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## Review of Revolutionary Brotherhood; Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order, 1730-1840

By Stephan P. Michener, Grand Steward & Sovereign Prince

There are so many good books out there on the subject of Freemasonry. Among these are books that explore our significant (both factual and fancied) history. Of this group of books are those that specifically focus on American Masonic History. The Venerable Brother Allen E. Roberts has written many of these, including the classic *Freemasonry in American History*. He, of course, was a Mason and most likely had a favorably biased view on the subject.



Author, Dr. Steven Bullock, will be one of the featured speakers at the College of Freemasonry at Genesee Community College on Saturday, March 28th.

its social constituency-indeed, so intimately related that many post-Revolutionary Americans came to see Masonry as an archetype of the republican society based on virtue and talent they were attempting to build." Clearly our Fraternity was very important in the founding principles of our Country.

In the beginning chapters of *Revolutionary Brotherhood*, Mr. Bullock explores the exclusive nature of early Masonic Lodges. He details the occupational (e.g., merchants, artisans, retailers, professionals, etc.) make-up of the Brothers in some early Lodges of different regions and makes some comparisons between urban and rural Lodges. There are several charts that depict these occupational characteristics. He also gives some attention to Ancient vs. Modern Lodges and who was joining those. Much of this material concerns itself with the period just before and during the Revolutionary War.

Of particular value in the book is the presentation of Freemasonry's evolution over the years since the American Revolution. Contrary to the notion that the Craft has remained steadfastly consistent in the way it's been practiced from the very beginning, Mr. Bullock provides ample evidence of the transformation in the practice of our Ritual over those early years of our Nation.

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## Annual Tribute to Our Widows

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau

Saturday, April 25th, at the Burgundy Basin

Doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch served at noon

Again, we are asking each Lodge Master to appoint a Brother to coordinate your Lodge Brothers and Widows involvement.

### No Tickets Will Be Mailed

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

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

### The cost for the sit down luncheon is \$20.

Should you have any questions, contact Garry Cranker, Committee Chair at 260-4546. You may also contact the Masonic Service Bureau Office at 671-9730.

## Education Assistance and Charitable Grants Applications Available from MSB

In approving the 2015 budget for the Masonic Service Bureau, the Board of Directors included the expenditure of funds to cover 15 grants each for the Education Assistance Program and help for Charitable Organizations. 2014 was a very good year for the investment portfolio holdings of the Bureau, which has permitted the increase in the number of grants to be awarded for 2015.

### Education Assistance

Applications are now available for High School Seniors who will be attending an institution of higher learning full-time in the Fall of 2015. Current College Students, who will also be enrolled in this Fall's classes on a full-time basis and have not been previously awarded a grant from the Masonic Service Bureau, may also apply.

Other criteria, which must be met for these **one-time-only** awards, include belonging to a Masonic Youth Organization or being sponsored by a member of a Masonic Lodge or Related Body.

Each application must be completely filled out and accompanied by: 1) a letter from the student "bragging" about his or her accomplishments in school, religious and civic environments. We are looking for well-rounded students; 2) a transcript of current grades; 3) a letter of recommendation from a school guidance counselor or advisor; 4) a letter of recommendation

from the Masonic Organization's advisor or your Masonic affiliated sponsor.

This year, the Board has agreed to allow electronic filing of information, with the stipulation that all signatures must be in blue (or a color other than black) on the electronic document. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in rejection of the application. More details on this will be included with the application.

### Deadline is March 31st

The deadline for filing is still the same. Regular mail documents must be postmarked by midnight, March 31st; e-documents will also require the time stamp to be prior to midnight on March 31st.

Selected students must attend the Awards Night program in June or have a representative present to speak on their behalf. The tentative date for this event is Thursday, June 18th, and will be confirmed as soon as the application review process is completed.

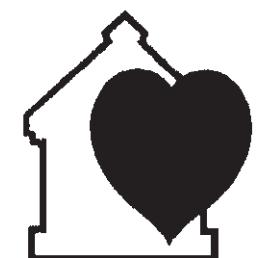
Masons desiring support for continuing education may also request an application. It is the plan of the Committee to award two \$500 Grants this year, also on a **one-time-only basis**.

Applications for either of these programs may be obtained from the Masonic Service Bureau, email: [bmasonic@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bmasonic@rochester.rr.com) or call 671-9730. Be sure to read and follow all the directions indicated.

Each year the Bureau offers Grants to area Charities for the use of their actual charity mission and objectives. Application is made by the Charity writing a request letter that outlines their purpose, other sources of funding, including a financial report, and an indication of the project/activity to which the funds would be applied.

Those organizations who have previously received funds are eligible again and may already have the information letter. All applications must be **postmarked** or **time stamped** no later than **Midnight, March 31, 2015**. Call the Bureau for more information.

## Have-a-Heart



*Lend a hand at the Malls to support Ronald McDonald Houses, now through February 15th*

**ATTENTION! There will be a SPRING Sportsman's Raffle Saturday, March 28th, at Damascus Shrine Center**  
**See "Damascus News" Section for Details!**

**Damascus News see page 9**



## Editor's Corner

Some wonderful events are coming up in the near future and they are worthy of your support. It is never too early to put things on your calendar. I know in my case, the days go flying by so fast and suddenly the event I wanted to attend is here. Now that I have learned a few of the finer points of my smart phone, my calendar alerts make me aware of that fact.

The first item I wish to mention is on Saturday the 7th. Hopefully most of you have received this publication in time to plan to attend. It is, in all probability, too late to come for breakfast (the reservations were due on February 1st), but that shouldn't prevent you from attending the Rusty Nail Decree at Webster Lodge Hall at 9:30 a.m. Many Brothers over the years have told me they can't remember how to work their way into a Lodge meeting. Well, Brothers, Webster Lodge is offering this refresher course. Come and re-introduce yourself to the Fraternity.

Ash Wednesday for members of the Christian Faith, signalling the beginning of Lent, is February 18th. Fish Frys are being offered again this year as fundraising projects on Fridays from February 20th until April 3rd. You may support Olive Branch Lodge by joining them at the LeRoy Masonic Community Center (*see ad on page 13*) starting at 5 p.m. They will also be hosting, in conjunction with Eunice Lodge, a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17th. They would appreciate your support.

Damascus Shriners will also be serving their Fish Frys again at the Shrine Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

If you have College students in your future, the Applications for Education Assistance Grants are available from the Masonic Service Bureau. The deadline is March 31st. See the article on the front page or call the Bureau at 671-9730 for more details. This applies for the Charity Grants applications, as well.

Lastly, but certainly not the least important, is the Annual Widows Luncheon sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau. All Organizations principal Officers have received a letter with the particulars, but you may also read about this event in the article on page 1.

Once each year, at least, we pay tribute to the Ladies who have supported our Brothers in their Masonic endeavors. This year our sit-down dinner is on April 25th at the Burgundy Basin. The doors open at 11; dinner will be served at noon; the entire program runs less than an hour and one-half. We hope you have already sent your invitations for this wonderful event.

Thanks for reading.

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At the January meeting of the Board of Directors, two new members of the Executive Committee were installed, with W.: Angelo DiCataldo, Past President, doing the honors. Right Worthy Elaine Milner was elected Secretary, replacing R.:W.: Gary Sanford. Elected to replace R.:W.: Herb Spencer as Treasurer was R.:W.: Roy Moses. The other four members of the Executive Committee - Garry Cranker, James De Lorenzo, Charles Waterstreet and Janet Porter - were re-installed in their respective offices for 2015.

Due to these changes, it was necessary to elect two new Directors to the Board, as well. Right Worthy Mae Bauer was elected to a 2-year term, to replace Elaine, and W.: John Lemke will fill the remaining year on the term of Roy Moses. These Directors will have the opportunity to run for three more 3-year terms, should they so desire.

The Directors whose terms expired on December 31st, 2014, were re-elected for another 3-year term. W.: John Dudley, R.:W.: George Foehner and W.: L. Warren Patterson, along with Mae Bauer and John Lemke, were also installed by W.: Angelo DiCataldo.

The Annual Financial Reports were presented at this meeting, and it was a good year for the Masonic Service Bureau.

As a result, the approved budget for 2015 allows for an increase in the number of Education Assistance Grants and Charitable Organization Grants. Fifteen grants will be awarded to students who are selected from the applicants. \$15,000 has also been earmarked for Organizations who provide services to those less fortunate individuals in need.

Through the support of YOU, the Brothers and Sisters of the Fraternity, it has been my honor to pass funds in excess of a quarter of a million dollars into the community.

Every Masonic Body in the area is entitled to representation at the Board of Directors' meetings. Individuals are invited to become members of our Advisory Council or the Board. I would be happy to provide additional information to any interested person. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at the Damascus Shrine Center on Bay Road in Webster.

As a 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit Corporation, we are registered with the Charities Bureau of the Attorney General's Office of the State of New York. A copy of our financial information is available, upon request, from them or us.

Again, thank you.

The Keynote Speaker that evening was R.:W.: Donald Kunego of the Masonic War Veterans Grand Post. It was very interesting to hear of his experiences while he served in the Military.

### No Meeting in March

Just a reminder ... there will be no meeting in March. If there is a change, I will either send an email or call you. We are still going to Canandaigua VA to celebrate in March for the Birthday Party.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, I will be writing a series about the Masonic War Veterans and James A. Hard.

### Brief History of James A. Hard's Military Service

James A. Hard enlisted on April 18, 1861 in Company E, of the 37th New York Volunteer Infantry for 2 years. He traveled to Long Island and then to Washington by rail, mostly in cattle and box cars that were hot during the day and cold at night. He went to a reception at the White House and met President and Mrs. Lincoln.

He was stationed in Alexandria, VA, during July and August to maintain civil order. Some Army Units came into Aqua, VA, near Fredericksburg by boat and unloaded hundreds of wagons carrying guns, supplies and caissons.

They had a lot of rain that Spring and the horses would sink into the mud up to their knees. His Regiment attached ropes to the wagons and about a hundred soldiers would pull each wagon onto solid ground. They pulled all the wagons free and received a commendation from the General. Their reward was a ration of whiskey. The whiskey tasted so bad that James gave it to his buddy.

