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Valley of Rochester, AASR, to host 2017 Biennial Supreme Council Meeting

By Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33°, Active Member, AASR NMJ

Rochester, New York, submitted the winning proposal to host the 2017 Biennial Supreme Council meeting for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The meeting, which will bring approximately 2,500 people from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and visitors from around the world, is scheduled for August 22-29, 2017. The Supreme Council meeting has been held in New York State 14 times since the Union of 1867 – eight times in New York City, once in Saratoga and five times in Buffalo, the most recent being in 1959, and NEVER before in Rochester!

In preparing the proposal, which involved almost a year of planning, the question arose: “Why Rochester?” The quick response is, of course, “Why not, Rochester?” But a more thoughtful answer to that question involves what Rochester has to offer the Supreme Council and the Scottish Rite members, ladies and distinguished guests who will attend the meeting.

To even be considered as a venue for the meeting, it was necessary to identify and secure a block of 1,000 hotel rooms with 4,200 room nights and a slanted-floor auditorium with stage for the week and a seating capacity of at least 2,500. We went to work



Kodak Hall, Eastman Theater

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Loan Closet adds Medical Equipment Washer

By R.:W.: Charles Waterstreet
Executive Director

For the last several years, the Masonic Service Bureau personnel have looked for an individual to help clean and maintain the various pieces of sick room equipment available for loan. They would also be responsible for assisting in providing service to the public who come in to borrow these items. We were not successful.

As some of you know, returned equipment would be stacked up in the office area until such time as we could inspect, clean and put it back into our inventory for loan again. The volume of returns, on occasion, would be overwhelming! We would stay late in the evening or come in on Saturdays or Sundays to clear up the backlog. Lodge Brothers from ERAC, Fame and Inspiration have come in on several dates to assist in this effort. The area would be emptied, but by the close of business the next day there would be the start of another collection.

Enter R.:W.: M. Donald Darrohn. As a member and Past President of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall

currently only \$4 per night. In addition, the VisitRochester organization went the extra mile and negotiated very favorable rates for use of the Eastman Theatre and the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Bottom line: It's AFFORDABLE for both Supreme Council and the attendees!

But besides affordable pricing – Again: “Why Rochester?”

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R.:W.: Charles Waterstreet (left) and R.:W.: George Fohner uncrate the AQ-1500 medical equipment washing machine. Brother Fohner was there to assure proper electrical connections were ready for installation of the unit.

and Home, he was aware of the existence of their machine for cleaning and disinfecting wheelchairs and other durable equipment. Most important, he passed this information along to me on a visit to our office.

I did some research independently, as well as placing a call to the Masonic Care Community. Eventually I was connected to David Fasolino in the Housekeeping Department. We spent nearly 20 minutes on the telephone, while he explained the machine he had purchased

and how satisfied he was with its operation. He emailed me information on the machine and the spreadsheet he had used to compare products, which saved me the time and effort to do the research myself.

Upon calling the manufacturer of the selected unit, the Aqua Phase AQ-1500, I learned there was one nearly completed that I could have in a couple of weeks. The normal wait time for production was 6-8 weeks.

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Change of Venue for Grand Lecturer's Convention

On Tuesday, October 7th, Monroe District will host R.:W.: Richard Kessler, Grand Lecturer, at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster. Originally scheduled in Fairport, the location was changed due to a scheduling conflict. Fairport-Flower City Lodge Brothers will prepare a Prime Rib Dinner. Serving will be at 6:30 p.m.; the cost is \$15. The Convention will convene at 7:30 p.m. Please make your dinner reservation with the Monroe District Deputy R.:W.: George Fohner, 704-6128, as soon as possible.

Other Grand Lecturer's Conventions scheduled for our area this Fall are:

Wayne District

Thursday, October 23rd, at Marion Lodge Hall. Contact information: V.:W.: Jeff Gagnon, Wayne District AGL at: waynedistrictagl@gmail.com or jgagnon174@gmail.com;

by cell phone, 727-0426.

Ontario/Seneca/Yates

Wednesday, October 29th, at Seneca Falls Masonic Hall with Pocahontas Lodge hosting the event. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the Convention commencing at 7:30 p.m. Contact the District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: John Hubbard (607) 351-3222 for more details.

Livingston District

Wednesday, November 12th, 7:30 p.m. with Mount Morris Lodge as the host. R.:W.: Douglas Stanley, District Deputy Grand Master, - 245-4395 - may be able to provide further information.

Genesee-Wyoming District

Thursday, November 13th, where Constellation Lodge will be the host at the Perry Masonic Hall. The Convention begins at 7:30 p.m. The District Deputy Grand Master is Henry Robinson, 322-3654; obtain more details from him. □

It's not too early to mark your calendar!

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Damascus News see page 9



Editor's Corner

I'm sure many of you know that I am a baseball fan. Not so much of the professional sport anymore, but certainly the amateur side, with grandchildren playing, and softball, which I have officiated for years.

You probably don't know that I am not a Yankees fan. I bleed Dodger blue, even after they pulled up stakes and went West. While it was difficult obtaining information on the previous night's game (we didn't have smartphones or internet back then!), I could catch up on the weekends at least.

Regardless of my allegiance, I could always respect opposing players. I may not like their team, but when they played hard and performed well, it was tough to not appreciate their efforts. Mantle, Rizzuto, Mays, Maglie, Gibson...well, you get the picture. They were all exciting and talented players to read about and, eventually, watch on the baseball *Game of the Week*.

REPECT

Before the explosion of news services and programs that told the dastardly deeds of these childhood heroes, I dreamed of emulating them. However, I am not a good ball player. The joy of participation did not improve my meager skills, which is why I became an umpire. I AM good at that...still!

So, when I sat down this Summer to watch the All Star Game, I was anticipating the tribute to be broadcast on Derek Jeter - the Captain of the New York Yankees. I was excited to see the scope of individuals who "tipped their cap" in his honor. A man who, for twenty seasons, did his job VERY well and, at least as far as we know, has never been anything but an upstanding individual. His farewell tour has been incredible.

The title of that Jeter tribute, "REPECT," was done in a typeface where the "S" was set as a "2" and looked like a backwards "S." If you don't know, 2 is Jeter's uniform number. Its anticipated retirement will mean all the single digits in Yankees uniform numbers will never be worn on the playing field again.

About the same time, the Summer issue of *The Empire State Mason* arrived. I read with interest the column by M.W. William J. Thomas, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. In writing about Membership Retention, the word respect was mentioned, as was the KISS principle - Keep It Short and Simple.

I have felt in other events that have occurred over the recent past that we are losing respect (already lost it?). Regardless of your position in life, regardless of your personal feelings toward an individual, there are times when she or he are deserving of respect. Members



Brother Derik Plaisted, W. Scott Rice and Jordan Plaisted (Derik's son) were among the Inspiration Lodge volunteers who helped unload the equipment washing machine and move it into the Shrine Center and Service Bureau office.

Loan Closet Equipment

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Approval obtained

The Trustees of the Bureau approved the proposal I submitted, which included funds to install water and drain lines into the building. I did this via email, hoping the approval would come quickly and work could be completed over the Summer with minimum interruption of the activities of the Shrine Center.

I began the process of determining the best location for the machine and how we would be able to affix the required plumbing connections. Several ideas were proposed; some were more acceptable to some than others. While this discussion was proceeding, I received an email that our machine had shipped from Wisconsin.

You all know when you call for service on your cable television problems they tell you the technician will be there between 1 and 4 p.m.? Isn't it always closer to the 4 p.m. time? I was told our shipment would arrive between 1 and 3 p.m. on Thursday. I had alerted Brothers of Inspiration Lodge that help would be needed and in-

quired anyone available for pizza at 1:00 p.m.

Delivery

Can you imagine my surprise when the FedEx driver walked into the office at 9:10 a.m.? I asked if he had a crate for me and told him he was early. He asked me if I wanted him to come back later. Of course, I said, "NO!"

Our shipment had required special treatment, in that we have no loading dock. The truck used required a drop lift tailgate on the back, which is why I think we were told it would be later in the day. I was really happy to have it in hand. It was a beautiful day, so I had him place it right outside the main doors to the dining room, figuring that would be the easiest way to bring it into the building.

By this time, I determined that the best location was in the side equipment storage/staging area within the Service Bureau office. R.W. George Foehner, with whom I had been in contact with regard to our electrical requirements, came by early to be sure the supply was adequate. The two of us began the uncrating process so we could retrieve the chemicals and lit-

erature which had been shipped inside the chamber.

Other Brothers arrived and so did the pizza. While most of us ate lunch, W.: Scott Rice led a few Brothers in removing the entry doors, bringing the machine into the Service Bureau, and replacing the doors. I didn't even see them wheel the machine in... too busy eating and talking!

We had begun, but not completed the necessary arrangements for the water hookup. In the interim, we used a 75-foot garden hose to provide the hot water (from the restrooms) and a rubber 32-gallon trash container for the discharge. After two cycles, it was wheeled to the kitchen and dumped in the utility drain. (It fit very nicely into one of our larger wheelchairs, making it an easy move.)

I waited until Friday morning to make the connections and set up the machine. There was a lot less confusion in the area when Jan wheeled the first chair to the door and lifted it into the wash chamber. Then it was push the button and let it go!

At the end of the cycle, we opened the door and immediately our glasses fogged up. We knew the water was plenty hot enough. We also saw how much water a wheelchair could retain, as we mopped up the spill on the floor...all part of our learning curve!

The color of the waste water convinced us that a much cleaner product was available for loan than we had previously provided. That isn't to knock any of our helpers. We knew we couldn't compete with the high pressure spraying nozzles and extremely hot water. Did I mention our disinfecting process? The Trustees approved payment for the addition of a separate unit that sprays a disinfectant on the equipment following the rinse cycle.



Janet Porter loads first wheelchair into newly installed medical equipment washing machine.

To tell you how ecstatic we are with the equipment and its operation...well, I hope you can determine that by my enthusiastic report. We have been able to manage the volume in a much nicer and easier scenario. I would invite you to stop by and see this operation, but you will see just as much at home if you have a dish washing appliance. Feel free to stop anyway...it just won't be terribly exciting. We appreciate your continued support of our facility. □

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Our immediate past Grand Master, M.W. James E. Sullivan, asked Brothers to recommit to the three great Tenets of the Craft: Brotherly Love, Charity and Integrity. I think that should be ongoing.

Thanks for reading. □

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By Don Brugger, PDDGCT

Hello-oo Woodsmen, we hope this finds you all well and in good spirits. The weather this Summer has certainly been interesting, but the evening of June 24th was a peach.

Over thirty members, spouses, five of our widows and guests gathered to enjoy our Annual Spring Sausage Roast.

Angelo, aided by Glenn Scott and Joe Russo, did a fine job of grilling, and seeing that all were well served.

Our social events are always good times for bringing prospective members, as guests, to meet and get acquainted with the Woodsmen.

Our first meeting of the Fall will be the 4th Wednesday in October at 7:30 p.m. This is the night we traditionally portray our Degrees for new members. Any new members will be guests of the Forest for dinner prior to the meeting. If you need information or Petitions or transportation to meetings, please contact Don Bell.

For some unknown reason, the September article did not get to the **Masonic Times** Office; sorry about that.

Administration Hospital in Canandaigua on Wednesday, October 15th, at 2:30 p.m., preceded by a lunch for the volunteers at 12:30 p.m. at The Villager Restaurant & Diner in Canandaigua.

On Thursday, October 23rd, our business meeting will be held at Webster Masonic Hall at 1:00 p.m., preceded by a lunch at 12 Noon. The agenda for the meeting will include voting upon Petitions for membership received, and possibly a Ceremony of Obligation for Candidates who are in attendance and have had their Petitions acted upon in the affirmative.



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James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 activities for October will include the monthly Birthday Party for hospitalized veterans at the Veterans



Fidelity Triangle No. 4 The Organization of Triangles, Inc.

By Kristina Brandt, Junior Deputy

When I mention the word "triangle," what comes to mind? For young ladies around the State, the word brings up memories of friendships, family, leadership and so much more. That is because they are a part of one of the greatest youth organizations in the State, the Organization of Triangles, Inc.

Triangle is a Masonic youth group for young ladies between the ages of 10 and 21 that develops leadership skills through public speaking, event planning, community service projects and allowing the members to elect their own leader, called the Beloved Queen (likened to the Office of President).

Its teachings center around three basic principles: duty to God, duty to others, and duty to yourself. Each principle, or angle, is equally important and when combined forms the tools used to become strong, independent

leaders both within the Triangle and in everyday life.

Our Local History

The Monroe District played a role in Triangle when the organization was first starting out. In 1925, the Grand Matron of Eastern Star, Mrs. Rose E. Scherer, conceived the idea of a Fraternal Organization to which their daughters could be members. The idea was accepted the following year. In 1927, 42 Triangles were issued their Official Charters and became a part of what was then known as The Daughters of the Eastern Star.

The first six Triangles to be issued their Charters were in Monroe District. In Rochester, they were Irondequoit Triangle No. 1, Genesee Triangle No. 2, Mispah Triangle No. 3 and Fidelity Triangle No. 4; Sincerity Triangle No. 5 in East Rochester; and Star Triangle No. 6 in Hilton. Later in 1936, Purity Triangle No. 95 in Henrietta would receive

ber 13 FAIRPORT, N. Y., APRIL 27, 1950 \$3.



MEMBERS OF THE LILAC TRIANGLE No. 121, Daughters of the Eastern Star shown at a Monday meeting at Egor Hall, East Rochester were in the front row from left to right Elaine Gowan, Gail Steffen, Lou Ann Duke, Constance Root, Beverly Gowan, Betty Brewer, Faith Hauser, Peggy Herron, Margaret DePuyt and Pat Kimmond. In the back row, Beverly Hubbard, Joan Kearney, Janet Wasson, Nancy Ellenberger, Lydia Root, Adaire Way, and Kay Schoolmaster.

Lilac Triangle from its Institution in 1950. It remained active until 1985.



This group photo of the Fidelity members kneeling at the Altar is from 1971 when the Triangle met in Cathedral Hall of the Downtown Masonic Temple.

