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Freemasons of the Genesee Region collect \$20,000 for Ronald McDonald Houses

By R.:W.: George Foechner

Wow ... where to begin - making our goal of \$20,000 for the first time in eight tries! The ride wasn't smooth. There were a few bumps, such as the coldest Winter in ages with snow canceling the 5th day of the Campaign. However, determined we forged ahead with fellowship, hard work and fun to gain a fantastic finish.

Eastview Mall

Let's begin at Eastview Mall where Chairman, Gary Sanford, recorded his best total ever. Leading the charge was DDGM, Jed Brandow, and his Ontario/Seneca/Yates District Brothers. Brand new this year to our *Have-a-Heart* Family. This group not only asked for and followed through with back-to-back nine-hour days, but they also made the most money averaging \$85 an hour for every hour worked.

They also get my vote for best dressed. All wore a jacket, tie and name badges, a pretty classy outfit, making a great impression in their debut. Our sincere thanks and I hope you join us again in 2015.



Always a big draw! Shrine Clowns like "Smirky" (aka Gary Burke) entertain children with balloon animals encouraging support of the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign.

Not far behind in money raised was Webster and Seneca Lodges with great efforts. Way to go guys! Thanks to all who worked at Eastview Mall, for sending Gary Sanford out a winner.

Farewell

Gary has decided to step down from his Chairmanship so he and Gail can enjoy the sun and warm weather next Winter. Gary has been at my side during this crazy 8-year *Have-a-Heart* ride. Thanks, you will be missed at *Have-a-Heart* time.

The Mall at Greece Ridge

At The Mall at Greece Ridge, with a new fireproof tent, Eugene Crews and his Prince Hall Masons rolled to 2nd Place in donations among the three Malls. Leading the way was Inspiration Lodge - our Campaign's overall top-money-collected leader. Their huge effort saw them bring in \$100 per hour. Their one day total of \$1,100 was also tops overall. Thanks to Inspiration, but this story doesn't end here.

Assisting Inspiration Lodge on that record-amount-day, Saturday, February 8th, were the Widows Sons. This organization is an International Riders Association whose members are all Freemasons and who are dedicated to serving our community through charity work. They not only helped all day long that Saturday, but State President, Andy Reynolds, presented to me a check for \$500 made out to the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign, and as it would turn out, that check took us over the top towards our \$20,000 Goal.

We thank you and applaud your charity work. Welcome to our *Have-a-Heart* Family. Another example of good Masons doing good for the community.

Marketplace Mall

At Marketplace Mall, Mark Hutton provided outstanding leadership and guided the Mall to the most money raised while setting a new record of just under \$8,000. His drive to reach our goal included being at Marketplace every day not only doing his Chairman duties, but working the crowd. Believe me, no one gets by Mark without donating to the cause.

This year he took it one step further by enlisting the help of his own Moose Club of Henrietta. They took a weeknight and raised \$500. Great work gang and welcome to our Family. The number one leader in donations raised was Union Star Lodge, averaging \$99 per hour. They were followed by Livingston District with \$85 per hour. Thanks to all the workers at Marketplace for a job well done.

Special Thanks

Our thanks to all who participated, giving up their valuable time to make this Campaign a sterling success. But let's not forget those behind the headlines. Starting with Wilmorite for free mall space, Grand Lodge for insurance, Label World for sticky hearts, Steve Whittaker and Monroe Litho for paper hearts, Baird Signs for banners and signs, Intercom and

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An Awesome Anniversary Celebration!

By Allyn Borino, Senior Warden

Well, over a year of planning and preparation came to a climactic end Thursday evening, March 6th, for Webster Lodge No. 538 as we celebrated 150 years of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love in the Webster Community.

The celebration began at Webster Lodge at 4:30 p.m. with a beautiful Re-Dedication Ceremony, conducted by Most Worshipful James E. Sullivan and

the Grand Line. Webster Lodge was honored with the presence of M.W.: James E. Sullivan, Grand Master; R.W.: William Fink, Jr., Junior Grand Warden; R.W.: John Krupp, Grand Marshal; R.W.: Clayton Ruggles, Senior Grand Deacon; R.W.: John Dwyer, Grand Sword Bearer; R.W.: Harold Collier, Grand Chaplain; and R.W.: Ronald Galens, Grand Tiler. If you have never had the

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Mr. William Horeth (left), owner of Kittleberger Florist & Gifts in Webster, listens as M.W.: James E. Sullivan, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, reads his DeWitt Clinton Award Citation for Outstanding Community Service.

Eastern Star Grand Matron's Project Off to a Great Start for MMRL

By Myron Thurston III

Assistant Director of Development and Communications

The Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) is honored to have been chosen by the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Sylvia Moravia, as her Grand Matron's Special Project for 2014.

To mark this Most Worthy Sylvia Moravia, Grand Matron's Special Project, and Most Worthy George Walter, etc, the MMRL and Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York.

gather designed a special Every Heartbeat Counts™ Pin that is available through Eastern Star District Deputy Grand Matrons for a \$5 donation to the Laboratory. These pins raise awareness and funds for the lifesaving cardiac research at the MMRL.



A special Eastern Star brochure, *Women and Heart Disease* is also available upon request from your District Deputy Grand Matron.

The excitement is palpable between the two organizations

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Editor's Corner

As we wind down this Masonic year, the Masonic Service Bureau sponsors three very important events coming up. While they may have been promoted for the past couple of issues, I am continually surprised to learn that few people have picked up the notices. So, allow me to use this column to inform you of our supported events and maybe help build attendance at these affairs.

Arguably the single most important function we sponsor is the Widows Luncheon. This is to remember and honor the ladies who supported our Brothers in their Masonic endeavors. This year, we moved our date to May - Saturday, May 3rd - to avoid conflicts with other Masonic happenings and religious activities. We hope this later time slot will allow some of the Snowbirds to attend, as well.

We know some Lodges prefer to and do hold their own functions. That is their choice, but may take away some potential attendance at our District-wide event. I'm hoping we can encourage all the Lodges to support our affair not only by inviting their widows to join us, but asking Brother members to attend as well.

Ladies, if you are a widow of a Mason, by now you should have had communication with someone from the Lodge. Our Committee Chairman, Garry Cranker, has sent information to the Secretary of Organizations. If this is not the case, and you are unsure of whom to contact, please feel free to call the Masonic Service Bureau. We will provide you with a name and telephone number to start.

Every two years, we thank the outgoing and welcome the incoming Grand Lodge Officers. This year's Apron Presentation Dinner is on Saturday, June 7th, at the Shrine Center. More details will come in our next issue of the **Masonic Times**. Meanwhile, please mark this date on your calendar.

Lastly, and by no means least, is our Awards Night program. Each year we evaluate the value of our investment portfolio to determine how much money we can give away. This year, a total of \$26,000 will go to highly qualified and ambitious students as Education Assistance Grants and to local area charities who help youth, the hungry, the needy and senior citizens.

Please join us on Thursday, June 19th, at the Shrine Center, which we are able to use courtesy of the Valley of Rochester. You will meet some amazing young men and women on their way to exciting career paths and learn of the plight of our citizens and the programs available to assist them. We will appreciate your attendance and support.

Thanks for reading.

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.

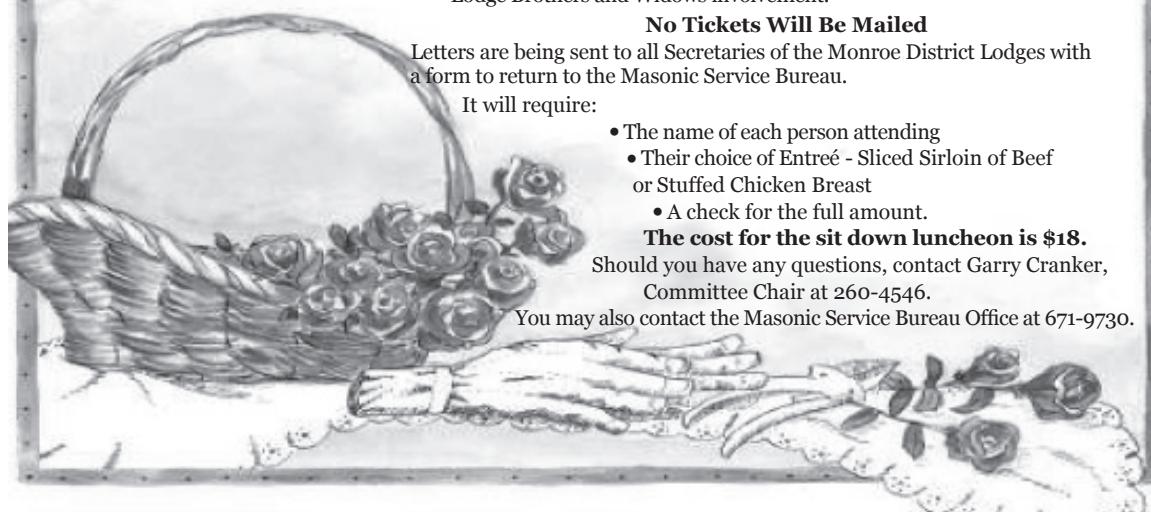
It will require:

- The name of each person attending
- Their choice of Entrée - 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.

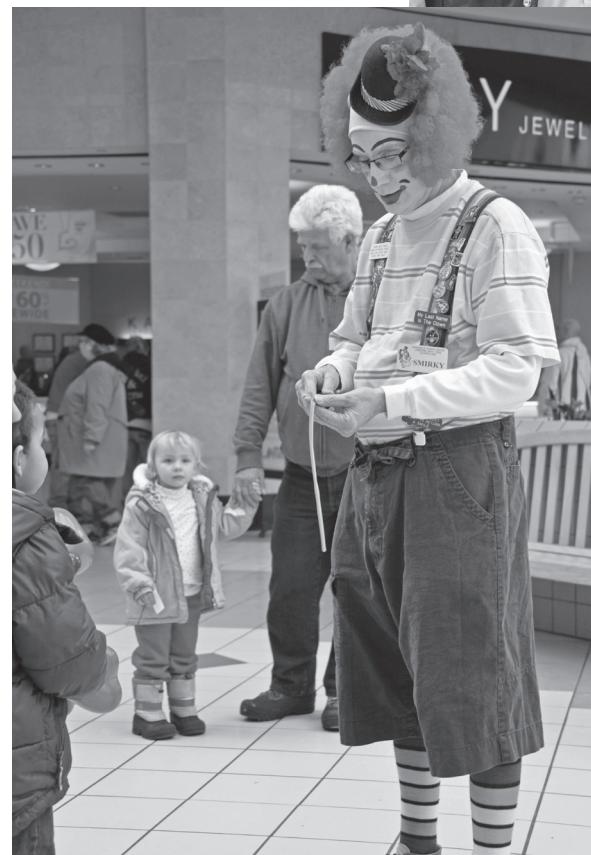


Have-a-Heart

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my Brother Jamie for free radio advertising. A special thanks to Skip and Jan at the Service Bureau for great ghost writing and advertising. Most of all thanks to all the shoppers who willingly parted with their money for this great cause. As Masons, we can take great pride in coming together to help the Ronald McDonald Houses' support of families in crisis.

A Proud Mason ☐



(Top photo) R.: W.: George Foechner accepts donation from the Widows Sons, whose members are all Freemasons. President Andy Reynolds presented the check along with Bill Sweet. W.: Gary Burke (Inspiration Lodge and Damascus Shrine Clowns) performed his balloon art as Smirky the clown, much to the delight of the younger Mall shoppers, and created over 500 masterpieces.

Masters-Elect, Masters and Past Masters!

Joint Investiture Service May 23rd at Fairport Lodge Hall

Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Service 7:30 p.m.

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April 23rd

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Salad, Bread & Butter, Ice Cream; Coffee, Tea & Milk

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The Line Officers Club met on March 1st at Spencerport Masonic Hall. Plans were made for April and May events. Pat Pearson ran the 50/50 raffle which was won by Evy Ann Heller; she returned it to benefit the Dream Factory. Thank you also to the West Study Club, which donated to the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Projects in honor of my birthday.

### Sickness and Distress

Many of our Matrons are on the mend so get well wishes are sent to Donna Laundry, Doreen Rhodes, Mae Bauer and Pat Pearson. Please keep these people in your prayers.

### Our Golden Chain is Broken

I regret to write that R.W. Kenneth Rhodes passed away on February 28th and R.W. Betty Hoag died on February 27th. Our sympathies go out to these families.

It is with heavy heart that I announce the passing of my husband, Gary, on March 16th, after struggling with many health issues for a long time.

### Grand Matron

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and the remainder of the year will be filled with opportunities for OES and MMRL to work together. The Grand Matron has invited the MMRL to several Grand Matron's Official Visits around New York State; in addition, many Chapters are planning dinners to be followed by presentations or Friendship Nights.

