musings

In keeping with the Scottish Rite claim to being the "College of Freemasonry," I've decided to make the effort of using my space to enlighten on subjects of Masonic interest. As many know my avocation is that of a singer/musician - and yes, songwriter, although not as prolific as my subject this month). Therefore, it seems only natural that my first effort would be something of a musical topic. I've chosen to write about one of the greatest American songwriters of the 20th Century ...

## Brother Irving Berlin

Quoting Jerome Kern, "Irving Berlin has no place in American Music ... he is American Music." It seems ironic, that Irving was not born in America, but in rural hinterlands of Russia.

Irving Berlin (born Israel Baline) was born on May 11, 1888, to Jewish parents. His father was a Cantor in a local Synagogue, where we might suppose little Israel got his first musical exposure.

If we remember our history lessons; we will recall, under Czar Alexander III, the Russian pogroms caused the persecution of the Jewish communities. Homes and properties were destroyed. One of Irving's first recollections was of his home going up in flames, courtesy of the Czar's Army.

Many of the Jewish families immigrated to America. Irving's father had a relative in New York and was finally able to move to the "Promised Land." The Balines had come from the expansive farming lands of Rural Russia to the crowded tenements of the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Sadly, Izzy's father died while he was still in grammar school, leaving his mother and several children to fend for themselves. Irving sold newspapers and sang in the streets until, at 16, he became a singing waiter in one of Manhattan's many saloons.

It was around that time he began composing songs, reflecting on the environment that surrounded him. He developed a knack for taking the chaotic sounds of the streets and extrapolating them into catchy melodies and lyrics. He was a self-taught piano player and could only play on the black Keys (key of F#, I believe). An invention at that time allowed for a lever to be installed on a piano to shift keys.

## Walk for Dyslexia Saturday, April 13th

This opened up a whole range of musical scales to employ in his songwriting. In 1907, while still a teenager, he wrote "Marie of Sunny Italy" and at that time adopted the name Irving Berlin. In 1911, he achieved almost overnight success with "Alexander's Ragtime Band." It became an overnight sensation and was played everywhere and there are still reports it was being performed by the orchestra on the Titanic when it went down on that fateful night in 1912.

"Berlin's background had instilled in him a deep sense of the value of tolerance and charity. When only 22 years old, he became a Mason, being Raised to the 3rd Degree in Munn Lodge No. 190 in New York City on June 3, 1910. In 1910 he also became a Scottish Rite 32<sup>nd</sup> Mason and joined the Shrine the following year." STB

In 1912, he married Dorothy Goetz. They honeymooned in Cuba where his new wife contracted typhoid fever and died five months after their wedding. He purged his sadness by writing the popular song "When I Lost You." In 1917 he was drafted into World War I and while there wrote the famous all-Army production "Yip! Yip! Yaphank" with its most famous song "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," which (being a perennial night owl) was an expression of his hatred of rising early and for his disdain for buglers in general.

After the Service, he opened his own theater - The Music Box. In the early 20s he fell in love with Ellen Mackay, daughter of millionaire, Clarence Mackay. The songs "All Alone," "Remember," and "Always" were written for her. Being a devout Roman Catholic, Ellen was disowned by her father when he found out she was going to marry a Russian Jew. Berlin and Ellen were married for over 60 years and never changed their respective religions.

As a further indication of Berlin's tolerance and compassion, he loaned his father-in-law two million dollars after he had lost everything in the Stock Market Crash of 1929. They subsequently reconciled.

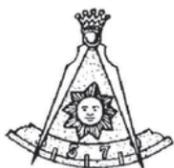
Berlin's tolerance also extended to his music as he wrote perennial Christian favorites, "Easter Parade" and "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" - an example of his acceptance of the values of other people's beliefs. In 1938, Berlin wrote another American classic for the ages - "God Bless America," which was made popular by Kate Smith. There was even an aborted movement for it to replace the "Star Spangled Banner" as our National Anthem. All of the proceeds from "God Bless America" were donated to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls.

During World War II, Berlin wrote an all-Army show reminiscent of the World War I show. Berlin was the only non-active Army person in the show and he resurrected his favorite "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" and dressed in his World War I uniform.

The Army, at that time, was still segregated, but Berlin insisted that the entire cast, both black and white would be housed and transported together and no segregation be permitted. The Show was a huge success and traveled all over the Country and the World.