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its Charter along with Lilac Triangle No. 121 in East Rochester in 1950.

As time went on, the age requirement for membership in the Daughters of the Eastern Star changed to allow for younger members and the group took on a life of its own. In 1961, the Masonic Youth Group officially became the Organization of Triangles, Inc.

Of all the Chartered Triangles in Monroe District, only one remains - Fidelity Triangle No. 4, which continues to be the oldest active Triangle in our Organization with over 80 years of Beloved Queens, community service projects, donations and members who have gone on to achieve great things.

Your Help is Required

What can you do to help Triangle succeed? Spread the word. Attend functions. Take the time to learn more about the Organization of Triangles and share it with a young lady between the ages of 10 and 21 who would be interested in making new friends around the State and

learning what it really takes to wear the crown of leadership.

Along with youth membership, Triangle also needs adult volunteers to serve as Supervisors and Masonic Supervisors to help guide and educate the girls while ensuring a safe and fun atmosphere. Nothing is more rewarding than playing a role in helping a shy young girl discover just how capable she is and watching her assume the mantle of leadership with poise and dignity.

Check Us Out

Fidelity Triangle currently meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, September through June. We are always looking for new members and adult volunteers. If you know someone who could benefit from Triangle or are interested in attending functions yourself, please email: fidelitytrianglero.4@gmail.com and visit www.nytriangle.org.

For those interested in seeing Triangle on the State level, please join us in Liverpool on



A Beloved Queen of Fidelity Triangle sometime after 1961 as the name change already took place. We don't know the exact year of the photo.

October 12th, at 1 p.m. as the Capital and Onondaga-Oswego Districts have their District Convention when the next State Representative is installed. I look forward to seeing you in my travels and at future Triangle events.

Editor's Note: Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay International, is also looking for some young men and adult leaders to re-activate the Chapter. Contact me - 671-9730 - if you wish to become involved.

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On August 23rd at Northfield Lodge, R.:W.: Steve Michener, Grand Steward, held our District's *Masters Chair*. It went well and had good attendance. Many thanks to R.:W.: Roy Moses, R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz and R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet for their assistance.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Summer. We tried to keep your District involvement to a minimum. From now until the end of June your District Team will be working hard to make sure your Masonic Year is successful and enjoyable.

Grand Lecturer's Convention – Location Change!

First, there is a change in location for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. It will be held Tuesday, October 7th at the Shrine Center instead of Fairport Masonic Hall. However, Fairport-Flower City Lodge Brothers will still prepare a Prime Rib Dinner. The cost will be \$15.00. Please make sure your reservations are in to your District Deputy Grand Master, as I need a very accurate count.

The Official Visits have started. We hope all Lodge members attend these visits. This is your chance to hear the Grand Master's Message and receive District information from your District Team. Let's hope there will be some time for good fellowship. We are looking forward to meeting all of you.

October Official Visits

2nd	Northfield
8th	Oatka
9th	Fame
13th	Union Star
16th	Webster
27th	Wakan-Hubbard

The final Official Visit for this Fall is at Fairport-Flower City Lodge on November 10th.

Plan Your Have-a-Heart Comittment

On another front, your *Have-a-Heart* Committee is up and running. We will be contacting all participants with dates and times for working the Campaign. This year's Campaign runs from January 31st to February 15th. We have to start early to get the best results.

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My Brothers, as I write this I am preparing to accompany our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: George Foehner; R.:W.: Roy Moses and V.:W.: Joe Lewis as we travel around the District for Official Visits. I look forward to the opportunity to visit your Lodges and meet Brothers with whom I have yet to cross paths.

I will be speaking about our Masonic obligation of continuing to acquire further Masonic Light, as that is my duty to promote Masonic Education as your Grand Lodge Staff Officer. One way to encourage your continued education is so obvious that it is usually overlooked and neglected by the vast majority of Brothers. It is exactly what R.:W.: Foehner and I will be doing.

What am I talking about?

It's simple ... visiting other Lodges. The simple act of visiting other Lodges exposes you to the vast resources available in other Lodges. New ideas, new connections, new resources and new friendships are key ways to increase your Masonic Light. Call to your mind what the Senior Warden responds to the Worshipful Master when he's asked what induced him to become a Mason. ... Where are these foreign lands? ... What are these wages to be earned? They're as close as the Lodge to which you don't belong, which may be even closer to your home than even your "home" Lodge.

Somewhere it is written that in the "good old days" Brothers spent several years traveling up the Line in their journey to the East. There was Brotherly competition for who would be more proficient and skilled in their quarry work, which then led to advancement. Travel to other Lodges allowed Brothers to see a variety of approaches and competencies in how things were done at other Lodges. Brothers brought back to their Lodges new ideas they had seen elsewhere, which enriched their "home" Lodge. This helped the Lodge avoid staleness and complacency, and made it a dynamic place to be. Get out there and go visiting, my Brothers!

Whether a Brother aspires to sit in the East or not, every Brother is encouraged to always continue seeking ever further Masonic Light. Another great way to do this is through the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)*. The *MDC* will be offered in two sessions ...

October 18th and October 25th

While this class is especially recommended for newly Raised

Brothers, any Brother no matter how long they've been a member of the Craft, is welcome to attend. If you're interested in attending, please contact me for details.

In August, Worshipful Masters Don Bell (Wakan-Hubbard), Matt Scheffer (Clio), Scott Mosher (Fairport-Flower City), Al Borrino (Webster), Robert Shaver, Sr. (Seneca), and Tim White (Oatka) participated in the *Mastes Chair* Program. They gave up a nice Saturday to come together to talk about running their Lodges in a competent manner. There was much energy and excitement as these Brothers talked about their coming year in the East.

Depth to the learning was added by Right Worshipful Phil Hurwitz, Skip Waterstreet, Roy Moses, George Foehner and myself. I thank all those who attended and made the class both informative and enjoyable. ☐

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By V.:W.: Joe Lewis

Right Worshipful Roy Moses and I hope your first Lodge meeting for the Masonic Year went extremely smooth for all our new Masters of Lodges and Officers. This is indeed an exciting time for all Brothers and I have the fullest confidence we will do great work this year. As we have expressed, we will be doing things a little differently this year.

Along with teaching the beauty of performing the Ritual in Lodge, we will also be stressing the importance of teaching the Ritual. It is the task of all Masonic Lodges to follow through after the conferral of our sacred Ritual is done. Each Candidate who petitions our great Fraternity is entitled to an explanation of the history, purpose, operation, symbolism, philosophy, obligation and ideas of Freemasonry.

While his mind is opened during and following his Degrees, the Candidate participates with a universal Brotherhood of men of like moral character, integrity and reputation. This time period of learning for the Candidate will be the greatest opportunity we will have to make an active Mason for life.

One of the best ways of educating our new Brother is through effective Mentoring. Good Mentoring Programs consist of making sure the Brother chosen to be a Mentor is well-educated in our Craft and introduced to the Candidate as his educator. This will help create an active and cohesive companionship between the Candidate and his Mentor.

Who is a Mentor?

A Mentor must be a loyal friend, confidant and advisor. He is the teacher, guide and

role model for the Candidate ... a nurturer of the talents and abilities of man. He must be knowledgeable and willing to give freely what he knows to the Candidate in a non-competitive way. The Mentor must point the way and represent mental, as well as physical, evidence of what one can achieve when he applies to his character the skill, knowledge and virtue of our Ancient Craft.

It is important the Lodge Master participates in assigning a Mentor for the Candidate. Here are some things to look for when selecting a Masonic Mentor:

- They set high standards for themselves
- They enjoy and are enthusiastic about Masonic studies
- They continue to update their Masonic knowledge
- Their work demonstrates achieving a positive outcome by use of a positive attitude
- They have earned the respect of their Brothers
- They listen and communicate effectively with others
- They exhibit a good feeling about their accomplishments and about the family of Freemasonry
- They recognize and encourage excellence of others
- They are sensitive to the needs of others
- They carry themselves as upright Men and Masons inside and outside the Lodge

The Grand Lodge of the State of New York Mentoring Program can also be used by any Lodge, large or small; I urge all Lodges to adopt it. The materials available through the Masonic Leadership and Education Service Team such as *LSOME* Program, *Masonic Development Course* and *Road to the East* all are great resources for development of ones skills on Mentoring. ☐

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As we arrived at the Lodge for the first meeting of the new year and rejoined our Brothers in the quarries of Masonry, the Brothers and their guests were greeted with a Steak Dinner and all the fixins. Junior Warden, Ken Stavalone, and Steward, Joe Verdi, prepared the culinary offerings that were enjoyed by all in attendance. A great way for our Brothers and 6 potential Candidates to start off the year!!!

After dinner, Senior Warden, Lance Daul, spoke to the Candidates about Masonry and provided information during the question and answer program. The Candidates took this information with them to determine if our Fraternity is right for them.

The business and expectations for the upcoming year were laid out for the Brothers during our Stated Communication. As our regular Lodge business con-

cluded, the Brothers broke into song. With the accompaniment of organist R.:W.: Marty Reitz, we enjoyed our version of "Auld Lang Syne," a song composed by Brother Robert Burns of Scotland. The Northfield rendition of this masterpiece will become a staple at the Lodge throughout the rest of the year.

The evening concluded with our new "hour of fellowship" in the Dining Room. Desserts were provided and the Brothers enjoyed participating in cards, darts and socializing. **Junior Deacon, Larry Stavalone**, was the winner of the first leg of this year-long activity. Congratulations Larry!!! Join us for a meeting and enjoy the fellowship that follows.

As we roll into October, we will be greeted by the District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, R.:W.: George Foehner, and his Staff Officer, for our Official Visit on Thursday, October 2nd. The Brothers look forward to hearing from our DDGM and his Staff Officers who will convey the message from our Grand Master, M.:W.: William J. Thomas, as well as R.:W.: Foehner's direction for the District. The Lodge hour of fellowship will immediately follow at the conclusion of this meeting.

As always, the meeting will be preceded by dinner prepared by the Junior Warden and his Stewards. Please watch for the email providing the dinner details. If you would like to make a reservation, please contact Junior Warden, Ken Stavalone at 370-1481. "A reservation made is a reservation paid."

All Hands on Deck!

October 4th will be the Annual Lodge Clean-up. From 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., please stop by as we will spend a few hours beautifying our Lodge on the inside and out. The more hands on deck make for less work. Don't forget ... Wives and children are always welcome.

Class is in Session

On Thursday, October 16th, Northfield Lodge Historian, W.: John Dudley, will present those in attendance with a lesson on the storied history of Northfield Lodge, its members and development in the Monroe District. Join us to find out what makes the oldest Lodge in the Monroe District a cornerstone of our Fraternity.

A meal will precede this meeting. Contact our Junior Warden, Ken Stavalone, at 370-1481.

October Birthdays

Join us in lighting a taper and celebrating the birthdays of the following Brothers: Francisco Cruz (2nd), Andrew Place (8th), Joseph Verdi (14th) and Michael Zona (18th).

Masonic Anniversary

Congratulations are extended to Brother Robert John Borden, Jr. who was Raised 34 years ago in Charlotte Lodge. ☐

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Now that we're a month into the Lodge Year, I hope you are settling back into your routines at home and in the Lodge. Hopefully the Lodge part of that has been a welcome addition.

October & November Events

Our October meetings promise to be very interesting. There is a lot of Masonic Light planned for our Communications. We have John Zabel giving a presentation on the York Rite, as well as Lance Daul, from Northfield Lodge, giving a presentation on the archeology of King Solomon's Temple. You won't want to miss either presentation!

Our first meeting in November will be balloting on Candidates and preparing for our 1st Degree. Please get any Petitions you might have in quickly so we can assign Investigation Committees.

Finally, we will be having our 2nd Euchre Tournament of the year at Pleasure Lanes in Hilton on Sunday, October 26th at 12 p.m. It's \$10 per person and a great time to share some fellowship.

October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following Brothers this month: Bayard Burch, Gus Neidrich, Pat Purcell, Jeff Robinson and Larry Vaccarelli.

Sickness and Distress

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Brother Raymond Burke. He was called home by the Great Architect on Saturday, August 30th. Brother Raymond was Raised on December 20th, 1977 at Clio Lodge. Our deepest condolences to his family.

Closing Thoughts

Brothers, I know we ask a lot at Clio Lodge in terms of our labors, but I wanted to end with this quote from Benjamin Franklin that we should all remember next time we are laboring in our quarries:

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."

Damn Tired of Reminders!!!

I have not even presided at our first meeting as Master of the Lodge and already I have been badgered twice to make sure I have my article in for the **Masonic Times**. For this second article I have received at least six reminders over the last three days from various sources within and outside of our Lodge. I sure hope I got the message by now. Why, so what if I miss an article, what or who will it hurt?

Is it that important?

Well, the publishers of this paper and many members of our Lodge believe it is important. From my perspective I would hope the Brothers who are really interested in the welfare of the Lodge would make an effort to attend meetings and actively participate in the running of the Lodge and contribute to our many events.

But alas, for some it is no longer possible, either due to physical location or physical ability and this is the only way we can keep them current, with what happens with their Brothers and friends at the Lodge. So my promise to our many Brothers who are unable to attend meetings, is that I will do my best to communicate our events at the Lodge. For any one of our many Brothers who are unable to attend meetings and feel a need to have input on an issue, please feel free to contact me at reelxite@rochester.rr.com or 733-5829 with any question or concerns you may have and I will do my best to address them.

By Now it's Over

One of the bad things about writing these articles is that they have to be written before many events are completed. Our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: George Foehner, and District Staff Officer, R.:W.: Steve Michener, have completed their Official Visit. R.:W.: George Foehner, delivered our Grand Master, M.:W.: William J. Thomas's message for the coming year. R.:W.: Steve Michener, laid out his plans for a number of Masonic education events for the coming year.

Lofty Goals

At our upcoming meetings, I will address some of the things

we will do for the coming year, based on gathered input from the Brothers and my goals. We will be putting together a short list of things we think we can accomplish to share with the Brothers and enlist everyone's participation in achieving those goals. My main goal will be to try to revive the spirit of participation in the Brothers who have too long been absent from our Communications.