Barb Horwald, Worthy Matron of Evening Star Valley Chapter in Ilion, held a Friendship Night to benefit the MMRL on March 4th. District Deputy Grand Matron of the Fulton-Hamilton-Herkimer-Montgomery District, Donna Sudol, was in attendance for this wonderful

The Murder Mystery play and dinner on March 8th was a great success. The theme of the 1920s was lots of fun with the emphasis on the French characters and the French cuisine. Proceeds from the project go to the Dream Factory of Rochester which grants wishes to children with life-threatening illness or challenging disabilities. This poem is dedicated to them:

**Keep a dream in your pocket;  
Keep a dream tucked away,  
A dream to sustain you  
On a dark, cloudy day.  
Take it out ... dream it over  
Anytime you feel blue  
It'll be a real comfort;  
It can help see you through.  
Keep a dream in your pocket;  
That's the wise thing to do  
To help you remember  
That dreams can come true!**

*By Jean Kyler McManus*

Thank you to all the people who helped by being in the play, cooking and serving the food, cleaning up, attending the play and participating in the 50/50 raffle. A big thank you to Evy Ann Heller for organizing and carrying out the play details.

### Upcoming Events

April brings us many events to which we are looking forward.

#### District Official Visits:

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

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

#### Grand Matron's & Grand Patron's Official Visits:

**April 26th - Monroe District** - We will be doing a basket raffle at this Visit, so I am asking each Chapter to donate one.

evening. The Order of the Eastern Star had a total of five prospective members at the Friendship Night, two turned in their Petitions for membership during the evening. Over 60 people were in attendance during the event with the sidelines so full that it was nearly standing room only in the Chapter Room.

The response that the MMRL is receiving is overwhelming. If any Chapters are interested in hosting a Friendship Night or an Open House, please contact Myron Thurston III, Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY 13501; Phone: (315) 735-2217, extension 145; or Cell phone: (315) 430-7504. Assistance will be provided in planning your event.

**Spring Thing Fundraiser  
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If any Club or individual wishes to donate one, it certainly would be appreciated. Each Chapter Secretary needs to get their list of donations to Grand Chapter to me prior to this Visit.

May 16th - Niagara-Orleans District

May 17th - Erie District

May 18th - Chautauqua District

May 23rd - Allegany District

May 24th - Cattaraugus District and Walk-a-Thon

May 25th - Steuben District

If you are interested in attending any of these, see your Chapter Secretary for details; if you would like to share rides, contact me.

Hopefully, we're closing in on the end of a very long, very cold Winter, and soon we will be able to enjoy warmer temperatures. The sprouting of the buds on the trees and the early Springtime flowers abound with a renewed celebration of life. It is hopeful that more people will be able to get out to their Chapter and District meetings more easily, as well as to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine.

The season of Lent and Easter celebrate the most important aspect of the Christian life ... the redemption and salvation of Christians through the death and resurrection of Christ. May you find hope in the celebration of the Easter Season. Hope lifts the heart.

"Hope is like a candle flame. It flickers now and then. Sometimes we all need help to see the strength that lies within. For life's not always easy, we're bound to have some sorrow. But HOPE can keep us going for a



**Spring Floral Luncheon  
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the District at the FoodLink distribution warehouse at 1999 Mount Read Boulevard. It is off of the Southbound access road that parallels Mount Read Boulevard. I would like us to take the 9 a.m. to Noon shift that Saturday, packing boxes for distribution to other organizations. I will be taking pictures to post in the **Masonic Times**. After we are done, I will treat everyone to lunch. Your Matron should have asked for volunteers at your March meeting to staff this event. If this is successful, I will schedule another event like this for a weekday for those who have more time during the week.

I hope that each of your Chapters is gathering non-perishable food items for donation to your local food pantries. I want to report to the Grand Patron that we are responding to his request with gusto.

I will also be reporting to the Associate Grand Patron on our activities to benefit the Veterans. Please make sure to tell me about all of the things that you do to support our Veterans.

On April 19th, I am arranging a volunteer opportunity for

better day tomorrow."

### Notes from the DGL

*By Tom Richenderfer*

As Spring arrives in Monroe District, the activities begin again. The Murder Mystery Dinner on March 8th was a big success, but I am still not sure that I was the guilty party!

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I am also organizing a Square and Line Dance in May to raise funds for the USO. Look for more details in the May edition of the **Masonic Times**.

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# Livingston District

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1st Thursdays

7:30 p.m.

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We also welcomed a new member through affiliation. The committee reported favorably and the Lodge voted to elect W.: Stephen Phillips to membership. As you can see, we are working very hard to make Eunice a viable Lodge in the District. Many thanks to those of you working on the front lines and behind the scenes to make it possible!

I hope to see you along the way. ☺



## Forrest Vosler Post No. 58

By R.: W.: Richard J. Trescott  
Past Commander

Forrest Vosler Post No. 58  
Masonic War Veterans

On February 22nd, the Livingston District Masons, Forrest Vosler Post No. 58, Masonic War Veterans, and Geneseo V.F.W. Post No. 5005 along with R.: W.: Rick Howe and W.: Harry Clark providing the music, joined together for an Ice Cream Social at Murray Hill in Mount Morris for Senior Citizens and Veterans who are residents there! We all had a great time and it was a nice feeling to be so welcomed.



I have always felt that of all we do as Masons this, along with the VA Hospital Visits, are among the most rewarding events. Just to see how much a small thing like an Ice Cream Social and a Summer Picnic mean to these special senior citizens; sure makes you realize we all will be there someday. I hope we will not be forgotten and our Brothers remember us in some way as well!

Thank you, Brothers, for joining us for this special event! ☺



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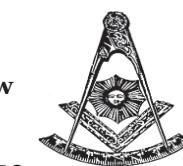
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Spring has finally arrived. I am certain many of us doubted it would ever come. After the long, cold Winter we just endured, it is truly a delight to see the Robins in our yards and the green returning to the landscape.

This is the season of renewal. In our Lodges it is time to get busy. We have many activities in which to be involved and many things to do. The Trestleboard is full and the Craftsmen will be busy carrying out the plans found thereon.

Our Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Robert Hanggi, will continue his visits at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge on April 1st, John Hodge Lodge on April 7th and Canandaigua Lodge on April 21st.

April 12th - Our District Surviving Spouses Luncheon will take place at the Clifton Springs Country Club beginning at Noon. The program will be on the White Deer herd at the Seneca Army Depot. Information has been sent to the Lodges. Make your reservation with the DDGM.

May 3rd-7th - Lodge Masters and Secretaries have been provided with information regarding the trip to Grand Lodge. We will be traveling to New York City by train from Syracuse and staying at the Edison Hotel in Midtown Manhattan. We look forward to another fun-filled and rewarding trip to Grand Lodge.

May 18th - The O/S/Y District Memorial Service will take place at the United Church of Phelps, 58 Main Street at 2 p.m. Brothers who laid down their Working Tools in 2013 will be remembered.

Please visit our District website at [www.osydistrict.org](http://www.osydistrict.org) to keep updated with dates and events as they come up. The District calendar is updated regularly and is your go-to source for the most up-to-date information. ☺

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

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3rd Wednesday

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ing the past three years bringing our total membership to 79. Many of our new Brothers are young men who have acted on their favorable impression of Freemasonry. Several of them are pursuing careers which have taken them far from our Lodge, but we are confident the lessons learned during the three Degrees will help make them successful in their chosen fields.

Our newly Raised Brothers are studying and working to improve themselves and to make a difference in their communities. Brother Matthew McFetridge is taking his Master's Degree in International Studies at Tsing-Hua in Beijing, China. Brother Aaron Kraham is completing his training as an Agent of the Secret Service in Washington, DC. Brother William Warder is the Senior Associate Director of Admissions for Hobart & William Smith Colleges. Brother and Dr. Jose Acevedo is the CEO of Finger Lakes Health, which has just completed a major construction project. Brother Roger Granger is a Project Superintendent for LaChase Construction Company. Brothers Tyler Chiplinski, Ron Burd and Anthony Stirpe are working to finish college degrees. Brother Ryan Brophy is in sales. Brother Richard Pierce worked for Seneca Foods. Brother James

As I reflect on the 207-year history of Ark Lodge and my 38-year association with Freemasonry, I am awestruck by how wonderful our Fraternity is. I consider the O/S/Y District an extension of my family. Wherever I go in the District, the Brothers and their ladies I meet are so welcoming and fraternal it is a pleasure to visit and be part of this fabulous band of Brothers.

We are so fortunate to have survived the test of time and experience the highs and lows of Freemasonry from growth during the 40s, 50s and 60s; through the Morgan Period; and now we are seeing a revitalization of the Craft. Over the past few years, and even now, the O/S/Y has seen many new Brothers Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Ark Lodge has seen the addition of 13 new Brothers dur-

Vestringhe is retired after many years of teaching in the Penn Yan Central School District. Brother Gary Miller works with Finger Lakes Health - repairing biomedical equipment. Brother Craig Meyer works for the ARC of Seneca County.

We hope this trend of bringing new Brothers into Ark Lodge will continue. Freemasonry has a lot to offer men of all ages and backgrounds who want to improve themselves. Remember, the goal of Freemasonry is to "make good men better." The Lodge is proud of every Brother for the good each one does for family, community and the Fraternity.

You will soon be receiving a Summons announcing the Annual Stated Communication of Ark Lodge, which will be held on May 21st. The Officers request that all Lodge Brothers respond to the Summons by attending this Annual Meeting. We will have several important issues to decide, including the Election of new Officers for 2014-2015. Please try to attend this very important Communication in the life of the Lodge.

#### Mark Your Calendar

April 16th - Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at Emile's at 6 p.m.

May 21st - Summoned Annual Communication, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at Emile's at 6 p.m. ☐

#### Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

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In March, the Lodge had a successful Roast Pork Dinner and exemplified the 1st Degree. We plan to exemplify the 2nd Degree on April 15th.

On April 12th, the Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon will be held at the Clifton Springs Country Club. This luncheon is open to Masons who have lost their wife. Any of you who are surviving spouses need to contact the Secretary as soon as possible so a reservation can be made for you. ☐

The District Memorial Service is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th at 2 p.m. at the United Church in Phelps. Brothers are encouraged to attend as Brothers Roy Farnsworth and Ronald VanCamp of Garoga-Sincerity will be remembered. Put the date on your calendar.

Plans for the trip to Grand Lodge on May 3rd - 7th are being made. The District will travel by train from Syracuse. Those planning to attend need to make reservations. Information is available from the DDGM or Lodge.

O/S/Y Charities is scheduling the 22nd Annual Golf Tournament for August. Donations for Hole Sponsors and door prizes are encouraged. Door prizes could include merchandise, gift certificates, discount coupons, etc. Further information will be available in the near future.

#### Upcoming Events

May 6th - Move-Up Night  
May 3rd - 7th Grand Lodge Trip, New York City

June 17th - Annual Steak Roast Night and Years of Service recognition

#### April Birthdays

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

#### April Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in April:

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

The Lodge is sponsoring a Blood Drive. It will be held on May 1st at the Phelps Community Center from 2 - 7 p.m. Brothers are encouraged to contact the Secretary if you can be of assistance. If you can't help, consider being a donor. ☐

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#### Road to the East

Our next Masonic Education Course is the *Road to the East (RTTE)*. Our first session was scheduled to be Saturday, March 29th at Sodus Lodge Hall.

The second session is tentatively scheduled for April 12th. This session will be from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. as I have a conflict in the morning. The final session is tentatively scheduled for April 26th from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. so we don't interfere with Easter activities. Call (315) 483-2745 or email me at:

soduspowleys@msn.com so I have your materials. The total cost is \$50 for materials (*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.

As the sunlight gets stronger and travel gets easier, I hope to see you out and about in the District Lodges. All Lodges like to see visitors at their meetings.

#### Lenten Fish Fry

Remember, Wayne Lodge is

having their Lenten Fish Fries each Friday until Good Friday. This is their 35th year! They also support the Pines of Peace Hospice with a baked goods sale each week during Lent as well.

#### Masters & Wardens Association

I hope to see you at the April 14th 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, they start at 7:30 p.m. A great way to meet Brothers from other Lodges!

The Spring edition of the *Empire State Mason* has devoted several pages to the Candidates for Grand Lodge Election in May. Please read this and let me and your Lodge Representatives know whom you would like us to support as we cast our votes. We are Grand Lodge and should take an interest in the men we elect to lead us.

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

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Where oh where did March go? Time is flying by at a pace that is dizzying. What a Winter

## National Association of Masonic Scouters

Submitted by Bruce Katz

From the beginnings of the Boy Scouts of America more than a century ago, there have been close ties between Masons and the Scouting Movement. The first National Scout Commissioner was Brother Daniel Carter Beard, and Brother Theodore Roosevelt gave time as a Troop Committee Member and a Council Commissioner in the years following his Presidency. The ceremony into Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow is not coincidentally similar to the Masonic initiative experience. The commitment continues through today.

Masonic Scouters have gathered at Scouting Jamborees and National Order of the Arrow Conferences, and seek to aid Scouting at the National and local levels. Locally, there are opportunities for Masons (whether or not you have a Scouting background) to help with Scout Units, participate in the Commissioner Corps, provide services to the Properties Committee, serve as Merit Badge Councilors and many more. It would be difficult to find a more

rewarding opportunity than the advancement of our nation's youth by the investment of a small amount of your time.