James A. Hard's first battle was the Battle of Bull Run in the Fall of 1861. His toughest battle was at West Point, VA, where his Regiment lost more men than in any other Battle. Below is a list of all the battles in which James A. Hard participated:

**1861** - Fairfax Court House, Blackburn's Ford, Bull Run, Munson's Hill, Bailey's Cross Roads, Second Munson's Hill, and An-

tonie Battle ... all in Virginia.

**1862** - Battle of West Point, Seven Day's Battle of Virginia, Gains Mill, Ganett's and Goldings Farm, Glendale, Malvern's Hill and Crampton's Pass ... all in Virginia. He also fought in the Battle of Antietam in Maryland.

**1863** - He participated in the Battle of Fredericksburg, Franklin's Crossing, Mary's Heights and Salem Church ... all in Virginia.

During the Battle of White Horse Landing, VA, along the bank of the York River, his Commanding Officer, Captain L.C. Brown, was killed beside him. James A. Hard had one bullet hole in his coat but was never wounded in any Battle in which he participated.

He remained a Private throughout his two years of service and was Honorably Discharged from the Army on June 29, 1863.

### Next Issue

Next newsletter will be about his life after Military Service.

Thank you and I wish you all the best in the upcoming year. And remember to *stop and smell the Roses*.

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## Are You ... Moving?

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2015

## Shriners Hospital Charity Fishing Event

Wednesday June 24, 2015

Point Breeze, NY.

The event includes a 5-hour fishing trip and lunch at the famous Black North Inn. Leaving from their parking lot at 14352 Ontario St, Kent, NY 14477 promptly at 6:30 a.m. All participants need to meet at the BNI parking lot by 6:15 a.m.

Reservations due by June 1st. Book Early to reserve your favorite Boat/Captain.

4 people per boat. Get a group together or come by yourself and we will group you.

The cost is \$130 per person and everyone is welcome.

please make all reservations through the Damascus Shrine Office at (585) 671-3565 or [Office@DamascusShriners.org](mailto:Office@DamascusShriners.org)

For further information including lodging contact Bob Songin at

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

By Kristina Brandt

### Fidelity Triangle Initiates a New Member

Those of you who have been following Fidelity Triangle's articles the past few months will notice that we are working incredibly hard to rebuild our historical Triangle in the Monroe District and are determined to see to its growth and success.

We are proud to announce that on December 13th, the Fidelity Triangle took a huge step forward and initiated its first new member in about two years. Kalli Herouvis was made an official member of the Triangle thanks to the efforts of both active members and Triangle Alumni who performed the Initiation Degree. One of our younger members stepped in to fill a Line Officer position for a portion of the meeting and Alumni we don't get to see very often took on the larger Ritual parts.

We also owe a big thank you to the Junior Deputy, Supervisors and members of Bal-On-Sen Triangle in Liverpool who helped to fill in the other offices. We look forward to the time



Kalli Herouvis



where Fidelity Triangle can perform this Degree on its own, but we can't get there without the help and support of our sister Triangles.

This month, our growing Triangle will be holding a Mystery Valentine's Day Dinner on February 14th. Members and Supervisors of the Triangle will be providing dinner and entertainment at the Masonic Lodge Hall in Pittsford. Flyers will be mailed and emailed with additional information.

February 28th will be our next regular meeting with Elections. As we have a few other prospective members, we may also be performing the Initiation Degree again if we receive Petitions before this meeting.

If anyone knows of a young lady between the ages of 10 and 21 who might be interested in our organization, please email: [fidelitytrianglereno.4@gmail.com](mailto:fidelitytrianglereno.4@gmail.com)

This is a great time to join



Members of Fidelity Triangle and Bal-On-Sen Triangle in Liverpool who participated in the Initiation Ceremony.

### Book Review

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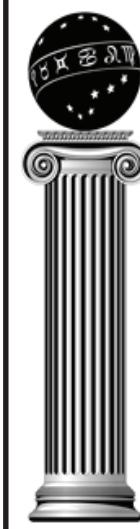
Along these lines, one of the very interesting sections of the book discusses the Craft's connection to religion. Bullock points out that, "according to early exposés, Masonic ceremonies of the 1720s seldom included prayers or Bible readings." Going forward about 80 years he then gives several examples of ministers being leading members of the Fraternity, and the embrace not just of religious practice, but of Christianity, specifically. One visually beautiful quote he presents from 1818 in the writing of a "young man with the unlikely name of Salem Town" is "Speculative Free-Masonry, is about to enter a very glorious and happy era when this institution will appear in beautiful garments, shine forth in the glory and excellence of her principles, the world be enlightened by her radiance, united in friendship, and rejoice together as brethren of one common family."

One of my favorite sections is

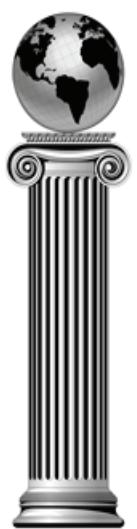
entitled "The Rugged Road" and has to do with the story of Thomas Smith Webb and the development of the "higher Degrees" of the York (or American) Rite. In Bullock's objective presentation on this subject, all is not glowing for these Degrees as he quotes Thomas Thompson, Grand Master of New Hampshire who in 1808 called the Knights Templar Degrees, "a compound of enthusiasm and folly."

Bullock also presents Avery Allyn who had been a Brother, but would later become a "strong opponent of the Order" in writing an exposé and quoting a Baptist Rhode Island Minister, Rev. H. Tatem, who in 1832 said about the Templar Degree that the experience "shocked me at the time more than I can express." A WORD OF CAUTION HERE: If you are considering at some point in your Masonic travels of exploring York Rite Masonry and Templary, you might want to hold off on reading Chapter Nine of the book.

I have read this book twice now and have found it immensely enjoyable! The only minor



## The Rusty Nail Degree



### Saturday, February 7th

**8:30 a.m. - Pancake, Egg & Sausage Breakfast (\$5) prior to the Degree**

**9:30 a.m. - Program ... Rusty Nail Degree**

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Congratulations to Richard Brewer of Wayne Lodge, Robert Verbridge of Pultneyville Lodge and Christopher Guenther of Sodus Lodge on receiving the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite 2014 Symbolic Lodge Award. January 3rd was a windy, icy and rain-filled cold evening, but the friendly and fraternal atmosphere made for an enjoyable and well-deserved ceremony.

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W.: Jeffrey M. Williamson, spoke to the reason for these Awards being presented as a form of due recognition to those Brothers who may or may not desire to climb the Fraternal Ladder, but unselfishly work in the Quarries time and time again to handle those tasks that always need to be done, but we

## Grand Director of Ceremonies



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Fraternal Winter greetings, Brethren! It seems just yesterday, District and Lodge Officers got together eating hot dogs and hamburgers on a warm Summer day to make plans for the ensuing Masonic Year. Now the year is half over. Election of Officers will soon be upon us, another Masonic Year will only be a page of history.

During my tenure filling Chairs in my Lodge, I had mentors but continued to receive Masonic Education in the School of Hard Knocks. I was proud when the Master appointed me Senior Master of Ceremonies, but sat in the vacant Junior Master of Ceremonies Chair most every meeting because I didn't know which chair was which. No one told me any different until Degree time. I could relate other incidents.

Wardens and other Officers, take a lesson from this student and look at the Chairs before you. Even if you are not aspiring to advance to the next higher Chair but planning to keep your Chair or accept another position in the Lodge, NOW is the time to prepare, not at the 11th hour.

The first lesson I learned on how to be a good Senior Officer began by attending Masters and Wardens meetings. When you attend the meetings, the fellow-

sometimes take for granted ... painting, trash disposal, setting up and tearing down, cutting the grass, and so on, without complaint.

As all Secretaries are well aware, the end of year (2014) Reports were to have been submitted by February 1st and a copy submitted to the District Deputy. A copy of this report by the District Deputy is handy to have on hand at Grand Lodge to resolve any discrepancies in record keeping in New York. I would also remind all District Lodges that *per capita* must be paid by March or sooner.

### Have-a-Heart Campaign

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 12th, 13th and 14th, will be our staff days at *Have-a-Heart* at Eastview Mall and I hope to see many of you there. We will be participating with Ontario/Seneca/Yates District in this important event to raise funds for the Rochester Ronald McDonald Houses. More families in Wayne District of which you may be aware have been supported through difficult times by this Organization.

### Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is off track for the year and needs your support. Don't forget the Masonic Care Community.

ship is good, Brotherly camaraderie is good, but more important is engaging in Masonic conversation. This enlightened me to the mistakes Fellows and Brothers had made, or are presently making, who have gone this way before me, and allowed me to correct and improve my performance.

Now is the time to put together your Trestleboard for the 2015-2016 Masonic Year. It is the Senior Warden's obligation to assist the Worshipful Master in the discharge of his arduous duties. You may use this time to scope out Masonic Programs that other Lodges are presenting, including Lodge's of other Districts, and present them for the Worshipful Master's consideration on his Trestleboard.

Check out why your newly Raised candidates have not returned for Lodge meetings or activities. Find a way to keep their interest and attendance.

Take the Grand Lodge Courses, *Road to the East* and *Master's Chair*. The first session of RTTE for Wayne District is presently scheduled for February 21st at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford in conjunction with Monroe District.

If you do not already subscribe to the **Masonic Times**, subscribe!! It is the best \$10 investment you can make to keep up-to-date on Masonic events and information for the ensuing year. If you already subscribe, pay it forward by finding a Brother who doesn't receive the paper and getting him, or the newly raised Master Mason you know, a gift subscription to this outstanding publication.

### What is a Masonic secret?

All those things that belong to us: that House not made by hands, Eternal in the Heavens; that undiscovered Country, from whose bourne, no traveler returns; the kingdom of Heaven, where thy Heavenly Father does live, and His Holy Law does dwell. All these are Masonic.