Budget Meeting ... Boring!!

The Budget Meeting will be October 13th. Sorry, but it is a must-do task. We will try to keep it short, so there is plenty of time after the meeting for communications with the Brothers. Maybe some Brothers would like to get a game of Pool or Euchre started after the meeting.

Do You Have Friends?

Then why are they not Brothers? October 27th will be our Bring-a-Friend Night. Dinner will be free for all guests that night. Even if they are not interested in becoming a Brother, bring them along for a free dinner and to learn what we are all about. They might just be interested in pursuing becoming a member once they see who we are. Brother Lance Daul of Northfield Lodge will be doing a presentation on "King Solomon's Temple from an Archeological Point of View" which will be very interesting to Brothers and guests alike.

Til' next Month. □

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By R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet

Boy it was tough getting back to Lodge last month! It just didn't seem like the season should have begun yet. I still wanted it to be the end of June or early July. There seemed to be so much left to do that didn't get done in the Summer respite.

Sickness and Distress

At our first meeting in September, we learned that W.: Richard Giedd, our Tiler, had been hospitalized on several occasions and in rehab trying to regain his strength. R.:W.: Herbert Spencer also had a surgical procedure but was in Lodge and seems to be recovering well. Then it was announced that W.: Clyde Siverd was scheduled for shoulder surgery on Thursday. I can report since then, the surgery was successful, but he will be in rehab for several weeks.

Before I can wrap up the article for the month, I learn that W.: Joe DiTucci was injured in a motorcycle accident. That was about the same time I received an email telling me that Brother Bill Grishaber had an appendectomy. Please keep these Brothers in your thoughts and prayers. Hopefully they are well on the mend by now.

The sympathy of the Lodge

was extended to the families of R.:W.: Mathew Gingold and W.: Kenneth Skidmore. Brother Mat died June 9th. His Masonic Memorial Service was held at the Shrine Center on June 29th. A Masonic Memorial Service for Brother Ken, who passed away on August 28th, was held on September 5th. We lost two long-time, faithful members with their passing.

Upcoming Events

The location of the Grand Lecturer's Convention, originally scheduled for Fairport Lodge Hall on October 7th, was changed to Damascus Shrine Center due to a conflict.

While very early, I also alerted the Brothers about the All Masonic Groups Children's Holiday Party, where their help will be needed in setting up on Friday night and Saturday morning and then with the clean up activities on Saturday afternoon. Of course, they are also permitted to attend the event with their children or grandchildren. I'm not leaving anything to chance on announcements for this event, which the kids enjoy immensely. I hope we have a large group in attendance.

Masonic Moment or two

Brother Ryan Ramplin, Junior Warden, presented a program on Masonic History according to a couple of sources, who did not necessarily agree. He detailed some pretty interesting facts!

Accolades

W.: Gary Burke was escorted to the East by Marshal, Brother Jerry Lack, and accorded Grand Honors. Brother Burke will be Coroneted a 33rd Degree Mason at the sessions of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite,

Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, in Indianapolis next Summer.

October Happenings

Senior Warden, Brother Todd Colburn, is our scheduled feature speaker on October 14th, as W.: Joe DiTucci continues his efforts to allow all Officers the opportunity to present programs on Masonry and help increase our Masonic light. The menu for this evening, according to Brother Ramplin, is: Bruchetta Chicken, Penne Pesto, Caesar Salad, Crusty Bread & Butter, and Cannolis. Please make your reservation early. (Not required if you are on the permanent meal attendance list!)

Then, on October 28th, following a dinner of Garden Salad, Crab Salad, Fresh Fruit, Baked Chicken, Baked Ziti, Meatball Marinara, Salt Potatoes, Dinner Rolls & Butter, and Cookies, we will confer a First Degree. Let Brother Ryan know for either or both dinners by email: ryan.ramplin@gmail.com or phone: (610) 724-7336.

Birthdays

More than ten percent of our members were born in October, so please extend greetings to: Glenn Stahl (1st); Joseph LaRue (2nd); Derik Plaisted (3rd); Richard Snyder and Frederik Enders (5th); Donald Petersen (6th); Wesley Warren (9th); Myron Biggar (10th); Gabriel Milonni and Anthony Simonetti (11th); Jerry Lack (12th); Ryan Ramplin (15th); Gerald Stahl (17th); Richard Smith (18th); Phillip Cissell (19th); Erich Postler and Charles Campbell (20th); Harvey Stiles (22nd); Ron Rogers (23rd); Norris Shapiro and David Beswick (26th); and Christopher Genrich (27th). See you in Lodge. □

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We had a great first meeting. The Officers cooked a Steak Dinner and everyone enjoyed catching up on what they did all Summer. It was Crazy Tie Night and we enjoyed checking out each other's ties.

We discussed Charters as our Masonic Minute and even re-

viewed ours. Every meeting our Charter is proudly displayed in the East, but this was the first time I actually read it. It brought out great discussion.

As tradition, we donated all the proceeds from the meal to the Brotherhood Fund. We had two visitors – R.: W.: Jerry Erickson from Mt. Maria Lodge No. 145 and W.: John Dudley of Northfield Lodge, who engaged us in great conversation.

Our next meeting on October 9th will be our Official Visit. We are eager to hear the Grand Master's Message for this year. We will also be presenting Don Green with his long-overdue 50-Year Pin. Come join us for Fellowship and dinner on October 9th.



Front Row (l-r) Chuck Zlotkus, Jason Gartland, Dan Walker and Bob Avery. Middle Row (l-r) John Dudley, Oscar Wilson, Andy McBride, Dick Topel, Heinz Gunkel and John Rehbach. Back Row (l-r) Jerry Erickson, Dave Foster, Tom McCulloch, Frank Churnetski and Keith Moore.

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My thanks to W.: Bud Ripley, Brother Ken Hecker and the Temple Association for all their hard work preparing for the new boiler. I don't know how cold this Winter is going to be, but I am sure the Lodge members and the tenants are glad to have it done.

At our first meeting, I had the honor of presenting W.: Richard Bull with his 60-Year Apron.

October 13th will be the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, R.: W.: George Foehner. He will be accompanied by the Grand Steward, R.: W.: Stephan Michener.

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Brothers, the new Masonic Year is underway. Have you developed your "Masonic New-Year Resolutions" yet? Selecting and working on worthwhile goals for the year, which include personal development and service to your Lodge, will make the year enjoyable and interesting. Any of the Officers would be glad to discuss options with you.

Reading of Petitions and assigning Investigating Committees will be a focus for the October 27th meeting. At press time (early September) there are already many Petitions, so help from every Brother should plan on being part of this process. This role not only serves to guard the Western Gate, but also gives the Candidates a chance to meet a few of the Brothers. If you have been involved with Investigating Committees, you already know this is a great way to meet the prospective Candidates. If you haven't previously served in this capacity, the information will be provided to make this an interesting and rewarding experience for both the Candidate and yourself.

Grand Lecturer's Convention
Also, Officers and Brothers are encouraged to attend the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 7th.

Union Star Lodge plans to participate and contribute in several community events this year, including Rush-Henrietta Youth Soccer, the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, Masonic Student Assistance Scholarships, Child ID, Festival on the Green, Erie County Fair and more. These are all aimed at improving the communities in which we reside. If anyone knows of another way we could give back to the community, don't hesitate to let me know.

I encourage greater participation in these events. Come one, come all. Don't just say you are a Freemason ... Be a Freemason. ☐

Action Teams
Brothers, your help is earnestly requested to actively participate in our Lodge Action Teams. These have a wide range of goals, and can either put your current skills to use or help you develop new ones. Some projects will be handled within an Action Team, while other projects will need broad support from many Brothers. Help your Brothers by volunteering (or accepting an invitation) to join one or more Team this year, and actively participate in the success of the Team.

Community Service
One of our long-standing Action Teams focuses on Community Service. The centerpiece activity of this Team is the preparation of monthly dinners for the guests at the Ronald McDon-

ald House. Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army fundraiser has been a tradition each December, and several families have provided Christmas Eve Dinner to the residents at the Ronald McDonald house. The *Have-a-Heart* Campaign in February is another activity for Brothers and their families. Brother Rich Greenaway continues to coordinate this Team with support from many Brothers.

Upcoming Meetings

On October 13th, our Secretary, W.: Brother Dave Upham, DSA, will share his views on the real wages of a Master Mason in a presentation on "Wages? What Wages? I Didn't See No Stinkin' Wages!" With the experience and insight garnered over the course of fifty years in the Craft, this promises to be an evening not-to-miss.

Reservations for dinner are required to provide proper planning. Please contact our Junior Warden, Brother Zach Taylor, for reservations at: xach@rochester.rr.com or by phone at 698-9048.

Communications:

Social Media and More
Masonic Times articles are submitted a month before the information arrives at your door. Can't find your copy of the Lodge Trestleboard? One way to "keep in touch" is by Social Media. Our website is being updated - www.eraclodge163.org - but provides key information from the Trestleboard, and our Facebook page (link through the website) is a way to join in the conversation or see recent activity photographs. Please remember that our Facebook page is an "open" site.

Another means of communications is through the Google-groups mail list. If you have an email account and are not receiving information through the "Googlegroup," please use the "Contact Us" page of the website for instructions. As a reminder, please use the Googlegroups mailing list only to communicate Masonic information appropriate for the whole Lodge (although less than half of the Brothers receive it), and "reply all" should be used with extreme discretion. Some Brothers have removed themselves from this list due to excessive emails and replies, and we humbly ask you to try again to take advantage of this. Finally, we will be using more

of that older "social medium" - the telephone. For Brothers who do not have email, you can expect a phone call or two in the coming weeks and, of course, you are welcome to call any of the Officers (phone numbers are given in the Trestleboard), which was delivered in early September.

Dues and Address Changes

Please, Brothers, if you have received a Dues Notice, please take a moment and drop that check in the mail. Renewals will also be coming soon. With the new policy, the Lodge will no longer carry members in arrears. However, if finances are an issue, please contact our Secretary (phone and email above) and arrangements can gladly be made. Also, please provide the Secretary with address changes and email changes to assure continuity of written communications.

"That none may go away dissatisfied..."

Contact our Senior Warden, Brother Bruce Katz, with suggestions and comments for helping your Lodge provide the premier Masonic and Fraternal experience. Brother Bruce Katz can be contacted at brucek8189@aol.com or by phone at 729-6657.

See you in Lodge. ☐

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By R.: W.: John Zabel

The Summer ended with a great picnic at Kreag Road Park in Perinton. The Brothers present had a great time devouring clams and steak. The Park was a very nice place for the picnic as it sits on the Erie Canal. We saw the Colonial Belle pass us once in each direction during the event.

The Month of September was when we presented our long service members recognition of 25, 50, 55, 60 and 70 years of service. The 50-, 60- and 70-year members were presented appropriate Aprons as well as Certificates for their service. Some of the recipients were unable to attend so we are working to have the presentations made to them at an appropriate time and place.

The Master received a communication from a Brother who received a 50-year Apron last year, but does not live in the area. He was invited to attend a Lodge where he lives and to wear the Apron. It impressed the Brothers of the Lodge and

kindled the Brother to begin attending a Lodge again. We all appreciate the length of time our members have belonged, regardless of whether they are regular attendees or not. Oh, I should also mention that one of our 25-year recipients is our Master, W.: Don Bell, DSA.

The Lodge will be conferring the 1st Degree at our October 13th meeting. We should have a good class of Candidates for the Degree. Please plan to attend and meet our newest Brothers that evening. The Master will be working with the Officers to present an excellent Degree.

The October 27th meeting will be the Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: George Foehner, who will present the Grand Master's Message. Our Grand Master has some new and different ideas, so come and hear R.: W.: Foehner's interpretation of the message. We will also hear from our District Staff Officer, R.: W.: Stephen Michener.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be October 7th at the Damascus Shrine Center and we are looking forward to meeting our new Grand Lecturer, R.: W.: Richard Kessler. The Convention should be fun and we hope all our Officers can attend so we will qualify for the Howard Pott's Award for attendance by the Officers of the Lodge.

Sickness and Distress

W.: John Rees, DSA, had artery surgery to clear a blockage that was causing him some problems. He is home and recovering very well. Hopefully, he will be back in Lodge this month. We do miss him and his interaction with the members of the Lodge at our meetings.

Your Secretary was at a Lodge in Cleveland last month and saw a program that he will be working on to present to our Lodge. It will involve a couple of members learning a small portion of one of the Degree lectures and some of our newer members commenting on the section presented. It was a very interesting program. For more information, talk to the Secretary and, if you are ready to learn some work, volunteer to take part. The program probably won't be presented until after the first of the year, so we have plenty of time for planning.

Masonic Development Course

We encourage our members who haven't taken the *Masonic Development Course* to consider taking it. The 1st Section will be presented Saturday, October 18th at the Pittsford Masonic Hall. You will learn something and be able to discuss your own impressions of the Ritual and its lessons. ☐

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It's a great feeling to be back in Lodge again after the short Summer months. Our kick-off meeting of the year was September 4th and it was our Annual Corn and Sausage Roast. We had a nice turnout of Brothers who came early and enjoyed the hard work that Junior Warden, Paul Dill, and his Stewards put into some delicious grilled sausage. W.: L. Warren Patterson once again provided the corn, which he has done every year as long as I can remember; it was outstanding.

Thirty-eight Brothers attended our first meeting. So much work and so many improvements were done at Lodge over the Summer that the Trustees had quite a lot to cover in order to update the Body, the meeting went a little longer than I had hoped. But, the Brothers were patient and cut us some slack.

It was my honor to present Brother Vance Collom, Jr., DSA, with his 30-Year Certificate. Webster Lodge has been

very fortunate to have Brother Collom as a member as he is one of those Brothers who is continually working behind the scenes for the good of the Craft. In the past several years I've seen his son, Wayne, and grandson, Jonathan, become Masons in our Lodge, which I know has made Brother Vance proud. Congrats!

Speaking of improvements... the Trustees, with the assistance of the members, painted the entire exterior of the Lodge building, spread topsoil to try and alleviate some moisture problems inside the Lodge, tore out several old bushes and trees and trimmed back many others. They also had the entire parking lot re-stripped and are planning on upgrading all the exterior security lighting on the property.

