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Late Announcement -

## Have-a-Heart Campaign achieves \$20,000 Goal!

R.:W.: George A. Fohner, who is Chairman of the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign, which solicits funds at area Malls for the Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester, has informed the **Masonic Times** that preliminary tabulations of the receipts from the event reached the goal of \$20,000. Complete details will appear in our April issue. □



Submitted by Kamel Oussayef, 33°, MSA

I am writing to you to introduce the latest Northern Masonic Jurisdiction publication - *Freemasonry through the Veil of an Ancient French Manuscript* - an annotated translation of the *Book of Wisdom*. It is one of the manuscripts of the world-famous Doszedardski Collection.



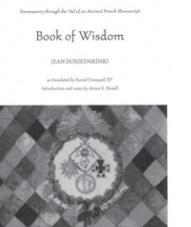
Our Supreme Council published the book in December, 2013, as one of the many mementoes for the celebration of its 200th Anniversary.

It is a translation of an old French manuscript that I worked on over a period of 5 years at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library in Lexington.

It contains interesting facts that are still relevant to better understand present day Masonry. The historical events contained in the book also help explain the genesis and growth of Scottish Rite in North America.

I can assure you I have no financial interest in this very informative and handsomely designed publication. My request is solely aimed at making sure that this precious manuscript is discovered and enjoyed by our Brethren.

The distribution of this book will also help insure that similar documents are translated and offered to the public in the future. The book has been very well received by Masonic Scholars here in the United States as well as in foreign countries.



This book may be obtained at:

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

in the webpage's Quick links: Scottish Rite NMJ Shop under *Book of Wisdom*. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (781) 729-1972.

## Understanding the Root Cause of Disease

By Myron Thurston III

Assistant Director of Development and Communications

Research scientists and laboratory technicians at the Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) are investigating the genetic basis for inherited cardiac arrhythmias. Investigators like Ryan Pfeiffer, Genetic Screening Supervisor in the Molecular Genetics Program, are trying to understand its root cause so new treatments and cures can be developed to help treat the ailments caused by the genetic defects.



Ryan Pfeiffer

Supervisor of Genetic Screening

Everyone inherits genetic variations from their parents. This is the basis of evolution,

but also the mechanism by which a genetic predisposition to disease can develop. Every family has diseases that are passed down from one generation to another. These may include various forms of heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure, or psychological ailments. Science has taught us that nearly every disease has either a genetic cause or genetic predisposition, which may be further promoted or suppressed by our environment.

At MMRL, Ryan and his co-workers, working under the direction of

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## It's a Small World, Thanks to Technology

By Kathy Contino-Turner

Director of Communications and Marketing for the Masonic Care Community

It wasn't so long ago that residents in skilled nursing centers had to rely on letters and postcards to keep in touch with loved ones. Many times, they could go years without seeing family members face-to-face. But thanks to technology, and the generosity of our volunteers, that has changed.

Ester Burt, a neighbor of the Queens Household in the Health Pavilion of the Masonic Care Community, is able to talk to her son, Wally, who lives in Beijing, China, thanks to a communication tool called "Skype." "Skype" utilizes the internet to allow participants to hear and see the people with whom they are talking.



According to Ester, it's almost like being in the same room. Another similar internet tool is called "Facetime." Ester, with the assistance of volunteer Kelly Villeneuve, recently connected with Wally Burt and Ester's 10-year-old granddaughter, Ella, who live in China. It was 9:30 a.m. in Utica and 9:30 p.m. in Beijing! Ester was excited to see them, as well as talk to them. It was hard to believe they were a world away.

Ester was using an iPad, one of two that were donated by MCC volunteer Lou Barille. The iPad is small enough to be portable, but large enough to allow our seniors to see who they are talking to. Thanks to Lou's continued generosity, and Volunteer Kelly's time, several of our residents have been able to connect with family who

are living far from the Masonic Care Community.

A special thank you to the Royal Arch Masons who recently donated an Android Notebook that can perform tasks similar to the iPad.

The technology is amazing, allowing our residents to communicate face-to-face with family and friends all over the world. Using a computer to "Skype" or "Facetime" might remind some of us of those science fiction shows such as "Star Trek" or "Buck Rogers," but today it's become commonplace. We see such a benefit to our Masonic Care Community seniors in being able to make these connections and welcome the donation of additional new iPads, or similar items to accommodate more residents. □

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Dated Material

*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\***  
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**Editor's Corner**

59°! Fifty-nine Degrees!! That was the difference in temperature readings from the time we left Tampa International Airport and touched down in Buffalo. It didn't take us long to re-acclimate to the North country. Our stop over in Cleveland took care of that. We disembarked onto the tarmac where the frigid Wintry blast greeted us...no jet way there.

If I told you it was good to be home, I might be fibbing a bit...but it is. We are somewhat relaxed and refreshed from the brief respite, but it's nice to be in familiar surroundings amongst friends and family.

Not that we didn't have a great week and good time. We couldn't get the little guy out of the pool, while the rest of us soaked up the Vitamin D. We also participated in several activities held at the resort. We especially enjoy playing (and winning a few) trivia games.

Now we are ready to tackle the remainder of the Masonic year with vigor. We have several events coming up, and I hope to see many of you there - Webster's 150th Anniversary; the Monroe District Table Lodge; the Monroe District Widows Luncheon; the District Joint Investiture Service and the Apron Presentation Dinner. Lots of stuff to do and, look at that, I've brought Summer along already!

Thanks for reading.

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**Masonic Activities Looking Ahead**

**APRIL**

Lenten Season Fish Frys: April 4th, 11th and 18th  
Damascus Shriners, Shrine Center  
Olive Branch Lodge, 12 Bank St (Community Center) LeRoy

- 5 LIV District Ladies Night
- 6 Feast of the Pascal Lamb, Shrine Center
- 12 O/S/Y District Surviving Spouse Luncheon, Clifton Springs Country Club
- 12 LIV District Lunch for Peddler's Market
- 20 Easter
- 26 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, Shrine Center

**MAY**

- 3 Monroe District Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin
- 5-6 Grand Lodge Sessions, New York City
- 18 O/S/Y District Memorial Service, United Church of Phelps
- 23 DATE CHANGE - Monroe District Joint Investiture Service, Fairport Lodge Hall

**JUNE**

- 7 Monroe District Apron Presentation Dinner, Shrine Center

**W. : Robert Mallory III Elected Eureka Lodge Worshipful Master**

Annually, the Prince Hall Masons in Rochester elect a Worshipful Master, as is customary in Masonic Lodges. This year the members of Eureka Lodge, the only Prince Hall Lodge in Monroe County, have chosen Robert Mallory III as their leader.



W. : Mallory shared in an interview, "I hope, that under my administration, we can build more interactions with Masonic Lodges in Monroe County and broaden our Masonic relationships."

"Furthermore," he stated, "As the number of Masons continues to decline in Masonry and in our community, it is important we recognize all of our Masonic Brethren and finding ways to spend time together is a great way to enhance that recognition."

W. : Mallory can be contacted most efficiently by email at:

[robert.mallory@hotmail.com](mailto:robert.mallory@hotmail.com).  
**Special Year**  
Eureka Lodge No. 36, Prince Hall Free & Accepted Masons,

was Chartered 135 years ago, and Worshipful Mallory and his Line of Officers are adding special programming to the Lodge Trestleboard this year to commemorate the Anniversary of that special event. He hopes readers can participate in some of the activities.

In addition to electing W. : Mallory, the Lodge elected Senior Warden, Hugh Dougall; Junior Warden, Lomax Campbell; Treasurer, Michael Brown; Secretary, James Waters; and 3-Year Trustee, Past Master Michael Nix.

*Webster Lodge No. 538  
Sesquicentennial Celebrations  
Thursday, March 6th*

**4:45 p.m. - Re-dedication Ceremony at Webster Masonic Hall  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Program - 7:00 p.m.  
Webster Golf Club, 440 Salt Road, Webster**

*Speaker - Most Worshipful James E. Sullivan  
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York*

**Annual Tribute to Our Widows**

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau

Saturday, May 3rd, at the Burgundy Basin, 1361 Marsh Road; doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch served at noon. Again, we are asking each Lodge Master to appoint a Brother to coordinate your Lodge Brothers and Widows involvement.

**No Tickets Will Be Mailed**

Letters are being sent to all Secretaries of the Monroe District Lodges with a form to return to the Masonic Service Bureau.

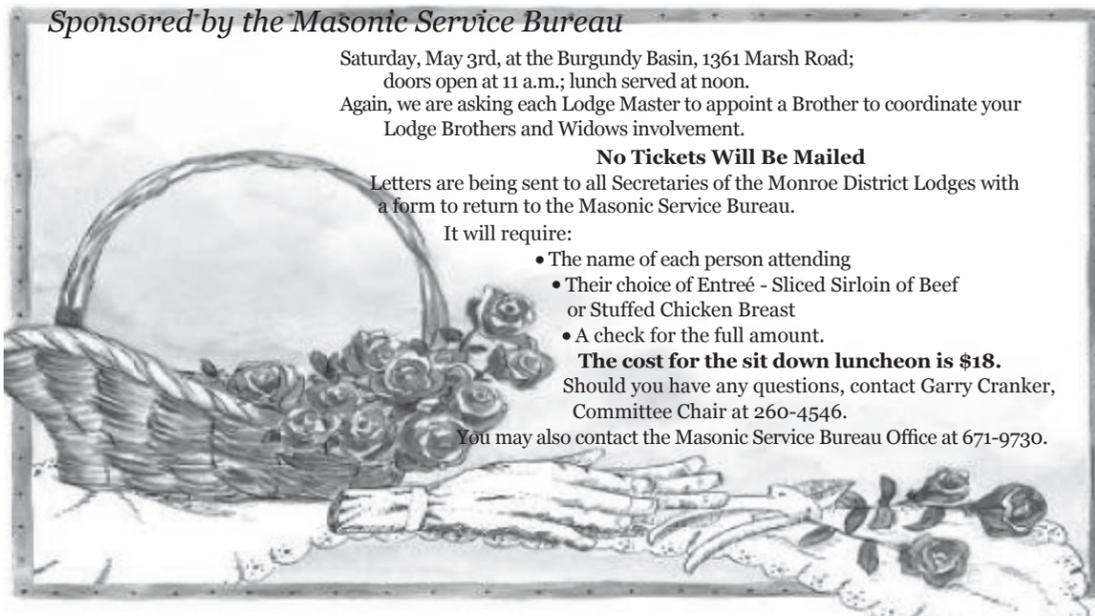
It will require:

- The name of each person attending
- Their choice of Entree - Sliced Sirloin of Beef or Stuffed Chicken Breast
- A check for the full amount.

**The cost for the sit down luncheon is \$18.**

Should you have any questions, contact Garry Cranker, Committee Chair at 260-4546.

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



**DAMASCUS SHRINE**



5th Annual Seneca Casino Bus Trip

**Sunday, April 6th**  
**\$32 per person**

Gino Tours and our Hostess, Carm, invite you to sit back, relax and have fun on the trip up and back in a luxury coach.

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**"Karaoke by Carm" on the way home ... all raffles for trip attendees.**

**ITINERARY**

Meet at Shrine Center  
Bus leaves at 11 a.m. sharp  
Arrive at Casino 1 p.m.  
Enjoy the Casino, shop or sightsee in Downtown Niagara Falls, NY  
Bus departs at 6 p.m. sharp  
Return to Shrine Center approximately 7:30 p.m.  
This trip is open to all - Shriners, Masons, OES, family and friends! Call early - only 40 seats available!

**Call the Shrine Office at (585) 671-3565 to reserve your spot and pre-pay with credit card, or send a check to: Damascus Shriners, 979 Bay Rd Webster, NY 14580 Payment with Reservation is due in the Office by Monday, March 31st at Noon.**



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# Order of the Eastern Star

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The green shamrock of March teases us with thoughts of the green of Springtime ...

"If shamrocks are a promise that good luck is on the way,

And sunshine in a sky of blue can brighten up a day,

Then you are wished the greenest shamrocks and the warmest sunshine too,

To make this very special time just wonderful for you!"

### Past Matrons Association

On January 16th, Vickie Gross led the Past Matrons meeting after members enjoyed lunch together. March 20th is the next meeting in Spencerport, preceded by a brown-bag lunch at noon.

Plans were made for a May 15th meeting when the Grand Matron will visit Associations.

### School of Instruction

The School of Instruction on February 1st at Unity Lodge went well with about 35 people attending. After treats and coffee, provided by the District Lecturer, Tom Richenderfer went over all of the Ritual changes from Grand Sessions last October. A thank you to Pat Pearson and Mae Bauer for doing the 50/50 raffle; the proceeds are going to the Dream Factory of Rochester.

### Grand Matron's Official Visit

After the School of Instruction, the Line Officers Clubs met to plan for the April 26th Grand Matron and Grand Patron's Official Visit.

### Request from Chapters

Monroe District will be doing a basket raffle at their visit. I am asking each Chapter to donate a themed basket for the raffle table. If any individual could also donate one, it would certainly be appreciated since we need many baskets to make it interesting and profitable.

Their Official Visits to other Districts in our area in April are: Saturday, April 12th - Oswego District

Friday, April 25th - Ontario/Seneca/Yates District

Saturday, April 26th - Monroe District

Sunday, April 29th - Genesee/Wyoming District

Let me know if you plan to attend any of these and want to share rides. Keep in mind the reservations need to be in about a month before the event. See your Chapter Secretary for further details.

### Murder Mystery Dinner

Monroe District's Murder Mystery Dinner is on Saturday, March 8th at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport starting at 5:30 p.m. "Grapes of Frath" takes place on a yacht somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea in 1925. Tickets are \$15 each, which includes punch and appetizers, soup, main entrée, dessert and the "who-done-it" play.

The audience is encouraged to take part by dressing in the styles of the time, listening to the clues as they are included in the text of the play and solving the mystery of who committed the murder. Great food, great music, great entertainment, and

great fellowship is what you will get if you come.

Reservations are needed immediately if you have not telephoned me already. Proceeds will go to the Dream Factory of Rochester.

### Grands Association

Thursday, March 27th - The Grands Association will meet at Fairport with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

### District Deputies Organization

Friday, March 28th - District Deputies lunch and meeting at Keenan's Restaurant in Irondequoit.

### Tri-District Friendship Night Honoring Musicians & Veterans

Monday, March 31st - Here's hoping March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb since we will be traveling to LeRoy for the Tri-District Friendship Night, which involves not only Monroe District, but Genesee/Wyoming and Erie Districts as well. Each Chapter in Monroe District has members who will be participating in the event.

This year, Musicians and Masonic Veterans will be the honored guests. It should be a grand event. Thank you Donna Laundry and Doreen Rhodes for attending the planning meeting.

### District Official Visits

The very next day after the Tri-District event, Monroe Dis-

## MONROE DISTRICT MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport

Social - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner and Play - 6 p.m.