Re-shingling the Lodge building roof or repaving the driveway or raising funds to pay taxes or rent...these are not Masonic, for they are of this present world and temporal.

By written Masonic Law, I have violated my obligation of Entered Apprentice by using a word, syllable, letter or character in this article, as did the ones who prepared the Masonic Ritual book. But in Spiritual Truth, no violation has occurred, for the true secrets are concealed within me and my true Master has counted me worthy to conceal His Divine Secret.

A Mason's secret is that Spiritual conviction he holds as true. A Mason should be cautious in all his words and actions, even today, because man's inhumanity to man still exists.

### Upcoming Events

**February 2nd**, 8 p.m. 1st Degree, Pultneyville Lodge. Dinner, 6:45 p.m. Contact W.: Charlie Searles by email at: [csearles@rochester.rr.com](mailto:csearles@rochester.rr.com).

**February 3rd**, 7:30 p.m. 1st Degree Historical, Sodus Lodge. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Contact R.W.: Ted Powley, [soduspowleys@msn.com](mailto:soduspowleys@msn.com).

**February 7th**, 9:30 a.m. "The Rusty Nail Degree" at Damascus Shrine Center. Contact [rustynail@webster538.org](mailto:rustynail@webster538.org).

**February 9th**, Wayne Masters and Wardens, Pultneyville Lodge. Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Meeting, 7:30 p.m..

**February 17th**, 7:30 p.m. 2nd Degree, Sodus Lodge. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Contact R.W.: Ted Powley by email at: [soduspowleys@msn.com](mailto:soduspowleys@msn.com).

**February 18th**, 7:30 p.m. 3rd Degree, Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra. Contact R.W.: Bill Jones at email: [wjones@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wjones@rochester.rr.com).

**February 21st**, 8 a.m. *Road to the East*. First Session is at Pittsford Masonic Hall. Contact R.W.: Steve Michener at: [smichene@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smichene@rochester.rr.com), or me.

**February 26th**, Grand Lecturer's Convention at Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra. First Section at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Second Section at 7:30 p.m. Contact our Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.W.: Jeff Gagnon, using his email address [waynedistrictagl@gmail.com](mailto:waynedistrictagl@gmail.com), or DDGM R.W.: John Krest, [kremac7@gmail.com](mailto:kremac7@gmail.com).

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to the Swim Team to help purchase equipment for next year. Thank you very much to all who helped cooking at the breakfast.

### Upcoming Events

February 4th - we will be having a Table Lodge Dinner. You are more than welcome to bring your wife or a friend. Dinner will be potluck and start at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy our toasting event of the evening.

On February 12th to the 14th, our District will be staffing the *Have-a-Heart* Booth at Eastview Mall to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Rochester. If you have not scheduled a time to help, you may contact John Krest at (315) 986-9132 for available time slots.

Special thanks to Richard Brewer for all the time he has spent helping with the maintenance and upkeep of the Lodge. Thanks, Richard.

Please remember the Masonic Care Community and our Brotherhood Fund.

### Are You Traveling East?

## Then You Need to Take the Road to the East

### For Senior & Junior Wardens

**February 21st**

at Northfield Masonic Hall, Pittsford and

**March 7th**

at Wayne Lodge Hall, Ontario

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Cost: \$35**

**Reservations Required by**

**February 6th to:**

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hours handing out sticky hearts and collecting donations. The schedules are in the **Masonic Times** and the Ronald McDonald Houses would really appreciate it. Our contribution to society and our community is the *Have-a-Heart* of the Masonic Family.

*A Proud Mason*

## Grand Steward



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Holidays are over, skies are gray and temperatures are cold. I can't think of a better reason to attend Lodge and District meetings. Schools of Ritual are in full swing. Many Lodges are Raising new Brothers and preparing to attend Grand Lodge Sessions.

### Attendance

Attendance ... that's the key word. Your District and Lodge Officers are working hard to present exciting meetings and events, but we need you there to make it work.

### Have-a-Heart Staffing

One of our big events will be going on as you read this article. It's still not too late to help out at the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. Take the kids or grandkids out to the malls and spend a couple

### Road to the East

The *Road to the East* Course will be held on Saturdays, February 21st and March 7th at Northfield Lodge from 8 a.m.

until 2 p.m. each day. Anyone who intends to sit in the East needs to take this class as you prepare for what can be both a challenging and rewarding experience. Both the Junior and Senior Warden are encouraged to attend.

You will need to bring with you a copy of the *24-Inch Gauge*, and the *Handbook of Masonic Law*. Cost for the class will be \$35 to cover Grand Lodge processing and food.

**RESERVATIONS** must be made to me at 387-9487 or email: [smichene@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smichene@rochester.rr.com). Please make your reservation by Friday, February 6th!

#### And One More Thing ...

If you'd like to come to an informal and casual discussion of the *Revolutionary Brotherhood* book by Steven Bullock (whether you have read it or not), I will be hosting it at Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St. in Pittsford, on Saturday, February 28th, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming by 5 p.m., February 27th, so I know if there's interest and I can order enough pizza. Either call 746-3960 or email: [smichene@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smichene@rochester.rr.com) or I hope you'll consider coming out and enjoying your Brothers' company.

been adopted by religious and some esoteric societies to designate "body, soul and spirit" or "body, mind, and spirit." We are treating here, however, only of the original significance given it in the ancient rituals and philosophies.

The Square, produced by squaring the Cross, is regarded as the sum of the four elements - Fire, Water, Earth and Air. Each component square, therefore, will be seen to have equal relative value, and such the Masonic philosophy teaches us in the combination of: Arithmetic, Geometry and Astronomy to be the case in the cosmic activities which gives us our material universe.

These two principal figures, the triangle and the square, express further important truths when combined, so I will need you, my Brothers, to look into your minds eye and imagine the different positions of the Badge of a Mason as it shifts its appearance from: Initiation – Passing – Raising.

The triangle is shown above the square. It indicates the status and position of Spirit not yet descended into Matter, the first meditation of the neophyte who aspires to become a Master Workman, the Entered Apprentice, so to speak.

Now imagine in your minds eye diagrammatically one part of the square taken up into the triangle. It signifies the ascent of Matter into Spirit, and the equal descent of Spirit into Matter. Occupying a position as it were of midway development, the neophyte who contemplates this problem becomes a Fellow Craftsman.

The triangle and square completely merged, showing the ascent of Matter into Spirit and the descent of Spirit into Matter, or Involution and Evolution in equilibrium. Achieving this is the Sign of Mastership.

Freemasonry is more than a knowledge of itself, but it is a repository of ancient wisdom and knowledge as old as time. The symbology of Freemasonry is thousands, if not tens of thousands, of years old. Much of the obscure and complex symbology has been preserved and passed on by the occult writings of the ancients, the Alchemists, the illuminated and the Medieval thinkers. These many symbolical forms have come down to us, some of which we are able to read correctly and promulgate widely in this age of liberal thought, when thinkers have cast off ecclesiasticism and dare not only to THINK but to ACT in accordance with the promptings of unfettered intellects. Some of the symbolism still remain obscure, but at the proper time, undoubtedly will reveal to us its precious treasure of truth and wisdom as we may qualify to receive it.

So I say to you, my Brothers, be ever mindful, postulant and vigilant in studying your Craft. So, whosoever hath eyes to see, let him see; seeing, he shall perceive; perceiving, he shall understand; and through understanding, he shall know the mysteries. Let him who hath understanding ponder well the

symbols of our beloved and sacred Craft, for here in these powerful symbols are contained the Secrets of creating that building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We will transform ourselves into Golden Rays of Light embodying a higher Wisdom and Knowledge. Being better men, a perfect Ashlar, fit for the builders uses.

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Emails were sent to Lodge Secretaries in December asking them to provide the contact person of their Lodge for Membership Development. We will share best practices (and at a minimum see what each Lodge is doing in this important area).

The available resources are many. Webster Lodge is presenting a "Rusty Nail Degree" on February 7th as a refresher for Brothers who have been away for awhile (see information elsewhere in this edition of **Masonic Times**).

The upcoming *Have-a-Heart* Campaign at the locals malls is an opportunity for Brothers and their families to meet and get together to support this important District event.

The *College of Freemasonry* in March will bring world-class Masonic speakers to our area.

The Widows Luncheon, April 25th at Burgundy Basin, is a chance to put our obligation to use.

The opportunity to participate in the Appendant and Concordant Bodies gives Brothers more reasons to stay involved.

It all starts at the Lodge. This is where men from our communities became Brothers, and where we have the opportunity to restore the enthusiasm many initially held for the Craft, and where we have the obligation to keep those presently involved actively engaged.

As Brother Palileo ends his article ... "Of course, there are other aspects that further increase your Lodge's success such as communication, transparency and leadership – all of which are necessary ingredients in running a Lodge to begin with. At the very least, always remember that it's YOUR Lodge; your participation will

ultimately dictate the Lodge's direction and define its success."

If you would like to be involved with the Membership Development Initiatives, please contact your Lodge Secretary to let him know of your interest. Thank you! ☐

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By Jim MacDuff

I hope everyone's 2015 is off to a great start! Every New Year brings New Year's resolutions. Rather than resolutions, I prefer evaluations ... the first of the New Year should be the first (not the only) evaluation to one's commitments and activities. The Monroe Masonic Safety ID (MSID) Team's approach is no different.

Our 2014 ended on a high note, with a joint MSID event with Wayne District. On December 13th, Wayne and Monroe Districts came together for the All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party at the Shrine Center. It was a good party, a great event at which we met many Brothers and their families from across the District, and protected quite a few of our children at the same time.

### NOW, New Business ...

**Our Mission:** Aid in the recovery of a lost or missing child, adult or senior citizen.

For 2015, we're hoping for participation from each Lodge in the District. If each Lodge conceived of just ONE MSID event between now and the end of the Masonic Year, I think we'll have easily eclipsed our activity from the 2013-2014 Masonic Year.

### The Good News

Our computer equipment and software is updated. In short, THE EQUIPMENT WORKS, WITH NO FRUSTRATIONS!