The Fellowcraft Room remodeling project went well and the new bar was completed in time for our first meeting, as well as having our pool table re-felted and a professional dart board installed. The improvements continue as we button up some cosmetic details such as mirrors, storage and shelving. The Trustees are also hoping to replace a large portion of carpeting in our public areas.

November 9th, the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., begins the Fellowcraft Club's "Dart & Pool" League. The league is open to District Masons as well as non-Masons

and is a great way to get together and have a casual, good time. If you are interested, please give me a call at 329-4761 as spots are quickly filling up.

We are presenting our Entered Apprentice Degree to six Candidates on October 2nd and anticipate a great evening. The Degree Team is excited about this conferral as it is our Edict Degree. Junior Warden, Paul Dill, will be in the East and I have no doubt he will perform flawlessly.

October 3rd will be the kick-off to our Community Service Spaghetti Dinners. Brothers Nick Haldoupis, John Ross and their crew will, once again, labor in the kitchen to see that the recipients of this dinner walk away with hundreds of dollars to help their cause. Spaghetti Dinners are the 1st Friday of the month, serving from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. and you'll find no greater value for \$8.00 a plate. If you are so inclined please stop by.

Webster Lodge is also looking forward to our Official Visit on October 16th. We have great confidence in the leadership of District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: George Foehner, R.:W.: Stephan Michener, R.:W.: Roy Moses and our own V.:W.: Joe A. Lewis, Jr., in the District in the ensuing two years. Webster Lodge has been blessed to see many of our Past Masters, in recent years, serve as AGLs.

We are also planning a Broth-

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er Bring-a-Friend Event on November 6th. Feel free to pass this information on to gentlemen you feel might be interested in the Craft. All are welcome and we hope that other Lodges come out to enjoy this informative evening.

October Birthdays
 Congratulations to the follow-

ing Webster Lodge Brothers celebrating a birthday in the month of October: Mark Brooks; David Bryant; Charles Campbell; James Clancy; Robert Guenther; Nick Haldoupis; Kenneth Heald; Alvin Lentzer; Thomas F. Pellett, Jr.; Aaron Proulx; Kevin Taylor and Charles Vera, Jr. □

Genesee-Wyoming District
 District Deputy Grand Master - Henry Robinson 322-3654

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

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Tuscan tapered pillars that have improved the appearance of the front of our building. Thanks, Brothers, a job well done.

By now, every Brother should have received a packet with upcoming events. Please make your reservations for these events.

On October 11th, our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest will start at 6:00 p.m. This is open to any Brother and his significant other.

On November 22nd at 5:00 p.m., the Surviving Spouse Reception and Dinner will take place. All Brothers and their significant others should attend to give their support to our surviving spouses.

As always please try to attend Lodge as much as possible to show your support to Olive Branch Lodge. □

Livingston District
 District Deputy Grand Master - Douglas Stanley 245-4395

Grand Steward

R.:W.: Robert Cox
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By the time you read this, you all would have had your first meeting. It feels good to get together with our old friends and get acquainted with the new ones. I hope you all had a great Summer and are ready to get back to our labors as Masons.

Combined Districts Event
Road to the East

We will be joining the Genesee-Wyoming District for *Road to the East* Course on October 4th at Warsaw Lodge Hall and on October 18th at Oakland Lodge, Castile. Each class starts at 8:30 a.m. and will run until shortly after Noon. This Program is needed before being installed in the East.

The cost of this Course is \$35.00 and we would encourage the Lodges to sponsor their Brethren, when possible. □

Nunda Station
 Lodge No. 682
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Master
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 476-2383
union496free@yahoo.com
Secretary
W.: Robert Cox, 468-5066
robertpcx56@aol.com

Our first meeting of the year was well attended - we had 22 members present. I stressed at the meeting that if you are coming to Lodge, stop and give a Brother a ride. We all know our fellow Masons and their phone numbers - why not call one of them and offer a ride? The more Masons who show up at meetings, the more it is a sign of a strong Lodge and everyone respects strength.

Our next meeting, October 7th, will be a rehearsal for 1st Degree - even if we don't have a Candidate. The October 21st meeting will be a 2nd Degree rehearsal. We want our new Brothers to be ready when the time comes. Having Brothers who can handle Degree work is great, but at some point the newer members will have to take over.

It was brought up at the meeting that we should have some type of program after each meeting, plus refreshments. A Chairman has been appointed for this task.

On August 16th, I was very honored and pleased to be awarded the Knight York Cross of Honor from the Empire State Priory in Cheektowaga. I believe it is entirely appropriate to mention in our **Masonic Times** article any awards or special recognitions that have been given to members of our Lodge. Please let me know ahead of time so they can be given due recognition.

Now, that we are back to Lodge and other Masonic commitments, i.e. Commandery, Council and Chapter, it looks to be a busy and rewarding year.

Until next month, take care. □


October 11, 2014
 at Olive Branch Lodge Hall
 12 Bank Street, LeRoy
 6:00 p.m. - 'til???
 All you can eat
Cost: \$25 per person \$35 per couple - BYOB
Limited to 70 people only
Great German Food ... Potato Salad (Kartoffelsalat), Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage (Rotkraut) and much more; Sausage ... Smoked Bratwurst, Knockwurst, Currywurst, Bauernwurst and more;
Cheese Crackers, Leberwurst (Liverwurst), Dagwurst Baked Ham (for the non-sausage lover); Dessert

 Please contact Bill MacPherson no later than October 1st for your reservation at nardow3@msn.com or 584-3775 or 585-261-8257

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Secretary - 245-2953
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jgallant@rochester.rr.com
 3141 State Street, Caledonia 14423 

It has been a busy Summer and we rolled right into September being just as busy. What a great feeling to have all of this fellowship and work to do together! We ended the year with the Installation of Officers, installing our four new Brothers into positions so they can start to get their feet wet! With luck, we will have some Degree work

Eunice Lodge

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to do this year with a couple of new Candidates!

The Summer included some work as Jim Manning and Mike Brown worked around the Lodge - especially dealing with the porches on the north side of the Lodge. Our new tenant is doing well, but we are still looking for two tenants to occupy the two remaining rooms of the building. They also did

the clean-up of the Lodge and Dining Room for the opening in September, including installing an air conditioner in the Dining Room to help battle the early Fall heat.

In August, we had the Golf Tournament at Conesus Golf Course. Thanks to the hard work of Dick Trescott, Jim Manning, John Gallant and Mike Brown, the event was a success. We had several foursomes compete on a great day for a nice collection of

door prizes, followed by a Steak Dinner and some good fellowship.

John Gallant, Jim Manning, myself and our Ladies attended a fundraiser put on for the Library. It was at the Caledonia Village Inn. It involved finger foods, drinks, and several auctions on donated artwork and crafts. We made a couple of connections, and had some fun, too.

My Brother, Derek, and I were fortunate enough to travel to England to visit relatives and



Members and Friends of Eunice Lodge in attendance at Installation of Officers Ceremony

Ontario/Seneca/Yates

District Deputy Grand Master - R.:W.: John C. Hubbard (607) 351-3222

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

Chartered 1807
3rd Wednesday

Master
W.: Robert Mattick
bmattick@verizon.net



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

In July, Ark Lodge hosted its Annual Awards Dinner at the Geneva Country Club. This dinner recognizes Ark members who have given significant Masonic service for many years. Special Anniversary Pins and Certificates are awarded to deserving Brothers for these personal Masonic milestones. Also, this was the first year we awarded Scholarships (a new annual program), given in honor of Dr. John Stelter.

Dr. John Stelter Scholarships

The scholarships require the student be a 2014 graduate from Geneva High School and are de-

signed to assist graduating Seniors who are pursuing a post-secondary education in Science, Math, History, or Pre-Med studies at an accredited two- or four-year college program.

Broad-based criteria were used in the selection process. The principal criterion is service to school and community with special emphasis on leadership roles in these areas. Ark Lodge received 11 applications and the process of narrowing down a large applicant pool is a challenging one - especially when it is composed of so many highly qualified candidates.

This year's recipients of the 2014 Dr. John Stelter Scholarship are:

Emily Taegder-Vrooman - Emily will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in their Physician Assistant program.

Joseph Warner - Joe will be attending Penn State University, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

Masonic Anniversaries

For this year's Anniversary Award recipients, eight members received recognition and District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: John Hubbard, was in attendance to assist in the presentations:

20 Years

Peter Einset

William Dobbin III

John W. Keeton

25 Years

Thomas Fountain

35 Years

Paul Peters

50 Years

Robert Kane

55 Years

Harold Comstock



Scholarship Recipients - (l-r) Worshipful Master, Robert Mattick; Joseph Warner; Emily Taegder-Vrooman and District Deputy, R.:W.: John Hubbard.



Service Award Recipients - (l-r) R.:W.: John Hubbard, District Deputy Grand Master, Peter Einset, Raymond Smith, Paul Peters and Worshipful Master, Robert Mattick.

65 Years

Raymond Smith

Last Spring, the members of Ark Lodge voted to TEMPORARILY move its Charter to Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall, Phelps, and I have received a Dispensation from Grand Lodge for this temporary move. The move was made to address members concerns about having available a better Lodge facility to perform our good works as Masons and with the Fraternal help of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge members, we are very excited about having available to us a Lodge that meets all those needs.

Though our monthly meetings will be held at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall, 67 Ontario Street, Phelps, the relationship between Ark Lodge and Geneva has been in place for over 200 years and it was important to the membership that those ties remain intact.

Ark Lodge still has a working Building Committee who will continue to search for viable Lodge options in Geneva and our social and Fraternal outreach efforts will be devoted to the Geneva Community. I thank Brothers Abraham, Kennan, and Rouse for their recent efforts at getting Ark Lodge's possessions properly stored.

Our next Communication will be held at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge at 7:30 p.m. with a pre-meeting Pot-Luck Dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. □

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



1st & 3rd
Tuesdays

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By R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles

The new year started off with high expectations. The Worshipful Master presented a schedule

DATE CHANGE

Masonic Development Course

combined Livingston and Genesee-Wyoming Districts

Saturday, December 6th, 8:30 a.m. until 12 Noon

For further details, call

R.:W.: Robert Cox, Grand Steward

468-5006

do some touring. Our families enjoyed our time there and saw much history and family as we reconnected with our roots. I was lucky enough to visit the Grand Lodge of England and took the tour of the Lodge Room and the museum. There is so much history! I did leave my card as well as a Masonic Pin from New York with the guide to add to their collection. Where we stayed actually had a Masonic Lodge next door but they were dark until October, so I didn't get to go in.

New Masonic Year

Our September meeting was highlighted by a Public Installation of the Officers and began with a Steak Dinner prepared

by Rick Lafave. After dinner and dessert, the Brothers and invited guests made their way upstairs to the Lodge Room for the ceremony. Thank you to Dick Trescott, Roy Moses, Rick Howe, Gordon Bell, and Robert Cox for their hard work in a hot Lodge Room that evening. It was nice to see the room filled with new faces as well as familiar Brothers and their families.

As we move towards Fall, we have plans to be just as involved as last year in the local events in Caledonia and around the District. I hope to see you at some point as we continue to let Caledonia know that yes, there are people that occupy that building on the square!!

Our Meetings

Remember...the 1st Meeting of every month we have a Pot-Luck Dinner, starting at 6:30 p.m.; please bring a dish-to-pass. Call a Brother and bring him to dinner. Come and support your Lodge. Hope to see you there.

October Birthdays

We send October birthday greetings to William Peterson (6th) and Milt Lum (23rd).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in October:

1976

Jesse Gillespie

2010

Josh Boor □

Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th Thursdays



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Eldon
White

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This month will be the Official Visit on October 9th. We will have dinner at The Depot Restaurant in Shortsville, located on the railroad tracks as they cross Main St. We will assemble at 6 p.m.

This will be the first time that both the DDGM, R.:W.: John Hubbard, and Staff Officer, R.:W.: Thomas Abraham, are holding a combined Official Visit.

At our second meeting on October 23rd we will prepare invitations for our Brother Bring-a-Friend night to be held in the near future. Be prepared for some Masonic Education.

The Master has a copy of the *Empire State Mason* that chronicled the Grand Lodge Meeting where the M.:W.: Calvin G. Bond was made the Grand Master. The write-up by the outgoing Grand Master is illuminating for its negativity. □

of Lodge fundraisers, commencing with a Pork Chop Barbeque planned for Saturday, October 25th. Other such events are scheduled for November, January, February, March and April. There is a renewed excitement among the Brothers with such an agenda not seen before.

It is noted that Ark Lodge began meeting at our Lodge Hall on September 17th. Their meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We encourage you to attend and welcome our Brothers from Ark as we look forward to a fine relationship with them.

The Master presented a program using a *Short Talk Bulletin* entitled, "It Shall Be Life." Analogies were made suggesting that with new ideas and work, the "life" of the Lodge can be enhanced.

Sickness and Distress

Rosie Huie, wife of Brother Bruce Huie of Geneva Lodge, has had knee surgery and is in rehab. We wish her well.

R.:W.: Jed Brandow had gall bladder surgery in August. It was good to see him fully recovered.

Health and Happiness

W.: Ernie Day noted that he will be a great-grandfather. Congratulations.

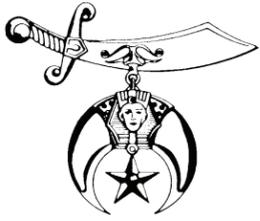
R.:W.: Brandow noted that his daughter will be graduating from college this December. His son is a Freshman at RIT.

Upcoming Events

The District Apron Presentations will take place on Friday, October 10th, at the Sons of Italy in Geneva. The guest speaker will be Past Grand Master, M.:W.: James Sullivan. Come and welcome our new District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: John Hubbard and Staff Officer, R.:W.: Tom Abraham. Reservations are needed. Contact the Master or Secretary.

Fundraiser Event

Lodge Pork Chop Bar-B-Que on Saturday, October 25th.



Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

October 2014

Shrine and Divan Meetings

Dinner Reservations Required

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

Shrine Office Hours

Monday — Friday

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org

IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Nobles,

Lady Cheryl and I are tremendously grateful and thankful for each of you and for your ongoing dedication to your fraternity and philanthropy.

We also want, one more time, to thank the members (and families) of Kem and Zuhrah Shriners and the Midwest Shrine Association for their countless efforts to ensure a successful, well-run Imperial Session, and for their endless support and many kindnesses over the past several months.

Please also know that as we take on the responsibilities of Imperial Potentate and First Lady, we are very aware of and honored by your support, trust and faith in us. As Imperial Potentate, I will also be serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Please be assured that both Cheryl and I will do everything in our power to do what is best for both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children®. We are looking forward to working with everyone to strengthen and improve both our beloved fraternity and our incredible philanthropy.

This Imperial Year, we will continue to emphasize the importance of strengthening and increasing membership, as well as the critical issues of open, honest communication.

We will also be encouraging everyone to share and show their pride in our organizations – and in what they stand for. As Shriners, we improve lives and make the world a better place. If we share our pride in that, consider the impact each one of us could have on both membership and patient numbers.

Starting the Year at a Fast Pace

As Imperial Potentate, my calendar is jammed with events, meetings and other activities. We've already begun to attend Association meetings, Temple celebrations and events in support of our health care system. While the traveling is extensive, it is also energizing as we meet and spend time with hard-working, committed Fraternity members and Hospital employees everywhere we go.

It was our great pleasure to attend the 62nd Annual East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game in Baker City, Oregon. Congratulations to Chairman Bill Quier of Al Kader Shriners and the host Temples, Al Kader and Hillah, as well as participating temples El Korah, Masada and El Katif, for such an outstanding event. These regional games are a tremendous opportunity to raise local awareness of both Shriners Hospitals for Children® and Shriners International, especially among young people, which is tremendously important to our future. Thank you for all your hard work.

Another important community event we were pleased to be able to attend was the Golf Tournament at Elm Ridge Country Club in Montreal - a benefit for the Canada Hospital's Capital Campaign. Imperial Sir, Jerry Gantt, and I had the pleasure of speaking at the event, which raised more than \$500,000 for the construction project. It was wonderful to see patients from our Canada Hospital participating, and to have the opportunity to thank the many sponsors and donors who helped make the event such a great success.

Serving and Caring for the Children

By now many of you are familiar with one of the statements that guides me: "One hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove ... but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

When I have the opportunity to spend time with the children we serve, it is very special. While visiting the St. Louis Hospital, I had the opportunity to interact with several patients, including Katie Ladlie, one of our new National Patient Ambassadors, while filming the welcome video for the SHC Open. Seeing the kids smiling and having a great day is why we are all part of Shriners International. The SHC Open will be held October 13-19, in Las Vegas. It is one of our two signature events and gets bigger and better every year - in part, because of the hard work of more than 1,000 volunteers. Visit shrinershospitalsoopen.com and see how you can help, or just come on out and enjoy the fun. If neither of those possibilities is feasible, remember to check it out on the Golf Channel.

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Imperial Potentate, Dale Stauss, and First Lady, Cheryl



DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2014

OCTOBER

1st Shrine Meeting, Hellaby's Special Plate, Tiled

NOVEMBER

3rd Divan Meeting, 7 p.m.

5th Shrine Meeting, Hot Sands Ceremonial, Tiled

15th Harvest Dinner, Open

22nd Jazz/Blues Night, Open

DECEMBER

1st Divan Meeting, 7 p.m.

3rd Shrine Meeting, Election of Officers, Tiled

13th All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

What a great Steak Roast Ken Pollard and gang put on for the Auburn Shrine Club members and guests. Our President, John Erlich, kept us all on track; everyone pitched in whether in setting up, passing dishes, or cleaning up.

Bob McManus gave a thorough review of happenings in the Shriners Hospitals for Children®. We all appreciate everything Bob does for us by keeping us in the loop.

Can Tab Collection

Ken Pollard's car came loaded to the gills with food and left with a car loaded with aluminum can tabs. Larry Pritchard almost caught Sprague Wheeler this year in tabs at one meeting. Seems the tab fairy in Florida has switched to bottles! This means we need to keep lengthening our reach to get more tabs to support our hospitals.

Fall is officially here so let's put the

lawn mower away and spend Monday nights with the rest of the Club. Our October meeting is being set up by Larry Pritchard and might involve some breaking news at Bass Pro Shops. It may not, but if it gets you interested, then I've done my job. Gosh then it will be November.

Did you see the K-Mart, non-Christmas commercial? It was hilarious as it kept saying how it was too early for a Christmas commercial so this was a commercial to use layaway for those December birthdays! What a scream.

Speaking of screaming ... I was trying to make room on my wife's phone by taking off my Shrine Club file and when I deleted it from her phone, it deleted it from my computer as well. If you haven't been getting my emails this Fall, send me an email at: dp49b@verizon.net so I can get you back on my list. □



Auburn Shrine Club members lined up at the Steak Roast ... great food, was worth the wait!

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

Apparently Summer is over and Fall has arrived. Because of the Holidays, two of our upcoming meetings will be on Wednesdays rather than the traditional Thursdays. These are November 19th and December 17th.

The meetings for Fall of 2014 and the programs are listed below. Please clip and save.

Thursday, October 23rd - 6 p.m., Hole in the Wall Restaurant. Bill Brown will talk about his trip to China.

Wednesday, November 19th - 6 p.m., The Lumberyard Restaurant. Derek Van-

Houten will talk about Shrine History.

Wednesday, December 17th - 6 p.m., National Hotel Restaurant. Margaret Brown will be in charge of our Christmas Party.

The Perry Shrine Club is always looking for new members. If you may be interested in joining, please call Edgar Hollwedel at (585) 584-3066 or just attend a meeting. "We are the Mini-Car Professionals."

I hope to see you all soon. □





Imperial Potentate

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As the Imperial Year progresses, we will continue to share reasons to be proud to be a Shriner, and we will continue to seek ways to strengthen our organizations and to successfully showcase the Fraternity and the health care system, at both the local and national levels. A key to our success will be your commitment and participation in these efforts – it will take every one of us – working together – to make a substantial difference.

We look forward to working with you – and to hearing your ideas.

Thank you for all you do for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Dale W. Stauss
Dale W. Stauss
Imperial Potentate



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October Birthdays



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| Scott A. Blystone | Robert C. Green, Jr. | Lloyd W. Peelle |
| Josue Bogmis | Niketas J. Haldoupis | James Pipher, Sr. |
| Eugene G. Brendel | Charles O. Hancock | Patrick Purcell |
| Darryl J. Briggs | Robert E. Hayes | Ryan M. Ramplin |
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| Melvin L. Clark | Steve Kopicki | James R. Smith |
| Vance R. Collom, Jr. | Donald R. Kunego | Richard T. Smith |
| William D. Cram | Jerry Lack | Richard Snyder |
| Michael DiCataldo | Thomas W. Maddicks | Richard J. Spangenberg |
| John B. Dobson III | Joseph R. McAfee | Michael E. Spillane |
| Timothy C. Driscoll | Todd W. Moore | Glenn A. Stahl |
| Anthony L. Felice II | Matthew Muller | Todd M. Statt |
| Matthew J. Fero | James C. Murch | Ted Sykes |
| Allen Fowler | Garth A. Murray | Michael Taylor |
| McKinley H. Gath | Philip Neivert | George L. Tegart, Jr. |
| John W. Girard | David W. Parish | Donald J. Weeks |

Damascus Shriners Euchre Tournaments

Last Saturday of the Month ...

Fall Season ...

- October 25th
- November 29th
- December 27th - Holiday Party

All Tournaments and Parties are Open to the Public



Registration: 6 p.m.–7 p.m.
Tournament Starts: 7 p.m.
\$10 per player ~ 50/50 Raffle

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

Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

Wednesday, October 8th

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.
(Hors d'oeuvres ... Cash Bar)
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Salad * Roasted Pork Loin * Potatoes * Vegetable Rolls & Butter * Coffee * Dessert
\$12 per person

RSVP no later than Noon, Monday, October 6th at (585) 436-8216 or email: cylegalrx@hotmail.com

Directors Staff Dinner Meeting
Wednesday
October 22nd

Yellow Mills Diner
2534 Route 31, Palmyra

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

Ladies and Guests Invited
Casual Attire

RSVP to Vance Collom (585) 217-9817 vcollom1@rochester.rr.com with any questions or to make reservations

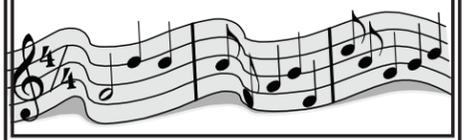


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Blues & Jazz Night
Saturday
November 22nd

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979 Bay Road, Webster
Featuring a Well-Known Local Favorite Blues and Jazz Trio

Steve Grills & The Roadmasters



Fall Harvest Dinner
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 15TH



HARVEST DINNER
Open to the Public

SOCIAL - 5 P.M. * * * DINNER - 6 P.M.
\$20 per person



A DELICIOUS TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS!
No Reservations Accepted after November 4th!

Call the Shrine Reservation Line at 671-3565 or
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Saturday, October 25 • 1 – 5 p.m.

Ticket Information
Call
585-671-7701

Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Rd, Webster
Donation: \$20
www.DamascusShrineMasons.org

Ticket includes food, soda and beer ... Available all Day!
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Remington 11-87™, 20-Gauge Deer Gun

Remington 870™ Express Combo, 12-Gauge
Remington 870™ Express, 12-Gauge/28"
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Savage Mark II G22 L.R. #26700
Savage Model 93R17 with Scope
Savage Axis Package Rifle, 270-Caliber
Tikka T3 Rifle Lite 308-Caliber
Weatherby Black Reaper, 12-Gauge Tactical
Weatherby Black Reaper, 20-Gauge Tactical
Weatherby Vanguard 2-30-06

This year we will raffle 21 Guns!

NOBLES...

May I have your attention again for a moment? There appears to be no action taken ...

Last month I discussed folding chairs that are missing from the Damascus Shrine Center. These chairs are used when additional seating is required, i.e., for a Masonic Memorial Service, the Grand Lodge Educational Assistance Program or special events.

A few years ago, the Shriners purchased three dozen new folding chairs, and the rack to hold them. These had been stored in the area outside the meeting room, along with other paraphernalia for Shrine and Lodge meetings.

When additional chairs were needed recently, I could only find seven of these chairs.

I know from experience with our Medical Equipment Loan Closet that the need to have some things is urgent; there is much less urgency to return said items. I hope this is the case here.

PLEASE! Look around your homes, garages, cottages, car trunks and other meeting halls where you might have borrowed some of these items for a function and please return them to the Shrine Center. Replacing these missing chairs, pots, pans, card tables, etc., costs all of us. So far, nothing has been returned!

Skip Waterstreet
Editor, Damascus News



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For the predominately rural farmland Wayne District, Fall harvest and all its hustle, bustle and grandeur of color is in full swing! Fall brings the first frost, the apples ripe and in full harvest, the pumpkins and squash sit glowing in the fields, the corn stalks all rustle as each night's frost clips more of their green leaves turning them brown. It is time to get that harvest to market, fill the barns and storehouses and preserve the backyard veggies. There was a time when October brought the smell of burning raked leaves and the smoke of the potbelly woodstoves from housetop chimneys as it drifted through the night and early morning air. With the cooler weather and Indian Summer brings the talent and skill of our Lodge cooks preparing dinners for the Craft.

During my tenure as AGL for Wayne District I was afforded an opportunity to submit articles to the **Masonic Times**. I tried my best to make each issue solely for promoting and encouraging good Ritual work, but my articles were randomly submitted, sometimes missing a few months. As Staff Officer I signed an Agreement with Grand Lodge, which no longer makes it optional to submit a Masonic article for publication. I do not have to choose the **Masonic Times**; however, I did agree to submit a written article for publication of my choice promoting Freemasonry at least once a month.

It is a little easier writing from the Staff Officer's point-of-view in that my topic base is broader, as opposed to strictly Ritual work and Masonic Etiquette an AGL covers. Previously my articles were written solely with the perspective that the reader was reading it as submitted to the **Masonic Times**; however I have been asked by Masters and Wardens to also submit the article to those Brothers who do not receive the paper. Hence, they are receiving this article either through the Wayne District email or individual Lodge grapevine. I began receiving the **Masonic Times** when I joined the Scot-

tish Rite. The subscription cost was included in our yearly Dues. I thought most all Masons belonged to one of the Concordant Bodies and received the monthly publication. Over the Summer recess, it was pointed out to me that this was not the case.

The **Masonic Times** is a locally based Masonic publication as opposed to the *Empire State Mason*, which has many interesting articles, but seldom anything pertaining to this local Masonic Region. The **Masonic Times** is based out of Webster, published once a month, except July and August and covers almost all Regional Masonic Events, inclusive of the Concordant Masonic Bodies.

Are you a Brother who has a business or service and you want to reach out with advertisement to Brother Masons? Are you looking for professional service and want to ensure the person you hire to do the work is of good moral character? You can find these answers, as well as good Masonic reading and local events, in the **Masonic Times**. For those Brothers not presently receiving the publication, the subscription cost is only \$10.00 a year. I do not receive any monetary reimbursement for promoting the paper, but I do score brownie points of forgiveness with the paper's Editor and Brother, Skip Waterstreet, for some of my troublesome articles of length and content.

Grand Lodge Awards

Grand Lodge has several awards which I will try to briefly cover in this month's article. The first two awards are the **Howard Potts Award** and the **Henry Meacham Award**. These two awards are given by the Grand Lecturer to recognize a Lodge as a whole.

The **Howard Potts Award** is a fairly simple Award. To qualify, the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens and Senior and Junior Deacons and Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremony, must be present at the Annual District Grand Lecturer's Convention.