\$ 15 per person ~ Reservations Required

by March 1st

RSVP to Beverly Thompson - Ph: 392-7546 or

email: [garybvthompson@aol.com](mailto:garybvthompson@aol.com)

♥ *This story takes place on a Mediterranean Yacht in 1925.*

*You are welcome to dress in that time period if you wish ... it could add to audience involvement.*

*We hope you can join us!*

♥ *This event is a fundraiser for the OES District Special Project ... The Dream Factory of Rochester.*



tribut will start their own special events - Official Visits by the District Deputy Grand Matron and the District Grand Lecturer.

Tuesday, April 1st - Fairport Chapter, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8th - Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, Brockport, 7:30 p.m.

We hope many Eastern Star members will visit these Chapters at these times. Many sideliners make the occasion even more special so I encourage you to attend as many Official Visits as possible.

My motto is "To be happy, you need someone to love, something to do and something to hope for." The following Irish Blessing follows that so closely ...

"May there always be work for your hands to do,

May your purse always hold a coin or two,

May the sun always shine on your windowpane,

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain,

May the hand of a friend always be near you,

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you." □



## Attend Grotto Meetings

**Monday  
March 3rd**

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

**Wednesday  
March 19th**

Prophet  
Bring-a-Brother Night  
Corned Beef &  
Cabbage Dinner  
6:30 p.m. - \$5 per person  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

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## Lalla Rookh GROTTTO News

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A committee has been set up to review and update our current By-Laws. It has been 11 years since they have been looked at and I believe their review is long overdue

March 19th will be our Prophet Bring-a-Brother Night. We will be having a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Any prospective Prophet will be our guest; for all Prophets, the cost will be \$5 - a reasonable price for a great meal. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to me at: [animalhab@aol.com](mailto:animalhab@aol.com) or by calling 486-4341.

### Sickness and Distress

Prophet Ken Hutchinson is at a nursing home on Maple Avenue in Sodus. Cards may be sent to his home - 6352 Stillmeadow Way, Williamson, NY 14589

Prophet Mike Postilli is still going through treatment at home - 88 Underwood Avenue, Hilton, NY, 14468

Prophet Fred Cornell is still hospitalized - 211 Dean Road, Spencerport, NY, 14559

I'm sure these Prophets would appreciate hearing from us in some way. I know we all can spare a couple of minutes to brighten their day with a visit, card or call.

Those Prophets maturing this month are Douglas D. Fix, Edward C. Miller, Kenneth R. Milner, Louis Ninos, Alfred Pulcino III, Richard W. Topal and Cyril White.

## Daughters of Mokanna



By Bev Murray, MCO

We thank all who celebrated our 66th Birthday with Lalla Rookh Caldron; it was a special time for us.

I wish each of you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and, to those of you who are celebrating a birthday in March, you get

to celebrate twice. Enjoy!

As the calendar marches right along, Spring will be here soon along with some warmer weather, I hope.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you then.

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

I take this time to personally thank those who were able to attend the Installation. A special thanks to our Master of Ceremonies, Prophet Dick Topal, who provided us with nourishment, and to the Shrine who provided Potentate, Joe Di Tucci, and Chief Rabban, Wayne McCrossen, to serve our liquid refreshments.

# Monroe District

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## District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District



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### Monroe District Table Lodge March 31st

So what is this gathering they call a "Table Lodge" all about? It's not mentioned in our Standard Work. Ill. Brother Albert Mackey, in his *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, indicates that a Table Lodge was born out of custom.

#### A Little Background First ...

When a Lodge goes from labor to refreshment, the Lodge remains in session, but is in recess. That is not unlike when we were in school. School was not closed during recess; we just were given a break from our studies. That's the case in Lodge; when we go from labor to refreshment, we take a break from our labors to refresh ourselves. While at refreshment, we remain under the watch of the Junior Warden, whose charge it is to see that we do not pervert the means of refreshment to intemperance or excess.

A Table Lodge was at one time a simple repast, where Brothers would come together after Lodge (their labors) to enjoy some fellowship, along with something to both eat and drink. Some of our Lodges to this day continue that tradition. I've always found the repast a nice way to conclude my time at Lodge for that particular evening.

The "Table Lodge" that I am familiar with, is a banquet. According to Brother Mackey, our Table Lodges are patterned on the form prescribed by French Masons. These banquets were held outside the Lodge Room and on the 1st Degree. Everyone in the room had to be a Freemason, including "serving Brethren."

The banquet table itself was in the form of a horseshoe, with the Worshipful Master at the head, the Senior Warden at the Northeast, and the Junior Warden at the Southwest. The space between the legs of the horseshoe was occupied by the serving Brethren. Brother Mackey believes that the form of the table was a function of practicality, rather than of symbolism; but shares one theory. Since the entire circle represents a year, or a complete revolution of the earth around the sun; then the semi-circular shape of the table represents half a revolution, or six months. In turn, this six-month period refers to the seasons of Summer and Winter, when the most important Table Lodges were held.

A Table Lodge would open with an invocation to the G.A.O.T.U. During the course of the banquet,

there were seven obligatory toasts. They are:

1. To the health of the Sovereign or Chief Magistrate of the State (In the U.S.A., to our President);
2. To our Grand Master
3. To the Master of the Lodge (offered by the Senior Warden)
4. That of the two Wardens
5. That of the visiting Brethren
6. That of the other Officers of the Lodge, including any new Initiates or Affiliates
7. To all Masons wherever they may be

The terms that French Masons used at their Table Lodges continue with us to this day. Some of these terms are:

Napkins ... Flags  
Table ... Tracing Board  
Plates ... Tiles  
Spoons ... Trowels  
Knives ... Swords  
Forks ... Pickaxes  
Bottles ... Casks  
Glasses ... Cannons  
Bread ... Rough Ashlar  
Red Wine ... Strong Red Powder  
White Wine ... Strong White Powder

Beer ... Yellow Powder  
Coffee ... Black Powder  
To Drink ... Fire

And this is very French. The Table Lodge is closed with the "Fraternal kiss," which is passed from the Master around the table. Given that we trace our roots to the Grand Lodge of England, it seems appropriate that we, instead, join hands and sing that farewell penned by Worshipful Brother Robert Burns, "Auld Lang Syne."

I hope to see many of you at our District Table Lodge on March 31st at the Shrine Center. This is our opportunity to thank our Grand Master and our Grand Line for all they have done for our District and for Freemasonry. □

### Grand Directors of Ceremonies



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Are you thinking Spring? We all have had enough of the white stuff and it's time for sunny days.

#### District Table Lodge

Your District Leadership Team has been busy finalizing the plans for the Monroe District Table Lodge which will be held on March 31st. This event is a great way to help us thank M. W. : James Sullivan, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, our appreciation for his leadership and for attending the many functions and events in the Monroe District. As a Grand Master, M. W. : Sullivan has

been there for all of us. Please, we need your help to support this event so you can personally thank the Grand Master.

#### Grand Lodge Sessions

We also thank W. : Steve Michener for a good job this year as the President of Masters and Wardens. We hope the Masters have made their reservations for this year's Grand Lodge Session in New York City. If you need help to complete your reservations, please let us know and we will help you make the arrangements.

R. W. : Rob Buchanan and I thank the Lodges for the hospitality extended to us when visiting. We have enjoyed the Degrees and spending time with the new Brothers as well as talking with the senior members.

#### Have-a-Heart Campaign

Thank you to all the Lodges and Brothers who helped make this year's *Have-a-Heart* Campaign successful. It really takes everyone working together to make it happen. For the strong leadership of R. W. : George Foehner, and his many hours of planning, we owe him a big thank you.

#### Wrapping Up the Masonic Year

With only two months remaining before the new District Officers start their term we hope to visit the Lodges and thank you for supporting us these past two years. If we can be of help to you, please let us know. We would love to help with any Masonic Education question that any Brother may have.

God Bless you and Happy St. Patrick's Day. □

## Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By Stephan Michener, President

At our January meeting, we had a fairly good turnout. Ken Hecker, Junior Warden at Union Star Lodge, prepared a great Chicken Dinner with all the fixings and pie for dessert. It was outstanding hospitality.

The meeting started with a dynamic roundtable discussion about various happenings going on at the Lodges that were represented. It was an opportunity for those who attended to hear that many of the challenges that we face at our individual Lodges are similar to the challenges experienced by our Brothers who are principle Officers at other Lodges. In other words, we're all in this together and our common experiences as Masters and Wardens in our Lodges offer us a chance to learn from and support one another. In particular, I was encouraged to hear what others had to say regarding trying to increase attendance at meetings.

Also, at the last meeting, an initial listing of Lodge Programs being offered was shared. We still have not received responses back from more than half of the Lodges in our District. I trust that, if your Lodge has not responded to the survey, you probably already know this. I also hope you will help us out

by returning the survey. We will be trying one more time to get a survey back from the Lodges we haven't heard from. Unfortunately, without more Lodges participating, our resource list looks kind of slim and its benefit to the Senior Wardens who are planning their Trestleboards for next year, is questionable. This is disappointing.

Another topic of discussion at the last meeting was beginning preparations for going to Grand Lodge the first weekend in May. A sample itinerary was passed out, which included some activities we could participate in as a group on the Saturday and Sunday before Grand Lodge. This included some possible shows we could attend, some sightseeing options, and chances to have some meals together. Of course, these were just preliminary ideas and, at our future meetings, we will discuss this further.

Our next meeting was scheduled for February 25th. It was to concentrate on planning for the Grand Lodge Trip and further discussion on the in-progress Resource Survey. □

### Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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In January, James MacDuff and I met with Masonic groups to gain support to upgrade the equipment by securing new cameras, readers and a new laptop computer. Support was found with Masters and Wardens as well as the Monroe District Purple Club. If you can think of fundraisers to help get money for this cause contact us.

We received new supplies and the equipment is ready to go! We really feel that the units are operating at optimum now, but upgrades are needed.

We conveyed a message to the groups that Grand Lodge would like every child and every Senior/Seasoned Citizen in assisted living facilities and nursing homes in New York

State processed for identification. While watching the evening news, I too often see an instance where having the ID of a person could be invaluable. There are too many tragic events ... agreed?

We have and will be asking all Lodges and Concordant Bodies to help. Brethren, we want to make greater use of the ID equipment by having events supported by each Lodge. We want to process 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.

We have had a very successful year. We had requests for the equipment through this Winter and will be teaming with the Mary Cariola Center for several events once the weather breaks.

Notably, Webster Lodge has scheduled several ID opportunities in January and February in several Webster locations and in Rochester to interact with youth and with Fire Burn Prevention activity.

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.
- 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 an event and staff it ... just a little creativity and forethought.

Contact Information about the Masonic Safety ID Program is available online at:

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You can contact Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you have questions or suggestions. We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at:

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Hopefully you have all been staying warm despite the bitter cold and snow that January and February have brought us. With any luck the month of March will be all lamb and no lion. Day Light Saving Time is here; remember to set your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 9th.

“Early to bed, and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.”

*Brother Benjamin Franklin*

**Looking Back**

February was a busy month for ERAC Lodge. We participated in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign for the Ronald McDonald Houses, giving away hearts at Eastview Mall on February 3rd and 14th. Several Brothers braved the cold to support this great event; thanks to Nick Anasta, Jim MacDuff, Adam and Mike Sukhenko, Kern Haynes, Mike Knolla, John Hellaby, Dave Crawford, Mike Pavone, Lew Perna, Sam Friedman and Chad Crawford (apologies if any participant was missed.)

Our February 10th meeting was changed slightly to accommodate for some unfinished 1st Degree work. “The History of ERAC Lodge,” presentation by Brother Paul Bielewicz was postponed until the March 24th meeting. “Light from the 1st Degree” was presented by Brother Dave Fingado.

**Upcoming Events**

Our March 10th meeting will be Past Masters’ Recognition Night. I invite all Past Masters looking for a night out of the house to come join ERAC Lodge as we celebrate all those who have served in the East at this Tiled meeting. Brother Dave Fingado will also be presenting “Light from the 2nd Degree.”

Our March 24th Tiled meeting will be “The Morgan Affair,” presented by Brother Mike Sukhenko. Also “The History of ERAC Lodge” presentation by Brother Paul Bielewicz.

Please make your dinner reservations by contacting Brother Bruce Katz, Junior Warden, by phone 729-6657 or (preferably) by email at:

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Please include “ERAC” in the Subject Line. Reservation due by Friday before the meetings.

Other happenings in the District you will want to attend ...

March 19th - School of Ritual at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

March 31st - District Table Lodge at Shrine Center, 6 - 9 p.m. Deadline for reservations is March 17th. Is your reservation in to Phil Hurwitz? Space is limited to the first 140 Brothers.

**Ritual Work Rehearsals**

Monday, March 17th - 3rd Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 30th - 3rd Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

I invite all Master Masons

who desire further light in Masonry, or are interested in getting involved in the Ritual itself, to attend our rehearsals. Please contact Brother Jim MacDuff at: [jim.kc2vxw@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jim.kc2vxw@rochester.rr.com)

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By R.: W.: John Zabel

We had a great January with the Raising of Brother Pablo Chapa Blanco as a Master Mason. It was an exciting time as the full Degree was done by members of the Lodge, thus helping to qualify us for the Meacham Award - another honor for the Lodge.

February saw our first Brother Bring-a-Friend Event. There were several visitors present for whom the presentation went very well. We will see how we do with Petitions.

On an interesting note, W.: Angelo DiCataldo had a problem getting to the event. On the way, he got a flat tire right outside a tire store. Of course, they were not able to help him immediately, so he called Brother Ed Huntley who, along with a friend, picked him up and took him to the function. They arrived a little late, but did enjoy the event.

Our first meeting in February saw the *Walk-About* Program presented by R.: W.: John Zabel. This was a way of introducing our newer Brothers to the Officers and Protocol of a Lodge meeting. We attempt to do this program at the meeting following the 3rd Degree. We like our new Brothers to feel comfortable in coming to Lodge meeting and participating in the activities of the Lodge.

Prior to the first meeting in February we held a Valentine’s Dinner Party. Yes, it was a week ahead of the real Valentine’s Day, but it allowed the Lodge to have a function that did not interfere or conflict with other Masonic Valentine’s Parties. Brother Justin Long was the host and provided the music and karaoke for the evening. The meal was excellent and the evening was enjoyed by all.

**Upcoming Events**

March will see us going over the history of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge and its constituent parts. This will be presented by our historian R.: W.: John Zabel. He has built this history on his own research plus that of his father and grandfather as well as past members of both Warren C. Hubbard Lodge and Penfield Union Lodge. We will also present what we call the wacky words from some of the Degrees. Actually, the words are not wacky, but have a very interesting origin and some are not commonly used in modern conversation and definitely not in texting.

For the last meeting of the

month we plan to confer the 2nd Degree on our Entered Apprentices. Hopefully, our Mentors and Sponsors will have worked with them for their proficiency examination so they will be prepared, can move to Fellowcraft and help them approach their full membership in the Lodge. The Lodge is improving its Ritual work and is working to get more interested Brothers involved in helping with the conferrals.