Berlin produced his last Broadway Show in 1962 "Mr. President," but times were changing and his brand of show had run its course. Berlin, feeling hurt and rejected, at 74 years of age went into seclusion even refusing to attend his 100-year Celebration at Carnegie Hall in 1988. Ellen passed away on July 29, 1988, and Irving passed on September 22, 1989. They had been married over 62 years and he had been a Mason for 79 years.

He, himself, said that he became a Mason "because I



By John Lemke,  
Thrice Potent Master

President Lincoln famously communicated and persuaded through stories. He would tell humorous stories and serious stories. Arguing with people doesn't work. His success as a lawyer and President was in no small measure based on his ability to tell a timely and relevant story that gets people to think and see his position.

In the Bible there are many stories. We are taught right and wrong and many moral lessons through stories. The stories are timeless. We understand them now as well as centuries ago. The great story in the New Testament, of course, is Jesus; the story of his life, death and resurrection. Millions of people over Centuries have been guided by the stories of the Bible.



## SIGN UP NOW!

### Saturday, April 13, 2013

**Perinton Park - Fairport  
(Along the Scenic Erie Canal)**

**Check-in: 9:30 a.m. ~ WALK: 10:30 a.m.**

**\* Picnic Luncheon & Silent Auction 11:30 a.m. \***

The Walk for Dyslexia is the Annual Fundraiser for the Children's Dyslexia Center. Our children work hard to overcome their reading difficulties. Please recognize their efforts and the work done by the Learning Center by participating in the Annual WALK.

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knew Masonry would stimulate my ability to harmonize with my fellow men." Berlin's gentle soul and clever wit provided us with approximately 1,500 songs that defined the Century his life spanned. A genius that could take in the chaotic sounds and bustle around him and turn it into a memorable melody and then could take simple words the rest use every day and string them together to say so much more than any of us mortals.

*Irving Berlin: Borrowed from "Short Talk Bulletin," Vol 82/No.12; December, 2004 Written by: Robert Morris, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts* □

Our Master Mason Lodge starts a story, begins the moral lesson. It is the great story that we take to heart and are guided by. We work in the Lodge to better understand and to bring Brothers along from Initiation through the Master Mason Degree. We grow as we better understand these three Degrees.

For those who enjoy the journey of growth - especially done with other like-minded Brothers, the Scottish Rite provides a path to further light and understanding. The Scottish Rite is a vibrant, successful Masonic Fraternity that I have found to be a perfect complement to my Lodge membership

Contact me if you have an interest in finding out about the Scottish Rite. Phone: (585) 317-4791 or email: [jlemke55@gmail.com](mailto:jlemke55@gmail.com).

Saturday, April 27th, is the day we will confer the Degrees you would need to take to become a 32nd Degree Mason.

Let me tell you a story. □

## Valley of Rochester It's Almost Spring—2013

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**April 13th - Childrens' Dyslexia Center Walk**  
 Perinton Park - Fairport  
**Registration - 9:30 a.m.; Walk - 10:30 a.m.; Lunch follows**  
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**April 18th at Shrine Center**  
**Business Meeting / Dinner (\*\*)**  
**Candidate Orientation / BBB (Casual)**  
**Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**  
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**April 27th - Reunion at Buffalo**  
**Program - 4°, 9°, 15°, 26° and 32°**  
**Bus and Carpool from Rochester - 7 a.m.**  
**to 2379 Union Road, Cheektowaga**  
**Degrees start at 9 a.m. - Bring Membership Card and Passport**  
**Lunch at Buffalo - Make reservations with our Office (\*\*)**  
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**May 11th at Cobblestone Creek Country Club**  
**Reunion Banquet**  
**Social - 6 p.m. ~ Dinner and Program - 7 p.m. (\*\*)**  
**Featuring a special program to celebrate the**  
**200th Anniversary of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction**  
**Members of the Ill. : Seymour G. Kopen, 33°, Class**  
**are Guests of the Valley**  
**Reservations with meal selections due May 3rd (\*\*)**  
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**Business Meeting / Dinner (\*\*)**  
**Elections and Installation**  
**Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Program - 7:30 p.m.**  
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**SAVE THE DATE ... July 20th - 8th Annual Clambake/Steak Roast**  
**11 a.m. - 'til ? at Camp Morris, Wayland**  
**\$20 per person for Members; Bring a Dish-to-Pass (\*\*)**  
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**July 27th - New York Council of Deliberation, Liverpool**  
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**\*\* Make your reservations On Time! Don't be Late!**  
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The Masonic War Veterans (MWV) have a very active schedule ahead in April and May. Please review the calendar at the end of this article and plan to attend all of the activities that you are able.

