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SURPRISE PARTY FOR STAFF SGT. BUCHANAN



Staff Sargeant Kellie Buchanan is overwhelmed by crowd of well-wishers at her surprise homecoming party at the Shrine Center.

Alerted to the arrival of the Buchanan vehicle, the door to the Shrine Center dining room was closed. The gathering of nearly 150 family and friends stood silently and patiently for her to enter. As she did, shouts of "Welcome Home, Kellie" resonated throughout the hall. Once the initial shock passed, Kellie greeted and hugged many of the attendees.

Organized by R.:W.: Michael Hueston, Grand Director of Ceremonies and travelling companion of Kellie's husband, R.:W.: Robert Buchanan, also



Grand Director of Ceremonies, every effort was made to keep the event a secret. From her reaction, it was a success.

A picnic lunch was available, with Brother Kevin Gerhard of Maximilian's Catering, serving Hot Dogs, Hamburgs, Italian Sausages with Peppers and Onions, Macaroni Salad and other necessary accoutrements. Donations were accepted to cover the costs, and a cash bar was available.

The event took place on August 31st, a week after Kellie's arrival back in Rochester, which itself was delayed one day due to a flight cancelation.

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Still time to register

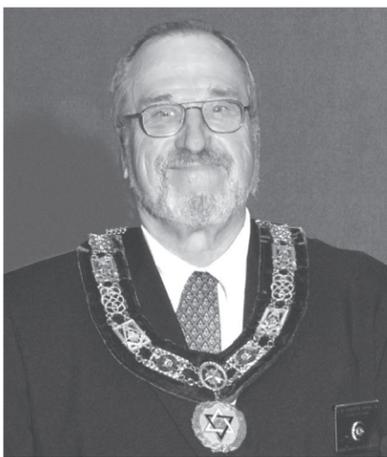
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Grand Lecturer's Convention at Damascus Shrine Center

R.:W.: Robert W. Strang, Jr., will conduct the Grand Lecturer's Convention for the Monroe District on Tuesday, October 15th, at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster. This is a change in venue from the last few years. If you are not familiar with this facility, it is handicapped accessible and completely air conditioned, if it is necessary that night.

Preceded by a Steak Dinner, by Maximilian's Catering, at 6:30 p.m., the Convention is expected to begin at 7:30 p.m. Inspiration Lodge No. 109 is hosting this year's event, which should end about 9:00 p.m.

No program information had been shared with R.:W.: Paul Kolacki, our Assistant Grand Lec-



R.:W.: Robert W. Strang, Jr.

turer, as this issue of the **Masonic Times** went to press. He said, "we hope to have good attendance at this important event, and we look forward to seeing everyone for what is sure to be a real nice presentation by our Grand Lecturer."

Brother Todd Colburn, Junior Warden of Inspiration Lodge and co-ordinator of the Dinner, has asked that each Lodge establish their own contact for meal reservations. This Brother should email the names of those attending to: colburn-todd1@gmail.com. Reservations are requested by Friday, October 11th, to allow the Caterer a few days to obtain enough food for the evening.

The price of the Dinner is \$15 per person. A reservation made, is a reservation paid. ☐

OES Members on Grand Matron's Cruise



By R.W. Jan Porter, Grand Color Bearer

On September 1st, 53 Eastern Star members, family and friends set sail for Bermuda. It was the 2013 Grand Matron's Trip that we had anxiously awaited for months. Twelve members were from Monroe District. We were not disappointed ... the Celebrity Summit Cruise Ship was elegant and most accommodating to all who boarded. It was truly a relaxing vacation. (More photos on Page 15.)



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Editor's Corner

Even with the additional four pages last month, which I had anticipated due to the numerous Summer activities many Organizations held and reported, I ran out of space and cut the Editor's Corner. You lucked out, once again. But here I am this month.

My thanks to all the Officers, Secretaries in particular, who responded so promptly to our annual requests for Officer information for our Monroe District Masonic Directory. We were really pleasantly surprised how fast we received the responses from the overwhelming majority of the Organizations. However, there were a few who did not reply promptly and needed multiple requests to obtain the proper information.

It only takes one!

One organization did not reply at all and was dropped from the Directory. I don't know if it still exists, but we certainly made the best effort we could to obtain the information and could delay production no longer. As it is, many of the groups included in the Directory elect Officers at different times of the year.

The Directory was set up to allow Lodge Officers to have a single source for the principal Officers of the other Lodges in the Monroe Districts. When there was 31 Lodges, it was a bit more difficult to remember who was what Officer and his phone number(s). We are sorry that, for especially the Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star whose Officers change in October, we can't publish a new version of the Directory every time they, or another group, have an Officer change. It is not made available to the general membership due to the costs involved in producing the booklet. As it is now, advertisers and boosters cover the expenses incurred, and they receive copies for their support.

Maybe the Directory isn't as important or useful now that we are down to 12 Lodges. Most participants have cell phones with access to hundreds of names and numbers and pushing a button or two will connect you with any of those people whom you have programmed into your phone while attending one function or another. I don't know about you, but my memorized phone book is radically smaller than it was decades ago. BC (before cells), I knew the numbers and/or extensions of many, many friends and business associates. Now I look up in the phone's address book and press call.

As I ponder the question of doing away with this printed publication, and perhaps posting the information on our website, I've been asked for assistance with a Directory for yet another District. I guess the printed product still has value in some situations.

Thanks for reading.

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Note New Date
Widows Luncheon**

Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

The Burgundy Basin will, once again, host the Annual Widows Luncheon of the Masonic Service Bureau. Hey, Ladies, we know it is very early. However, this event, which has been held in April for the past several years, has been moved to the first Sunday in May for next year to avoid conflicting with other functions. We wanted to give you advance notice so you won't be taken by surprise. We hope this change will allow many Snowbirds to attend, too.

See you there

**All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party
December 14th**

In the far North Old Kris Kringle is making advanced plans to swing down to someplace called Webster on December 14th to visit an All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party at the Damascus Shrine located at 979 Bay Road. Heard tell that some of the activities planned will be decorate the pinecones in Holiday colors, face painting, cartoons for the kids, and, of course, the visit from the "main character" of the Season, along with punch and cool food.

Keep your eyes on the **Masonic Times** for further reportings of movement in the far North.

**All-Masonic
Children's Holiday Party**

at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

**Saturday, December 14th
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Open to children and grandchildren
(and their friends) of all Masonic Families**
Bring a wrapped gift for each child.
Be sure to mark with child's full name.

- Activities will include ...
- Cookie Decorating *** Pine Cone Bird feeder
 - Face Painting *** Coloring *** Snacks *** Drinks
 - Special visit with Santa

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**Eureka Lodge No. 36, Prince Hall Affiliated
Presents**

88th Annual Thanksgiving Scholarship Ball
Saturday, November 2nd, Rochester Club Ballroom
Tickets - \$55 or \$65 per person
Contact Lomax Campbell, 350-6403

Eureka Lodge No. 36 presents...

STANLEY J. THOMAS, SR. 88TH ANNUAL

**Thanksgiving
Scholarship Ball**

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- Lamb \$65

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For tickets or advertising contact any brother or
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Worshipful Master Michael A. Nix 32°
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Masonic Activities Looking

NOVEMBER

- 1 OES District Banquet and Reception for 2014 Grand Officers
- 2 Eureka Lodge No. 36, PHA, 88th Annual Thanksgiving Scholarship Ball
- 3 Zone 8 Commanderies Pilgrimage, Palmyra
- 4 OES - Lilac Star Card Party
- 9 Masonic Development Course, Shrine Center
- 9 200th Anniversary Commemorative Class of the Order of the Temple, Hornell Masonic Hall
- 9 Grand Commander's Ball, Hornell Golf Club
- 16 Lalla Rookh Caldron Open Installation (DATE CHANGE)
- 21 Scottish Rite Candidate Orientation, Shrine Center
- 23 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, Shrine Center
- 30 Euchré Tournament, Shrine Center

DECEMBER

- 7 Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards, Shrine Center
- 14 All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party, Shrine Center
- 28 Euchré Tournament Holiday Party, Shrine Center

FEBRUARY

- 22 Road to the East, Shrine Center

MARCH

- 6 Webster Lodge 150th Anniversary Celebration
- 8 Road to the East, Shrine Center
- 31 Monroe District Table Lodge, Shrine Center

MAY

- 3 Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin
- 5-6 Grand Lodge Sessions, New York City

Mark the Date!

**Monroe District
Table Lodge**

Honoring our Special Guest
M. W. James E. Sullivan, Grand Master

March 31, 2014
at Damascus Shrine Center

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Monroe District Masons Work PGA Tournament in Support of the Ronald McDonald Houses

By R.:W.: George Foehner

Monroe District Masons arrived at the Main Gate of Oak Hill Country Club to work an 8-hour shift for the Professional Golfers Association U.S. Open Championship. The time was 5:30 a.m., with most up at 3 a.m. to make a 5 a.m. bus ride from the former Elmgrove Plant Parking Lot to the Front Gate at Oak Hill Country Club. These Masons had volunteered weeks before to work the 8-hour shift to benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses.

They were contracted with a food vendor to work a tent located on the 14th Fairway. 100 people a day would be needed to staff the tent. Ronald McDonald Houses personnel contacted their *Have-a-Heart* Partners for assistance. Due to the fact that Lodges would be dark and the late notice, we were only able to assist with one, 8-hour shift, which was on August 8th. I was sure we could come up with ten people to work at the tent.

As PGA time approached, more Masons called to volunteer. Their calls were directed to Staff at the Ronald McDonald Houses who used them to fill in where help was needed. The ten Masons who volunteered for Wednesday were to be trained via internet and received instruction on what clothing to wear; dress code was very strict.

Our shift began with check-in, clothing cover-ups and a PGA Hat. More training followed once we reached our tent. Our Vendor Supervisor was pleasant and well-versed in the job-at-hand. RMH personnel, knowing that most of our group was older with experience, gave us the job



R.:W.: Gary Sanford working the grill while R.:W.: George Foehner takes latest batch of burgers to counter to be sold.



Crew members (minus a couple) who worked at PGA Tournament

of cooking. The hot and greasy job had its busy times and down-times. There was plenty of water and a great free lunch. There was even time to get a peek at some of the PGA's finest as they passed within twenty feet of our location.

After our shift was over we were free to wander the course and watch the Tournament. But after being on our feet from early morning, we decided to head home.

The day was filled with fellowship, hard work and aching bodies. But, from my view, it was

a huge success for the Monroe District Masons. I thank all the Masons who worked the PGA Tournament for their support of Ronald McDonald Houses. RMH is number one with us and we try to help them any way we can.

Roll Call is as follows: Andy Alvarez, Michael Cantu, Todd Colburn, Ryan Flaherty, Brandon Foehner, George Foehner, Mark Hutton, Roy Moses, Gary Sanford and Tom Watson.

We've received word that Ronald McDonald Houses received \$27,000 for the week.

-A Proud Mason ☐

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Kellie's Homecoming Continued from Page 1

Photos here show some of the crowd of greeters at the airport upon her arrival. Rob holds Nolan and Morgan while Kellie has her eldest, Laney; far photo, Laney chats with Kellie while Morgan awaits her opportunity.

Below, M.:W.: James E. Sullivan, Grand Master, was a surprise guest at the homecoming party, and Kellie presented him with a flag Company F flew over their base in Afghanistan.

It was an exciting day! ☐



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Those of us who attended the last College of Freemasonry in March, 2013, had the pleasure to hear a talk given by W.: Andrew Hammer. Brother Hammer is a Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, located in Alexandria, Virginia. W.: George Washington was a Past Master of this Lodge, too.

During his presentation, Brother Hammer explained what a Traditional Observance Lodge is all about. Essentially, it is any Lodge which strives to be as proficient as it can be in the Ritual and observances of our Craft. It advocates that Lodges, in striving for that "perfect ashlar," follow certain protocols which are meant to elevate the Masonic experience. In other words, Masonry is something we work towards achieving. Moving towards that "perfect ashlar" is a challenge and should be treated as such.

Brother Hammer has published a book, called *Observing the Craft*. His presentation this past Spring has intrigued me. In order to learn more about this concept of traditional observance, I looked at Brother Hammer's website (www.observingthecraft.com - last viewed August 15, 2013).

Brother Hammer has posted some resources on his web page which go towards explaining what the concept of traditional observance is all about. One resource that caught my eye is a document attributed to W.: Robert Adam, the founding Master of what is now Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. What he wrote is as relevant today as it was three centuries ago. In 1783, he wrote:

It is, as you have well observed, too incident to humanity that the best Institutions are not exempt from imperfections and that, too frequently degenerating from their original purity, they have become perverted to the worst purposes.

Mistaken notions of convivial mirth have sometimes turned Masons into shameful scenes

of revelry, and induced a consequent belief among the ignorant, if the object of the Institution would not be laudable.

I hope we shall purpose a different conduct and exert ourselves to make it be considered by our fellow citizens not only as the sacred asylum of Temperance, order and decorum, but the rigid school of social virtue.

My take-away from that message is that Masons are gentlemen and should conduct themselves as such. To be a Mason, and to belong to a Masonic Lodge, signifies to the community-at-large that we aspire to something nobler in ourselves. Being human, we sometimes lose sight of that fact.

Lately I have seen the skull and crossbones superimposed on traditional Masonic symbols, such as the Square and Compasses. Where is the nobility to be found in a skull? The skull and crossbones on one level has been associated with piracy. Piracy is associated with acts of robbery or other violent acts at sea (source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piracy>, last viewed August 15, 2013). In his *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, III.: Albert Mackey defined skull and crossbones as symbols of mortality and death. Even if such symbols are represented in Freemasonry, is that the message we want to spread to the world-at-large; that we are a Fraternity of mortality and death?

Some Brothers proudly wear their Masonic symbolism on patches sewn to their jackets and vests. While on one level, such exhibition is no different (except as to scale) than wearing a pin(s) on your lapel, or placing a badge on your car. Yet on another level, such exhibition may be inaccurately portraying who we are as Freemasons. Does the overall appearance suggest a gentleman, a man seeking to improve himself; or does it portray membership in a gang?

On one level, one may ask, what's the difference between a Lodge and a gang? Both represent a gathering of like-minded individuals who freely choose to associate with one another. Is there a functional difference between a Brother who wears a motorcycle jacket or vest covered with patches, and a Brother who wears a blazer with a number of Masonic pins attached to his lapel?

I believe the difference may be just that ... perception. Popular culture has it that a man

wearing either a leather jacket or vest while riding a motorcycle, suggests gang-like behavior (excessive drinking, disrespect of women; glamorization of outlaw behavior). When I look around, I notice more motorcycles on the road and ridden by folks whose idea of gang membership may be the AARP. Thus the perception that men wearing leather while biking is a tired and false perception.

Yet for many ... perception is reality; which is another way of saying I harbor prejudice based upon appearances.