Lastly, if you do not have your 2014 Dues Card, contact the Secretary to find out how you can get yours.

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**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

We had great support at the *Have-a-Heart* Booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge on Super Bowl Sunday and raised over \$500. I am sure the Brothers of Inspiration Lodge stepped up, in their usual supportive way, to cover the booth for this terrific benefit for the Ronald McDonald Houses.

**Sickness and Distress**

Brother Kevin Gerhard has had some pretty serious setbacks following his surgery and remains hospitalized to the best of my knowledge. Please continue with the prayers for his speedy and complete recovery.

It was good to see Brother Derik Plaisted in Lodge for our 3rd Degree following his recent surgery. He told me he is doing well and is back to work on limited duty.

I’ve had no other reports on Brothers or their family members in need of our aid or assistance, or anyone with improving conditions or happy events, for that matter. Please be sure to let me know if you hear of anyone having difficulties. I’d rather have numerous people tell me the same thing, than no one call because they think someone already did.

**Coming Events**

March 11th - The meeting is a Regular Communication.

March 25th - 2nd Degree ... assuming that our newly Initiated Brothers will achieve proficiency in the 1st Degree material and be ready to move on.

Please mark the following dates on your calendar and plan to attend ...

May 13th - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

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**3rd Degree**

If you missed the presentation on January 28th by the Inspiration Lodge Degree Team, you missed a most unique presentation of the Hiram Legend. Our Senior Deacon, Brother Ryan Ramplin, has been instrumental in obtaining Brothers for various roles in all the Degrees and scheduling the necessary rehearsals. As that Tuesday progressed, more and more of the participants informed him of illness, which depleted the Cast. He was able to recruit a few last-minute replacements, including two visitors from Canada (W.: Robert Armstrong and W.: Brock McCulloch) who were honored and thrilled to be asked to help. However, Brother Ramplin stepped in and filled multiple roles above and beyond what he was planning to do. There aren’t too many in Lodges who could or would do what he did that evening. It was marvelous to witness!

**Another Year**

Once again we say Happy Birthday to those celebrating in March ... Harvey Anderson and Patrick McWhinney (1st); Harry Coates and Ralph Rizzo (3rd); Kenneth Lanza (4th); Clyde Siverd (8th); G. Thomas Grape (9th); William Carr (10th); Adam Gerken (12th); Jay Rodgers (15th); Joseph Meli (19th); Ronald Freida (20th); Douglas Fix (21st); Aaron Jordon (23rd); Brandon Tilburg (24th) and Carl Ester (31st). We hope you enjoy your day!

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Fairport-Flower City new Brothers, welcomed by W.: Andrew Woepfel (center), are Michael Frazer (left) and Anthony Paola.

ting closer every day! March should come in like a lion and go out like a lamb.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

A big thank you to the Brothers who helped staff the *Have-a-Heart* booths at Eastview and Marketplace Malls. We raised money for a very worthy cause and had good fellowship at the same time.

**Welcome**

On January 13th, we welcomed two new Brothers by conferring the 3rd Degree on Brothers Michael Frazer and Anthony Paola. May they be enriched in their travels through Freemasonry and find true comradeship in their membership.

**Degree in March**

The 2nd Degree will be conferred on March 24th with Brother Paul McLaughlin in the East. There will be a rehearsal on March 23rd. All participants should know their part from the Fall conferral. If you cannot take part or would like to do something, please contact Brother Paul McLaughlin.

This Spring the Lodge will be honoring the area’s Eagle Scouts for their achievements in our community. This event will be open to Masons, family and friends. Come and show your support. More details to follow.

**Condolences**

We extend our sympathy to the family of Brother Roy Forest, who passed to his reward on January 6th. We remember him with fond memories.

**March Birthdays**

The following Brothers were born in the month of March: Murray Kellogg (2nd), Samuel Katz (3rd), Daniel Bliss (12th), Tomislav Trapanovski (16th), Michael Johnson (20th), Andrew Woepfel (21st), Seymour Margolis (23rd), John Lindsay (25th), Donald Cameron (27th) and John-Paul Altieri (29th). We wish for all of you a special day and a happy, prosperous and healthy year ahead.

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born on March 7th, 1811, in the Town of Macedon (at that time in Palmyra). He founded the United States Weather Bureau in 1870. All weather data comes after that date. Now we even have a Weather Channel. People in States that usually enjoy even temperatures and weather have had to check to see what tomorrow will bring. Welcome to the real world. Increase's uncle was a Charter Member of Fairport Lodge in 1859. Come to Lodge and get "the rest of the story."

As usual, I recommend that you check out all the news in the **Masonic Times** for a fuller understanding of what is going on in the extended family of Freemasonry. □

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### March Ahead

On March 6th we will hold our 3rd Degree. I am appreciative of the Brothers who have stepped up to take parts in the evening's ceremonies. Although we will need some assistance from the Shrine Degree Team to fill out roles, we are very close to being able to do this ourselves. I hope that next year we can take pride in the fact that our Lodge has enough active Brothers to pull this off ourselves. Our current class of four has great promise and I hope they will get involved in the business of our Lodge.

To our soon to be class of Master Masons, I want you to know it is one thing to go through the Degrees. However, there is an entirely deeper appreciation of the meaning of the Degrees achieved when you participate in doing them. The Brothers who take part in putting on the Degrees understand the more sublime meanings through the discipline and commitment of study that it requires. Going through the Degrees your first time is only a scratching of the surface.

You might suspect there's a little more there; a little more to it, that the mystery hasn't been completely revealed. It hasn't. It can take a lifetime to gain an appreciation for the deeper significance of the Degrees. I urge you to take up the study with your Brothers and I sincerely hope our new Brothers will become

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involved and take an active role in the future of Northfield Lodge. We welcome you to our noble Fraternity.

### Warning: Bagpipes!

On March 20th, Northfield Lodge is pleased to welcome Brother Peter Cormack, from Union Star Lodge, who will do a presentation entitled "Warning: Bagpipes! Music That Can Stir the Spirit and Terrify Foes." Pete is a long-time Mason and piper and if you've attended any Masonic events where you've heard bagpipe music, well then, you know who he is. We look forward to hearing him talk about and play this fascinating instrument. It should be a great night.

Finally, Brothers, your Lodge has done much to encourage your attendance. The Lodge paint and décor have been freshened up. We have meals before each and EVERY meeting. We have a detailed Trestleboard with a variety of Masonic-oriented programs of education, enlightenment, encouragement, entertainment and enthusiasm (the five Es). There is energy in the air. We even recently had a minor repair to the boiler which gets the Lodge nice and toasty very quickly. We have done what we can to reach out to you and let you know we welcome your attendance. The next step is up to you. Won't you come out to a meeting and re-discover what our Fraternity is all about? I hope to see you soon. □

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Recently, I presented a program about the Principles of Freemasonry and their relation to the founding of the United

States. Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth were the principles I focused on. I described how each had a fundamental role in shaping the Bill of Rights, as well as the overall philosophy of our Founding Fathers.

While sectarian discussion was not part of the Lodge Room discussion that evening, I presented how, in our system of government, all of the Principles of Freemasonry were necessary conditions for our Republic to thrive. Absent any of these in its entirety, we might as well consider our great experiment a failure.

I wanted to call particular attention to the principle of Relief, and its implications for any society. Relief is to act for, to the best of our abilities, those in distress without detriment to any who are dependent upon us and to give support to outside charities. A society that provides relief to its constituents as a guiding principle, on its own accord and without forced redistribution, has little need for macroeconomic intervention from government bodies to help those in need.

In attaining this balance, the efficient and practical execution of due process and industry is least encumbered and lets all individuals most effectively and efficiently prosper. This is especially evident when Relief is coupled with Truth. Absent false pretense, absent a wanton exploitation through dishonest means, society flourishes as a whole.

### Have-a-Heart Campaign

The impetus for this month's article, and its focus on Relief, comes from the time of year and the observance of so many Brothers and their families, and the community, coming together for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign, to support the local Ronald McDonald Houses and their mission. As previously communicated to Union Star Lodge, "the Ronald McDonald Houses have been, and remain, a vitally important part of this and many communities. Masons from Monroe and surrounding Districts continue to be proud supporters of that mission. Through the Annual *Have-a-Heart* Campaign, we not only help provide needed Relief for families, we work together, in Harmony, for all of our betterment." To see the outpouring of support reminds me that Relief persists. I estimated that about 1 in 20 of those who donated told us that they had, or someone they knew had, stayed in the local Ronald McDonald Houses.

Of course, credit for establishing a venue for providing this Relief goes to many Brothers. From our own Lodge, many Brothers immediately volunteered for shifts. Others, like Brother Mark Hutton and R.: W.: Gary Sanford took additional steps and facilitated the opening and closing of shifts at various Malls.

And where would any of this be without R.: W.: George Foehner's commitment, passion and dedication to Relief. Working in Harmony, the efforts of all of those who lend a hand and time to the Ronald McDonald Houses' families truly helps us all. It is no more evident than at this time of year.

We look forward to truly embracing Relief at the most basic level in years to come, as we fulfill our obligation to ourselves and others and continually hone that Temple not made with hands.

### March Birthdays

Here is wishing a most happy birthday to our March celebrants - Allen Foehner, Mark Armbruster, Andrew Cotraccia, and Allen Hopkins, Jr.

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### Recent Events

With the icy cold weather upon us, Clio warmed things up with our Second Annual Chili Cook-Off where a hot time was had by all. We more than doubled the entrées from our previous cook-off and more than quadrupled the tasters. Everyone had a fantastic time and more Chili than they could ever want.

Taking top honor this year was Brother Don Cambisi winning the apron. Brothers Matt Reiter and Pat Herring tied for second. A coin toss determined that Pat got second and Matt got third. Although there was no medal for fourth place, I finished in that spot and will give myself an honorable mention. I'm writing the article, so I can do that.

Our 2nd Degree was held on Tuesday, February 4th, and was easily one of the best Degrees of which I've ever witnessed or been a part. Everyone involved was firing on all cylinders. Senior Warden, Matthew Schaffer, sat in the East for the first time that evening and conferred the De-

gree upon seven newly passed Fellowcrafts. Congratulations to the Fellowcrafts and to Brother Matt who handled the Degree like an old pro.

Kudos to all who worked it, and a special thanks to Brother Jason Morrissette from Northfield Lodge for his outstanding job on the Middle Chamber Lecture. The Q&A Lecture was again flawlessly performed by our rising stars Brothers Brett DeHollander (yes, he's related to you know who) and Jeremy Mensing. Another of our newer Brothers, Cody Groth precisely delivered the Working Tools like a fine Craftsman. It does me proud to see our younger Brothers getting so involved in Ritual and it's nice to know the Lodge will be in such good hands when I ride off West into the sunset come June.

### Have-a-Heart Campaign

Saturday, February 1st was Clio's first date for staffing the *Have-a-Heart* Booth this year. We had a nice showing of Brothers, including a couple of our Entered Apprentices. It's nice to see that dedication early on. District Deputy, R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz, also joined us as we gathered in the donations. Two more dates are ahead of us at this writing and I thank all the Brothers who have volunteered for these events, although I know all will say that no thanks are necessary.

### Corned Beef ... Euchre ... Spaghetti ... Kipling

It is an especially busy month for us. Aside from our Regular Communications on March 4th and March 18th, we will be holding our Annual Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 15th at the Lodge Hall. Dinner includes Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Veggies and Dessert - all for the low price of \$9.

If you've yet to partake, do yourself a favor and join us. Brother Bill Hunn puts on the best Corned Beef Dinner this side of Killarney and that's no blarney! Dinner starts at 4 p.m. and advanced tickets are available. Call Bill at 329-0318 for tickets or more information.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Hilton Bowling Alley (where our Tournament is being held), the Euchre Tourney has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 23rd. Please see the ad in this edition or check our website <http://cliolodge779.com> for further information.

Our Spaghetti Dinner this month falls on March 26th. As always, it starts at 4:30 p.m. and the cost is \$7.

Brother Jeremy Mensing and I have been collaborating on a video program centering on Brother

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We are very fortunate to not have suffered any passings since I last reported. W.: Brother Ken Hutchinson is still with us if not in a Mental State, at least being taken care of physically. Brothers Walt Cone and Fred Cornell are still with us but in need of a visit as of this letter.

On a lighter note, we still retain the School of Ritual Banner only because of the weather and the excellent Work done by your Officers. Even our AGL couldn't find fault except an "i" that wasn't dotted.

It's not official as of this date, but our W.:M.: Brother Joe Lewis has been approached to fill one of the A.G.L. Positions. Should this come to be, let's all give him the same support that we have given W.: and V.: W.: Brother Paul Kolacki the past two years. He has a very Full Plate and will need all the help we can give him.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

Brother Jeremy Knox, our Junior Warden, did a fantastic job covering for me, of recruiting and fulfilling the schedule for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign.

**Sesquicentennial Celebration**

I hope that all have fulfilled their obligations. Our Senior Warden, Brother Allyn Borrino, has more than seen to it that everything has run like clockwork. W.: Brother Joe depended on him for the majority of the program. With the help of several of your Past Masters and others, you can be very proud of what has been accomplished. All we need now is for the weather to cooperate.

**Welcome**

To our newly made Master Masons, welcome. You have both shown your willingness to participate. I hope this will continue as we appreciate the interest you have shown. Don't be afraid to speak up if you don't understand what is happening or if you would like to become involved in any program or activity. You are the future of Webster Lodge, my Brothers.

**Spaghetti Dinners**

As usual, Brother Nick Hal-doupis and crew served 150 plus Spaghetti Dinners on February 7th. I don't have the final figures, but believe me, if this program ever stops, there will be an awful lot of disappointed local patrons. So, if you are free the first Friday evening of the month, either come and help or partake. You can't beat the price or the food.

Hope all is well and we will see you at the Celebration. Until we meet in the Quarries, may God go with you and keep you and yours safe and secure.

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It is now March, and Spring is thinking about making an appearance. I, for one, welcome it! It has been a long, cold Winter. We have had a very productive

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



Winter in Lodge, and I am looking forward to a great Spring to wrap up my year as Master.

One major project we have been working on is the kitchen. As you may be aware, we have been making some improvements to our kitchen in the Lodge Hall and here for all the members is an update.

Last Winter we put a new floor down; this year we installed a new hood system over the grill and stove. The hood system is an exhaust and fire suppression system with lights and, if I may say so, it came out great! There was a lot of work that went into getting this done, despite quite a few delays for various reasons. But now it is complete, and we passed all the local inspections needed.

Allow me to recognize a few key players who put in many hours of their personal time to make sure it was done ... Garry Cranker and Cliff Short really headed up this project. The next time you see these Brothers, please be sure to thank them for their efforts.

We also had a donation from Jan Porter of Starlight Chapter; she donated new curtains for the kitchen. Thank you ALL who helped make the remodel complete.

The next part of the remodel is installing a three-bay production

sink, and a separate hand-wash sink. The three-bay sink was donated by Brother Mike Edelman, And the labor for installation of the sink will be done by Brothers Bob Songin and Scott Corey. A huge savings there!