We had a good Lodge of Remembrance Program in February for seven of our members. Many of these members were very active over the years and will be greatly missed by this Post, their families and Masonic Lodges.

On January 26th, Gil Gellasch, Gordon Palmer and Vance Collom attended the Grand Post Directors' Meeting in Attica. We learned a great deal about how the Grand Post Directors work and the activities in which they are involved at the State level. The Directors have four meetings a year and any Post Member is welcome to attend.

Congratulations are in order for Gil Gellasch who was elected Treasurer General of the Grand Post MWV of the State of New York. This is quite an honor for Gil and involves a lot of travel to support activities across New York State.

On February 16th, the Grand Master presented a Charter to MWV Post No.44 in Cortland. There were 36 members and guests in attendance, including Gil Gelasch, who can fill you in on some of the details along with a few pictures highlighting the evening.

I am pleased to report that Financial Officer, Don Osborne, is feeling better after some physical therapy in March. Don enjoys woodworking and just finished a wall plaque to display his Army insignias. Don has volunteered to assist other Post Members, later this year, if they would like to make a display case or plaque for their service medals and insignias.

Our next Post No.12 Meeting will be Thursday, April 25th at the Webster Masonic Lodge Hall (30 Orchard Street) at 1 p.m. Bring a Veteran and join us for a light lunch at 12 noon.

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#### Mark your Calendar

April 17th - 2:30 p.m., Birthday Party at Canandaigua VAMC in Building 7A; 12:30 p.m. Lunch at The Villager.

April 20th - 12 Noon, Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin; Color Guard be there at 11:30 a.m.

April 24th - 11:00 a.m., Long Service Awards Banquet (VAMC), Burgundy Basin

April 25th - 1:00 p.m., Post No. 12 Meeting at Webster Masonic Hall; Lunch at 12 Noon.

May 15th - 2:30 p.m., Birthday Party at Canandaigua VAMC in Building 7A; 12:30 p.m.. Lunch at The Villager.

May 18th - 10 a.m., Meeting of Grand Post 65th Annual Convention, Salvatore's Grand Hotel, Williamsville

May 19th - 3 p.m., Memorial Day Service - Rochester War Memorial Atrium; Wreath Service

May 23rd - 1 p.m., Post No. 12 Meeting at Webster Masonic Hall; Lunch at 12 Noon.

May 27th - 10 a.m., Memorial Day Parade. Assemble at Strathallan Place and East Ave. 1 p.m., Greece Town Parade. Assemble at Long Pond and Janes Roads.

May 29th - 2:30 p.m., Memorial Day Service for VA Hospital; Color Guard - Flag Folding/Missing Man □



## Valley of Rochester Reunion Banquet

at Cobblestone Creek Country Club  
 100 Cobble Creek Road, Victor, NY

# Saturday, May 11, 2013

5:30 p.m. - Social (cash bar); Served Hors d'oeuvres

6:30 p.m. - Dinner and Program

Recognition of new 32° Members and their Ladies  
 Announcement of DSA Recipients for 2013

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*Call the Valley Office to make your reservation by Noon, Friday, May 3rd*

## York Rite NEWS

### Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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#### What's Happening

As I write this, Grand Chapter Convocation has ended. The major business of the meeting was changes to the Constitutions to allow for Chapters to work in another language. This was done to accommodate one Chapter in Lebanon, Chartered by Grand Chapter, to do the work in a language other than English. This was rather complicated as language is specified in many different Sections of the Constitutions of Grand Chapter.

The new Grand High Priest is M.: E.: Richard "RJ" Kessler from Buffalo. His theme is "Attitude to Succeed." What this means for us is that we need to perform every activity we do with the only goal being to succeed. You heard more about this at our first meeting in March. If you missed the meeting, let the High Priest know by email and he will send you a copy of the Grand High Priest's Message.