Seneca Waterways Council serves the youth in the counties of Ontario, Wayne, Seneca, Yates, and Monroe and the City of Rochester. In 2009, a merger occurred between the Monroe County-based Oettiana Council and Finger Lakes Council, which represented the surrounding Counties. As part of an operating cost reduction, this included the closure of the two separate offices with a consolidation to a centrally located Henrietta/Brighton facility currently being renovated.

#### Contributions

Various levels of contributions are being sought for the

Season, that is finally showing signs that, yes, we did survive true cold and the snow. It was a good March with a Past Masters' Night to remind us that as we make our way up that Ladder of knowledge in Masonry, the journey is never ending. We may sit in the East only once, or several times, but we continue to learn and serve Masonry over and over. While some Brothers have never had the inclination to pursue that road that leads to the East, their contributions are no less important or horrible, and that is why our most important TITLE is BROTHER.

Our Trestleboard for April is full enough. The delayed Table Lodge will be held on April 2nd as a Dish-to-Pass Event and as a means for all to become better acquainted with our newly Raised Brothers. Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

On April 16th, Dave Taber, DSA, will enlighten us on the opportunities and further knowledge of the Craft that can be obtained as a member within the York Rite.

Next month brings us closer to the end of our Masonic Year. We will hear the message from our newly installed Grand Master and we will hold Election of Officers for 2014-2015. Consider what talents you can contribute to the Lodge and Masonry by saying YES when asked if you would accept a Chair.

The work of Masons and Masonry will never cease and the cost of that work is the efforts put forth by each and every one of us in time and money. That is why I ask each and every one of you to support the Craft - not only with your attendance and efforts but also with your wallets. The Brotherhood Fund needs your support. Don't forget the Masonic Home either and when you visit the Lodge, drop a dollar or two in one of the boxes! ☐

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## District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District



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I periodically review what Freemasonry has meant to me. Our Ritual never ceases to reveal its time-honored concepts.

During the 1st Degree, the newly made Brother is presented with his Apron. There is a part of the Apron presentation which alludes to our character and how our character reflects who we are; just as an Apron does. "Let its pure and spotless surface be to you an ever present reminder of a purity of life, rectitude of conduct, an ever present reminder for nobler deeds, higher thoughts, greater achievements."

A pure and spotless surface is an ideal to strive for, but what is a purity of life? Does it mean we are to strive to become angels? To borrow and re-work a phrase from a song by Billy Joel - "Only the good die young" - I believe more accurately captures the human condition - "To have laughed with the sinners and cried with the saints...." Humanity aspires towards greatness; but it needs a mark to aim for. The Apron then, represents that mark we aim for.

### Rectitude of Conduct

The dictionary defines rectitude as the quality or condition of being correct in one's judgment. So to be correct in one's conduct means what? One clue is found in the Ritual, when we are instructed to keep our passions in due bounds with all mankind. On one level, I've interpreted that to be a reminder to not let words or actions get ahead of you. Think before you speak; remain aware of your surroundings and act accordingly. I never have, nor do I interpret that to mean one must be in lockstep with everyone else. Sometimes following your conscience requires that you fall out of lockstep. Think of human history, where societies have tolerated behavior that has later come to be viewed as reprehensible (e.g. slavery). What constitutes "mankind" is an evolving concept, which changes over time. What mankind once tolerated, it now rejects.

### Noble Deeds

The dictionary defines noble as the quality of courage, generosity, magnanimity, or honor. For a Mason, nobility is the ability to overlook petty piques and grudges, and accept the Brother for who he is. I realize that is so much easier said than done. I think of the great leader Nelson Mandela, who not only overcame within himself,

but learned to forgive his captors, and went on to become a president of a nation that once sought to put him to death for his views.

### Higher Thoughts

As a Mason, we are gentlemen. A gentleman conducts himself as such. A gentleman is considerate. Give up that parking space to the working mom with a carload full of kids. Give a smile to the elderly person in front of you who seems to be taking an eternity to enter their pin number. Merge to the left so the person to your right can enter safely.

### Greater Achievements

Masonry represents for me, that saying that "it ain't over until it's over." In other words, until your weary hands can no longer grasp the working tools of life, then your life's work remains in front of you.

What has Freemasonry meant to you?

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By R.W.: Rob Buchanan

Fraternal greetings! As you know, our time as your Grand Directors of Ceremonies is quickly winding down.

I express my appreciation to everyone who attended our three *Masonic Development Courses*, two *Road to the East* Programs and two *Master's Chair* Seminars. You are the reason these programs are a success!!

As we have stated all along, our only goal was to leave the Craft a little better than how we found it! R.W.: Mike Hueston and I truly believe we accomplished what we set out to do! At this point, we ask you to continue to show your support to our incoming Grand Lodge Officers as you did to us and help them leave Masonry a little better than how they find it when they take over in Monroe District.

Please remember to use the LSOME disc at all levels, coach and assist new Brothers in the Craft. Instill pride and confidence in all and ALWAYS continue to mentor BEYOND the 3rd Degree!

The last two years truly made me appreciate what it means to be a Mason! Thanks for all your support through my personal hardships during my wife, Kellie's, deployment to Afghanistan in Service to this great country as well as your continued concern for the well being of my family! Your patriotism and support did not go unnoticed.

I wish you all the best in the years to come and Godspeed to all. I hope to see you soon! ☺

## Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By W.: Stephan Michener

Contrary to the rumor that the only thing the Masters and Wardens Association is concerned with is the planning of going to Grand Lodge in May, there are many other useful benefits of this organization.

Each of our twelve Lodges in the Monroe District has a different character. Some of our Lodges go through periods of struggle and declining membership while other Lodges seem to flourish and grow. Some Lodges are blessed with financial resources while others consistently need to have fundraisers. Some Lodges plod steadily along with the firm guidance of Past Masters, while others are being guided by fairly new Masons who are improvising as best they can. There are also Lodges that only occasionally have a candidate to put through the Degrees, while others are doing Degrees on a frequent and regular basis.

As Masters and Wardens of our Lodges who are charged with the management of an organization that has varied needs, it is our duty to our Brothers who have elected us to do the best job possible in our leadership positions. To that end, it can be helpful to have a supportive relationship with Brothers who are fulfilling the same roles at other Lodges. Sometimes hearing suggestions and words of encouragement from Brothers in leadership positions at other Lodges can give us ideas we hadn't considered before as we go back to laboring in our own Lodge.

Freemasonry is supposed to be a learning institution where we endeavor to improve ourselves. The Masters and Wardens Association furthers that purpose with the specific focus on Brothers in Lodge leadership positions. Regrettably, the active participation in the Association has been less than fifty percent of our Lodges. Currently we have five Lodges who regularly attend our meetings and, as President of Masters and Wardens, I express gratitude to my Brothers from the Lodges that are active. But, I also must admit that less than fifty percent participation is quite discouraging.

This year we have endeavored to put together a list of Masonic-oriented programs from around the District that Senior and Junior Wardens could use as they plan their Trestleboards. Once again, the number of contributions to that list is disappointing, but what we do have comes from the same five Lodges that regularly attend our meetings. I'm not really sure how to interpret silence.

### What You Missed at Our Last Meeting

At our February 25th meeting at Northfield Lodge Hall, we had another excellent dinner and a pleasant meeting of fellowship. There was a supportive roundtable discussion about a variety of accomplishments and concerns that various members were experiencing in their Lodges. As we listened to each others' stories, it was good to think to ourselves "Oh, I'm not the only one dealing with that." We also spent some time talking about those who don't come to our meetings and what we could do to encourage attendance. Honestly, we just don't know. We've tried a variety of approaches, different meeting times, making sure you're aware of what we're doing and ways to notify you of meetings. It seems the consensus is that now it's up to you to just show up. Hopefully, the Past Masters at your Lodge are also encouraging your attendance.

### Special Meeting in April

Speaking of showing up, we are having a special cocktail party/dinner meeting for Masters and Wardens and their spouse/significant other. It will be held on April 4th, 6 p.m. at Hose 22 Firehouse Grill, 56 Stutson Street. We aren't making any promises, but we are looking into the possibility of helping to defray some of the cost for your guest. You will need to RSVP to me by April 3rd. Rest assured, by the time you read this, you will have already received a phone-vite/robo-call notifying you of this event. By the way, at this event we may discuss going to Grand Lodge, since it is next month. I hope you'll do all you can to join us! ☺

## Monroe District

### New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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Your Monroe and Wayne County Masonic Safety and Child ID Group and Grand Lodge would like every child in New York State and Senior/Seasonged Citizens in assisted living and nursing homes identified.

We can always find an instance watching the six o'clock news where having the ID of a person becomes invaluable. 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 ID 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 where either children or senior citizens can benefit and be protected by your efforts.

I have met with Brothers from Eureka Lodge and they will be utilizing our equipment at upcoming events in Rochester. If you are interested in helping, contact us as found below.

### Mission

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:

<http://nychip.org/>

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the Program ... and involvement from your Lodge!!!

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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## Masonic

### Toastmasters?

Submitted by Bruce Katz

What are your thoughts when you are asked to speak in front of a group? Or, do you avoid the need to speak before a group? Whether your thoughts are how to best deliver your message, figure out what your message is supposed to be or just tame the butterflies, there is an opportunity with Toastmasters. Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations.

I am seeking input to see if there is an interest in organizing a Masonic Toastmasters Club. Please contact me at:

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or (585) 729-6657. Further information about Toastmasters International can be found at [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org). ☺

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opportunity to witness a Dedication or Re-Dedication Ceremony, it is beautifully symbolic and an incredible program indeed.



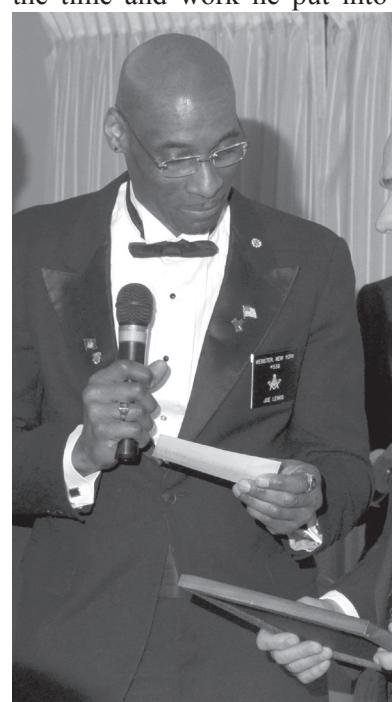
M.W.: James Sullivan presents Re-Dedication Service booklet to W.: Joe Lewis.

At the end of the Ceremony M.W.: Sullivan advised Master, W.: Joe A. Lewis, Jr., that he may continue with the afternoon's program. W.: Lewis immediately had Right Worthy Joy Woodley, Lilac Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, escorted to the East. Upon arrival in the East, R.W. Woodley presented W.: Joe A. Lewis and the Brothers of Webster Lodge with a beautiful Masonic Apron Poem, rendered colorfully upon a metallic surface. This very thoughtful gift from Lilac Star Chapter will be displayed proudly within our walls. Thank you to the Ladies of Lilac Star Chapter.

Then the festivities began at the Webster Golf Club Banquet Hall. R.W.: Bruce Chilton did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies for the evening and we are indebted to him for his willingness to be our Ring Master.

R.W.: F. Pellett, Jr., Lodge Historian, gave an informative talk that recapped 150 years of Webster Lodge history. It is amazing all that has happened in our Nation, as well as our Lodge, in that time frame. W.: Pellett is such a wealth of local Masonic knowledge and W.: Tom Pellet a genuine asset to the Lodge. We are also grateful to W.: Pellett for all the time and work he put into

The DeWitt Clinton Award. W.: Joe Lewis The DeWitt Clinton Award is the only award of its kind to be presented by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York since its formation in 1781. This Award recognizes distinguished or outstanding community service by non-Masonic organizations or individuals whose actions ex-



W.: Joe Lewis, Webster Lodge Master, presents check for The Nine Mile Point Club to Bill Horeth, assisted by M.W.: James Sullivan.



M.W.: James Sullivan, Grand Master, and R.W.: Phillip Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master, watch as Right Worthy Joy Woodley presents plaque from Lilac Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, to W.: Joe Lewis, Master of Webster Lodge.



Senior Warden, and Chairman of the event, Al Borino presenting names of dignitaries present

producing the Webster Lodge History book that all guests received. Thank you, Brother Tom.

Nearly 170 guests attended our 150th Anniversary Celebration. We were blessed to see many Brothers from Ionic Lodge No. 549, our Sister Lodge in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; as well as Canadian Brothers from Dundurn Lodge No. 475; Westmount Lodge No. 671; and R.W.: David Midgley, the Grand Steward of Hamilton District C, in attendance. Our Brothers from Wakan-Hubbard, ERAC, Seneca and Wayne Lodges plus Sisters from Lilac Star Chapter and Zama Temple, Daughters of the Nile, and many more local and Masonic dignitaries, too numerous to list, were also present.