At the February 10th meeting, we had a History of the combined Lodges presented by R.:W.: Joe Privitera. Thank you, Joe, it was very interesting.

**Upcoming Events**  
Now for March! We have some great events planned.

On March 10th we have an Awards Night planned. We will be recognizing many Brothers for their years of service, so please plan on attending Lodge. I am anticipating a very large turnout. We will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m., prepared by Etoleah Chapter, OES. Lodge will Open at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 19th, we are hosting the District School of Ritual at 7:30 p.m. Plan on attending; we will be exemplifying a portion of the 1st Degree - I believe we will be doing the Charge.

On March 24th, we will confer the 2nd Degree. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., prepared by Starlight Chapter OES. Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. Be here to support our new Brothers on their path

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Unity Lodge  
is Hosting a  
**Home Show**  
Saturday, March 22nd  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday, March 23rd  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Free Admission**  
at Spencerport Masonic Hall  
133 South Union St

Come See the Products of Numerous Vendors\*  
Some refreshments and beverages available.

\*Any questions or need information,  
contact John Lemke at (585) 317-4791

**Spaghetti  
Dinner**  
Clio Lodge Hall  
287 East Avenue; Hilton  
**March 26th**  
Adults - \$7; Child \$4  
Serving 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Rudyard Kipling's poem *The Mother Lodge*. We have incorporated the voice talents of several of our Lodge Brothers as well. Brother Mensing is putting the finishing touches on the video and we plan to debut it at our March 18th meeting. Any Brothers interested in joining us are invited out to Clio for the premiere. We will hold a (hopefully) brief business meeting first and then watch the video, which we are estimating at a 20- to 30-minute runtime. If the final product turns out as well as we are expecting, we would be happy to journey to other Lodges and present the program.

**March Birthdays**

Clio extends birthday greetings to Brothers William J. Armstrong and Cody M. Groth. May you each enjoy your day.

**Hawaiian Shirt Day**

Before signing off this month, I want to mention that our first meeting in April happens to fall on April Fools' Day, so instead of dress shirts and jackets, leave your jackets at home and wear

your tackiest button-up shirt. This will still be a Regular Communication, Aprons will be worn and Minutes will be taken, but we'll have a bit of fun at the meeting as well. Anyone wearing regular dress clothes will be appointed to the panel of judges and vote upon the best goofy shirt.

**Upcoming March Events**

4th - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

15th - Corned Beef Dinner, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

18th - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

23rd - Euchre Tournament, 1 p.m., Pleasure Lanes Bowling Center, Hilton

26th - Spaghetti Dinner, 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Until next month, take care and I hope to see you at all our various events!

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Submitted by R.:W.: Dave Allen

Well, all the major holidays are gone and all that is left are the memories and the financial responsibilities. I hope the memories are great and the, oh well, you know, are minimal.

Clio's  
**EUCHRE  
TOURNAMENT**

**Sunday, March 23rd  
1 p.m.**

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## Unity Lodge

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to more Light.

In closing, I leave you with the following thought:

**Remember, You're a Mason**  
When the pressures of recession  
Make us concentrate on greed,  
Take heed, a worthy Mason  
Cares about another's needs;

Don't let pressures of the moment  
Make your obligation sway,  
Stop and help a fallen Brother  
Or another by the way;

What you give is like a bubble  
Whenever you assist,  
What it costs in time and trouble  
Is soon after, never missed;

Brother, bear that obligation  
You accepted on your knee,  
It's in direct relation  
To your own security;

Never hesitate, my Brother  
Square your actions now and  
say,  
"I'll remember I'm a Mason,"  
And behave like that today;"

"With regard to human kindness  
And the 'Golden Rule,'  
I pray, I'll remember I'm a Ma-  
son.

And behave like that today."

Always seek more Light, my  
Brothers!

**O-At-Ka**  
**Lodge No. 759**  
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I open this month's article on a note of genuine gratitude and appreciation. So much has happened in such a short amount of time and it is in great part due to the renewed interest and participation of all concerned Brothers.

First, our Secretary and Treasurer, Brothers Gordon Bell and Evar Miller, have done so much in squaring away all the Lodge documentation and necessary paperwork. This has been a truly monumental effort to the benefit of the Lodge.

Next, Junior Deacon, Eric Crandell, and his minion, Brother Don Tubman, have completed the new furnace installation duct work, much to the relief of our gas bill and the frozen attendees this frigid Winter. Our Senior Deacon, Mack Thompson, wore out his vacuum cleaner thoroughly covering the entire Lodge rooms and making them shine again.

Brother Steve Phillips stepped up to the plate again to be the Lodge Chairman for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign and filled all the required slots. He is also working towards another memorable Table Lodge in the near future.

Our Senior Warden, Tim White, has not only been instrumental in all our Ritual guidance, but with the help of his wife, Shelly, we have been well fed in the recent past. Also, I thank everyone who has taken a part in making our Degree work more fun and interesting.



New three-station commercial sink (top) and window curtains (above) in the kitchen at Unity Lodge Hall.

We are currently in the process of re-defining the Rules and Regulations of our Scottsville Masonic Guild with some legal counsel and help again from Brother Don Tubman.

### For Rent

I would like to once again re-institute our unique "Rent-a-Mason" Weekend in April for the Scottsville Area with the proceeds going towards the W.C.H.S. Scholarship fund that was set up long ago and has not been granted in a number of years. This is a benefit to the community of which we are a part, and one of our obligations.

### Mark Your Calendar

March 26th - 2nd Degree

April 23rd - 3rd Degree

May 21st - I would like our last meeting to be a combined Open Meeting whereby we will host a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night along with the Award Night. We are celebrating mul-

multiple Brothers - some with 60 years in the Craft.

As we (hopefully) wind our way out of these Winter doldrums and look forward to Spring and Summer, I encourage each and every one of you to come forward with ideas and plans to continue our camaraderie outside of Lodge functions, such as golf outings, pool party, family picnic in Mendon Ponds Park or the like. These are the things that bind Brothers together and forge lifetime friendships and Brotherly love.

### Farewell Brother

My last item is a sad one. Brother Jack Miller, a 53-year Mason in Oatka Lodge, was called to the Great Architect on May 5, 2013. Brother Jack was a good friend, a good man and lived by the Tenets of Freemasonry. He will be missed by so many.

Until next time, be well and do good.

rehearsal. Keep it up guys!

Our involvement in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign closed out our February events and Seneca did itself proud once again. Thanks to all Brothers who took part. I don't know our final total as of yet, but I know we did a great job!

Our March meeting will be the Lodge of Remembrance. Maybe it is a strange thing to say, but it is one of my favorite meetings. It gives me the opportunity to remember those whom I admired and befriended and it gives me an opportunity to re-live the feelings and experiences of those who have touched my life - Masonically and personally.

Though it is a somber ceremony, it is beautiful and is a wonderful way to recognize and remember those who have gone to the Great Architect in Heaven. Somehow, once the ceremony is concluded and we retire to our Fellowcraft bar for a toast, I feel a positive glow instead of sadness. I feel we have done right by the Brothers who have passed and they would be pleased and

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*No. 797*  
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February was a busy month! We conducted our Fellowcraft Degree, bringing our new Brothers one step closer to becoming Master Masons. Junior Warden Jeff Quartley did a fantastic job as Master and Brother Ray Crandall did a beautiful job delivering the Middle Chamber Lecture. Thanks to everyone for making the Degree such a success!

Lodge Brothers continued taking an active role in Fellowcraft events. Brother Armand Gallucci organized an Amerks game together that was a blast! Brother Pierre Suarez organized a bowling outing following a Degree

*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  
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• Individual Sales - March 17th  
**Dress Code - Business Suit or Blazer with Necktie**



proud. It also seems to cement them as a permanent part of the Lodge, enabling them to live forever in our hearts and memory.

So, if you all would be so gracious to join me in celebrating the Brothers who have passed, I hope it will bring you the same peace and satisfaction it brings me.

Our April meeting will wrap up the Degree Season with our presentation of the Master Mason Degree. This is a reminder to everyone to attend all rehearsals and study your parts!

### March Birthdays

I take this opportunity to recognize our Brothers born in March: Greg Obenauf (4th), Ed Miller (5th), Ken Nelson and Stu Walthour (6th), Jeff Quartley (11th), Keven Blazey (22nd), Tom Hendrickson (30th) and Armand Gallucci (31st). Thank you to our March-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!

Finally, don't forget to continue making donations to the Fellowcraft Bar Project. Each and every donation is matched with restaurant.com Dinner Certificates!

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

Phone: 202-1524 or email:  
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Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid! ... and reservations are a must!!!

**FAME**  
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We have made it through the majority of our Winter Season and has it been a tough one. Attendance at some of our meetings has suffered due to the extreme weather, but it is better to be safe than sorry when traveling. I hope by the time this article reaches you, the cold grip of Winter has started to ease and travel to Lodge is less of an adventure.

### March Meetings

Our first meeting is March 13th. We will begin the evening at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour and at 6:30 p.m. we will feast on a St. Patrick's Dinner. Our meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Our second meeting of the month is on March 27th. This meeting we will be rehearsal for the 1st Degree.

### Have-a-Heart Campaign

I thank all the Brothers who helped with this year's *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. The Ronald McDonald Houses provide a very important service to our community and it is another way Freemasonry supports organizations like the Ronald McDonald Houses.

We hope to see you at Lodge!

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

March 2014

**Shrine and Divan Meetings**  
**Dinner Reservations Required**

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

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



**JOSEPH DI TUCCI**  
**POTENTATE**



What a month we had in February! Thank you to Scott Lasky and his Crew, who set up and pulled off a fantastic Super Bowl Party. We had almost 100 people in attendance. It is a great sight to see the building packed and everyone having such a great time. The atmosphere was fun and upbeat and the food was outstanding!

Despite the wicked Rochester weather, the Shrine Table Lodge was a huge success. We had about 75 in attendance along with Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut. The crowd was lively, the wine was flowing, the firing cannons were booming and Uncle Ralph cooked a fantastic steak for everyone!

**Generosity is Rewarded**

Damascus Shriners presented two awards that evening. The first went to Noble George Corbett for the first donation of 2014 to Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie and the other was to the Widows Sons, Grand Chapter New York, for the largest donation by a non-Shrine Club or Unit. The Widows Sons donated over \$10,000 to the Shriners Hospitals

for Children® in Erie and Springfield.

**Improvements in the Shrine Center**

You may have noticed a few changes around the Shrine Center. First, for your enjoyment, we focused on the bar area. We added two more TVs and spruced up the inside.

Second, we sent out the Shrine neon sign to be renovated. From what I have been told, the sign was originally from the Downtown Temple. A few years back, the sign was badly damaged; in efforts to restore our temple history we were able to get it fixed.

Throughout the coming months, the Shrine will be buzzing with workers and projects to improve the building. Our goal is to re-invest into maintaining our building. The goal is to offer a more pleasurable experience to our members and renters.

A few projects up and coming are painting of the Dining Room, updating the bathrooms, re-building the side deck and fixing major issues with our plumbing and electrical systems. Please bear with us as the renovations take place; we will do our best to make sure they do not interfere with any activities of our members or renters.

**Mark Your Calendar**

April 2nd – Regular Stated Meeting, this will be our first Hot Sands Ceremonial of the year. Please come and support our newest members.

**Special Recognition and Thanks**

I recognize the dedicated Nobles of the Auburn Shrine Club. These gentlemen have worked diligently throughout the years collecting pop tabs to raise money for the Hospitals. This year they reached a monumental mark of over \$10,000 ... Now that's a lot of pop tabs!!! Thank you so much Brothers for your hard work and dedication to the Damascus Shrine and our Hospital System.

My Brother Nobles, I hope you all have an enjoyable month and expect to see you soon. □



**SCOTT LASKY**  
**ASSISTANT RABBAN**



I am excited that we are off to such a great start. The Super Bowl Party we had was a huge success! We had almost 100 people attend and enjoy good food and great company. I thank the Nobles and friends who made this such a memorable event. We plan on having another one for next year's game and hope to make it even bigger!

**Lenten Fish Dinners**

Fish Dinners are here starting Friday, March 7th, and continuing each Friday through April 11th. Come and enjoy our World Famous Fish Fry. We plan on offering other menu items as well, for kids and

those looking for an alternative to fish.

If you are interested in helping, please send me an email at:

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and let me know what days you are available to help. I am trying to set up a work schedule so we have enough help we need each week.

**Cruz Nights are Coming!**

Warm weather will be here soon and so will Damascus Cruz Nights! Our planning meeting will be 7 p.m. on Friday, April 4th. We have conveniently scheduled it on a Fish Fry Night so you can enjoy dinner before the meeting if you are hungry.

Norris "The Boss" Shapiro and I have been appointed Cruz Night Chairmen again and are looking forward to another great year. Please check our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/damascuscruisnight](http://www.facebook.com/damascuscruisnight)

to get the latest updates for Cruz Nights and other events happening at Damascus. □

*From the Quill ...*



*By Derek VanHouten, Recorder*

Boy, talk about an old fashioned Winter! I don't believe we have witnessed such a wide spread area of cold, snowy weather across our great country in a long time. The long-range forecast indicated a February thaw should occur later in the month. Oh well! It's just one day closer to Spring flowers and green grass.

There seems to be a lack of protocol at some of our meetings. I want to set the record straight. Partially, I think it's because of watching others that think they have it and unfortunately it carries on.

Specifically, what we call the "SALUTE." The Military Salute is used when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and during the singing of the National Anthem of the USA, Canada and Mexico. The Fez is NEVER removed when the Military Salute is used. I have seen too many times where our leaders take off the fez both at Shrine meetings and at Club meetings. A Noble who is wearing a fez will execute a Military Salute when the colors are within six paces from him and he will not remove his fez. After the Colors have passed, he should discontinue the Salute. I hope this clears up this practice.

An Imperial Officer, as well as a past Imperial Officer, is always addressed as "Imperial Sir" never as Illustrious Sir. It's embarrassing to the Nobility when improper protocols are used, so, hopefully, this instruction will be remembered by all.

Even though this is Winter, the usage of the Shrine Center is never lacking in activities. With upcoming Lenten

Fish Frys, Lodge meetings, Unit and Club Meetings, it is a busy place. We would ask that each group that uses the premises, PLEASE clean up after your function. Too many times we find trash containers not emptied and material left behind in the kitchen. It's not fair for the next renter or group to have to clean up someone else's mess. We want this Shrine Center to be a showplace; we all need to work together to keep it that way.

Dues have been coming in at a steady pace, but consider this a gentle reminder ... if you haven't paid or you are in arrears, please take the time to get your Dues in to the Office. We would appreciate it. 'Til next time. □



"Hey, Dad, did you see this?" Our newest reader Ian Lanza, son of Ken Lanza. He is catching up on the **Masonic Times** news.



**DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2014**  
**MARCH**

- 3rd Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.
- 5th Shrine Meeting, Balloting, Fellowship Night, Tiled
- 15th Murder Mystery Dinner, Open to the Public
- 28th Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.