This brings me to this understanding. Biking in leather with Masonic patches is no different than driving with a badge on the back of the car. As Brother Adams might have said ... how you behave on the road will reflect on the Craft. □

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Allow me to thank everyone for assisting Mike and me over the last year in everything we had to accomplish with Masonic Education. We have enjoyed our travels around the District and are looking forward to another great year as your Grand Directors of Ceremonies. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns with Masonic Education.

Masonic Development Course (MDC)

This year's MDC will be on: October 26th and November 9th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

at the Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road in Webster

Remember, this Course is set up for all Masons and helps us mentor beyond the 3rd Degree. Come spend two days with us and share your Masonic Light. Reserve your spot now with:

R.:W.: Mike Hueston at mph0523@frontiernet.net or
R.:W.: Rob Buchanan at rob.buchanan479@gmail.com.

On a Personal Note ...

One last personal note. I truly appreciate all the support I received over the last year with my wife, Kellie, being deployed in Afghanistan. Her welcome home was just amazing! From the surprise party with about 150 people in attendance to the many Brothers who showed up at the airport to watch my family re-united and Kellie embracing our children after not being with them for over 11 months!

Special thanks to our Widows Sons Brothers Andy Reynolds, Bill Jaranowski, Jeff Jolley, Scott Lasky for the motorcycle escorts and Brother Derik Plaisted for his State Police escort home from the airport on that wonderful day.

Hope to see everyone soon! Stay safe and God bless. □

Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By Stephan Michener, President

The Masters and Wardens Association is an organization first and foremost intended "To provide a forum for the discussion of issues facing the Masonic Community, identify solutions for local Lodges and assist in their implementation." To me, M&W is an under-utilized resource in our District. Typically, about half the Lodges attend meetings and although individuals usually lament they are too busy to attend, I remind everyone that these meetings are open to the Master, and the Senior and Junior Warden. Even the Senior Deacon may attend as a non-voting member. The point is, every Lodge should be able to have at least one person attend each meeting. In my opinion, as an elected principal Officer of a Lodge, attending these meetings is part of your duty to your Lodge.

Perhaps the biggest reason why attendance has suffered is due to not seeing the value of attending these meetings. Brothers, I will be the first to admit that the thought of wasting my time at another boring meeting has no appeal to me - especially, if I think the meeting will not benefit me.

Therefore, our purpose this year is to make the Masters and Wardens Association a vital part of the Master implementing Masonic Programs in the Lodge, and helping the Wardens to start putting some ideas together for their Trestleboards. To do this, we are undertaking a project which I am hopeful will help each and every Lodge in the Monroe District.

In keeping with Grand Master Sullivan's acronym of PRIDE, (Programs, Ritual, Integrity, Deity, Education) Masters and Wardens is compiling a list of Masonic Programs being done around the District. We will be sending a survey to all Lodges asking willing Brothers who do a Masonic-oriented Program or offer a Masonic talk, to add their names to a resource list, which will be available to all Masters and Wardens. Perhaps you have heard a Brother speak in your Lodge and think other Lodges around the Monroe District would appreciate hearing the talk. Please encourage that Brother to voluntarily add his name to the list. Giving a talk at another Lodge is a great way to meet other Brothers. It's also an act of charity as we spread Masonic Light around the District.

Programs may include (but are not limited to) Masonic history, symbolism, philosophy, biography, psychology, book reports, slide presentations, Masonic art, music, poetry, etc., etc., etc. The possibilities are endless! The program can be as little as 10-15 minutes or as long as 30-45 minutes. As they say "Variety is the Spice of Life" and wouldn't it be great to hear from a Brother visiting your Lodge who has expertise to share on a Masonic topic of interest and enrich your Lodge's meeting.

In having a resource like this, there should never be another, what R.:W.: DDGM Hurwitz calls a "bored meeting." No Master of a Lodge should have to wonder what he's going to do to enlighten his Brothers at the next meeting. Perhaps the same old annual obligatory "you fill-in-the-blank night" can be done once every few years, instead of every year. Senior Wardens will be able to put together Trestleboards that reflect planning and inspiration. In short, Lodges can get away from just doing business as usual, and perhaps the sidelines will swell as Lodge meetings become more interesting and thought-provoking.

The second part of the survey will ask who in your Lodge might add their name to a list of Brothers who would be willing to perform a part of one of the Degrees at a different Lodge. For instance, Q&A, Whys and Wherefores, Historical Lecture, Middle Chamber Lecture, etc. The intent is for Masters and Wardens of Lodges to have contact information for Brothers around the District who would be willing to deliver a part of a Degree if the need arose. Of course, this is strictly voluntary. Personally, I have enjoyed the opportunity I have had to deliver a lecture at other Lodges, and I also enjoy having Brothers from other Lodges come to help us out with a Degree from time-to-time. It's a great way to get to know Brothers from around the District, which is what Masters and Wardens is all about ... getting to know Brothers from around the District.

So please take advantage of this organization and come to our next meeting, which will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at 9 a.m. at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford. We will be done by 10:30 a.m.! □

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Monroe District**

Welcome back to the quarries, Brothers of Monroe District. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Summer and now look forward to the Fall Season.

As most of you know, the Annual Brotherhood Fund Campaign begins in October and runs through May. Last year we set up a seminar to facilitate the Lodge Chairmen a better understanding of the new methods Grand Lodge wanted us to follow in that Campaign. Unfortunately, very few attended.

As many of you know, my schedule is rather crowded so for this year I have asked for help in running the Monroe District Campaign. I am pleased to introduce R.:W.: Michael Hueston as Chairman for the Brotherhood Fund Campaign for 2014 and beyond, as I know and feel that this is a multi-year effort. R.:W.: Mike brings a wealth of experience and know how to the position and has the blessings of our State Brotherhood Fund Chairman, R.:W.: Bruce Testut.

**Action Required**

As last year, there will be another seminar to acquaint the Lodge Chairmen with the changes and new procedures that will be implemented this year. It's important for the Masters to select a Brother who can address the Lodge on occasion to explain the different funds our Grand Master has chosen for contributions this year and explain to any new Brethren the basics of the Campaign.

We do appreciate your efforts and what you have accomplished in the past; we look forward to working with you this year. I will be attending several of the Official Visits to formally introduce R.:W.: Mike to you.

As Brother Red Skeleton always said as he closed his show, "May God Bless."

**Monroe District  
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The Masonic Safety Identification Program is very important. We want to make greater use of the ID Equipment by having events supported by each Lodge. We want to process identification of as many folks as possible this year and make the most of our talents and equipment. 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.

This past Summer identifications were processed by Union Star Lodge, Fairport Lodge, Webster Lodge, Unity Lodge and James MacDuff organized the Shriners for processing at the Cruz Nights. It was a very successful Summer. We have requests for the equipment going into the Fall and will be teaming with the Mary Cariola Center for several events there.

The Mission of the NY MSID Program is to Provide a vital community service ...

- Aid in the recovery of a child.
- Aid in the recovery of an adult or senior citizen.
- Encourage Masons to become involved in their communities.
- Promote a positive image of Masonry and Masonic Life in our communities, broadening public awareness and recognition of Masonry.

It does not take much to set up and staff an event ... 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 Identification Program is available online at <http://nychip.org/> or call Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you have questions or suggestions.

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the Program and involvement from your Lodge!!! We can be reached most easily by e-mail to schedule an event at [datubman@yahoo.com](mailto:datubman@yahoo.com), or [rcdowns@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rcdowns@rochester.rr.com).

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By R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet

I hope you will be able to join us for our October meetings. On October 8th, Sublime Prince John Lemke, will present the *Rite on the Road* on behalf of the Valley of Rochester, Scottish Rite. Rumor has it he will appear in his role as Abraham Lincoln, which is something to see. This is an opportunity to learn more information about the programs the Valley offers and ask any questions you may have. Bring a Brother with you – especially one who hasn't been in Lodge for a while and help him get re-acclimated. As usual, dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and Junior Warden Todd Colburn or Secretary, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, will be happy to take your reservation.

The 1st Degree is scheduled for our October 22nd meeting. It will be our Edict Degree presentation for this Masonic year. Please plan to attend and support your Officer's line. If you are willing and able to participate,

contact Worshipful Scott Rice or Brother Ryan Ramplin. Most of the parts are filled as I write this column, but it will be helpful to them to know there are backups (just in case) and the rest of the cast is assembled.

In between, on October 15th, is the Grand Lecturer's Convention, as you might have read on the front page of this issue of the **Masonic Times**. Inspiration Lodge solicited this event and were granted the privilege of hosting the Convention at the Shrine Center. A Steak Dinner will commence at 6:30 p.m. and the program will open at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person; the caterer is Maximilian's Catering, with Brother Kevin Gerhard at the helm. Brother Todd Colburn is taking the reservations for Inspiration Lodge Brothers.

All these events should keep the Brothers on their toes in October. However, it doesn't stop there.

**Mark Your Calendar**

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, December 7th, when the Valley of Rochester will hold its Symbolic Lodge Awards Program. That will be at 4:00 p.m. in the Shrine Center. If you know of a Lodge Brother deserving of this honor, please let the Worshipful Master know.

Also in December will be the All-Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party. That is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th. This is always a great fun event for children 10 years of age and younger. Even their older siblings have enjoyed the festivities.

**Sickness and Distress**

I've mentioned Worshipful William Hook before in this column, and am letting you know he still struggles with health issues. His brother-in-law, Brother Rene VanDeVeire fell and injured his shoulder and fractured four ribs while performing a good deed. He didn't need this additional pain and suffering!

Brother Eric Hinkston has informed the Worshipful Master that he has been diagnosed with a serious ailment and is hoping for the best. He would appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

It was also mentioned that Brother Robert Bishop isn't getting around too much anymore due to health concerns.

If you have an opportunity, please drop these Brothers a card or give them a call. They could use the cheering up and would be happy to hear from you. And, as I keep asking, please let me know if there is anyone else who should be added to this list.

**October Birthdays**

Here is this month's list of members, like fine wine, aging. Happy birthday to: Glenn A. Stahl (1st); Joseph P. Larue (2nd); Richard Snyder (5th); Raymond F. Ross and Donald L. Petersen (6th); Wesley Warren Jr. (9th); Myron J. Biggar (10th); Gabriel J. Milonni and Anthony V. Simonetti (11th); Jerry W. Lack (12th); Ryan M. Ramplin (15th); Gerald A. Stahl (17th); Richard T. Smith (18th); Phillip X. Cissell (19th); Erich K. Postler (20th);

Harvey G. Stiles (22nd); Ron R. Rogers (23rd); Norris P. Shapiro and David L. Beswick (26th); and Christopher W. Genrich, (27th). Your Brothers extend best wishes for a great day...and many more.

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October promises to be an exciting month. Your Lodge has continued to be very busy planning, preparing and scheming on several different fronts. Without going into great detail, some of those things include: Building a new bar, a new investment policy, determining cost-saving measures to ensure we maintain our strong financial status, bringing new Brothers into the fold as Officers and Masons, etiquette and planning for this year's meetings and events.

Without further ado, allow me to mention October's highlights:

October 8th - Open Meeting and Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. I have already been told we have a number of friends visiting us and here is hoping every one of them submits an Application.

October 18th - 20th - St. Andrews Visit! This is an event we host only every four years where we welcome our Brothers to the North and celebrate our long relationship of Masonic Brotherly Love. This event will be even more special based upon the fact that this visit will mark 100 years of our mutual history, Masonic bonds and friendship.

We have so much planned for the aforementioned days. Friday kicks off with a Welcome Reception at the Hilton Garden Inn, which will include excellent appetizers and top-shelf cocktails, all free-of-charge!

Saturday includes a meeting where we will conduct a Fellowcraft Degree with an Entered Apprentice from Seneca. The meeting will be followed by a lunch concocted by "Rochester Master Chef," Jerry Manley.

Meanwhile, the St. Andrews Ladies will have several options for activities to explore ... shop or be entertained. The evening brings us a first-class banquet at Max's at Eastman Place. Then onto the gifts, entertainment and fellowship into the wee hours of the evening. There is a cost for the banquet and reservations are a MUST. The Lodge will be underwriting a significant portion of the cost, so help us to make the most of a memorable meet-



**Chris Bretz, new Master Mason and Master Carpenter, displaying a familiar symbol to be installed on our new bar.**

ing by submitting your RSVP and attending.

**Reservation Process and Promise**

I hate to put a damper on the heels of such excitement but I do want to address the reservation process. Every now and then we need to be reminded to make a reservation for dinner and Lodge events and then honor our RSVP. Therefore, aside from my upcoming incessant reminders that "A reservation made is a reservation paid," we are doing away with the permanent RSVP list and will hold Brothers accountable for paying for a meal or event to which they RSVP. Now, I certainly understand that life happens, and I will be willing to forgive any Brother for some unavoidable quandary, but we do need to do our part to ensure the Lodge does not have to pay for dinners reserved, ordered and uneaten. Jerry gets paid whether you show or not. That is all on that subject.

**Table Lodge**

Our November meeting will be one of my favorites - Table Lodge. More on that later, but in the meantime keep November 12th open on your calendars!

**October Birthdays**

I take this opportunity to recognize Brothers born in October:

Carl Preddy (2nd), Ray Glegg (7th), Jim Wood (12th), Jack Kohmann (13th), Dick Gilmore and Cliff Heir (16th), Bob Green (20th), Matt Dehmler and Frank Johnston (21st), Charles Hancock (29th) and Mike Blazey (31st).

Thank you to all our Autumn-born 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 email him at:

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By R.: W.: John Zabel

Our first meeting in September had a dinner provided by the Junior Warden and was enjoyed by all. The Master worked hard in consultation with the Secretary and other members to come up with an inspiring program for the evening.

We presented Certificates of Completion for our own presentation of the *Masonic Development Course* to Brothers Peter Derry, Allen Heidrick, W.: Rich Yendall, Edmond Huntley, Thaminda Ramanayake, Dustin Long, Glenn Scott and Thompson Chew. Be sure to congratulate these Brothers on their accomplishment. This was the first time the Course was given in the Lodge as a Lodge function and not a District function, although the District Staff Officers supported the Course and did announce it to other Brothers.

**Upcoming Events**

Our October 14th meeting is when we will confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on our Candidates. The Master will have rehearsed the Officers and participants well in preparation for the Degree. This will be a memorable experience for our Candidates. After the Degree each Candidate will be assigned a Mentor to work with them as they prepare their work for the 2nd Degree. Our Mentors need to get back to work with our Spring Class of Entered Apprentices to prepare them for their 2nd Degree coming in November.

October 28th is the Official Visit of R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master. R.: W.: Phil will be giving us the Grand Master's message for the year and will be available to answer questions about the coming year and some of the new programs coming out of Grand Lodge. There will also be a long-time Service Award presented, including 50-Year Apron Awards. The District Staff Offi-

cers will also be present to discuss their Programs for the year and possibly take reservations for the *Masonic Development Course* and *Road to the East*.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is scheduled for October 15th at the Shrine Center. Our Officers are encouraged to attend so we can qualify for another Howard Potts Award. Wakan-Hubbard Lodge qualified for its first Howard Potts Award the last time W.: Angelo DiCataldo, DSA, was Master, so we should diligently work to qualify for another one. This would be a great honor for our Master and speak to the dedication of the Officers and members to the Lodge.

