



Masonic Times

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

Serving the Masonic Community Since 1963

Website: www.monroemasonic.com Email: masonictimes@gmail.com

Volume 52 Number 1

USPS 0359-540

Rochester, New York

Circulation 3397 January 2014

200th Anniversary

1813-2013

Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 F. & A.M.

Happy New Year to all Brothers of Olive Branch Lodge and their families. Let's try to start 2014 by making good men better and increase our Lodge membership by one or more new Brothers this year.

It has been a busy month of December. We had our 200th Anniversary Party on December 4th, with 30 Brothers and guests present for the Celebration. R.:W.: Jeffery Williamson, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, was our keynote speaker. He spoke about his memories in our old Lodge Building and memories of the new Lodge and Community Center. R.:W.: Gary



R.:W.: Jeffery Williamson

Busenlehner, DDGM for the Genesee-Wyoming District, talked about the history of the Lodge and some of its moves bringing it to LeRoy. Both of the DDGMs from Livingston and Monroe Districts brought cakes that were well eaten at the Anniversary Party. Thank you to both Districts for helping us celebrate our Anniversary.

A Memorial Plaque was dedicated for the tables and chairs in the Community Center. Sister Cathy Brick presented W.: Nevin Brick's framed Past Masters Apron, case and white gloves to the Lodge. It will be dedicated at a later date when the Dedication.

On December 7th, R.:W.: Vern Rupert received the Symbolic Lodge Award from the Valley of Rochester AASR. R.:W.: Gary Busenlehner and W.: Bill MacPherson escorted Vern to receive the Award from M.:W.: James E. Sullivan, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

R.:W.: Gary Busenlehner, DDGM, will make his Official Visit to Olive Branch Lodge on January 15th at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

Sickness and Distress

W.: Doug Poole is back in St. Lukes Hospital in Utica. Cards and well wishes can be sent to his home at 7833 Walker Road, LeRoy, NY 14482.

V.:W.: Edwyn Hise, AGL of Genesee-Wyoming District, is out of the hospital and recov-

Continued on Page 4

**Purple Club
of the Monroe District
MEETING
Thursday
January 30th
Keenan's Restaurant
1010 East Ridge Road
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.**

HIDDEN TREASURES: MASONIC STONES DISCOVERED AND RETRIEVED!

Urban construction reveals historic artifacts

By Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, and Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33°,
with assistance from Ill. Jack Van Elzakker, 33°, and Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33°

Sublime Prince Chris Mahood, 32°, an IT Manager with the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA), working on Clinton Avenue at the site of the new Regional Transit Bus Terminal was contacted by workmen about some "Masonic stones" that had been discovered and retrieved during site preparation. The stones were found during excavation at the project, about 30 feet below grade level.



The Masonic stones were placed on pallets and moved aside. It was suggested to Chris by the Site Manager that these stones could be of interest to someone or some group! However, they needed to be removed from the work location soon or they would be taken to a landfill.

The first order of business was to remove the stones from the work site and transport them to a safe (and available) storage location. On November 8th, Mike Morris and Steve Whittaker went to the job site in Mike's truck with a heavy-duty, double-axle trailer in tow. Ms. Erin McCormick, the Project Engineer for RGRTA, greeted us at the worksite. She was accompanied by Donald Gage, Le Chase Contractors Field Monitor, Kenneth Kern and Randy LaPiana, employees of the general contractor - Pike Contractors, and site workers. All of this was coordinated by Mark Ballerstein, the Director of Engineering at RGRTA. We are deeply indebted to this group for their care, concern and handling of these "Hidden (Buried) Masonic Treasures!"

The workmen used a huge forklift to load the stones onto the trailer. Only three pallets



could be transported at a time due to the weight of the pallets. Two round trips were made that day to Mike's Camp [Camp Morris] in Springwater. Mike was able to secure the services of a large tractor with a forklift attachment from his neighbor, Brian O'Neal, who graciously and willingly assisted in removing the stones from the trailer and carefully placing them on the



ground in front of Mike's barn. The stones were power washed by Mike and Ruth Morris and then covered with a tarp to prevent any winter water or ice damage. They are now in a safe location and, more importantly, preserved!

The new Regional Transit Bus Terminal is located at the site of the third Rochester Masonic Temple. The groundbreaking ceremony for the Temple was held on August 27, 1901 and was presided over by Judge George A. Benton, President of the Governing Board. The cornerstone for the building was laid by M.:W.: Charles W. Mead, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, on November 2, 1901, and the building was dedicated on November 6, 1903 by Grand Master M.:W.: Albert Crandall. The Temple was sold around 1930 and torn down for the building of the [then new] RKO Palace Theatre. That facility was demolished in the late 1960s when the property was converted to a parking lot.

The Rochester Masonic Temple housed all Rochester Freemasons and Concordant Bodies at that time. The Rochester Masonic Temple was sold when Rochester Freemasons moved to 875 Main Street. When the building was torn down, it appears that the demolition team removed the stones and buried them on the site.

The seven stones that were discovered were part of the Rochester (Clinton Avenue) Masonic Temple's façade. Just to provide perspective, three of the stones that were retrieved

are roughly four feet square, over a foot thick and each weighing approximately 2,000 pounds (one ton), with Masonic images carved on the front. We think they are granite. Several of the images are still in excellent condition, but some were damaged by the large earth-moving equipment used at the construction site.

Two of the stones contain carvings of Scottish Rite symbols, two have carvings of York

Continued on Page 3



From the Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Detroit Publishing Company Collection, [Reproduction number, LC-D4-171055]

What's Inside?

Colon Cancer Screening	3
Damascus News	11-15
Editor's Corner	2
Genesee-Wyoming District	1, 4
Have-a-Heart Schedules	23
Lalla Rookh Grotto/Caldron	22
Livingston District	16
Looking Ahead	2
Masonic Medical Research Lab	22
Masonic War Veterans	2
Memorials	21
Monroe District	5-10, 16
Order of the Eastern Star	17, 19
Ontario/Seneca/Yates	4-5
Scottish Rite News	18-19
Wayne District	5
York Rite News	20-21

Dated Material

Damascus News see page 11



Editor's Corner

Many of our correspondents change every year, as they assume a new Office. One of the things I have done in previous years was speak at the meeting held by the District Deputy just prior to the return to the quarries after the Summer respite.

This year was an exception and, as a result, there are a couple of issues that did not get conveyed. The most important one is in regard to newly Initiated Brothers. I am not allowed to publish names or photographs of any Candidates...only full-fledged Master Masons.

In fact, up until a couple of years ago, I was not even allowed to put these Brothers on our mailing list. Now, if I am informed of new Entered Apprentices or Fellowcrafts, along with their address information, we send them the Masonic Times so they can have up-to-date information on Lodge activities.

To be perfectly clear, this includes ANY mention of the individual in ANY Lodge communication. This thought came to mind as I prepared the list of birthday celebrations for my Lodge article and had to remove a name because he was not yet a Master Mason.

By the way, this goes for the Lodge Websites and electronic communications on Social Media as well. It isn't the first thing that comes to your mind, but I hope you adhere to this guideline. There are some Brothers who never complete the three Degrees for one reason or another. They should never be mentioned by name until they complete their initiation!

These and other Masonic Protocols are published in The 24-Inch Gauge Masonic Resource Guide, which every Lodge should have in their library. Individuals may also have purchased it as part of the Road to the East Course.

I do not consider myself an expert in this field, but I have had some items drilled into my mind by my predecessors and members of the Grand Lodge Publications Committee, of which I became a member when I was appointed Editor of the Masonic Times. If you have a specific question I will do my best to provide you with an answer. If I don't know, there are many who do and are more than willing to shed Masonic Light.

Have-a-Heart Schedules

Please tear off the back page of this issue. Save the calendar for your reference, but more importantly, the other side is the work schedule for the Have-a-Heart Campaign in area Malls.

Thanks for reading.

Calendar of events for FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, and MAY, including OES School of Instruction, Annual Have-a-Heart Campaign, and various lodge dinners.

Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester, NY Inc. listing staff: Joy Woodley (President), Derek VanHouten (Vice-President), Barbara Goodrich (Secretary), Herbert Spencer (Treasurer), Charles Waterstreet (Executive Director), and Janet Porter (Office Manager).

the community through the Loan Closet, Charitable Grants, assisting with the Annual Fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House Charities, Education Assistance Grants, Widows Luncheon and much more.

Thanks to all these people for their dedication, because without each of you we couldn't do what we do. I have been blessed to have worked with you. One of the greatest tools we have is the Masonic Times. It is the voice that keeps us in the loop.

Thank you all for a wonderful two years. I will always be glad that I have been a part of an organization like this. I will leave you with these words... To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived; this is to have succeeded.

Masonic War Veterans Post No. 12 listing James A. Hard/Wayne Charter and Commanders Gordon W. Palmer and Dennis Gellasch.

Masonic War Veterans Post No. 12 will not have a business meeting in January due to Post Policy related to weather concerns on driving that month. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, February 27th at 1 p.m. at Webster Masonic Hall with a light lunch at 12 Noon.

January 15th - The January activity of the Masonic War Veterans will be the Birthday Party at the Veterans Hospital in Canandaigua. This will be the first one since November, due to a late schedule conflict at the Hospital that pre-empted the December Party.

Sickness and Distress Past Commander Ken Hutchinson's status at the Blossom Nursing Home is reported to remain stable.

Captain of the Guard Bill Fredenburg, who more recently entered St. John's Home, has adjusted well and, like Ken, would welcome seeing Brothers with whom he could share memories.

Past Commander Fred Cornell has been an active member of the Post for many years, but has experienced a slowing down more recently. While he has managed to drive locally to some degree, the long trip to Webster from Spencerport has become more than he can handle safely.

Education Assistance Grant Applications Available Now - Contact the Masonic Service Bureau - 671-9730. Must be postmarked by March 31st. NOTE: Incomplete Submissions will NOT be considered for a Grant!

SPAGHETTI DINNER Friday, January 3rd 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Webster Lodge Hall; 30 Orchard Street. Adults - \$8 Children - \$4 For Takeouts, Call 872-3500

WHAT A DEAL! \$1 OFF Spaghetti Dinner WITH THIS COUPON - REGULARLY \$7.00. CLIO LODGE: 4:30 TO 7PM 287 EAST AVE - HILTON NOV 13 - DEC 11 - JAN 15 - FEB 26

Online Shopper? Like to save money?? Use the Masonic Service Bureau's Portal to Shop.Com

Masonic Times Fundraiser

SaveAround® Rochester coupon books are still available in the Masonic Service Bureau office.

While the popularity of the book has been its heavy emphasis on local businesses, there is a new feature this year. A National Section has been added to afford additional opportunities for consumer savings.

You may activate your book and receive a Savings Card for access to new merchants and online purchases and even join the SaveAround® Green Club.

Call 671-9730 to have a copy set aside for you.

Periodical postage PAID at Webster, NY and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER Send address changes to: Masonic Times 979 Bay Road, Suite 2 Webster, NY 14580-1736. Staff: Editor Skip Waterstreet, Compositor Jan Porter, Computer Graphics Mike Bocklage. Production Assistants: Garry Cranker, Barb Goodrich, Herb Spencer, Mat Gingold, Emeritus, Bev VanHuben, Emeritus. Printed by Empire State Weeklies, Inc.

Are You... Moving? Print your NEW address below (including seasonal changes). Name, Address, City, State, ZIP, Phone. Clip and mail to: Masonic Times 0114 979 Bay Road, Suite 2 Webster, NY 14580-1736

Hidden Treasures

Continued from Page 1

Rite symbols, one has a carving of the Square and Compasses, and one is a carved chapter from a large column. There is also a "Corner Stone" that is in near-perfect condition, which contains the names of three early Rochester Lodges: Valley, No. 109; Genesee Falls, No. 507; and Yonnonodio, No. 163. The Lodge names were carved on three different sides of this rectangular-shaped stone.

The corner stone has a hole drilled through the middle of it.

In our investigation, we discovered two magnificent, high-resolution (160 MB) images of the Rochester Masonic Temple in the Library of Congress' Prints and Photographs collection. The images are located on the Library of Congress website: www.loc.gov To find them, click on: Collection Highlights - Prints and Photographs, then in the Search Box, type "Masonic Temple, Rochester."

The photos clearly show the location of the two Scottish Rite stones, next to the arched window, above and to the left of the building entrance with the "Rose Croix Jewel" stone above and the "Double-Headed Eagle" stone below. The York Rite "Pillars & Keystone" stone is located to the right of the arched window, parallel with the "Rose Croix Jewel" stone. The "Square and Compasses" stone is centered above the arched window over the entrance between the dates 1817 and 1901. In addition, the photos clearly show that the "chapter" stone is from one of the four large Corinthian columns in the front of the building. What a treasure!

Now what? First, we are seeking any additional photos or other historical information that YOU might have about the Rochester (Clinton Street) Masonic Temple. Any information that you can provide would be greatly appreciated!

In addition to information about the building and its history, we are also seeking



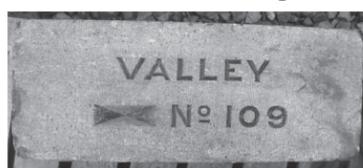
creative ideas about how these stones might best be used to preserve Rochester Freemasonry for the future. What's your idea and what resources (time, materials, costs, etc.) will be required to implement it?

Please forward any information, ideas or suggestions to Ill. Jack VanElzaker at Secretary@ValleyofRochester.org.

Special thanks to Ms. Barbara Koehler of the Office of



the City Historian, Rochester, NY, for her efforts in researching and providing information about the laying of the cornerstone and dedication of the Rochester Masonic Temple. □



Screening Detects Symptoms Early; Could Save your Life!

By Brother Daniel L. Biery, March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month! It is a very preventable condition, yet, regrettably, Colon Cancer is diagnosed every day. I feel it is important for our Brethren to become better educated about Colon Cancer and how it can be prevented.

Unfortunately, Colon Cancer is very common, with 1 in 16 Americans over the age of 50 developing Colon Cancer. Even though it is one of the most preventable Cancers, it is the second most common Cancer in the US. 56,000 people are likely to die from it this year. There will be 153,000 new cases diagnosed in Americans this year. In over 80% of those cases, early screening for Colon Polyps could have prevented it.

The methods of screening include submitting stool samples to be checked for occult (hidden) blood, having a flexible sigmoidoscopy exam and lower GI X-ray (barium enema) or having a total Colonoscopy exam. The best of these screening tests is Colonoscopy, as it allows the physician to view and remove polyps. Polyps are new growths that gradually enlarge silently and can transform into a Cancer. This process takes 7 to 10 years to occur.

Symptoms

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

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

Although the American Cancer Society's statistics reveal that for the past several years the actual number of new Colon Cancer cases reported in the US has decreased, new data also recognizes that race plays an important role. American Cancer Society research indicated a widening racial gap in death rates for Colorectal Cancer: Due in part to lower screening rates and lack of access to quality care, black people have a 50% higher death rate from Colorectal Cancer than do white people.

This new information makes it even more important to have all people over age 50 (45 for

African-Americans) screened by Colonoscopy, the gold standard for Colon Cancer screening.

Please ask your physician or your Public Health Department about Colon Cancer screening. Cancer Services Partnership of New York State will provide a free Colon Cancer screen for those without health insurance or with inadequate health insurance.

Their phone number is 1-866-442-Cancer (2262), toll free. It is a very safe and thorough method to reduce your Colon Cancer risk. Prevention of this all too common Cancer can occur, but you need to be tested!

A word of caution about using virtual Colonoscopy as a screening test for Colon Cancer, don't. Although it is high tech and news on the media comments, it isn't nearly reliable enough to have become a standard of excellence equivalent to Colonoscopy.

The results are still too "reader dependent" to warrant this designation, with significant variability between radiologists who are interpreting the images.

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

Editor's Note: Dr. Daniel L. Biery, D.O., FACOI, FACG, FASGE, is Chief of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic, Clifton Springs. He resides in Phelps, is a member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge and the Valley of Rochester, AASR. □

Music Lessons
MARTIN IPPOLITO
(585) 266-6337
 Beginners Welcome
Piano - Keyboards
Organ - Accordion


BARTHOLOMEW HEALTH CARE GROUP
 COMMITMENT TO QUALITY SINCE 1955

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

CREST MANOR
Providing Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Services
 FAIRPORT, NEW YORK 14450
 585-223-3633

EAST SIDE
Providing Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Services
 WARSAW, NEW YORK 14569
 585-786-8151

LEROY VILLAGE GREEN
Providing Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Services
 LEROY, NEW YORK 14482
 585-768-2561

THE GREENS OF LEROY
Independent Senior Living
 LEROY, NEW YORK 14482
 585-768-2740

TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE VISIT WWW.BHCG.COM

Continued from Page 1

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

Master
W.: William
MacPherson
584-3775
nardow3@msn.com

Secretary
R.: W.: Neil R. Bedford
H) 768-8293; C) 202-4571
nbedford67@gmail.com

12 Bank Street, Le Roy 14482

ering at home. Cards and well wishes can be sent to his home at 4034 Spring Road, Alexander, NY 14005.

Genesee-Wyoming District Lodge Brothers, Attention! "Molly" is resting comfortably at Olive Branch Lodge and is waiting for a trip to another location. Why not gather a group of Brothers and come and see her?

W.: Bill MacPherson and his Line Officers wish everyone a Happy New Year. Please try to



Molly

attend Lodge as often as possible and help Masonry grow and prosper in Olive Branch Lodge for the next 200 years. □



W.: William MacPherson, Master of Olive Branch Lodge, displays framed Past Master's Apron, case and White Gloves presented to the Lodge by Mrs. Cathy Brick in memory of her late husband, W.: Nevin Brick, long-time Master of the Lodge. Cathy was unable to attend this celebration due to illness, so the formal Plaque Dedication will be made at a later date.



R.W.: Gary Busenlehner, DDGM, addressing the assembly.



Brother John Flint, DSA, (left) presents plaque to W.: William MacPherson, which recognizes memorial donations to Le Roy Masonic Community Center for new tables and chairs.



Members of the Craft in attendance at the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Olive Branch Lodge.

Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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

District Deputy Grand Master

Ontario/Seneca/Yates District

R.: W.:
Jed
Brandow



(315)
548-2359

jkbrandow@yahoo.com

The end of one year and beginning of another often brings on a feeling of reflection and resolution. So it is that I am filled with a sense of gratitude and appreciation for all the support, encouragement, Brotherly Love and charity shown by the Brothers of the Ontario-Seneca-Yates District over the last year.

You have taken our three great Tenets to heart and lived them in your daily lives and actions. You have cherished each other, supported each other and cared for each other in ways both large and small. I feel so blessed to have Brothers like each of you. May the Great Architect of the Universe continue

to bless each of you and your families and may you have a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Visit www.osydistrict.org

Our recently re-designed and re-launched District Website is up and running. Please take a moment to check out www.osydistrict.org. You will find an up-to-date District Calendar, a District News page (including a link to a District Newsletter), and a page for each Lodge featuring a Lodge-specific calendar and Lodge-specific news items. New items and events are being added daily and we want to use the website as one of our chief means of communication and information for the District.

If you would like to have a news item or event listed on the website, please contact your Lodge Website Coordinator with the information.

District Table Lodge

Our O/S/Y District Table Lodge is set for Wednesday, January 29th at Farmerville-Union Lodge No. 183 in Interlaken at 6 p.m. Our honored guest and speaker for the evening will be R.: W.: Robert

W. Strang, Jr., Grand Lecturer. Cost for the dinner will be \$20. Space limits our seating to 50, so please make your reservations by January 25th – contact me by phone or email.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

The Ontario-Seneca-Yates District Association has committed to staff the *Have-a-Heart* Booth at Eastview Mall for two days in February ... Friday and Saturday, February 7th and 8th, from noon until 9 p.m. both days. The *Have-a-Heart* Campaign is a means of raising funds to support the Ronald McDonald Houses of Greater Rochester. This is a terrific cause as the Ronald McDonald House provides housing, warm meals and transportation between the House and Strong Memorial Hospital for the families of children being treated at the hospital.

We have been donating non-perishable food items for Ronald McDonald Houses for the past two years and feel this is an excellent way for us to do just a little bit more for those families who have children being treated at the hospital. Please consider giving three hours of your time to join us at the Booth and support the great work being done by the Ronald McDonald Houses.

O/S/Y District Official Visits

Finally, Official Visits have been completed with the exception of Ark Lodge in Geneva, which will be on Wednesday, January 15th.

The Masters, Secretaries and Treasurers of each Lodge have done a terrific job. I thank you all for your commitment, love of the Craft and service to your Lodge. □

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



1st & 3rd
Tuesdays

Master
W.: Kenneth
Gibbs
47 Hoffman Ave.
Geneva, 14456

Secretary
R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles
315-548-3573
claymar4250@itg.net
67 Ontario Street, Phelps 14532

I hope all had a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Poinsettias were distributed to our Surviving Spouses and were greatly appreciated. Thanks to those who helped deliver them.