- 29th Nile Installation at Webster Lodge, Open
- Lent Fish Fry - Open to the Public**
- March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th**



**APRIL**

- 2nd Shrine Meeting; Hot Sands Ceremonial
- Lent Fish Fry - Open to the Public**
- April 4th, 11th and 18th**



**MAY**

- 2nd & 3rd Next-to-New Sale, Open to the Public
- 5th Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.
- 7th Shrine Meeting, Past Potentate's Night



**Cruz Nights**  
**May 9th thru September 5th**



**Friday Night**  
**Fish Frys**  
**March 7th thru**  
**April 18th**



## SHRINEABILIA



By Derek VanHouten

Something a little different came across my desk the other day from Noble Donald Osborne. One of his hobbies is Stamp Collecting. He recently purchased a collection of envelopes from a friend in Massachusetts.

Among the collection was an envelope from Mount Sinai Temple in Montpelier, VT, dated December 11, 1894. It contained a copy of the Program for the 18th Annual Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on December 14, 1894. The business of the meeting was to receive reports from the Treasurer and Recorder and any other business that may come before the Temple. In addition, the Annual Election of Officers and two Representatives to the Imperial Session would take place. "There will be no work at this meeting."

A short poem was also mentioned ...  
"You never will regret the satisfaction you will get

By assisting in the future in the Line  
To help your fellow Brothers, enlighten lots of others,

By showing them the beauties of the Shrine."

"Round-trip tickets will be on sale from several small towns to the meeting at Convention rates on the Montpelier and Wells River Railroad.

At the close of the meeting, a Banquet will be held by Command of Ill. Potentate Edwin O. Hibbard and signed by Charles H. Heaton, Recorder."

Just a nice little look back on the early years of the Shrine. Mount Sinai was Chartered on October 31, 1876; currently it has a membership of 556 members. □

## I Love the Parades!

By Jim Kahn, Colonel of the Units

The Potentate has requested your participation in the first Call-out Parades of 2014.

### What is a Call-out Parade?

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

### Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, March 15th** - St. Patrick's Day Parade, The lineup is off East Avenue in Downtown Rochester.

**Saturday May 10th** - Lilac Festival Parade, the lineup is on Science Parkway off of South Avenue.

**Thursday, July 10th** - Webster Firemen Parade

More details to follow on Constant Contact. Please call Jim Kahn with any questions at (315) 253-2508.

Thank you for all your support. God Bless. □



## God Bless Our Troops

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- 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](mailto: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) 733-5829

Email: [reelxite@rochester.rr.com](mailto:reelxite@rochester.rr.com)



## March Birthdays



Harvey Anderson  
William Armstrong  
Thomas Baroody  
Gary Baxter  
Gordon Bell  
John Bennett  
Gregory Blair II  
Chapin Blake  
Larry Blazey  
Albert Broccolo  
John Bryce III  
Kevin Burke  
Bruce Christopher  
Robert Clark  
James Cleveland  
Harry Coates  
Franklin Davis II  
Kevin Faro  
Robert Fox  
Joshua Gilhuly  
Darold Grant, Jr.  
G. Thomas Grape  
William Gurnett  
Glenn Hedges

Jason Higley  
Sherwin Isaacs  
Hugh James  
Timothy Jennings  
Bruce Katz  
Murray Kellogg  
Wilfred Kershaw  
George Kerstetter, Jr.  
Kenneth Lanza  
Neil Laundry  
William Learn  
John Lee  
Bradley Lewis  
John Mainville  
Albert Mann  
Patrick McWhinney  
Richard Miles  
Kenneth Milner  
Patrick Nicholson  
Richard Palmer  
Larry Pritchard  
Thomas Pusateri  
Clayton Ruggles  
Franklin Russell, Jr.

Paul Schenck  
Glenn Scott  
Gary Shultz  
Steven Sill  
Raymond Smith  
William Smith  
George Stanton, Jr.  
William Sullivan  
Richard Topel, Sr.  
Richard Trescott  
Curt Vallentin  
Jeffrey VanHouten  
Nathan VanLoon  
Lloyd Verbridge  
Scott Waldeis  
Joel Walker  
William Warder  
Dale Waterhouse  
Scott Wells  
Philip Westcott, Jr.  
Cyril White  
Eldon White  
Berislav Zlokovic



# What's New in Erie...

By Bob Howden

## New Shriners Website Up: Changes/Additions Continue

The new Shriners Hospitals for Children® Website has been launched and can be seen at:

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

Everyone is reminded that the new site is a work-in-progress and information is still being added, changed and fine-tuned.

The re-designed website has a new look and the overall functionality that is vastly improved from the old site. Each Shriners Hospital Center has a distinct presence within the new site, providing specific information about that Center. 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.

The site is maintained by the Shriners Hospitals for Children® Corporate Public Relations Department in Tampa.

## Staff Recognized for Service During Child Life Month

March is National Child Life Month and Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center salutes Kristin Maguire and Michelle DeRooy, our Child Life Specialists, for what they do for Erie patients and families.

The Child Life Workers are the only health care providers in a child healthcare setting who are able to say they never cause discomfort to a patient. Kristin and Michelle support the patients through many procedures and use distraction to make it less stressful for the children. While it may look like play activity, these tactics are important for the patient's comfort and well-being. The Child Life Specialists also serve as advocates for the child and offer something very special and unique in their care.

In addition, Kristin and Michelle teach the patients and families about procedures and surgical experiences in terms the patient can understand. The psychosocial needs that children have when they go through a fearful, stressful event are addressed, and interventions are delivered so children can cope and leave the Erie facility with a positive, healthy mindset.

This is a service that helps Shriners - Erie provide the best quality care to our patients, and helps make Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie Center a very special place.

## Erie Movement Lab Part of Study Assessing Pitch Count's Bearing on Athletic Injury

In baseball lingo, pitch count is the number of pitches thrown by a pitcher

during a game. The correlation between pitch count and throwing arm injuries has been a hot-button issue in baseball for years and now is the focus of a new study by Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, Mercyhurst University Department of Sports Medicine, UPMC Hamot.

Often a starting pitcher will be removed from the game after 100 pitches, which is regarded as the maximum optimal pitch count for a starting pitcher. But is 100 an arbitrary benchmark?

Studies have tried to address the question, but most have looked at the way pitchers throw and how the motion changes with repetition as predictive of fatigue.

This new research project looks at motion, but it will also measure shoulder muscle strength and, for the first time, biomarkers. Biomarkers (short for biological markers) are used widely in medicine to predict serious illnesses like diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Could they predict joint stress in a pitching arm? Twelve student-athletes from the Mercyhurst University baseball team are serving as test subjects. Using high-speed cameras to track individual's movements as they throw, motion studies will be conducted by Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie under the guidance of project partner Kevin Cooney, PT, Manager of Rehabilitation Services and movement analysis at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie. He will be assisted by Jake Gdovin, a Graduate Student in Exercise Science at Mercyhurst and a Graduate Assistant at the Shriners Movement Analysis Lab. Samples of student-athletes' blood drawn before and after pitching sessions will be tested by UPMC Hamot to possibly diagnose joint stress in their bodies. Using neuromuscular testing technology, players will also be evaluated for shoulder strength before and after throwing.

This research project is a community partnership that pools resources from major health care facilities like Shriners Hospitals for Children® and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) and academic institutions like Mercyhurst University.

This study may not change the face of Major League Baseball in the near future, but if it can demonstrate a linkage between the elements of motion, strength and biomarkers in predicting fatigue, it might lay the groundwork for further studies and, ultimately, a more authentic measure for determining pitch count that could be implemented at levels from Little League to Major League.

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

# PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The January 23rd meeting was pretty well attended considering the stormy and cold night. Our speaker for the evening was Mara Rooney, owner and operator of the Dancing Goat Yarn Shop, which is located at 11 West Buffalo Street in Warsaw.

With a background in theater in New York City, she soon decided to open her own shop in Western New York, as the big city was not for her.

She loved to crochet, but quickly learned to knit and began her mission of promoting her arts. Her shop has been open since 2010 and displays a large assortment of yarns, accessories and finished products as examples of what can be accomplished. Some are for sale but she also teaches classes so her students can produce their own yarn products like hats, mittens, scarves, socks, shawls, sweaters or whatever your heart desires. Ladies and men can all learn this fun hobby.

Charles Feller, our Divan Representative, shared news from the Damascus Shrine Center. He provided information

on all upcoming events and prompted us to try to attend as many as we could.

The next meetings will be on the 4th Thursday of each month as follows:

March 27th - Lumberyard Restaurant; the program will be a photo "Moose Hunt" by Charlie Feller. That's right, a moose hunt with a camera not a gun. It sounds very interesting. You will not want to miss it.

April 24th - Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant; the program will be Tami Treutlein. Tami and her husband just bought the only theater in Warsaw. She will tell us what plans they have for this great old entertainment attraction.

May 22nd - Lumberyard Restaurant; Jim Van Sickle will tell us about "Indian Artifacts."

June 26th - The Club on Silver Lake; Howard Wood is making the plans for this Ladies Night event to honor our Ladies.

All meetings start at 6 p.m. to socialize; we order off of the menu for dinner at 6:45 p.m.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon. □

# AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

## Do You Have the Answers?

When I was in High School, we got new Trigonometry books. Our teacher was in the habit of assigning the odd-numbered problems one day and the even-numbered the next day - after we had gone over the previous day's answers so we had a pattern on how to solve the problems. If we did well the first day, we were exempt from the second day's assignment.

We always asked Miss Hockeborne if we could have the odd numbers the first night. As you have probably guessed, the answers to the odd numbered questions were in the back of the book. Poor Miss Hockeborne didn't learn of our ploy until halfway through the year. But the real losers were us. We had the answers, but not the questions or the skills to do it on our own.

Going forward to today ... instead

of using the Encyclopedia and finding the answers, we use our computers to Google, Bing or Yahoo our way through. These are just things I think of when I want to "just look in the back of the book" instead of doing my homework.

In January, we heard Sue Dwyer talk about her niche in County Government. I hope you went to the Valentine's Party in February.

March Meeting falls on St. Patrick's Day. We are going to party like the Irish at the Auburn Lodge Hall with music and dance. Menu will include Corned Beef and Cabbage, Guinness Irish Stew, Soda Bread, a sampling of Irish Desserts and, maybe, a little Irish Coffee. Wear your green and join in the spirit of the day. This is a BYOB night and it will only cost you \$10. Where else can you go on St. Patrick's day for that? □

# GENEVA SHRINE CLUB

By Lance McFetridge, President Christmas Ball

On December 21st, the Geneva Shrine Club held their Annual Christmas Ball. The event was well-attended with over 90 people enjoying the evening. Highlights of the evening were the spectacular gift baskets graciously donated by the Auburn Shrine Club as well as several check presentations made to both Shriners Hospitals for Children® in Erie and Springfield. Plans are underway for the 2014 gala event.

The Geneva Shrine Club meets the 4th Monday of each month - with the exception of June, July and August - at Nonna's Trattoria Restaurant. Attitude adjustment at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m., ordering off-the-menu. □



(l-r) Lyle Maldoon, Emeritus Member of the Erie Hospital Board and Past Potentate, Frank Russell Jr, Associate Member of the Erie Hospital Board.



Front Row (l-r) Lyle Maldoon, Frank Russell Jr., Kenneth Pollard, Lance Ward, James Kahn. Back Row (l-r) Lance McFetridge President Geneva Shrine Club.



(l-r) Kenneth Pollard, Emeritus Member of the Springfield Hospital Board, Lance Ward, Board Member of Springfield Hospital Board and Past Potentate, James Kahn Associate member of Springfield Hospital Board.



### Zama Temple No. 14, Daughters of the Nile

*Cordially invites you to the  
Open Installation of Officers and the Crowning of  
Princess Barbara Jean Smith*



*Saturday, March 29, 2014*

*Two O'clock p.m.*

*at Webster Masonic Hall*

*30 Orchard Street, Webster*



A Reception Dinner follows in Victoria Room of  
Burgundy Basin ~ 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford  
Arrival Time - 6:30 p.m. ~ \$30 per person ~ Deluxe Buffet  
Paid Reservations Due by March 15th  
Make Checks Payable to Zama Temple No. 14 and Send to:  
Carol Colegrove; 8 Cynthia Drive; Geneva, NY 14456-1308  
Ph: (315) 789-7956

### Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

## Wednesday, March 12th

Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster  
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.  
(Hors d'oeuvres ... Cash Bar)  
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

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

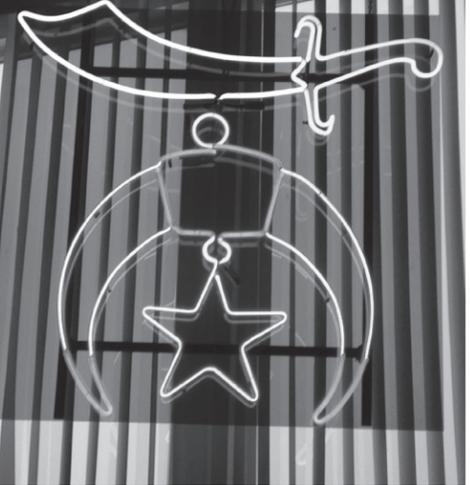
RSVP no later than Friday, **March 7th** at (585) 436-8216  
or email: [cylegalrx@hotmail.com](mailto:cylegalrx@hotmail.com)



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### 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

\$15.00 per person

Open to the Public

Come see our Potentate and Treasurer  
play critical roles!

Reservations due by Friday, March 7th

For reservations ...

Contact Debi Burke at 865-4940

Leave a message and phone number.

### Damascus Shrine Friday Night Fish Frys Open to the Public

*Every Friday Night During Lent*

March 7th thru Good Friday, April 18th

5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Cost - \$10

at Damascus Shrine Center



Dinner Includes:

Famous Fish Fry ~ Choice of Salt Potatoes or Fries  
Choice of Coleslaw or Green Salad ~ Roll & Butter

(Chicken Nuggets, Pasta and Weekly Specials are also available)

For more information, Contact: (585) 671-7701 or  
email: [office@damascusshriners.org](mailto:office@damascusshriners.org)

### Damascus Shriners Euchré Tournaments

Last Saturday of the Month ...

Spring Season ...

March 29th

April 26th

May 31st - End-of-Season

Party after Tournament



All Tournaments and Parties  
are Open to the Public

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

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

For more details: [office@damascusshriners.org](mailto:office@damascusshriners.org)  
(585) 671-7701 Damascus Shrine Center



### 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®



# ATTENDEES AT GENEVA SHRINE CLUB'S 2013 CHRISTMAS PARTY



## Drumlin Square Lodge Continued from Page 15

Lodge was held with some 30 participants who enjoyed an interesting evening of Fellowship.

Our Entered Apprentices were Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on February 16th and we are looking forward to their Raising on March 19th.

As we had assistance from District Brothers in the Work in February, we will again be grateful for the help necessary to successfully bring these new Brothers to Further Light.