**Special Recognition**

The Lodge was honored to present Webster resident and businessman, Bill Horeth, with the DeWitt



Clinton Award. W.: Joe Lewis

The DeWitt Clinton Award is the only award of its kind to be presented by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York since its formation in 1781. This Award recognizes distinguished or outstanding community service by non-Masonic organizations or individuals whose actions ex-

emplify a shared concern for the well-being of Mankind and a belief in the worldwide Brotherhood of Man.

Mr. Horeth, owner of Kittleberger's Florist, is an extremely humble man who likes to keep his good deeds quiet, but this was an opportunity for him to be recognized for the good neighbor that he is. Mr. Horeth and some friends started the Nine Mile Point Club®, Inc. two years ago for the sole purpose of doing good deeds. The Nine Mile Point Club is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization created solely to do good in the Webster Community. It was formed to promote civic pride in the Town of Webster and surrounding communities for the benefit of all citizens of the area through sponsorship of various events and programs. The Nine Mile Point Club advocates for those who need their help.

Webster Lodge cannot thank R.W.: Phil Hurwitz, our District Deputy Grand Master, enough for his part in our celebration and his eloquent introduction of Grand Master Sullivan. It has truly been an honor and pleasure having R.W.: Hurwitz leading our District. Special thanks also go out to R.W.: Mike Hueston and R.W.: Rob Buchanan for honoring us with their presence at this celebration.

**From the Worshipful Master, W.: Joe A. Lewis, Jr.**

It was good to see everyone from Grand Lodge, visiting Lodges and guests come out to help us celebrate our 150th Anniversary. My appreciation is extended to all Grand Line Officers for their attendance and participation in the beautiful Re-Dedication Ceremony of Webster Lodge Hall. Thank you, again, to all who attended for making Webster Lodge's 150th Anniversary festivities a memorable event.

**From R.W.: Dave Allen**

My Brothers, there will be Visual Editions available of these two events. Details will be forthcoming.

I also bring to your attention the plight of three of our Brothers: Ken Hutchinson, Blossom View on Maple Avenue in Sodus; Walt Cone, Webster Comfort Care on Holt Road; and Fred Cornell in Geneva. I spent an hour with Brother Walt on March 8th. At that time he was quite lucid and verbal. Would some of you in the area please do the same for these Brothers? ☺

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As we are raised through childhood, we take in learnings from family, friends, teachers, coaches, mentors and a host of other influences. As adults, we must make sense of these learnings and make our way in life.

Being Raised in Freemasonry is really no different, as we seek more light and learnings, aiming to apply these teachings across our lives. The difference is that the Light we take in through Masonry often teaches us far more important life lessons. These lessons are provided to us; but we as Free and Accepted Masons must, just as we did moving towards adulthood, "make our way" through the teachings and put them to use. No one can do it for us.

Across my relatively short exposure to the Fraternity, and from the time we are all Raised, we obtain more Light through our participation in not only Lodge, but in subtle ways through how we work together. More often than once I have been reminded that, as a newer Brother in the Craft, I must take in the knowledge and know-how from those who have been doing this - in some cases, for decades longer. In doing so, we learn the traditions, history and from whence we all came at the local, regional and national levels. We learn how to work with one another, as we strive for more harmony in our organization. Many wise words, for many years, have been passed to the younger cohorts of Freemasons, and this is an important part of the Light we receive.

I have been very fortunate in my life to have had opportunity for education and work. From a young age and ever after, I have maintained full and rigorous work across industry and academia. These experiences have taught me much and, now coupled with my increasing understanding of Light in Masonry, made me and those I work with all the more focused and harmonious in our pathways.

The point of this article is that we must ever be seeking more Harmony through the Light we receive in Lodge, amongst our Brethren and outside of Lodge. However, there is one concept we must not take for granted in these pursuits. Harmony is a non-hierarchical. Harmony is

not a one-way street. For our Fraternity to persist, Light must be ever sought among all its Brethren, no matter their tenure.

If there is one tenet that has been a constant theme of my personal growth in industry and education, it is that keeping an open mind to new ideas is a critical if not necessary condition for success. When we are not open to new ideas, we lose that which is required to obtain more Light. Not every new idea is a good one, but our ability to listen to and build off of these ideas, aided by our wisdom is a fundamental part of sustainability.

As a relatively new Brother, I know I can add much to the Fraternity - both in ideas and actions. There are many others like me. Like other organizations of which I have led or been a part, however, all too often we hear, "but that is how we do it." Successful leaders and organizations know this can lead to problems. Outside of our Ritual work in Lodge, statements of "this is how we've done it, why change?" have the potential to stifle growth or even direct us to decline.

If our future is to be a bright one and we are to be a truly harmonious Fraternity, we must embrace new ways of thinking and couple those that make the most sense with the rock solid principles that make us who we are as Masons. Absent this approach, new ideas will cease to be introduced, and with them, we will fail to fulfill our obligation to seek more Light.

**April Birthdays**

Here is wishing a most happy birthday to our April birthdays: Marty Reitz, Brian Miller, Adam Casteel, John Armandinger, Joseph Bourcy, and Kenneth Hecker.

Please join us, Union Star Brothers and Brothers from across the Craft, for any of our regular meetings held 2nd and 4th Monday of the month in the most beautiful Lodge, right here in Honeoye Falls. ☺

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Our first meeting in April falls on April Fool's Day, so we are celebrating by making it Hawaiian (or any goofy button-up and collared) Shirt Night. Also, scheduled to come out to tell us how much fun the Shrine is, as well as all the "noble" work they

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**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

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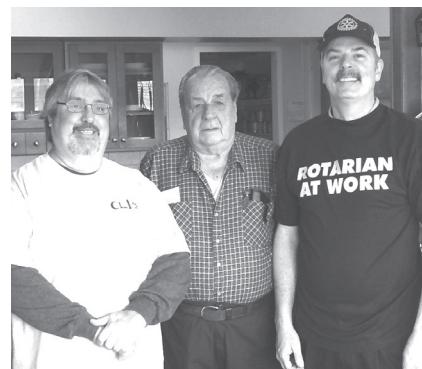
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do, are Potentate, Joe DiTucci, and Chief Rabban, Wayne McCrossen. We're looking forward to a fun and informative evening.

**Degree Schedule**

As we have more than five Brothers going through, our 3rd Degree will be held on a Saturday morning. The rehearsal for the Degree will be on Sunday evening, April 6th, starting at 7 p.m. If necessary, another rehearsal may be held on Tuesday, April 8th, as well.

On Saturday morning, April 12th, we will be conferring the Master Mason Degree upon seven Fellowcraft. We'll meet at the Lodge at 8 a.m. for coffee, donuts and set-up, with the ceremonies starting promptly at 9 a.m. A lunch will follow. I will be sitting in the East conferring the Degree - my first time doing the 3rd. Not being a morning person by any means (the Degree will start before I'm usually out of bed) this could be interesting!



(L to r) Brothers Pete Matthews and Bill Hunn and Hilton Rotary President, Bob Hunte, prepare to cook Ziti at Ronald McDonald House.

a chord with all of us. Dissecting the Ritual, hearing it phrased in other ways, really drives home what our founding Brothers were trying to get across and reminding us that these aren't words to utter in Lodge, but words to live by within Lodge and without. My thanks to Rich, again, on behalf of the Lodge and myself and I look forward to having him back again next year.

On March 9th, Clio Lodge and Hilton Rotary teamed up to cook a Ziti Dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Lending their culinary talents from Clio were Brother Bill Hunn and myself, and from Hilton Rotary, the President of the Club, Bob Hunte, along with Past President of Rotary as well as Past Master of Clio, Brother Mike Postilli. Both our Clubs have made the Ronald McDonald House a priority and I look forward to working again with the Hilton Rotarians there as well as our shared causes in Hilton. (Brother Mike is not pictured in the photos as he was the one taking them.)

**Recent Events**

We were fortunate enough last month to have Brother Rich Friedman come to Clio and give an informative and inspirational talk to our (then) just-passed Fellowcraft. His program was "Fellowcraft and the 21st Century." Although aimed at our Fellowcrafts, the talk struck

Using the trowel to spread the icing of Brotherly aging this month are our favorite Grandfather/Grandson combo Harry J. and Brett W. DeHollander, Randy Conlon, Robert Lane, David S. Partiss, Dale Polmateer and my "cuz" Frank "Sonny" Sassone. Happy Birthday, Brothers! Enjoy your respective days!

**Mark Your Calendar**

April 1st - Regular Communication/Hawaiian Shirt Night

April 6th - Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

April 12th - 3rd Degree, 9 a.m.



The chefs relax with Ronald after preparing the meal.

April 15th - Regular Communication, "Walk-About the Lodge"

April 23rd - Spaghetti Dinner, 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., \$7

prepare for each Degree and put on the excellent Ritual of which we are capable.

April 28th will now be Brother Move-up Night. This will give all the Officers a chance to step up into the next Chair in Line and practice their Ritual work ahead of time. It should be a fun night with some good education for all.

**Join Us at the Sock Hop**

On April 26th, there will be a SOCK HOP at the Lodge Hall as a fundraiser for the future kitchen projects we have planned. Brother Fred Palmaroni and his Band, CRS (Can't Remember Songs). Senior Warden, Byron Barnes, is heading up the Committee to support Fred and the band to make this a great night!

Next month, there will be the Annual Election of Officers, on May 12th. Please make every effort to attend this most important Meeting.

In closing, I leave you with this quote ...

"We are a Nation of builders, we make a living by what we get, But we make a life by what we give." Brother Winston Churchill.

Always seek more light, my Brothers.

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April's here, and Spring is in the air - hopefully! This is the time of the year for new growth and fresh beginnings. Time to begin passing the torch of leadership of the Lodge to a new Master. I have very much enjoyed my time as Master of Unity Lodge, and am looking forward to continuing to support the Lodge from a different Chair. With that said, I now realize we only have a short time to meet before we go dark for the Summer.

**Please Note ... Date Changes**

I have a few Trestleboard changes to announce. In order to complete the Degrees this year and have all the Entered Apprentices participate, I had to make the following changes.

The 2nd Degree will now be on April 14th, and the 3rd Degree will be on June 9th. This way all the Entered Apprentices will be able to attend and the Lodge will have proper time to

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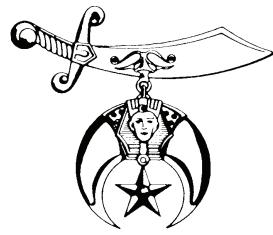
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**Damascus Shrine Center No. 2**

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**April 2014**

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Monday — Friday

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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



## JOSEPH DI TUCCI POTENTATE



Another month has come and gone; Spring is here and I am ready to start enjoying some warmer weather. Thank you to everyone who came out to the March meeting. How great it was to see that Lodge Room packed with Brothers.

The Cruz Night Crew did a fantastic job in the kitchen preparing our famous Shrine Fish Fry. During the March meeting we held our first round of raffle drawings. Congratulations to Mike Hueston, Jim Kahn and Lee Collier for becoming the first winners of the year. As a reminder, with a paid dinner reservation, you will receive a free raffle ticket for a drawing that will be held that night during the meeting.

Our May meeting will be a Past Potentates Night. We will be honoring the past leaders of our organization. The Divan will have something special in store and you will not want to miss this program. Dinner for the evening will be pizza, wings and subs. After the meeting, the bar will be open and we will have desserts and free Camel's Milk. The Shrine is supposed to be about fun, so please stick around after the meeting and enjoy great fellowship with your Brothers.

### Upcoming Events

As I'm sure you already know, Cruz Nights start in May; please see Scott Lasky or the Chief-of-Staff, Norris Shapiro, for details. This event grows each year and we are in desperate need of workers. To set the record straight ... this year, after expenses are covered, 100% of the proceeds will go to our Hospitals in Springfield and Erie. Rest assured, the time you volunteer will benefit our kids!

The Shrine is now opening the Bar and Kitchen one Saturday a month. We will have a live band playing tunes and, if you play an instrument or sing, you can play, too. This will be an open jam/mic night. Come on out and have some excellent times with your Brothers.

Thank you for your continued support and God bless you all. ☺

### Super Bowl Party

The Super Bowl Party is in the books as a huge success!

Everyone enjoyed sharing the game that becomes the most talked-about sport at the conclusion of the NFL Season.

Don't miss it next year!

(Pictured) are Joey and Wayne taking care of the libations at the Super Bowl Party! Cheers!



**SCOTT  
LASKY  
ASSISTANT  
RABBAN**



I am writing this article at the Assistant Rabban Training Session in Tampa. I have learned many valuable things here to help Damascus. Our mission is to add some new, quality Nobles to our Temple. Our numbers have been decreasing over the years and it is time to turn that around. We will be having some fun events this year and I urge you to invite friends and family to them. I have also gotten some great fundraising ideas as well and hope to try some of them out.

The Friday Night Fish Frys have been going well and continue through Good Friday. I am very thankful to the many Nobles and their families, who have come out to help with this event. Please consider coming to help or just enjoy a good dinner. Take-out is also available.