The Grand Convocation also was the end of the term of your High Priest as Grand Master of the First Veil. He has moved on to become the District Deputy Grand High Priest for the 13th Capitular District. This should be a smooth transition from R.: E.: Joe Oelgoetz's Term of Office that was cut short by his need to move out of the area. As part of the new duties, the DDGHP has both pins and special flashlights to convey to the Companions for a small donation to the Royal Arch Charities. Also available are Grand Chapter Seals for a small donation. If you weren't at the March meetings where they were available, let the High Priest know if you are interested in any of the items.

#### Musings

One of the interesting facts (to me) brought out at the Grand Convocation was that there are only 40 active Chap-

ters of Royal Arch Masons in New York; but, by number, there have been over 344 Chapters Chartered over the 215 years of Grand Chapter's existence. There are slightly less than 3,500 Royal Arch Masons in the State. This makes the York Rite the smallest Concordant Body of Freemasonry in the State. What does this all mean to Hiram Chapter? I believe it means we have a great potential to grow in the future and we have the ability of becoming the home of truly great Freemasons in our community.

The York Rite Degrees build, as do the Scottish Rite Degrees, on the lessons of the Lodge Degrees to help the Brother Mason learn how to improve himself and give his life more meaning to society. The method used to teach the lessons is different. The York Rite uses Ritual and Allegory to convey its message. The message of each Degree must be ferreted out by the Candidate individually and can take some time because the Degrees contain much material in very compact settings. By some time, I mean the Companion should watch, or participate in, the Degrees several times. This helps bring out the lessons taught in the Degree. The lessons are not specifically stated, but alluded to by the Ritual.

Companions, what can you do to improve your Masonic Career and learn the lessons taught by all the Degrees? I believe to achieve this goal you must support your Lodge, its programs, Degrees and activities. Let your fellow Lodge members know you are a York Rite Mason. Also support your Chapter by attending its meetings, Degrees, programs and activities. As we improve our Chapter, we will be better able to reach out to our Brother Masons and encourage them to explore the Rite and join us. We must labor in the quarries to improve ourselves, our Lodge and our Chapter. We can succeed in accomplishing all of this and, in the process, build lasting friendships with our Brothers and Companions.

Freemasonry, through our Lodges and the Rites, can fill the needs of man. However, some don't know they need what we can offer; some know they need it, but don't know where to find it. Some know and can find what they need as they are the active Masons and Companions of our Lodges and Chapters. Let us help those who are searching to find what they need by showing them that Freemasonry and our Rite can help them. □

**Have-a-Heart**

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for many reasons. I will forever be indebted to Frank, Tom, Gary, Ron, Mark, Ryan, Bud, Terry and Kelly DeFrees (and their baby daughter), the RN from my Dermatology Office.

**Our Mall Heroes**

My thanks to the Mall heroes ... ERAC and Webster at Eastview; Clio and Inspiration at Greece; and Union Star and Livingston District at Marketplace. Thanks to these Lodges that raised the most money at their respective Malls.

**Campaign Sponsors**

Another key part of a successful Campaign is our Sponsors:

- First and foremost to Wilmorite Corporation for Mall space, set-up and clean-up.
- Monroe Litho (Steve Whittaker) for our red paper hearts.
- Label World U.S.A for our Sticky hearts.
- Terry Baird for our signs and banners.
- Masonic Service Bureau for advertising and financial support.
- Eastman Savings and Loan for accounting.
- Entercom Communications for two weeks of radio ads on their six stations.
- And let's not forget Grand Lodge for supplying the million-dollar insurance policy for each Mall.

From set-up to clean-up to tearing down, along with picking up and counting day's receipts, handing out hearts and training ... these are just some of the things the Mall Chairmen do. I have three of the best; without them, there would be no success, Gary Sanford at Eastview, Mark Hutton at Marketplace and Eugene Crews at Greece. These Great Masons put in countless hours on the phone, fielding emails and scheduling. Thanks guys, we couldn't do it without you.

Our thanks to The Ronald McDonald



Houses for providing a great service, which makes collecting money for their cause so much easier. Also, let's not forget the Patrons at the Malls, who willingly parted with their money and helped make Masons look pretty good.

**It All Adds Up ...**

In closing, for those who enjoy numbers, I have just received a complete 26-year rundown on the amount of money collected for each *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. The total, including this year, is just shy of \$340,000! Our seven-year average is \$17,100 per year, and have thirty-five percent of the total, or \$120,000. CONGRATULATIONS! You should be proud. you all worked hard for that total.