This IS what Masonry is about! If you are willing and able, come and attend the Ritual for our newly to-be-Raised Master Masons. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., for which reservations can be made by email at:

kremac7@gmail.com or by calling John Krest at (315) 597-5060 no later than March 10th. Meeting and Ritual at 7:30 p.m.

It is anticipated that another interesting evening will take place on March 5th of this

month as we pay homage to our Past Masters from Walworth, Macedon, Palmyra and Drumlin Square as well as several current members of Drumlin Square who were Masters of other Lodges not involved in our consolidation.

While our scheduled communications are rapidly coming to a close, there are several interesting events scheduled in the coming weeks and months, so please make an effort to attend whenever you can. You are always welcome and there is always a Brother available to refresh memories, if needed. No Brother ever needs to be concerned about being embarrassed.

As always, I would remind you to remember the Masonic Care Community and the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. It is not necessary to make a large donation but any amount is always appreciated. Camp Turk, the Masonic Care Community, Scholarships for our Youth, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, Masonic Veterans and Masonic Relief, just to name a few, are all worthwhile causes. They need our support.

By the way, REMEMBER, Spring and Summer always follow WINTER and I hope they come SOON!!!

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Birthday Party on March 19th at the Canandaigua VA Hospital.

After an especially hard Winter, we will have a Regular Business Meeting on March 27th. We meet for lunch at 12 Noon, followed by a meeting at 1 p.m.

We lament the recent passing of Brother Bill Fredenburg, whose friendship and long service has been greatly appreciated. He was an enthusiastic member of the Post Color Guard as long as he was able and has created a vacancy in the ranks not easily filled.

**Support the  
Masonic Brotherhood  
Fund Campaign**

# Genesee-Wyoming

District Deputy Grand Master - Gary Busenlehner (585) 591-5754

Fridays from March 7th - April 18th

## Fish Frys During Lent

Fresh Haddock  
Cole Slaw  
French Fries or  
Baked Potato

\$ 9.50 - Fried Fish  
\$11.50 - Baked Fish  
\$ 1.00 - Coffee, Soda,  
Bottled Water

Take-out & Advanced Eat-in Orders  
Starts at 4:30 p.m. ... Call (585) 502-5155  
Eat-in Starts 5:00 p.m. 'til Sold Out  
at Masonic Community Center, 12 Bank Street, LeRoy

Sponsored by Olive Branch Lodge

### 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

By R.: W.: Neil Bedford

Olive Branch's Lenten Fish Frys will start on March 7th and continue every Friday during

Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 Presents

## Medieval Table Lodge

May 10th - 3 p.m.

Cost - \$25 per person

Reservations by April 25th

Limited to 50 Brothers

Beer \* Wine \* Soda

### Dinner Menu

Cajun Hardboiled Eggs ~ Tomato Juice Cocktail

Salad Roll ~ Pulled Pork Sliders

Sorbet ~ Shrimp Cocktail

Giant Turkey Leg ~ Salt Potatoes ~ Rolls ~ Dessert

For Reservations, contact Bill MacPherson, Master

Cell: 261-8257; Email: nardow3@msn.com or

Neil Bedford, Secretary

Cell: 202-4571; email: nbedford67@gmail.com

Ellenville, April 10th - 13th.

May 10th - Our 2nd Annual Medieval Table Lodge will open at 3 p.m. The cost this year is \$25 per person; you will not go away hungry. The Table Lodge will be limited to 50 Brothers. See our ad above for details.

### Sad News

It is my sad duty to inform the Brothers of the passing of W.: Douglas S. Poole, Secre-

tary Emeritus of Olive Branch Lodge. He was called home to the Great Architect of the Universe on January 30th. Doug became a Mason in Genesee Lodge on June 9th, 1988, where he later became Master. He affiliated with Olive Branch Lodge in 2001 and became its Master and then long-time Secretary. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. □

District will again be traveling to New York by train and staying at the Edison Hotel. Details have been communicated to each Lodge and are available from the DDGM if needed.

May 18th - The O/S/Y District Memorial Service will be held at the United Church of Phelps at 2 p.m. when the Brothers from our District who laid down their Working Tools in 2013 will be remembered.

Please visit our District Website at:

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

for updated news, events and information. The website is updated regularly and has both District and specific Lodge information available. □

## 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



On January 23rd, eight Ark Lodge Brothers delivered the Traveling Trowel to Geneva Lodge and helped open the Lodge. They had a very interesting program, presented by Von Strahan, on trapping in New York State. He showed several types of traps and many furs from animals he had trapped. It was a wonderful evening of Masonic Fellowship and I hope Ark and Geneva Lodge will be able to pool their resources and do more together.

On January 29th, several Brothers traveled to Farmer-ville-Union Lodge in Interlaken to participate in a Table Lodge.

honest in fear of punishment from the law, religious in expectation of reward, or fearful of the devil. A Freemason is just, not because of written laws but because of laws written in his heart by the finger of the Great Architect of the Universe. He restrains his passions because they cannot be indulged without injury to his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense because he does choose to be offended. A Freemason contracts no debt which he is not certain he can discharge, because he is honest upon principle.

A big Fraternal thank you to R.: W.: Jed Brandow, DDGM; our Staff Officer, R.: W.: Robert Hanggi; and AGLs R.: W.: Fred Newton and R.: W.: Steve Durso, for their tireless efforts on behalf of the O/S/Y District. All of you have been an inspiration to your Brothers in the District and I know you all will continue to be a valuable resource in the District.

### Upcoming Events

March 8th - *Masonic Development Course* at Milo Lodge, Penn Yan. Breakfast at the Wagner Restaurant at 8 a.m.

March 19th - Stated Communication □

## Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

1st & 3rd  
Tuesdays



Master  
W.: Kenneth  
Gibbs  
47 Hoffman Ave.  
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Secretary

R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles  
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67 Ontario Street, Phelps 14532

By R.: W.: Bob Ruggles

We have started having fundraisers with some success. Pancake Breakfasts will be looked at more in the future.

### Veteran Supporters

Our February 4th Communication was like an unscheduled Past Masters' Night. The Wardens' Chairs were occupied by W.: Paul Adams in the West and W.: Fred Wheeler in the South. W.: Ernest Day served as Senior Deacon and R.: W.: Jed Brandow was Junior Deacon. The East was occupied by Brother Stephen Durso, Jr., current Senior Warden, as the Master is recuperating from knee surgery. All did a fine job with the appropriate Ritual, with a bit of prompting.

Remember, the first meeting of the month begins with a Potluck Meal at 6:30 p.m. Come join us.

On May 1st, the Lodge will be sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Phelps Community Center between 2 and 7 p.m. We could use help with registration and in the Canteen. If you could help for a couple of hours, contact the Master or Secretary.

### Sickness and Distress

It was good to see Brother Carlson back after his surgery. We also wish a speedy recovery for W.: Gibbs.

### From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers who have not done so are reminded to remit their Dues. It's important to stay current, so the possibility of being

## 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](mailto:jkbrandow@yahoo.com)

This Winter has certainly seemed to be colder, snowier and more harsh than many in recent memory. While we may all have considered the option of hibernation as a solution, the Brothers of the Ontario-Seneca-Yates District have stayed busy this Winter.

Early February saw our District continue our support of the Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester by covering two days for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign at Eastview Mall in Victor. Brothers from several Lodges around the District combined to cover the shifts. We had a wonderful time working together to support a terrific cause. I thank each and every Brother for giving your time and helping to make this Campaign a success.

Degree work continued around the District as five Brothers were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft at John Hodge Lodge in Naples. The Ritual work was excellent and 40 Brothers from around the District were on hand to support the Candidates and the Lodge. Degree work will continue throughout the Winter and Spring around the District. Please make an effort to attend.

Lent. There will be eat-in and take-outs available starting at 4:30 p.m. For pre-orders, please call the Lodge at 502-5155. Brothers, please come, bring your friends and support our Lodge's main fundraiser of the year.

### Upcoming Activities

March 8th - The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Batavia Assembly of Olive Branch Lodge, will be holding a Breakfast fundraiser from 8 until 11 a.m. at the Community Center. Please lend your support. The Girls will also be attending Grand Assembly in

I know our Candidates appreciate the support, as do the Lodges holding the Degrees.

Geneva Lodge had an excellent program on trapping. Eight Brothers from Ark Lodge attended and brought the Traveling Trowel along for extra measure. As of this writing the Traveling Gavel remains at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge. The location of the gavel and trowel are updated regularly on the O/S/Y information page of our District website:

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

### Upcoming Events

March 8th - O/S/Y District Association meeting, Milo Lodge Hall, Penn Yan at 9 a.m. For those wishing, Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. at the Wagner Restaurant (across the street). The purpose of the Association is Communication and Brotherhood. All Brothers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

March 8th - The *Masonic Development Course* will be offered by the Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Robert Hanggi, immediately following the O/S/Y District Association meeting. Please contact R.: W.: Brother Hanggi at [rhanggi@msn.com](mailto:rhanggi@msn.com) to make your reservation.

April 12th - The O/S/Y District Surviving Spouses Luncheon will be held at the Clifton Springs Country Club at Noon. This is a very special way for us to continue to remember and support our surviving spouses. Further information regarding reservations and program will be forwarded to the Lodges directly.

May 3rd-7th - Trip to New York City for Grand Lodge. Our

dropped for Non-Payment of Dues can be avoided.

I am again requesting that Brothers send me their email address. Having your email address is useful for contacting Brothers on short notice. Thank you.

**March Birthdays**  
We send March Birthday Greetings to Robert Taylor III (7th), Charles Anderson (22nd), Ramon Howard (22nd), Garry

Clock (23rd) and Clayton Rugles (23rd).

**Masonic Anniversaries**  
The following Brothers were Raised in March:

- |      |                            |
|------|----------------------------|
| 1954 | <b>Nelson Gulvin</b>       |
|      | <b>Robert Lash</b>         |
| 1972 | <b>Norman Schafer</b>      |
| 1981 | <b>Stephen Phillips</b>    |
| 1989 | <b>Robert Patrick, Jr.</b> |
| 2003 | <b>Kenneth Gibbs</b>       |
|      | <b>Shawn Grube</b> ☐       |

The 2nd Degree will be on April 3rd, with dinner at the Gunsmoke Restaurant at 6 p.m. and Degree at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in having a part in either Degree, please contact Mike Grady for the 1st Degree or John Gallant for the 2nd.

Our 3rd Degree will be on May 15th. We will have a dinner at the Lodge at 6 p.m.. We will be asking for reservations for that dinner as it will be prepared in-house. We have already set up Mentoring Classes for our four Candidates which will be led by John Gallant, Jim Manning, and Mike Brown.

I'm really looking forward to these events; it's going to be quite a thing having the Lodge full of Candidates and Brothers from our Lodge and the District conferring Degrees! A rehearsal is scheduled for the 1st Degree on March 5th - please make every effort to attend.

**Spring Calendar**

We also have several other events scheduled for the Spring. April 5th is the District Ladies Night. I am making a concerted

effort to have as many of our Widows and Ladies there! We might need drivers for some of the Widows, but put this date on the calendar for you and your Lady.

On April 12th we will be putting on a Lunch for the Peddlers Market. Jim and Rick are putting together the menu and making the plans. We will need some volunteers to help serve and clean up.

April 26th will be the basement cleanout. We will need many strong backs and hands as we look to clean and reorganize it.

**Volunteer Now**

August 3rd will be our Golf Tournament. We need sponsors and volunteers, as well as golfers. Dick Trescott is the front man for the Tournament, so please call him.

We had a successful *Have-a-Heart* activity at Marketplace Mall. Dick, Jim, John, Ed Hopkins, and I worked the 6-9 p.m. shift and had a good time meeting people and getting them to donate.

Our "Shake the Winter Blues" dinner at Yianni's in Gates was

fantastic. We ended up with six couples for a wonderful evening of food and conversation. Thank you, Derek Howlett, for setting it up and John Gallant for bringing the roses for each of the Ladies. We will do this again soon!



Lastly, I've included a picture of the Apron we discovered during our archeological dig in the Lodge. I would love to know if any of you know anything about it. We think it is the Apron of a Brother who came from Ireland in the early 1800s, but know little more about it. We are hoping to hang some of the pictures we found somewhere in the building soon.

As you can see, there is much to be done. Please drop in and visit or help. We'd love to see you along the way! ☐

## Livingston District

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What a busy end of the year we are going to have, and what a

great predicament we are in. With the acceptance by the committee of our last two Candidates, we are moving forward with a Degree schedule for the Spring.

**Degree Schedule**

Our 1st Degree will be on March 6th. As usual, we will meet at the Gunsmoke Restaurant at 6 p.m. for dinner. Our Candidates are invited so it can be a chance to get to know them a little better on a social basis. The Degree will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

## Wayne District

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

**District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District**  
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**Jay A. DeWispelaere**  
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We have endured the Winter and the first day of Spring is now only a few weeks away. As we all anticipate Winter turning to Spring and the promise of Summer beyond, we must also anticipate the business that each Lodge must conduct over these next few months.

**Grand Lodge**  
All Masters of Wayne District Lodges have received communication regarding attending Grand Lodge Sessions in May. Final plans for travel and lodging will be made soon. Please consider making the trip with your Brothers this year to conduct the important business of running this great enterprise we call Freemasonry.

**Changing of the Guard**  
Election of Officers will be conducted by most Lodges over the next several months. It is time to begin canvassing for Brothers interested in stepping into Line as leaders of their Lodge. As each Lodge considers its line for the coming year, look to those Brothers who have shown qualities throughout the past few months that will benefit the Lodge; leadership, organization, communication and integrity will help move the Lodge and the Fraternity forward.

**Association Meeting**  
The March Masters and Wardens Association meeting will be Monday, March 10th. I believe V.: W.: Joe Green, AGL, is or-

ganizing the dinner and program for the night. Stay tuned for more information about this event.

**Ritual Renaissance**

Saturday, March 29th - Ritual Renaissance Project, 8 a.m., Shrine Center, Webster. The Ritual Coordinator of each Lodge should make plans to attend this session. Communications regarding the program have been forwarded to each Lodge.

Please contact your Lodge Master or Secretary regarding other Ritual Renaissance Project Sessions in and around the Central Western New York area. ☐

**Grand Director of Ceremonies Wayne**  
  
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**Masonic Development Course**  
Brethren, the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* will concentrate on the 3rd Degree at our final session on Saturday, March 1st. You can still join us at Sodus Lodge, 4 East Main Street, Sodus from 9-11 a.m. It will give you a flavor for the *MDC* for the future.

**Road to the East**

The participants have agreed they would like to jump right into the *Road to the East* Course so we finish before May. Our first session will be on Saturday, March 29th at Sodus Lodge, from 9-11:30 a.m.

The second session is tentatively scheduled for April 12th.

The final session is tentatively scheduled for April 26th, so we don't interfere with Easter activities. Call (315) 483-2745

or email me at: [soduspowleys@msn.com](mailto:soduspowleys@msn.com) if you plan to attend so I have your course materials. The total cost is \$50 for *The 24-Inch Gauge* and refreshments.