Don't forget the Cruz Night Meeting will be on Friday, April 4th at 7 p.m. at the Shrine Center. We will be going over this year's plan and reviewing last year's successful season. We have made some menu changes to help simplify our operations and help us be even more profitable. ☺

## Table Lodge & Awards



Widows Sons, Grand Chapter New York, receiving their award at Table Lodge for the largest donation (\$10,000) by a non-Shrine Club or Unit.



Uncle Ralph cooking in the blizzard for Table Lodge. That's a noble Noble!



Joey, George Corbett, Wayne Lachut. George is receiving his award at Table Lodge.



The Cruz Night Crew cooking for the March meeting.

*Have a Blessed  
Easter and  
Passover*



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

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### JUNE

**2nd Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.  
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8th Legion of Honor Flag Retirement Ceremony  
21st Fishing Derby  
28th Clam Bake**



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



# I Love the Parades!

By Jim Kahn, Colonel of the Units



**Fez Head Fred and Jim Kahn at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was a cold and snowy day, but the Shriners warmed up the crowd with our mascot.**

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

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

**Thursday, July 10th** - Webster Firemen's 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. ☺

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Bruce Huie

Milton Jefferson

Bruce Kennedy

Robert Kimmel

Howard Kyper

Scott Lasky

Michael Lewis

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Mark Malchoff

Kenneth Martens

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Raymond Zieman

*From the Quill ...*

*By Derek VanHouten, Recorder*

Let me explain briefly my journey to the Recorder's Seminar in Tampa, Florida, March 1st through March 4th. Office Manager, Ms. Karin Staples, went also. At the airport on Saturday while waiting for the non-stop flight to Tampa, I recognized a traveler at the podium that turned out to be P.P. Tom Vasile and his wife, Debbie, on their way to take their first cruise. In fact, they were sitting right behind me on the plane.

The 2-1/2 hours went quickly and soon we were in the land of green grass and palm trees along with 70° weather. We stayed at the Quorum Hotel on the corner of Cypress and Westshore Boulevard, not too far from the airport and the beautiful International Shopping Plaza. One of the features of the hotel was unlimited M&Ms available at the desk for anyone to help themselves.

All functions were held at the Quorum, which in a month or so will change into a Holiday Inn. On Sunday, we took a bus to Headquarters for a tour of the facility, hosted by my Boss, Imperial Recorder, Jack Jones, and Deputy Imperial Potentate, Dale Stauss. Since I had been there for a Membership Seminar last year, I was somewhat familiar with the layout. So while waiting for the bus afterwards, I tried to catch some rays. By the end of the day 106 Recorders out of 195 Shrine Centers and, in some cases, their wives, were all together.

On Monday, March 3rd, the Imperial Potentate welcomed all and then we went into the business sessions. The meals on Monday and Tuesday were included and sufficient time was offered for socializing between work sessions. It was stressed that all members of the Divan have access to Shriners Village and any Noble can also access it.

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If you have a problem, contact Karin or me and we'll be glad to help you out. Only the Divan and the Recorder's Office can access the "Boardroom" feature.

Currently at the Office we use the RED FEZ Membership Program which is similar to the MORI System in the Lodge for tracking members. A new program that will allow any member to access his personal information from any computer, iPad or smart phone is in the works.

There were instructional sessions on Insurance, Shriners Hospitals, Tampa Headquarters, By-laws (both Imperial and Temple), Ceremonials, Temple Accounting, our Legal Department and Membership. All were presented by the Department Heads from each group. Plenty of time was given for questions and answers.

One interesting information sheet was distributed to each Temple Recorder. Starting from 2009, it indicates the membership and where it's going. In our case, in 2009 we had 852 members; today we have 733. In the State we have 42,669 Master Masons and only 4,928 Shriners, which is only 11.55% of the Masons. So the opportunity to reach out and invite our friends to join us is encouraging.

The projected membership in 10 years would be 519, but we can change that! Other stats were Demits (158) and Deaths (130). In 1980, we had 2,341 by 2025 only 513 Nobles. What are YOU going to do about it? The last year we had a gain was in 2011, nothing says we can't do it again.

We all learned a lot during the sessions and are bringing home many ideas we want to share with you. It was a great experience and I know the members of the Elected Divan, who will be attending their own Seminars in the next few weeks, will also learn much from our leaders and be able to share what they received with all of you.

All too soon we were heading back to reality (Winter and snow), but the memories will be with us as we share with you what we experienced.

**PERRY SHRINE CLUB**

*By Ed Hollwedel*

A very cold night but a great turn-out for our February 27th meeting. Our new Officers for 2014 are Robert Cox, President; Douglas Seeber, Vice President; Kenneth Buckley, Treasurer; Edgar Hollwedel, Secretary; and Coordinator of the Mini-Car Operation, Jim VanSickle.

Our speaker was George Anna Almeter, a 17-year member of The Warsaw Historical Society, which is housed in the Gates House Museum at 15 Perry Avenue in Warsaw.

Mr. Seth Gates (1800-1877) was a prominent Abolitionist who, while he served in Congress (1838 - 2 terms), helped secure a national "right to petition" to protest the expansion of slavery.

He built his home in Warsaw in 1843 and that home was believed to be a station of the Underground Railroad. He died in 1877 and his wife in 1893 and his house became the site of the Society of the Village Work where the poor families of Warsaw received assistance. Also, a skills training center was there where girls learned to sew/embroider and boys learned carpentry or accounting.

Many Civic organizations were housed there over the years but it fell into disrepair and was to be demolished, but the Civil Conservation Corp. (CCC) saved it and in 1976 the building was deeded to The Warsaw Historical Society.

Now the Gates House is a museum depicting aspects of the Town and Village of

Warsaw by preserving and exhibiting historical materials related to the past, present and future. Special exhibits highlight the Underground Railroad, the Civil War and the Suffrage movement. It is open to the public on weekdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thank you to George Anna for a very informative presentation.

Perry Shrine Club's Divan Representative, Charles A. Feller, Marshal, then brought us all up-to-date on the plans and projects of Damascus Shrine.

**Upcoming Meetings**

All meetings start at 6 p.m. to socialize and we order off of



**Charles Feller**

the menu for dinner at 6:45 p.m.

**April 24th** - Hole in the Wall Restaurant, Perry. 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, Perry. Jim Van Sickle will tell us about "Indian Artifacts."

**June 26th** - The Club on Silver Lake, Perry. Howard Wood is making the plans for this evening to honor our ladies, since it will be Ladies Night.

**August 10th** - Lumberyard Restaurant, Perry. Sunday Brunch, 10:00 a.m.: Summer get-together. Last year we had a great turnout.

I hope to see everyone soon.

**Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting****Wednesday, April 9th**

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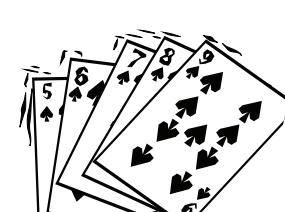
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**God Bless Our Troops**



## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB



*By David Bowman*

So last month the Ground Hog said six more weeks of Winter (thought I would throw that in for our friends in the South). I know, I know, it has been cold in the South. My question is "Do you shovel cold?" Anyway, it seems that we have turned a corner. Oh come on, can't we agree that we know there IS a corner?

We had to change the meeting place for April. We had hoped for Old Erie in Weedsport, but in calling about arrangements we found out they don't open on Monday's until May. So watch your mail for a new location.

Our Club is as active as can be - tabs are coming in, dinners are being planned and our President, Jack, keeps us moving. We will be honoring our Ladies in May at a Brunch on Sunday, May 18th. Be sure to mark that on your calendar now, as it is different from our usual Monday meeting time.

This is my first time to send out a Thank You to our Potentate for the recognition of the Auburn Club and work with the Hospital. It is both an honor and a humbling realization of all the blessings we have and the ability to help those in need. Again, a heartfelt Thank You to all.

A friend sent me some information about being from Upstate New York ... Jeff Foxworthy on Upstate New York ... "If you consider it a sport to gather your food by drilling through 36 inches of ice and sitting there all day hoping the food will swim by, you might live in Upstate New York. ... If you're proud that your region makes the national news 96 nights a year because Saranac Lake is the coldest spot in the nation, and Syracuse gets more snow than any other major city in the US, you might live in Upstate NY. ... If your local Dairy Queen is closed from October through May, you might

live in Upstate New York. ... If you get 131 inches of snow in a week and you comment that 'Winter's finally here,' you might live near Oswego in Upstate New York. ... If you instinctively walk like a penguin for six months out of the year, you might live, bundled up, in Upstate New York. ... If someone in a Home Depot Store offers you assistance, and they don't work there, you might live in Upstate NY. ... If your dad's suntan stops at a line curving around the middle of his forehead, you might live in Upstate New York. ... If you have worn shorts and a parka on the same day, you might live in Upstate New York. ... If you have had a lengthy phone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you might live in Upstate New York. ... 'Vacation' means going south past Syracuse for the weekend. You measure distance in hours. You know several people who have hit a deer more than once. You often switch from 'heat' to 'A/C' in the same day and back again. You can drive 65 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching. You install security lights on your house and garage and leave both unlocked. You carry jumper cables in your car and your girlfriend/wife knows how to use them. You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit. Driving is better in the Winter because the potholes are filled with snow. You know all 4 seasons - almost Winter, Winter, still Winter, and road construction. Down South to you means Corning. Your neighbor throws a party to celebrate his new shed. You go out for a Fish Fry every Friday. Your 4th of July picnic was moved indoors due to frost. You have more miles on your snow blower than your car. You find 10 degrees 'a little chilly.' And 55 is shorts weather."

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### From the Kitchen of Jan Porter ...

#### Pig Pickin' Cake (a Masonic Favorite)

This is a wonderful, light cake and very easy to make. I bake it in an 11x13-inch pan, but it can be baked in 3 round cake pans and layered.

##### Cake:

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix
- 1 (11 ounce) can mandarin oranges, juice reserved
- 4 eggs
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil

**Topping:** (this topping is great on any cake)

- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (15 ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 (3.5 ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix

##### Directions:

1. Mix together cake mix, canned oranges with juice, eggs, and oil. Pour batter into three greased and floured 8 inch round pans. Layers will be thin.
2. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 25 to 30 minutes, or until cake tests done. Cool.
3. Mix together whipped topping, drained pineapple, and instant pudding mix. Frost the cooled cake. Refrigerate until ready to eat.

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**Save the Date! ...**

### Flag Retirement Ceremony

**June 8th ~ 2:00 p.m.**

*at Damascus Shrine Center*

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

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



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

Meets 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m.  
30 Orchard Street, Webster

**Robin Locke, Queen**

### New-to-You Sale

*Submitted by Ellie Canfield*

#### New-to-You Sale

**Open to  
the Public**

at Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

**Friday, May 2nd**

**9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

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**Saturday,
May 3rd**

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

We are looking for donations ...

Spring and Summer clothing, household items, books, linens, etc.

Donations will be accepted on Thursday, May 1st (only) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Contact Debi Burke with any questions at 865-4940. □

You are cordially invited to the

Queen's Luncheon

Saturday, May 17, 2014

Social - 12:30 p.m. ~ ~ Lunch - 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per person

Burgundy Basin - 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford

Entrée Choice:

Stuffed Breast of Chicken or Seafood Stuffed Sole

Your reservation and payment due by May 10th

Send check and entrée choice to:

Rhonda Shaffer, 20 Brimsdown Circle, Fairport, NY 14450-1606

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Sunday, April 6th

\$32 per person



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**Payment with Reservation is due in the Office by Monday,
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Happy Spring! Hopefully, by now the flowers are poking their heads above ground and buds are forming on the trees. Wow! What a Winter we had in the Northeast! We have certainly earned a warm Spring and Summer this year and I hope Mother Nature delivers. Soon our Snowbird Friends will begin migrating North, and I hope many of you attend Lodge to see what's going on, what has changed and have a cocktail at our awesome Fellowcraft Bar!

Last month we celebrated the lives of our dearly departed Brothers who, in the past year, traveled to that house not made with hands eternal in the Heavens. Our Lodge of Remembrance Ceremony was indeed a beautiful salute to the men who helped to make Seneca the fine Lodge it is today.

The Brothers memorialized were: Curtis W. Barker, 9/28/13; Ernest A. Coleman, 12/26/12; Allen W. Gardner, 1/5/13; Edmund L. Kidd, 11/18/13; Albert O. Schnabel, 7/26/13; James G. Smith, 1/9/13; Edwin S. Wiitala, 4/29/13; and George C. Zutes, 7/17/13.

A special thanks to Brothers Bob Shaver and Don Jenks for helping make the ceremony the special occasion it was.

The month of April will bring us to the end of our Degree Season. Please, please, please try to stretch your Cabletoe and support your Degree Team who worked so hard to make this one of the best 3rd Degrees ever! What better favor can you do for your Lodge and new Master Masons than to be part of the most important ceremony in any Lodge's calendar year and certainly the most important moment in the life of a Blue Lodge Master Mason? I hope to see a large turnout!