In December, our Lodge participated in the Annual Ringing of the Bell at the Big M Store in Clifton Springs for the Red Kettle Fund of the Salvation Army. Thank you to all Brothers who volunteered their time and especially to Brother Ernest Day, Chairman, of this event.

Brothers Daniel Biery, Ernest Day and Ronald Galens are to be commended for the fine job in sprucing up the Lodge. Brother Biery's wife also helped and we thank her for keeping the Brothers on their toes.

Sickness and Distress

- W.: Master Kenneth Gibbs is scheduled to have knee surgery. This will give our Senior Warden, Brother Stephen Durso, Jr., some time to brush up on his Ritual in the East.
- Brother Carl Carlson is scheduled for surgery on his foot.

We send best wishes to both of our Brothers for a speedy recovery.

From the Secretary's Desk

Please note that your Dues Notice shows a \$2.00 increase in the Grand Lodge Dues bringing them to \$34. By a vote of those attending Grand Lodge in 2012, there will be additional \$2.00 Annual increase until Grand Lodge dues total \$40 by the year 2017. As a reminder to those Brothers who have achieved 50 - 59 years of service, you pay only Grand Lodge dues (\$34). To those Brothers who have achieved 60 or more years of service, the Lodge pays your Grand Lodge Dues.

To the Brothers residing in Florida, as Senior Grand Deacon I will again be traveling with the Grand Master to the Sojourner Luncheons in January. We will be in Sarasota on Wednesday, January 15th and in Tampa on Thursday, January 16th. It would be my extreme pleasure to meet and visit with any of you who are able to attend one of those luncheons.

January Birthdays

We send Birthday Greetings to John Walti (7th), Elliott

Schocken (15th), Tim Piper (17th), Dave Smith (21st), Bruce Andrews (22nd), Fred Gifford (25th), Tom Hudson (26th) and Scott Upchurch (31st).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in January:

1975 William Amber
1996 Robert B. Taylor III
Barney Wandell
2002 Carl Carlson
Todd Ruggles
2004 Stephen Durso
May God Bless each of you. □

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

Chartered 1807
3rd Wednesday

Master
W.: Thomas C.
Abraham
(315) 526-5308
abrahamtk@roadrunner.com



Secretary

W.: Thomas Smart
493 E. Bluff Dr.
Penn Yan 14527-8926

Happy New Year from the Officers and Brothers of Ark Lodge. We hope everyone enjoyed family and friends during the Holiday Season.

Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? We hope one was to attend a Lodge meeting or function ... that you would like to get more involved with the workings of the Lodge. We need and want your input into the operation of the Lodge. You are a very important and valued asset.

Get Involved

I again thank members of the O/S/Y District who continue to support and help us put on Degrees. Everyone in the District is always ready and willing to help in any way they are asked. We have a wonderful Fraternity that seems to be thriving in our District.

We need to ensure that newly raised Brothers are made to feel welcome and comfortable in the Lodge. Each new Candidate should be mentored through the Degrees. Following the 3rd Degree, the Mentor should be sure to bring the newly made Mason to Lodge in order for the Brother to feel comfortable in the working of the Lodge. Much can be learned by sitting and listening in the meeting. Much more can be learned by participating. Take a Chair, volunteer for a Committee, put on a program and make yourself an active member of the Lodge.

We will be asking Brothers to share with the Lodge a little information about themselves. What are their interests? What job do they have? What is going on with their family? The Brother will be asked to share this information in a short talk to the Lodge. We need to get to know each other better. Have you sat in Lodge with a Brother and wondered what his hobbies are? This will give each Brother a chance to get to know our Brothers on a different and more personal level.

We tried a Brother Bring-a-Brother Night last year and I would like to try it again early in the new year. Each Brother is

Continued on Page 5

Ark Lodge

Continued from Page 4

asked to contact a Brother who has not been active and bring him to Lodge. We need to get more Brothers involved.

I thank the Officers and Brothers of the Lodge who have supported the activities during the past year. We presented a DeWitt Clinton Award to Mr. Charles Bauder; a Dedicated Service Award to W.: Charles A. Rouse, Jr.; and Anniversary Pins to some Brothers for their membership in the Fraternity. We rang the bells for the Salvation Army and delivered food baskets during the Holiday Season. We held several Degrees during the year and participated in both Lodge and District activities. All-in-all, it was a very good year for Ark Lodge and the Masonic Community of the

O/S/Y District.

The District Raised over 20 new Brothers in 2013. Hopefully, this trend will continue in the upcoming year and into the future. Our future looks bright as Freemasonry moves forward in 2014. We hope that more Brothers will join in and take the ride into the future of the Craft with us.

May each and every fellow Mason enjoy good health and happiness in the New Year.

Mark Your Calendar

January 15th - Stated Communication; DDGM R.:W.: Jed Brandow, Official Visit – meet at Emile’s Restaurant at 6 p.m. for dinner.

January 29th - O/S/Y District Table Lodge at Farmerville-Union in Interlaken; R.:W.: Robert Strang, Grand Lecturer, will be the guest speaker; begins at 6 p.m. □

in the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* on the second Saturdays of January, February and March at Sodus Lodge, 4 E. Main Street, Sodus, from 9 - 11 a.m. The Course is a “go,” because we have registrants already. There is still time to join this group. Call (315) 483-2745 or email me at soduspowleys@msn.com so I have your materials. The total cost is only \$15 for materials and refreshments. I believe the more participants we have, the better the Course will be. Don’t be shy, there will be brand new Masons and some very seasoned Masons there.

As we enter the mid-section of our Masonic Year, I remind you that there is a lot of Masonic activity to share. Marion Lodge is putting on programs; Sodus Lodge and others are busy in Degree work. Weather is occasionally problematic, but generally we can get around the District quite easily. Don’t forget the advantages of carpooling.

God bless you, your family, our Service people, and our Country! □

four Brothers in Wayne District who were recipients.

Our meeting on January 15th will be dedicated to introducing our newly elected Candidate to Masonry by Initiation in the 1st Degree. Your attendance is solicited. A dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Yellow Mills Restaurant.

Regarding Dues Notices

Annual Dues letters were mailed in December along with two additional requests. The first was directed at all Brothers

who have served or are serving in the Military. The information requested will go no further than becoming a part of your Masonic Profile at Grand Lodge.

The second request was an envelope and pledge card for the Brotherhood Fund. Both requests call for a voluntary response. I urge you to respond in a positive way for the good of the Craft and for the good of your Fellow Man. Thank you.

It is my wish for a HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!!! □

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

District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District
R.:W.: Jay A. DeWispelaere
(315) 483-0475
dewispelaerejay@yahoo.com



On behalf of Diane and me, Happy New Year to all Brothers and their families. With the joy and fellowship of the Holidays behind us and the heart of the Winter ahead, please take the spirit of giving so central to the Christmas Season with you into 2014. Keep the older Brothers and surviving spouses of your Lodges in your thoughts and remember them with your actions; stop in to say hello and share a cup of coffee; call a Brother and ask if he needs a ride to Lodge; shovel the sidewalk if it’s covered with snow. Bring the Brotherly Love and Integrity we share and embrace with you into the New Year!

Congratulations

Please join me in congratulating Brother James Baker of Sodus Lodge who was honored at the Scottish Rite Service Awards on December 7th. It is a well-deserved honor! Brother Jim has served Sodus Lodge as Tiler and Archivist. Sodus Lodge has been honored by his membership. Thank you, Brother Jim!

Mark Your Calendar

Events of note for January ... Wayne District Masters & Wardens Association will meet on Monday, January 13th (location to be determined). The guest speaker of the evening will be Brother Jack Steinkamp, who will update the District on Camp DeMolay and advise Brothers of what they can do to help maintain the Camp.

Camp DeMolay

Camp DeMolay is administered by the Masonic Service Bureau and is located on Lake Road in the Village of Sodus Point. Brother Jack just so

happens to live adjacent to the Camp property. This property is a largely unknown gem located right in Wayne District. A beautiful stretch of Lake Ontario shoreline, the Camp is available for Masons, their families and community members. With fantastic sunsets, it’s a great place to host a Summer family get-away or reunion, a weekend with classmates or work associates. Please join us on January 13th to get updated on this nearby resource of which we should all be proud.

The Homecoming Official Visit for R.:W.: Ted Powley, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and myself and will be at our home Lodge, Sodus Lodge, on Tuesday, February 4th. Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. with the business of the evening to follow at 8:00 p.m. Please join Brother Ted and I and the Officers and Brothers of Sodus Lodge for an evening of fellowship. □

Grand Director of Ceremonies Wayne



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

With just a few days’ notice, I was given the opportunity to present a program at the December meeting of the Masters and Wardens Association. I gladly accepted the opportunity for two reasons. First, I wanted to show Brothers that most of us are capable of speaking in front of our Brothers and friends on something in which we are involved. Secondly, it gave me the opportunity to discuss my vocation for the last 40 years and little understood by the general public. I enjoyed myself very much and apparently I did shed some light that evening.

Masonic Development Course

I hope to share more light with the Brothers participating

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180
1st & 3rd Wednesdays



Master W.: John P. Krest
kremac7@gmail.com

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

Palmyra Masonic Hall
161 East Main Street 14522

On December 4th, election of a Board Member to Masonic Temple Association was held and Pete Wimer was re-elected for three years. Also, discussions were held to review changes to the Trestleboard. As a result, work for the 1st Degree will take place on the January 15th for a new Candidate. Many thanks to our EA Brother for his understanding and patience.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Pete Wimer who has been installed as Patron of Tri-Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in Palmyra.

Also, congratulations to Jim A. Aylesworth for receiving the Valley of Rochester AASR Symbolic Lodge Award on December 7th. There were only

While I don’t have the precise numbers yet, it appears that our District is bringing an increasing number of Candidates into the Craft. With increasing frequency, I am noticing Dispensation requests from Grand Lodge to Initiate, Pass and then Raise more than 5 Candidates/Brothers at a single session.

This increase in membership, while it looks good on paper, becomes meaningless if the signature on the By-laws is just that. Masonry experiences its full meaning when the Brother participates in the Craft ... in other words, he comes to Lodge.

Operating a Lodge, planning a Trestleboard, and putting on meaningful programs all require thought and planning. Thought is part of a process; planning is what gives the idea its “legs.” An idea is more than just a whim or a “flash of brilliance.” The thought supporting the idea requires contemplation, and a willingness to challenge the underlying assumptions that led to its creation.

It’s what we do as Masons, making good men better. The Perfect Ashlar symbolically represents that goal we seek to achieve within ourselves.

Learn more about your



Visit our website @
MCCNY.COM

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

This brings me back to the Lodge. Each of you who aspire to the East, have an obligation - both to yourself and to the Lodge. It can take years to build a strong Lodge, but one year in the East to damage (or worse) destroy it. A Brother contemplating becoming the Master of his Lodge should first begin by participating in Lodge. Since a Masonic Lodge revolves around the Ritual, then your participation should involve some aspect of the Ritual. Take a part in the Ritual; own it; make it yours. For me, it was the Working Tools. If you are feeling even more ambitious, why not take on one of the lessons, such as the Master’s Charge (P. 85), the Middle Chamber Lecture (p.116), or the Historical Lecture (p.198)?

As part of your training to become Master, it is essential that you take the *Road to the East (RTTE)*. It bears repeating, that the *RTTE* is designed to make your year as Master successful. Running a Masonic Lodge requires training, regardless of your skill level or past life experience.

Equally important, and no less crucial to the life of a Lodge, are the “Sideliners.” Sideliners are those Brothers who work their Ashlar, but in a way that does not include taking a Chair. In other words, even though they have no interest in becoming Master, they have something important to contribute to the Lodge, namely their friendship, morality and Brotherly love. Every successful Lodge has Sideliners who contribute their muscle and intellect to making the Lodge what it is.

Who can best lead, and who can best follow. A Lodge, who keeps this challenge in mind, is a prosperous Lodge that does not starve for participation and leadership. □

2B1 ASK1
FREE MASON

Empire State Weeklies, Inc. Webster Printing Corporation
46 North Avenue
Webster, NY 14580
(585) 671-1533
Specializing in Newsletters Printers of this Publication

Grand Directors of Ceremonies



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



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

By R.:W.: Michael Houston
HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!
Our hope for all the Masons and their families is that 2014 be a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. I hope you were able to enjoy the Holidays with your families and friends. We are now into the second half of our Masonic Year. We have finished the Official Visits for Monroe District and we thank all the Lodges and Brothers for the warm welcome and support.

During our Official Visits, we talked about supporting some key programs this year and I thank the eight Worshipful Masters who nominated a Brother from their Lodge for the Symbolic Lodge Award presented by the Valley of Rochester, AASR. The ceremony was held on December 7th in the Lodge Room at the Damascus Shrine Center. The Room was full of Brothers and guests from all over the State.

Our Grand Master, M.:W.: James Sullivan, attended and really helped make the evening special. Congratulations to all the Brothers who achieved that Award and thank you for all you do for your Lodge and our wonderful Fraternity.

Have-a-Heart Campaign
Please help out at this year's Have-a-Heart Campaign to benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester. The Campaign runs

February 1st through February 16th. We really need every Brother to donate some time to help make this great event successful. Your Lodge will have assigned times and dates. Your Leadership Team thanks you in advance for your help and support.

Road to the East

This year's Road to the East Program is scheduled for February 22nd and March 8th at the Damascus Shrine Center, starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. This Course is designed to help any Brother who will one day be the Worshipful Master of his Lodge. We have some really great speakers discussing the important topics that will help you be truly prepared for running your Lodge.

Please send your reservation to R.:W.: Rob Buchanan, email: rob.buchanan479@gmail.com or

R.:W.: Mike Hueston, email: mph0523@frontiernet.net

The cost is \$35 and covers lunch for both dates.

Both R.:W.: Rob and I have been enjoying teaching and discussing our Fraternity with you and it has been a wonderful experience for the both of us as we have learned a lot. We look forward to seeing more Brothers at the upcoming school and District events.

Have a safe month and we will see you soon. God Bless our Nation and our soldiers, wherever they may be.



ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURER

MONROE DISTRICT



V.:W.: Paul Kolacki
764-1189
k2fx@arri.net

By V.:W.: Paul Jason Kolacki
I hope you have all enjoyed the Holidays and you were able to spend some quality time with family and friends.

Upcoming Events

As 2014 begins, I am pleased to announce some upcoming events. First, on Wednesday, January 29th, we will have our next School of Ritual. It will be hosted by Webster Lodge, at their Hall, 30 Orchard Street, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The topic of the evening will continue to build upon our work in the 1st Degree. This time, we will specifically focus on the Questions and Answers and Whys and Wherefores. The work will be performed by the Officers of Webster Lodge. I hope the weather will cooperate and that many of you will be there to join us. Thank you in advance to Webster Lodge for hosting this event!

Looking ahead to March ... the final School of Ritual for the year will take place on Wednesday, March 19th at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. Again the topics discussed will pertain to the 1st Degree, plus I'll be discussing some of the common problem areas of the Degrees as witnessed at this year's Edict Evaluations. I hope you will all be able to learn some valuable information which will aid in your own Lodge's Degree work.

The Edict Degrees have been going well in the District this year. Most recently, Edict

Degrees were evaluated in Northfield, Union Star, Clio and ERAC Lodges. Still to come are Seneca, Fairport-Flower City, Unity, Oatka and Fame Lodges. I look forward to seeing all of you at the various Edict Degrees and Schools of Ritual around the District in the coming months.

As always, please call on me if I can be of assistance in any way. Happy New Year!

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

Notably, Webster Lodge scheduled several ID opportunities in December in different Webster locations to interact with youth. Santa was asked to be present.

The Mission of the NY MSID Program is to provide a vital community service to 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; and 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 ID Program is available on-line at <http://nychip.org/>. We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the Program and involvement from your Lodge! We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at:

databman@yahoo.com or rcdowns@rochester.rr.com

Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

R.:W.:

Donald Tubman
Co-Chairman

889-4725
databman@yahoo.com

Rick Downs
Co-Chairman

rcdowns@rochester.rr.com

Training Coordinator
James MacDuff

872-7176

jim.kc2vxw@rochester.rr.com

By R.:W.: Don Tubman

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 identifications for 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.

Music Lessons
MARTIN IPPOLITO
(585) 266-6337
Beginners Welcome
Piano - Keyboards
Organ - Accordion

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

Monroe District Table Lodge

Honoring the
M.:W.: James E. Sullivan, Grand Master

March 31, 2014

at Damascus Shrine Center

979 Bay Road, Webster

Social - 6 p.m. (Cash Bar)

Buffet Dinner and Program - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Souvenir Cannon

Cost - \$35 per person*

Tossed Salad, Chicken French, Baked Ziti, Salt Potatoes, Vegetable Crab Salad, Fruit Salad, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea, Cookies and Ice Cream

*Pre-paid reservation required ... NO EXCEPTIONS
Reservations limited to the first 140 received.
NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR!

Reservation Deadlines:

- Group Sales - March 3rd (10-ticket limit)
- Individual Sales - March 17th

Dress Code - Business Suit or Blazer with Necktie

Clip and return this Reservation Form with payment

Make check payable to: Phillip R. Hurwitz

and Send to: Phillip R. Hurwitz; 72 Long Pond Road; Rochester, NY 14612

Reservation deadlines: Lodge Group Sales - March 3rd
Individual Sales - March 17th

Name _____ Lodge _____
Address _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Monroe District Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:

Michael Hueston
Chairman

This year's Brotherhood Fund Campaign has started and I am asking for your help to make this year's campaign a success. I am assisting our Area Director, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, as this year's Brotherhood Fund Chairman for Monroe District. There are a lot of different charities which ask for your donation. Please remember that the Grand Lodge

Brotherhood Fund helps to support many good causes and really needs your financial support.

Each Lodge in our District should have a Brotherhood Fund Chairman who will be able to answer any question you may have. I give a special thank you to the Brothers of our top three Lodges in the District at this time for the money that has been donated as of this article - Wakan-Hubbard, Webster and Seneca Lodges. The goal is to have 30% of the Brothers from each of the 12 Lodges in Monroe District make a donation to the Brotherhood Fund.

I thank you for your support to help make this goal. If there is a question or you need more information please let me know.

Support the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign



3155 BRIGHTON HENRIETTA TOWN LINE ROAD * ROCHESTER, NY 14623

(585) 427-2880

FAX (585) 272-1216

~ ~ ~ Claude H. Wright ~ ~ ~

President

Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By *Stephan Michener, President*

It's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work spreading the mortar of the Masters and Wardens Association. So far we've had fairly good participation from the Masters and Wardens of some of the twelve Lodges in our District. But it can be better.

This organization is open to Masters, Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens and even Senior Deacons are welcome to attend. At this point we have only received a handful of the resource surveys back. This makes it hard to create the resource list that we'd like to have available to the leadership of all Lodges, which we hope to continue to update in the years ahead as new Masonic-oriented programs are developed and presented.

Programming is essential to help make Lodge meetings entertaining and informative with more Masonic Light. If we haven't received back the survey that was sent to your Lodge, you can expect to hear from us again very soon. As Senior Wardens begin to prepare for their year in the East next year, it would be great if they had as much information as possible to help them put together a dynamic Trestleboard of educational variety and intrigue.

If you are a Past Master and maybe now are taking more of a sideline role in your Lodge, please help us by encouraging your current Lodge leadership to be involved in the Masters and Wardens Association. Even better, let them know about your willingness to go to other Lodges to give a brief program on a Masonic topic of which you have some knowledge. We have many Brothers around our District who have a wealth of Masonic information, insight and inspiration to share and the resource survey is a way for the newer Brothers to learn who they are. Please help us in this endeavor.

Going to Grand Lodge?

The other significant undertaking of Masters and Wardens at this time of year is to begin making preparations for attending Grand Lodge Sessions the first weekend in May. The Annual Grand Lodge Convention will be on Monday, May 5th and Tuesday May 6th, 2014, in New York City.

Wouldn't it be great to get down there on the Saturday afternoon before and have the evening and all day Sunday to explore the city, either with some of your Brothers or your spouse. This is exactly what I did two years ago when I attended as Junior Warden of my Lodge. Several other Brothers and I took a nice leisurely ride on the train and arrived Saturday afternoon and returned Tuesday night. It was a great extended weekend, but like any party, it takes some planning.

If you are a Master or other Lodge Officer intending to go to Grand Lodge, you can make your own travel arrangements and go and maybe end up wondering what all the fuss is about. Or you can help make this a weekend EVENT which even your wife might enjoy attending. This requires us putting our heads together as we plan what WE might like to do during some of the down time. There are museums, shows, sights-to-see, and you won't want to miss the Grand Master's Reception, where your jaw will most likely hit the floor and you will be over-stuffed before you even sit down to dinner. If you would like to bring your spouse, we may want to plan an event before we go so our significant others can meet each other beforehand.