Lastly, for our Past Masters, now is the time to think about taking the opportunity of applying for a Grand Lodge appointed position. A new District Deputy Grand Master and Staff Officers will be appointed to take office next May, but applications need to be submitted this month. Contact the Secretary or R.: W.: Mike Nohle for an Application Packet or to ask questions about the positions and the requirements for applying. Wakan-Hubbard has had a long history of supplying leaders for our District; let's keep up the tradition.

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September has flown by and October begins. The leaves are changing and the days are beginning to cool off, but Fame Lodge is just heating up as we are now in full swing.

I thank our Officers for a great meal, which they prepared for our first meeting in September. As always, there was plenty of food for all with enough for a second or third helping. All the money collected for the dinner was donated to the Brotherhood Fund.

**Mark your Calendar**

Our meetings this month occur on October 10th and Octo-

ber 24th. On October 10th, we will have our Official Visit of R.: W.: Philip Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master. If you have not been to Lodge in a while, this would be a great time to come. Come meet your District Deputy and Grand Lodge Staff Officers and hear the important information they will share with the Brethren.

Hope to see you at Lodge! ☐

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Fall brings so much change to Upstate New York. Every year, at least a few times while walking outside, you catch the "feeling" of that change; sights, sounds and smells. It makes us reflect on earlier times in our lives; maybe as a young boy going to the first day of school, playing some kind of backyard sports, starting to plan our Fall hunt or maybe heading off to college - any number of new and renewed starts that occur in Fall. The crisp mornings and evenings when the skies are clear starkly remind us that time is passing.

We are still making those new Fall memories. As we bring the lights back to our Lodges this Fall, we should challenge ourselves to reflect on our goals and aim to make the most of our time together. The Temple not made with hands is crafted, in part, in this fashion. When we come together for our meetings this Fall, I am genuinely seeking to learn from my Brethren and, in my new role, I hope the new memories we create take on special meanings that remind us to seek more light.

I was fortunate to have some of my fellow Officers join me in planning and reviewing our Trestleboard and goals for the year. Brothers Kenny Hecker, Junior Warden; Andrew Cottraccia, Senior Deacon; Tom Watson, Junior Deacon; and R.: W.: Gary Sanford, Secretary; joined me in early September to review the many exciting upcoming events. Many thanks to these Brothers for their time in planning and reviewing our Ritual work.

**Table Lodge**

On Monday, October 28th, we are very excited to be holding a Table Lodge at 7 p.m. Our theme will be "Harvest" and we hope to see most of our local Brethren in attendance.

For the Brothers of Union Star, please continue to consider our Lodge theme this year of Harmony and Light. As we discussed in our recent planning, and woven into the programs this year, we will seek to achieve greater harmony among our Lodge, in our District and our own lives, thus facilitating the attainment of more Light. This will occur when we work

well together towards common goals. We will make reference to music, a key step in our ascension. Consider those musical works which move you and take the time to enjoy them again.

**October Birthdays**

I extend most happy wishes to our October birthday boys: Ryan Flaherty, John Frost, David Briggs, James Smith, Keith Banister, William Finch, Michael Spillane, Richard Judge and especially to James Nersinger.

Finally, I again invite our Brothers across the District to attend Union Star Lodge for any of our meetings. ☐

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October is here and the Great Architect of the Universe has his paint brush in hand to make our surroundings flash with colors only the eye can appreciate. Let us enjoy this Season, knowing that Winter is not far behind.

Our schedule is light. There will be "regular business meetings" on October 14th and October 28th. Remember the Worshipful Master has promised to keep the meeting short - about an hour. A "field trip" is planned for October 8th. Does anyone know where the "Traveling Gavel" is?

An opportunity for good old-fashioned fellowship will follow the meetings-food, Monday Night Football, beer, euchre, pizza, nostalgia and coffee.

It is planned to confer the 1st Degree on November 11th. The District Deputy Grand Master will make his Official Visit on this date.

**Condolences**

We express our sympathy to R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz, DDGM, on the passing of his mother.

**October Birthdays**

Brothers with birthdays in October include: Wayne Beckwith, Stanley Chizuk, Robert Conant, Allen Fowler, Stanley Friedman, Edward Goodrich, Ian Grace, Philip Kaplan, Bernard Lazerson, Michael Marks, Paul McLaughlin, Philip Neivert, Warham Quinlan and Jack Woods. Enjoy your special day and we wish for you a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

As always, we recommend that you look through the entire issue of the **Masonic Times** for the wider picture of what is going on in our District. We learn something new every day ... sometimes in spite of ourselves. ☐

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As I sit here preparing for our first meeting of the year, I am contemplating ways for our membership to grow and improve our Lodge and Fraternity.

First and foremost comes interest and attention; secondly comes participation and involvement. We need your support in any possible capacity that you can spare. The life of our Lodge depends on vital communication and unity.

We are currently involved in a flurry of activity designed to streamline and improve our communications, record-keeping and programming activities for this current administration, as well as all those that follow.

Some of the things currently taking place at the Lodge involve a new heating system upstairs, remodeling of the Fellowcraft Rooms and sorting of all old records and memorabilia for preservation.

Mike Denard has chaired a successful Red Cross Blood Drive (for which many folks, including myself, are grateful for on a life-sustaining basis) and is working on some new events as well.

To this end, my phone and email are always available to submit your ideas and opinions for consideration and action.

And, finally Brothers, please take a moment to call or visit an ailing Brother or his family and let us all know who or how they may be in need. This goes to the very root of our Tenets as Freemasons. Let us never forget. ☐

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Let there be light! Past Master Mike Postilli replaces our fried ballast.



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Oh no! He's now Passed Master! (But just passed out)



Raw Chicken! Our unfinished sign!

September was a busy month at Clio, with our first Regular Communication, a Chicken Bar-B-Que Fundraiser, our Official Visit from the District Deputy Grand Master and a Spaghetti Dinner tossed in as well. The turnout for the first meeting was fantastic. Having so many Brothers in Lodge seemed to energize the room. I laid out my plan for the year, a plan to focus more on Ritual and Education. It was well received by the Brothers present, who are so desirous of having and receiving more Ritual practice that we've decided to form a Ritual Club to meet once-a-month – solely to work on and improve ourselves in that department.

I also emphasized making the Lodge experience a bit more fun and a bit less board-meeting-like. I have Masonic Programs and guest speakers lined up (and am always looking for more - hint, hint), as well as fellowship events scheduled such as a Euchre Tournament and Chili Cook-off. One fun project completed in time for our Chicken Bar-B-Que is our new wooden chicken sign. The sign came about on the artistic abilities of our Worshipful Master, who created the stencil, and the wood cutting abilities of Past Master, Jeff Ross, who did an expert job of carving the chicken, so to speak. Colleen Flaherty, the artistically gifted wife of our Marshal, Brother Brian Flaherty, has agreed to paint the sign for us.

We also read two Petitions in Lodge, with the assurance of four more to come, so it looks to be a pretty busy Degree Season as well. I closed the meeting with a brief re-cap of the history of Clio Lodge and actually learned that one of the Petitioners had relatives who were founding Clio Brothers in 1878. I look forward to our investigation interview with him to learn more about his great-grandfather and uncles. (I think there may be a program in the works there.)

**October Events**  
 The ball (meatball) to be exact) keeps rolling in October with two Regular Communications and two major fundraisers. Clio will once again be selling Meatball Subs at The Hilton Apple Fest on Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th. The Apple Fest runs from 10

a.m. 'til 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. 'til 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Although technically it's work, in reality it's a fun fellowship event. The camaraderie built at these outside-of-Lodge events is the backbone of Clio's fellowship. No matter how hard the work gets, the jokes, the laughs and the friendships built make it worthwhile. We always enjoy having Brothers from other Lodges stop by to say "Hi," so don't be strangers!

Running concurrently, up the road from the Meatball Booth, will be our Chicken Bar-B-Que at the Car Show. It's adjacent to the Apple Fest, on Saturday from Noon until Gone. Uncle Clucky will, of course, be there, dancing in front of the new chicken sign. It's a new venue for us and, hopefully, one that turns into an annual event.

And last, but never least, is our Spaghetti Dinner. This month it falls on Wednesday, October 23rd.

**Ronald McDonald House**  
*Have-a-Heart?* How about Have-a-Meatball! On Saturday, October 26th, a group of Clio Brothers will be volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, cooking a Spaghetti Dinner for the families staying there. We look forward to contributing in whatever way we can to help make the lives of these families a bit easier and to support this great institution.

**Correction**  
 In last month's article, I mentioned that our 1st Degree would be held on October 1st. That has been rescheduled and will now be held Tuesday, November 5th.

**October Birthdays**  
 This month, Clio celebrates the birthdays of four Brothers – Gus W. Neidrich, Patrick F. Purcell, Jeffrey J. Robinson and Lawrence F. Vaccarelli. Enjoy your days, Brothers!

**Closing Thoughts**  
 Seeing that full Lodge at our first meeting was a thing of beauty and something I hope to see every two weeks. Clio seems revitalized and re-energized. It's exciting to see the enthusiasm from our newer Brothers. They're very gung-ho in their pursuit of Masonic Light. Two of them, Jeremy Mensing and Brett DeHollander will be taking part in our 1st Degree Lectures. Brother Jeremy is also working with me on an audio/visual presentation for the Lodge that I think could



Uncle Clucky poses before our new chicken sign before getting to work drawing in customers.

be something special and something we'd like to share with other Lodges when complete. A group of newer members have formed a committee to brainstorm new ideas and new directions. Our Junior Deacon, Mike Steinman, a second-year Brother, has suggested a program that we're now trying to



Brother Bill Hunn, Chicken Master, checkin' the chicken.

make happen. Our most recent Past Masters have been steering the Lodge in this direction since I've come aboard and our Wardens seem eager to keep on that course. We all seem to be on the same page and it's nice to see the way things are shaping up. The light shining at Clio is looking bright indeed. ☐



Clio Brothers Mark Shapiro and Matt Cook busting their beaks once again.



Clucky the Clio Chicken (aka Brother Steve Hamilton) delivers dinners to the ladies of Hilton Park Senior Apartments.

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We are now in October and Fall is in the air. The nights are getting cooler, the days shorter and we are all well underway into our Masonic Year. By the time of this publication, we have already had our first two meetings - one which was an excellent Steak Dinner with the Official Visit from our District Officers. Thank you to R.: W.:

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**Did You See It?**  
 Northfield Lodge was fortunate to be featured in an article in the *Brighton-Pittsford Post*. The story had to do with Freemasonry being present in Pittsford for the last 200 years and that the Lodge is engaged in a year-long celebration of this milestone. If you didn't get a chance to see the article, stop by the Lodge. It will be available there.

**What's Going On?**  
 On October 3rd, we will be having our Official Visit and welcoming DDGM, R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz; and Grand Directors of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Mike Hueston and R.: W.: Bob

Phil Hurwitz and the Grand Lodge Officers who shared the evening with us.

I thank Brother John Lemke for the interesting talk on Generational Theory and how it affects Masons. It was a great and thought-provoking discussion.

**1st Degree**  
 As we begin October, we have the 1st Degree on October 14th. Please come out and support your Line Officers and help welcome the Candidates into Masonry. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., prepared by Starlight Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Ritual will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

**EnLIGHTening Program**  
 On October 28th, I will present a talk, that I have been work-

ing on, about the Three Lesser Lights of Masonry.

I also thank the following Brothers for putting together a Masonic Safety ID Program at the last minute for the AMF Bowling Lanes on Ridgeway Avenue late in August. The last newsletter was already completed before we got the call and Brothers Cliff Short, Bob Schaffer, Jim Robb and Chet Peters all came together and helped run a successful Identification Program and completed the ID process for almost 40 children.

I close this article with a quote from a famous Mason ... "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

**Thomas A. Edison**  
 Always seek more Light, Brothers. ☐

Buchanan. There will be a dinner before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please make a reservation with Lance Daul at 319-6796 or email: [lance.daul@gmail.com](mailto:lance.daul@gmail.com).

On October 17th, we have two things going on. First, we need to discuss our Dues and vote on them. This is important because our Annual Budget is due in November and the Lodge needs to run a very tight ship. Over the past year we have made some improvements to the Lodge, which have come completely from the donations of the Brothers doing the work. We have not used any Lodge funds for any of the painting that has helped spruce up the place. But we need to be mindful of what financial resources we have available as we enter an uncertain future. (The future is always uncertain!) Therefore, it is possible that Dues may need to be increased. So please come to this meeting and let your voice be heard. We will limit discussion of this topic to 15 minutes and then vote.

Second, we will be trying something completely different. The great Masonic Writer, Carl Claudy, wrote several Lodge Room Plays that were intended to be done in a tiled Lodge Room as a Masonic Program. One of the plays was entitled "The Greatest of These." It is a beautiful and moving story about a Lodge struggling with its financial circumstances. Sound familiar? At this meeting I will assign parts and we will do a read-through from the script. It should be fun but you might want to bring some tissues.

**Then We're Turning Out the Lights**

On Saturday, October 19th we will be hosting Ye Olde Northfield Wine and Cheese Party from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. The way it works is you bring your better half (if you want to); a bottle(s) of wine and your favorite wine glasses (or any beverage you prefer); and some cheese and crackers or an appetizer dish.

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## Northfield Lodge

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The Lodge will provide candles to light - one for each attendee. We will be lighting the Dining Room with candles, exclusively. As we share wine and cheese and good conversation, we will imagine what it was like in days of old (before electricity), when Brothers traveled to and from Lodge by the light of the moon. This should be a fun way to get together and enjoy the chill of an Autumn evening while basking in the candlelight glow.

Any questions, contact Jason Morrisette at 797-8169 or email: [northfield426@gmail.com](mailto:northfield426@gmail.com). Brothers from other Lodges are certainly invited to attend.

On Tuesday, October 29th at 7 p.m., we will be having our monthly planning meeting, which every member of the Lodge is invited to attend. The meeting will conclude by 8:30 p.m. Please let me know in advance if you have any agenda items.

### October Birthdays

In October we celebrate the birthdays of Brothers Andrew Place, Joseph Verdi, Edward McCormick and Michael Zona.

### ... One More Thing

Tuesday, October 15th is the Grand Lecturer's Convention at the Shrine Center. We have been discussing this and the date has been communicated well in advance. This year we want to make a good showing. Along with myself, we will see at least Devon Littlefield, Lance Daul, Ken Stavalone, Joe Verdi, Jason Morrisette and Steve Ross there. Hopefully other



Ken Stavalone at the grill



Steve Michener and two elders of the LDS Church, one from California and one from Wyoming, serving their missions.