To qualify for the the **Henry Meacham Award**, a Lodge must confer all three Degrees using only the Brothers of its Lodge for the speaking positions ... OR a reasonable bribe paid to the Assistant Grand Lecturer, Master and Secretary for their perjurious signature on the application to Grand Lodge for the unearned award, ... together with a reasonable non-refundable allowance to the DDGM and District Staff Officer for their wrongful silence, ... inclusive with a reasonable non-refundable sum paid in advance for the fine the Lodge will incur when an honorable and righteous Brother makes a justifiable complaint to Grand Lodge should the Lodge not choose the honorable former path of receiving the Award and choose the vile dastardly aforementioned later path of receiving the Award.

Both Howard Potts and Henry Meacham Awards are presented by the Grand Lecturer to the Worshipful Master at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in May.

The **Dedicated Service Award** enables Grand Lodge recognition for Brothers who continue, year-after-year, to support their Lodges with their presence, time and talent by attending meetings and participating in Degrees and programs, without necessarily holding Office. These are the Brothers who often serve to inspire and motivate others to emulate their examples of true Masonic dedication.

The **Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award** is presented to any Master Mason who has made significant contributions to youth through Scouting.

Awards to Non-Masons

Grand Lodge presents four Annual Masonic Awards to non-Masons. These are:

- The **General Douglas Mac Arthur Youth Award**, which recognizes distinguished or outstanding voluntary community service to youth by non-Masonic organizations or individuals whose actions exemplify our shared concerns as Masons.
- **DeWitt Clinton Award**, which recognizes exceptional voluntary community service by non-Masonic organizations or individuals and exemplifies concern for the well-being of the community.
- The **Masonic Eagle Scout Award**, recognizing the dedication of a Scout of his achievement leading to Eagle Scout.
- **Masonic Girl Scout Gold Award Certificate** recognizes a girl (ages 14-18) for leadership and organizational skills, sense of community and commitment that sets foundation for good citizenship.

In addition to Awards Grand Lodge offers, the Frank M. Totton Essay Contest is open to all High School Seniors who are sons, daughters and grandchildren or a member of the extended family of a Master Mason in the State of New York and who anticipate entering an accredited college in the Fall of 2015. Totton Essay prizes range from \$100 - \$1,500. This year's topic is "How Can Teenage Suicide Be Prevented?". Rules for the essay may be obtained through Masters, District Officers or Grand Lodge and essays must be **postmarked no later than January 12, 2015**.

Upcoming District Events

Grand Lecturer's Convention to be held at Marion Lodge Hall on October 23rd.

Contact info: V.:W.: Jeff Gagnon, Wayne District AGL at: waynedistrictagl@gmail.com or jgagnon174@gmail.com or cell phone: 727-0426

Masonic Development Course

1st Session - October 18th at 8:00 a.m.; Northfield Lodge in Pittsford.

2nd and 3rd Sessions - October 25th at 8:00 a.m.; Wayne Lodge in Ontario.

Contact for information - R.: W.: Steve Michener at smichener@rochester cell 387-9487

and R.: W.: Joe Green at adoniram32@yahoo.com or cell 690-0326

I have a few extra books for any Brother unable to timely register. ☐

Wayne District Masters and Wardens Association

By R.: W.: Jay A. De Wispelaere, President

For the 2014-2015 Masonic Year the Wayne District Masters & Wardens Association will kick off at Sodus Lodge Hall on Monday, October 13th (Columbus Day) with Dinner at 6:45 p.m., followed by a business meeting and program. Sodus Lodge is located at 4 Main Street, Sodus. Reservations for dinner may be made through the association President, Jay De Wispelaere, dewispelaerejay@yahoo.com or Secretary, Richard Brewer brewerjmc@verizon.net.

As this is the initial meeting for the Association for the year, it will provide an opportunity for all to meet our new District Team. There are several new Masters in the District as well and a number of Brothers holding Offices for the first time. What a perfect opportunity to get to know each other, ask questions regarding your new Office and to learn how other Lodges have tackled some of the issues facing your Lodge! Over the last few years the Lodges of Wayne District have pulled together, pooled our resources and have shown the strength of our Fraternity in shared Degree work and combined efforts in our communities. Let's keep the spirit going Brothers!

All Masters and Wardens - especially those serving in either capacity for the first time - are encouraged to attend. For those going around again, your Brothers look forward to sharing dinner with you and hearing about your plans for the coming year. Masters, help keep the Association vital by your own attendance and by making sure all Master Masons in your Lodge know the Association is for them as well.

Looking down the road toward the Association's meeting in November and December, we hope to have some interesting programs in store. November's program will focus on our Veterans and honor their service to our Country. December's program will benefit the children in our communities with a toy collection. Please make plans to attend, spread Masonic Light and share the fellowship of your fellow Masons. ☐

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By R.W. Beverly Thompson

This is the last article that I will be writing for the Monroe District Eastern Star as the 2015 Appointed Grand Officers will be installed at OES Grand Sessions, October 9-11, in Binghamton. They are:

- Charlene Stankey**, Assistant Grand Marshal
- Joy Woodley**, Necrology Chairperson
- Jan Porter**, District Deputy Grand Matron
- Ray DiJames**, District Grand Lecturer

Recent Activities

Members of Monroe District have had many events to attend recently. The Webster Chicken Bar-B-Que and Peach Festival on August 9th was a great success. Many volunteered to peel peaches for the pies and shortcake and were on hand for set-up, serving and clean-up. The weather for the event was just fabulous. According to Chairperson, R.W. Mae Bauer, we profited \$114 over last year. The money raised goes to the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's projects. Thank you to all who helped and who came to buy in support of the event.

The Summer Outing to the Cobblestone Museum Complex in Albion was very well attended. We learned how the cobblestone buildings were built and about the life of the people during that time period by visiting the cobblestone church, the cobblestone one-room school, a cobblestone home, the blacksmith shop, harness shop, print shop, and farm equipment stored in the old wooden church. The food at Tillman's Village Inn was delicious. The rain held off for the day and the temperature was very comfortable for a Summer day. We had a good time learning new things and socializing with our friends.

The Grands Association Picnic held at M.W. Wanda and R.W. Dave Williams' home was enjoyable with the variety of dish-to-pass food and the brown bag auction held to support the Association's treasury. While there, we learned that the 2013 Club headed by R.W. Donna Laundry will be doing a lottery in November to raise money for a District music fund – to provide a keyboard and amplifier for District events, when needed.

R.W. Doreen Rhodes is making a quilt with the Eastern Star colors to be raffled off with proceeds going to the Grands Association. The drawing will be at the Monroe District Christmas Party so be sure to buy tickets before then.

The Line Officers Club on September 6th was well attended. Many are eager to renew their efforts in completing the Office held this year. Also on September 18th was the Past Matrons' Club meeting at noon at Unity Lodge when the Secret Pals were revealed.

October Events

October 2nd - Past Matrons' Club has Installation of Officers followed by a dinner at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport.

October 4th will be Line Officers Club at Unity Lodge. Final plans for Grand Sessions will be made at this time. R.W. Tom Richenderfer will be in charge of this meeting. At Noon, following Line Officers meeting, a meeting for all District members will be held to discuss the future of the District. We hope to have a lot of input.

I can't be at these meetings as I will be at Etoleah Chapter's Booth at the Hilton Apple Festival where we will be selling Apple Fritters, Donuts, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Hot Spiced Cider. Please stop by our booth if you attend, but be prepared to find us in a new place. We will be located on the pavement in the back of the building.

October 9th - 11th - Grand Sessions in Binghamton

October 23rd - Grands Association Installation of Officers preceded by a dinner at Fairport Masonic Hall.

October 30th – NEW DATE ... Monroe District Banquet at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. This was originally scheduled for November 8th, but there were scheduling conflicts. Reservations for the Banquet are due to Beverly Thompson by October 15th.

November Events

Saturday, November 1st, will be the East-West Luncheon with the Matrons entertaining the Associate Matrons to honor their succession in Office for the coming year.

Thursday, November 20th - All-Stars Meeting, 7 p.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Dewey Avenue.

Saturday, November 22nd - NEW DATE for Combined Homecoming and Reception of Monroe District Grand Officers. We will honor the outgoing 2014 Grand Officers and incoming 2015 Grand Officers at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport (Again, please note the change in date and mark it on your calendars). I hope many people plan on attending this event.

December Events

The Christmas Party will be held at Unity Lodge Hall on Sunday, December 7th from

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Please bring a dish-to-pass and a gift item of canned food for the Food Shelf. There will be decorations, games, prizes, gifts, music and socializing for everyone. RSVP by Saturday, November 22nd to Beverly Thompson.

Grateful Thanks

I have very mixed feelings about this past year as District Deputy Grand Matron. I have enjoyed the warmth of friendship in our District and throughout the State. R.W. Tom Richenderfer as District Grand Lecturer has been a terrific partner in planning and executing all of the District events, and traveling to events in other Districts. The Line Officers Club, Grand Officers and members of the seven Chapters have been so supportive in carrying out our goals for this year:

- The Grand Matron's Project – Masonic Medical Cardiac Research Lab
- The Grand Patron's Project - Plenty for All
- The Monroe District Project - The Dream Factory of Rochester.

I am most thankful to my Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers who have been so supportive and given me such strength in dealing with the loss of my husband this year. Thank you to all of you.

A Year of Memories

I recount all of these great memories:

- Line Officers Club meetings plus three luncheons
- School of Instruction
- Past Matrons' Club meetings with lunches and dinners
- All-Stars meetings
- Murder Mystery Theater and dinner and many 50/50 raffles to benefit the Dream Factory of Rochester
- District Deputy luncheon meetings
- Grands Association dinner meetings
- Official Visits to the Monroe District Chapters
- Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Visit to Monroe District with the huge donations of baskets to raffle
- Visits to other Districts
- Walk-a-thon for Youth in Olean
- Tri-District Friendship Night
- Volunteer work at Foodlink and two luncheons
- Spring Fling Dance to raise money for the USO
- Lilac Luncheon in Oriskany
- Monroe District Picnic at Tom and Betty Richenderfer's place
- Webster Chicken Bar-B-Que and Peach Festival
- Festival of Stars in Oriskany
- Cobblestone Museum Complex outing and lunch
- Plus, all of the events in my own Etoleah Chapter.

I am so looking forward still to Grand Sessions, the District Banquet, Combined Homecoming and Reception and the Christmas Party. It has been a BUSY and WONDERFUL time.

As a good-bye, I share this with you:

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Order of the Eastern Star
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10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Cards at 10 a.m.
Webster Masonic Center
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May you have a great time next year in all of your endeavors. ... Beverly, signing off.

Notes From the DGL

By R.W. Tom Richenderfer

This year has gone by very quickly, but gone by it has.

R.W. Jan Porter and R.W. Ray DiJames will soon be installed and taking over the duties that R.W. Beverly and I have been performing. I wish them well in the upcoming year.

I thank all Members of the Monroe District for their participation, involvement and support of our events and projects this year. Although the year was very busy, it was also a fun year and I hope everyone enjoyed the events we put together as much as we did. Please give R.W. Jan and R.W. Ray the support you provided to R.W. Beverly and me. That will ensure their year will be just as successful as ours. ☐

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By R.W. Robert Crystal

I will start by thanking everyone for your cards, phone calls and prayers for my surgery and healing. One of the greatest things about our organization is the support we give each other. When one of our Chapter members is ill, I don't think much about it when the Chapter sends a greeting card and all of us are encouraged to send one, too. But that was before.

Now, as I sit here in my living room, surrounded by colorful, happy cards (and one rather sexy one), they lift my spirits - especially when, after 10 minutes of PT, I feel like I have run a mile. But they also remind me that I have more Sisters than just the ones my Mama gave me; Loving Sisters.

William Blake was an English poet I studied in the 60s, whose writing I re-visited at Seminary. He said, "I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see. I sought my God, but my God eluded me. I sought my Brother, and I found all three." He would have been OK with my including Stars.

Summer Activities

This Summer was a great experience. The "Crystal Van" took four Sisters to Oriskany for what is (for me) an annual event of memorializing our deceased members, honoring our elders, rejoining our far-flung Sisters and enjoying the company of our own District Members.

I really enjoyed the trip to the Cayuga Vineyards. It wasn't officially a Nolatka occasion, but Pat Dalykas was really smart to let Wendy do all the work. Pat was able to lay back and enjoy. And she did! Donna Laundry sat behind me and made sure I got my share of Sisterly teasing. We really did miss the Gross Sisters (What an appropriate name!), but we had a group that really meshed together and had a great time. My friend Carolyn wondered aloud later if this was the sort of thing her mom did when she was in

MASONIC HALL OF FAME

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 Chapter Rose Croix
 Consistory



**John Lemke, 32°, DSA
Commander-in-Chief**

By experience, if not age, a new generation of Masons takes on the responsibilities of leadership in Masonry. Those of us entering Masonry since the mid-2000s never experienced a Masonic Fraternity in the hey days of the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and even a little later. Our Scottish Rite not only had to deal with managing decline brought about by a declining Masonic membership but also the dropping of the requirement that Masons join the Scottish Rite or York Rite before joining the Shrine. Managing such decline has taken great effort and ability and our Valley of Rochester owes our gratitude to those Brothers who kept our course true and our Valley vibrant and a blessing to our members.

The torch is passing now, though, to Brothers of different experience and maybe outlook. The experience and wisdom of those who have brought our Valley through the period of trial is still of great value and to be called on when needed. I see before us now, though, within our Landmark's and Scottish Rite structure, a period of renewal and undoubtedly some change. As the challenges of our great Country seem to grow, the value and benefit of our Scottish Rite Fraternity becomes more apparent. I see before us the challenge of managing growth. Managing growth may even be more of a challenge than managing decline.

There is always among men a desire for Fraternity. In difficult times, with great changes in society, men will find a practical benefit in joining together with other good men as well as a feeling of sanctuary and peace in being able to join with other men in a place apart from the turmoil of the world. A Fraternity, our Scottish Rite Masonic Fraternity, that has as our obligation, to care for our members, is to be treasured.

Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind. My maxim for these two years is; "transform together." The transforming will, of course, be on the individual level. We all strive to be better men, on the level of our Scottish Rite Masonic Fraternity, endeavoring to make our Fraternity the best it can be, and on the societal level, bringing the Light of our Fraternity to light our society to the benefit of all mankind. There is a power to transform for the good, in the synergy of our Masonic Fraternities that will become ever more apparent in the fullness of time.