At our next meeting we will begin talking about what arrangements we might want to make to thoroughly enjoy this very special Masonic experience. Please come and get involved in the planning. The more the merrier!

The next meeting of the Monroe Masters and Wardens Association will be on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Union Star Lodge Hall, 3 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls. We will have dinner and end the meeting by 8:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Ken Tomaszewski, Master Union Star Lodge at: ken@kjtgroup.com.

Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476

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

Master
W.: Andrew Woepfel
(716) 435-7978
woepfel@gmail.com
Secretary - 271-7446
W.: Bernard D. Lazerson
lazerbd12@aol.com

Fairport Masonic Hall
87 South Main Street

Welcome to the New Year. May you all enjoy good health, a spirit of joy and rewarding endeavors.

Our DDGM, R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz, made his Official Visit in November along with his Staff Officers. The OES Sisters and Brother put on a great dinner beforehand.

The 3rd Degree will be conferred on January 13th with W.: Andrew Woepfel, Master, in the East. All Officers will be in a tuxedo or dark suit.

Upcoming Events

A Table Lodge will be enjoyed on January 27th. Breaking bread with your Brothers is a worldwide tradition of fellowship and Brotherly Love. Following the dinner, we will instruct our new Brothers in the traditions of the Lodge in a "Walk-About."

Brother Dave Taber will be attending an Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge in Downtown Burritt's Rapids on January 18th. (Burritt's Rapids, population 200, was one of three communities considered for the capitol of Canada in 1868. More history during the car ride North.) No Limburger Cheese here, but all the Haggis you can stomach.

Brothers have been asking when the next Pub Crawl will be ... keep February 21st open.

Nothing to report under Sickness and Distress.

January Birthdays

Birthdays for some are not happy occasions - especially when counting all the candles to be blown out. Think positive and you could be the next old-timer on the sidelines. Celebrating birthdays in January are the following Brothers: Leonard Simon (1st), Robert Cameron (4th), Thomas Green (6th), Harold Feinberg (9th), Ruby Baker (11th), Ronald Weber and Gregory Hampton (16th), Leonard Fulmer (17th), Glen Schaefer (18th), Ronald Freeling (22nd), Joseph Lynn (24th) and Morey Waltuck (29th). My apologies to John Lenzi whom I missed on October 13th. As always, best wishes for a prosperous, happy and healthy year ahead.

Be sure to check through the **Masonic Times** for all the news. We live in a rich Masonic environment. Too bad there aren't more nights in the week.

FAME

Lodge No. 722

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

Master
W.: Jason Gartland
544-9545
jcgart182@gmail.com

Secretary
V.:W.: Daniel Walker
429-6572
optidan@frontiernet.net

979 Bay Road, Webster 14580

Happy New Year! I hope your Holiday Season was filled with peace and joy. Ours was full of Holiday Cheer. We were fortunate to share it with our families and friends and enjoyed visiting their houses decorated for the Season.

At our December meeting we enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner with our Lodge Brothers, their friends and family. We also recognized some of our Brothers for their years of service in Masonry. I congratulate the following Brothers for their dedication to Fame Lodge and Freemasonry.

- 65 years **Richard Eggert**
- 60 years **Keith Moore**
- 50 years **Don Green**
- 40 years **Ted Theodore**
- 35 years **Bailey Dean**
- 20 years **Bob Dibble**
- Glen Campbell**

January Events

January 9th - Dinner meeting (Meat Loaf)

January 23rd - Stated Meeting
The Officers of Fame Lodge would love you to come out and join us!

I wish you all a very Happy 2014, and may this New Year bring peace and joy in your life.

WEBSTER

Lodge No. 538

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

Master
W.: Joe A. Lewis
563-1239
joelewis4@gmail.com

Secretary
James F. Clancy
265-9333
jclancy2@rochester.rr.com

30 Orchard Street, Webster 14580

By R.:W.: *Dave Allen*

Happy New Year to All! On behalf of the Worshipful Master and myself, we hope your Christmas and Holidays were as joyful and rewarding as ours. Granted, some of you suffered a loss or some misfortune, but remember, we are all Brothers and rest assured you were in our thoughts and prayers. That being said, we must proceed on what will be a very busy and rewarding year.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Webster Lodge will again be participating in the Annual *Have-a-Heart* Campaign which benefits the Ronald McDonald Charities. This includes not only the "Home," but several other of their activities. As usual, we will be stationed at Eastview Mall near the Food Court. Chairman R.:W.: Gary Sanford is responsible for the Eastview Schedule and has asked Webster Lodge to staff the booth on **February 1st and February 13th**. He has asked me to arrange for the Webster participants on our assigned days. I will need a Co-Chairman to assist me as well. We would like 12-14 Brothers to volunteer to work 3-hour shifts.

Attire will be Dress Pants and a Sport Coat or good Jacket. We will be wearing our Aprons as well. I would appreciate not having to "beg" for your help. It's very "un-Masonic" and is beneath what we practice! If you remember, our first duty is to our neighbors and these are the ones we are assisting. That being said, the schedule will be forthcoming shortly. Again, check your calendar and let us know when you would be available on February 1st and 13th.

150th Anniversary

By now, you should have received all the pertinent information concerning our 150th Anniversary Celebration. I believe I am correct in quoting \$20 as the ticket cost across the board. Our Senior Warden, Allyn Borrino, has completed the "lion's share" of the activities that will occur. There will be a complete program furnished to all members several weeks before March 6th - the day of the event. Several hours before there will be a "Re-dedication" held at the Masonic Hall. Hopefully, with the Grand Master participating. Maybe we should all plan to take a day of vacation.

I was Senior Deacon when we had our 100th and it was quite an affair. Can you believe that tickets then were \$4.95 and the dinner was prepared by the R. L. Thomas School Kitchen Staff in the Main School Cafeteria where the whole program was held?

Our Senior Warden passed two Entered Apprentices to the Fellowcraft position on November 21st with the usual flawless presentation. R.:W.: Mike Nohle, also instructed the newly made Fellowcrafts with his usual informative and perfect work, the Second Section. As one of our Senior Past Grand Lodge Officers remarked, "No one holds a candle to Webster's Ritual."

In passing, it's great to see at least 30-plus Brothers in attendance most every meeting. Want to make it 40? We've got lots of room and the companionship can't be beat!

Spaghetti Dinners

Brother Nick's Spaghetti Dinners are doing just fine and rumor has it that he finally recruited some "new help." You can't beat the food and the atmosphere is great!

Date Change ... Please Note

Due to scheduling issues with our Senior Warden, Al Barino, and R.:W.: Mike Nohle, we will re-schedule the 3rd Degree to take place on **February 6th** instead of the 3rd Thursday in February.

Sickness and Distress

I ask that all of you be "reporters" just so I won't miss something of interest to all. You know, Sickness and Distress, Newborn, Good or Bad Fortune, etc. This information is needed by the 1st of the month.

Aside from what I've reported previously, Brother Don Osborne had some sort of surgery.

Brothers Walt Cone and W.: Ken Hutchinson are receiving Hospice Care and prayers are appreciated.

Still no word on Brother Fred Cornell, but he's in our thoughts.

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following anniversary celebrants:

- 50 Years **Bob Witmer, Jr.**
- 55 Years **Gordon Palmer**

Until we meet again, may the New Year bring you many blessings and good fortune. May God Bless you and yours and keep you well.

Mark Your Calendar!

Webster Lodge No. 538

Sesquicentennial

1864 - 2014

Thursday

March 6, 2014

at Webster Golf Club

Contact Allyn Borrino
ajborrino@gmail.com

RL

ROCHESTER LUMBER COMPANY

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

Over 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

MARTIN IPPOLITO

Master Electrician
(585) 266-6337

- Electrical Work
- Telephone Jacks
- Burglar Alarm Systems
- Cable TV
- Paddle Fans

Seneca Lodge



No. 797

2nd Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.

Master

W.: Jack R. Breitung
581-1415

jbreitung@rochester.rr.com

Secretary

W.: Raymond Glegg
750-0865

rglegg@rochester.rr.com

30 Orchard Street, Webster 14580



"Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!" A happy and healthy New Year to all my Brothers and their families! Yup. We are in the teeth of Winter now. I hope all our Seneca Snowbird Brothers are enjoying the warmth of the Southern Regions. Granted, you have earned it, but I am still jealous! I will be thinking of you as I start my snowblower on mornings with 15° temps!

Last month we brought in the Holiday Season by holding our Annual Breakfast with Santa. Santa Jeff Quartley did an awesome job. The turnout was beyond expectations, which was terrific. Breakfast went off without a hitch thanks to my wonderful family and the looks on the children's faces was priceless!

Next the adults celebrated the Holiday Season with the Seneca Christmas Party. Jerry provided a top-notch meal as always and

the Brothers and Sisters of Seneca again gathered and celebrated as only they can. Our Junior Warden did a bang-up job on old George Washington's Egg-nog Recipe. Even W.: Dana Cline would be proud.

Well, the fun ends and it's time for the work to begin. It looks as though we will have four new Brothers in our ranks soon as Seneca will hold an Entered Apprentice Degree on January 14th. Our Senior Warden, Brother Bob Shaver, will be the Sitting Master for the 1st Degree, and if the rehearsals are any indication, Brother Shaver is ready to go. I look forward to this Degree as we have several new Brothers taking an active role in our Degree work. I have full confidence they will perform beautifully.

Once we conclude the Entered Apprentice Degree, it is on to the Fellowcraft Degree planned to be held on February 11th. There will be a rehearsal on January 22nd and I expect to see all those involved in attendance.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Also, in February, Seneca will be taking part in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. Seneca will staff the booth at Eastview Mall on February 4th from 3 - 9 p.m. and February 15th from Noon - 9 p.m. Start signing up now for your 3-hour time-slot with



Junior Warden Jeff Quartley (Santa) and the children of Seneca Lodge at the recent Breakfast with Santa.



Santa's Helpers...all the people who helped put on the recent Breakfast with Santa for children of Brothers of Seneca Lodge.



Brothers who attended Seneca Lodge's Annual Table Lodge in November.

Brother Dick Shellman at 383-8288 or email: shellman@rochester.rr.com

Please consider signing up with another Brother or bring your family as I do. I treat my kids to a nice dinner after our time raising money for this very worthwhile charity and they look forward to it every year.

January Birthdays

I take this opportunity to recognize our Brothers born in January:

Cam Cox (1st), Roger Clarke and Larry Foster (2nd), Ed Kidd (7th), Tom Clark (8th), Brandon Phelps (10th), Eldridge Mount (22nd) and Culver Barr (27th).

Thank you to all our January-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!



(From left): W.: Jack Breitung, Master; R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz, DDGM; Ill.: and M.: W.: James Sullivan, 33°, Grand Master; Symbolic Lodge Award winner, Brother Chris Bretz; Ill.: Peter Samiec, 33°, Grand Lieutenant Commander, Supreme Council, AASR, NMJ; Ill.: David Spencer, 33°, Deputy for New York State.

Here's hoping I will see some old or not-so-old faces at our next meeting. We could certainly use the attendance of all to support our newly Initiated Brethren. No matter if you have been away for a few months or a number of years, you are always welcome within the open, inviting arms of your Seneca Brethren. See what your Lodge is up to!

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: jeff.quartley@gmail.com. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid! And reservations are a must!!! ☐

Inspiration

Lodge No. 109

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

Master

W.: Scott Rice

269-2495

srice180@gmail.com

Secretary

R.: W.:

Derek VanHouten

247-2920

derekhouten1@mac.com

979 Bay Road, Webster 14580



By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

Happy New Year everyone. We look forward to an exciting year and hope you can make it to our meetings and functions. I haven't emphasized this before, but if transportation is a problem, please let us know. There are Brothers willing to pick up and bring you to the Shrine Center. Call one of the Officers listed in the Contact Information at the end of this article.

Our 2nd Degree was magnificent! I continue to enjoy the presentations by many of our newer Brothers, which allows me and many other more seasoned Brothers to sit on the sidelines and witness their work. R.: W.: John Faro asked for the opportunity to confer the Degree, and did a marvelous job in the East. W.: Richard Smith acted as Senior Warden; Brother Kenneth Lanza served as Junior Warden. The Middle Chamber Lecture was exquisitely presented by R.: W.: Alan Ramsay. These Brothers continue to help while some younger members learn these parts, and their expertise is much appreciated.

What a wonderful Holiday Party we had last month. The meal was outstanding; great fellowship with the many in attendance; a huge assortment of gifts for children, with many donations to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Erie and Springfield. The only tarnish to the evening was the weather, which sent many home fairly early.

3rd Degree

On January 14th, our first meeting of the New Year, we will confer the 3rd Degree on our current class. Brother Ryan Ramplin has been scheduling rehearsals and establishing a Degree Cast. He, and several others, are pushing toward the goal of Inspiration Lodge having a complete roster of participants for every part of every Degree. I would especially encourage our newer Brothers to pick some portion of the Ritual and become an active part of this list. Feel free to learn Sections of all three Degrees, if for no other reason than to back up someone who is a "regular" in a part. He may not be available for the next conferral. An added benefit would be the opportunity to help another Lodge, should they experience a void in personnel for a Degree.

January 28th will be a Regular Communication, and we will catch up on some business that has been pushed aside for our Party and Degree work.

Planning Ahead**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

Again, we will participate in this major fundraising event to support the Rochester Ronald

McDonald Houses. The schedule for our staffing is as follows:

Sunday, February 2nd - Noon - 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 8th - Noon - 9 p.m.

Friday, February 14th - Noon - 9 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for the whole family to participate in a community event. Contact W.: Scott Rice to schedule a time to staff the booth.

February 11th we have a Regular Communication scheduled and, tentatively, a 1st Degree on February 25th. In addition, a special party is being planned for Saturday, February 15th for which much more work needs to be done before the details are finalized, but at least make a note on your calendar. I hope information will be available for the February article in the **Masonic Times**.

I have been told that W.: Richard Smith has agreed to assume the position of Chair of the Telephone Committee. If you are not contacted by the time you read this, please let him know at 425-0331. You may also tell him if you do NOT wish to be on the contact list. Our Master, W.: Scott Rice, wants to make sure every effort is made to contact Brothers with Lodge information. He also hopes this will work both ways and we learn of any Brothers in need of our aid or sympathy.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Eric Hinkston was present at our Holiday Party! While not fully up to speed, he



Brothers of Inspiration Lodge and Damascus Shriners' Divan display portion of gifts donated to Shriners Hospitals for Children® at Lodge's Holiday Party.



FUNERAL HOME

Family Owned & Operated

RONALD JOHN ARNDT
ROBERT J. ARNDT SHARI L. ARNDT1118 Long Pond Road
South of Maiden Lane

(585) 225-6350

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



www.wfuneralhome.com



looked good and was happy to be out. He still needs recovery time, and we continue to wish him well. Feel free to give him a call at 748-6000.

We wish a speedy recovery to Brother Kevin Gerhard as he undergoes treatments for his illness.

We sadly make note of the passing of three of our Brothers:

W.: William Hook was a member of the Craft for 39 years and served as Master of Craftsmen Lodge and again for Craftsmen Robertson Lodge. Brother Bill, who was very active in the maintenance operations of Camp DeMolay, had health issues for the last few years.

Brother Leonard Schmeer passed away in Florida. He was a 55-year Mason.

Brother Irving Schuth has laid down his Working Tools at the age of 96. He was a Mason for 66 years.

The sympathies of the Brothers of Inspiration Lodge is extended to their families.

January Birthdays

Into the New Year we go, and here are the Brothers who are already adding another year to their resume:

John Sanna, Robert Guilfoil and Douglas Spencer (1st); James Woodruff (5th); Martin Suter (7th); John Bardo (7th); Christian Cordts (10th); Guy Morse (12th); Robert Stear (14th); Royden Guess (15th); Christopher Ridsdale (16th); Jerome Fogel (17th); James Clark (20th); Jim Greene (21st); Kenneth Skidmore (24th); Joseph Holt, Jr., Charles McDonald and Aaron Hughes (25th); Robert Bishop and Joseph Mariano (26th); William Babcock, Jr. and Mario Pontarelli (27th); and William Wimberly (28th). Congratulations to all and I hope you have a wonderful celebration.

Mark Your Calendar

- January 14th - 3rd Degree
- January 28th - Regular Communication
- February 11th - Regular Communication
- February 15th - Sweethearts' Party
- February 25th - 1st Degree

Contact Information

The contact information for the Master, W.: Scott Rice, and Secretary, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, are in the logo at the beginning of this article. Other contacts include:

- Brian Bell** - Phone: 313-7181 golgotha30@gmail.com
- Todd Colburn** - Phone: 739-7761 colburntodd1@gmail.com
- Ryan Ramplin** - Phone: 466-4407
Cell phone: (610) 724-7336 ryan.ramplin@gmail.com
- Richard Smith** - Phone: 425-0331 rrms1157@yahoo.com

You may want to clip this information and put it in your telephone directory.

May 2014 bring you much joy and prosperity. I hope to see you at Lodge.

UNITY
Lodge No. 479
2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

Master
W.: Jeffrey VanSice
(717) 487-1844
jvansice@rochester.rr.com

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

133 South Union Street
Spencerport 14559

Happy New Year, my Brothers! Allow me to open this article with an apology, I did not submit an article in time for the December issue of the **Masonic Times**. Time got away from me, and I did not complete it. Good news is that today we get a double article to catch up on events from November and December.

First, I will share a major anniversary with you. Marty Zillmann and his wife, Betty, celebrated 50 years of marriage on August 24th. Congratulations to a special couple for this milestone celebration.



On Veterans Day, we had our Regular Communication; to recognize their service to our Country, the following Brothers were asked to join me in the East: Jon Smith, Chuck Prince, Byron Barnes, Scott Corey, Jose Peo, R.:W.: Ed Gillette, R.:W.: Joe Privitera, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten (not pictured.) I personally thank them for their service, and ordered a page be set aside in the Minutes as a place of honor.

In December, we had a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, with a Chili Dinner cooked by myself. Our Holiday Party was a success with Santa in attendance and all who made it out had an enjoyable time.

Upcoming Events

January 13th - Conferral of the 3rd Degree. W.: John Lemke will be in the East as I have to be away for work. Thank you very much in advance for sitting in for me, John. Please join us at the Lodge as we Raise more Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason! If you would like to participate in the second half, please contact Joe Privitera.

January 27th - Annual Table Lodge. This is an event not to be missed. I plan on having a full Lodge night, Tiled and with full honors. Starlight Chapter will be preparing the meal for us that night. Bring your Cannons! In closing, I leave you with this quote from Albert Pike, "We have

all the Light we need, we just need to put it in practice."

Always Seek more light my Brothers! Until we meet again.

ERAC
Lodge No. 163
website: www.eraclodge163.org
2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

Master
W.: Charles D. Crawford
314-0305
cdcrawford21@gmail.com

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

979 Bay Road, Webster 14580

By Brother Carl Scarpulla
Senior Warden

New Year's greetings, my Brothers. As I am writing this, most of us are enjoying time spent with our families and friends, giving thanks to the Great Architect for blessings received over the preceding year. I'd also like to offer a prayer for the members of the military who are unable to be with us at this time, as well as our police, fire, EMS providers, nurses, doctors and public works professionals who may be taking time away from their families to serve their communities during the Holiday Season.

Looking Back

Our November 11th meeting was an Open Meeting for Veteran's Recognition. Brothers related anecdotes of their time in the Service, including stories of sneaking back onto a Destroyer during World War II when past-due from Shore Leave (your secret is safe with us, Brother Tiler), to the Brotherhood experienced upon meeting fellow Masons in Iraq. Dinner featured the world premiere of "ERAC Chicken" under the direction of Chef Edd "The Cap'n" Taylor.

Once again, ERAC finds itself in the envious position of having a large class of Candidates for the 2013 - 2014 Season. At our last meeting, November 25th, we voted on 10 new Petitions for Initiation as well as 2 for Affiliation. This fact, combined with our recently strengthened efforts to mentor our newly Raised Brothers, will continue to swell our Rolls - not only on paper, but on the Sidelines.

Dinner was very well received, as always. Appetizers included Feijoada - a Brazilian Rice, Bean and Sausage dish, followed by a Braised Pot Roast. Dessert included an assortment of Fruit Cobblers and Pumpkin Pie. Our Junior Warden and his able cast of Stewards brought their game as usual.

After dinner and balloting, members of the Lodge were treated to a presentation by Brother Kristian Reninger on "Masonic Principles" in Rudyard Kipling's *The Man Who Would be King*. Brother Kipling's Masonic influences show through in his character's behaviors and speech. Brother Reninger also spoke about Kipling's poem, *The Mother Lodge*.

On December 9th, we enjoyed a Pasta Dinner, led by Adam Sukhenko. We Initiated 9 new Entered Apprentices in a well-attended Degree. Several of the Ritual pieces were delivered by Brothers who had

not delivered them before. All acquitted themselves well.