In 2014, MSID Chairman, Don Elliott, and his team have worked to get all units in New York State on the standard recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Additionally, we are currently working with Brother Don to secure additional equipment to make sure that each and every event you and your Lodge schedule, is a successful one.

With regard to event scheduling, we cannot support ad-hoc events. We need a minimum of two weeks advance notice to be sure we have what you'll need.

Please visit and "Like" our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/WNYMSID](https://www.facebook.com/WNYMSID)

We post our events there, too. Send to your friends and help us get the word out! Email us if you have questions, or if you would like to get an event scheduled.

I wish each and every one of you a prosperous 2015. ☐

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By V.W.: Joe Lewis

### The Badge of a Mason

Symbology is the art of representing by symbols. It may be comprehended under two broad general classifications — Exoteric and Esoteric.

Exoteric symbology includes the signs, figures and abbreviations used to express terms in mathematics, chemistry, pharmacy, weights and measures, and meteorology.

Esoteric symbology applies to the symbolical expression of occult, spiritual and philosophical truths, and may be divided into four departments or sections. This article will be focused on one of the four, which is Geometrical or Constructive.

Geometrical symbology is the simplest, most ancient, and at the same time, most efficient type ever known or used. It utilizes the simplest geometrical forms, many of which were undoubtedly the first attempts at the pictorial expression of thought and idea forms by the progenitors of the human species, incalculable ages ago. Geometrical symbology also furnishes to the Freemason a tangible, demonstrable reason for the veneration he has been taught to cherish for Geometry as the primal and Divine Science.

The triangle or tetrahedron in its plain form is comprehended in ancient philosophy as Heat, Light and Flame. It is quite true that in modern usage it has

## MONROE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

By Bruce Katz, Chair

Most Lodges have good programs to help new Brothers learn the Ritual to pass to Fellowcraft and be Raised as Master Masons. But how are we doing about bringing back members who haven't been in Lodge in a while?

### Good News and Bad News

Typical meetings may have less than twenty percent of the Brothers in attendance. Half the Brothers Raised in the last five years may no longer be active in the next couple of years. The **good news** is that this isn't a new problem, but one which has existed in Masonry for decades. The **bad news** is that it is an old problem that hasn't yet been adequately addressed. While Cabletoe issues will un-

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A new year has emerged and we are looking forward to 2015 being a year of change. We have a lot going on at our one meeting a month.

December 11th meeting was our Annual Christmas Party. We had a fine Holiday meal together with our kids and wives prior to our meeting.

On January 3rd, the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award was presented to Brother Tom McCulloch at a special ceremony at the Shrine Center. I had the privilege to nominate and escort



Tom McCulloch received Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award.

Brother Tom for this prestigious Award. Brother Tom is a dedicated member of Fame Lodge who is always available to do what is needed, even sitting in a number of Chairs as has become necessary.

Our January 8th meeting was our Lodge School of Ritual.

Our next meeting is February 12th and it will be our Valentine's Celebration, Red Tie Night and Ladies are invited. ☐



Fame Lodge's Christmas Party

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At their February 10th meeting, Seneca Lodge will be hosting a travelogue presented by R.W.: Paul Vick and his wife, Joyce. This will be an Open Meeting as we would like to have wives, girlfriends, companions, etc. join us for this special meeting.

Fellowship – 6 p.m.

Dinner – 7 p.m.

Program – 8 p.m.

Reservations to our Junior Warden, Wayne Fenton.

#### Synopsis of Travelogue

Journeys Celebrating Relationships with Myanmar and Nagaland, India

Travel to Myanmar (Burma) and Nagaland with Paul and Joyce Vick. In December, 2013 Paul and Joyce Vick traveled to the ancient city of Yangon, Myanmar, to celebrate the 200-Year Anniversary of the arrival of the first missionaries sent by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Primarily a Buddhist society, which had been closed off to the world for decades, the mammoth temples are breathtaking and the culture rich in history.

Nagaland is located in the remote jungles of Northeast India rarely visited by outsiders. The Naga people have a history of being fierce warriors and head-hunters which the British Empire could not subdue and where the Japanese were stopped during World War II. ☐

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By R.W.: Skip Waterstreet

As you read this, the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign to benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses is under way. Our first assignment was February 1st - Super Bowl Sunday. The other two dates we are scheduled at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center are Saturday the 7th and Friday the 13th, both days from Noon until 9:00 p.m. If you can spare some time, please let our Senior Warden, Brother Todd Colburn, know. With so much going on right now, this has been more loosely arranged than in the past, but the cause is still worthy and your support is needed. A reminder - family and friends may come and help, too, so recruit where you can.

Our Trestleboard seems to be changing faster than I can write about it. The latest information I have is there will not be a Degree in February. On the 10th, we will have a Sweethearts Night, inviting the Ladies to an evening with a fine meal and the chance to socialize with Inspiration Lodge Brothers and their significant others.

The tentative program for the 24th is a talk on the History of the Apron Presentation. This is subject to change without notice. Brother Ryan Ramplin, our Junior Warden, will be taking reservations for Dinner(s), and my guess is the permanent sign up list will not be in effect for the Sweethearts Night. He's

been tied up with work issues and hasn't been able to get the menu(s) to me for publication. You will receive email notification, or feel free to email or call him at the contact information at the close of this article.

#### March Events

The schedule calls for a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on March 10th, with an open Table Lodge as the Dinner/program. Then on the 24th, Brother Jared Sherwin is working on a program of interest to Masons.

#### Sickness and Distress

We have been informed that Roberta Shelby is facing serious health issues. The wife of Worshipful Bill, DSA, we send our thoughts and prayers for her well-being. Brother Rene Van De Veire has been in rehab and has turned down visits from Brothers due to the number of people with flu-like illnesses in the facility. Stay away and stay healthy! We hope he is soon back on his home ground.



W.: Joey DiTucci (left) with selfie  
W.: Richard Giedd.

Worshipful Richard Giedd is adapting well to his new residence in Hilton. He had hoped to attend our Holiday Party but, again, illness among many residents of the facility made him decide to stay home. Right Worshipful Mike Dox was having a medical procedure done shortly after this was written. We hope he is mended by this time.

The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to Brother Andy Reynolds, whose mother passed away last month.

#### Birthdays

Our February celebrants include: Kevin Gerhard (1st); Richard Giedd (3rd); Olindo Nardone and Gary Lind (5th); Gerald Merzke, Robert Burns and Juan Gonzalez (6th); Donald Brown and Kenneth Goodrich

(9th); Herbert Spencer and Eric Hinkston (10th); Ronald Hibbard (18th); Bryan Anderson and Scott Herzog (19th); Jack Palmer (20th); David Dahrsn (24th); Scott Rice (27th) and Stephen Moore (28th). Many happy returns of your day!

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See you in Lodge. ☐

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#### Ronald McDonald House Charities

February is known to Masons in this area as the time for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign when we raise awareness and funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester (RMHC). The first year I participated, I actually knew very little about the cause. I went home after and researched what they were and where the funds go. Here are some of the highlights.

In 1974, the first Ronald McDonald House opened in Philadelphia thanks to Dr. Audrey Evans, Philadelphia Eagles' player, Fred Hill (whose daughter, Kim, had leukemia), Jim Murray, the Eagles' General Manager and Ed Rensi, the McDonald's Regional Manager. The McDonald's owner/operators in Philadelphia made the House possible, donating proceeds from the sale of Shamrock Shakes.

The mission of RMHC is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. They believe that families are stronger when they are together, and their presence helps a sick child heal faster and cope better. While Ron-

ald McDonald House Charities cannot make medicine taste better or take away painful treatments, it can help lessen the burden and ensure more than four million families a year have the stability and resources they need to keep their child healthy and happy. A dime here ... a quarter there ... it might not seem like much, but when millions give, the amount of those coins that help children and families worldwide is truly amazing.

The RMHC Donation Boxes are the system's largest ongoing fundraisers. It's from people like you filling the Donation Boxes with quarters, dimes and nickels. Last year alone, more than \$50 million was collected worldwide. If every McDonald's customer dropped a penny into an RMHC Donation Box every time they visited, we could raise more than \$250 million to support RMHC children and families around the world.

#### Rochester Masonic Effort

We helped raise \$20,000 last year. That could let families stay together at a Ronald McDonald House for about 800 nights while their child receives care at a nearby hospital. Other ways to help: Volunteers make the difference in the lives of all the families who come through their doors by cooking, hosting, listening, nurturing, or by simply being there and helping out in any way they can.

Contact our local Chapter at (585) 442-5437 to find out what opportunities are available near you. Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling while raising funds to help children and their families at the same time. Some Chapters raise thousands of dollars with their pop tab collections. Spread the word and suggest to your friends and family that they donate, volunteer and collect their pop tabs throughout the year.

#### February Events

February 9th, Regular Communication, 6:30 p.m.

February 23rd, Special Communication, 2nd Degree, 6:30 p.m.

**Have-a-Heart Staffing Schedule**

**Harloff Funeral Home**  
SERVING YOUR NEEDS SINCE 1955  
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**Monday, February 2nd**

3 p.m. – 9 p.m.

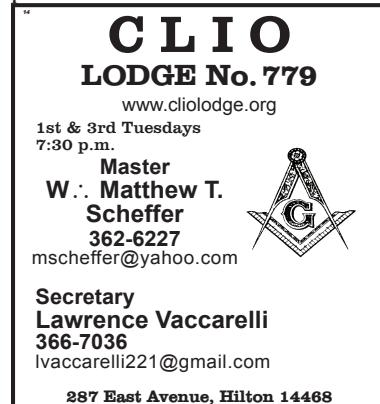
**Sunday, February 8th**

12 Noon – 6 p.m.

**Saturday, February 14th**

12 Noon – 9 p.m.

We staff the booth at Marketplace Mall.



Brothers, are you still keeping those New Year's Resolutions? Hopefully one of those Resolutions is to get to Lodge more often. There are great programs planned going forward and it's more fun than losing weight! Coming to a meeting might not help with that one since our Steward, Brian Dobson, has been serving such great food after the meetings, but it's worth it.