John Buck, John Ward and Ken Stavalone

Northfield Brothers will attend as well. There will be dinner at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this important function!

ation, so I think the Attendance Banner will stay at Webster Lodge; thank you! I would also suggest that those of you who are interested in some of the Origins of Ritual, that goes back to the 1300s, attend. You don't have to be special and it insures that our Banner stays here.

### In the News

For those of you who subscribe to the *Democrat & Chronicle*, I would call your attention to the August 15th Edition which featured a Past Master, Vern Collier (1957), dancing with his ever-faithful companion, Grace Donovan, at the Wegman's-sponsored Concert at Ontario Beach Park. Now, if we could only get him to dance to a Lodge Meeting, that would be great. See the picture posted on the bulletin board in Willy's Room.

### Welcome Back

If you missed it, our new Ju-

nior Warden, Brother Jeremy Knox, did a "bang up" job of providing us with Corn and Sausage at the first meeting of the year. That should be an indicator of "rest and refreshment" for the rest of the year. Of course, I suspect that maybe Mrs. Knox (Cassie) will have some influence on the results.

### How Are Our Members?

Congratulations to our Junior Deacon and Mrs. McQuade on the arrival of their first-born, a boy.

On the "not-so-well" list, I would call your attention to the following:

James Pray who, at this writing, is in Rochester General Hospital, but I don't have any information on his condition.

W.: and Prophet Ken Hutchinson is at Blossom View Eldercare in Sodus. He virtually "light's up" when you present yourself. Makes you feel good. Been trying to get some of the members of Lalla Rookh Grotto to visit as Ken has done so much for them as well as on the State level. Remember, "Grotto Friends are Forever."

Also, please try to spend some time with Brother Fred Cornell, as he isn't quite as mobile as he used to be. Miss seeing him sitting on the South side along with the other "Old Timers."

Can't forget to mention our "Chief Cook," Right Worthy Sister Joy Woodley, who recently underwent a knee replacement. I've been informed she's doing things she shouldn't. We "passed the hat" at the final meeting and collected over \$100.

### Planning Ahead

As I haven't seen a Trestle-board, I will depend on "hearsay" for the rest.

It was decided to have only one 1st Degree this year as we will have our hands full preparing for our 150th Anniversary event.

October 17th is our Official Visit. I would assume we will have a supper preceding this. Let it be noted that all suppers are at 6:30 p.m.

### 150th Anniversary Update

With regard to March 6th, 2014, I'm concerned that all the important planning has fallen on just a few and you know who you are!

Why March 6th? ... This was the only date open for the entire Grand Line to come. We are well aware that many "Snowbirds" will be South, but in order to have the best event possible, some sacrifices have to be made. We will be sending invitations to all the Masonic Organizations in the Monroe District as well as various local dignitaries.

We have secured the Banquet Room at the Webster Country Club (Happy Acres Golf Club).

The Masonic War Veterans will present the Colors and, hopefully, we will have a Grand Chaplain for the necessary Invocation and Benediction.

An invitation will be presented to Ionic Lodge, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, as well. That brings back memories since I am an "Honorary Entered Apprentice" there as I was in the first Delegation to visit in 1960!

The meal will be a "sit-down" affair with an offering of Beef,

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**Friday, October 4th**  
**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**  
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Fish or Poultry. A cash Bar will be available and it's undecided whether or not to have Table Wines to fill the "Token" Goblets each one will receive to take home with them, suitably inscribed for the event.

### Attention Past Masters ...

One thing I'm going to emphasize is this is an undertaking of tremendous proportions!! It was decided to enlist ALL the Past Masters to assist. So far only six or seven have responded. Now, the rest of you will be contacted and it is expected that you will respond.

### Five Months and Counting

It also should be noted that as our Senior Warden, who has

done a good share of the work so far, will share the East as he will occupy that Chair for the second half of the Anniversary Year.

My Brothers, we have a wonderful Lodge which is growing and thriving. Our Line of Officers are the best!! I have visited other Lodges both in this Jurisdiction and elsewhere. With few exceptions, most don't "hold a candle" to the work performed, attendance, dedication and friendship we in Webster Lodge enjoy. So for those of you who haven't attended recently, come see. I don't mean to brag, but there is only one other Organist and me in the entire District. I love what I do and hope to see you all. ☐

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As you may or may not know, our Lodge is trying to progressively move away from the status quo and move towards a more functional and cutting-edge operation. As such we are cultivating our website to be more dynamic and responsive to our needs as a Lodge. It is there at [www.erac163.org](http://www.erac163.org) that I would like to direct your attention to the comings and goings of ERAC Lodge. That being said, I would like to use this platform in the **Masonic Times** to be another way to share Masonic Light and hopefully induce a contemplative Masonic discussion among Brethren.\*

How is Masonry more than just a word in your life? As Masonry changes and evolves has any significance really been

lost? Or do our efforts to modernize Masonry, keep it functional and hold its value and meaning for the next generation?

\* **EDITOR'S NOTE:** At this point was a submission, *Abe Lincoln's Axe*, by Jim Tresner. If you wish to read this, please do a Google search. It was followed by a discussion by the Master, which has also been deleted. In addition, the Secretary's submission for the month was a poem, *What Makes a Man a Mason?*, by George M. Free. If interested, please search for that on the Internet as well. **The Masonic Times** is a newspaper, not a forum. I want news of Lodge events, both those that have happened and those upcoming. I want names of Brothers involved and news-worthy photos. The information I chose not to publish is material that is best distributed to individual Lodge Brothers on your website, in email messages or by snail mail. As I try to maintain control of costs, I do not have space available to accommodate the opinions or philosophies of each correspondent. There is also no budget for purchasing copyrighted material, if a release is not forthcoming. If this type of material is something Lodge Brothers are interested in, be sure to let the Master and/or me know.

*Skip Waterstreet, Editor*

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By R.: W.: Dave Allen

On behalf of our Worshipful Brother, Joe Lewis, I will again attempt to enlighten you as to some of the more interesting events - past and future - occurring at Webster Lodge.

### School of Ritual

The recent School of Ritual, which was conducted by our own V.: W.: and Past Master, Paul Kolacki, was quite well attended despite the somewhat late notifi-

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

October 2013

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



**JAMES MILLER  
POTENTATE**

The month of September is nearly half over and it seems like it should still be August! To say that the Cruz Nights were again a huge success is an understatement. To say that Cruz Nights wouldn't be the annual success for Damascus that they are without dedicated service-oriented, faithful volunteers (many of them year-after-year), would be an understatement.

I could only attend/work about half of them, but I KNOW what keeps them running so well. The large amount of tasks on several scales reads as an overwhelming challenge. All of you know who you are – Recorder, Derek VanHouten, wrote a flawless summary and thank you on behalf of all of us in the September **Masonic Times**, naming and thanking everyone (he hopes), who contributed to Cruz Night success.

**THANK YOU**

Let it be said again, on behalf of all Damascus Nobles, the Divan and Members, you have our great gratitude and thanks!

In August, Lady Mary Lou and I attended Bob and Carol Schwarting's Shrine Picnic at their super new home on Keuka Lake. While we weren't large in numbers, we had lovely weather, good food and drink, and great camaraderie. We thank Bob and Carol for hosting such an enjoyable event!

**Upcoming Events**

**October 2nd** - Open Shriners Meeting/Oktoberfest at the Shrine Center. Bring Ladies, families and friends to enjoy great German food - once again, catered by Swan's Market. Expect such traditional German fare as Bratwurst and other sausages, Sliced Pork and Gravy, Dressing, Spaetzle, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, German Potato Salad and delicious dark German Bread. Enjoy with traditional German music, followed by a program presented by two Representatives from Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie focusing on new fea-

tures. Social – 5 p.m., Dinner – 6 p.m., Program to follow. \$13 per person.

**Ecobags Project**

Lady Mary Lou will be out-of-town visiting family, but her project of Eco-bags will be on display for orders to be taken. A reminder ... each bag sells for \$10 - \$5.50 goes to Erie Hospital.

When attending Damascus Day at the Hospital in August, I presented a check for \$210 from the sales to that date.

**October 12th** - Don't forget our Annual Sportsman's Raffle. Many tickets have been sold: our profit and many happy winners! Social – 5 p.m., Dinner – 6 p.m. Cost - \$20.

**October 25th** - Potentate's Gala at The Inn on Broadway, 26 Broadway, Rochester. Social – 5 p.m. (Passed Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar), Dinner with Served Wine - 6:15 p.m., followed by a Dessert Buffet and Big Swing Orchestra. Cost - \$50 per person.

Overnight accommodations are available at The East Avenue Inn, Corner of Alexander and East Avenue at a rate of \$109 per night. The phone number for The East Avenue Inn is (585) 325-5010.

The East Avenue Inn will be the site of Damascus' Hospitality Room from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and re-opening following the Dinner at approximately 10 p.m. Shuttle service will be provided to and from the East Avenue Inn to The Inn on Broadway. Lady Mary Lou and I invite you to share in our special evening.

**RSVP - All Dinner/Gala reservations are due to the Shrine Office by October 11th.**

*Thank You*

Submitted by Jan Porter

The Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie recognized the fundraising project of First Lady, Mary Lou Miller who initially donated \$210 from sales of a re-useable "Ecobag."

Lady Mary Lou has an ample supply for sale and you are encouraged to purchase some at \$10 each. These type of bags make great gift bags and the gift-giving season is fast approaching!

Proceeds will go the Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Remember ... it's for the Kids! Thank you, Mary Lou, for your efforts on their behalf.

**Do You Have Your "Eco-bags" Yet?**

First Lady, Mary Lou Miller, is selling "Eco-bag" re-useable shopping bags for the benefit of the Kids of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

As we all continue to be conscious of the waste that's generated by everyone, we are encouraged to consider re-useable bags for shopping.

These bags are \$10 each and can be purchased from Mary Lou or at the Shrine Office.

*From the Quill ...*



By Derek VanHouten, Recorder

The warm temperatures and the lush green landscapes that we have enjoyed all Summer are giving away to cooler days and more colorful country sides. The smell of the approaching Fall season is upon us and we welcome the events and occasions that come with it.

On August 21st, Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie honored Damascus Shrine Center as they highlight one Temple each month.

Ill. Jim Miller, Ill. Lyle Maldoon, Ill. Derek VanHouten and Noble Frank Russell gathered for a series of committee meetings at the Erie Unit. While there, Ill. Jim made a presentation of about \$200 from his Lady Mary Lou for the Hospital. After the general meeting, we adjourned for lunch and then the ride home. We would encourage any Noble to go to Erie and visit. Every time I go there I always learn something new or see something I didn't know previously. They have a very dedicated staff made

up of talented professionals.

Robert Liebel is the Donor Relations Director at Erie and one of the areas they track each month are the donations made to the Erie Facility. As an example, during the period of August 1, 2012-August 19, 2012, \$34,610.66 was donated. In 2013 for that same time period, \$40,285.78 was donated; an increase of \$5675.12 from last year. Remember, any donations to the Hospital are tax-deductible. Just make your checks payable to Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

On a personal note, I received a letter from the Imperial Potentate stating that Ill. Lance Ward and I were re-appointed as Imperial Marshal Aides. Our duties are to escort the Imperial Officers at the Imperial Sessions and any other duties that come up during the week. It requires us to be at the Imperial Marshal Aide's Office each morning at 7 a.m. in a business suit. This translates into a 5:30 a.m. wake-up call and makes for a long day, but well worth it. It's an opportunity to visit cities that we might not otherwise do, to witness the legislative operations on the national level, to meet and greet our leaders, to greet old friends and make new ones, to wipe away a tear or two at the Public Relations meeting, to enjoy the Imperial Potentate's Evening along with 5,000 other Nobles and to march down some of America's great streets.

**PERRY SHRINE CLUB**

By Ed Hollwedal

A very successful Sunday morning brunch meeting was held in August. It was well attended and all had an enjoyable morning.

**Mark Your Calendar**

Thursday, October 24th - at the Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant; Program will be presented by Potentate, Ill. Jim Miller

Wednesday, November 20th - at the Lumberyard Restaurant

Wednesday, December 18th - at the National Hotel; Program will be the Annual Christmas Party

Please keep these dates in mind and we hope to see all of you there.

As always, Socialize at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 6:45 p.m. Order off the menu.

**DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2013  
OCTOBER**



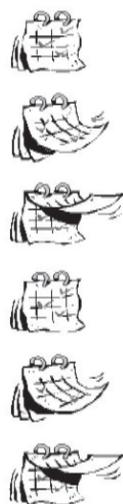
- 2nd Open Shriners Meeting - Oktoberfest
- 4th & 5th "Next-to-New" Sale, Sponsored by Daughters of the Nile
- 7th Lunch Club at Fairport Village Inn
- 12th Sportsman's Raffle
- 19th Shriners & Scottish Rite Veteran's Appreciation Night
- 25th Potentate's Ball (Please Note ... this is a DATE CHANGE)
- 26th Euchré Tournament

**NOVEMBER**

- 4th Divan Meeting
- 4th Lunch Club at Fairport Village Inn
- 6th Tiled Shriners Meeting
- 16th Fall Ceremonial, Harvest Dinner & Holiday Bazaar
- 30th Euchré Tournament

**DECEMBER**

- 2nd Divan Meeting
- 2nd Lunch Club at Fairport Village Inn
- 4th Tiled Shriners Annual Meeting - Election of Officers
- 14th All-Masonic Children's Christmas Party (AASR Hosting)
- 28th Euchré Tournament Holiday Party





*You are cordially invited to the*  
**Damascus Shrine Potentate's Gala**  
*Honoring Ill. Sir James S. Miller &*  
*Lady Mary Louise*  
**Friday Evening, October 25, 2013**

Social - 5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar  
 Procession/Introductions - 6:15 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:45 p.m.

**Cost: \$50 per person**

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Following a fine dining experience, Big Band Swing Music will be played for our listening and dancing enjoyment.

*Your reservation and payment are gratefully accepted by October 11th*

## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

The 2013-2014 Auburn Shrine Club started out with a huge turnout for the Annual Steak Roast and get-together at the old Masonic Lodge Hall in Auburn.

Ken Pollard took charge, as only he could, preparing a great meal with his sidekick, Beulah. It was hard to try to keep my waistline in check with so much good food. And, as it is said, "What would YOU do for a Klondike Bar?"

It was great to start off the Fall this way. I had a chance to talk with Bill Newcomb as he was able to pull himself away from work for a short time. It seems like the boating industry just keeps chugging along. I also overheard a fellow Shriner talking with Ed Kabelac about a fire engine for sale. Careful now, Ed.

### Aluminum Can Tabs

Sprague Wheeler brought a truckload of tabs back from Florida and parts unknown. If you were there, you know just how impressive it is. Larry Pritchard brought in 45 pounds of tabs. Can you imagine? I know that my tabs help, but I tried to quietly add mine to the pile. I really try. Oh, don't forget that the Can and Bottle Recycling center on Grant Avenue, across from Pizza Hut, is still taking donations to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. They are so friendly and give you a receipt for your taxes.