December 14th saw the Brothers of ERAC, led by R.:W.: Rich Friedman, ringing the Holiday Bells at Eastview Mall again, in support of the Salvation Army.

Thanks to all of the Brothers and family members who participated in these important events. (Check our Facebook page for photographs.)

Sickness and Distress

We are all hoping for a speedy recovery for V.:W.: Pat Mulrooney's wife, Corbie.

Upcoming Events

January 13th - Annual Awards Night and Membership Recognition. Brothers will be recognized for service anniversaries, representing 5-70 years of Brotherhood. This is an Open Meeting, with honorees especially asked to invite family and friends. There is no charge for the hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are needed for proper planning; please send an email to brucek8189@aol.com or call 729-6657 by January 10th to let our Junior Warden know if you are attending. I would like to see the Sidelines filled to recognize our Brothers.

I wish you all the very best that the New Year has to offer. If it has been a while since your last visit to Lodge, why not make it a New Year's Resolution to come back?

Veterans Night - an Evening of Honor, Respect and Appreciation

By Paul Bielewicz,
Assistant Secretary

In the not-so-distant past ... being the 2nd Monday of the month, it was the night of a Regular Lodge Meeting. For Brother Andrae Evans, it was a well-deserved evening of fraternity and fellowship. What he did not know at the time was that this meeting would be his last opportunity to see his Lodge Brothers for more than 12 years. Twelve hours later, his life would change forever. The date of this meeting was Monday, September 10, 2001.

We all know what happened the next morning. While many of us were shocked, appalled and enraged, few of us did what Andrae did next. He got in his car, drove straight to Albany and re-enlisted in the United States Army. For Andre is a soldier. For almost twenty years he had served his country, but at the time of 9/11, Andre was home, spending well deserved time with his family. But knowing the true meaning of service, duty and sacrifice, Andre knew his country needed him, and

never thought twice about what he needed to do. He began the next part of his journey with the US Army National Guard and Reserves, serving 12 more years with one tour in Iraq and three tours in Afghanistan.

On Monday, November 11, 2013, Andrae rejoined the Brothers of ERAC Lodge for a joyful reunion after a twelve year absence. Andrae graciously shared his experiences with the Lodge, including photos of his time in Iraq and Afghanistan spanning many years of his service. Andrae reflected on the meaning of service, both within the context of Freemasonry, and also in what it means to serve in the military. Andrae shared his experiences of being welcomed as a Brother by other Freemasons all around the world, and how he never felt truly alone.

More than a dozen Brothers and several guests in attendance were Veterans, and graciously shared their experiences as well. Experiences differed; some served in the Army, others the Navy, yet others in the Marines. Older Brothers served seventy years ago, while younger Brothers and guests served much more recently. But all shared similar experiences, whether reflecting on hardships endured, friendships forged, or sacrifices made, all shared an upbeat attitude, and all to a person would serve again without question if needed.

Contemporary United States culture places a high value on the service provided by our Veterans. We understand the sacrifices made and the freedoms that these sacrifices have afforded us. But this is a relatively recent cultural development, and has not always been the way. Not so long ago, our bravest young men were not welcomed home with the ceremony that is now the custom. They were not thanked for their service. They were not afforded the same privileges in return for the sacrifices that they made.

Veterans' Day in ERAC Lodge was a night of fellowship, Brotherhood and remembrance, but it was also a night of gratitude to our Veterans. But one day per year should not be the only time we acknowledge our service men and women in this way. So please keep this in mind, and when you see a Veteran, thank him or her for their service, and always keep in mind the prices they have paid to allow us all to live in the lifestyle to which we've all become accustomed.

Thank you to the Brothers of ERAC Lodge, and all who have served in the military. Your service has not gone forgotten and is truly appreciated.



Crawford
FUNERAL HOME INC.
Independently Owned And Operated

Helping Families Share Memories since 1957

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

David P. Crawford,
Licensed Manager

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

585-482-0400

www.CrawfordFuneralHome.com

Wakan-Hubbard
Lodge No. 154
2nd & 4th Mondays
7:30 p.m.
Master
W.: Angelo
DiCataldo
738-9709
kdicataldo@frontiernet.net
Secretary
R.: W.: John Zabel
223-3228
secretary@wakanhubbard.org
1822-A Penfield Road, Penfield 14526

As we start 2014, we hope all of our Brethren have had a very happy Holiday Season. This is being written prior to our annual financial meeting, but we hope the Brothers who are able to attend were there to hear about our financial standing and to vote on the Dues for 2014.

At our 2nd Degree conferral in late November, we had a unique occurrence - the examination of an Entered Apprentice on the Lecture of the 1st Degree in Open Lodge. The Brother was exceptional in his work and the Examiner was pretty good. We can definitely be proud of this Brother when he is Raised. The Second Degree conferral went very well and was done by the Brothers of the Lodge. V.: W.: Hugh Woodside presided that evening. The Raising is planned to occur on January 27th.

Our Master, W.: Angelo DiCataldo, DSA, spent Thanksgiving in Tennessee with his son, Brother Joe, and his family. The weather cooperated to some extent so he and Karen were able to get to Tennessee without too much trouble. We know they had a great time with the family.

January 13th - At this meeting, there will be a presentation by R.: W.: Mike Nohle and V.: W.: Bill Edwards on the history and symbolism of the Middle Chamber Lecture. This should be a very interesting presentation as we have not had a speech on the Middle Chamber Lecture in past years. Brothers Nohle and Edwards are students of the Ritual and its meanings, so plan to attend. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required by January 8th. An email of the menu will be sent as soon as it is known. Reservations go to the Junior Warden, Dave Wilkinson, by phone or email. See the Trestleboard for email address or phone number.

Dues Notices

The 2014 Dues Notices will have been sent by the time you read this. If you have any questions on your statement, kindly contact the Lodge Secretary. Also remember that the Secretary needs to know when you change your residence address or email address. The Secretary can be reached by email at secretary@wakanhubbard.org.

Wakan-Hubbard Website

The Lodge Webmaster is working on re-doing the Lodge Website. The content will be close to the current one, but the design will be different and changes will be made to update some of its functionality. If any Brother has ideas on improvements to the website, please contact the Lodge Secretary. A good discussion on the Website would be appreciated.

Also, let him know if there is a want for presence of the Lodge on social media sites like Facebook. The Lodge wants to keep up with what the Brothers want and will use to keep in touch and enjoy their membership in Wakan-Hubbard Lodge and Freemasonry in general.

There was recently an article in the *Democrat & Chronicle* about the system of supplying attorneys for people who have problems paying for legal representation when in trouble with the law. One of our Brothers, Jon Getz, was quoted in the article. It is a pleasure to see that some of our Brothers are involved in the needs of the community. Brother Jon is an attorney and it is nice to see his involvement in our legal system and the needs of those who need legal services. We hope the Brethren saw and read the article.

Brother Patrick Shea, who moved to Philadelphia to pursue a career change, sends his regards to the Lodge. He will be graduating from Law School this year. We hope he will be able to return to Rochester, get a good job, and become active in the Lodge again.

As we get further into Winter, let us hope that Spring is on its way. We wish our Brethren who enjoy Winter activities have a great season for their activities. For those of our Brothers who visit warmer climates during the Winter months, we wish them the best and will miss them in Lodge. Take care until next month's article. Remember that the Secretary would like to know about any important events in our Brothers lives that they would like the Masonic Community to know about. □

CLIO
Lodge No. 779
www.cliolodge.org
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.
Master
W.: Peter J.
Matthews, Jr.
392-0799
clio.pete@gmail.com
Secretary
W.: Michael Postilli
392-1908
mpostilli@gmail.com
287 East Avenue, Hilton 14468

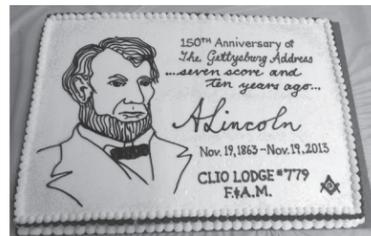
Happy New Year, Brothers and Friends! It used to be that February had President's Week, but at Clio, that's apparently in November! On November 9th, a consortium of Clio Brothers, consisting of Lew and Mike Steinman, Matt Scheffer, Patrick Purcell and I traveled to Syracuse for the reaffirmation ceremony - taking an obligation on George Washington's Bible. Standing with us at the obligation was R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz. Being that close to such a piece of Masonic, as well as American,



R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz, DDGM, and Brothers of Clio Lodge visited Syracuse to see the George Washington Bible.

history - to see it open and not under glass - was quite amazing. (The Steak and Lobster Dinner we had at a restaurant up the street afterward was pretty danged amazing, too!)

So, where do you go after George Washington? Why, to Abe Lincoln, of course! On November 19th, Clio hosted W.: John L e m k e and a Degree Team from the S c o t - tish Rite who presented an Abraham Lincoln Degree called "The Peacemakers," dramatizing the last days of the Civil War. We started the evening with a Spaghetti Dinner, enjoyed the excellent drama and finished with an Abe Lincoln cake, baked by Clio Brother



January Meetings & Eatings

We have two Regular Communications in January - one on the 7th and the other on the 21st.

Spaghetti Dinner

Our Spaghetti Dinner this month is January 15th; as always, serving from 4:30 p.m. 'til 7 p.m. for the price of \$7. I will be out of town (out of the country, actually!) at the time of our second meeting this month, thus Senior Warden, Matt Scheffer, will make his debut in the East, running the meeting and getting a little practice time for next year.

Annual Chili Cook-off

On Sunday, January 26th, we are having our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off. It costs \$5 to "taste and judge;" also \$5 to enter your Chili, which gives you tasting and judging privileges, too. There will be a Gift Basket Raffle at the cost of \$1 per ticket. The Grand Prize winner will receive the much-coveted Clio Chili Champ Apron, which, however, cannot be worn in Lodge in lieu of your Masonic Apron.

Doors will open at 11 a.m. for contestants to set up; tasting begins at Noon. Contestants must bring their Chili in a crock pot and be sure it's hot by Noon. It is open to anyone who reads this article, so if you have a Chili you want to enter, let me know via email at clio.pete@gmail.com or by phone at 392-0799. Our last Cook-off was attended by Clio Mem-

bers only, and although it was a small event, we had big fun! Brother Larry Vaccarelli is the reigning champ!

We'll finish the month's events on January 31st at 7 p.m. with a rehearsal for our upcoming Fellowcraft Degree taking place on February 4th.

January Birthdays

Blowing out birthday candles this month are Brothers Jack S. Archibald, Kenneth E. Bigelow, Jr., Harry B. Bostley, George A. Charlick, Charles H. Cooper, Donald F. Davis, Vincent W. Dorrión, Norman Feil, Robert F. Fisher, Robert E. Hulek, Frank Kimmel Jr., Armour L. Mack, Robert D. Pedersen and Clyde H. Rathbun. Also a special belated birthday wish to Brother Bill Hunn, DSA ... Bill, you just look so darn young, we forgot you got older!

I'll close this article with a well-deserved "Congratulations" to Brother Donald Cambisi, our

2013 Recipient of the Symbolic Lodge Award, bestowed upon Don this past December 7th. Don is a Brother we can always count on to be at every fundraiser. He's at every Spaghetti Dinner, doing the worst job of all - washing the dishes and scrubbing the sauce-crusted pots. He is always one of the last to walk out the door, not to mention, he's the one running around the streets of Hilton dressed like a chicken during our Chicken Bar-B-Ques. That takes dedication, Brother Don! Clio thanks you and appreciates all your hard work.

Mark Your Calendar

January 7th - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

January 15th - Spaghetti Dinner, 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

January 21st - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

January 26th - Annual Chili Cook-off (11 a.m. Contestants; 12 p.m. Tasters) □

NORTHFIELD
Lodge No. 426
www.northfieldlodge.org
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Master
W.: Stephan
Michener
387-9487
smichene@rochester.rr.com
W.: John A. Dudley, Secretary
586-6426
jdudley1@rochester.rr.com
17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

Budget Update

As an update on our budget meeting in November, I am pleased to report that the Lodge did a great job of conserving our financial resources and, in fact, came out with a surplus that was greater than we had anticipated in our 2013 budget. This did not even include the contributions several Brothers made to our Capital Campaign and a kind Brother who remembered the Lodge in his Will.

For 2014, our budget looks similar as 2013 projecting a small surplus, with some moderate adjustments made to carefully restore some previous spending cuts. We will continue to exercise responsible financial stewardship of our beautiful historic Lodge.

Speaking of contributions to the Capital Campaign, we express gratitude to the following Brothers who made contributions: John Dudley, Wiles Converse, Steve Michener, Stefano Bastianelli, Donald Woodruff, Stanley Otto, Devon Littlefield, Robert Sweeney, Edgar Rummeler III, Joe Verdi, Lance Daul and Ken Stavalone. Thanks Brothers, for helping to assure that we can continue to care for our beautiful Lodge Building.

Looking Back

At the Reunion of the Valley of Rochester on November 23rd,

Brothers Jason Morrisette, Lance Daul, Ken Stavalone, Devon Littlefield and I took part in the 20th Degree. It was great fun; the Brothers worked hard on their parts and delivered them convincingly well. I apologize to Jason who may have gotten a little bit of George Washington's legendary anger that day, but he deserved it.

At our first meeting in December, we Initiated three Entered Apprentices. We welcome them to the Lodge and are confident they will be Raised to become active contributing members of Northfield Lodge.

Our second meeting in December was our Necktie Exchange. The Brothers who participated were pleased to receive a necktie that a Brother had picked out with them in mind. We also shared our thoughts on "What Masonry means to me." It was a great chance to hear what others think about our beloved Craft.

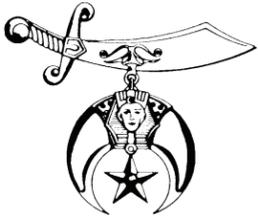
As for me, I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in the initiation experience that Freemasonry offers. It is a wonderful experience to be a member of something that is much larger than yourself, something that existed long before your great-great-grandfather was ever born, and something that will continue long after you are gone from planet earth. And you get to do it with a group of men who are mostly good guys who adhere to a moral code.

But, my one frustration with our Craft has been what I perceived as a lack of mercy in the teachings of our Ritual. I've struggled with a nagging doubt that our Ritual was silent on the subject of forgiveness and when it might be appropriate.

Continued on Page 16



Jason Morrisette, Lance Daul, Steve Michener, Jon Buck and Ed Rummeler pose for John Dudley's ever-present camera at Wear-a-Hat-to-Lodge Night.



Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

January 2014

Shrine and Divan Meetings

Dinner Reservations Required

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

Shrine Office Hours

Monday — Friday

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org



**JOSEPH DI TUCCI
POTENTATE-ELECT**



My Brother Nobles, thank you for your support and votes during the December Elections. It is a great honor to serve each of you this year. I hope to maintain your trust and confidence throughout my term.

I am truly undeserving of the title Illustrious Potentate. One must remember, in the Blue Lodge, there is no greater title than Brother; in the Shrine, there is no greater title than Noble. Far too often one will allow a title or position to go to their head and lose sight of what is truly important. Within the Damascus Shrine we are all equals. Some have lost touch with the fact that we are all volunteers! We volunteer our time to help a cause greater than ourselves; we have fun with a purpose. A Shriner thrives on the fact of knowing his organization helps

children with medical needs, at no financial obligation to them or family.

In the words of Brother George Washington during his Installation to become General and Commander in Chief, "...I will enter upon the momentous duty, and exert every power I possess in their service, and for support of the glorious cause. I beg they will accept my most cordial thanks for this distinguished testimony of their approbation. But, lest some unlucky event should happen, unfavorable to my reputation, I beg it may be remembered, by every Gentleman in the room, that I,

this day, declare with the utmost sincerity, I do not think myself equal to the Command I am honored with."

The main focus of the Divan for 2014 is Membership. Not just creating new members, more importantly, but to build upon the foundation of our current membership. Our goal is to rekindle the flame that was roaring within us when we made the decision to become a Shriner. Moreover, to accomplish this great task the Shrine will be returning to many of its time-honored traditions. The time has come for the restoration of true fellowship and to honor those within our organization for their good doings.

The majority of our Stated Communications will be Tiled. Our Open Meetings (Noble Bring-a-Brother) will be Open to Shriners and Masons only. Our meals for all regular meeting nights will be \$5, this will include camels milk and soda at the Oasis. Any member who attends the meal will be given a free ticket for raffles that will be given away at every meeting. Raffle prizes will include Damascus Shrine memorabilia, credits at the Oasis and free admission to Shrine-sponsored events. It's time we bring the FUN back, and the time is NOW!

Our first taste of fellowship will be on Wednesday, February 5th. The program for the evening will be a Noble Bring-a-Brother and the Celebration of the Festive Board, better known as a Table Lodge. The guest

speaker for the evening will be Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut. We will be serving a 5-course meal containing appetizers, soup, salad, big juicy Delmonico Steaks and dessert. Now for the cost ... this event will be our Annual "Shell-a-Buck Dinner" and yes, is only ONE dollar. The \$1 price will be available to any member who has his current 2014 Dues paid-in-full. This event will be free to any Master Mason who turns in a Petition for membership. To all others the cost is \$40 per person.

On behalf of the 2014 Divan-elect, we look forward to serving you. □



Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut

From the Quill ...



By Derek VanHouten, Recorder

With ice coating the trees and everything else in various parts of the country, we are fortunate to live here. On occasion we, too, suffer the extremes of Winter weather, but what would we expect for this time of year.

A New Year is about blossom forth and a new Line for Damascus is about to take the stage and lead us to new heights. The following are the key players for 2014:

Potentate **Joseph DiTucci**
Chief Rabban **Wayne McCrossen**
Assistant Rabban **Scott Lasky**
Oriental Guide **James Ryan**
Treasurer **Michael Hueston**
Recorder **Derek VanHouten**

The Appointed Divan will feature Chaplain, Gary Burke PP; 1st Ceremonial Master, Jerry Lack; 2nd Ceremonial Master, Christian Cordts; Marshal, Charles Feller; Captain of the Guard, Ken Lanza; Outer Guard, Bruce Bernhard; Director, Vance Collom; Chief of Staff, Norris Shapiro; and Chief Aid, Bruce Chilton, PP. The rest of the Line ... Aides to the Potentate: Jim McDuff, Michael Vanas, Danny Burkhart, Glenn Scott, and Edward Eckerson. Our Director Emeritus, Lee Collier, will be included as well.

Dues Notices

Dues Notices have been sent out and the Office receives many each day in return. There are several of the Nobles who haven't paid their 2013 Dues. We still have to pay the per capita and Hospital Assessments so please consider sending them in.

We still have a few shirts from Ill. Gary Burke's year that weren't picked up. If you ordered one, please come pick them up.

The snow is on the way, the New Year is upon us and, on behalf of Office Manager, Karin Staples, and myself, we wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. □



**Happy
New
Year!**



**SCOTT
LASKY
ASSISTANT
RABBAN**



I am greatly honored to be elected to serve as Assistant Rabban for Damascus this year. We have lots of exciting things planned to make this a great year.

Super Bowl Party – February 2nd

To start off we will be having a Super Bowl Party again this year. It has grown the last couple of years and I hope to see many of you there this year. Everyone who has attended this in the past has raved about the food and good times they experienced.

Fish Frys During Lent

We will also continue to offer our world famous Damascus Fish Fry during the Lenten Season. Please come out and lend a hand cooking or just come and enjoy some great food.

I plan to offer weekly specials for people who don't enjoy fish. Last year we had Chicken Parmesan; which I still plan to offer. However, I want to be a little more creative this year and offer some other weekly specials as well. Some items you may see are Chicken French, Stuffed Artichokes, Chicken Marsala, Soups and more!

Cruz Nights

Of course we will have our Cruz Nights again starting at the end of May and running through early September. Norris "The Boss" tells me we will only have to wait 22 weeks from the 1st Friday in January for them to start. I plan on having a start-up meeting in late April/early May. I will have a tentative date and time as we get closer to April.

This is a major fundraiser and we need the help of our Nobility to make this a success. We made some changes last year to improve our efficiency. We added a third fryer and used three cash registers just to name a few. We had many record-breaking nights for attendance and food sales. There were a few nights where I didn't think we could fit any more cars on the property. This event is also great publicity for Damascus. It lets the community know who we are and that there are still Shriners in Rochester. Please consider helping out by working one, two or as many nights at this event as you can.

I am looking forward to working with the rest of the Divan to make this a great year for the Nobility. We all want to have some fun and make Damascus the place to be! □



God Bless Our Troops

SUMMONS ... FEBRUARY 5th
You are hereby summoned to attend this monthly meeting of Damascus Shrine for the purpose of a SPECIAL Election for the Office of High Priest and Prophet for 2014.

**Damascus Shriners Open Meeting - Installation of Officers
Wednesday, January 8th**

**Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ... \$5 per person ~
Catered by Maximilians ~ Installation - 7:30 p.m.**

**Menu: Chicken French, Roast Beef au jus, Penne Pasta, Smashed Potatoes
Attire - Business casual with FEZ Reservations due by Noon, January 6th**



FAMILY CLUB ... IT'S NEW!!!