One hundred years ago it was said by British Foreign Secretary Edward Gray: "The lamps are going out all across Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime." We won't be so negative as to suppose that the

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We will strive
to be a fraternity
that fulfills our
Masonic obligation
to care for our
members.**

darkening we are now experiencing in the world and the unsettling times, may lead to anything like World War I. Surely, though, the Light we seek and learn through our Fraternity, is a positive for our troubled world.

We started our September 18th meeting at the Shrine Center with a social hour, dinner and the meeting. We had an election to fill the vacant Offices. The results were:

Thrice Potent Master **Eric Lubberts**
 2nd Lt Commander **Gordon Hubbell**

My goal will be to have every meeting or get together be inspirational and enjoyable. I will be working on it. Attend and see.

Our October meeting is our Veteran's Recognition Night on Thursday, October 16th and will be an Open Meeting with the Ladies invited as well.

The Fall Reunion will be at Unity Lodge in Spencerport on Saturday, November 15th.

So let's embark on the new Masonic Year together and have some fun. ☐



**Rochester Council of the
Princes of Jerusalem**

*By Stephan Michener,
Sovereign Prince*

Oftentimes there is debate about when is the right time for a Brother to consider joining a Concordant Body (i.e., Scottish Rite or York Rite). A common bit of advice given to a fairly new Master Mason is to wait a few (five) years until he has absorbed the meaning of what is going on in the Master Mason Lodge.

In my completely biased opinion, in order to get as much out of Freemasonry as one can, a Brother must dive into the deep end of his Lodge and fully participate there. When you joined your Lodge, you knew what nights they met. If it's the 1st and 3rd Thursday, your schedule should be cleared, and your family and loved ones should know that those Thursdays are YOUR Lodge Night.

Of course, major things come up and we all know about Cabletow issues. But new Master Masons need to make their Lodge participation a priority. They should take a Chair and help serve the Lodge. This is, after all, about belonging to something that is bigger than yourself.

Provided a Brother is fulfilling his obligations at home and to his Master Mason Lodge, and that he has additional time, a Concordant Body may be something to consider.

As for considering joining the Scottish Rite, be advised that you do not necessarily need to attend the monthly, 3rd Thursday, meeting. In my own case, until this year I couldn't attend those meetings because I was working my way through the Chairs at my Lodge, which meets the same night. However, the meetings I have been able to attend these past few years, are the "Reunions" that happen on a Saturday in the Fall, and a Saturday in the Spring. These wonderful meetings are where Degrees are presented and new members are brought into the Rite. Probably, the vast majority of Brothers could find the time to attend these meetings, and share in the fellowship and excitement of Scottish Rite Masonry.

It is true that the three Degrees of the Master Mason Lodge are what Freemasonry is all about. The Concordant Bodies, whether it be Scottish or York Rite, expand, enhance and deepen our appreciation of the moral lessons in those first three Degrees.

In my opinion, contrary to the advice given to newer Master Masons presented at the beginning of this article, I believe that as long as a Brother realizes his Lodge comes first, membership in a Concordant Body can make him

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Honor Roll of our Scottish Rite Veterans



Valley of Rochester Fall – 2014

OCTOBER

- October 16th - Veterans Recognition at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (**)
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Table Lodge/Octoberfest and "Wurst" Plate Dinner
Brother Bring-a-Brother (guests - no charge)
All Veterans (who are Members) are Guests
Regular Members (\$15), Ladies (\$10)
Reservations required by Noon, Monday, October 13th

NOVEMBER

- November 15th - Fall Reunion
at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport
Presentation of 4th, 6th (video), 15th, 26th & 32nd Degrees
Coffee/Donuts - 8 a.m., Candidate Orientation - 8:30 a.m.,
Degrees - 9:30 a.m.
Great lunch prepared by Starlight Chapter OES (**)
- November 20th - Harvest Dinner with our Ladies
at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Harvest Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (**)
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Special programs - Feast of Tishri,
New "Rite on the Road" Presentation
Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings
Brother Bring-a-Brother and our Ladies invited (NC)
Members - \$15

Valley of Rochester Winter – 2014-2015

DECEMBER

- December 13th - All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party
at Shrine Center

JANUARY

- January 3rd - Symbolic Lodge Awards at Shrine Center
Social (hors d'oeuvres) - 4 p.m. ~ Program - 5 p.m.
Pizza and Wings following
All Lodges in the Valley Area are invited to participate and nominate
a member for recognition. Nomination Forms are on Valley website -
www.valleyofrochester.org
 - January 15th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (**)
Meeting - 7:30 p.m. ~ Program TBD
Consult our Website for more information:
www.valleyofrochester.org
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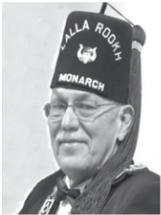
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It's October and time for your Grotto to put in place the new Line of Officers for the upcoming year; therefore we will be holding nominations at our October 15th meeting. Please plan to attend this meeting.

We are still looking for Prophets to assist us in increasing our numbers by reaching out to a Brother, telling them about Lalla Rookh Grotto, and presenting him with a Petition; remember any Master Mason can qualify to become a Prophet.

It was nice to see Prophet Paul Farnung return from his medical issues and join us at the September meeting.

Prophet Michael Postilli is still at home awaiting a donor match. I'm sure he would like to hear from you. Mike, we wish you the best and will keep you in our prayers.

October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to those who have matured another year: Norman P. Austin; James F. Clancy; Vance R. Collom, Jr.; Keith A. Freeman; Bernard Lazerson; Thomas W. Maddicks; Patrick F. Purcell and Norris P. Shapiro. ☐

Supreme Council

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First, there are some significant anniversaries IN 2017 here and around the state. We will have a lot to celebrate:

- 150th Anniversary of the Valley of Rochester;
- 150th Anniversary of the New York State Council of Delegation;
- 150th Anniversary of the Valley of Corning;
- 150th Anniversary of the Palmoli Lodge of Perfection and Council Princes of Jerusalem in the Valley of Buffalo;
- 250th Anniversary of the Ineffable Grand Lodge of Perfection in Albany;

and there are lots of things to see and do in Rochester and the Finger Lakes region!

Why Rochester?

It's the Music!

It is home of the world-renowned Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester. The Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival has quickly become one of the nation's most popular and most respected music festivals. More than 196,000 attended the 2014 music festival. We are planning to have a variety of music at all the major events, reception and dinners during the Supreme Council meeting.

It's the Wine!

The Finger Lakes Region is home to over 100 wineries and

is recognized as a world-class wine destination. Indulge in wine tours, peaceful views and unique experiences when you plan your visit to Finger Lakes Wine Country, the most beautiful and affordable wine country destination in the world. The viticulture area is centered around four main lakes with American Indian names: Canandaigua, Keuka, Seneca, and Cayuga. The majority of wineries have organized "wine trails" with special events, and other activities to conveniently welcome visitors. There will definitely be wine tours on the Supreme Council "Things to Do and See" schedule.

It's the Golf!

Golf in Rochester – it's unforgotten! Rochester's world-class golf courses played host to the 1995 Ryder Cup, 2003 PGA Championship, 2008 Senior PGA Championship and to the annual LPGA Wegmans tournament. In 2013 Rochester hosted the PGA championship at Oak Hill Country Club, which became the only club to have hosted all six of the men's championships! Praised by golfing pros and weekend duffers alike, Rochester continues to be a prime golfing destination.

It is even said to have more golf holes per capita than any other northeastern city in America. There are more than 80 courses within a 45-minute drive of Rochester, many designed by

Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, October 6th
Board of Governors Meeting
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15th
Nomination of Officers Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 3rd
Board of Governors Meeting
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 15th
Ladies Night

Wednesday, November 19th
Awards & Memorial Night Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 28th
Bell Ringing - 5-8:30 p.m.
The Mall at Greece Ridge

Monday, December 1st
Board of Governors Meeting
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17th
Dinner/Election of Officers Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Reservations are a must for all dinners; there will be a \$10 reservation fee, which will be returned at the dinner.

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Daughters of Mokanna



By Beverly Murray, MCO

Supreme Sessions

Daughters Jan Porter, Supreme Zeldina; Janice Bueg; Donna Laundry; Beverly Murray, Mighty Chosen One; accompanied by Ray DiJames traveled to Tampa, Florida, for the 95th Supreme Session of Daughters of Mokanna. Jan got a real workout, guarding the entry door during closed meetings. I was honored to be the Canadian Flag Bearer for Installation.

We had a warm greeting by the Zendah Caldron Daughters and the weather. A good time was had by all.

Date Change!!

Please note October 16th at 7 p.m. is our next meeting ... that is a change for October only.

November 13th is Installation of new Officers. May our incoming Officers have a year filled with happiness, success and great memories.

Happy Halloween! ☐

the world's most famous golf architects. Golf outings will be a key part of the activities planned for the attendees of the 2017 Supreme Council meeting!

It's the History and Museums!

Rochester is home to the George Eastman House – International Museum of Photography and Film (www.eastmanhouse.org), featuring a variety of photographic highlights and the revolution of photography. Or visit the House itself, a grand mansion and exquisite gardens have been restored to Mr. Eastman's grandeur.

A visit to the Memorial Art Gallery (www.mag.rochester.edu) is a journey through more than 5,000 years of art history. From the relics of antiquity to works in the vanguard of contemporary movements, the Gallery offers a panorama of the world's art.

The Rochester Museum and Science Center (www.rmasc.org) features hands-on educational fun for the entire family, exploring science and technology, the natural environment, and our region's cultural heritage.

At the National Museum of Play at The Strong (www.museumofplay.org) is the only museum in the world devoted solely to the study of play.

The Susan B. Anthony House (www.susanbanthonyhouse.org) was the home of the legendary American civil rights leader, and Mt. Hope Cemetery is listed on the national registrar, which include the gravesites of Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglas, John Jacob Bausch and Henry Lomb.

It's the Erie Canal and Lake Ontario!

Rochester became the country's first "boomtown" as a result of the Erie Canal's venture through the city and it forever

Eastern Star Chapters

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I assured her we're doing better activities than back in the 50s. I got my case of fancies to give away for Christmas and I got a new experience ... blackberry wine slushies. A month later and I still drool into my ears remembering them as I fall asleep. And the charcuterie we had for lunch will be remembered a long time.

The trip to the Cobblestone Museum in Albion continued the great tradition. The "Crystal Van" was mustered into service, and we four joined the ranks of the OES tour group. Some of the antiques in the Gray House, next door to the Museum reminded me of some of the antiques I saw while home shopping back in the 70s. And every house I went to back then the listing was specific: "all furniture, Eastlake lamps and sconces are NOT included in the offering." I especially liked the pressed-glass "water bombs" kept in the kitchen to put out fires. And the Indian mortar and pestle was neat.

As a Mason and former construction worker, I was fascinated by the explanation of where cobblestone was invented and how it was done. There was one Secretary of a certain Chapter I completely avoided teasing about some of the antiques after I heard

her exclaim, "We used one of those when I was growing up." I may talk too much, but I know when to shut up. I really do!

Lunch at Tillman's Village Inn was amazing. I recommend that you ask your honey to take you there for a romantic meal. You will remember it a long time. Thanks and praise to the District for organizing this trip. I can hardly wait for next year.

The District's Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que was fantastic. I had hoped to see a lot of the DeMolay from the Charlotte-Corinthian era, but [sigh] it was not to be. But I got to see a ton of other great friends and Fraternity members. And the whole day was a great experience. I am told that the camaraderie behind the scenes was at high tide the entire day. I DO know that the chicken dinners were delicious, the dessert was heavenly and the pie didn't make it to Sunday afternoon. (burp)

Based on just these four events, I would say any woman could have a reason to join our Order. But then if you add the pageantry, the charities and the loyalty through the years, why would anyone turn down an offer of membership? All those future Sisters out there need is an invitation.

Love and gratitude to you all! ☐

changed the development and growth of the region. Over the years the canal has become less a transportation corridor for the movement of people and goods and now strictly a recreational corridor. You can take a walk, jog, or take a boat or a bike ride along the New York State Erie Canal Heritage Trail that more or less follows the original towpath.

Scores of shops, services, picnic areas, restaurants, and marinas have sprung up along the canal route. Boat rides along the Erie Canal will be an enjoyable activity during the Supreme Council meeting. In addition, August just happens to be at the peak of the season for salmon fishing in Lake Ontario. Half-day and full-day fishing charters are already in the works for Supreme Council meeting attendees.

So What's Next?

The real work begins! It's time to begin putting together the detailed plans for the meeting and associated area activities. It total, we need to have approximately 60 volunteers involved in the Host State/Valley Organizing Committee. The various subcommittees that are needed include:

- Registration Committee – 12-16 positions
- Tilers/Ushers Committee – 20-24 positions
- Market Place Committee – 6-8 positions
- Busing Committee – 10-12 positions
- Production Committee – 4 positions
- Information and Restaurant Committee – 8 positions
- Activities Committee – 10-15 positions
- Golf
- Wine Country Tours
- Erie Canal Boat Cruises

- Salmon Fishing Charters – Lake Ontario
- Museum Tour, On - Off Shuttle Service)

At present, we are in the process of identifying the Chairman for the various committees listed above, who will serve as members of the Host Executive Organizing Committee, and will be responsible for recruiting of the other members of their particular committees. If you or a group within your Valley are interested in serving on the Host Organizing Committee, either as a Subcommittee Chairman or as a Committee Member, please contact me at your earliest convenience (MorrisGM14564@gmail.com).

So Who can attend the Supreme Council Meeting?

The majority of attendees will be 33° Masons (Honorary Members, Active and Active Emeriti Members of the Supreme Council) in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (www.scottishritenmj.org) and Distinguished Guests from other Masonic organizations from around the world.

However, please note that the meeting is open to all Scottish Rite 32° Masons as well! 32° Scottish Rite members, who wish to attend events, must register for the meeting, like all attendees. They are allowed to attend the Vesper Service on Sunday, the General Session on Monday, and their associated Valley and State Dinners. But if they are serving as a member of the Host Organizing Committee, then they do not have to register.