I've probably forgotten someone or something, but I am another year older (a good excuse) and my mind is thinking Spring. Again, my sincere thanks to ALL.

*A Proud Mason* ☐



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**Spring Events**

March was not very Spring-like, so I am counting on April to bring us all some good cheer. On April 17th, at our General Meeting, we will be awarding Philanthropic monies to worthy organizations in our community. Ladies and/or significant others are also invited for this event. A light fare of food will be served. We will also be kicking off our Prophet-of-the-Year Competition during this event. The details of this Competition will be discussed at April's Board of Governors meeting. If you want details or desire input, Governors should show up and be counted.

**Sickness and Infirmity**

Prophet Jim Toogood returned to active duty at the Board of Governors meeting and related all his recovery experiences.

PM Al Pulcino also returned to active duty for the Board of Governors meeting and hopefully will be participating in more Grotto activities.

We still have not seen much of Prophets Fred Cornell and Bill Fredenburg.

**Prophet Bring-a-Brother**

This year we had a Prophet Bring-a-Brother event and some interested Candidates attended. There is a special incentive for Prophets who brought Candidates with them and who then filled out Petitions.



**Announcements**

April 19th is the ESGA Spring Meeting in Troy, NY. Those who make the trip will be in for a time of fun, good fellowship and a little business for our Grotto Association.

I close with the usual wish for good health and good fellowship. Thank you to all my fellow Prophets and Ladies. ☐

*Attend Grotto Meetings*

**Monday, April 4th**

Board of Governors  
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

**Saturday, April 9th**

Farah Monarch's Ball  
Warren, PA

**Wednesday, April 20th**

Open Meeting  
Prophet Bring-a-Brother  
5:30 p.m. - Social Hour, followed by a "meet and greet" with a short program for potential Candidates and a light meal.

**CLIP AND SAVE!**  
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By R.W. Kathy Alvito

Spring is here or so they say; I am ready for warmer weather. My year as District Deputy Grand Matron is flying by. Chapter Official Visits start this week:  
 April 2nd - Fairport Chapter, 7:30 p.m.  
 April 16th - Starlight Chapter, 7:30 p.m.

Before you know it, the Grand Matron's Official Visit will be here.

April 25th - The next Ken's Operators Meeting will be held at Bethany Church, 7:30 p.m.

April 29th - 10th Annual Tri-District Friendship Night honoring Chapter Secretaries and Treasurers, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Community Center, LeRoy

Don't forget we are collecting white T-shirts (sizes extra-large and larger) for the Veterans. You can bring them to Line Officers Meetings or give to your Matron.

### Neil's Notes ...

By M.W. Neil Laundry

Hopefully Spring has arrived along with the **Masonic Times**. I also hope everyone experiences that sense of renewal the Season can bring.

The School of Instruction was held March 2nd. I was very pleased and pleasantly surprised at the really nice turnout. In addition to many of our Line Officers, we also had a great showing of Chapter Members and appointed Grand Officers. Thanks to all who attended!

I need to extend special thanks to R.W. Barbara Bossert, Grand Ruth, and R.W. Sylvia Frederes, Grand Chaplain. Sister Barbara gave us a glimpse of what her role will be at Grand Sessions and

spoke eloquently about the importance of our Chapter Star Points in introducing our newly initiated members - not only to the drama of our heroines' stories, but to the virtues those heroines portray.

R.W. Sylvia explained the several roles demanded of her as Grand Chaplain and emphasized the responsibility of every Chapter Chaplain to perform her tasks to the letter of the Ritual. I hope everyone enjoyed the School and found it to be a productive morning.

I tried to stick to a forum/discussion format and we covered quite a bit of information. The group had some great questions which I hadn't heard before and several for which I had no answers. Thankfully, we had the good fortune to have M.W. Ken Milner, Grand Patron, in attendance and he bailed me out several times. I appreciated the general enthusiasm and willingness of the participants to interact openly and to share their ideas.

I am looking forward to joining R.W. Kathy for our upcoming DDGM's Official Visits and the opportunity to observe the presentation of our Ritual as it is performed across the District. Please take the time to review and rehearse not only the text and floor work for our Ceremony of Initiation, but all the work you'll

be performing. Let the details of your preparation and presentation reflect the pride you have in your membership.