By Kevin Gerhard

Damascus families, good news is on the horizon. The Membership Team is in the process of creating a new Shrine Club - The FAMILY CLUB! This is open to you as a member of Damascus Shrine. There is no cost to join this Club, your membership is free with your up-to-date Dues Card.

This Club is designed for families of all ages to come together for fun, fellowship and good times. There is no limit to this club ... Younger members with young children or teens, older Nobles and their children or grandchildren. It doesn't matter.

We will be scheduling events on the Shrine Center's property throughout the year. Events such as, bike rodeo, tug-

of-war, sack races and the long-awaited moving chair beach ball volleyball games. This includes events for all age groups.

We look forward to hosting Bar-B-Que Cookouts and Ice Cream Socials. All are included with your membership.

During the Winter Season, we will be doing indoor activities such as movie nights on the big 30-foot screen. There is no limit to the number of families who can attend - the more the merrier; feel free to also bring your friends.

We are open to new fun ideas from your family outings so we can incorporate them in "OUR FAMILY" ... the Damascus Family. Call Kevin Gerhard, Club President, (585) 671-8138 for membership. □

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

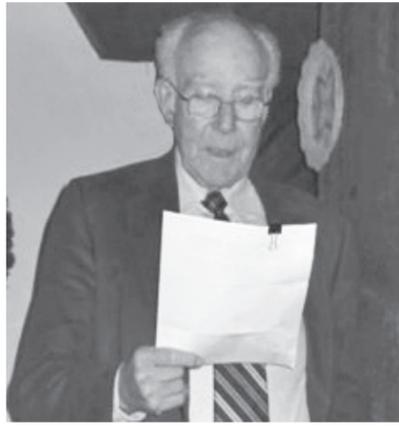
By Edgar Hollwedel

2014 Perry Shrine Club Meetings Mark Your Calendar

Date	Restaurant
January 23rd	Lumberyard
February 27th	Hole-in-the-Wall
March 27th	Lumberyard
April 24th	Hole-in-the-Wall
May 22nd	Lumberyard
June 26th	Silver Lake Country Club
September 25th	Lumberyard
October 23rd	Hole-in-the-Wall
November 19th	Lumberyard
December 17th	National Hotel

Thanks to all who helped make 2013 such a great year for the Perry Shrine Club. We sent more than \$500 to the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie at our Christmas meeting on December 18th and a fun time was had by all.

Happy New Year; see you all in 2014. Please keep the meeting dates for 2014; I plan to see you on January 23rd at the Lumberyard Restaurant. □



Howard Wood making the presentation at the November 20th meeting.

Action Required!!!

It's time to renew the *Damascus News* Boosters ... a way in which you support this publication. If you are interested in being a Booster for 2014, please send \$15 to the Damascus Shrine Office. Anyone interested in advertising their business in this *Damascus News* pullout section, please contact Karin Staples in the Shrine Office (671-7701). □

2014 Damascus News Boosters

Dean & JoAnn Smith
James Toogood
Skip & Diane Waterstreet

Engraved Wall Caps

Ever notice the engraved names on the Wall coming into the Shrine Center?

You can have a name engraved on a Wall Cap to remember or honor someone of your choosing. Orders, with payment, can be placed in the Shrine Office.

The cap can contain up to 4 lines, and up to 15 letters per line. Cost is \$140 per Cap.

It's a nice gesture for gift-giving, honorariums, memoriams, etc. Holidays are coming ... what to give to that person who has everything?

Act soon ... number of Caps available are limited! □

Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles

Gerald K. Herrell
February 10, 2013

William R. Hook
November 27, 2013

Raymond R. Martin
November 2, 2013

Irving R. Schuth
December 15, 2013

Roland A. St. Louis, Jr.
April 7, 2013



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

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

Joseph C. DiTucci
POTENTATE-ELECT

Wayne A. McCrossen
CHIEF RABBAN
chiefrabban@damascusshriners.org

Christian Cordts
2nd CEREMONIAL MASTER
2ndcm@damascusshriners.org

Scott E. Lasky
ASSISTANT RABBAN
assistantrabban@damascusshriners.org

Charles A. Feller
MARSHAL
marshal@damascusshriners.org

James R. Ryan
ORIENTAL GUIDE
orientalguide@damascusshriners.org

Kenneth J. Lanza
CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD
captainguard@damascusshriners.org

Michael P. Hueston
TREASURER
treasurer@damascusshriners.org

Bruce C. Bernhard
OUTER GUARD
outerguard@damascusshriners.org

Derek E. VanHouten
RECORDER
recorder@damascusshriners.org

Vance R. Collom, Jr.
DIRECTOR
director@damascusshriners.org

Jerry W. Lack
1st CEREMONIAL MASTER
1stcm@damascusshriners.org

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

WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Frank Russell, President

The Wayne County Shrine Club had its November Dinner Meeting at the Studebaker Grille in Lyons, on November 21st. We had a most interesting and informative presentation by Rick Grossmann, CLU, Founder of ROC Insurance Services, on the five big and costly mistakes Medicare Beneficiaries continue to make. It was an easy to understand, if that is possible, insight into what Medicare is and does and the various aspects of it that one should understand and consider. It was not a sales talk; I would unconditionally recommend this presentation.

The members were reminded that it is the time of the year when consideration must be given to who our Officers will be for the next year. All are urged to give this matter much thought and contact the President with their interest. We were pleased that Dave Larson joined us this evening from the Divan.

The Christmas Holidays were celebrated with a dinner on December 9th, at Nana's Village Restaurant, in Newark. The Christmas atmosphere was enhanced by Meredith Wilson's musical version of the familiar Christmas movie "Miracle on 34th Street." □

January Birthdays

Patrick Andrews
Culver K. Barr
Donald R. Baylor
Ronald E. Baylor
Neil R. Bedford
Robert E. Cameron
Michael Cholach
Thomas S. Clark
A. Roger Clarke
Robert E. Coleman
Thomas S. Collier
Craig J. Connelly
Christian Cordts
Charles Crawford
Jason J. Crevelling
Millard A. Fairley, Jr.
Charles A. Feller
Robert F. Fisher
Larry P. Francis
Ronald M. Freeling
Samuel A. Friedman
Leonard E. Fulmer
Manhal A. Ghanma

Russell E. Gillett
Claude E. Gramse
Thomas M. Green
Royden F. Guess
Willard C. Harris
John W. Hart
James A. Helfer, Jr.
Anthony R. Henderson
Eliezer Hernandez
Edward Hopkins
Kenneth R. Howe, Jr.
Wesley H. Kline, Jr.
Christopher L. Konzel
David A. Leschorn
Harold E. Litz
Eric J. Lubberts
Dorian C. Maracle
Charles I. McDonald
Michael A. Miller
James R. Moorhouse
Guy Morse
Roy W. Moses
Victor C. Nelson

Robert N. Ossont
Timothy D. Piper
David R. Porter
Kenneth W. Reuter
William C. Sawyer
Matthew T. Scheffer
Jonathan J. Scott
Douglas Seeber
Clifford H. Short
Randal A. Simonetti
Norman A. Snow
Gerald F. Stanton
Zacharey A. Taylor
Morey H. Waltuck
Mark H. Ward
Ronald L. Weber
Edward V. Wihlen
Gordon H. Williams
Ronald E. Wilson
Howard C. Wood
Jeffrey C. Wright
John G. Wright

For Your Convenience ... A New ATM Machine has been Permanently Installed at Damascus Shrine Center - Located in South Lobby
Fee - \$2.50 per transaction of which \$0.50 goes to the Shrine



What's New in Erie...

Rick Weaver Buick Donates a Van to Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie

Rick Weaver Buick has donated a new 2013 GMC Terrain AWD SLE-1. To Adam and the staff at Rick Weaver Buick, THANK YOU from the Staff and the Kids at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie!

Mark Your Calendar Bid for Kids on February 14th at Bayfront Convention Center

GE Transportation will once again partner with Shriners Hospitals for Children®, Make-a-Wish® Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club of Erie for an evening of FUN!

Shredding for Shriners April 19th

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie will host this shredding event just after Tax Day!

Annual Golf Outing

Coming this Summer is the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie Golf Outing. Watch for more details coming soon.

Sanet Vision Integrator

Helping patients increase success in their daily routines is one of the key goals of the therapists who work at Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Now, the therapists at the Shriners Erie Outpatient Specialty Care Center have a new tool to help them with their efforts.

The new Sanet Vision Integrator (SVI) helps patients improve visual motor integration skills by focusing on such issues as attention span, handwriting, fine motor delays, visual motor and perceptual delays, balance skills, sports vision enhancement and other difficulties. The SVI Unit was a 2013 Shriners Hospitals®-Erie capital equipment item and was purchased with funds received from the A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust and the Glen and Ruth Mengle Foundation.

The SVI, which looks like a large-screen television, contains 13 vision training programs with adjustable variations to each program that translates into literally hundreds of procedures. It is portable and is used to treat multiple children weekly, primarily between the ages of 4 and 18.

"The equipment actually speaks to the patients, instructing them to respond to verbal commands which in turn improve their auditory-visual integration and memory," said Julia Hawkins, Occupational Therapist at Shriners Hospitals®-Erie. "The different programs and the available variations of each program can help our patients in so many ways. Some of the programs are similar to popular computer games so the children really enjoy using the SVI," she added.

The various computerized Perceptual Therapy Programs within the SVI Unit are important tools to help children with intellectual processing. The programs can help children with reading and spelling difficulties, understanding geometric shapes, poor handwriting, poor visual memory and so much more. Shriners Hospitals®-Erie is the only outpatient therapy facility in the region with the SVI technology.

"The SVI Equipment is used with children with a variety of diagnoses such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, fine motor/visual motor delays, developmental disabilities, sports injuries and many other conditions," Hawkins said. "We receive patient referrals not only from Shriners' physicians, but also from community primary care physicians, pediatricians, optometrists and others who work with children facing developmental challenges."

Remember Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie for your end-of-year do-

nation. For more information about this article or Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, please call (814)-875-8807.

Also, remember us in your Estate Planning. For information about Estate Planning, call our Development and Donor Relations Department at (814) 881-6530.



"Toast and Taste" Event Was a Big Success

The November 17th "Toast and Taste" Event in the Concourse at Union Station was a big success with more than 200 people in attendance. It is estimated that the Event raised some \$2,400 for Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center.

A great deal of time and effort went into making "Toast and Taste" a success. The event, which paired food, wine and beer; featured some of the Erie Region's finest restaurants, wineries and microbreweries; with everyone coming together for a great cause. Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie extends a huge thank you to everyone involved.

Mark your calendar ... next year's "Toast and Taste" Event will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2014.

New Donation System is Easy Way to Support Our Patients

The new point-of-sale donation process recently introduced at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center may well be one of the easiest ways to support our patients and the medical services they received. On display in the Erie Facility's Outpatient Waiting Room are maroon and gold placards bearing the names of individuals. These individuals have purchased these placards for a minimum of \$1 (maroon placard) or \$5 (gold placard) to show their support for Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie. The placards are available for purchase at the Erie Facility's Reception Desk.

This Point-of-Sale Program can also be adopted by businesses in your home region. If you are interested in introducing the Point-of-Sale Program in your Region, please contact Rick Liebel, Erie's Development Officer at (814) 875-8807.

The next time you visit the Erie Facility, add your name to the list!

Shriners Hospitals for Children® Website Being Rebuilt

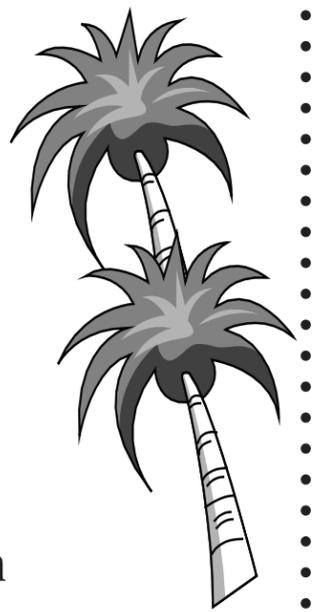
Get ready for a new and vastly improved Shriners Hospitals for Children® Website! The new website should be launched in early 2014. It will have a new look and the overall functionality will be vastly improved. The Domain Name will remain the same ...

www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org

Each Shriners Facility will have a distinct presence within the new site - presenting specific information about that facility. The new site is designed to help increase the number of patients receiving care at the Shriners Facilities, to increase donations to the system and improve the overall presentation of the site for its visitors. Watch for more details about the official launch of the new website.

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

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

Cost: \$15 per person

Price includes tax and gratuity plus Coffee, Iced Tea and Dessert

The Tiki Bar (cash bar) will be open, as requested!

Choose from the following Entrées FOR EACH PERSON ...

- 1) Chef's Salad w/Roll
- 2) Club Sandwich w/Chips
- 3) Reuben Sandwich w/Chips
- 4) Chicken Sandwich w/Fries & Coleslaw

Reservations are REQUIRED by FEBRUARY 1st.

PLEASE mark menu choice for EACH person and don't forget to note the name of their Shrine Center.

Name:	_____	Choice #	<input type="text"/>
Name:	_____		<input type="text"/>
Name of Your Shrine Center	_____		

Make Checks Payable to: **McKinley Gath**

and Send to: McKinley Gath

5061 San Rocco Ct

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Ph: (941) 639-9464

Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th

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 Stew * Mashed Potatoes * Vegetable

Rolls & Butter * Coffee * Dessert

\$12 per person

RSVP no later than Friday, January 10th at (585) 436-8216
or email: cylegalrx@hotmail.com

Directors Staff Dinner Meeting Wednesday, January 22nd

Yellow Mills Diner

2534 Route 31, Palmyra

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

Ladies and Guests Invited ~ Casual Attire

Call Vance Collom (585) 217-9817

or email: vcollom1@rochester.rr.com

with any questions or to make reservations



AUBURN SHRINE CLUB



Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign

Top row (left) Buddy Rodgers; Top row (center) Bob Coleman, Jack Erlich, Bob McManus; Top row (right) the Rainbow Girls; Bottom row (left) Harold Parker, Larry Pritchard, Gerry Stanton; Bottom row (right) Jim Kahn, and Chuck Minster. Not pictured, but who worked were Vern Stephens & Nick Gould who were too shy for the photo.

By David Bowman

Wow it was a busy Holiday Season ... Snow, snow, cold and more snow. Thanksgiving and Hanukkah came at the same time. I'm told it won't happen again for a few thousand years so I guess it won't sneak up on me next time.

The Harvest Dinner generated a full house, even to the point that the caterer ran out of food! But those of us who were in the front of the line, had a delightful meal. My wife and I were lucky to sit with the Shrine Office Manager, Karin Staples. She sure is fun and a great manager. We supported the Daughters of the Nile Holiday Bazaar and I have been having toast with the most delicious jelly ever since.

2014 will be here before you get this. A full schedule of events will be sent out as soon as the Officers can gather to put their HEADS together.



Many of our Club members are now in the Sunny South. Hope you all got out before the pre-Thanksgiving snow-storm. I would call it a blizzard, but I watched it from inside the warm kitchen where the Christmas goodies were being made. Let's see, how does that go. "I sure do love those Christmas Cookies, honey; I sure do love those Christmas Cookies, babe; the ones shaped like Santa Claus, Christmas trees, Bells and Stars; I sure do like those Christmas Cookies, babe."

On a sad note, we have heard that Bruce Christopher's daughter is changing careers. We don't know if the new owners are going to take our bottles and cans for our Hospitals. As soon as I know, I'll let you know. We realized over \$500 last year for our Hospitals from the Shriners and friends who brought our "stuff" that way. Let's hold a good thought that we can keep that revenue source. ☐

DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

By Franklin Russell, Commander

The Damascus Shrine Legion of Honor, which meets at the Damascus Temple on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, remembered Nelson G. Wolford, Albert C. Mallaber and Lewis W. Hares, deceased Veterans, in our Annual Necrology Service on November 13th. As this was only a few days from the birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps and Veterans Day, we were entertained with a viewing of The Evening Parade at the Marine Barracks, Washington, DC. Also noteworthy, is the Initiation of George Pierce on October 9th and Fred Palmeroni on November 13th into the Legion.

At the meeting on November 13th, Adjutant Cyrus Kloner, PP, PC, reported on the recent Shriners Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery that he and Fred Ludwig, PC, attended. Joseph DiTucci, Chief Rabban, representing the Potentate, updated the members on Temple events.

Who Are We? ... Consider Joining Us

Legion of Honor members are Shriners who have served or are still serving in the Armed Forces of the countries where Shrine Temples are located. This includes service in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, or in their Reserve components. Members of the Legion

of Honor are currently active, honorably discharged or retired, volunteer or draftee, officer or enlisted. Our stated objectives include fostering a Spirit of Patriotism, Love of Country and Flag and to perpetuate the memory of our Comrades-in-Arms who made the Supreme sacrifice by giving their lives for their country while members of the Armed Forces.

Historically, in 1802 Napoleon founded the honorary French Society "Legion of Honor" to recognize distinguished military and civil service. During World War I, Shriners from Maine were impressed by their many pleasant experiences with Legion of Honor members in France and upon their return to the Country in January 1919, they chartered Portland Legion of Honor at Kora Temple in Lewiston, Maine, as the "First and Oldest Legion of Honor Unit in Shrinedom."

Coming up for the Damascus Legion of Honor is our Holiday Party with our Ladies on December 11th. The Holiday Spirit will be supported by a DVD showing the Radio City Christmas Spectacular® starring The Rockettes®. Our January meeting will take place on the 3rd Wednesday, January 15th, due to the Shrine meeting being

“Shell-a-Buck” ... Wednesday, February 5th
This is a Tiled Event

Oasis Opens – 5 p.m. ~ Dinner – 6 p.m. ~ Program – 7 p.m.
Reservations: office@DamascusShriners.org or (585) 671-3565
Dinner reservations are due by Noon, Monday, February 3rd
Cost is \$1 with your current 2014 Paid Dues Card; otherwise \$40

Damascus Shriners Euchré Tournaments Last Saturday of the Month ...

Spring Season ...

January 25th

February 22nd

March 29th

April 26th

May 31st - End of Season Party after Tournament



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

Super Bowl Sunday at Damascus Shrine Center

Sunday, February 2nd



2014 Salmon Fishing for the Kids
 This event supports Shriners Hospitals for Children®
Saturday, June 21st
 at Reel Excitement Charters
 Point Breeze/Oak Orchard, NY
 Cost - \$125 per person



Includes ...

- 5-Hour Fishing Trip
- 4 People per Boat
- Lunch Afterwards at the Black North Inn

All participants meet at the Black North Inn Parking Lot at 6:00 a.m., 14352 Ontario Street; Kent, NY. Boats will begin leaving the docks at 6:30 a.m. promptly.

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

Contact Damascus Shrine Office for Reservations (585) 671-3565 Email: office@damascusshriners.org
 Mail payment (*Payable to Damascus Shriners*) to:
 Damascus Shriners
 Attn: Fishing Derby
 979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580-1736
 For further information, including lodging, contact Bob Songin at (585) 733-5839
 Email: reelxite@rochester.rr.com

Zama Temple No. 14
 Daughters of the Nile
 presents a
**Murder Mystery
 Dinner**
March 15th



Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner & Show - 6:30 p.m.
 at Damascus Shrine Center
 979 Bay Road, Webster

Salad ~ Pasta ~ Dessert
 \$25.00 per person
 Open to the Public

Reservations due by Friday, March 7th

For reservations ...

Contact Debi Burke at 865-4940
 Leave a message and phone number.



HD TV Raffle

Grand Prize:
 42" 1080p Led HD TV
 Tickets: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10

Drawing on March 15th at our
 Murder Mystery Dinner

*Funds support Zama Temple No. 14, Daughters of the Nile
 who support the
 Shriners Hospitals for Children®*

Open to the Public...
 Come join Daughters of the Nile for

Dinner & a Movie!

Friday, January 17th

and

Friday, February 21st

6 p.m. ~ Cost of \$10 Includes

Spaghetti Dinner
 Salad, Dessert,
 Coffee and Tea



plus a
Movie ...

*Shown on a Giant Wall Screen
 at the Damascus Shrine Center*

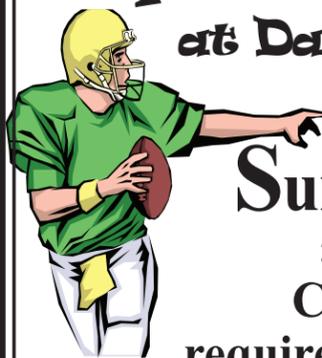
979 Bay Road, Webster



Super Bowl Sunday

at Damascus Shrine Center

979 Bay Rd, Webster



Sunday, February 2nd

5 p.m. - until game is over

Cost - \$5 each ... reservation
 required - No sales at door.

Kids under 12 - Free!