Upcoming meeting in October will find us at The Hollywood on Clark Street. Check your emails and postal mail for invitations. □



Chief Chef-of-the-Grill, Ken Pollard, headed up the Auburn Shrine Club's Annual Steak Roast in August.

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 Fee - \$2.50 per transaction of which  
 \$.50 goes to the Shrine



# What's New in Erie...

## "Toast and Taste" Event is Major Fundraiser for Shriners - Erie

By Bob Howden

**Sunday, November 17th**

Pairing your favorite food with an appropriate wine or beer can be tricky at times. That won't be an issue for those attending the first *Toast and Taste* food and beverage pairing event being held Sunday, November 17th, to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center.

*Toast and Taste*, which is expected to become an annual signature fundraising event will pair eight of the Erie area's finest restaurants with local wineries and microbreweries for a unique "toasting" and "tasting" event. The restaurants, wineries and microbreweries will be working together to develop unique, as well as tasty, food and beverage pairings. Individuals attending *Toast and Taste* will be able to circulate among the participating establishments and sample the various food and beverage pairings.

The event will be held from 1-4 p.m. at The Brewerie at Union Station in Downtown Erie. Tickets are priced at \$25 each. Proceeds from the event will support the Pediatric Orthopaedic Medical Services available at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie.

### Shriners and iHeartRadio Launch Joint Campaign

Shriners Hospitals for Children® has launched an integrated media promotion and marketing platform with iHeartRadio and On-Air with Ryan Seacrest, a nationally syndicated show in 134 markets nationwide. The Campaign is running now through December. iHeartRadio will host a series of promotions and events to raise awareness and generate cash donations for Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Ryan Seacrest, media personality and host of American Idol, is the voice of the Campaign. Additionally, Ryan has recorded several radio public service announcements for Shriners Hospitals for

Children that will be broadcast on all 840 iHeartRadio Stations across the Country throughout the promotion period.

To kick it off, iHeart-Radio is promoting an online auction of celebrity-donated experiences to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. The auction site is: [www.charitybuzz.com/shriners](http://www.charitybuzz.com/shriners)

### Shriners - Erie in Top 15 of Erie Gives Participants

Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center finished 13th among the 322 participants in this year's Erie Gives event held August 13th, and sponsored by the Erie Community Foundation. The one-day event, which ran from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., raised \$26,095.52 for Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, which includes a portion of the \$150,000 in matching funds from the Erie Community Foundation and GE Transportation.

### Spirit of Halloween Program Benefits Child Life Activities

Through the Spirit of Children Program, Spirit Halloween stores bring fun and funding to participating children's hospitals across the U.S., including Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Spirit Halloween is offering a special coupon good for 10 percent off purchases through October 21st. The discount will be matched in the form of a donation to support the Child Life Departments at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie facility.

Over the last few years, Shriners Hospitals for Children® has received more than \$800,000 from the Spirit of Children Campaign. Use Coupon Code "HELP-ING" to make online purchases at: [www.SpiritHalloween.com](http://www.SpiritHalloween.com)

There are four Spirit Halloween Stores in the Rochester Area - Ridgemont Plaza, Pittsford Plaza, Southtown Plaza and Baytowne Plaza.

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

Attention, Snowbirds!  
Are You Going South  
This Winter?



Mark Your Calendar ...

# Western New York Shrine "Reunion"

in Punta Gorda, FL

Tuesday, February 11th

11 a.m. 'til ... Lunch at 12:30 p.m.  
at Punta Gorda Elks Club

on the beautiful Peace River

25538 Shore Drive  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
Ph: (941) 637-2606

Specific Details Coming in Future Issue ...

## Deputy Imperial Potentate

John Cinotto and his Lady Margaret

invite you to join them on a

12-Day River Cruise ...

The Seine:

Paris to Normandy

October, 2013



Shriners International

For Reservations & Information:  
Call Grand Circle Travel  
800-866-6561, Press #2



## October Birthdays



Wayne A. Beckwith  
Scott A. Blystone  
Josue Bogmis  
Eugene G. Brendel  
Darryl J. Briggs  
Wendell H. Burtner  
James F. Clancy  
Melvin L. Clark  
Vance R. Collom, Jr.  
William D. Cram  
Michael DiCataldo  
John B. Dobson III  
Timothy C. Driscoll  
Anthony L. Felice II  
Matthew J. Fero  
McKinley H. Gath  
Richard A. Gilmore  
John W. Girard  
Kenneth R. Gordon, Jr.  
Robert C. Green, Jr.

Niketas J. Haldoupis  
Charles O. Hancock  
Robert E. Hayes  
Wilbur Hinkston  
Gerald J. Hussong  
Edward L. Kabelac  
Steve Kopicki  
Donald R. Kunego  
Thomas W. Maddicks  
Raymond R. Martin  
Joseph R. McAfee  
Todd W. Moore  
Matthew Muller  
James C. Murch  
Garth A. Murray  
Philip Neivert  
James E. Nersinger  
David W. Parish  
Ralph E. Pate

Lloyd W. Peelle  
James Pipher, Sr.  
Ryan M. Ramplin  
Rene M. Reynolds  
Raymond F. Ross  
Robert J. Scott  
Norris P. Shapiro  
James R. Smith  
Ralph E. Smith  
Richard T. Smith  
Richard Snyder  
Richard J. Spangenberg  
Michael E. Spillane  
Glenn A. Stahl  
Todd M. Statt  
Ted Sykes  
David C. Sylvester  
Michael Taylor  
George L. Tegart, Jr.  
Donald J. Weeks

# Love to the Rescue® ... You Can Help!

By Alan W. Madsen, Chairman

Board of Directors Shriners Hospitals for Children®

When Emily was born, doctors said she would never walk or even sit up on her own. She had been diagnosed with Spina Bifida, a deformed left limb and other medical challenges. Emily's parents weren't sure where to turn for help.

That's when Shriners Hospitals for Children® stepped in and, with your donations, brought Love to the Rescue® of Emily and her family.

Like every family we help, Emily's knew they would get the very best care - regardless of their ability to pay. Since 1922, we have helped over a million children and none of it would be possible without your support.

When you make a donation, an amazing 90% of every dollar goes to the Hospitals, ensuring they can continue to go above and beyond for children.

Today, through the acts of Love and healing she found at Shriners Hospitals

for Children®, Emily walks - and even dances. Her story, and thousands of other successes, would not be possible without the generous support of people like you. That's why we're asking for your help today.

If you've given in the past, consider the difference even a fraction more will make. You might even consider becoming a monthly donor. Monthly giving is the best way to ensure your gift will be there when it's needed most. And remember, all donations are tax-deductible.

Last year we helped over 121,000 children. How many we help this year is up to you. On behalf of everyone at Shriners Hospitals for Children®, and the kids they help, please take a moment and send your Love to the rescue ... send your Love to the rescue today.

To stay on top of everything Shriners Hospitals are doing, join us on Facebook. □



God Bless Our Troops

## Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

Wednesday, October 9th

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 Monday, October 4th at (585) 436-8216  
or email: [cylegalrx@hotmail.com](mailto:cylegalrx@hotmail.com)



The Damascus Shrine Mason's  
8th Annual  
**Sportsman's Raffle**

**Saturday, October 12 • 1 – 5 p.m.**

*Ticket Information*

Call

585-671-7701

Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Rd, Webster

Donation: \$20

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

Hots, Hamburgers, Sausage, Salads, Beer and Pop All Included In Price

*All proceeds go to the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster*

Remington 770™ Package Gun, Cal. 243 3x9 Scope

Remington 11-87™ Sportsman® 12-Gauge Deer Gun

Savage Mark II G22 L.R.

Tikka T3 Rifle Lite 308-Caliber

Browning BPS Hunter 12 or 20 Ven 7 Rib

Browning X-Bolt Rifle, 30-06 Caliber

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Remington 700™ SPS Rifle, 30-06

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Marlin 336W 30-30 Lever

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Remington 11-87™, 20-Gauge Vent Rib

Remington 870™ Express Combo

Remington 870™ Express, 20-Gauge, Vent Rib

Benelli Nova, 12-Gauge Pump

CZ 455 American 22 L.R.

CZ 912 Semi-Automatic 12-Gauge

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**This year we will raffle 20 Guns!**

*Sponsored by Daughters of the Nile*

**Next-to-New  
Sale**

Open to  
the Public

at Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

**Friday, October 4th**

**9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

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**Saturday
October 5th
9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Announcing ...

*4th Annual Hillbilly Degree
at Sea 2014 Family Cruise*

It's a 5-day Eastern Caribbean
Cruise to Nassau and Freeport,
Bahamas

to Benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Sailing from Charleston, SC on

January 20th

Call (865) 414-7233 for
Booking & Details

One Day Only!

*Mark Your Calendar ...
Don't Miss This!*

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 16th

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

(Same day as Shrine Thanksgiving Dinner)

at Damascus Shrine Center;
979 Bay Road, Webster

Sponsored by Daughters of the Nile

*Holiday Wreaths, Table and Wall Decorations (to give or keep),
a Variety of Handmade Gifts, Live Poinsettias, All Types of Gift Items,
Gift Wrapping and a Bake Sale!*



**Damascus Shriners
Euchré Tournaments**

Last Saturday of the Month ...

Fall Season

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¢ Euchré ~ 50/50 Raffle

For more details:

Mike Hueston: mph0523@frontiernet.net

Oscar Wilson: roscosc@earthlink.net

(585) 671-7701 Damascus Shriner Center

**All-Masonic
Childrens' Holiday Party**

at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

**Saturday, December 14th
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

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

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

Activities will include ...

Cookie Decorating * * * Pine Cone Bird feeder
Face Painting * * * Coloring * * * Snacks * * * Drinks
Special visit with Santa

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

From the Kitchen of Jan Porter ...

The Holidays are fast approaching and time is of the essence. Love my slow cooker.

Three-Envelope Roast for Slow Cooker

Ingredients:

3-pound Beef Roast (such as Chuck Roast)
1 envelope of dry Italian Salad Dressing Mix
1 envelope of dry Ranch Salad Dressing Mix
1 envelope of dry Brown Gravy Mix
2 cups water

Instructions :

Put the water in a measuring cup that is larger then the amount of water you are using. Now add and mix all three envelopes to the water. Mix until blended completely.

Brown the roast (if desired). Add the meat to your cooker. Pour the water salad dressing mixture over the roast. In the slow cooker cook it on high for about 4 hours or low about 8 hours. □

Olive Branch
Lodge No. 39, F. & A.M.
1st Wednesdays
7:30 p.m.

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Lodge and support them. He is going to institute a different dress code for the Officers ... at the first meeting of the month, the Officers, and any Brother who would like to, will be wearing their tuxes.

As everyone should know by now, Olive Branch Lodge celebrated its 200th Anniversary in May. To commemorate this historic event, the Lodge had a commemorative coin struck. On one side there is the Seal of the Lodge and on the other side is

a depiction of the cornerstone for our new building. This coin is available to any Mason for a \$10 donation to the Lodge.

Our new Master and his two Apprentices installed a dance floor in the Community Center during the Summer. This will be used during the October Fest that is planned for October 19th. It will include authentic German food. Bill will be making much of the food from scratch. This event is open to all Masons and their guests. We have enlisted a

Brother to play German music for your dancing pleasure. The cost is \$20 per Mason or \$35 per Mason and guest. For more information about the event, contact the Master or Secretary at the above emails or phone numbers.

The Masonic Community Center catered a Rib and Pulled Pork Dinner for the Masonic Campers in July at their yearly campout. Our Chef "Bill" and his Crew are available for catering at the Masonic Community Center or outside events.

The Lodge sponsored, and the Olive Branch Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, put on four lunches for the Veterans from the Batavia VA Home this Sum-

mer. This has been going on for as many years as I can remember. The VA takes some of the Veterans to the Fish Hatchery in Caledonia; the fish they catch are cooked and served by the Eastern Star Ladies along with a meal. The Veterans really appreciate the attention they receive from the Eastern Star and Masons.

Our Secretary Emeritus, Doug Poole, is in a nursing home somewhere in the Syracuse Area. Please keep him in your prayers. When I am able to find out an address of this location I will send it out to the Brothers. For now any well wishes can be sent to his home address at 7833 Walker Road, Le Roy, NY 14482. □

Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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

District Deputy Grand Master
Ontario/Seneca/Yates District

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Social Hour - 6 p.m.;
Dinner - 7 p.m.
Cost - \$30 per person
Presentation follows Dinner.
Reservations to W.: Tom Abraham at 585-526-5308.

Official Visits
October 9th - Seneca Lodge, Seneca Falls, 7:30 p.m.
October 10th - Milnor Lodge, Shortsville, 7:30 p.m.
October 16th - Milo Lodge, Penn Yan, 7:30 p.m.

Grand Lecturer's Convention
October 17th - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Milo Lodge, Penn Yan. Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Convention - 7:30 p.m. This is a terrific chance for our newly Raised Brothers to learn more about our beautiful Ritual in a setting which allows for questions and discussion.

October 26th - OSY District Apron Presentation. To be held at the Sons of Italy in Geneva. Social hour - 6 p.m., Dinner - 7 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$20.

Reservations to DDGM at: (315) 548-2359 or email: jkbrandow@yahoo.com

Our guest and speaker for the evening will be M.:W.: Bruce Widger, PGM. Aprons will be presented to our new Grand Chaplain, R.:W.: James E. Tyrrell of John Hodge Lodge, Naples, and our recent recipient of the Dedicated Service Award, W.: Charles Rouse, Jr. of Ark Lodge, Geneva. The R.:W.: E. Platt Soper Award for Service to the District will also be presented. □

Garoga-Sincerity
Lodge No. 200

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

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The final report is in on the Kraut Festival activities by the Lodge. Besides our traditional Chicken Bar-B-Que served at the Fire Hall next to the Lodge (which proved to be more accessible for some of our patrons), we also had a stand on the Grounds where Pulled Pork Sandwiches were sold, as well as Bar-B-Que Meals. With the combined efforts, we had our

most successful fundraiser in recent years. Thanks again to all who worked at either activity.

Be safe, have fun and share the Brotherly love.

Sickness and Distress
Brother Ron Van Camp is reported to be in need of hospital care. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

Upcoming Events
The District Apron Presentations will take place on October 26th at the Sons of Italy in Geneva. The Social Hour begins at 6 p.m., with Dinner following at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be PGM, M.:W.: Bruce Widger. Reservations are required; contact the Master or Secretary.

The District Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on Thursday, October 17th at Milo Lodge in Penn Yan. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. with the Convention to follow at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required; contact the Master or Secretary.

Remember the first meeting of every month we have a Pot Luck Dinner! Starting at 6:30 p.m.; please bring a dish-to-pass. Call a Brother and bring them for dinner. Come and support your Lodge.