I'll see you soon! Take care and have fun! □

## NOLATKA

### Chapter No. 320

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

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Upcoming Nolatka events include a program, "Looking at how the Ritual has changed over the years." We will be going to Starlight Chapter's Official Visit to support Carol Wynings who is an Honorary Member there.

We will be getting ready for our Joint Official Visit in May, which is scheduled for the first Monday. After that I will schedule speakers. □

## In Memoriam

### Butler, Roland G.

On February 28th, Roland Butler, 83, went to the waiting arms of his wife, Betty. His 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren remain to remember their lives. He was a member of Inspiration Lodge. Remembering you on this day, we are comforted by so many memories.

### Combs, William H.

On February 15th, William Combs, 68, went Home to his Lord leaving his wife, Laurie; 2 children, 3 grandchildren and extended family to remember him. He was a member of Union Lodge and Damascus Shrine. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Cone, Edward L.

Edward Cone, 89, left his Earthly home on March 15th. His wife of 65 years, Florence; 2 children, 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren survive him. Edward was an Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II and a member of Unity Lodge.

Though absent you are very near; still loved, still missed and very dear.

### Johnson, Michael F.

On February 24th, flights of angels escorted Michael Johnson, 68, to Heaven. His wife, Rosemary; 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren are left to miss him. Mike was a U.S. Navy Veteran and member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. You will live on in the hearts and minds of the loving family you left behind.

### Maupin, Arthur F.

Arthur Maupin, 92, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith on February 5th. Surviving are 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild who will remember him always. Art was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II and a member of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

### Miller, Daniel L.

Daniel Miller, 86, went home to his Lord on February 21st, leaving his wife of 56 years, Mary Elizabeth; 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren to share his legacy. Daniel was a U.S. Army Airborne Veteran of World War II. He was a member of Inspiration Lodge. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

### Norwood, James H.

James Norwood, 81, passed away February 12th and his wife, Mary; 5 children, 3 step-daughters, 22 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren will miss him. He served over 40 years in the U.S. Army. Jim was a member of a Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star Chapter in Florida; locally, he belonged to Scottish Rite. As you were, you will always be treasured forever in our memory.

### Peters, Lawrence C.

Lawrence Peters, 75, was received into Eternal Glory on February 6th, leaving his wife, Jean; 2 children and 3 grandchildren to survive him. He was a member of Damascus Shrine. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

### Rice, John G.

On February 15th, John Rice went to the waiting arms of his wife, leaving 2 children and many friends to remember him. He was a Veteran and member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. No length of time can take away our thoughts of you today.

### Widows to be Remembered

**Rabjohns, Marion L.**, 96, widow of Alfred Rabjohns (Unity Lodge), passed away February 24th.

**Robertson, Doris E.**, 86, widow of Paul Robertson (Inspiration Lodge), passed away February 9th.

**Thone, Daphne**, 90, widow of Paul Thone (ERAC Lodge), passed away March 6th.

**Wilde, Ida**, 102, widow of Howard Wilde (Union Star Lodge), passed away January 3rd.

**Whitley, Louise**, 82, widow of Rayford Whitley (Seneca Lodge), passed away March 5th. □

## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### MAY

- 4 Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet
- 6-7 Grand Lodge Sessions, New York City
- 11 Seneca Lodge Annual Ladies Night, Shadow Lake Golf Club
- 16 Wayne District, Road to the East - Session 3, Sodus
- 17 Joint Investiture Ceremony, Fairport
- 19 O/S/Y District Memorial Service, United Church of Christ, Phelps
- 20 Cyrene-Monroe Commandry Election and Installation of Officers

### JUNE

- 15 Livingston District Golf Tournament, Conesus Golf Club
- 20 Masonic Service Bureau Awards Night, Shrine Center
- 22 St. John's Day at Masonic Care Community, Utica

### JULY

- 20 Eunice Lodge Golf Tournament, Conesus Golf Club
- 27 OES Pilgrimage Day, Eastern Star Campus, Oriskany

### AUGUST

- 17 Livonia Lodge Golf Tournament, Conesus Golf Club
- 18 O/S/Y District Golf Tournament, Big Oak Golf Course



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