#### December Highlights

At our first meeting of December, R.: W.: Rich Friedman gave a great presentation of the Ancient Charges. Four of our five Entered Apprentices were in attendance and walked away very impressed, as did all the Brothers I talked to. Brother Rich gave us the "shortened" version which was only an hour long, but I think we all agreed afterwards it didn't feel that long.

Our second meeting was our Christmas Party and, although attendance was lower than last year, a good time was had by all.

#### Traveling Gavel Status

The Traveling Gavel is still at Clio. I know it's tough to make it out here in the Winter, but I didn't expect us to keep it until Springtime ... we shall see if anyone steps up and makes the "trek" ... I promise we don't bite, at least most of us don't.

#### February Events

In February, V.: W.: Joe Lewis and R.: W.: Roy Moses (hopefully his knee will be up to it) will be out to present a School of Ritual at Clio. They will be going through the 1st Degree.

At our second meeting, we will have R.: W.: Steve Michener coming out to present the "Spectacles at Newburgh," a Scottish "Rite on the Road" presentation. It's a really well done Degree and I'd like to see everyone come out for it.

#### Have-a-Heart Staffing

##### Schedule

The Have-a-Heart Campaign is in full swing; we will be at **The Mall at Greece Ridge** on:

**Sunday, February 8th**

12 Noon – 6 p.m.

**Sunday, February 15th**

12 Noon – 6 p.m.

Brother Brett DeHollander is organizing volunteers, so please let him know when you are available to work.

#### Euchre Tournament

Our monthly Euchre Tournament will be on Sunday, February 22nd at Pleasure Lanes in Hilton. Registration is at 12 Noon and play begins at 1 p.m.

#### February Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to Brothers Scott Brickman, Lou Cook, Joe Gresko, Jeremy Mensing and Jeff Ross.

#### Closing Thoughts

In keeping with the quotes from Brother Mark Twain, here is a quote I try to remember every day.

*Humor is the great thing, the saving thing. The minute it crops up, all our irritations and resentments slip away and a sunny spirit takes their place.*

## NORTHFIELD

Lodge No. 426

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The Brothers of Northfield saw 2014 end with the Annual Lodge Gift Exchange. This year's event saw some unorthodox and non-traditional exchanges of gifts compared to years past. Not all stockings/gifts were filled with coal though! Thanks to all who participated and joined us in the laughter and fellowship.

On New Year's Day, shortly after ringing in the New Year, the Brothers rang in the New Year together and opened the Lodge for its Regular Communication. It was a well-attended meeting given it was the first day of the year. While many of you were at home on your couch recovering and watching the annual events on the television - parades, football, re-runs, etc., we were laying out our work for the remainder of the Masonic Year.

As a result of the meeting, some scheduling changes have been made to our Trestleboard. Please connect to our newly renovated website at: [www.northfieldlodge.org](http://www.northfieldlodge.org) to stay current with our monthly activities and calendar changes. Thank you to Brother Francisco Cruz for all his time and efforts to ensure this website became the reality that it is. Great work!!

#### Table Lodge

One major change to the 2015 Northfield Lodge events is the Thursday, May 7th date. Due to overwhelming response and positive feedback from the Brothers of District Lodges and even Brothers from within Northfield Lodge itself, we will again feature Northfield's Table Lodge. We truly hope to outdo our last Table Lodge and its seven-course meal extravaganza and we hope you will join us. The menu has not been finalized as of the printing of this edition, but it will be completed and posted no later than the April edition. It will be limited to the first 50 reservations, so when the reservation list opens up, make sure to sign up and join us. More details to follow in the coming issues. Again, check the website for full details of other upcoming events at Northfield.

At this year's Annual Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge

Awards event, Northfield Lodge had the pleasure of presenting this Award to Brother Lawrence Stavalone. Larry is the epitome of what this Award is about and Northfield is lucky enough to have him as one of our stalwarts. While his wife, Debbie, and son, Brother Kenneth Stavalone, looked on, Larry received this Award with the other deserving Brothers from the Valley of Rochester areas. Congratulations to all of the recipients and congratulations, Larry. A well-deserved Award!!!

Brothers, soon you will be receiving your Dues Notice for the upcoming Masonic Year. We ask that you remit payment to the Lodge as soon as possible after receiving the notice to prevent any disruption to your membership. This will also help insure the Lodge's debts will be paid in a timely manner.

#### February Birthdays

Raymond R. Beardsley II (1st), James R. Holwarth (24th) and Todd Strassner (29th).

#### Masonic Anniversaries

65 Years Kenneth Van Duzer

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#### A Christmas Surprise

With only nine reservations (2 were my wife and I) a 22-pound Turkey and a 15-pound Ham, I was thinking that leftovers were on the menu for the next two weeks and Santa would have no children to greet. But, to my surprise, at 6 p.m. on December 22nd, the doors flung open and over 40 Brothers, family and friends rushed in for a festive Christmas event. Then I was praying we would have enough for all in attendance, including Santa (the last one we wanted to go hungry. After all, we have to keep his appearance up). All-in-all, this year's Christmas Party at Unity Lodge was a rousing success that all enjoyed with plenty of gifts to go around for all the children.

#### Jose Peo Honored

On January 3rd, at the Damascus Shrine Center, our Brother Jose Peo was honored by the Scottish Rite and received the "Symbolic Lodge Award" for service to our Lodge. Jose stepped up to take on the duties of the Treasurer for the Lodge when our Past Treasurer found himself suddenly overwhelmed



(From left to right) W.: Robert Songin, Master; R.: W.: George Foechner, District Deputy Grand Master; R.: W.: Jeffrey Williamson, Deputy Grand Master; Jose Peo; and Ill.: G. Michael Morris, Active Member of Supreme Council for New York and Assigned Active to Valley of Rochester.

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#### A Lodge in Motion

There have been some more changes to the Lodge Hall. We have removed the chair lift from the front steps. It has seen very little use, since we installed the elevator. During our latest inspection by the Fire Marshal,

he stated we needed to have it tested and inspected. The cost to inspect made it prohibitive to keep, so our best option was to remove it. So we did.

Also, our new Tenant has moved into our only unoccupied storefront and they also decided to rent two of our back offices along with the store. This now leaves use four unoccupied offices in the back, which we are actively looking for a tenant or tenants to occupy. If any Brother knows of anyone looking for office space, please let him/her know we have space available for rent.

Until our next scheduled Communication ...

#### Are You Traveling East?

Then You Need to Take the

## Road to the East

For Senior & Junior Wardens

## February 21st

at Northfield Masonic Hall, Pittsford and

## March 7th

at Wayne Lodge Hall, Ontario

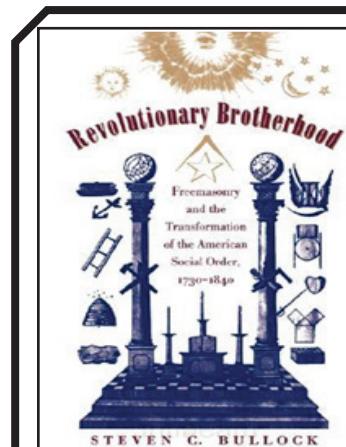
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cost: \$35

Reservations Required by

February 6th to:

R.: W.: Steve Michener (585)387-9487 or  
[smichene@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smichene@rochester.rr.com)



YOU are invited to attend an informal discussion of Steven Bullock's book

## Revolutionary Brotherhood

Saturday, February 28th

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

at Northfield Lodge

17 Church Street, Pittsford

Reservations to R.: W.: Steve Michener  
at [smichene@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smichene@rochester.rr.com) or Ph: 746-3960  
Donations kindly accepted for pizza and beverages.



Santa and Unity Lodge families at their Christmas Party

**ERAC**  
**Lodge No. 163**  
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**Deputy Grand Master, R.W.: Jeffrey Williamson, jokes with Brother Nick Anastas at Awards.**

Granata II, Josh Reitano, Phil Hurwitz and Mike Vanas (along with two new Brothers).

Several of the ERAC Brothers and families continued the tradition of hosting the Christmas Eve Dinner at Ronald McDonald House. The Knolla Family (Mike, Sue, "Mom and Dad," Ari and her new little Brother JQ), Brothers Matt Muller, Rich Schmanke, Brother Dave and bride Cheryl Fingado, W.: John Hellaby and Kelly, Brother Josh Reitano and bride Peggy, Brother John Griffith, the Greenaways (W.: Rich and his daughters DJ and Maryanne), W.: Carl and Linda Scarpulla, and W.: Lew Perna prepared dinner for families at their home-away-from-home. We will continue to provide the "Fourth Thursday" Dinners at RMH for 2015.

While many Brothers are involved with the above activities, special thanks are in order for the "key" Coordinators of R.W.: Rich Friedman for Bell Ringing; Terry Wihlen, Jr. for the Poinsettias and visitations; and W.: Rich Greenaway for the RMH Christmas Eve Dinner. Also, congratulations to Brother Nick Anastas as this year's recipient of the Valley of Rochester Symbolic Lodge Award on January 3rd. Brother Nick, who received his 50-year Apron this year, continues to serve as our Tiler, and recently celebrated his 92nd birthday. Nick and Helen, his bride of 69 years, made it back from the Holidays with family in Alabama to receive this honor.

#### Masonic Anniversaries

Celebrating extraordinary Masonic Anniversaries this year are:  
69 Years Alvin Boss  
67 Years Thomas McKnight  
66 Years Jack Michie  
65 years Alex Arthur

Gordon Bennett  
Arthur Kasperski  
Jay Riggs

50 Years

25 Years

15 Years

10 Years

5 Years

Nick Anastas  
Sydney Blyth  
David Crawford  
Terrence Haller  
Carl Mason III  
Andy Rueby  
Patrick Nicholson  
Bruce Bernhard  
James Syrett  
Kern Haynes  
James Holman  
Matthew Muller  
Kristian Reninger  
Dues

And now a brief message from our sponsor ... your Dues. If possible, please submit your Dues by February 28th as our payment to Grand Lodge is due in March. If there are financial concerns, please call our Secretary (phone number above). As of press time, Dues receipts are running ahead of past years' submissions; thank you.