Hope to see you there.
October Birthdays
We send October birthday greetings to Robert Patrick, Jr. (5th), William Peterson (6th) and Milt Lum (23rd).

Masonic Anniversaries
The following were Raised in October:
37 years **Jesse Gillespie**
29 years **Lynn Spence** □

Ark Lodge
No. 33, F. & A.M.
Chartered 1807
3rd Wednesday

Master
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Another Masonic Year will begin for us with the presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Award to Mr. Charles Bauder of Geneva for his volunteer activity in Geneva.

The presentation will take place on Wednesday, October 2nd at the Geneva Country Club with a Social Hour beginning at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m.

The Lodge has received a Petition for Initiation and is expecting another Petition to be returned to the Lodge. We will need to set up

a 1st Degree in November. There are many Masonic activities taking place this Fall and it is hoped that as many Brothers as possible will participate in them.

Every member of Ark Lodge plays an important role in the life and future of the Lodge. There is much to gain from attending our meetings and traveling to attend other Lodges in the District to meet new Brothers and greet old acquaintances. We have a wonderful Fraternity that is best experienced by getting out and about in the District. I would encourage each and every Brother to make the attempt to visit as many of the thirteen Lodges in the District as possible during the year. You will enjoy the experience and the reward will be well worth the effort. If you live outside of the O/S/Y District, try to visit a local Lodge where you live and email me with the Lodge that you attended.

You belong to a great Fraternity. Be proud of your membership; go out and demonstrate your commitment to the Craft. If you have not been to Lodge in awhile, make the effort to attend a Communication and join in the fellowship of your Fraternal Family. You will truly enjoy the experience.

Mark Your Calendar
October 2nd - Presentation of DeWitt Clinton Award to Mr. Charles Bauder at the Geneva Country Club. Social Hour - 6 p.m., Dinner - 7 p.m.

October 16th - Stated Communication, 1st Degree
October 17th - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Milo Lodge, Penn Yan; 6:30 p.m.

October 26th - District Apron Presentations at Sons of Italy, Geneva; Social Hour - 6 p.m., Dinner - 7 p.m. Guest Speaker - Past Grand Master, M.:W.: Bruce Widger. □

Wayne District

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By the time you read this month's edition, the children will have returned to school and our Lodges will be getting back into full swing. All Masons are encouraged to support their Lodges with regular attendance. And, as we begin to anticipate Degree work and other special events, please consider taking an active part in organizing, presenting and participating in the events of your Lodge. Ours is not only a Fraternal, but a volunteer organization and many hands do indeed make lighter work for all involved. The vitality of each Lodge may, in part, be measured by the amount of participation in the dinners, Degrees, special events and community functions that we all enjoy.

As we progress through the Fall toward Halloween, Wayne District will have the treat of enjoying a number of events. Official Visits by the District Team are scheduled to start at 7:30

p.m. as follows:
October 8th - Marion
October 21st - Newark
October 23rd - Wayne
Dinners will precede each Visit; please make reservations with the Secretary of the Lodge.
Grand Lecturer's Convention
October 11th

Additionally, Wayne District will have the honor of hosting the Grand Lecturer for our Annual Convention. Again this year R.:W.: Robert Strang, Jr. will be hosted by Marion Lodge. The Question and Answer Session will begin at 5 p.m., Dinner will follow and evening session begins at 7:30 p.m.

Please email your reservations to:
Secretary of Marion Lodge,
W.: Keith Hance
keith.hance4@gmail.com or
AGL, V.: W.: Joe Green
adoniram32@yahoo.com
On a Personal Note ...

I would like to pass along belated birthday greetings to my father, Brother Eugene DeWispelaere on his 80th birthday. A 50-year member of Sodus Lodge, Dad waited a long time for me to show an interest in the Craft. I hope in some small way, I have re-paid his patience. It is indeed one of the honors of the Fraternity to be able to call my father "my Brother." Thanks, Dad, Happy Birthday and many more. Your Brother, Jay. □

Fall is here, and with it the beauty that surrounds us in the spectacular Finger Lakes. Our Summer period of refreshment has been enjoyed and we have eagerly returned to our labor. Our Lodges are humming with activity as we pick up our Working Tools and commence a fresh Masonic Season.

We have many Lodge and District events taking place in October and I would earnestly seek the participation of as many Brothers as possible. I would especially request that we make an effort to include and involve our newly Raised Brothers in events throughout the District.

We have done a tremendous job of bringing new Brothers to the Craft in the past several years. We need to make certain that we continue this work by making them feel a part of our Lodges and our District. Let's resolve to make an effort to take them on a visit to other Lodges in the District and proudly introduce them as newly Raised Brothers. Let's resolve to make sure they know when and where District events are happening and personally invite them to attend. Let's resolve to remember that their, and our, Masonic Education is a lifelong journey.

Listed below are many events happening around the District which are excellent opportunities for Masonic Education and fellowship. Please make an effort to invite and include as many Brothers as possible, especially our newly Raised Brothers.

Upcoming Events

October 2nd - Ark Lodge in Geneva will present a DeWitt Clinton Award to Mr. Charles Bauder. The DeWitt Clinton Award is given to a non-Mason for exceptional voluntary service to their community. The event will take place at:

Geneva Country Club

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Wayne



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The Grand Master's theme this year is PRIDE. Pride in ourselves, pride in our Lodges and pride in our Fraternity. I think this is a very well thought-out goal. Pride in ourselves – take a moment to think about your core values. What do you believe in, what do you stand for? Stand up a little straighter, push those shoulders back, get your suit cleaned and your shoes polished.

Pride in our Lodges – what a difference in outlook that can make! Have you brushed up on the Opening and Closing of Lodge? Have you practiced with your Brothers as the Master has asked? Do you support your Lodge and Officers by attending meetings, work details and social events? They are all important to the smooth operation of your Lodge. Offering help and encouragement to young and old alike is welcomed by all.

Pride in our Fraternity – isn't it inspiring when there is a room full of Masons together?

Whether it be for a Brother who has laid down the Working Tools of life, a Grand Lecturer's Convention, a Reception or Grand Lodge itself, I feel the strength of our Brotherhood. I know my contribution is multiplied over and over by others adding theirs as well. We can accomplish great things together, Brothers. Think PRIDE and we will have a very successful year. God bless the USA. ☐

Assistant Grand Lecturer

Wayne District

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I thank all the Brothers who attended the Regional Ritual Renaissance Program held last June for sending me a thoughtful get well card. I missed the program held in Rochester due to having bladder surgery a couple days before. Unfortunately

the surgery did not go well and I returned to the hospital a month later for emergency surgery.

The Fall Season brings the advent of the Grand Lecturer's Convention to this Region, coupled with Official Visits from the District Deputy Grand Master commencing to the individual Lodges. I have been asked to cover some questions frequently asked in the past by Brothers new in the Craft and Brothers who are new at "going through the Chairs" regarding these events, as well as touch on proper etiquette and decorum for these meetings.

Q: Last year the major question posed to me was "Why is the Convention being held on Friday? We always had it on Thursday."

A: The position of Grand Lecturer is appointed every two years by the Grand Master. Many times the Grand Lecturer is a retired gentleman and is re-appointed; hence their schedules are flexible. Our current Grand Lecturer is a working man with a daytime job. Also, with the change of appointments comes change in the traveling distance that the newly appointed Grand Lecturer has to different Regions of the State, or even whether he has to stay overnight in a Region and do two or three Districts over an extended stay of several days. During warm weather months the Grand Lecturers have tried to visit Districts that have potential for bad weather conditions during the colder seasons, while visiting Districts which are relatively close to their homes during potential bad travel conditions.

In our District I can't remember a Convention we did not have a dinner prior to the meeting. Which brings up two of the most frequently asked questions ...

Q: "Can I bring a friend who is a Master Mason but not from our District? Is the dinner free for him or does he have to pay?" and "What am I supposed to wear; do I have to dress up?"

A: The dinner for Wayne District is free to any Brother be they from our District or another, or even another Jurisdiction. We just need Brethren to let their respective Masters know how many are attending for a headcount to have enough food.

Proper dress for either the Convention or Official Visit should be dark suit and wearing the Apron of the highest office you

have achieved. It is most proper that Officers of a Lodge during their Official Visit, and Brothers exemplifying a Chair in the Convention, wear a tuxedo. This would also hold true for Degree work in your respective Lodges. If you do not own a tux or have grown out of the one you own, or can't afford one, no one will think less of you for not wearing one. However, a dark suit or tuxedo would be most proper.

Q: "If I have to go to the Restroom during the Exemplification of the Degree, should I go to the Altar (like in a regular meeting), give Sign and Due Guard to Worshipful Master, or do I address the Grand Lecturer?"

A: It is important that there be no confusion in the Craft during a Degree, as well as exemplifying a Degree. The Second Section of Grand Lecturer's Convention is the Exemplification of the Degree, the Grand Lecturer is only overseeing the work, therefore the answer would be if you have to leave during a real Degree you advance to Altar and give Due Guard to Worshipful Master. However, not at a time to interrupt the Degree, and if you believe it will, then just leave without advancing to Altar and without causing confusion.

At every Grand Lecturer's Convention I've attended, the Grand Lecturer specifically advised the Craft prior to the work, if you have to leave, just go and return without attending at the Altar. It was the same as at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge - leave without advancing to Altar and return as needed. Just don't cause confusion or disharmony in the Craft.

There is usually an afternoon session, whereby the Grand Lecturer makes himself available for questions and answers on Ritual work and Masonic Law. This is a time for a candid and informal one-on-one with the Grand Lecturer. It is a time for serious questions and not for highly inappropriate, both at the session or during the Exemplification of Degree, to challenge the Grand Lecturer on Grand Lodge Doctrines or pose trick questions to the Grand Lecturer to test his knowledge of Masonry. One of the common challenges might be the five Candidate Masonic Law question. The Grand Lecturer is the Grand Lodge's liaison, "Don't shoot the messenger!"

In every meeting of the Craft, it is most proper that the highest in rank is the last to enter the room (if possible with an escort) and the first to leave. It is proper etiquette that upon opening a meeting he be addressed first and allowed to speak, and before closing a meeting he be addressed again, being the last to speak.

Truly, no Subordinate Brother, Officer or otherwise, should be seated while their superior is standing unless given leave and if a Brother is addressed by his superior, it is disrespectful not to stand and come to Sign of Fidelity. Wherefore Masters rap that gavel three times if you give permission to Deacon for any Worshipful to enter Lodge, be they a Most, a Right, a Past or a lowly Very as myself. This would hold true at the individual Lodge level, that a Brother waits for the Master to be seated then he may be seated.

During Ritual work, after the Altar work of a Degree when the Master returns to the East, the Officers should all immediately head for their Stations and Places, the Master seats himself, the Officers wait until they see Master seated, they seat themselves and the Master should not strike the gavel for the line to break until he sees all his Subordinate Officers are all seated.

Many times past, Grand Lecturers, during their opening introductions, have instructed the Brethren to speak freely and candidly, they don't have to rise and come to Sign of Fidelity. This is the Grand Lecturer's prerogative and in this upcoming Convention, you may even hear the Grand Lecturer request he be called "Bob," not Grand Lecturer or Right Worshipful. However, unless a superior Officer gives leave on how to be addressed, a Mason should make it a practice to address others by title, then by name - "Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer, may I ask a question?" "Yes, please, Brother Jones. Could you please ask Very Worshipful Joe Green to shut the hell up?"

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for Wayne District will be held Friday, October 11th at Marion Lodge. Last year the Ladies of the Eastern Star cooked an exceptional Pork Tenderloin and stuffing dinner. The First Session with Questions and Answers will be at 5:00 p.m.; dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and Exemplification of First Section of 3rd Degree at 7:30 p.m. ☐

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1st & 3rd Wednesdays

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September was a busy month with "Information Night" for prospective candidates and the Annual Canal Town festivities. Many, many thanks for all who gave their time and cooking talents to insure another successful year in support of the Palmyra Temple Association.

Sad News

It is my sad duty to report the passing of W. David Bassett who has been ill for some time. Our Brother was Master of Palmyra Lodge in 1979. An evening Masonic Service was held at Murphy Funeral Home in Palmyra on September 8th and a memorial donation to the Brotherhood Fund has been submitted in his name. Dave was also a longtime member of the Temple Association and will be missed.

September

With only one meeting in September, other than a report on both "Information Night" and Canal Town Days, the evening discussion was centered on the Trestleboard for the year.

October

October's meetings will center around Masonic Education and preparation for Degree work. Brothers are reminded that any difficulty with Degree work can be solved by asking another Brother. Also remember that Asking, Practice and Repetition is the only solution to memorization.

The 1st Degree will be held on October 16th. Rehearsal sessions are scheduled for October 11th at 7 p.m. and October 13th at 2 p.m. Be there.

Brotherhood Fund

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund for 2013-2014 is NOW underway. Drumlin Square has been consistently supportive of this annual undertaking and I ask you all to make a commitment again this year. A \$2 donation is as needed as well as a \$50 or even greater amount. Consider your Masonic Obligation and Cabletow and donate accordingly.

May Brotherly love prevail. ☐

In Memoriam

Bassett, David C.

On September 2nd, David Bassett, 68, went to the Celestial Lodge. His wife, Kathleen; 2 children and 2 grandchildren survive him. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

Brown, Richard D.

Richard Brown, 78, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on September 12th. He is survived by his wife, Mary

Ann; 3 children, 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Richard was a member of Royal Arch Masons and Livonia Lodge. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Byam, Mary H.

On August 19th, Mary Byam, 92, passed away. Her daughter and 2 grandchildren will remember her in their hearts forever. Mary was a member of Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter, OES. Memories are like threads

of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

DiJames, Louis

On August 21st, Louis DiJames, 82, laid down his Working Tools and went Home to his Lord. Louie is survived by his wife of 55 years, Barbara; 7 children, 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He was a US Navy Veteran and a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, Scottish Rite, Tall Cedars and Starlight Chapter, OES. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

Hall, George

We have just received word that George Hall, 91, passed away March 21, 2012, leaving his wife Marion to cherish his memories. George was a member of Oatka Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

Jamele, John L.

John Jamele, 82, went to the waiting arms of his wife on August 30th. John was a decorated US Army Veteran of the Korean War and a very active member of

Unity Lodge. He is survived by 2 children and 4 grandchildren. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

Kimmel, Frank "Duke"

On September 4th, Duke Kimmel, 88, was embraced by those who walked before him, leaving his 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren to share their memories. He was a World War II Veteran and member of Clio Lodge. No length of time can take away our thoughts of you today. ☐



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Summer Activities

Although Fall, with its myriad of activities, is before us, the first thing I'd like to do is review some Late Summer events that haven't been covered here.