Includes Snacks and a Half-time Buffet!
 Cash Bar

Come enjoy our full-wall TV!

*No being cramped here ...
 there are plenty of tables and chairs to
 spread out; we even have 2 great couches!*

Reservations: (585) 671-3565 or
 email: office@DamascusShriners.org
 Questions? Contact Scott Lasky or Mike Hueston

Northfield Lodge

Continued from Page 10

ate. That was until I considered what I read in Masonic Author Cliff Porter's article in a recent issue of *Living Stones Magazine*. On the subject of Pettiness he says, "We cannot allow ourselves membership in the Craft and then hope for a perfect Craft in spite of ourselves. In this, we will find only disappointment. If, however, we look at the bumps and bruises of Freemasonry as evidence that it is utterly human, as well in the arrangement as in the sundry men of which it is composed; we might still find cause to celebrate the Divine fund of opportunity granted us to repair that which is broken, smooth that which is rough, and celebrate those small victories of change that we realize within ourselves while doing so."

Imagine that ... celebrating the "divine fund of opportunity" to realize that we are not yet the perfect ashlar we might aspire to become and neither is our Brother who we may have been finding (sometimes justifiable) fault with for low these many years. In other words, our opportunity to have mercy and forgiveness towards our fellow Brothers, man and also ourselves is limitless. At this time of renewal in the New Year, perhaps we can resolve to continue smoothing our ashlar by offering mercy and forgiveness to our imperfect Brother as well as ourselves. Patience is not always my strong suit either. Just ask my wife.

Going Forward

On January 2nd our Junior Warden, Lance Daul, will present a program on King Solomon's Temple from an archeological perspective. It should be very interesting to find out what is known about the Temple and the sacred grounds where it's rests. On an entirely unrelated note, that meeting will also be Garbage Plate Night. If you are interested in attending, let Lance know how you like your plate. As always, we will eat at 6:30 p.m.

Going Forward

On January 2nd our Junior Warden, Lance Daul, will present a program on King Solomon's Temple from an archeological perspective. It should be very interesting to find out what is known about the Temple and the sacred grounds where it's rests. On an entirely unrelated note, that meeting will also be Garbage Plate Night. If you are interested in attending, let Lance know how you like your plate. As always, we will eat at 6:30 p.m.



Ed Rummler shows his affection for the East with some very stylish headwear - not frequently seen in these parts.

Then on January 16th, the Lodge will hold our 2nd Degree with our Senior Warden, Devon Littlefield, in the East.

Let's have some fun!

Also in January we are planning on going Bowling on Saturday, January 11th. We will meet at Clover Lanes in Brighton at 1 p.m. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have your own bowling ball and shoes, please bring them. All Brothers are expected to be on their best behavior during this field trip, and make sure you have your permission slips!

Sweetheart's Night

Finally, looking just a little further ahead on Saturday, February 15th, we will be taking our better halves out for a Valentine's Day Dinner at Midvale Country Club. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for what promises to be a memorable event.

January Birthdays

This month we acknowledge the Birthdays of Brothers Stanley Otto, George Matthews and James Elias. Your Brothers at Northfield wish you well and happy blessings. Also, I apologize but last month I missed the December birthdays of Raymond Beardsley, Devon Littlefield and Ken Stavalone. I have no doubt, knowing these Brothers as I do, that it was a joyous celebration.

Those attending the presentation by Border Patrol members at the November meeting of Oatka Lodge.

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759
7:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Master
W.: Terrance
O. Wright
739-4278
wright8way@hotmail.com

Secretary
R.: W.: Gordon
E. Bell
889-2531
gbell14546@aol.com

5 Browns Ave, Scottsville 14546

Greetings Brothers, I hope all had a wonderful Holiday Season filled with family, friends and good cheer. Let us continue our benevolence throughout the year - not only with our gifts and finances, but also with our time. There is so much good we can do with just a little effort.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Stephen Phillips is our Chairman for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign this year at Marketplace Mall, with two days to fill with volunteers - February 8th and 14th. The support it gives to the Ronald McDonald Houses is worth every minute we can devote to it. Please commit to a time slot of this very important endeavor.

I also thank the two Border Patrol Agents, Atanacio Martinez and John Gould, along with their dog, Alf, who took time to share an evening at Lodge in November. They provided a very enjoyable program describing the duties and activities involving their Federal Organization and the link to the State Agencies in and around the Rochester Area.

Our Lodge Room is now be-

ing comfortably heated by a new 95% efficient furnace and a big thank you to everyone who helped make it a reality. We have other projects underway - in and around the Lodge - that can use some additional help. If you are able, the assistance will be appreciated by all.

Finally, please mark your calendar for every regular meeting as we have a lot of business to conduct and Degrees to perform. In addition to that, the camaraderie is infectious, so let's start the New Year off right. Looking forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

Union Star
Lodge No. 320
Website: www.unionstarmasons.org
2nd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

Master
W.: Kenneth J.
Tomaszewski
624-9226
ken@kjtgroup.com

Secretary - 425-4240
R.: W.: Gary R. Sanford
27 Freshfield Rise, Fairport 14450
ggsanford@aol.com

3 North Main Street
Honeoye Falls 14472-1013

Each year, around December 1st, the Village of Honeoye Falls plays "Christmas Music." It is played through loudspeakers emanating from the Village's "tower" that used to be a bell tower for the purpose of the fire department long ago. The Union Star Lodge is "kitty corner" from the Village Hall, certainly in earshot, as is my own office, directly across the street from Village Hall. Hearing this Christmas music, virtually all day, has its ups and downs for



ally, we need to finish what we started in October, November and December, namely Raising new Master Masons and welcoming them into our Lodge remembering how awkward we felt when we entered our Lodge for the first time as a Master Mason. To that challenge, I have volunteered to conduct the "Walk-About" the Lodge for all the newly raised Master Masons in their home Lodge this Masonic year.

My personal concern is membership in the Craft and I feel it has to be the primary concern and goal of every Lodge. To that end, I have encouraged the Lodges to become more involved in their local community events so the public may become more aware of us as Masons and can identify us as Masons as well as neighbors, church members, service club members, volunteer firemen, ambulance personnel, etc. We should march in parades and set up booths to inform the public

about Masonry and how we interact with the community. We have many outstanding Masonic citizen-leaders in the various communities and the public often is not aware of their Masonic affiliation. Be proud to be a member of the most noble of Fraternities.

Now that we are in the New Year (2014) we have only five months of regular meetings to meet our goals as the Summer months are traditionally dark, (although they don't necessarily have to be). Summer months bring on community parades ... get out there and show our colors!

Think outside the box, Brethren. We need to adapt and become more involved in our communities to enhance public awareness. We are not a secret society even though we have ceremonial secrets, which threaten no one. There are numerous books which can be found in public bookstores describing Freemasonry in

sure. It has a significant meaning, however, in the larger context of this time of year, and the significance of the lessons to be learned within the covers of the Holy Bible.

Howsoever men might differ in their creed or faith, we generally agree that within its covers we can find a path to a good life - one that values one another and teaches love above all else. Our Founding Fathers knew this, too, and although they stipulated a clear separation between Church and State, they by no means intended for us to abandon faith in a higher power. Although adopting no particular belief system, our Founding Fathers knew the guiding principles found in faith were necessary in order to create a more perfect union.

Coincidentally, I was recently speaking to a student from a local college who is taking a course on Philosophy of Founding Fathers and he mentioned the same vein of thought. It was very nice to hear that.

As I am continuously reminded of and listening to Christmas music, not "holiday music," I am equally reminded that our own faith, however it may vary, is very important to maintaining harmony, compassion and steadfast commitment to the principles binding us together in Brotherhood. This is not to say that it is not a "Holiday Season," rather we should not be offended by those wishing to maintain a faith that celebrates Christmas. But rather, embrace Christmas, its symbolism, and all holidays to the Degree to which they remind us of that higher power and the building blocks needed to build that temple not made with hands.

January Birthdays

Here is wishing a most happy birthday wish to our January birthdays: Roy Moses, John Burchill, Jr. and Thomas Allison.

Once again, we extend invitations to our Brethren across the District to attend Union Star for any of our meetings.

great detail.

This is the second half of our Masonic Year 2013-2014; let's finish it with a flourish! Winners, bring it on in the second half!!

Livingston District

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

District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District

R.: W.:
Donald B.
Munger
(585) 243-9826



drdonmunger@gmail.com

November was a busy month and, of course, December is always filled with Christmas celebration. Now we have to collect ourselves and deal with taxes, New Year's Resolutions and finishing up the Degree work that has been started for our Fellowcrafts and Master Mason Candidates. There are so many Masonic projects that are in need

of our collective attention such as Raising new Brothers, selecting people for Masonic Awards, scholarships, etc., along with request, for charitable donations to very worthwhile programs for both Masonic and service organizations.

I hope everyone of you had a happy Thanksgiving and lots of family gatherings. The family is so important - especially since today so many of our family members are spread all over the continent or as in the military, all over the world.

Christmas is a time of reflection and celebration and, when possible, a time of coming together in love and caring with rejoicing the birth of our Savior.

Then comes the New Year and we need to re-focus and meet the challenges that face us in our normal living. Masoni-

Spaghetti Dinner

Clio Lodge Hall
287 East Avenue; Hilton
January 15th

Adults - \$7

Child \$4

Serving 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Dinner includes:

All-you-can-eat

Spaghetti & Meatballs;

Salad, Bread & Butter, Dessert

Coffee, Tea & Milk



Order of the Eastern Star

Monroe District OES HiLights



DDGM

R.W. Beverly Thompson

392-7546

garybvthompson@aol.com

DGL

R.W. Tom Richenderfer

377-7782

tomrich@rochester.rr..com

A BIG thank you to R.W. Donna Laundry and M.W. Neil Laundry for their excellent leadership skills during the 2013 Year. We really appreciate all the time, energy and hard work that went into all of the Monroe District Projects and events they held. We are very lucky to have such great leaders.

My first project of selling wreaths and poinsettias went well. They really made the room festive during our Christmas party where those who had ordered them came to pick them up. The party was well-attended and R.W. Donna Laundry kept us busy with puzzles and prizes. W. Betty Reisinger provided the music and song sheets; everyone sang our beloved Christmas Carols. The dish-to-pass worked out very well and all of the food was delicious. Everyone had a good time.

December is the month when most of the Chapters install their new Officers for 2014. Congratulations and best wishes to those members who are taking an Office. Thank you for your service to the Eastern Star.

Line Officers Meeting

January 4th, 9 a.m., is the first Line Officers Club meeting followed by a luncheon hosted by R.W. Tom Richenderfer and myself afterward. Plans for the New Year took place with everyone looking forward to the busy, yet rewarding, year.

School of Instruction

The School of Instruction has been set for February 1st, 9:30 a.m., at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. The new Rituals will be emphasized then, but if you have other questions, they will be addressed, too. The Line Officers Clubs will be meeting afterwards.

Upcoming Events

The next project will be a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on Saturday, March 15th, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport. It will be directed by R.W. Evy Ann Heller.

We can use some volunteers ... Please contact me if you would like to take a part in the theater (NO memorization needed); there are still openings! Also contact me if you would like to help with the dinner preparation and clean-up. Many hands make light work. This project will benefit The Dream Factory of Rochester, which grants dreams to children with life-threatening illnesses AND for children with chronic medical challenges.

Monroe District All-Stars

Congratulations to Barbara Bossert, 2014 President of All-Stars. Mark your calendar and plan to attend ... Febru-

ary 27th, June 26th, September 25th and November 20th. The meetings are held in the Fellowship Area of Bethany Presbyterian Church, 3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester. All Eastern Star members are members of the Monroe District All-Stars Association. Please try to attend a meeting and participate in District plans.

The District Chicken Bar-B-Que on August 9th at the Webster Firemen's Field, is All-Star's major fundraiser. This year R.W. Mae Bauer will be Chairperson again and, as usual, many volunteers make it a success! This is the fundraiser from which Monroe District supports the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Projects.

Grand Matron's Official Visit

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron will make their Official Visit to Monroe District on Saturday, April 26th. Details will be shared in the future.

I am selling pins at \$5 each to support the Grand Matron's Project - the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica, which is a world-reknown Cardiac Research Institute - working on women's heart disease.

Tom Richenderfer is selling pins at \$5 each for the Grand Patron's "Plenty for All" project - to help local Food Banks.

I wish you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. My motto is, "To be happy, you need someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for."

As we are now focused on the New Year and thinking about SOMETHING TO DO for a resolution, keep this in mind:

If I take TIME to smell the flowers
that grow along the way
TIME to watch some little ones
happily at play
TIME to spend with someone lonely
TIME to lend a helping hand
TIME to sit awhile and listen
TIME to look and understand ...
Then I think that I'll be closer
to the person I should be,
Doing more of all those things
God has in mind for me.

By Jean Kyler McManus

Notes from the DGL

By R.W. Tom Richenderfer

I hope everyone had a very Joyous and Safe Holiday Season and wish you a very Happy New Year.

With the start of a new calendar, it's time to start work in earnest on a new year of Eastern Star activities.

The first Line Officers meeting is Sat-

urday, January 4th. I'm sure R.W. Beverly has lots of things for us to do to get started on another great year.

Also, a reminder to the members of my 2008 Club ... our luncheon is on Saturday, January 25th, 11:30 a.m., at Patti's Pantry, 2485 Dewey Avenue in Greece.

Please make sure you have marked your calendar for the School of Instruction which will be on Saturday, February 1st, at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport. We will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. ☐

NOLATKA

Chapter No. 320

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

Matron

W. Pat Dalykas - 429-6565

Patron

R.W. Robert Crystal - 473-0279

Secretary

**R. W. Carol Wynings
594-4692**

Community Christian Church
2647 Chili Avenue, 14624

I will start with an apology, since I have not submitted articles to the **Masonic Times** for a few months. I have several reasons, but they all sound like excuses. I am sorry.

Have you heard all the activities Worthy Pat Dalykas has offered us? We went on a Niagara Frontier Wine Tour, and stopped for lunch at Harper's Bazaar. It was a great meal followed by shopping at 50+ vendors. It really was reminiscent of a street market. I want to do it again. Oh, and I bought a case of wine a bottle or two at a time, including peach wine. I'll be toasting you-know-who and all her devoted fans with it. Since it doesn't "lay down" well, like red grape wine does, I will have to do it soon!

The "Bread Guy" was a treat and we all were able to take home a loaf of really good bread and the memories he shared with us. Ask Worthy Pat if you are organizing a function for your church or even a big family get-together. He would be well worth the effort.

Not bragging, but the change-ringing presentation by Chris Haller was entertaining and informative. And the playing was pretty good, too, except for the guy with the big bells. Did you know that Buffalo used to have a set of tower bells

that could be played like the ones at Winchester Cathedral and at Trinity Church in Manhattan? They were stopped during the war, and then the church had a fire. And soon there will be one in Rochester.

Now, Carol Pickworth went hot air ballooning for her 80th Birthday. I am wondering if she will ring a peal in the new tower for her next birthday. Just asking, Carol. If she does, there will be pictures for the **Masonic Times**, be sure of that!

And a word of praise for our Sisters stepping forward to help those with needs. We provided pies for Thanksgiving at the Homeless Shelter ... the same as we did the last few years, and cookies for Christmas; we are already giving canned and dry goods for the Grand Patron's activity, and more will come. Makes me proud to be a Star!

We all look forward to what activities and programs Worthy Pat will have in store for us for her next term in Office. We are all grateful she agreed to serve another Term and I am excited about some of her thoughts as to what we can do. Remember, we want you to join us whenever you can. Our Meeting Room is handicap accessible and we'll come and get you (if you still live near us; I will not go to Arizona!). ☐

Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter No. 322

Order of the Eastern Star

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

**W. Patricia Pearson, Matron
544-9171**

**R.W. Robert Crystal, Patron
473-0279**

Secretary

**W. Betty Reisinger
338-1348**

805 Blossom Road
Rochester 14610

As you read this, Corinthian Fellowship is "on hiatus." We will resume meeting in the Spring. Meanwhile, our activities continue. Worthy Pat Pearson plans on us having lunch on the 3rd Thursday of the month right through the Winter months, and the Arts and Crafts Committee (we have to get a better name for this group) will also meet.

Sister Janice Nash has volunteered to do the Canned and Dry Goods collection for us. The Chapter was surprised to learn that we were ahead of the curve with that. We decided in September that helping Food Cupboards would be our Chapter Project; in November, we heard from R.W. Tom Richenderfer that it was the Grand Patron's Special Project. "Plenty For All" is a great idea. We

Continued on Page 19



Past Most Worthies Wanda Williams (right) and Neil Laundry present new Charter for Etolah Chapter to R.W. Doreen Rhodes (Etolean Chapter) and R.W. Mary Hall, (Leah Chapter). Their Chapters consolidated to form Etolah Chapter.

The W.H. Albery Society "Save Our Home" Fund

Don't Forget Tax-Deductible Donations to:

The W.H. Albery Society
Pounder Hall #106
1400 Utica Street
Oriskany, NY 13424

Designate a choice of Funds:

"Save Our Home"
Grand Matron's & Grand Patron's Allocation
Special Project of the Year
Social Service
Emergency Relief & General Welfare
Youth Groups ~ Nursing Scholarships
Educational Assistance ~ Veterans
Recreation Fund ~ Cheer Fund
Gift Fund ~ Day Care Center

Scottish Rite NEWS

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



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

Reunion Recap

The III.: John Zabel, 33°, Class Fall Reunion is behind us. Thanks to all who participated and helped to make it a success. A special thanks to III.: Bob Tyrell, 33°, Commander-in-Chief for the Valley of Syracuse along with his Team for their generous support and presentation of the 14th Degree. We are looking forward to our Spring Reunion (4°, 10°, 18°, 27°, 31° and 32°) scheduled for Saturday, April 26th, at the Damascus Shrine Center. The Valley of Buffalo will be working with us and presenting the 27th and 31st Degrees.

Symbolic Lodge Awards

Another stellar event was held at Damascus Shrine Center on December 7th. Brothers and their Ladies from the several surrounding Districts came to honor our Brothers who have given so much to their respective Blue Lodges.

Our honored guest speakers were III.: and M.:W.: James Sullivan, 33°, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; III.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Lieutenant Commander of Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; and III.: David P. Spencer, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for the State of New York.

Our honored guests were escorted in by III.: Charlie Hancock, 33°, Deputy's Representative for the Valley of Rochester. M.:W.: Sullivan was accompanied by his Lady, Gail; as well as his Grand Marshal, R.:W.: John Krupp, and his Lady, Jane; Grand Senior Deacon, R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles and his Lady, Mary; and Grand Standard Bearer R.:W.: John Dwyer and his Lady, Sue. III.: David Spencer, 33°, was also accompanied by his Lady. A special thank you goes out to Sublime Prince Adam Junod, 32°, and his Lady, Rachael, for their above-and-beyond efforts, as well as all others who assisted in making this a memorable event.

After the program we all enjoyed each other's company over Pizza and Wings.

2015 College of Freemasonry Just a Reminder

The date is set and place in reserved for our next "College of

Freemasonry." Sublime Prince, Bill Edwards, 32°, is ramping up for the program to be held on March 28th, 2015. There will be more information to come on this in future articles. This is a signature event for the Valley of Rochester and is talked about all over 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 Trips

Reunion dates are set for the Valley of Nashville, Tennessee. We must now see if there is enough interest to proceed. The chosen dates are April 11th and 12th for Kadosh and Consistory Degrees. A basic package of \$500 per person has been quoted and that will afford us four days and three nights for a bus with hotel and tour package.

Gordon Hubble, 32° DSA, has agreed to Chair this event. Details are being finalized as I write this article; stay tuned for further developments.

Lite from the Rite Coming Events

January 16th - A presentation by III.: Bruce Renner, 33°, on the History of Council of Deliberation of New York State. A history of Supreme Council, as written by III.: Charlie Hancock, 33°, will be presented by the 33° Club, under the direction of III.: Joe Bourcy, 33°.

February 20th - We are working on a special presentation for our Lite from the Rite in February. The Valley of Buffalo has agreed to present their "tongue-in-cheek" presentation on the many hats of the Scottish Rite.

Both programs will be opened to our Blue Lodge Brothers. I encourage all Sublime Princes to invite your Brothers to come and enjoy the fellowship and education these events will offer. Please call for dinner reservations 325-0033.

Ladies Night

Sunday, February 16th - Our 1st Lt. Commander Jim MacConnell and his Lady, Marsha, have put together a special program for our Ladies in February. We will be going to Red Fedele's Brook House, 920 Elmridge Center Drive, in Greece for a dinner, after which we will be entertained by a Cabaret Troop. Get your reservations in early as seats are limited. (Call 325-0033)

Musings

A little bit o' Lite from the Commander-in-Chief ... The Teutonic Knights are alluded to in the Chivalric Degrees of Scottish Rite. So I decided to attempt to shed a little light on the subject. York Rite Brothers and, indeed, Knights Templars are very familiar with that Order and the Order of the Hospitalers.