We hope to see you and your Ladies at the Ladies Night on February 9th. Details on the program will be sent by email. Reservations are required; Brothers without email should call our Junior Warden, Brother Xach Taylor, at the number in the Trestleboard. We'll see you at Eastview Mall during the Have-a-Heart Campaign. ☐

February 2015

tions for the Lodge members and families.

We hope everyone is having a good Winter and enjoying it in any way they can. Drive safely and keep warm. Oh, and attend as many Lodge functions as you can; you may find new friends and renew old acquaintances at each one. We will continue to work on having enjoyable and informative meetings that will help you relax with Brethren and friends. ☐

## Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476

2nd & 4th Mondays

7:30 p.m.

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87 South Main Street



Winter finally did come. As of February 1st, we should only have two more months of Winter. Polish up the golf clubs, check your running shoes and think Spring.

The 1st Degree was conferred in January on a class of Candidates. The 2nd Degree has been scheduled for March 9th.

A Tiled Meeting will be held on February 9th with a program to follow. Do you like bagpipes? There will be an Open Meeting on February 23rd with a Brother Bring-a-Friend format. W.: Terry Adams will test us with "Masonic Jeopardy."

To celebrate Brother George Washington's Birthday, we will make our Annual Pub Crawl. Meet at the Lodge at 7:30 p.m. for the itinerary.

#### Have-a-Heart Staffing Schedule

We will join in the District's Have-a-Heart Campaign to raise funds for the local Ronald McDonald Houses. We are scheduled to staff two days at Eastview Mall:

Sunday, February 1st

12 Noon - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10th

3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Call the Secretary to volunteer.

#### Sympathies

We mourn the passing of Past Master David Mawhinney. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Cheryl, and family.

We extend our sympathy to Brother Richard Budgeon on the passing of his mother.

#### February Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following Brothers: Peter Swanson (2nd), Terry Adams (3rd), Daniel Barish (6th), Ralph Hansen (7th), George Bracht (12th), Michael Despain (13th), Richard Budgeon (15th) and Andrew McLoughlin (20th). Best wishes for their day and a happy, prosperous and healthy year ahead.

Join us as we unravel the mysteries of Freemasonry with Brothers and Friends. ☐

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# Now You Can Bring OUR BELOVED CHAPEL HOME...

Introducing the first ornament in a collector's series that highlights the beautiful Tiffany windows of the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel. The series begins with the trio of windows depicting the figures of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Start your collection today and bring a piece of the Tompkins Chapel to life in your home.

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## Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154

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

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By R.W.: John Zabel

As I write this, the Holiday Season is over. We hope everyone had a great time with friends and family. One of our remote Brothers, V.W.: Joe Oelgoetz, is very happy as his alma mater, Ohio State, won the College Football Championship. Now we have the Super Bowl ahead of us.

#### Have You Paid Dues?

As this year starts, we would like to remind our Brothers who have not yet paid this year's Dues that we would appreciate them paying as soon as they can. This would help us cover expenses and pay all Grand Lodge assessments for the year. We thank those Brothers who have

already paid and have received their new Dues Card.

January saw us elect and install two new Deacons for the Lodge. This was done as we needed to cover a change in the Deacon position. Also, the Lodge still elects the Deacons. We are in the process of changing our By-laws so the Deacon position will become Appointed. Grand Lodge Constitution does not require the election of Deacons but our current By-laws do. This is being changed and this and other changes will be voted upon in February. Stay tuned for the Summons for the meeting where the changes to the By-laws will be voted upon and plan to attend.

We have several months until the Election of a new set of Lodge Officers, but the current line has already had a Move-up Night so they know what their possible next Office will feel like and how well they know the Ritual for that Office. We know that our Officers work very hard on doing the best job they can. We hope the Brethren appreciate all the work our Officers do and will encourage them as much as they can. This will help improve the Officer core of the Lodge and lead to a better, more enjoyable meeting experience.

It is anticipated that our first meeting in February will be an in-Lodge School of Ritual presented by one of the District Assistant Grand Lecturers. As of this writing we do not know the form or program for the School, but we will make sure the email list will know well in advance so the Brethren can plan to attend and learn more about our great Fraternity.

#### Have-a-Heart Campaign

Brethren, the Have-a-Heart Campaign is coming very soon and the Lodge has its dates and places scheduled for the event. We will be at Eastview Mall on:

Wednesday, February 4th

3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

and

Sunday, February 8th

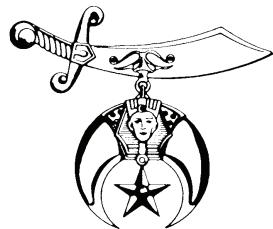
12 Noon - 3 p.m.

We encourage the Brethren and their families to come to the event and help raise money for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Rochester. As you are aware, the Masonic Brotherhood is one of the top donors to the local Houses and we have been involved in it since before it was built. One of our Past Masters, W.: Tom Ward, was one of the early proponents for the Fraternity's involvement in the Ronald McDonald House Project, so let's keep up the good work. You can ask our District Deputy, R.W.: George Foehner, about the recognition the Freemasons have received for our support of the House over the years.

#### Save the Date

The Lodge Trestleboard has a Valentine's Party on the schedule, but the details are not known at this point. Keep Friday, February 13th open for a party, most likely at the Lodge.

As noted in the history program back in November, one of our constituent Lodges used to have many social functions. This Valentine's Party could be the start of more social func-



# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

## Shrine Meetings

Dinner Reservations Required

Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565

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

## SHRINEABILIA



By Derek VanHouten

For many years I have had the distinction of being the "unofficial Historian" for Damascus Shriners. At this time, I thank our Potentate, Ill. Wayne McCrossen, who dropped the "UN" and made me the Historian. I have always believed we get to know our history to see what has made Damascus the Number 2 Temple besides being Chartered in 1876.

Bits and pieces of some of the early years, pictures of the 1911 Imperial Session that was held in Rochester are available for me to view. Recently, the discovery of the "stones" that were part of the Clinton Avenue Masonic Temple came to light with the help of the Valley of Rochester.

During insights into our history, I think you will find interesting subjects and articles. Years ago the *Damascus News* was placed into yearly binders from which I will draw ON some of these on occasion. Also, as we come and go, we pass by many of the early leaders of Damascus, who they were and what were their contributions to Damascus. We will research some of the earlier Potentates and try to tell their stories.

In the March 1936 Issue, they spoke of the Dean of Living Past Potentates, John B. Mullen, who not only was well-known for his work in the Shrine, but also because of his outstanding Masonic achievements in the Fraternity. "He is a Past Master of Valley Lodge, Past High Priest and Grand Representative of Ionic Chapter, Past Commander and is now Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also Past Commander-in-Chief of the Rochester Consistory. In 1915, he received the Honorary 33rd Degree, was coroneted an active member of the Supreme Council, 33°, in 1926 and has been Deputy for New York Jurisdiction since 1932 (remember this was 78 years ago). On April 19th of this year 1936, he will celebrate his 50-year anniversary as a Master Mason."

The article continues with the following, "Among the Past Potentates whose names appear on our Honor Roll this month, will be found men who have taken many high-ranking lines of endeavor. Distinguished jurists, members of the professions of law, medicine, dentistry and music; business men of various lines; and several who have been honored with high civic preferment, are included in the list. Damascus Temple Nobility stands in salute to our Past Potentates. Living or dead, their names grace the pages of our history, and as their title signifies, they are potent factors in the growth and success of our Temple."

There was an ad for the Sagamore Hotel and in the Main Dining Room, luncheon was \$.75 and \$.85 cents, the dinner price was a modest \$1.25. An ad for a complete line of Mack Trucks starting at \$595 and up, took up the inside back page.

Each month we will address another issue and another Past Potentate from the early days. Hope you will follow along and we will all learn something of our origin.

By the way, if a club wants a speaker on Shrine History just give me a call. ☐



**KEVIN  
FARO**

**CHIEF RABBAN**



First, let me say that I am honored to be Elected and Installed as the Chief Rabban of Damascus Shrine Temple. Your faith in me is humbling.

I do not take lightly the responsibility to which I have committed, the fact that I need a whole lot of education and training this year to be able to become YOUR Potentate in the year 2016. I have assembled a small group of Past Potentates to act as my advising team and I know they will tell me straight out what they feel I am doing correct and what I'm not. I have committed to taking all and any educational seminars offered by Tampa or here at home. My Lady Deb, has also made a total commitment to me and to Damascus for the next two years and I am grateful and appreciative as I could not do this without her.

I have no intention of making any false promises of what you may or may not expect from me in the coming year because I frankly don't know. I do know that I am here to serve Damascus and that means I am here to serve you. Together we can set a stage of success.

Please help me design that stage by calling or emailing me and letting me know what you would like to see from the Divan for the coming years. Without your input I will not know what you want and therefore cannot expect you to participate. If you won't participate, the result will be that we will not be a success.

I truly want Damascus to be one of the best Temples in Shrinedom and I will work diligently to have fun and help our kids. Please help me help Damascus obtain this goal. ☐

**Festival of Music**  
featuring the  
*University of Rochester*  
**YellowJackets**  
and other Choirs

**Sunday, February 22nd**  
4:00 p.m.

at Genesee Baptist Church  
149 Brooks Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14619

**Tickets sold at Wegmans - \$15**  
(\$20 at the Door)

**Tickets will go on sale starting**  
January 15th

**Proceeds go to the**  
*Daughters of the Nile Foundation*  
and the *YellowJackets*

**WAYNE MCCROSSEN**  
**POTENTATE**



What a wonderful time of the year. It's a time to start anew; we forget the past and look forward to the future.

The Damascus Christmas Party was a huge success! Over 90 people attended. There was great entertainment, fellowship and fun!

Many thanks to the Geneva and Auburn Shrine Clubs for all the work that took this party to another level.