The Leadership and Education Committee firmly believes that every participant should have his own copy of *The 24-Inch Gauge*. However, each Lodge should have a copy as well for its Officers' use. I believe the more participants we have, the better the Course will be. This Course is appropriate for anyone in the Line of Officers of a Lodge. Again, notify me as soon as possible so I have your materials for our March 29th kick-off session.

**By-Laws Review**

Several Lodges have found they need to update their By-Laws to allow the Lodge to close for severe weather. This would have been very useful with this Winter's polar outbreaks.

When was the last time your Lodge By-Laws were reviewed and updated? Your Lodge Secretary should be able to provide you with the current By-Laws if you ask for them. Sodus Lodge has changed their meeting time from 8 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. by changing their By-

Laws in December.

I hope to see you at the March Masters and Wardens Association meeting. Our DDGM has been working hard to provide us with interesting programs. Dinner is served at 6:45 p.m. and we are usually closed by 8:30 p.m. If you can only attend the meeting, it starts at 7:30 p.m. It's a great way to meet Brothers from other Lodges!

God bless you, your family, our service personnel and our Country! ☐

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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Chapter Rose Croix  
Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection



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

## Coming Attractions

We are looking forward to our Spring Reunion (4°, 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 27° and 31°.

## College of Freemasonry

Just a reminder: the date is set and place is 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 on this in future articles. This is a signature event for the Valley of Rochester and is talked about throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, as well as the Southern Jurisdiction. Let's get the word out, so that our Brothers can make their plans in plenty of time.

## Road Trip Dates Set

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 10th through April 13th. On April 11th and 12th, we will witness the Kadosh and Consistory Degrees. A basic package of \$500 per person has been quoted, that will afford us four days and three nights and includes bus transportation, hotel and tour. Sublime Prince Gordon Hubble, 32° DSA, has agreed to chair this event. It is now time to make your reservations; call the office at 425-0033.

## "Lite from the Rite"

Our membership chairman, John Lemke, 32° DSA, and his team will be presenting his play "The Peacemakers" on Thursday, March 20th at the Shrine Center. There will be a presentation on Scottish Rite. Bring your Brothers.

A spaghetti dinner will be provided by the Valley of Rochester. Please call 425-0033 for your dinner reservations. Social begins at 5:30 p.m. (cash bar). Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m. See you there.

Note: we had a great time on January 18th as Hornellsville Lodge hosted our "Rite on the Road" event. Thanks for your hospitality Brothers.

## Children's Dyslexia Center has Moved!

By Ann Kaczka, Director

Please be advised that as of February 1st, the Children's Dyslexia Center in Honor of Frank & Bette Paul moved into a NEW location with new contact information.

### Children's Dyslexia Center

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## Musings

A little bit o' light from the CIC – part 3 (Continued from last month).

In 1240 the Knights received an earnest petition from the Duke of Poland for aid against the Turks, who were ravaging his dominions, and by the enormous multitude of their hosts were able to defeat any army he could bring into the field. The Knights accepted the invitation and took part in a series of bloody and obstinate battles, in which they lost many combatants. Also, they had a new enemy to encounter in the Duke of Pomerania, who had been their ally, but who now sided with the Prussians against them. In the war that ensued the Duke was defeated, several of his strongholds were taken, and he was obliged to sue for peace.

However, in 1243, the Duke recommenced hostilities, and with more success. Culm was besieged. Great miseries were endured by the inhabitants and the slaughter was so great in the continuous battles that very few men remained. The Bishop even counselled the widows to marry their servants, that the population of the town might not become extinct. The war was continued for several years with varying fortune, until the Duke of Austria was able to mediate a peace.

About this time a disputed election caused a schism in the Order, and two rival Grand Masters for several years divided the allegiance of the Knights, till Henry de Hohenlohe was recognized by both sides as Master. During his term of office, successful war was carried on in Courland and other neighboring countries, which resulted in the spread of Christianity and the advance of the power of the Order. At the same time, the Teutonic Order took part in the crusades in Palestine, and shared with the Templars and Hospitalers the successes and reverses there.

In the many conflicts in which they participated, the Knights, though often defeated, steadily advanced their dominion, and erected fortresses, which became the centers around which cities and towns ultimately arose. Among these were Dantzic, Koenigsberg, Elbing, Marienberg, and Thorn.

By the year 1283, the Order was in possession of all the country between the Vistula and the Memel, Prussia, Courland,

part of Livonia, and Samogitia; commanderies were established everywhere to hold it in subjection, and bishoprics and monasteries were founded for the spread of Christianity among the heathen population. In the contests between the Venetians and the Genoese, the Teutonic Knights aided the former, and in 1291, after the loss of Acre, the Grand Master took up his residence in Venice.

About this time the Pope originated a scheme for the union of the three Orders of the Hospitalers, the Templars, and the Teutonic Knights, into one great Order, purposing at the same time to engage the Emperor and the kings of Christendom to lay aside all their quarrels, and combine their forces for the recovery once and for all of the Holy Land.

Difficulties without number, which proved insuperable, prevented the realization of this scheme. Among these was the objection raised by the Teutonic Knights, that while the Hospitalers and Templars had but one object in view - the recovery of Palestine, their Order had to maintain its conquests in the North of Europe, and to prosecute the spread of the true faith among the still heathen nations.

In 1309, when all hope of the recovery of the Christian dominion in the East had been abandoned, and no further crusades seemed probable, it was determined to remove the seat of the Grand Master from Venice to Marienberg. At a chapter of the Order held there, further regulations were agreed upon for the government of the conquered countries, some of which are very curious, but give an interesting picture of the state of the people and of society at that period.

Thus it was commanded that no Jew, necromancer, or sorcerer should be allowed to settle in the country. Masters who had slaves, and generally Prussians, prisoners of war, were obliged to send them to the parish church to be instructed by the clergy in the Christian religion. German alone was to be spoken, and the ancient language of the country was forbidden, to prevent the people hatching conspiracies, and to do away with the old idolatry and heathen superstitions. Prussians were not allowed to open shops or taverns, nor to act as surgeons or accoucheurs.

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## Valley of Rochester Spring – 2014

### MARCH

March 19th - Rite on the Road at Livonia Lodge Hall  
Brother Bring-a-Brother Night  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - "The Peacemakers" Presentation

March 20th - Brother Bring-a-Brother/ Brother Bring-a-Friend  
at Shrine Center

Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)

Program - 7:30 p.m. ~ "The Peacemakers" -

a Civil War Era Short Play by Valley of Rochester Players

### APRIL

April 6th - Feast of the Paschal Lamb at Shrine Center  
3:00 p.m. Sharp - Program followed by Prime Rib Dinner (\*\*)

April 17th - "Light from the Rite" Meeting at Shrine Center  
Guest Speaker - Jeff Williamson -  
"Making and Keeping Masons"

Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. - \$15 per person (\*\*)  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

April 26th - Spring Reunion at Shrine Center  
4° Video, 18°, (27°, 31° by Valley of Buffalo) and 32°  
Candidates are to be present by 8:30 a.m.  
Coffee & Donuts - 8:00 a.m. ~ Degrees - 9:00 a.m. Lunch (\*\*)

### MAY

May 15th - Elections and Installation at Shrine Center  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)

Valley Program - 7:30 p.m.

May 17th - Reunion Banquet at  
Cobblestone Creek Country Club

Special presentations and recognition of new members.  
Social - 6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner and Program - 7:00 p.m. (\*\*)

\*\* Make your reservations On Time! Don't be Late!  
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity (585) 425-0033  
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The wages of servants were strictly settled, and no increase or diminution was permitted. Three marks and a half a year were the wages of a carpenter or smith; two and a half marks of a coachman; a mark and a half of a laborer; two marks of a domestic servant; and half a mark of a nurse. Masters had the right to follow their runaway servants, and to pierce their ears; but if they dismissed a servant before the end of his term of service, they must pay him a year's wages.

Servants were not allowed to marry during time of harvest and vintage, under penalty of losing a year's wages and paying a fine of three marks. No bargains were to be made on Sundays and festivals, and no shops were to be open on those days till after morning service.

Sumptuary laws of the most stringent nature were passed, some of which appear very singular. At a marriage or other domestic festival, officers of justice might offer their guests six measures of beer, tradesmen must not give more than four, peasants only two. Playing for money, with dice or cards, was forbidden. Bishops were to visit their dioceses every three years, and to aid missions to the heathen. Those who gave drink to others must drink of the same beverage themselves, to avoid the danger of poisoning, as commonly practised by the heathen Prussians. A new coinage was also issued.

The next half-century was a period of general prosperity and advance for the Order. It was engaged almost incessantly in war, either for the retention of its conquests or for the acquisition of new territory. There were also internal difficulties and dissensions, and contests with the bishops.

In 1308, the Archbishop of Riga appealed to Pope Clement V, making serious charges against the Order, and endeavoring to prevail upon him to suppress it in the same way as the Templars had lately been dealt with. However, Gerard, Count of Holstein, came forward as the defender of the Knights. A formal inquiry was opened before the Pope at Avignon in 1323. The principal charges brought forward by the Archbishop were that the Order had not fulfilled the conditions of its sovereignty in defending the Church against its heathen enemies; that it did not regard excommunications; that it had offered insolence to the Archbishop, and seized some of the property of his see, and other similar accusations. The Grand Master explained some

of these matters, denied others, and produced an autograph letter of the Archbishop's, in which he secretly endeavored to stir up the Grand Duke of Lithuania to make a treacherous attack upon some of the fortresses of the Knights. The end of the matter was that the case was dismissed, and there is little doubt that there were serious faults on both sides. The times were indeed full of violence, cruelty and crime. The annals abound with terrible and shameful records, bloody and desolating wars, and individual cases of oppression, injustice, and cruelty.

Now a Grand Master is assassinated in his chapel during vespers; now a judge is proved to have received bribes, and to have induced a suitor to sacrifice the honor of his wife as the price of a favorable decision. Wealth and power led to luxury and sensuality, the weaker were oppressed, noble and bishop alike showing themselves proud and tyrannical. There are often two contradictory accounts of the same transaction, and it is impossible to decide where the fault really was, when there seems so little to choose between the conduct of either side.

The conclusion seems forced upon us that human nature was in those days much the same as it is now, and that riches and irresponsible authority scarcely ever fail to lead to pride and to selfish and oppressive treatment of inferiors. When we gaze upon the magnificent cathedrals that were rising all over Europe at the bidding of the great of those times, we are filled with admiration, and disposed to imagine that piety and a high standard of religious life must have prevailed; but a closer acquaintance with historical facts dissipates the illusion, and we find that then, as now, good and evil were mingled.

The history of the Order for the next century presents little of interest. In 1388 two of the Knights repaired to England by order of the Grand Master, to make commercial arrangements with that country, which had been rendered necessary by the changes introduced into the trade of Europe by the creation of the Hanseatic League. A second commercial treaty between the King of England and the order was made in 1409.

I'll continue this in my next article; there is much written on this subject.

Source of this information was: [www.history-world.org](http://www.history-world.org), *Teutonic Knights: Their Organization And History 1190-1809* by F.C. Woodhouse. □

By John Lemke, 32° DSA  
2nd Lt. Commander

The future is the time to do new things. Right now is not good. There is so much to do now that trading water seems appropriate, maybe even positive. I'm sure most men desire to change in a positive way. Many men want to grow personally, but find reasons, good reasons they think, to stay put. Decisions can be postponed. It seems there will always be tomorrow. Everyone is busy.

**You're Invited**

In Masonry, a path for growth is the Scottish Rite. Let me invite all Brothers reading this to attend the Open Meeting the Scottish Rite will hold on Thursday, March 20th. If you are a Scottish Rite Brother, please bring a Brother whom you think might like to find out about the Scottish Rite.

We will present "The Peacemakers." This is the new "Lincoln Degree," a Degree anyone can see, which takes place right before the end of the Civil War. It has been well received.

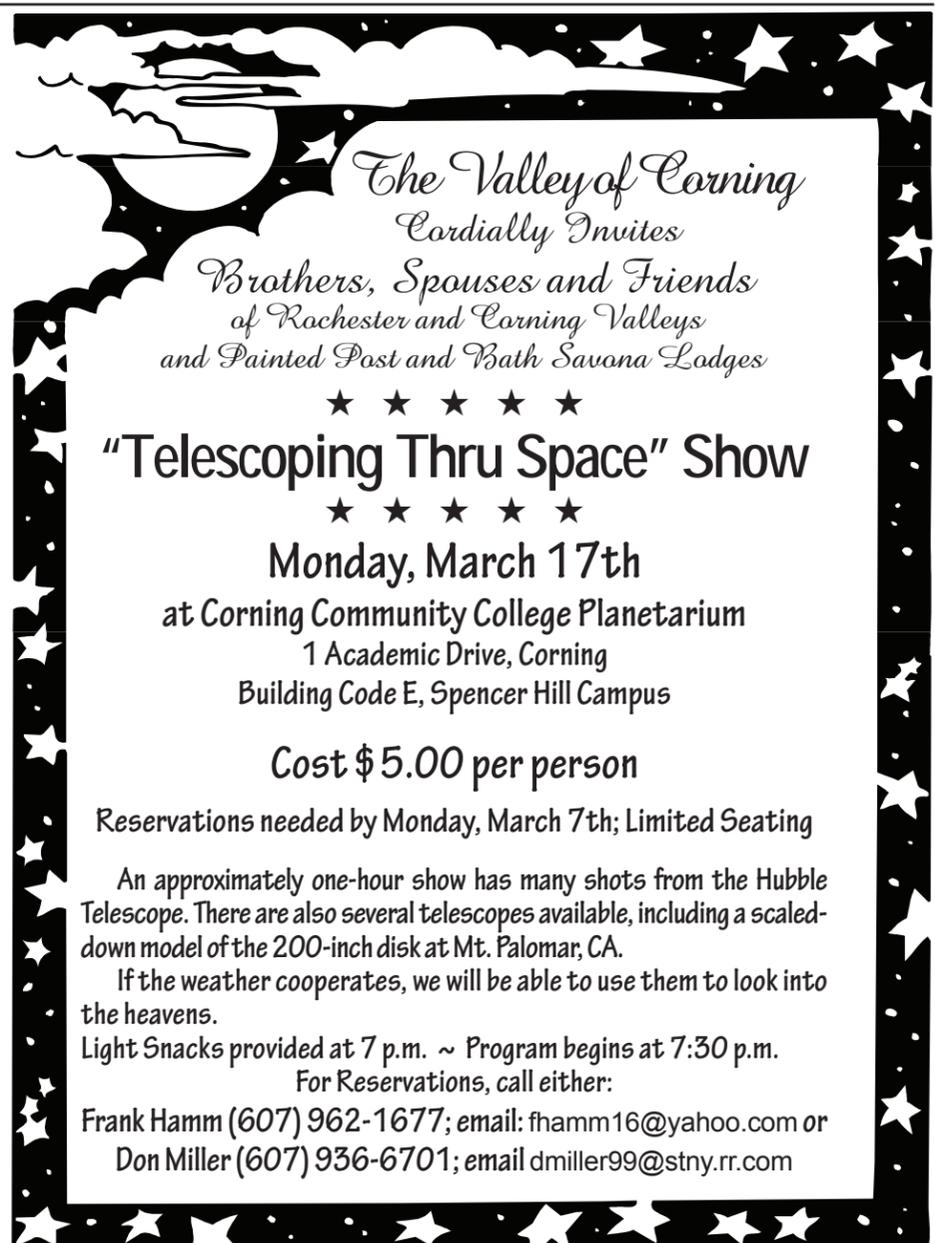
I will also present an overview on a theory on how we fit into the great cycles of history and how each generation seems to have a particular place. It seems, for example, that the "Boomer Generation"

is quite different from "Generation X," and then you have the "Millennias."