We are honored and pleased to have the opportunity to host the 2017 Supreme Council meeting in Rochester. It will indeed be a GRAND EVENT! ☐

York Rite NEWS

Hiram Chapter No. 62

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"The Most Excellent Master" Degree is behind us, the third step in your Royal Journey. We will be presenting "The Holy Royal Arch" Degree on October 23rd, the fourth and final step as our new Candidates become Royal Arch Companions.

Special thanks to Companion Lance Daul for his work in organizing and coordinating the Fall Degree Programs. Great job, Companion Lance.

Continue Your Journey

Let me remind all Companions who would like to continue their York Rite Journey ... Doric Council will be presenting Degrees this Fall. Also, there will be a Festival in November for those who would like to receive the Orders for Knights Templar. They will be presented in the Palmyra Commandery. Ask one of us for details or check the **Masonic Times**.

Musings

I thought I might give a little overview of the recently completed "Most Excellent Master" Degree. The Most Excellent Master Degree is the 6th Degree in the York Rite and is conferred in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Its historical reference is to the completion and dedication of the Temple of King Solomon, who is represented by the Presiding Officer under the title of Right Worshipful Master.

This Degree is peculiarly American; it's being practiced in no other country. It was the invention of Webb, who organized the Capitular System of Masonry as it exists in America and established the system of lectures, which is the foundation of all subsequent systems taught here. This Degree depicts the completion of the Temple and the setting of the Capstone, or Keystone, and the setting of the Ark within the Vault. Here the Candidate witnesses the completion, amid much rejoicing and great splendor, of the Temple on which the Mason has symbolically labored in all of the previous Degrees in Masonry. We dedicate this house. We learn from the Holy Scriptures that the Temple of Solomon was completed and dedicated.

The Most Excellent Master Degree re-creates the dedication of that magnificent Temple. The labors of the Craft are given the blessing of the Lord, who descended as fire from heaven and consumed the burnt offering, at the dedication. King Solomon, in his gratitude, received and acknowledged the Most Excellent

Masters, empowered to travel and receive Master's Wages, and charged them with the responsibility of sharing their Masonic Light and Knowledge with those less informed. Symbolically the Degree of Most Excellent Master represents the building of life and character and the reward which comes to him who faithfully performs this task. Your Industry was rewarded as a Most Excellent Master. ☐

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons
 (Chartered 1861)
 3rd Wednesday

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On August 22nd and 23rd, Cathy and I trekked to Batavia to attend Grand Council for The Cryptic Masons of New York State. Cathy participated in a Ladies event at Darien and I attended the weekend's meetings.

III.: Grand Master, Leonard Mason, passed the gavel to Companion Harley DeShane who will be our III.: Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Doric Council proudly boasts four Past Illustrious Grand Masters - Raymond Beardsley, E. William Whittaker, Charles Roberts and Arnold Palmer and we also have two Companions from Doric Council who are following that trail. Past III.: Master Garry Hutcherson has progressed to Grand Principal Conductor of the Works and Past III.: Master John Gallant is not only the Grand Council Web Master, he also will begin his journey through the progressive Line, as Grand Steward of Grand Council for State of New York. On behalf of Doric Council I congratulate Gary and John for their accomplishments; good luck and safe travels as we offer our support on your journeys.

Other Honors

M.:I.: E. William Whittaker is Treasurer of the Charities Corporation and M.:I.: and Rev. Charles Roberts is President of the Charities Corp as well as Trustee for the Grand Council of the State of New York.

Coming Events

We are preparing for Degree work this Fall as we have several Candidates "chomping at the bit" in anticipation of joining Doric Council. Both Royal Master and Select Master Degrees will be presented this Fall. Stay tuned for dates.

Musings - What is Cryptic Masonry?

The Cryptic Degrees are said to complete the "Circle Of Perfection" in a Mason's understanding. You began the circle when you complete your Symbolic Degrees in your Lodge. You continue it when you receive the Capitular Degrees in your Chap-

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Dinner - 7 p.m. (\$40)
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ter. The Cryptic Degrees are where you complete that "Circle of Perfection" and with it, gain a new and fuller appreciation of those preceding Degrees.

The Cryptic Degrees are also called the "Degrees of Preservation" because they focus our attention on that which was preserved at the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple, for the benefit of future generations such as ours. The Cryptic Rite here in America is a part of that progression of "Solomonic" Degrees which we call the York Rite.

Only Royal Arch Masons may join a Council of Cryptic Masons. The name "Cryptic" does not mean "Mysterious." It refers to the underground "Crypt" or "Secret Vault" built by King Solomon where, as a Royal Arch Mason, you will discover the long lost Master's word.

As Cryptic Masons, we are known by the title of "Select Masters," the reason for which will be explained to you when you hear more about the individual Degrees. There are two Degrees in a Council of Cryptic Masons. The first is the "Royal Master Degree." It is a prerequisite to receiving the second or "Select Master Degree." There is a 3rd Degree, - the "Super Excellent Master."

Here, in the Grand Council of the State of New York, it is an Honorary or an optional Degree which is specially conferred.

The Degrees we confer in our Councils are directly connected to the symbolic Degrees you and I receive in our Lodges and the Capitular Degrees we receive in our Royal

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Planning Ahead to 2015

August 15, 2015, will be the Triennial of Grand Encampment in Buffalo. Personnel will be needed to participate in this event and assist as New York State hosts on behalf of Most Eminent Grand Master, SK David Dixon Goodwin, GCT. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact me.

With SK Charles M. Roberts as Grand Commander and SK David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, Grand Master, New York Templary is in the forefront of all Templary worldwide. More information will follow as it becomes available. Keep tuned.

Reminder

At 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each Month, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery holds an informal meeting. We have discussions of topical interests and all SK's are encouraged to attend. This is a learning experience.

Our Tiled Meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month, following an informal dinner at the Pittsford Pub at 6 p.m. No reservations are required - order off the menu. ☐




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R.:W.: George Foehner, District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District and Chairman of the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign, chose the June luncheon meeting of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Service Bureau to present the 2014 proceeds to Patty Schwarzweller of the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The Twenty Thousand Dollars raised achieved the goal set by Brother Foehner and is the largest amount collected this century. Mall Chairmen and Booth participants were invited to attend. The 2015 Campaign begins January 31st.

Wayne District

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Thank you, Brothers, for all your help with the Sausage Booth at Palmyra Canal Town Days. The Sausage Booth was a great success. Special thanks also goes to Jim MacDuff and Ray VanPatten for running the Child ID Program.

On September 16th, Brothers from Drumlin Square Lodge attended Eastern Star's Annual Pie Auction at the Annual Master Mason Appreciation Night.

At our first meeting of the year on September 17th, our Chaplain and R.:W.: John P. Krest, celebrated his 80th Birthday. Birthday cake was enjoyed by all!

On September 25th, the DDGM, R.:W.: John P. Krest; Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.:W.: Allen "Joe" Green; and AGL, V.:W.: Jeff Gagnon, received their Aprons at Drumlin Square Lodge where family and friends were present.

October Happenings
 On October 1st, we will be having our Official Visit with dinner at Yellow Mills Restaurant at 6:15 p.m.

On October 15th, we will be doing a 1st Degree for our new Candidate. Dinner will be at the Lodge promptly at 6:45 p.m. You will need to make dinner reservations with our Junior Warden, James Aylesworth.

On October 25th, we will be passing out candy to trick or treaters in front of the Lodge Hall during our Village-wide business "Trick-or-Treat" Event. Any candy donations need to be left in the kitchen at the Lodge Hall.

Please remember your Brotherhood Fund donations and the Masonic Care Community.

Monroe District Aprons Presented June Dinner honors outgoing/incoming Officers



Retiring District Deputy, R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz, addresses audience at Damascus Shrine Center.



R.:W.: Mike Hueston had floral bouquet for Lori, to thank her for supporting his role as Grand Lodge Staff Officer.



Musical selections were provided by R.:W.: Marty Rietz at the Shrine Center organ.



R.:W.: Gary Sanford did double duty as Master of Ceremony and Apron Presenter for AGL, R.:W.: Roy Moses (above and left). Far upper left, Brother Moses making his remarks. (Below), R.:W.: Steve Michener expresses his enthusiasm as Grand Steward appointee.



V.:W.: Joe Lewis was introduced by W.: L. Warren Patterson who also did the presentation of the Assistant Grand Lecturer's Apron (above), before Brother Lewis spoke to relatives and friends in attendance (second photo up).



Keynote speaker, R.:W.: Steve Whittaker, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island near New York (above), upon his introduction by R.:W.: Gary Sanford. (Left) R.:W.: George Foehner, District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, 2014-2015, thanks his supporters following presentation of his Apron from R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz. He is seen buckling the belt in photo (far left).





Breakthrough Treatment for Atrial Fibrillation Discovered at MMRL Completes Phase 2 Clinical Trial

Myron Thurston III,
Assistant Director of Development and Communications

Gilead Sciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: GILD) announced results of their HARMONY Phase 2 Clinical Trial investigating the results of Ranolazine and low-dose Dronedarone to combat Atrial Fibrillation (AF).

The initial research that prompted this clinical trial was conducted at the Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) and was published in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* in 2010. The Phase 2 clinical trial was double blind, meaning that neither the patient nor the medical practitioner knew who was taking the placebo and who was taking the medication. Results of the clinical trial showed that those taking the drug combination had far fewer episodes of Atrial Fibrillation than those taking the placebo or either drug alone. Phase 3 clinical trials are expected to begin later this year.

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the MMRL, states that "safe and effective treatment for Atrial Fibrillation



Dr. Charles Antzelevitch

is one of the greatest unmet medical needs facing our society today." Over 2.7 million Americans suffer from Atrial Fibrillation, a fluttering of the upper chambers of the heart and, although treatments are available, most have serious side effects that limit their use in many conditions. One in ten people are expected to develop Atrial Fibrillation as they approach age 80 and as medical innovation increases life expectancy, a significantly greater number of Americans will be at risk.

This discovery and the promising Phase 2 trial results provide hope for millions of Americans who suffer from AF. Central New York Cardiology and the Mohawk Valley Heart Institute participated in the Phase 2 trial and expect to participate in the Phase 3 clinical trial.

When the heart is in Atrial Fibrillation, stagnation of

blood in the atria can cause blood clots that can travel to the brain and cause an Ischemic Stroke. Over 25% of strokes in the United States are attributable to Atrial Fibrillation. For this reason, it is important for patients with AF to use blood thinners such as Warfarin or other newer anticoagulants.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is a not-for-profit institute dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for all. The Institute's primary mission is to conduct high-quality basic and clinical research aimed at generating knowledge and information necessary for development of the medical cures and treatments of tomorrow. The Laboratory is also committed to providing education and training to basic scientists, clinical researchers and students who will perpetuate and extend the fight against disease.

Please visit www.mmrl.edu to learn more about research at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory or search for the MMRL on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, YouTube and LinkedIn.

MASONIC POEM

Those men who help my dad each day,
They wear those Mason rings.
A Square and Compass set in gold,
The praise of which I sing.
My dad, he hurt his back you know,
One cold and wintery day.
He slipped and fell upon the ice,
The insurance would not pay.
And since that time those rings I see,
On hands that help us much.
With mowing lawns and hauling trash,
Each day my heart they touch.
They even built a house for me,
Amid our backyard tree.
Where all the neighbor kids,
Would play with laughter full of glee.
My Mom she cried from happiness,
The time the Masons came.
To aid our family in distress,
Without a thought of gain.
And when I'm big, just like my dad,
Of this it must be told.
I want to wear a ring like his,
A Square and Compass gold.
Long years have passed since when
My dad was in that plaster cast.
And since I swore that Solemn Oath,
Which unites us to the last.
But more than that I'm proud to say,
I wear his Masonic ring.
The one Dad wore for many years,
Until his death this spring.
And one last time his comrades came,
To aid my weeping mother.
They praised and bid a fond farewell,
To our fallen Brother.
And after which MY son did ask,
About their Aprons white.
And of the rings upon their hands.
Of gold so shiny bright.
With tearful eyes I said with pride,
They're men of spirit pure.
Those men who wear those Mason rings,
Of that you can be sure.
And before he went to bed that night,
The family he foretold.
Someday I'll wear a ring like dad's,
A Square and Compass gold.

Author Unknown

All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party

at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Saturday, December 13th
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Bring a wrapped gift for each child.

Be sure to mark with child's full name.

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

NOVEMBER

- 15 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, Spencerport
- 15 York Rite Grand Commander's Reception, Holiday Inn Airport, Rochester
- 20 Scottish Rite Harvest Dinner, Shrine Center

DECEMBER

- 13 All Masonic Children's Holiday Party, Shrine Center

JANUARY

- 3 Symbolic Lodge Awards, Shrine Center

MARCH

- 28 College of Freemasonry

In Memoriam

Burke, Raymond D.

Raymond Burke, 87, passed to the waiting arms of his wife, Marilyn, on August 30th. He will be remembered by 2 sons and the Brothers of Clio Lodge. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Walker, Eugene T.

Eugene Walker, 81, went to the Celestial Lodge on September 7th. Gene was a U.S. Army Veteran and member of Oatka Lodge. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

Reiber, Rudolph E. and Alice

We have received word that Rudolph Reiber, 87, passed away January 3rd and on September 10th, his wife of 64 years, Alice, followed to their Heavenly Home. Three children, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren are left to remember them. Rudy was an Army Veteran of World War II and a member of Unity Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

Williams, Don L.

On August 11th, Don Williams, 82, went Home to his Lord. His wife, Nina; 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren are left to cherish his memory. Don was a member of Scottish Rite.



Widows to be Remembered

Brummell, Nancy L., 85, widow of Douglas Brummell (Webster Lodge), passed away August 28th.

Loiacono, Marian A., 89, widow of Ralph Loiacono (Fairport-Flower City Lodge), passed away August 21st.

Spillane, Nancy, widow of Paul Spillane (Union Star Lodge), passed away September 1st.

Vaughan, Beverly K., 82, widow of Richard Vaughan, Sr. (Inspiration Lodge), passed away September 20th.



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