Next month is Seneca's Election of Officers for the upcoming Masonic Year. It promises to be a very exciting evening as a new team slides effortlessly into their Chairs - a new age in the

history of our Lodge begins, and I become the next "Old What's His Name." It promises to be an emotional evening.

April Birthdays

I take this opportunity to recognize our Brothers born in April: Jack Maltby (2nd), Mike Lewis (6th), Wayne Fenton (18th), Ray Riddell (24th), Bob Crystal (29th) and Bob Kimmel (30th). Thank you to our April-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 202-1524 or email:

jeff.quartley@gmail.com

Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid ... and reservations are a must!!! ☐

Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476

2nd & 4th Mondays
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87 South Main Street

Is Winter finally over? Don't be too sure. It has been a cold, long Winter and everyone is ready for nice weather.

The Lodge is working through the second class of Degrees. All has gone well. There have been last-minute substitutes and some prompting, but the Candidates were receptive for the work done.

The 3rd Degree will be conferred April 28th. W.: Andrew Woepel, Master, will confer the Degree along with his fellow Officers and Brothers. There are two Brothers in waiting for the 2nd and 3rd Degree next Fall.

Fifty-five years ago, Fairport Lodge moved into the old Temple Theater for its meetings. Prior to that, the Lodge met on the third floor of a wooden building on West Avenue. Urban Renewal eventually tore that down to make way for the "Village Landing."

We are all on one floor now. Stairs lead only to storage. A former employee office and restroom has been gutted and become a beautiful office and storage area off the dining room. Thanks to Greg Ludwig and several Brothers for their efforts.

April Birthdays

There are four Brothers older than Dave Taber having birthdays in April. Happy Birthday to: Charles Blazey (2nd), Jeremy Leichtner (3rd), James Martin (7th), Stuart Bobry (8th), John Byam III (9th), Gary Moore (11th), Anthony Paola (15th), Jason Moore (18th), Raymond Anderson (20th), Arthur Friedman (22nd) and Nicholas Miraglia (28th). He'll let you guess who is the oldest and youngest. Best wishes for happy, healthy and prosperous years ahead.

Best wishes to all our Brothers and their families as they celebrate Easter and Passover. May we all be better for the religious and family experiences shared with all.

Be sure to check out other articles of interest in the **Masonic Times** for the big picture of Freemasonry in Monroe County and its environs. ☐

Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154

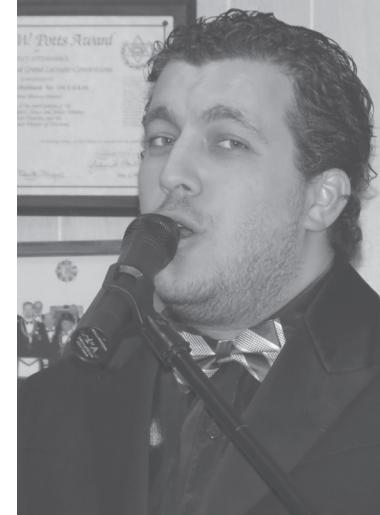
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By R.: W.: John Zabel

To keep everyone up-to-date, February was a very good month. The Lodge staffed the booth at Eastview Mall for the Ronald McDonald Houses *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. We originally had two days ... one day was canceled due to a snowstorm, but the second day, a Sunday, was very productive and we were able to collect a good amount of donations. There were many Brethren who came to help, including the daughter and granddaughters of Andy Shields. It was also John Rees' birthday and he wore a birthday crown for the day.

Our meetings in February

included a 1st Degree, which was conferred on three Candidates. They look to be very enthusiastic about finishing their Degrees. W.: Nathan Shoff, a



Dustin Long led karaoke singing.

newly affiliated Brother, is now our Lodge Degree Director. He planned to present the Middle Chamber Lecture at our 2nd Degree. Hopefully the new Entered Apprentices, and some of our current Entered Apprentices, were ready for the conferral.

February also saw our Valentine's Party at the Lodge Hall. It was attended by a good number of Brothers, their wives and several of our widows. Brother Dustin Long did a good job of handling the music and the karaoke singing. A good time was had by all. The dinner was great and we need to thank Brother Allen Heidrick and all his helpers for planning and decorating the Lodge for the event.

With Winter, hopefully, winding down, March saw R.: W.: John Zabel present a program on the history of the Lodge and an explanation of

the language used in the Degree work. If you were there, you may have learned something you did not know about the Lodge and its predecessors. We have a great history as a Lodge, but we need to work towards the future of the Lodge and build it using the history as a model.

At our first meeting on April 14th, we will see a presentation, topic yet to be determined, by V.: W.: Hugh Woodside. We look forward to programs in the Lodge as they do inspire and impart good knowledge on the Brethren present. Plan to attend and be educated.

Our second meeting in April will be the 3rd Degree. We may have a good class of Candidates for the Degree and it should prove to be an exciting, though possibly long, evening. This is up to the Candidates. If you have sponsored one of our Candidates, work with him to learn his part so he can become a Master Mason.

Brethren, remember to keep the Secretary informed about changes of address so mailed communications will reach you correctly. This includes the **Masonic Times** and the *Empire State Mason*. We also need changes in email addresses so the electronic communications will reach you correctly.

Well, let's hope that by the time you read this the sun will be shining, the weather warm and flowers will be starting to show themselves. Spring should be upon us with all the renewal it brings each year. Let us all work to renew and invigorate our Lodge for all the Brothers, new and long-time. ☐



John Rees celebrated his birthday in song with the assistance of Irene Ward.



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of our Nation's Civil War.

April Events

April 9th – VA Medical Center Voluntary Long-Service Awards Banquet, 11:30 a.m. at Burgundy Basin.

Congratulations to Brothers Vance Collom and Greg Ludwig who will receive this Award.

Vance will receive recognition for 300 hours of service and Greg for 100 hours.

April 16th - Monthly Birthday Party at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center

April 24th - Regular business meeting, 1 p.m., Webster Lodge Hall; lunch at 12 Noon. ☐

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In March, a significant event for Post No. 12 was the Posting of Colors at the Re-Dedication Ceremony of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Webster Lodge, which took place in 1864 during the period

York Rite NEWS

Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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I had a great time in Albany at Grand Chapter, on March 6th-8th. I enjoyed the fellowship of Companions John Zabel, Ted Powley and Dave Taber as we carpooled together.

I am now a "Yellow Dog" and have taken the "Old Saratoga" Degree. Companion R.J. Kessler left office after a great year of service, and Companion Pierce Vaughn stepped into the helm as our new Grand High Priest.

It was exciting to get up close and personal to the "Washington Bible," which was delivered from New York City. I managed to get a snap with my new smart phone. Ask me and I'll be happy to show you the picture.

The Anointing Ceremony for the Office of High Priest was one of most impressive Ritual presentations that I have seen. I was honored by being selected as one of the exemplars, and therefore, had a ring-side seat. The Ritual work was very well done.

I was amazed at how many of our Scottish Rite leaders are also leaders in the York Rite and many have ranking positions in the Grand Lines.

Companion Vaughn laid out his program for the ensuing year. We will be working on Ritual and rebuilding our Chapters here in New York.

I look forward to serving as High Priest of Hiram Chapter and strongly encourage all our members to come to the meetings and to get involved. If you're not a member, fill out a

Petition and hand it in.

For an introduction to Royal Arch Masonry, we will be presenting the Public Degree ... "The Peculiar Stone" on Wednesday, April 9th at Wayne Lodge in Ontario, NY. Come and be treated to an introduction to the York Rite.

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Upcoming Events

The 84th Annual East Coast Easter Observance by the Grand Encampment KT will take place on Easter Sunday, April 20th, on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

April 21st - Cyrene-Monroe Commandery will be Inspected by SK Dennis Davis, Grand Warden, at our regular meeting. All Sir Knights are asked to support your Commandery Officers by attending this function.

What is a Commandery

What is a Commandery of Knights Templar within the York Rite of Freemasonry? The Chivalric Orders are a set of three Orders (Degrees) in this Body; Order of Red Cross, Order of Malta and Orders of the Temple. These Orders are founded upon the traditions of the Chivalric Orders of Knighthood of the Middle Ages and the Rite has therefore acquired the title of Chivalric Masonry.

Three Levels of the Knights Templar

The Knights Templar operate on a local, state and national level, but their religious activities extend across international borders as well. Nationally,

there is The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. This Unit defines the 11 Rituals and laws governing state and local-level organizations. The state level is called A Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. This organization represents members of a state or an area of equivalent size. Finally, the local level unit is called a Commandery of Knights Templar. There are almost 1,300 Commanderies in communities across the United States, Germany, Italy and Mexico, with over 145,000 members. Similar Bodies exist in other countries as well.

To petition a Commandery of Knights Templar for membership, you must first be a member of a Masonic Lodge and a Royal Arch Mason, and must profess a belief in the Christian Religion. Commanderies organize many social activities, including Ladies Auxiliaries, Drill Competitions, Public Divine Services, Family Picnics, Organized Trips, Dinner Parties and Entertainments, Christmas Observances, Easter Sunrise Services, and Memorial Services.

Integrity, Obedience, Courage

The Knights Templar is a Christian-oriented fraternal organization that was founded in the 11th Century. Originally, the Knights Templar were laymen who protected and defended Christians travelling to Jerusalem. These men took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and were renowned for their fierceness and courage in battle.

Today, the Knights Templar display their courage and goodwill in other ways. They organize fund-raising activities such as breakfasts, dinners, dances and recognition celebrations. They support Masonic-related youth groups and they raise millions of dollars for medical research and educational assistance.

Currently, Templar membership consists of people from all walks of life, including doctors,

lawyers, clergy, businessmen and entertainment personalities, all of whom profess a belief in the Christian Religion.

All Knights Templar are members of the world's oldest fraternal organization known as "The Free and Accepted Masons" or more commonly known as "Masons." However, not all Masons are Templars. Templary is but a part of the Masonic structure known as the "York Rite Of Freemasonry."

Knights Templars particularly support specific dedicated Charities such as:

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation, the first program of its kind, was organized in 1922. Since then, more than \$38 million dollars has been loaned to 80,000 students to complete their last two years of college. This financial assistance is given without regard to race, color, creed, age or Masonic affiliation.

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee considers all applications for scholarship without regard to race, color, creed, age or Masonic affiliation.

These scholarships are not "grants in aid," but are open to all students regardless of their financial circumstances as long as they meet the requirements established by the committee. Financial aid to students who meet the required qualification may vary from state to state.

Mission Statement:

"To improve vision through research education, and supporting access to care."

From its inception, \$135 Million has been spent on research, patient care and education. The Foundation is also a co-sponsor of the Seniors Eye Care Program, a public service founda-

tion of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, which provides eye care at no cost to those who qualify through its corps of 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists nationwide.

The Foundation is funded by donations from the Knights Templar membership as well as contributions made by Masons from throughout the Masonic Family. These tax-deductible donations go to either general or endowment funds. Many members, as well as non-members, leave bequests as part of their estates supporting the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. in the preservation of sight.

In addition to the many religious observances throughout the year, The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar sponsors an annual "Holy Land Pilgrimage." The purpose of the pilgrimage is to send Christian Ministers to the Holy Land for a Biblical Study and Historical/Cultural Immersion Experience. Masonic membership is not required and the Minister can be male or female.

As the uniformed branch of Freemasonry, Templary can provide a colorful and distinctive enhancement to any formal ceremony, particularly with the reception of dignitaries and guests.

Each Commandery takes pride in its ability to execute distinctive military skills, such as the *Sword Manual* and precision marching and floor work. Incidentally, today, with the exception of honor guards, no United States military service teaches the *Sword manual* to its officers. The full templar uniform includes both a plumed chapeaux and a ceremonial sword as part of the standard Templar uniform. This distinctive nineteenth century military attire adds a colorful complement to any formal occasion. ☐

 scheduling any program is restricted by the Codes of many Grand Lodges.

In Minnesota, for example, the Grand Lodge Constitution states: "No Lodge shall hold any communication upon the Sabbath or first day of the week, except to conduct the Masonic funeral services of a deceased Brother." In 1978, this was amended to permit an afternoon or early evening ceremony on the Sabbath for Public Installation of Lodge Officers. But the well-meaning intent of Masonry is to avoid Lodge activity that would in any way conflict with customary Church activity.

Masonry is Not a Religion

Masonry is not a religion, and does nothing to interpret or effect various persuasions or faiths of its members. Masonry teaches, and has preserved in ancient purity, the cardinal tenet of the old primitive faith, which underlies, and indeed is the foundation of religion, which is that God is One, and that every member must have a firm and abiding faith in that fact.

Masons are encouraged to be active members of a church. It is generally

recognized, and many churches have discovered, that the outstanding leaders and officers of a church are often active Masons in their Lodges.

Masonry and the Church do not compete as far as their basic teachings are concerned. They seek to strengthen and support each other.