Also, thanks so much to David Bowman, our Official Photographer for many of our events.

I hope everyone plans to attend our February meeting. The theme is Mardi Gras. What a wonderful way to break up the Winter. ☐



## Christmas Party Pictures ...



A great time was had by all! A check was presented to Shriners Hospitals for Children® ... it's all about the kids.



## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2015 FEBRUARY

**2nd** Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.

**4th** Mardi Gras @ Damascus Open Shriners Meeting

**28th** Euchre Tournament, Shrine Center

## MARCH

**2nd** Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.

**4th** Get Your Irish On @ Damascus; Open Shriners Meeting

**28th** Euchre Tournament, Shrine Center



## APRIL

**1st** Spring Fling @ Damascus; Tiled Shriners Meeting

**11th** Noble Bring-a-Brother

## JUNE

**24th** Shriners Hospital for Children® Charity Fishing Event



## February Birthdays

Terrence Adams  
Bryan Anderson  
Christopher Bowles  
William Boyd  
George Bracht  
Richard Budgeon  
Charles Buisch  
Louis Caldarelli  
John Cambareri  
Richard Chapple  
Howard Colegrave  
Louis Cook  
Charles Cutler  
Wallace Farnsworth  
George Foehner  
George Fogarassy  
Kevin Gerhard  
William Gilley

Juan Gonzalez  
Franklin Granata  
Maurice Guinup  
Robert Helmes  
Richard Henderson  
Scott Herzog  
James Hess  
Richard Hodges  
Robert Hunt  
Douglas Jones  
Ben Keel  
Robert Lasky  
Joseph Lorah  
James Miller  
John Miller  
John Mosher  
Michael Nohle  
Richard Pierce

Michael Postilli  
Ryan Reese  
Rodney Rittenhouse  
Matthew Sansone  
Richard Schmanke  
Dale Shatzer  
Herbert Spencer  
Dayne Tharrett  
James Toogood  
James VanHouten  
James VanSickle  
Wayne Wagner  
Donald Walzer  
Lawrence Wetherbee  
Ronald Wexler  
Charles White  
Mark Wishman

## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

*By David Bowman*

One of our favorite restaurants will no longer be open on Mondays ... that would be the Old Erie Restaurant in Weedsport. If you have a favorite that is open on Mondays, please pass that information along to the Officers. We promise to TRY to behave.

I thought I had my note all done for this month, but as sometimes happens, December got busy and the Officers didn't have a good time to meet and plan out 2015 (I'm guessing that the Great Architect has a plan, but it hasn't been shared with us yet). So maybe next month I will get it in.

### Sickness and Distress

We have had some illnesses sneak up on us. Ted Tennant, as of this writing, is schmoozing the staff at the old Cayuga County Apartments next to the Sheriff's Department. Maybe it is a good idea that he is so close.

Bob Bunker hasn't been feeling so well lately either. I can't believe I just called him Bob. He has always been Dr. Bunker! We are lucky to have his daughter at our church, so I keep up on his health.

Joe Marshall has been seen around town. I saw him at the doctor's while they were siphoning blood from the two of us. I hope they don't mismark them.

Oh, and Bob Coleman couldn't make the Christmas Party this year. He was having some surgery on his face. Seems he didn't like the photo they had of him in the Post Office so he was trying a different look.

### Tour of Auburn Correctional Facility

*By Derek VanHouten*

What inmates might miss ... The simple decision to wear different clothes, not having to be locked in your room each night, wear what you want when you want, channel surfing, having seconds at dinner, going out to different restaurants or staying at home, looking out your window at the trees, smelling fresh air ... all freedoms that we probably don't even think about, unless they are taken away.

We joined 16 members of the Auburn Shrine Club on a guided tour of the Ca-

yuga County Jail by Captain Mack who has been with the Sheriff's Department for more than 25 years. He has a staff of over 100 Deputies and loves his job.

We started by meeting in a general purpose room, showing us some of the homemade weapons that prisoners have made from such things as rolled up newspapers, tooth brushes, pieces of wire and other contraband.

The Prison is a 272-bed facility, it's the strictest jail in the Region. Prisoners from other jails around the State, federal prisoners, hard-core prisoners and others are housed in separate areas. They also have a Maximum Security wing.

We went into a housing pod where there were 25–30 young male prisoners and not a sound was heard from any of them. At the control podium, a single female Sheriff's Deputy was surrounded by a bank of video monitors where every corner of the pod was visible. There was one door in and the same door out. The color of this pod was shades of green and all prisoners wore orange shirts and pants or orange and white striped clothing.

They have a female pod and all prisoners are separated by age. This was evident in the female area as one minor was in the general living area, while all the other women were in their cells. When her allotted break time was over, she went back to her cell and the others were let out.

The tour included the Control Centers where all areas are monitored 24/7, the kitchen area which was spotless, also the 911 Call Center and we walked through where the Maximum Security cells were. Captain Mack stood about 6' 5" and one could see that, by his overall control, you didn't want to be on the wrong side of him.

Afterward, we met the Potentate, Chief Rabban and High Priest and Prophet at the local Denny's for dinner. The tour started at 5 p.m. and dinner was around 7:30 p.m. It was a very interesting evening and made one really think about our everyday freedoms that most of us enjoy.

As a side ... Noble Robert Coleman's granddaughter is married to Captain Mack so thank you, Robert, for arranging this tour.

## Action Required!!!

It's time to renew the *Damascus News* Boosters ... a way in which you support this publication. If you are interested in being a Booster for 2015, please send \$15 to the Damascus Shrine Office. Anyone interested in advertising their business in this *Damascus News* pullout section, please contact Karin Staples in the Shrine Office (671-7701).

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## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

*By Edgar Hollwedel*

The December meeting was the Perry Shrine Club's Christmas Party. Not only did we have a great time, but we also did some important business. Margaret Brown had a great evening planned for us including singing Christmas Songs, giving and receiving gifts and a wonderful Christmas story.

We also elected the new Officers for 2015:



a check for \$700 for the children. After all, that is what we are all about.

Just a reminder, Edgar Hollwedel,

er, if you have not paid your 2015 Dues, please send \$15 to Ken Buckley at 322 Bailey Road; Hunt, NY 14846.

The February 26th meeting will be at the Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant and Bill Brown will show Part 2 of their Visit to China Program. We meet at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner at 6:45 p.m.

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.

**Directors Staff  
Dinner Meeting  
Note the New Time!  
Wednesday  
February 25th**

Yellow Mills Diner  
2534 Route 31, Palmyra

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

Ladies and Guests Invited  
Casual Attire

RSVP and questions to  
Vance Collom (585) 217-9817  
[vcollom1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:vcollom1@rochester.rr.com)

Thank You ... to the charitable Brothers who answered my plea for donations to help one of our own with medical bills.

The charity you have shown is most appreciated.

Fraternally,  
Jim Miller, P.P.

## 2015 Damascus News

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Chuck & Marlene White  
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In Memory of Carol Brickman



## What's New in Erie...

### Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie Welcomes New Chairman

Bob Lee has been a Shriner since 1981 when he joined in Greenville, SC. On his first day as a Shriner, Bob was given a tour of the Greenville Hospital. Since day one he understood and embraced what being a Shriner was all about.

This passion for the philanthropic side of the Shriners has always been of utmost importance to Bob. As a member of Moslem Shriners in Detroit, MI, Bob worked his way to the position of Potentate in 2011, his motto "2011 Another Lucky Year for Our Shrine Kids." As Potentate he worked tirelessly to see that donations from Moslem Shriners to Shriners Hospitals for Children® would grow. The passion for the work that Shriners Hospitals for Children® is what motivates Bob to make the four-and-a-half to five-hour drive from Detroit to Erie on a regular basis.

He says "it has been an honor and privilege to be in an organization whose philanthropy is about making children's lives better."

Bob has been a member of the Board of Governors in Erie since July of 2007. In that capacity, Bob has serviced the facility in many roles. As Chairman of Human Resources/Credentials, Public and Donor Relations, and Vice-Chairman of Plant and Facilities, he has been able to learn all the inner workings of the Erie Center.

Leadership on the Board is not new to Bob. He was Secretary of the Board and served as Vice-Chairman of the Board for three years. Jeff Stephenson served as Chairman. All of these experiences have allowed Bob the opportunity to generate an important familiarity with



the system in Erie.

In his spare time, Bob loves to golf. He also enjoys traveling with his wife of 40 years, Candace. Of his time working with Shriners Hospitals for Children®, Bob said about his wife, "She has been more supportive than I would have ever expected." Bob has two daughters, Joslin, who lives in Atlanta, and Lindsey, who lives in Detroit.

Bob's philosophy of life, "... have to work hard, give it your best shot, but make sure you're having fun." Bob's first meeting as Board Chairman was January 14th, which was also Bob's birthday.

#### Thank You, Jeff Stephenson

Mary Jane Antoon, Director of Operations at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, presented a gift on behalf of SHC-Erie to Jeff Stephenson, P.P., Zem Zem Shriners, Chairman of the Board of Governors, for his three years of leadership service to the facility as Board Chairman. Jeff worked tirelessly to help guide the Board and SHC-Erie through a time of transition. His efforts are truly appreciated by the staff and volunteers. Thank you from everyone at SHC-Erie!



#### Mark Your Calendar Now!

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie is participating in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on

#### Saturday, June 6th at Presque Isle State Park

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield underwrites the cost of the walk so that 100 percent of the money raised by Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie Team walkers goes directly to Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie.

Online registration opens Monday, February 2nd.

## WHEELERS UNIT

*By Bruce Chilton, Secretary*

On behalf of the President of Wheelers, Don Cambisi. The other Officers are Sean Noonan, Vice-President; Terry Wihlen, Sr., Treasurer; and yours truly, Secretary.

Don has a desire to follow Bruce Frazee's wishes, which were to recreate the Wheelers. Don wants to have more rides and allow the Divan to count on our participation at Shrine events. It wasn't too long ago that the Wheelers did all the things a Club or Unit can be asked to do which are mainly bringing in new Nobles, raise money for the kids and support the Shrine at Shrine Center events. Last year's Gun Raffle is an example of accomplishing that goal as the Wheelers came out in force to help that effort.