There are four generational archetypes. Lincoln, for example, was of the same type of generation as the Boomers. Hence my portraying Lincoln may fit for reasons even beyond appearance. The way each generation looks at things affects greatly the great cycles of America.

Some think we are now in a crisis analogous to the Civil War and the Revolutionary War, but haven't yet reached the climax of the crisis. The generation just older than the Boomers is the Silent Generation and the generation older yet is the GI Generation. Believe it or not the GI generation and Generation X should be analogous types. Attend and see how these great cycles may affect your life and Masonry. Of course, the theory may be rubbish but makes sense to many. Men joined Masonry like mad in the Civil War. In a crisis you don't want to be alone.

We will start the evening with a dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m. The dinner will be provided by the Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester at no cost to those attending, but you need to make reservations. Please make



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Light Snacks provided at 7 p.m. ~ Program begins at 7:30 p.m.  
For Reservations, call either:  
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reservations with our Valley Secretary so we know how many will attend. The bar opens at 5:30 p.m., if we have a bartender, but the drinks won't be on the house. It's nice to socialize.

Sophocles said, "Heaven never helps

the man who will not act." Take the step now to see how you can grow as a person while having a lot of fun. The meeting on March 20th will be enjoyable and inspirational and is conveniently located at the Shrine Center in Webster. Please attend. □

# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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By E.: John Zabel

Special thanks to all who participated in the Royal Arch Festival in Palmyra on January 25th. These thanks include John Zabel who, as District Deputy Grand High Priest, coordinated the event.

I welcome Companion Charles Prince, Jr., and Companion Lance J. Daul to Hiram Chapter.

I will be attending Grand Chapter in Albany on March 6th thru 8th where I will be anointed as High Priest. I will then, officially, be High Priest of Hiram Chapter No. 62.

In reflecting on this event, I thought I might briefly discuss the first Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of New York.

DeWitt Clinton (1769-1828) was acclaimed as one of the greatest Statesmen that New York State has ever produced. We all know, from our New York State History, that DeWitt Clinton was a tireless servant of the State.

He was a graduate of Columbia University where he studied Law. He was Secretary to his uncle, George Clinton. He served as Mayor of New York City, State Senator, United States Senator and Governor of New York.

He was an early proponent of public education and a driving force for abolishing slavery in New York State. He spearheaded the construction of the Erie Canal, which became the gateway to the American West and, coincidentally, was instrumental in making Rochester America's first "Boom Town."

What many may not know is that DeWitt Clinton was one of the most prominent Freemasons of his day. He was Master of Holland Lodge No. 16 in 1793; the first Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York in 1798; the first Grand High Priest of the United States General Grand Chapter in 1816. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of New York in 1814, and Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States in 1816.

If this wasn't enough, he served as Grand Master of Masons for the State of New York from 1806 to 1819.

I'm excited about serving the Chapter and, hopefully, will see great numbers coming to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. I ex-

pect to be spending a lot of time on Ritual this year. We will be working on the four Degrees and discussing their meaning and how they relate to Symbolic Masonry.

On April 9th, We will be visiting Wayne Lodge to perform the "Peculiar Stone." I look forward to meeting with our Brothers from the Wayne District. I encourage all Masters to consider using the Concordant Bodies - both York Rite and Scottish Rite - for programs in your respective Lodges. We are here to serve. □

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12



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3rd Monday

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I recently encountered a Brother whom I had not seen in a very long time. As we talked and recapped our personal status, it became obvious he had a lot of negative experience in his life. He was divorced, estranged from his family, lost his business and NPD'd from his Blue Lodge and expelled from his church. His life is a wreck and he has no clue as to what to do.

Someone had told him he had little credibility because he consistently failed to meet any of his commitments in life. I asked him to clarify. He then launched a tirade wherein he stated that most people did not appreciate that oaths, promises and obligations were only words adopted by society as a formality and not really binding or worthy of serious commitment. As an example, he cited the penalties of the obligations taken in the Masonic Degrees. He said he could not take them seriously because they were not practical today. Similarly the vows and promises of the church and society are basically eyewash and without substance.

I reviewed with him each of his self-proclaimed problem areas. In each circumstance, whether intimate or not, he expressed his disdain for the superficial expectations of people and society. He firmly believes he is right and the world is wrong.

Since he chose to use a Fraternal reference for the start of his explanation, I decided to use the Craft as the basis of my rebuttal. I asked him if he knew the responsibilities of a member of the Craft. Other than payment of Dues, he could not state any membership responsibilities that he understood or had agreed to accept and fulfill.

I suspect he is not alone. Today, there are many who do not think in those terms. They look and accept only the benefits that they understand and want of membership.

Following our discussion I have

reflected upon this experience and wonder if perhaps part of our decline in membership numbers may be attributed to a general perception on the part of some of our members that parallels that of the old former Brother above. Could it be that the basic Tenets of our gentle Craft are not understood or practiced by our members.

Without going into detail concerning the responsibilities assumed in the Degree obligations, I'd like to comment on some of the things that are assumed but not necessarily stated as conditions of membership.

Be vocal about the kinds of things you expect from your Lodge, Chapter or Commandery. Participate in as many programs and events as possible. Attend meetings - if they are boring, let the Presiding Officer know and suggest positive changes. If there are things you do not understand, ask for an explanation.

Be understanding but firm that you expect better consistency. You are part of the Fraternal family. Don't be eager to air dirty laundry. Do not allow emotion to dictate your actions. Don't become part of the problem.

Support normal increases in Annual Fees or Dues. It is a fact of life in all other businesses. The Masonic Body is no different. A Lodge in and of itself is not a philanthropic organization. It must stretch its revenues and resources to cover its operational costs, like all other entities. Understand there will be other experiences that you may truly enjoy at other clubs or facilities and wish to incorporate into your Lodge, but those activities or venues may not work for your Lodge.

Again, be proactive, but understand your Club's philosophy and/or limitations. Abide by your own expectations, but know that in order to provide for your needs, the Officers need the appropriate tools.

Make membership replenishment a way of life. No organization can survive without some form of marketing and sales. In the private Fraternity, it is the only traditional (and in some cases) legal means of matriculation. Through your participation, you are assisting the Lodge and yourself in holding costs to a reasonable level per membership. Be active in donating your time to assisting the Officers in functions and activities. Understand the nature of your involvement as a volunteer and try not to become "over-involved." Learn, also, when to say "No."

Allow your Officers to manage the facilities and operations governed by the memberships' goals. Support open and honest communications from the Trustees and Officers regarding issues affecting the general membership.

Okay, okay, so the article wasn't really about the privileges so much as the responsibilities. But I'll guarantee you this, if you just do some of these

things, if you just try to understand some of the issues and if you will simply participate in the membership replenishment process, your Lodge, indeed your membership, will become a much more valuable asset to you and to your family.

Membership does have its privileges. We just need to remember that to maintain those privileges, we as members, have responsibilities as well.

A Fraternity can only be as strong or efficient as the members who carry out daily operations and work together to solve problems. But an individual member's list of duties and responsibilities extends far beyond the basic job description. Some duties apply to all jobs, while others are specific to certain types of positions.

Many of an Officer's duties are listed at his Installation. Officers generally reveal the full job description during an interview or training process. As an Officer, you're responsible for understanding your job description as well as knowing whom to ask for help or explanation. This may mean becoming familiar with Constitution and By-Laws Policies or completing on-the-job training to learn first-hand how your job fits into the Fraternity as a whole.

The Masonic Fraternity enforces a Code of Conduct that limits which topics you can discuss while in Lodge, or how you interact with colleagues. Every member has a responsibility to make others feel comfortable in the Lodge as well as a duty to be respectful and accept instructions from Officers and senior members.

Plenty of components within the Craft are out of a man's control, making it imperative that he manage the items that are in his control. Punctuality is among the controllable factors and staying a few minutes after the formal meeting is over is appreciated. Members should also dress appropriately for the meeting and show up with a positive attitude for the work ahead. Showing respect to Officers, fellow members and visitors can set the tone for a positive Lodge experience.

### Commitment

Your appearance exhibits commitment to the Craft. Keep hair neat and nails well manicured. In addition to excelling at the task at hand, this behavior can lead to advancement and promotion within a body.

In a day when commitment is a rare commodity, it should come as no surprise that Craft membership is such a low priority to so many members. Sadly, it is not uncommon for members to move from Lodge to Lodge, never committing themselves to the discipline of the Lodge experience and never committing themselves to the Lodge in general.

### Membership Matters

Living out a commitment to a local Blue Lodge involves many responsibilities ... exemplifying a Masonic lifestyle

in the community, exercising one's spiritual gifts in diligent service, contributing financially to the work of the charity, giving and receiving admonishment with meekness and in love, and faithfully participating in Masonic affairs. Much is expected, but much is at stake. For only when every member is faithful to this kind of commitment, is the Craft able to live up to the calling as a Fraternity that cares for its members. To put it simply, membership matters.

### Inspection

April 21st is the date of our Annual Inspection. Our Inspecting Officer, SK Davis, Grand Warder, has been very accommodating in scheduling this event. To be adequately prepared for this key meeting, I ask all Sir Knights to attend both the March and April meetings so we can support our Officers in the demonstration of their Tactical skills.

### Commanders Reception

Sir Knights, set aside November 15th on your calendar. That is the date for the Grand Commander's Reception this year. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport, Rochester.

We expect that SK Charles M. Roberts, VEDGC, will be installed as Grand Commander at Grand Commandery in September. □

## Doric Council

No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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I hope everyone is coping with this cold Winter and staying warm. Our Snowbirds must have it right this year. Florida seems the right place to be.

We have some good news as we have a Petition out and we could be doing Degrees this year.

### Sad News

We also have some bad news as R.:I.: Doug Poole passed away on January 30th. He was District Deputy in 1998 from Doric Council. He was ill for a very long time. I was present at his Memorial Service in York and it was very well attended.

Well, I hope to see you in Council soon. Don't forget we have dinner at 6 p.m. at the Pub before the meeting.

God Bless. □

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**Understanding the Root Cause of Disease**

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rection of Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, are using state-of-the-art genetic sequencing techniques to analyze the DNA of patients with inherited cardiac arrhythmia syndromes and their family members. They first extract DNA from lymphocytes in blood and use sophisticated equipment to map select genes, in some cases the entire genome. The genetic code is the blueprint for life and is made up of over 20,000 genes, which encode for over 100,000 different proteins that make up the machine that we call the human body. A single error in coding can cause transformation of the protein that could have deadly consequences.

Although DNA was discovered in the 1950s, scientists could not easily

sequence the DNA until the late 1970s. Since then the technology has advanced at an incredible rate. As the technology continues to advance, genetic screening for disease will become progressively more economically feasible.

Once the culprit mutation is found, Dr. Antzelevitch communicates this result to the physician. In many cases, MMRL scientists go a step further and attempt to find a drug that will reverse the effect of the genetic defect, thus providing the physician and his or her patient with a unique customized therapy. The MMRL currently provides this type of service to medical clinics in over 20 countries, providing help to families who in some cases have nowhere else to turn.

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# In Memoriam

**Burt, Richard E.**

Richard Burt, 86, went to the waiting arms of his wife on January 4th. He is survived by 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Dick was a US Army Veteran of World War II and US Coast Guard Veteran of the Korean War. The Brothers of Nunda Station Lodge will keep him in their hearts.

**Fingar, Roger E.**

On February 1st, Roger Fingar, 85, went Home to his Lord. Roger was a member of ERAC Lodge. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

**Fredenburg, William N.**

On January 30th, William Fredenburg, 83, went to the Celestial Lodge leaving his wife, Dot; 4 children and 10 grandchildren to remember his very active life. Bill was a US Army Veteran and volunteerism came second only to his family. He was a member of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite, Damascus Shrine and Lalla Rookh Grotto. His contributions to community, Masonic activities and humanity will always be remembered. May he find peace with the Lord.

**Gillotte, Joseph A.**

Joseph Gillotte, 82, passed away January 1st; his 3 children and 5 grandchildren will remember his life of accomplishments. He was a US Air Force Veteran of the Korean War and a member of Ark Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

**Love, Robert L.**

We have received word that Robert Love, 88, passed away November 13, 2013. He is survived by 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was a member of Scottish Rite. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

**Miller, Jack W.**

On February 5th, Jack Miller, 89, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith, leaving 5 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren to share his memory. Jack was a 53-year member of Oatka Lodge. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

**Poole, Douglas S.**

On January 31st, Douglas Poole, 55, departed from a lively life of accomplishments. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and extended family. Doug was an active member of Olive Branch Lodge. God sends His children here with special tasks to do; and calls them home when their work is through.

**Reeves, Burton H.**

Burton Reeves, 93, entered Eternal Rest on January 23rd, leaving his wife of 57 years, Shirley; 2 children and 4 grandchildren to survive him. Burton was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and 62-year member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

**Rogers, Arthur A.**

On January 18th, Arthur Rogers, 93, departed his Earthly family and will be remembered by his wife, Lois; 3 children 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and extended family. Arthur was a World War II Veteran of the US Marines and member of Unity Lodge. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

**Thomas, Herman F.**

Herman Thomas passed away January 14th at the age of 93. Tommy was a 70-year member of ERAC Lodge and a US Military Veteran. Two children, 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren survive him.

**Walls, Ronald J., Jr.**

Ronald Walls, 71, laid down his Working Tools on January 23rd. He is survived by 3 children and 3 grandchildren. He was a US Navy Veteran and member of ERAC Lodge. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

**Watson, Joseph W.**

Word has been received of the passing of Joseph Watson, 90, on November 30, 2013. He is survived by 2 children, 1 grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren. He was a member of Eagle Lodge and Damascus Shrine. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

**Widows to be Remembered**

**Barr, Jeanne R.**, 78, widow of Unity Lodge member Richard Barr, went home to the Lord on January 13th.

**Hieber, Martha**, 68, widow of Glenwood Hieber, (ERAC Lodge) went home to the Lord on January 29th.

**Lonneville, Dorothy M.**, 87, widow of Peter Lonneville (Drumlin Square Lodge), passed away on December 27, 2013. □

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