Masonry insists that every member have a firm belief in God, but does not interpret what the God is like. This is the purpose of the Church, and is clearly the distinct and separate reason why Masonry and the Church can and do work together. They have different purposes.

Historically, during periods of the rise to power by dictators and other forms of government that demand individual minds to cease to think, and to turn allegiance to demands of the central government, Masonry has been among the first organizations to be persecuted. Churches more often have been allowed to function under controlled patterns of influence, using directed church leadership as the forum for new thinking.

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OUR TRUST IS IN GOD

From a paper prepared by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota

The Church and Masonry are two subjects with great similarity, but also striking differences. When one considers them together, there are certain basic truths that should be recognized. To review these truths is to recognize the true relationship between them.

In Masonic terms and for this paper "God," "Deity," "Grand Architect," "Supreme Being," and other similar references to the Holy Father are varying ways to refer to the "One and Only," according to individual preferences, without infringing on the preference of his particular church.

Similarly, all individual churches are, in Masonic terms, considered as the Church. George Bernard Shaw said, "There is only one religion, though there are a hundred versions of it." Yes, each denomination has its own belief in what the Church should be. Masonry takes no preference in this separation of thought about the Church, but

accepts the universality and the individual member's preference.

Truths About Church and Masonry

Two principal truths should be recognized about the Church and Masonry.

First, Masonry does not replace the Church in worship of God; and secondly, a spirit of cooperation and understanding is to be encouraged in both the Church and in the Masonic Temple.

Since any misunderstanding is more likely to be on the part of church people looking at Masonry, rather than Masons looking at the Church, it becomes the responsibility of Masons to take positive and affirmative steps to ward off any misunderstanding.

To avoid misunderstanding, it is essential that no Masonic activities be scheduled at a time or place that would interfere with activities of the Church. Scheduling rehearsals, for example, or



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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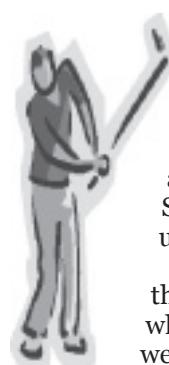
Prophets, by now I am hoping that Spring has finally shown its face and we will be able to move about easier. Hopefully, those Prophets who have been hibernating or flew South for the Winter will now be able to attend the meetings.

We are continuing to work on updating the By-laws ... hopefully, by next month we can have them ready for the Prophets to review and accept them.

I have appointed Prophet Jason Morrisette to the position of Captain of the Guard and Prophet Paul Farnung to the position of Hospitaler. I am sure they both will be a great asset.

We have begun the task of starting up a Lalla Rookh web page through which we will be able to attract potential Prophets and keep those who cannot make meetings more informed especially during the Winter months.

A card can bring a smile and show that you care. Prophets who would be happy to hear



Golf, Golf, Golf!!

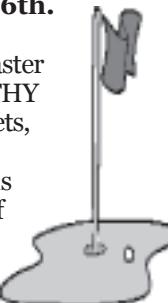
The sun is shining, the white balls are flying and now is the time to think GOLF!!!! Come to Old Hickory Golf Course on **June 28th** and enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments on the course, food on the turn, Steak Dinner and prizes. Entry fee is only \$50 and we use the Callaway scoring system.

All Master Masons are welcome to come and "chase the ball." If you have a friend who is a Non-Mason and whom you would like to bring, he is more than welcome. **Entry deadline is June 16th.** (See our ad in this **Masonic Times**.)

Lalla Rookh Grotto is a social organization of the Master Masons. Our purpose is to bring a quality of SYMPATHY and GOOD FELLOWSHIP not only to member Prophets, but to everyone.

An atmosphere of good, clean fun and frolic prevails at all times. Our 2014 calendar has a year full of FRIENDSHIP and GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

If you have questions about the above program, please call George Foehner, 586-5255.



from their fellow Prophets include:

Ken Hutchinson

6352 Stillmeadow Drive, Williamson, NY, 14589 (Nursing home)

Fred Cornell

211 Dean Road, Spencerport NY, 14559 (Hospital)

Mike Postilli

88 Underwood Avenue, Hilton NY, 14468 (Awaiting transplant)

Jeff Ross

16 Riggs Road, Rochester NY, 14612 (Leg problems)

Mark Your Calendar

April 7th – Board of Governors Meeting, 7 p.m.

April 16th – Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.; Ham Dinner prior to meeting at 6:30 p.m. If you

plan on attending, please make a reservation by calling Frank at 486-4341 so we can have enough food. The cost is \$5.00.

April 25th & 26th - The Empire State Grotto Association Spring Meeting in Binghamton, NY.

April Birthdays

Those who have matured this month are Prophets Paul V. Bissanti, Frank V. Churmetski, Harry J. DeHollander and Derek E. VanHouten.



Daughters of Mokanna



By Bev Murray, MCO

This month has added excitement for Lalla Rookh Caldron. Our Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Sandy Carreras, will come to visit and it is time for our yearly Ceremonial.

Wishing each of you a Happy Easter and a much longed for Spring with the hopes of kissing Winter goodbye.

May your April birthday bring you sunshine and happiness.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m. We will rehearse for the April 19th meeting and our Supreme Inspection.

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

Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday April 7th

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

Wednesday April 16th

Ham Dinner
6:30 p.m. - \$5 per person
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

April 25th - 26th

Empire State Grotto Association
Spring Meeting
Binghamton, NY

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Bedroom ...

- Wash Bedding
- Clean out Closets/Donate Clothing
- Rotate Mattresses
- Put away Winter Bedding

Kitchen ...

- Toss Expired Foods
- Clean Cabinets, Inside and Out
- Clean Appliances

Outside ...

- Clean Deck/Porch/Patio
- Clean Porch Ceiling/Walls
- Clean Outside of Home
- Clean Patio Furniture

Happy Summer ...

and salvation.

The Holy Bible has sometimes been referred to by such terms as "book of life," or "the operating manual for living," or "Trestleboard of life," because of its complete and all-encompassing nature of providing a solution to every problem.

For example, when the missionary, John Eliot, completed a huge undertaking to translate the complete Bible into the Algonquin Indian Language in the Mid-seventeenth Century, he is quoted as saying, "The word of life is now your own," as he gave the first copies of this first American Bible to his people. Therefore, the Light that is found upon the Altar in a Masonic Temple is the basis of our faith, and of our life. Spiritually, mentally and morally, a member finds source for strength in both the Church and in the Masonic Temple. But, because of his understanding, he never lets one take the place of the other. Knowing the respective places of each, one can be a better Mason because of being a faithful member of the Church, and likewise be a better member of the Church because of being a Mason.

Masonry and the Church, like the pillars Jachin and Boaz, provide two very strong foundations on which one builds a life. From these foundations

rise landmarks of humanity which have called upon the skill of writers throughout the ages, and incite meanings, construct allegories, invite continuing study, and incite the imagination into what one can become.

Masonry is not a religion, but both Masonry and the Church invite men of all religions to war against wrong, uphold truth, and covet charity, or love. This universality of the Church is recognized by Masonry and, as noted earlier, Masonry takes no preference in individual denominations but accepts each member with whatever denominational relationship he may have. In so doing, every Mason is reminded of duty and obligation. His lips should be sealed against vulgarity and falsehood. His life will attract good men to follow the same road.

In the end, the good Mason will be that person who can look upon death, and see in its face the same countenance with which he hears its story. He will endure all the labors of his life with his soul supporting his body, and amply returning to the world the fruits of his gifts from God.

His crowning glory then, will be that his Church will mourn his passing with the knowledge that one of their greatest supporters has passed the test of time.

To reach this height, Masonry invites its members to be equally familiar with both the landmarks and instruction of Masonry, as well as with landmarks and instruction of the Holy Bible.

Dr. Henry H. Halley, recipient of the Gutenberg Award and author of a noted "Bible Handbook," noted the widespread neglect of the Bible ... we talk about the Bible, and defend the Bible, and praise the Bible, and exalt the Bible. Yes indeed! But many church members SELDOM EVER EVEN LOOK INTO A BIBLE ... indeed would be ASHAMED to be seen READING the Bible." Masonry will share the burden of such

neglect if it does not continue to share encouragement for reading and studying the Bible as well as Masonic literature.

In summation of these thoughts concerning a Masonic relationship with the Church, the words of an unknown poet are most appropriate:

The Lodge on High

When you've passed on to that Far Land Beyond the skies and take your stand Before Jehovah's Great White Throne, Clad only in a gown alone; A pilgrim tired, without one cent To show for all the time you've spent, The work you've done down here below In this old strife-torn vale of woe- My son, I'm sure the Lord won't care If you were poor or millionaire.

And when we've ceased our daily grind, Left all our worldly goods behind And landed safe above the clouds, We'll look alike in snowy shrouds; With feathered wings and hand in hand We'll both enroll in Heaven's Band. And, son, I know that we won't need To fuss about our race or creed Or if we took some high degree As Mason, Moose or K. of C.

If you've believed in one true God, The straight and narrow path have trod, No matter what your lodge may be, Your politics or pedigree, You'll need no word or paid-up card To pass you by the outer guard. There's just one Order I surmise The Lord of Hosts will recognize, The biggest Lodge since time began - And that's the Brotherhood of Man.

Scottish Rite NEWS

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



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

On Sunday, April 6th, please join us at the Shrine Center to witness our annual presentation of the Feast of the Pascal Lamb, as we said goodbye to our departed Brethren. The Brothers of Fairport-Flower City Lodge will prepare a Prime Rib Dinner, with reservations due by April 1st. This event is being Chaired by Most Wise Master of the Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix, Sublime Prince Adam Junod, 32°.

Our Lite from the Rite program on April 17th will feature III.: Jeffery Williamson, 33°, Valley of Buffalo speaking on "Maintaining Our Numbers."

April 26th: We are looking forward to our Spring Reunion (4°, 18°, 19°, 27°, 31° and 32°) scheduled for Saturday, April 26th, at the Damascus Shrine Center. The Valley of Buffalo will be working with us and presenting the 27th and 31st Degrees.

Thursday, May 15th, will be the Election and Installation of Officers at the Shrine Center.

Saturday, May 17th is our Reunion Banquet set for Cobblestone Creek in Victor. I look forward to seeing many of you at this event, which will be my last official act as Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester.

Musings

A little bit o' light from the CIC – part 4 and final (*Continued from last month*).

The Order had now reached the summit of its greatness. Besides large possessions in Germany, Italy, and other countries, its sovereignty extended from the Oder River to the Gulf of Finland. This country was both wealthy and populous. Prussia is said to have contained fifty-five large fortified cities, forty-eight fortresses, and nineteen thousand and eight towns and villages.

The population of the larger cities must have been considerable, for we are told that in 1352 the plague carried off thirteen thousand persons in Danzig, four thousand in Thorn, six thousand at Elbing, and eight thousand at Koenigsberg. One authority reckons the population of Prussia at this time at two million one hundred and forty thousand eight hundred. The larger percentage of these were German immigrants, since

CANCELLED

Attention - all Scottish Rite Travelers ...

The April trip to the Valley of Nashville, Tennessee has been cancelled. We did not have sufficient numbers signed up



to justify the trip. The extra per person expense to continue the trip would have been extensive.

**Gordon Hubbell, 32° DSA
Trip Chairman**



the original inhabitants had either perished in the war or returned to Lithuania.

Historians, who were either members of the Order or favorably disposed toward it, are loud in their praise of the wisdom and generosity of its government; while others accuse its members and leaders of pride, tyranny, luxury, and cruel extortion.

In 1410 the Teutonic Order received a most crushing defeat at Tannenberg from the King of Poland, assisted by bodies of Russians, Lithuanians, and Tartars. The Grand Master, Ulrich de Jungingen, was slain, along with several hundred Knights and thousands of soldiers.

There is said to have been a chapel built at Gruenwald, in which an inscription declared that sixty thousand Poles and forty thousand of the army of the Knights were left dead upon the field of battle. The banner of the Order, its treasury and a multitude of prisoners fell into the hands of the enemy, who shortly afterward marched against Marienberg and besieged it.

Several of the feudatories of the Knights sent in their submission to the King of Poland, who began at once to dismember the dominions of the Order and to assign portions to his followers. But this proved to be premature. The Knights found, in Henry de Planau, a valiant leader, who defended the city with such courage and obstinacy that, after fifty-seven days' siege, the enemy retired, after serious loss from sorties and sickness. A series of battles followed, and finally a treaty of peace was signed, by which the Order gave up some portion of its territory to Poland.

But a new enemy was on its way to inflict upon the Order greater and more lasting injury than that which the sword could effect. The doctrines of Wycklif had for some time been spreading throughout Europe, and had lately received a new impulse from the vigorous efforts of John Huss in Bohemia, who had eagerly embraced them, and set himself to preach them, with additions of his own.

Several Knights accepted the teaching of Huss, and either retired from the Order or were

forcibly ejected. Differences and disputes also arose within the Order, which ended in the arrest and deposition of the Grand Master in 1413. But the new doctrines had taken deep root, and a large party within the Order were more or less favorable to them, so much so that at the Council of Constance (1415) a strong party demanded the total suppression of the Teutonic Order. This was overruled; but it probably induced the Grand Master to commence a series of persecutions against those in his dominions who followed the principles of Huss.