On August 4th, Monroe District had a Social Visit of the Grand Matron, Keri Rhebergen, and the Grand Patron, our own Ken Milner, in the form of a picnic in Parma. Although a bit windy, it was a beautiful sunny day, which allowed everyone to relax and socialize. We had a wonderful variety of dishes that people brought to complement the hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on the grill. We played a couple of games, one of which was OES Trivia (Debbie Leipold won). About 40 people enjoyed this day of fellowship and tribute to our Grand Leaders.

In mid-August we held our 23rd Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que in Webster. This year we were not scheduled for the weekend of Webster Days and did a "stand alone" event. Despite this, sales of our Chicken Dinners, Peach Pies and Peach Shortcakes netted a profit of \$1,274, which is great. This will be presented to next year's Grand Matron and Patron. It takes many workers, each doing their part, to make such a function a success and I thank all who helped in any way and, of course, Mae Bauer for her efforts as general Chairperson.

Grand Matron's Cruise

On September 1st, twelve of us from Monroe District joined with 41 other OES members and friends from throughout the State for the start of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron's trip - a six-night cruise from Bayonne, New Jersey's Cape Liberty to Bermuda, aboard the Celebrity Summit. We embarked at 5 p.m., and for the next day-and-a-half, people were able to enjoy the various culinary, spa, shopping and activity offerings on the ship. We had a private "Star" Cocktail Party one night before dinner. Then we had two-and-a-half days to explore the many aspects of Bermuda - its beaches, flowers, fish, quaint architecture, history, culture, shops and more.

Each night at dinner we reviewed our day's activities with our tablemates, who varied from night-to-night within the group. The nighttime entertainment was wonderful. There were three production shows done by the ship's dancers and singers, a talented comedian/musician, a Broadway vocalist who composed for Barbra Streisand and a terrific illusionist. One night poolside we were also treated to a folklore troupe doing native dances in costume. It was composed of dancers aged 5 to adult and very well done. All in all it was an enjoyable trip with great company.

To October and Beyond ...

Mark Your Calendar

October 5th - Line Officer's Meeting, 9 a.m. at Spencerport

October 16th - Testimonial Dinner for the Grand Matron and Patron, Binghamton

October 17th-19th - Grand Sessions in Binghamton

It's a Double-Header!!

at Spencerport Masonic Hall
133 S. Union Street

November 1st - District Banquet Gather at 5 p.m.; Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

\$17 for Full Buffet w/ 3 Meats

Reservations to Donna Laundry by October 24th

AND

November 1st - 8 p.m.

Reception for

New District Grand Officers

Beverly Thompson, DDGM

and

Tom Richenderfer, DGL

Reception Reservations to

Judy Lenzi at 586-7492

Invitations, with details, will be read at Chapter Meetings.

Lilac Star Chapter #57
Order of the Eastern Star

Annual Autumn
Card Party and Luncheon
Monday, November 4th
10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Cards at 10 a.m.
Webster Masonic Center
30 Orchard Street, Webster

A Chicken and Biscuit Luncheon
will be served at 12 Noon

(You may attend the Luncheon and not stay for cards.)

Donation \$8
For reservations, please call
964-2135 or 359-3691

November 2nd - East-West Luncheon at Spencerport

December 1st - District Christmas Party at Spencerport

This will be my last column, so I hope to see many of you at Sessions and thank you for being flexible this year.

Notes from Neil

By M.W. Neil E. Laundry

The 2012-2013 Star year is drawing to a close, but that certainly doesn't mean the pace has slowed. If anything, we're gaining momentum.

Among the several duties that fall to the Lecturer each year are those associated with the Annual Grand Sessions. Several months ago, I asked that your room reservations be sent to me so I could submit our requests as a group. That part of the process was completed and the Grand Secretary confirmed the packet was received. I have also received my personal hotel confirmation number from the Doubletree.

Please Note - If you sent room requests through me and, upon receipt of this article, have not yet received a Hotel Reservation Confirmation, please contact me as soon as possible and I will follow up immediately.

If you plan to attend Sessions and have not pre-registered, you're probably too late as the forms and payments were to be postmarked by September 27th. Failure to pre-register means you will

pay more and you will not be included in the chair count to be seated with the District.

Everyone (pre-registered or not) must sign-in at the District Table in the Headquarters Hotel to receive Grand Sessions Packets and ballots.

If you would like to attend the Clinton-Essex/Monroe District combined Friday evening October 18th Dinner at Sessions, please send your request and check to me. (See additional information in the notice posted on this page or from last month's **Masonic Times**.)

Although many of us begin to focus on Grand Sessions in October, a quick look at R.W. Donna's DDGM column lets us know there are still plenty of activities planned right here in Monroe District. Make sure to keep up-to-date (and active) regarding both Chapter and District events scheduled for the upcoming months. After all, it's your participation that fuels the Order.

I'll sign off with a simple, "Thanks for the Memories!" It has been a busy and exciting year for the District as we've balanced our activities here at home with our State-wide travels in support of M.W. Ken, M.W. Keri and their Grand Officers. My sincere thanks to R.W. Donna and M.W. Wanda for the hours of labor expended to make our District activities just a bit more extra-special for each of our members.

Best wishes to our incoming District Officers for a great year. Take care and have fun!

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Don't Miss This Combined District Dinner
... a Kickoff to Sessions!!!

You are invited to join friends
for dinner with the

Clinton-Essex and Monroe Districts

Friday, October 18th

at Doubletree by Hilton, Binghamton
Buffet at 6:45 p.m.

Price: \$26.50 (Includes tax and gratuity)

Reservations with payment needed by October 1st

Make Checks Payable to: Kenneth Milner or Keri Rhebergen

Send to: Neil Laundry, 568 Drake Road, Hamlin, NY 14464

OR

Allan Clark, PO Box 62, Moriah Center, NY 12961

Bring a wrapped item for an auction following dinner.

Scottish Rite NEWS

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



Ill. Kenneth "Rick" Howe, 33°
Commander-in-Chief

Fall

A new season is upon us and we have much work on the Trestleboard. It's my pleasure to announce that Ill. John Zabel, 33°, will be the Sponsor for the 2013-2014 class. Thanks, John, for all that you do for us and for Freemasonry. We look forward to another great year in Scottish Rite.

Coming Attractions

October 17th - "Lite from the Rite" at the Shrine Center - Ill. John Zabel will be discussing "Masonic Regalia for Various Scottish Rite Degrees." Note - We are working on more "Lite from the Rite" Programs. If you have a particular interest, let us know and we will do what we can to accommodate.

October 19th - Annual Veterans Recognition Night with Shrine Masons at the Shrine Center

November 21st - Candidate Orientation at Shrine Center

November 23rd - Fall Reunion with the Valley of Syracuse at Shrine Center.

December 7th - Symbolic Lodge Awards

December 14th - All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party

Musings

About six short years ago, I was asked to consider stepping in Line of the Con-

WE ARE MOVING!

The Valley of Rochester Office will be moving effective November 1st. Our new address will be:

**Valley of Rochester AASR
811 Ayrault Road, Suite 3
Fairport, NY 14450-8964**

We will be moving our smaller items (paper supplies, etc.) starting October 15th. Please call the Office at 264-1160 if you are able to help.

Larger items (desks, cabinets, tables, etc.) will be professionally moved October 28th to the 30th.

Our goal is to be fully operational November 1st. I obviously accepted the challenge and it's hard to believe that we are now embarking on the last leg of that journey. In a few short months I'll be passing the torch of leadership.

Clubs

In this final leg, and in keeping with the mission statement handed down from our Sovereign Grand Commander, we will be focusing on membership retention and fellowship. I've mentioned the goal of forming Scottish Rite Clubs as a way of encouraging our Brothers in the remote areas to enjoy Scottish Rite in a more convenient forum. From these satellite havens we will, hopefully, get out, visit and get acquainted with our Brothers in the 90 Lodges within the parameters of our Valley.

We will also be looking into the possibility of forming a Degree Club for the purpose of studying the 29 Scottish Rite Degrees and encouraging participation in the presentation of Degrees. Clubs will be a place of fellowship in a nurturing an instructive environment.

College of Freemasonry

The date is set and place is reserved for our next "College of Freemasonry." Sublime Price Bill Edwards is ramping up for the program to be held in March, 2015. There will be more information on this in coming articles.

This is a signature event for the Valley of Rochester and is talked about throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction as well as the Southern Jurisdiction. Let's get the word out so our Brothers can make their plans in plenty of time.

Road Trip

For my swan song we are working on a trip to Nashville, TN. A basic package of \$500 has been quoted that will afford us four days and three nights with a tour package when we get to town. There is only one obstacle at this point. The purpose for the Valley of Rochester is to witness a Southern Jurisdiction Reunion and thus far, the date for that Reunion at the Valley of Nashville has not been set. Hopefully, we will know the date soon and then we will proceed with the plans. Stay tuned for further developments.

World Premier of "The Peacemakers"

By John S. Lemke, 2nd Lieutenant Commander

The world premier of a new Scottish Rite Public Degree, a dramatic presentation that any Mason can see, will be presented on Tuesday, October 8th, at the Inspiration Lodge meeting at the Shrine Center. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the presentation following.

This presentation will be a fictionalized historic account of

events just prior to the end of the Civil War. A second presentation will be made at the Humanity Lodge meeting in Lyons on Wednesday, October 23rd. Contact the Valley Office for further details and dinner reservations.

These events are a great way to find out about history, the Scottish Rite and how our

Masonic values have played a significant role in our country's decisions and history from Colonial Times to the present.

In the trying times our Country is currently going through, you can take some measure of solace seeing how our country's leaders planned on emerging from the crisis of the Civil War.

Children's Dyslexia Center - in Honor of Frank & Bette Paul

By Ann Kaczka



On September 16th the Children's Dyslexia Center welcomed back our students and tutors. Although we started up at our current location at 3300 Monroe Ave, we don't expect to be there for long. We will be announcing the Center's move very soon. Stay tuned ...

Here is a letter from a student. I submit it with all the misspellings and grammatical errors.

Dear Dyslexia Center,

Thank You for choosing me out of a lot of other kids with dyslexia. I try my best to spell things but sometimes I Forget to spell easy words like had I put a "e" on the end of the word. I really apreshate it that you chouse me. I'm looking Forward to it. Thanks aging.

From, Kayla

Kayla, a 6th grader, sent this letter to the Children's Dyslexia Center last June, just two days after being accepted into the Summer Session. At that time

she was reading and spelling at a 3rd grade level. Kayla was just re-tested in March 2013 and is now reading and spelling at a 5th grade level! Her reading and spelling has improved by two grade levels in less than one year! Needless to say, Kayla and her family are very happy with her progress.

"Dyslexia is an island of weakness... surrounded by a sea of strengths," says Dr. Sally Shaywitz, leading expert in the field of Dyslexia.

The six-week Summer Session at the Children's Dyslexia Center started on June 24th and ended on

**Valley of Rochester
Autumn - 2013**

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**October 8th - Rite on the Road/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night  
at Inspiration Lodge Meeting**

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**October 17th - Valley Meeting, Shrine Center
Lite from the Rite Program
Masonic Regalia and Costumes by Ill. John Zabel, 33°
New 6° Video
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (**)
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**

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**October 19th - Veterans Recognition Night (AASR & Shrine)  
Shrine Center  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
Program - 7:30 p.m.**

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**October 23rd - Rite on the Road/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night
at Humanity Lodge Meeting, Lyons**

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**October 28th-31st - Scottish Rite Office is MOVING  
New Location ...  
811 Ayrault Road, Fairport**

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**November 19th - Rite on the Road/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night
at Clio Lodge Meeting**

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**November 21st - Valley Meeting, Shrine Center  
Candidate Orientation/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**

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**November 23rd - Fall Reunion, Shrine Center
Presentations of 4°, 9°, 14°, 20° and 32°
Registration, Coffee & Donuts - 8 a.m.
Degrees - 9 a.m.-3 p.m. ~ Lunch (**)**

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**December 7th - Symbolic Lodge Awards, Shrine Center  
Social - 4 p.m. (Cash Bar/Hors d'oeuvres) ~ Program - 5 p.m.  
Pizza & Wings following**

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December 14th - All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party, Shrine Center

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

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

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

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Ann Kaczka, Learning Center Director

John W. Paul, Chair, Board of Governors

August 1st. This Summer there were 23 students enrolled ... 17 of whom were here for the first time! The tutors at the Center use the Orton Gillingham Multi-

sensory Approach to Reading to help each of these students work hard on their island of weakness so they can start discovering their sea of strengths.

# We Salute the Scottish Rite Veterans

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 David Benda  
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 Bruce Bernhard  
 Chapin Blake  
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 David Crawford  
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 Harry E. Dainty  
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 Nathan Dolce  
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 Thomas E. Frey  
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 Frank Gray  
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 Sherwin Isaacs  
 Wilson W. Johncox  
 William C. Jones  
 Robert W. Jones  
 Warren Jordans  
 James P. Kahn  
 J. David Kallenborn  
 Joseph C. Kellner  
 Donald C. Keys  
 Cyrus Kloner  
 Gordon L. Kotzin  
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 George A. Roy  
 F. Murray Russell  
 Roland St. Louis Jr  
 Gary R. Sanford  
 Theodore Sargent  
 William C. Sawyer  
 Donald A. Scherpf  
 Larry Schulman  
 Irving R. Schuth  
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 Allan Seastrom II  
 Joseph Shanks  
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By Sublime Prince Adam Junod  
 Most Wise Master, Rochester  
 Chapter of Rose Croix

Leadership and dedication are frequently found in an organization focused on making good men better. I have been inspired by the good men of this Fraternity in our own Lodges and organizations.

I was inspired by recent addresses at the Council of Deliberations by our Grand Master, Most Worshipful James Sullivan, and New York's own Peter Samiec. Samiec, who at the time was the Deputy for the State of New York, and is now the Grand Lieutenant Commander for the Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Both men exemplify leadership and dedication, in the fact that they are working hard and always on the move attending Masonic events. The distances they travel are all in their dedication to the Craft.

These dedicated examples to the Craft have me thinking about all those Brothers who are the leaders and backbone of Lodges and organizations who may go unrecognized for their passion and dedication.

### Symbolic Lodge Award

The Scottish Rite has an event dedicated to recognizing these Brothers—the Symbolic Lodge Award. This is an Award which is designed to recognize the Brothers who work hard. Maybe they are the Brothers who help at every event. The Brother who keeps in touch with the widows making sure we are upholding our obligations. Perhaps it is a Brother who is an up-and-comer in the Lodge, whose hard work is vital to the future of your lodge.

### Masters of Lodges ...

#### Take Note

The point of the Symbolic Lodge Award is to say thanks to those individuals who show that dedication to our Fraternity. This award is for ANY BROTHER, nominated by the Master of a Lodge. So if you are a Master, start brainstorming. Brothers, if you know of any fellow Brothers who deserve consideration, go talk to the Master of your Lodge.