These two groups derive mostly from Western Europe. Their Eastern Cousins derive predominately from German principalities and Prussia. The Teutonic Knights existed from Circa 1190 until 1809 when Napoleon disbanded them.

"In 1840, Austria instituted an Honorary Order called by the same name, and in 1852 Prussia revived it under the designation of the Order of St. John."* The Templars were, from inception, Warrior Knights and the Hospitalers' purpose was initially to nurse the sick and wounded, although they eventually became warriors as well. The Teutonic Knights served in both capacities from their inception.

In 1128, a wealthy German took pity on his suffering countrymen who, due to language barriers, were being ignored. He took them in and nursed them. Eventually, more of his wealthy countrymen joined in to help. "They banded themselves together after the pattern of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and united together to care for the sick and poor, with profession of arms in their defense and under the title of Hospitalers of the Blessed Virgin."*

The Knights continued their work until the capture of Jerusalem by Saladin in 1187. In recognition of their service, Saladin allowed them to remain and continue their work. "It was during the siege of Acre, 1189-1191, that the Teutonic Order received its final and complete organization as one of the great military religious orders of Europe."*

The German soldiers suffered miserably and were left untended and friendless. To meet their needs, citizens of Bremen and Lubeck provided a sort of field hospital and devoted themselves to caring for their sick and wounded countrymen. They were soon joined by others and became known as "The Teutonic Knights of the Hospital of the Blessed Virgin at Jerusalem."*

It is said that the order owed its constitution to Frederick, Duke of Swabia, but the actual date and details of the origins of the Order are sketchy and obscure. However, they seem to have been confirmed by Pope Celestine III. Their Constitution was adopted from the Templars and Hospitalers.

Henry deWalpot was the first Grand Master. After the capture of Acre under Phillip Augustus and Richard the Lion Heart, Henry deWalpot purchased some land within the city and built a church and hospital for his Order. Later, lodgings were added for the members, the pilgrims and for the soldiers enlisted to assist the Knights in the field. This all cost much, but many wealthy citizens enlisted as Knights and became benefactors of the order.

The greatest of these was Frederick, Duke of Swabia, who gave money and aided the progress of the Order by his influence. When he died at Acre, he was interred at the Church of the Knights and was acclaimed in the highest terms for his virtues, and was said to have lived a hero and died a Saint. The Order attracted two classes of members - the Knights and the

Valley of Rochester Winter Days - 2013

January 16th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center
Light from the Rite/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night
Historical Perspectives

III.: Bruce Renner, 33° - "History of the COD"
Valley of Rochester 33° Club - "200 Years of Scottish Rite"
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (***) ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

January 18th - Rite on the Road
Brother Bring-a-Brother Night at Hornellsville Lodge; 34-36 Maple St
2 p.m. Program - Presentation of "The Peacemakers," Pizza following

February 13th - Staff *Have-a-Heart* Booth at Marketplace Mall
3 p.m. - 9 p.m. Family members invited to participate
Please inform the Office those hours you can help.

February 16th - Ladies Night at Red Fedele's Brook House
4 p.m. - Traveling Cabaret (***)
Dinner and Broadway, Movie and Pop Musical Revue

February 20th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center
Brother Bring-a-Brother Night
"Hats" - An entertaining Scottish Rite Skit by the Valley of Buffalo
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (***) ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

March 20th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (***) ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

** Make your reservations On Time! Don't be Late!
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity (585) 425-0033
or Email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org

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

AASR Valley of Rochester 2013-2014 Officers

Rochester Lodge of Perfection
Thrice Potent Master Michael Nohle, 32°

Rochester Chapter of
Knights of Rose Croix
Most Wise Master Adam Junod, 32°

Rochester Council of the
Princes of Jerusalem
Sovereign Prince Derek E. VanHouten, 32° MSA

Rochester Consistory
Commander-in-Chief Kenneth R. Howe, 33°
1st Lt. Commander James MacConnell, 32°
2nd Lt. Commander John Lemke, 32°

Allegiance

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

III.: John William McNaughton, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

III.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°
Grand Lieutenant Commander

III.: Robert F. Ogg, Jr., 33°
Grand Minister of State

III.: David P. Spencer, 33°
Deputy for New York State

Active Members for New York

III.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Past Deputy/New York
III.: P. Michael Nielsen, 33°

III.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°
III.: G. Michael Morris, 33°

Active Emeritus Members for New York

III.: James F. Niehoff, 33°
III.: Richard H. Welkley, 33°
III.: Frederick D. Greene, 33°

III.: Bruce Widger, 33°, Past Deputy/New York
III.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33°
III.: Edward R. Trostin, 33°
III.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Past Deputy/New York

Deputy's Representative - III.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°

Secretary

III.: Jack VanElzakker, 33°

Treasurer

III.: Robert L. Anderson II, 33°

General Committee Members-at-Large

III.: Glenn A. Stahl, 33° (2014)
Gary L. Burke, 32° MSA (2016)

Bernard D. Lazerson, 32° DSA (2015)
III.: Charles R. Frear, 33° (Emeritus)

811 Ayrault Road, Suite 3, Fairport, NY 14450-8965
Office (585) 425-0033; (800) 858-2320
Email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Websites:

Valley of Rochester, AASR
www.valleyofrochester.org
New York State Council of Deliberation
www.nyscottishritemasons.org
Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
www.scottishritenmj.org

Children's Dyslexia Center - In Honor of Frank & Bette Paul
3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 330, Rochester, NY 14618
Office (585) 264-1690; Fax (585) 264-1692; Email: rochcent@rochester.rr.com
Ann Kaczka, Learning Center Director
John W. Paul, Chair, Board of Governors

Clergy - both being exclusively of German birth. They were required to be of noble family and along with the three monastic vows were required a fourth vow to care for the sick and fight the enemies of the faith.

Their dress was black over a white cape with a black cross on the left shoulder. The clergy were not necessarily of noble birth, their duties being to minister to the order in their churches and minister to the sick on the

field of battle. Added to these two were serving Brethren, some of whom served gratis for religious reasons, while others were paid for their service. Squires were chosen from their serving classes and dressed like the Knights.

"The rules of the Order were severe; they all lived in common and slept in dormitories on hard cots; they took their meals together in the refectory, and their fare was meager and of the

plainest quality. They were required to attend daily services in the church, and recite certain prayers and offices privately. They were not permitted to leave the Convent nor write or receive letters, without permission of their superior.

Their clothes, armor and the harnesses of the horses were all of the plainest description; all gold, jewels and other costly ornaments, being strictly forbidden. Arms of the best temper and horses of good breed were provided. When they marched to battle, each Knight had three or four horses and an Esquire carried his shield and lance.”*

The Grand Master was chosen from the class of Knights by election. The Preceptor, or Grand Commander, was the next in rank to him. He had general supervision of the clergy and serving brethren, and presided in Chapter in the absence of the Grand Master.

Then came the Marshal, who acted as Lieutenant General in the field of battle under the Grand Master. He was followed by the Grand Hospitaler, who had the superintendence of hospitals and of all that related to their management. The fourth officer was the Trappier, who supplied the Knights with their clothing and accoutrements. The Treasurer came last. He received and paid all the money that passed through the hands of the Order. These Officers were removable and were commonly changed every year.

Due to the expansion of the order, new functionaries were required. Provincial Masters were appointed to lead the several countries where the Order obtained possessions. They ranked second, behind the Grand Master. Many local officers were appointed as deemed necessary.

The Grand Master was not absolute, but was obliged to seek the advice of the Chapter before taking any important step. If he were necessarily absent, he appointed a Lieutenant to act for him. This Lieutenant also governed the Order after the death of the Master until his successor was elected.

“After the death of Saladin, disputes arose among his sons and the opportunity was seized of commencing a new Crusade, the history of which is well known, and in which the Teutonic Knights took an active part. At this time (1197) Henry VI, Emperor of Germany, gave the Knights the monastery of the Cistercians, at Palermo, Sicily, and several privileges and exemptions - a transaction that caused considerable disagree-

ment between the Pope and the Emperor. The Knights were, however, finally confirmed in possession of the monastery, and it became the preceptory or chief house of the Order in Sicily, where other property was gradually bestowed upon the Knights.”*

Henry de Walpot, the first Grand Master, died at Acre, in 1200, and was succeeded by Otho de Kerpen, who was an Octogenarian at the time of his election, but full of vigor and energy, which he displayed by devoted attention to the duties of his office and personal attendance upon the sick in the hospitals. During the Mastership of Otho de Kerpen, an Order of Knighthood arose in the North of Europe, which was afterward incorporated with the Teutonic Order.

Livonia, a country situated on the borders of the Baltic, was at this time still Pagan. The merchants of Bremen and Lubeck, who had trading relations with the inhabitants, desired to impart to them the truths and blessings of Christianity, and took a monk of the name of Menard to teach them the elements of the faith. The work succeeded and Menard was consecrated Bishop, and fixed his see at Uxhul, which was afterward transferred to Riga. The mission, however, as it advanced, aroused the jealousy and suspicion of the Pagan Nobles. They attacked and destroyed the new town with its cathedral and other buildings. The Bishop appealed to his countrymen for help. Many responded to his call and, as there was at that time no Crusade in progress in Palestine, the Pope (1199) was persuaded to accord to those who took up arms for the defense of the Christians in Livonia the same privileges as were given to those who actually went to the Holy Land.

“In consequence of these events, a Military Religious Order was founded to assist in this war, called the Order of Christ, which was confirmed by Pope Innocent III, in 1205. The Knights wore a white robe, upon which a red sword and a star were emblazoned. They maintained a vigorous and successful conflict with the heathen, till circumstances rendered it desirable that they should be incorporated with the Teutonic Knights.”

I'll stop here and continue this in my next issue. There is much written on this subject.

* Source for this information was: www.history-world.org, *Teutonic Knights: Their Organization And History 1190-1809* by F.C. Woodhouse.

From the 2nd Lt. Commander

By John Lemke

We must not resign ourselves to the monotony of everyday life. In joining Freemasonry we are already looking for something beyond everyday.

In the Scottish Rite, we join a Masonic Fraternity that seeks not only further Light for ourselves but a brighter more involved presence in how we order society. It is easy to become weighted down by mediocrity and boredom in our lives. Each week goes by and we

think another time will be better to do more, to be more.

The Scottish Rite is the chance to learn to be more of what you can be. Time moves on as the sand in the hourglass. Break free of the staid uniform of weak thought and see what the Scottish Rite can do for you.

“The moving finger writes; and having writ, Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit Shall lure it back to cancel half a line, Nor all thy Tears wash out a Word of it.”

Omar Khayyam

Upon joining, make the most of it. □

Corinthian Fellowship

Continued from Page 17

at Corinthian-Fellowship are proud we thought of it early! By the way, if you are looking for a Food Cupboard to receive your donations, Janice belongs to Maplewood Edgerton Emergency Cupboard (MEEK) and helps run the Care Cupboard which distributes non-Food-Stamp items to needy households. If you have extra paper goods, detergents, soap or personal care items, she will be glad to receive them.

Our efforts to serve the people in our subsidized high-rise with our Monthly

Bake Sale are continuing, too. We have, as a Chapter, had a Bake Sale on the 2nd Saturday for many years.

With some help from our veteran Sisters (I refuse to call someone an “old star” even if she is 82!) the Matrons of Corinthian-Fellowship have offered reheatable meals and homemade baked goods for decades now! It is our signature activity. Even our Patrons have gotten involved, taking over the Banana Bread concession.

We look forward to having breakfast together and then setting up our table for the residents to buy our wares. Of sig-



The Valley of Rochester
Proudly Sponsors
Ladies Night Extravaganza
Sunday, February 16, 2014

Treat your Sweetheart to an evening of dinner, song, dance and comedy at

Red Fedele's Brook House
 920 Elmridge Center Drive
 Rochester, NY 14626

(Nestled in the front of Elmridge Plaza, across from Ridgemont Country Club; just east of Elmgrove Road)

4 p.m. - Social (Cash Bar) with Hors d'oeuvres
 5 p.m. - Buffet Dinner Menu ~ \$50.00 per couple
 Prime Rib, Chicken French, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Pasta, Salad, Bread & Coffee or Tea
 6 p.m. - Entertainment provided by Rochester's *Traveling Cabaret*



Presenting a Broadway Movie & Pop Musical Revue in a Quick-moving Medley of Song, Dance and Comedy

Mail your reservation with check payable to:
Valley of Rochester
 811 Ayrault Road, Fairport, NY 14450
Reservation deadline is Tuesday, February 11th

Visit the National Heritage Museum



Planning a trip near Lexington, Massachusetts? You may want to add this outstanding museum to your itinerary. The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library in Lexington, MA, is an American history museum founded and supported by Scottish Rite Freemasons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. It is located at 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02421; Phone: (781) 861-6559. Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Free Admission and Parking.

Visit their website for more information:

www.nationalheritagemuseum.org

nificant value are Marilyn Israel's mini-meatloaves and Edna Monell's Chicken and Pasta meals. At a dollar-a-dish, they are bargains and people keep coming back and asking for them, so they must be delicious. They are never left over, so

I haven't enjoyed one.

We are the last City Chapter, meeting only three blocks or so from the new East Avenue Wegman's store. Please call if you need a ride to Chapter meetings or to one of our functions. □

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

York Rite NEWS

Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

E.: Kenneth "Rick" Howe, High Priest
H) 395-9233; C) 478-1303
krhowe@frontiernet.net

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

17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

By R.:E.: John Zabel

What's Happening

Well Companions, we have a new High Priest of the Chapter, as Companion Rick Howe is now our High Priest. Please congratulate him on his promotion. There are also many changes in the Line of Officers. Since this is being written prior to the Annual Election and Appointment Meeting, the new Officer lineup is not fully known and will not be printed yet.

As we get into January the DDGHP is working on a Royal Arch Festival to be held at Palmyra Lodge Hall on Saturday, January 25th, the sponsoring Chapter. Please plan on attending the event. We have Petitioners that need one or more of the Degrees and other Chapters in the District have Candidates in waiting. This will be an opportunity for all the Companions to see the Degrees again, or even participate in the Degree conferrals.

We will be having some very interesting meetings leading into Spring and the Convocation of Grand Chapter. Oh, for those Companions who are unaware, attendance at Grand Chapter Convocation is open to all Companions. The only thing a Companion can't do at Grand Chapter is vote as that is reserved for the High Priest of a Chapter, but all other meetings and activities are available to every Companion. There is even stuff for wives if they choose to attend. Please contact the DDGHP R.:E.: John Zabel for more information such as dates, hotel reservations and meal tickets.

Musings

The plans are still in the works but as I complete my terms as High Priest of Hiram Chapter, I would like to reflect on the past and what has happened in the Chapter. Over the years as I have served as High Priest we have exalted many members and have continued to receive Petitions. We have conferred some of the Degrees ourselves and have participated in Degree festivals several times, both in our District and in adjoining Districts.

We have had new Companions step up to take appointed line positions and they have done well in those positions. We are building a good Line of Officers to take over the leadership of the Chapter in future years. However, there is much more work we can do to make our Chapter as good as it can be.

The future leadership will be encouraged and supported in planning programs and events the Companions will enjoy and even their wives and family will enjoy. This past year we had a Table Chapter with our wives invited and one of our Companions, Jon Buck and his wife, supplying the dinner. It was a real success and everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

We have had Companions move on in life. One Companion, R.:E.: Joe Oelgoetz and his wife have moved to Georgia where Joe is becoming involved in Masonry there. Others have left us for the Great Lodge above. We will miss these Companions and friends.

Hiram Chapter has the members and resources to become a really great Chapter in the Grand Chapter of New York. It will take the dedication and work of the Companions to accomplish this, but I believe the Companions want to improve the Chapter and are willing to take steps to accomplish this task. We are the base of the York Rite as the Lodge is the base of Freemasonry. As we work to build and improve our Lodges we also need

to make the same commitment to build and improve our Chapter. Freemasonry and the York Rite Bodies have always been at the forefront of peace, toleration and acceptance of all people. We need to continue to make our presence known through the exemplification of our concepts in the world through our personal words and actions. Well, enjoy the Winter Season and come to Chapter meetings for information and enjoyment. □

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered 1861)



3rd Wednesday

Illustrious Master
R.:Ill.: Garry
Hutchurson
ghutchurson@yahoo.com

John A. Dudley, Recorder
586-6426

jdudley1@rochester.rr.com

17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

Companions, we are through the Holiday Season and facing a New Year, I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Wendy and I are in Florida for a month and I will miss the January Meeting.

October, November and December were busy times for the Council. In October we had our Official Visit from our Grand Line, as the Grand Steward made his visit. His message was great on learning the work for the future to make us strong and to help us grow. At this meeting we also had the Grand Master, Leonard Mason, who was escorted to the East for Grand Honors and for a few short remarks.

In November, we had our Official Visit of our of our District Deputy, R.:I.: John Gallant. We had a great dinner at the Pittsford Pub and his message for membership was right on. He also delivered the Grand Master's Message for all to hear and reflect upon. Also, our Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.:I.: Edward "Ted" Powley came and also gave some remarks on Ritual, which were very good.

December we had our Christmas Meeting with Dinner at the Pittsford Pub wrapping up our 2013 year.

We thank the good Lord for all the blessings for Brittney's operation; it was a success. Hopefully, she will be fine in the future and can get along with her life.



M.I.: E. William Whittaker did double duty escorting V.:I.: F. Edward "Ted" Powley (above), AGL, and District Deputy, R.:I.: John Gallant (below).



V.:I.: F. Edward "Ted" Powley, Assistant Grand Lecturer, receives recognition from the East.



R.:I.: John Gallant is recognized by R.:I.: Garry Hutchurson, Illustrious Master, and Deputy Master, Kenneth "Rick" Howe.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993



Commander
S.K. Charles O.
Hancock
223-1850
chancock@rochester.rr.com

Recorder-259-3796
S.K. Charles M. Roberts
cholyone@rochester.rr.com

3rd Monday
17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

January 1st in the Gregorian Calendar, which is now in use worldwide, is accepted as the beginning of a New Year. This was not always so. During much of the Middle Ages, Annunciation Day, or the day on which God revealed to Mary that she would give birth to God's Child, was considered the beginning of a new year. Also, during that era, some regions recognized Christmas, December 25th,

as the start of a new year.

The order of the months in the Roman Calendar started with January and ended with December. Thus, January 1st was considered the start of a new year under the Roman calendar, as is now the case under the Gregorian Calendar.

The month of January was named by the Romans in honor of Janus, the God of Beginnings and Endings, depicted by two heads looking in opposite directions. January, therefore, is an appropriate time to reflect on whether your previous goals were achieved during the past year and to set new or renewed goals for the year to come. January is also a good time for us to review progress on goals set for your Grand Commandery and to make plans for achieving those goals.

The Holy Bible is composed of 66 Books ... 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New

Testament. It was over fifteen hundred years in the making. A period of four hundred years passed between the history of the last book of the Old Testament and the first book of the New Testament. Another 400 years passed before they were translated into a common language and assembled into one book by St. Jerome. It was known as the Latin Vulgate.

Then ten Centuries passed before we received the first crude and partial English translation which resulted in the authorized King James Version in 1611 A.D. The Holy Bible contains ethics, history, law, letters, medicine, morals, philosophy, prophecy and a revelation of divine light and truth. The intelligent reader discerns running through it an increasing purpose, a progressive revelation of

truth, a pathway leading to the redemption of fallen mankind. As a silver thread runs through a darker fabric appearing here and there prominently on the surface, so flashes of light arise from its pages revealing the mind and character of God and his unflinching love toward mankind.

Through these hundreds of years, its pages have been moistened with tears of joy and tears of sorrow. They have been thumbed through and soiled by Kings in their palaces and penitent prisoners in their cells. Monarchs and peasants alike, strong men and sinners have found it a source of courage, consolation, hope and strength. Sir Walter Scott, on his deathbed, asked Lockhart, "Read to me." Lockhart inquired, "From which book?" Scott replied,

"There is but one Book!," and the great bard passed away with one hand on the Holy Bible.

As our Great Light in Masonry, we need to read it frequently - not with our eyes but with our hearts, devotionally. It will be an increasing source of guidance and "Light" in our efforts to become better men and better Masons. The Word of God will not fail us, and as we increase our knowledge of it, it will unfailingly become a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Let this sacred book be our rule and guide for our conduct through life, both for ourselves and in our relationships with others.

In a world that seems hurtling toward its own destruction; in a day when moral bankruptcy threatens our social institutions; in an hour when radical religious leaders proclaim

God is dead; those of us who are vitally concerned with the future of mankind need a foundation stone that is absolute. Throughout all time and throughout all the Universe there is but one absolute, and no other is or ever will be needed.