The treaty that had followed the defeat at Tannenberg had been almost from the first disputed by both parties, and for some years appeals were made to the Pope and the Emperor on several points; but the decisions seldom gave satisfaction or commanded obedience. The general result was the loss to the Order of some further portions of its dominions.

Another outbreak of the plague, in 1427, inflicted injury upon the Order. In a few weeks no less than eighty-one thousand seven hundred and forty-six persons perished. There were also about this time certain visions of hermits and others, which threatened terrible judgments upon the Order, because, while it professed to exist and fight for the honor of God, the defense of the Church, and the propagation of the faith, it really desired and labored only for its own aggrandizement.

It was said, too, that it should perish through a goose (oie), and as the word "Huss" means a goose in Bohemian patois, it was said afterward that the writings of Huss, or more truly, perhaps, the work of the goose-quill, had fulfilled the prophecy in undermining and finally subverting the Order. There were also disputes respecting the taxes, which the people declared to be oppressive, and finally, in 1454, a formidable rebellion took place against the authority of the Knights.

Casimir, King of Poland, who had long had hostile intentions against the Order, secretly threw all his weight into the cause of the malcontents,

Valley of Rochester Spring at last - 2014

APRIL

April 6th - Feast of the Paschal Lamb at Shrine Center
3:00 p.m. Sharp - Program followed by Prime Rib Dinner - \$15 (**)

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. (**)

AUGUST

August 2nd - Clambake/Steak Roast at Camp Morris
11:00 a.m. til ? ? ~ Bring a dish to pass ~ Rain or Shine (**)

(**) Reservations required – due by noon on preceding Monday
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Go to Valley Calendar for more details (www.valleyofrochester.org)

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who made such way that the Grand Master was forced to retire to Marienberg, his capital, where he was soon closely besieged. Casimir now openly declared war, and laid claim to the dominions of the Knights in Prussia and Pomerania, formally annexing them to the kingdom of Poland. The Grand Master sent petitions for aid to the neighboring princes, but without success. The kings of Denmark and

Sweden excused themselves on account of the distance of the war from their dominions. Ladislaus, King of Bohemia and Hungary, was about to marry his sister to Casimir, and the religious dissensions of Bohemia and the attacks of the Turks upon Hungary fully occupied his attention and demanded the employment of all his troops and treasure; and finally the capture of Constantinople by Mahomet at this very time (1458) seemed to paralyze the energies of the European powers.

Louis d'Erlichshausen, the Grand Master, thus found himself deserted in his time of need. He did what he could by raising a considerable body of mercenaries, and with these, his Knights and the regular troops of the Order, he defended himself with courage and endurance, so that he not only succeeded in holding the city, but recovered several other towns that had revolted.

But his resources were not equal to the demands made upon them, his enemy overwhelmed him with numbers, his own soldiers clamored for their pay long overdue, and there was no prospect of aid from without. There was nothing left for him to do but make the best terms he could. He adopted the somewhat singular plan of making over Marienberg. What remained of the dominions of the Order he gave to the chiefs who had given him aid, in payment for their services, and he retired to Koenigsberg, which then became the capital of the Order, with his Knights and troops. Marienberg soon afterward came into the hands of Casimir; but the Knights again captured it, and again lost it in 1460.

War continued year after year between Poland and the Knights. The general result was that the Knights were defeated, losing one town after another, till, in 1466, a peace was concluded. The terms of this agreement required the Knights to cede to Poland almost all the western part of their dominions, retaining only a part of Eastern Prussia, with Koenigsberg for their capital. The Grand Master acknowledged himself the vassal of the King of Poland, with the title of Prince and Councilor of the kingdom.

In 1497 the Order lost its possessions in Sicily through the influence of the Pope and the King of Aragon, who combined to deprive it of them. It still retained a house at Venice and some other property in Lombardy. In 1511 Albert de Brandenberg was elected Grand Master. He made strenuous efforts to procure the independence of the Order, and solicited the aid of the Emperor to free it from the authority of Poland, but without success. The Grand Master refused the customary homage to the King of Poland, and, after fruitless negotiations, war was once more declared, which continued till 1521, when peace was concluded; one of the results of which was the separation of Livonia from the dominion of the Order, creating an independent state.

All this time the doctrines of Luther had been making progress and spreading among all classes in Prussia and Germany. In 1522 the Grand Master went to Nuremberg to consult with the Lutherans there, and shortly afterward he visited Luther himself at Wittenberg. Luther's advice was decided and trenchant.

He poured contempt upon the rules of the Order, and advised Albert to break away from it and marry. Melanchthon supported Luther's counsels. Shortly after, Luther wrote a vigorous letter to the Knights of the Order, in which he maintained that it was of no use to God or man. He urged all the members to break their vow of celibacy and to marry, saying that it was impossible for human nature to be chaste in any other way, and that God's law, which commanded man to increase and multiply, was older than the decrees of councils and the vows of religious orders. At the request of the Grand Master he also sent missionaries into Prussia to preach the reformed doctrines. One or two bishops and many of the clergy accepted them, and they spread rapidly among the people. Services began to be said in the vulgar tongue, and images and other ornaments were pulled down in the churches, especially in the country districts.

In 1525 Albert met the King of Poland at Cracow, and formally resigned his office as Grand Master of the Teutonic Order, making over his dominions to the King, and receiving from him in return the title of hereditary Duke of Prussia. Shortly afterward, he followed Luther's advice and married the princess Dorothea of Denmark. Many of the Knights followed his example. The annals and archives of the Order were transferred to the custody of the King of Poland, and were lost or destroyed during the troubles that subsequently came upon that kingdom.

A considerable number of the Knights refused to change their religion and abandon their Order, and in 1527 assembled in chapter at Mergentheim to consult as to their plans for the future. They elected Walter de Cronberg Grand Master, whose appointment was ratified by the Emperor, Charles V. In the religious wars that followed, the Knights fought on the side of the Emperor, against the Protestants. In 1595 the commandery of Venice was sold to the Patriarch and was converted into a diocesan seminary; and in 1637 the commandery of Utrecht was lost to the Order. In 1631 Mergentheim was taken by the Swedes under General Horn.

In the war against the Turks during this period some of the Knights, true to the ancient principles of their Order, took part on the Christian side, both in Hungary and in the Mediterranean. In the wars of Louis XIV, the Order lost many of its remaining commanderies, and by an edict of the King, in 1672, the separate existence of the Order was abolished in his dominions, and its possessions were conferred upon the Order of St. Lazarus.

When Prussia was erected into a kingdom, in 1701, the Order issued a solemn protest against the act, asserting its ancient rights over that country. The Order maintained its existence in an enfeebled condition till 1809, when it was formally abolished by Napoleon. In 1840 Austria instituted an honorary Order called by the same name, and in 1852 Prussia revived it under the designation of the Order of St. John.

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



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**Saturday, April 5th
Perinton Park - Fairport
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Check-in: 9:30 a.m. ~ WALK: 10:30 a.m.

**** Picnic Lunch ** Silent Auction ****

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THE FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB

Presented by

**The Chapter of Rose Croix
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Sunday, April 6th ~ 3 p.m.

at Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster

2:30 p.m. - Doors open; Light refreshments

3 p.m. - Ceremony of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb with Choral Accompaniment by Hilton Baptist Church Choir

5 p.m. - Social (Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar)
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From the 2nd Lt. Commander Sublime Prince John Lemke, 32° DSA

"You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was," so said Abe. Every day shouldn't simply be getting up, doing your job, making some money and then doing it over again the next. For many, though, it is. If we are to grow as men, we need to continue as we started. We start in Blue Lodge with the first three Degrees. Of course, we can learn those Degrees more fully over time, but there is the further road, the further light, that is the continuation of what we started ... that is the Scottish Rite.

"Grow or die," they say. That can apply to an organization and an individual. Waiting for the right time becomes an excuse for inaction. President Lincoln also said "Things may come to those that wait, but only the things left by those that hustle." Why lead your life always waiting for the right time? Why not move forward? If you are a Master Mason, if you enjoy the Blue Lodge and your Brothers in it, you will enjoy the Scottish Rite.

Abe also said, "the better part of one's life consists of his friendships." There are friend-

ships to be made, Brothers to meet and get to know and good times to be had in the Scottish Rite Masonic Fraternity. I have enjoyed my experience and growth and have witnessed that growth in Brothers.

Take the opportunity to join the Scottish Rite if you are not yet a member and encourage a Brother if you are. Unless you are all you ever want to be, unless you have all the friends you could ever want, you will benefit from and enjoy the Scottish Rite. There will always be excuses for inaction and stagnation. Why not grow? ☺

In Memoriam

Allison, Thomas

We have received word that Thomas Allison, member of Union Star Lodge, passed away February 9th. May he find peace with the Lord.

Frear, Arnold W.

On February 17th, Arnold Frear, 89, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord. His wife of 69 years, Dorothy; 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren survive him. Arnie was a US Marine Veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was very active in the community and a dedicated Mason – member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, Scottish Rite, Honorary Member of Supreme Council, 33°, and Damascus Shrine. There is a link death cannot sever, Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

Glerum, Harold J.

Harold Glerum, 83, went Home to his Lord on March 5th, leaving his wife of 62 years, Jeannette; 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren to share his memory. Harold was a member of Damascus Shrine. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

King, Philip C., Jr.

Philip King, Jr., 82, went to the waiting arms of his wife on February 6th, leaving 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren to remember him. Phil was a member of Webster Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Lawson, Glenn F.

On March 5th, Glenn Lawson, 89, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith. Two children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren will continue to share memories of his life. Glenn was a member of Unity Lodge. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Board. Celebrate the lives of your loved ones and hold their memories close.

Nersinger, James E.

Jim Nersinger, 85, entered Eternal Rest on February 22nd. He is survived by his wife, Junko; 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Jim was a very active Mason – a member of Union Star Lodge, Damascus Shrine, York Rite – Hiram Chapter, RAM and Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, and served on the Masonic Service Bureau Board of Directors.

Rhodes, Kenneth

On February 28th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced Kenneth Rhodes, 84. His wife of 57 years, Doreen; 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren are left to remember him. Ken was a Royal Air Force Veteran of World War II.

His active Masonic life included membership in Fame Lodge, Lalla Rookh Grotto, James Hard Post No. 12-Masonic War Veterans, Etoileah Chapter of OES, Order of Triangle and DeMolay Dad. The Brothers and Sisters of the Fraternal Bodies will keep his memory in their hearts. ☺

Thompson, Gary C.

On the 16th of March, Gary Thompson, 69, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; 5 children and 15 grandchildren. Gary was a US Air Force Veteran and held membership in many Masonic Bodies – Renovation Lodge (Albion), Clio Lodge, York Rite – Hiram Chapter, RAM, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery, Doric Council and Genesee York Rite College, Damascus Shriners, Scottish Rite, Tall Cedars, Lalla Rookh Grotto and Etoileah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Widows to be Remembered

Brink, June E., 86, widow of Harvey Brink, Sr. (Unity Lodge), passed away February 17th.

Gallipeau, Dolores Ann, 81, widow of William Gallipeau (ERAC Lodge), passed away February 18th.

Hoag, Betty L., 88, widow of Edward "Ted" Hoag (ERAC Lodge), passed away February 27th.

Stillman, Dorothy M., 91, widow of Albert Stillman (Unity Lodge), passed away February 16th. ☺



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

Visit their website for more information: www.nationalheritagemuseum.org



Reservation for AASR Members

Please enter my reservation for the 2014 Valley of Rochester Reunion Banquet as follows (please print):

Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entrée Choice: _____ Prime Rib

Pork Tenderloin

Salmon

\$ _____ Fee enclosed: \$30 per person / \$60 per couple

Mail your reservation with menu choice and payment to:
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Entrée Choice: _____ Prime Rib

Pork Tenderloin

Salmon

I am ... _____ New 32° Class Member

Invited Guest

Regrets, Unable to Attend

RSVP to Valley of Rochester AASR Office by May 9th
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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

MAY

3 Monroe District Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin

5-6 Grand Lodge Sessions, New York City

17 Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet, Cobblestone Creek C.C.

18 O/S/Y District Memorial Service, United Church of Phelps

23 Joint Investiture Service, Fairport Masonic Hall

9, 16, 23, 30 - Damascus Shriners Cruz Nights

JUNE

7 Apron Presentation, Shrine Center

7-8 Fairport Canal Days

8 Damascus Shriners Legion of Honor Flag Retirement Ceremony, Shrine Center

19 Masonic Service Bureau Awards Night, Shrine Center

20-22 St. John's Day Weekend, Utica

6, 13, 20, 27 - Damascus Shriners Cruz Nights

JULY

10 Webster Firemen's Parade

26 Order of the Eastern Star Pilgrimage, Oriskany

26-27 Spencerport Canal Days

4?, 11, 18, 25 - Damascus Shriners Cruz Nights (Also: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; September 5)