December 7th – Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards at the Shrine Center. This is the event at which these Brothers will be honored. Details and Nomination Forms will soon follow. ☐



**All-Masonic  
 Children's Holiday Party**  
*at Damascus Shrine Center*  
 979 Bay Road, Webster

**Saturday, December 14th**  
**11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Open to children and grandchildren  
 (and their friends) of all Masonic Families**  
*Bring a wrapped gift for each child.  
 Be sure to mark with child's full name.*

Activities will include ...  
 Cookie Decorating    Pine Cone Bird feeder    Face Painting  
 Coloring                      Snacks                      Drinks

**Special visit with Santa**

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

**Rite on the Road** October 8th  
 November 19th

See Valley of Rochester Fall Calendar for more information and other Events

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Bernard Lazerson, Monarch

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



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### Summer Memories

Alas the cold weather is here. Nashville Supreme Council was the definite highlight of my Summer. Next year will be Mobile Bay, Alabama, y'all; so try to make it if you can.

August was the month for our Annual Appreciation Day Picnic, attended by many Prophets and their Ladies. We were also honored by the attendance of Mighty Chosen One, Jan Porter, from Lalla Rookh Caldron. Thank you, Jan. The food was provided by our Master of Ceremonies, Prophet Dick Topel, PM, as he has done for many years; it was delicious. This year, yours truly and Prophet Greg Ludwig did the cooking, with able assistance and guidance of Lady Judy Ludwig. This enabled

Prophets Dick Topel and Heinz Gunkel to relax. Thanks to her, we did not overcook the grilled delights. Sadly missing were a number of our Prophets, who were not well enough to attend.

### Sickness and Infirmity

Our Prophets have had their ailments of late ... Bill Fredenburg and Ken Hutchinson remain in nursing homes.

As most of you know Prophet Bill's memory has been in fairly rapid decline these past couple years and Dottie has had her hands full. He is on the 5th floor of St. John's Home.

Lady Edna Hutchinson has been in the hospital, as has Prophet Norris Shapiro. Speedy recovery is wished to both of them.

Prophet Paul Farnung and his Lady, Carol Ann, are off to Hawaii - obviously to put some more sun on his shoulder.

Several other Prophets are reportedly fighting various maladies and need our prayers, good wishes and offers of assistance. My Prophets, I repeat, we need to extend a helping hand to our Prophet Brothers in need of a friend and assistance. Let us always look to the other and the other's needs.

### October Events

This month, Lord willing, yours truly will turn 65. That means Social Security and Medicare. So, all of you Prophets still laboring in the fields and factories, please do not give up your day jobs - the government and I need your tax dollars.

October will also witness our Years of Service Awards given to our very

deserving Prophets and a special Monarch's Award will be given to someone I feel is deserving of being recognized as Prophet of the Year. Past Monarchs and all Prophets, young and old are invited to attend.

Further, we shall be nominating Officers for the ensuing year. They will serve January to December. Your Grotto will best be served by good leadership - and that, my Prophets, is up to you.

I am also planning a Monarch's Banquet Gala for October 26th. The venue is yet to be determined and will be announced at the Board meeting on October 7th.

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



By Jan Porter, MCO

We're just back from Supreme Sessions and have lots of stories to share. I'm sure you'll enjoy some of them.

### DATE CHANGE!

Contrary to our original plans for Installation on November 3rd, the Unity Lodge Hall is **not** available that day.

**Saturday, November 16th** - 2 p.m., Installation of new Officers and Reception of a new Supreme Officer. A dinner will follow. Complete details will be forthcoming. ☐

### Attend Grotto Meetings

**Monday, October 7th**  
Board of Governors Meeting  
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 16th**  
Stated Meeting - Nomination of Officers for the ensuing year.  
Years of Service Awards and Past Monarchs' Night

**October 26th**  
Monarch's Banquet

and  
**October Outing with the Ladies**  
Time and Place to be set at Board Meeting

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Monarch Bernie - 271-7446



Joy Woodley received contribution to the Service Bureau from Monarch Bernie Lazerson at May Grotto meeting.



Members of Lalla Rookh Grotto and Caldron enjoyed a Summer picnic in August at the Bushman Cabin in the Town of Henrietta Veterans Memorial Park.



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Since the Installation of Post Officers in May and the Annual Picnic in June, Post activities were relatively quiet in July and August - except for the Post-sponsored monthly birthday parties at the Hospital.

These monthly visits to the Canandaigua Veterans facilities are experienced as a highlight of the activities of the Post, and the regularity and frequency of the visits have fostered rewarding friendships between the patient Veterans and Post Veterans. The Post does not have a motto, but if it did, an appropriate one would be "Veterans Serving Veterans."

### New Recruits

The Post has had its struggles regarding membership for awhile, but it looks like some rays of light are appearing on the horizon in the form of Petitions for Membership. These will be acted upon at our upcoming meeting.

### Upcoming Events

October 16th - Birthday Party at VA Medical Center

October 24th - Regular Meeting at Webster Lodge Hall; Lunch - 12 Noon; Meeting - 1 p.m.

November 11th - Veterans Day ... War Memorial Ecumenical Service - 8:45 a.m.; Coffee and Donuts - 9:15 a.m.; Memorial Wreath Service - 10 a.m.; Lunch at Wishing Well Restaurant - 12 Noon.

November 20th - Birthday Party at VA Medical Center  
December 7th - Pearl Harbor Day ... Charlotte Pier at 7 a.m.; Breakfast at Dorsey Road VFW  
December 7th - Color Guard performs at Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night at Shrine Center  
December 18th - Birthday Party at VA Medical Center ☐



Members of James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 Masonic War Veterans bring birthday cakes each month to Veterans in the Gladwin Hall Community Living Center. (Left to right): Cy White, Vance Collom, Don Osborne and Gil Gellasch.

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# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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### What's Happening

As you read this, we have had the District 13 Convention at our Chapter with R.:E.: Paul Huck, Grand Master of the Third Veil present. As part of the program, he presented the Zerubbable Award to R.:E.: Charles Roberts, our Secretary. This is a very special Award to Companions who have committed their resources to help the Grand Chapter Charities. If you need more information about this Award, let the High Priest know and he will get it for you.

The District 13 Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held on Tuesday, October 1st at Excelsior Chapter in Shortsville starting at 7:30 p.m. This will present a great opportunity to meet the Royal Arch Grand Lecturer and our District Assistant Grand Lecturer, R.:E.: Steve Heald. We will also be going over Degree work so you can ask questions about the Degrees, floor work, etc.

### Musings

Why are the Chapter's Council Officers called the High Priest, King and Scribe? Our Ritual does not specifically explain this. It is my opinion that the titles come from the principals in the building of the second Temple in Jerusalem. The second Temple came about after the Israelites, who were taken into captivity by the Babylonians, had been freed to return to Jerusalem. Upon returning, they found the Temple of Solomon totally destroyed. The people needed a Temple for worship in Jerusalem.

The High Priest, a member of the Tribe of Levi, was the head authority of the religious community in Israel. He specified the methods and manner of worship and would have been the one who defined the structure and ornamentation of the Temple. The King was the Temporal Ruler of the people. He was the civil authority of the Kingdom and city. The King did not rule the religious practice, but did rule the civil practice of the citizens. Because God came before man, the High Priest ranked ahead of the King but could not overrule the King as the King could not overrule the High Priest.

Now the Scribe did not fall into a ruling capacity. The Scribe was the one who monitored and interpreted the rules that were used to guide the practices of the ordinary people. The Scribe did not have a role in religious worship or in civil matters but did keep track of and expound the proper practices of the peo-

ple to meet both religious and civil rules. The Scribe did not write the rules, just interpreted them for the people.

For proper civil and religious unity, the three – the High Priest, King and Scribe – needed to Council together so there was unity in decisions and actions. This, of course, is the theory which the Bible shows worked at some times and not at others. However, in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons the three Council positions must be in agreement or discussion of the actions to be taken by the Chapter. The High Priest is the top authority as the position related to God as the ultimate authority, the King as second for civil authority and the Scribe third as the monitor and interpreter of the rules.

You may not totally agree with my interpretation of the meaning of the Chapter Council position titles, but this leaves us room for discussion and contemplation. This may lead to a future program in the Chapter.

As the year continues, we will be looking at the other positions in the Officer Line and work on an explanation of where the position title came from. As you can see, there is much that can be learned from or studied in the Rite, not only from the degree work but from the symbols and titles used in the Chapter. □

## Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)  
3rd Wednesday



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I hope you all had a great Summer and enjoyed the time outside as it is slowly sliding back into Winter and time for our meetings to resume.

In June, we had Election of Officers:

Master **Garry Hutchurson**  
Deputy Master **Rick Howe**  
PCW **E. William Whittaker**  
Recorder **John Dudley**  
Treasurer **Charles Roberts**  
This Summer we had our Grand Assembly at which our new Grand Master was elected. He is M.:III.: Lenard Mason. I also was elected to be the Grand Captain of the Guard.

### Upcoming Events

Our October meeting will be the Official Visit of R.:III.: Philip Chandler, Grand Steward for this year. Therefore we will be meeting prior to going to dinner. Please come to this meeting as it is going to a good time and we will need you.

In November, we will have the Official Visit of District Deputy, R.:III.: John Gallant. John is a member of our Council and we need to be there to support him. There will also be a dinner.

God bless you all, and see you then. □

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12



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This month I will continue the explanation of the significance of our Officer Jewels started in September. We move on to those Officers known as the "Standard Guard." The "Standard Guard" consists of the Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer and Warder.

### Standard Bearer

The Jewel of Office is a Plumb, surmounted by a Banner. The Station is in the West, and in the center of the Second Division. Your duty is to display, support and protect the Standard of our Order. You will be our rallying point in time of danger; and when the Standard is unfurled in a just and virtuous cause, you will never relinquish it to an enemy but with your life. Let, therefore, your conduct be such as all the virtuous will delight to imitate; let the refulgent rays which ever emanate from pure benevolence and humility, diffuse their lustre on all around, that it may encourage and animate all true and courteous Knights, and, at the same time, confound and dismay all their enemies.

### Sword Bearer

The Jewel of Office is a Triangle and Crossed Swords. The Station is on the right of the Standard Bearer and on the right of the Second Division, when separately formed. Your duty is to assist in protecting the Banners of our Order, with a heart devoted to the principles of Faith, Hope and Charity. Holding the mystic sword that is endowed with justice and fortitude, and tempered with mercy, you may cast your eyes upon the Standard, and recall that "In Hoc Signo Vinces" is not only an expressive Motto of our Order, but is consoling to the heart of every believer.

### Warder

The Jewel of Office is a Square Plate, with a Trumpet and Crossed Swords engraved thereon. Your Station is upon the left of the Standard Bearer, and upon the left of the Second Division, when formed in line. Your duty is to sound the Assembly, announce the approach and departure of the Eminent Commander, to post the Sentinels, and see that the Asylum is duly guarded. You will, also, report all Petitions from visitors and strangers. You are to be punctual in your attendance, and indefatigable in the discharge of your important duties; for, though yours is among the last Offices in the Commandery, it is by no means the least in importance. □

### Sentinel

The Jewel of your Office, is a Square Plate, with a Battle Axe engraved thereon. Your post is that of honor as well as of danger. You will, therefore, be vigilant, challenge with spirit, examine with caution, admonish with candor, relieve cheerfully, protect with fidelity, and fight valiantly.

### Zone 8 Pilgrimage

As in the recent past, the Commanderies of our Zone (Zone 8) will collaborate and work together for a pilgrimage on November 3rd in Palmyra. As agreed upon, Cyrene-Monroe will be responsible for the Order of Malta. I encourage all Sir Knights to come out and participate in this endeavor.

### 200th Anniversary

In celebration of the 200th Anniversary, the Grand Commandery Officers will be exemplifying the Order of the Temple as part of the 200th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 9th, in Hornell.

One of the highlights of the Anniversary Celebration year will be the 200th Commemorative Class of the Order of the Temple conferred by the Grand Line at 1 p.m. on November 9th at the Hornell Masonic Temple, 34 Maple Street. This will become part of our history as recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of New York.

A new Jewel has been minted to wear on our uniforms to commemorate this momentous occasion. The Jewel will be available for purchase. To order go to: [www.grandcommanderyktny.org/docs/200-medal.pdf](http://www.grandcommanderyktny.org/docs/200-medal.pdf)

The festivities will continue with the Grand Commander's Ball that evening at the Hornell Golf Club followed by a Church Service on Sunday morning at the Christ Episcopal Church with all Sir Knights in full Templar uniform. To place your order go to: [www.grandcommanderyktny.org](http://www.grandcommanderyktny.org).

### About Our Meetings

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery meets twice each month at the Northfield Lodge Hall in Pittsford. On the first Monday evening, starting at 7 p.m., an untitled meeting is held for the purpose of orientation, training, drill and discussion of issues of particular interest and importance to Knights Templar, their uniforms, practices and unique requirements as a Uniformed Order.

On the third Monday evening at 7:30 p.m., a Regular, Tiled Meeting of the Commandery is held for the purpose of conducting business, exemplifying Orders and receiving Candidates.

"A Templar Knight is truly a fearless knight, and secure on every side, for his soul is protected by the armour of faith, just as his body is protected by the armour of steel. He is thus doubly armed, and need fear neither demons nor men."

**Bernard de Clairvaux, c. 1135, De Laude Novae Militae—In Praise of the New Knighthood.** □



## Zone 8 News

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## Honor Guard for Grand Commander's Ball

November 9th is the 200th Commemorative of the Order of The Temple and will be followed by the Grand Commander's Ball. Let's make this historic celebration one to remember. I am looking for some Sir Knights to step up and take part in the Honor Guard for the new Grand Commander, M.:III.: Kenneth Sussman.

I am looking forward to getting at least 20 Sir Knights, if not more, to take part in being in the Honor Guard at both the banquet and at the church. As I have heard said before - the more the merrier - so please, Sir Knights, let me know who will be willing to take part in this Honor Guard at the Saturday Night Banquet and the Sunday morning church service.

You can notify me of your intentions by sending an email to: [ticoma@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ticoma@rochester.rr.com) with "Honor Guard" in the subject heading.

Let's make this event a very and enjoyable event. □

## Rochester Forest No. 133



Tall Cedars of Lebanon  
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4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
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When it's dark by 7 o'clock, you know it's time for Masonic meetings to begin again.

I was pleased to hear that the MDA had a very successful Labor Day Telethon. Almost \$60 million was raised and I am proud that our Forest contributes annually. We are recognized by the Supreme Tall Forest each year, but I tell you I am proud of Rochester Forest No. 133 each December when our doghouse is opened and the total announced by our Treasurer. Those small monthly contributions add up! Doesn't that exemplify the power of our Brotherhood? 34,000 Tall Cedars is a powerful Forest indeed!

I look forward to renewing our tradition of sharing the evening meal together before our meeting. Watch for Tall Cedar Cy White's reminder!

New member Petitions are welcome at all meetings. Bring a joke to share.

God bless you and the United States of America! □