"In the beginning God." There is the Absolute, on which all life is eternally founded. "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end" says the Doxology. Do you need further proof of His omnipresence, His omniscience, His omnipotence? Then look beneath you at the earth and its miracles; look above you at the sun, moon and stars obeying the Divine plan; and look around you into the hearts of your Brother Masons, and find all the proof you need.

Let us go forth animated by one desire to make the principles and ideals of Masonry live in our own lives, and in the lives of our Brethren. Let us resolve to love God and keep His Commandments. Let us prove to the profane world that God is very much alive, in our hearts, in the work of our hands, in the lives that we lead. Let us dedicate to the service of Masonry that which our Forefathers in Masonry dedicated to this nation when they brought it into being, namely, "Our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

At the beginning of each New Year almost everyone makes a resolution to live by during that New Year. They pledge to lose weight, to quit smoking, to be more active in the organizations to which they belong, and so on and so forth. It makes no difference what the resolution is, most people give up on their resolution after a few weeks.

I am proposing a resolution which all Sir Knights should consider making for the New Year. I recommend that we all practice Chivalry every day and become more chivalrous men toward our Ladies. Do you tell her you like her new hairstyle (because you really do)? Do you tell her how nice or how pretty she looks each day? What about her new outfit, did you tell her you liked how attractive it makes her look? Do you tell her you are thankful for her being in your life? Don't take her for granted.

Doing all these little things demonstrates our Knightly respect for her and for ourself. Treat her as the Queen of your kingdom. You can do this by sending gifts

and flowers for no particular reason than that you want her to know how you feel about her. Always remember her birthday, your wedding anniversary, and any other special dates. Open doors for her – any and every door – always. Compliment her often. Seat your Lady.

These are fundamental gestures of chivalry for a gentleman and Sir Knight. Last but not least, show her you love her and that you are proud of her. This can be done by holding hands, kissing appropriately with affection, arranging for a special surprise party, or the giving of a special gift she has always wanted. The Chivalrous Knight is both expressive and imaginative. Go forth, Sir Knights, into this New Year with the firm resolve that you will constantly strive to improve in the practice of Christian Chivalry.

The Crown and the Cross

The Crown and the Cross is a familiar symbol in Christianity and is a peculiar logo of the Knights Templar Order within the York Rite of Freemasonry. As the Knights Templar is founded upon Christian principles so too are our symbols.



To point out the obvious, this symbol is the combination or uniting of two separate symbols - the Crown and the Cross. United this symbol has its own unique history and meaning, but separately each symbol has a much larger history and symbolic interpretation.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Revelations 2:10

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

James 1:12

Together they represent the reward awaiting in Heaven that the Faithful will receive after the suffering and trials of this life on Earth; the cross secures and the crown assures. Some have interpreted it to stand for the meaning of the life, ministry, message, and glory of our Blessed Redeemer, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Crown, by itself, has traditionally been a symbol of authority and sovereignty, whether it is governance over a society/community or over oneself. Head



coverings, like crowns, are also seen as a symbol of victory like you would see with the wreath or garland. As I talked about in Symbols of Royal Arch Masonry - Part 1: Symbolically we can see through its circular shape it denotes perfection, which Heaven is seen as, and eternal life, and while wearing it we unite the spiritual world with this material world where the sovereign can receive divine inspiration to justly rule. In the Masonic Templar Orders there are many crosses used, but we will only talk of a few and discuss the general symbolism. For the Sir Knights of the Templar Orders and Christians, the cross reminds us of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, but is much older than the Christian religion. First let's look at what a cross is.

Latin Cross

The Cross is simplistic in shape, usually two intersecting beams, a vertical one intersecting a horizontal one. These may vary upon religious denomination. There are basically four forms from which most other crosses stem from. They are: The Latin Cross (*crux immissa*) is a type of the cross in which the vertical beam sticks above the crossbeam.



The Greek Cross (*crux immissa quadrata*) is similar to the Latin Cross except that all four arms are of equal length. It is said this is the most ancient of the cross symbols used.

St. Andrew's Cross (*crux decussata*) is in the form of a diagonal cross (like the letter X). This cross also resembles the Greek letter Chi which is represented as 'X' which is one of the symbols Constantine saw in a dream which led him to victory against Maxentius, and which led Constantine to his legendary conversion to Christianity.

The Tau Cross (*crux commissa*) is a cross named after the Greek letter it resembles. There are several variations of these crosses, particular the first two, that are commonly seen in the Templar Order. The first common one, the Latin Cross infused with rays of light emanat-

ing from the intersection is a badge of a Commander and Past Commander, and the Latin Cross in this manner is also referred to as the Passion Cross. The second is the Templar Cross which is a variant of the Greek Cross. The Templar Cross (Cross Formée/Patée) is created from four equilateral triangles whose apexes meet at a common center. In our Order the Templar Cross is used to designate a Grand Commandery officer and a Past Grand Commander. There are many other crosses seen in the Chivalric Orders of Masonry, but we will come to those in a later article.

It is important to note that neither the Latin or Passion Cross was used as a Christian symbol until around the 7th century. Prior to this, the lamb and fish were the most common Christian symbols. This style of cross has been seen throughout history in such places like Africa, the Far East, Assyria, Phoenicia, India, Persia, Mesopotamia, Scandinavia, and Mesoamerica/Pre-Columbian America. To these ancient cultures, the cross represented the Sun or has been a symbol of Earth and nature with the number four representing the Cardinal directions, the changing seasons, the four winds, the quarters of the moon, and the alchemical elements. Like the crown does, the cross may also emblematically represent the union of Heaven and Earth. The number four also reminds us of the Four Evangelists and their Gospels. By it are we reminded of time and the delineation of seasons, as it was on the Fourth Day that God put lights in the firmament to separate light from darkness, to mark days, and to outline the passing of seasons and time.

For Clarification

- Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No.12 - meets twice each month at the Northfield Lodge Hall in Pittsford. (On the 1st Monday are our rehearsals.) We encourage our members to avail themselves of all opportunities to share the experience Templary offers by attending meetings of sister Commanderies, particularly within our Zone.
- Sagoyewatha No. 17 meets on the 3rd Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall in Phelps.
- DeMolay Commandery No. 22 meets on the 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Ma-

In Memoriam

Akin, Carl

Carl Akin, a member of Union Lodge, passed away December 16th.

Altman, Robert Lee

Robert Altman, 81, was called by the Great Architect of the Universe on December 1st. He is survived by his wife, Grace; 4 step-children and 8 grandchildren. Robert was a member of Scottish Rite.

Boughner, Phyllis Jean

On December 4th, Phyllis Jean Boughner, 87, entered everlasting peace with the Lord. Phyllis leaves her husband of 66 years, Harold; 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was a member of Nolatka Chapter No. 320, Order of the Eastern Star.

Clough, David M.

On November 23rd, David Clough, 90, left his Earthly Home. His wife of 65 years, Jane; 7 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren survive him to share his memory. David was a member of Scottish Rite.

Harrell, Gerald Kent

We just received word that Gerald Harrell, 78, met his Maker on February

10th. He is survived by his wife, Nihla; 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Gerald was a member of Scottish Rite and Sagoyewatha Commandery, RAM.

Hook, William R.

William Hook, 76, laid down his Working Tools on November 27th. He is survived by his wife, Helen; 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Bill was a very active member of Inspiration Lodge, Damascus Shrine, served as a Director on the Masonic Service Bureau Board and a long-time volunteer and caretaker of Camp DeMolay. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

Martin, Raymond R.

Raymond Martin, 89, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven on November 2nd. He was a World War II Navy Veteran and member of Damascus Shrine.

Peer, Richard V.

Richard Peer, 88, died November 18th, leaving his wife, Winifred; 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren to share his legacy. Dick was an Army Air Force Veteran of World War II and member of the Scottish Rite.

Schmeer, Leonard J., Jr.

On December 4th, Leonard Schmeer,

84, went to the Celestial Lodge. He was a member of Inspiration Lodge.

Schuth, Irving R.

On December 15th, Irving Schuth, 96, entered Eternal Rest, leaving his wife of 65 years, Betty; 4 children and 2 grandchildren to remember him. Irv was an Army Air Force Veteran of World War II and a member of Inspiration Lodge and Scottish Rite.

Spencer, Dana Richard

Dana Spencer passed away on October 28th at age 72. His wife, Marilyn; 3 children and 5 grandchildren are left to remember him. Dana was a Vietnam Veteran and member of Unity Lodge.

St. Louis, Roland A., Jr.

We have just received notice that Roland St. Louis, 87, departed a very active Masonic life on April 7th. Roland was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and the Korean War and member of Damascus Shrine, Sagoyewatha Commandery and many other Concordant Bodies. He is survived by his wife, Janice; 3 children, 4 step-children, 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Stoddart, William Wallace III

William Stoddart, 82, went Home to his Lord on November 25th. He will be

remembered by his wife, Sara; 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He was a member of Unity Lodge.

Watson, Robert C., Sr.

Robert Watson, 65, passed away December 3rd. He was a member of Scottish Rite. God sends His children here with special tasks to do; and calls them home when their work is through.

Zucker, Malcolm

On October 18th, Malcolm Zucker, 99, went to the waiting arms of his wife, leaving 1 child, 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren to remember him. He was a member of Scottish Rite.

Widows to be Remembered

Embrey, Marian B., 96, widow of William Embrey (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away November 28th.

Prevost, Mildred Harper, 106, widow of Edward Prevost (Unity Lodge), passed away November 19th.

Smith, Allene, 100, widow of Olive Branch Lodge, passed away August 26th.

Townsend, Jean Lenora, 94, widow of Richard Townsend (Unity Lodge), passed away October 9th. □



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Bernard Lazerson, Monarch

lallarookhgrotto.com

Legion
Clowns
Caldron
Historian

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



Bernard Lazerson
Monarch
271-7446
lazerbd2@aol.com

By Bernie Lazerson

Greetings Prophets and Ladies. Our hope is that the coming year is a healthy, prosperous and joyful one and that your Holidays were all you hoped they would be. This is my last article as Monarch and is a combination of Prophet Monarch Frank Habitzreuther's and my thoughts at this time.

Appreciation

At the end of my year as Monarch, there are many Prophets to thank. Prophet Ron Morthorst and his Lady, Marilyn, have extended much help and advice to me, as I labored through the mire of By-Laws and Protocols.

Prophet Dick Topel and his Assistant Heinz Gunkel have made meetings palatable with food fit for a Monarch.

Prophet George Foehner pulled off a wonderful Golf Tournament this year and made many area Masons well-fed and content competitors.

Prophet Harry DeHollander received a special Monarch's Prophet-of-the-Year Award for his labors in bringing in more new Prophets than anyone and entertaining us with his endless stories. My Officers performed their duties with enthusiasm and desire. Chief Justice Frank Habitzreuther learned his Craft well and will be an able Monarch. Yes, I have much to be thankful for in this Holiday Season.

Monarch's Dinner

There were a few complaints about the Monarch's Dinner on November 2nd at Keenan's. However, food and hospitality were not the issue. The problem is our automatic phone call system, which is supposedly maintained by our Prophet Secretary. Apparently, he needs our help to accomplish his work, due to his many other commitments. Some Prophets

were never notified.

Sickness and Infirmity

We have just received word of the passing of Prophet Jim Pray. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Prophet Ken Hutchinson is in Hospice Care at the writing of this article and Prophet Bill Fredenburg remains in St. John's Home.

Prophets Jim Slocum and Mike Postilli have had their trials and tribulations and are also in need of 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.

December

Election Night was December 18th at the Shrine Center. The three top Officers elected are Prophet Frank Habitzreuther, Monarch; Prophet George Foehner, Chief Justice; and Prophet Richard Topel, PM, Master of Ceremonies. A full list will be in the next edition. There was also a free Holiday Dinner prepared by our wonderful and talented Prophet



By Bev Murray, MCO

Lalla Rookh Caldron sends its best wishes to the newly elected Monarch, Frank Habitzreuther. May your year be filled in harmony and success. It is the hope of the members of the Caldron to work hand-in-hand with the Grotto in

Open Installation of Grotto Officers
Saturday, January 18th, 7:30 p.m.
at Damascus Shrine Center
Grotto Members, Wives and Guests are Invited
Light Finger Food will be Served
Grotto Officers in Tux; Guests in Party Dress or Coat and Tie

Dick Topel. I can assure you that no one has ever gone away from this feast dissatisfied - ever.

Announcements

There will be an Open Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 18th, 7 p.m. at the Shrine Center.

Prophet Monarch-Elect, Frank, and I close with the usual wish for good health and good fellowship. Thank you to all my fellow Prophets and Ladies, and best wishes to all for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. □

every endeavor.

Wishing each of you a very Healthy and Happy New Year! Happy Birthday to all of you born in January.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 9th.

Interested in Joining?

Just a friendly reminder that all Ladies of a Master Mason are eligible for membership in the Caldron. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Caldron, Daughters of Mokanna, please let us know, so we can get a Petition to you.

God Bless each of you ... or as we say, "May the Peace of God Abide with Us." □

Attend
Grotto Meetings

**Special Date
and Day**
Wednesday
January 15th

Board of Governors Meeting
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

Saturday
January 18th

Installation of Officers
Social - 6:30 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

CLIP AND SAVE!
Information Hot Line
Monarch Bernie - 271-7446

MMRL Recognizes the Employee of the Year for 2013 and Twenty-Five Year Anniversaries

The Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) recognized several employees at their Holiday Party on November 23rd. Serge Sicouri, M.D. was recognized as Employee of the Year and Jose Di Diego, M.D., and David Maciewicz, CPA, were honored with an award for contributing to the success of the MMRL for the past 25 years.

Each year the employees of the MMRL select one of their fellow co-workers to be Employee of the Year through secret balloting. This individual is one who, through exemplary team work, has done the most to help the Institute shine. Serge Sicouri, M.D., was selected as the Employee of the Year for 2013. Dr. Sicouri did his Post-doctoral Fellowship at the MMRL from 1987-1990. He spent a year with the Laboratory in 1996 and then returned in 2003 as a full-time Research Scientist.

When asked what this Award means to him, Dr. Sicouri said, "Although I know this represents a personal award, I consider this a consequence of the excellent research performed at our Institute over the past many years. I am very proud of our achievements at the MMRL and the way we continue, through our research, to help diagnose and treat patients." He is part of the team of Experimental Cardiologists who look into the cause of irregular heartbeats and discover new medications.

Dr. Sicouri also handles many other



(L-R) Serge Sicouri, Employee of the Year; David Maciewicz and Jose Di Diego were recipients of 25-Year Service Awards for their contributions to MMRL.

duties at the Laboratory including his love for students - both in the form of Student Tours and Summer Fellows. He also provides tours for community members interested in the research conducted at the MMRL. Charles Antzelevitch, Ph.D., Executive Director and Director of Research at the MMRL said, "Serge has been a pillar of our Laboratory family for over two decades. He is unique in his caring and willingness to help his fellow employees at the MMRL. Over the years, he has contributed importantly to advancing the cause of science and medicine and has helped our Laboratory shine in the scientific community. He has always been a strong advocate of others receiving the employee of the year award and I am delighted to see him receive this extremely well-deserved and long-overdue honor. We are proud to recognize him as our Employee of the Year and are indeed honored to have him as a member of our team." □

Jose Di Diego, M.D., Manager of the Experimental Cardiology Program at the MMRL, was also recognized for his 25 years of service to the MMRL. Jose started with the Laboratory in 1988 as a Post-doctoral Fellow after he obtained his Doctorate from the School of Medicine in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was promoted as a Research Scientist after his Fellowship ended in 1993 and as Manager of the Experimental Cardiology program in 2011. He and his colleagues are responsible for many significant achievements. Dr. Di Diego is currently spearheading the early phases of a project with Xavier Jesudoss, Ph.D., and Aaron Glass, Ph.D., that will someday result in a cloned human heart for use in transplants. Dr. Antzelevitch commented, "Jose has spent his entire life doing research that improves the quality of life for all humanity. His discoveries have benefitted people in every corner of the world."

David Maciewicz, CPA, also reached the milestone of 25 years. David is the Comptroller for the organization and has been carefully keeping track of the books for the institute for over a quarter of a century. Dr. Antzelevitch said of David, "We are grateful and very fortunate to have David as our Comptroller and for his steadfast commitment to this organization. He is an indispensable member of our team." When Mr. Maciewicz was asked what this award meant to him he replied, "I have spent the last quarter of a century able to say that I get up every day and go to do something that I love. I also have wonderful coworkers and feel like the MMRL is more like a family than a job." □

Education
Assistance Grant
Applications
Available Now
Contact the
Masonic Service Bureau
671-9730
Must be
postmarked by
March 31st

NOTE:
Incomplete Submissions
will NOT be considered
for a Grant!

"Have-a-Heart"

Campaign Schedules

*The Ronald McDonald House
"The House Love Built"*

2014 Have-a-Heart Campaign for Local Ronald McDonald House Charities Begins February 1st Don't Miss Your Opportunity to Volunteer ...



George Foehner

It's that time of year again ... our chance to build community awareness while working for a great cause. It also offers an opportunity to talk about our organizations with potential members.

The Masons have been involved with this Charity since 1988 – even before the House was built. It's no wonder we refer to it as, "The House that Love Built" because lots of love and dedication raised funds to build this haven for more than 10,000 families traveling to Rochester for their child's specialized medical care.

The University of Rochester donated the building site, local Ronald McDonald owner/operators and many others in the Rochester area stepped up to provide the \$1.3 million and the volunteer support needed to open the doors to the 128th "Home Away From Home" in February 1990. The Monroe District Masons were part of the initial fundraisers; thus, an Annual *Have-a-Heart* Event was born. It has since expanded to Concordant Bodies and neighboring Districts – the reason we sponsor this function as the Freemasons of the Genesee.

Bring Your Family

Bring your family with you when you staff. It can be a teaching tool to familiarize them with the spirit of volunteerism. Teaching by example is a way of involving children as they grow and develop their principles.

The Word is Out!

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester recognizes our donations each year with awards and appreciation; volunteers from Masonic groups have also increased as we realize the good we can do at the House. Some Masonic Groups go to the House and prepare a dinner for the families, some collect items from the "Wish List," and some make monetary donations from special projects.

It All Adds Up ...

In closing, for those who enjoy numbers, we have a complete 26-year rundown on the amount of money collected for each *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. The total to date, is just shy of \$340,000! We can be very proud of this accomplishment. If you cannot attend with your group, contact another to see if they can use your help. Make it a point to get on the schedule and staff at a convenient time. Be a part of the effort ... let's show the community who the Freemasons of the Genesee are! □

Marketplace Mall

Mall Chairman - Mark Hudson (705-1914)

Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., February 1st	Noon - 9 p.m. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Livingston District Nunda Station
Sun., February 2nd	Noon - 6 p.m.	Union Star 320
Mon., February 3rd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36, PHA
Tue., February 4th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Union 45
Wed., February 5th	3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Genesee 214 Mt. Morris 122
Thu., February 6th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Livonia 778
Fri., February 7th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Union Star 320
Sat., February 8th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Oatka 759
Sun., February 9th	Noon - 6 p.m.	York Rite
Mon., February 10th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36, PHA
Tue., February 11th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Moose Lodge 2290
Wed., February 12th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Masters & Wardens
Thu., February 13th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Scottish Rite
Fri., February 14th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Oatka 759
Sat., February 15th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Union Star 320
Sun., February 16th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Fairport-Flower City 476 Northfield 426

The Mall at Greece Ridge Center

Mall Chairman - Eugene Crews
(H: 225-7949 or C: 317-9946)

Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., February 1st	Noon - 9 p.m.	Clio 779
Sun., February 2nd	Noon - 6 p.m.	Inspiration 109
Mon., February 3rd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fame 722
Tue., February 4th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Grotto
Wed., February 5th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Caldron
Thu., February 6th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36, PHA
Fri., February 7th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Sat., February 8th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Inspiration 109
Sun., February 9th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Clio 779
Mon., February 10th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fame 722
Tue., February 11th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36, PHA
Wed., February 12th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Starlight 507, OES
Thu., February 13th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Fri., February 14th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Inspiration 109
Sat., February 15th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Sun., February 16th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Clio 779

Eastview Mall

Mall Chairman - Gary Sanford (944-6872)

Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., February 1st	Noon - 9 p.m.	Webster 538
Sun., February 2nd	Noon - 6 p.m.	Northfield 426
Mon., February 3rd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163
Tue., February 4th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Seneca 797
Wed., February 5th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Wakan-Hubbard 154
Thu., February 6th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eagle 619
Fri., February 7th	Noon - 9 p.m.	O/S/Y District
Sat., February 8th	Noon - 9 p.m.	O/S/Y District
Sun., February 9th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Fairport-Flower City 476
Mon., February 10th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Daughters of the Nile
Tue., February 11th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Northfield 426
Wed., February 12th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eastern Star
Thu., February 13th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Webster 538
Fri., February 14th	Noon - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163
Sat., February 15th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Seneca 797
Sun., February 16th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Wakan-Hubbard 154

Help Support a Family in Crisis