To anyone who may be reading this, let me tell you a little about this Unit. The Wheelers is the Motorcycle Unit of Damascus Shriners. The By-Laws state that you either have to own a motorcycle or wish you did. It's an expensive Unit to belong to as the cost is \$5.00 per year. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month, with the exception of December when we either hold our own party or support another Club or Unit. Our meetings are always at a restaurant - chosen and called in advance so we are expected.

We are famous for our "Special Wheelers Officer Installation" in January and our Hogg Degree, which typically is done in February or March each year. These events are just plain fun.

The Wheelers have NEVER had an event or a meeting that didn't include the Ladies and, typically, our business meetings have no business. It is just a Unit that exists to bring Nobles with a common bond together to enjoy each other's company and support the tasks listed above.

We are NOT a Motorcycle Club. We are a Unit of Damascus Shriners. As such, our allegiance is to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® and the Hospitals only. We cannot have a fundraiser for any entity but the Hospitals.

Although we offer a patch or colors for the back of our vest, the choice as to whether or not you want one (much less wear one) is yours. There are no rules dictating wearing them or not. No rules stating that you can't wear other colors if you belong to the Wheelers and we don't advocate wearing them other than when riding or at a Wheelers event.

We also have no rules barring the Ladies from wearing them and, in fact, offer a smaller patch for that purpose if they wish. We all know who we are and it isn't our mission to smother you with our presence.

I would ask our members or Nobles who have an interest, to talk to Don and suggest a ride or rides. Anything from a weekday ice cream ride to a weekend road trip.

If this sounds like a group to which you would like to be a part, just see any of the Wheelers and they will tell you how.

Ride safe.

#### High School Senior Raises Money for SHC-Erie

Nicole Galmish, a senior at Titusville High School, raised \$4,700 for Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie as part of her Senior Project. Nicole, in partnership with the Colonel Drake Shrine Club, hosted a golf outing. The funds will be applied to new radiology equipment at the Erie facility.



(l-r) Bryan Ferguson, Potentate of Zem Zem Shriners; Nicole Galmish, Bill Anthony (Nicole's grandfather) and Rick Liebel, Development and Donor Relations at Shriners.

Nicole will be attending Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, PA, to study Nuclear Medicine. She hopes to one day work in radiology at a children's facility. Nicole comes from a long line of Shriners, her father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all Shriners. Also, her sister and two of her cousins were patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

## Damascus Legion of Honor

### Executive Committee Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, February 11th

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

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

Salad \* Beef Brisket \* Gravy & Noodles  
Vegetable \* Rolls & Butter \* Coffee or Tea \* Dessert  
\$12 per person

RSVP no later than Noon, Monday, February 6th at (585) 436-8216  
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## Daughters of the Nile Zama Temple No. 14

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

**Barbara Jean Smith, Queen**

*Written by Ellie Canfield*

Here we are in the New Year; hopefully, for everyone, there will be an exciting new beginning. Zama Temple is very excited about two upcoming events.

**February 22nd** will be our 2015 Festival of Music and Praise Dancers Fundraiser. I have already mentioned in a previous article that the University of Rochester Yellow Jackets will be performing. I also did a history about the Yellow Jackets, if by chance you missed that article you can go online and read about their history. There will also be choirs from various churches, plus men and women singing groups. All of this will be taking place at the Genesee Baptist Church, 149 Brooks Avenue, Rochester at 4:00 p.m. Our Queen, Barbara Jean Smith, and Past Queen, Gail Sanford, have worked very hard to put this event together. Tickets are available at Wegman's. Cost will be \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

**March 14th** - Election of Officers and a special luncheon is planned.

Zama Temple would love to see some of our members who have not been attending for one reason or another. Ladies, should you need a ride, please call one of our Officers who lives near you; I am very sure they would be more than happy to help.

Remember, we meet at 10:00 a.m. the 2nd Saturday of the month. Also, there is always a great need for new members. Check your family history, check

your Eastern Star, check your Masonic Family, check your Shrine, and perhaps double-check your own background for membership eligibility.

#### Who are members of the Daughters of the Nile?

We are women 18 years of age or older, who are related by these other organizations. You also could have been a patient with or without Shrine or Masonic relationship at a Shriners Hospital for Children®.

#### What is the purpose of Daughters of the Nile?

Daughters of the Nile was founded for character building among women, social interaction and service to others. These ideals led to our work for the special children of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

#### What philanthropy does Daughters of the Nile support?

Daughters of the Nile adopted Shriners Hospitals for Children® as its sole philanthropy in 1925 and has given over \$54 million thus far through the Daughters of the Nile Foundation and the Canadian Foundation. Annual donations are in excess of \$2 million.

Before I close, I will mention this ... We pledge to make a difference as a society for women who care enough to extend themselves beyond the limits of our own personal world to assist in the world's greatest philanthropy - Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Friendship isn't one big thing; it's a million little things.



## ***Mark Your Calendar & Join Upcoming Events ...***

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road; Webster, NY ~ Reservation Line: (585) 671-3565



***Get Your Irish  
On at Damascus  
Wed., March 4th***

**Open Shriners Meeting**

5 p.m. - Oasis Opens  
6 p.m. - Dinner  
7 p.m. - Meeting

*Catered by Forest Hill  
Catering - \$12 per person*

**Corned Beef & Cabbage  
Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad**

No reservations accepted  
past Noon, February 27th

Attire Expected ...  
Fez, Suit/Sport Coat & Tie  
Working on special  
entertainment ...  
some Irish dancers  
may appear!

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

*Every Friday Night During Lent*

**February 20th thru Good Friday, April 3rd**

**5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Cost - \$10**

*at Damascus Shrine Center*

Dinner Includes:

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

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

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



## **20 Guns in All!**

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**Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Rd, Webster**

**Donation: \$20**

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

**Ticket includes food, soda and beer ... Available all Day!**

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

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## ***Spring Fling at Damascus Wednesday April 1st***

**Tiled Shriners Meeting**

5 p.m. - Oasis Opens ~ 6 p.m. - Dinner ~ 7 p.m. - Meeting

*Dinner by Forest Hill Catering - \$12 per person*

Baked Ham ~ Oven-Roasted Chicken ~ Sirloin Tips w/Gravy  
Rice ~ Pasta ~ Vegetable ~ Salad

No reservations accepted past Noon, March 27th

Attire Expected ... Fez, Suit/Sport Coat and Tie



## ***Damascus Shriners Noble Bring-a-Brother Saturday, April 11th 5 p.m. - Oasis Opens ~ 6 p.m. - Dinner***

*Dinner by Forest Hill Catering ... Chef-carved Prime Rib ~ Seafood Alfredo*

Chicken Marsala ~ Italian Sausage ~ Baked Potato ~ Pasta ~ Vegetable ~ Salad

The potential candidate, his spouse and referring Brother and spouse are our dinner guests, if reserved as such; all others are \$12 per person. No reservations accepted past Noon, April 3rd. ~ Attire Expected ... Fez, Suit/Sport Coat & Tie

*Have you been thinking membership lately? If not, don't wait any longer. Get those Petitions to the Office. We have planned an outstanding Noble Bring-a-Brother Program. If you have a potential member for Shrine, bring them. If you have a potential member for your Masonic Lodge who might be interested in the Shrine later on, bring them.*



## ***Damascus Shriners Euchre Tournaments***

*Last Saturday of the Month ... Winter Season ~ February 28th and March 28th*

*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](mailto:office@damascusshriners.org) or Call (585) 671-7701 Damascus Shrine Center

**WEBSTER**  
Lodge No. 538

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(From left to right) W.: Allyn Borrino, R.: W.: George Foehner, R.: W.: Jeffrey Williamson, W.: Grant Kothiringer, Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33°, Ill.: Stephen Whittaker, 33°, John Lemke, 32°, DSA, and R.: W.: Donald Kunego.

Winter is about halfway through and soon Spring will be upon us. The New Year gives us the opportunity to take a personal review of the previous year. Was there something we could have done differently? Was there something more we could have done for someone? We should constantly be analyzing our conduct, reviewing our behavior and always keeping our passions in due bounds. This is what makes us, as Masons, different from other men of society. We strive to maintain our goal of continued self-improvement as well as social improvement.

Thank you to all Brethren who assisted in passing six new Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft on December 4th. The Degree went very nicely and Webster Lodge is blessed with some good new Brothers. Thank you to Senior Warden, Jeremy Knox, who sat in the East. He did a fantastic job, as did all involved. Kudos! We will be Raising these six Brothers on February 5th. While this com-

munication may be too late, all are welcome to join us.

#### Here's an Opportunity ...

- Has it been a while since you attended a Lodge Meeting?
- Have you forgotten the Signs of the Masonic Degrees?
- Do you remember the Working Tools or the Salutes?
- Would you like to re-learn these traditions?

Do you know a Brother who has been absent from the Fraternity for a length of time? A Brother who may have forgotten some of the information of our Craft? If so, than you must reach out to him and let him know that we have not forgotten him. You must invite him to attend the February 7th Webster Lodge presentation of *The Rusty Nail Degree*.

#### Open to All Masons

On Saturday, February 7th, we will conduct this unofficial Degree which will review the lessons, traditions, customs and principles taught in the Rituals of our three Degrees as well as Lodge Protocols. This will help

their confidence, comfort will be restored and questions answered.

At 8:30 a.m., the Fellowcraft Club will be preparing a hearty, hot Breakfast for those attending. This delicious meal will cost \$5.00.

Following Breakfast, at 9:30 a.m., we will commence with the Rusty Nail Degree. The dress attire will be Business Casual and the program will be short and to-the-point.

This Degree is open to all Master Masons of all Districts. Your Dues Card must be presented. You will need to make a reservation for this Degree, as well as the Breakfast, and can do so by email:

[rustynail@webster538.org](mailto:rustynail@webster538.org)  
or call: (585) 329-4761.

With this Degree offering we continue our efforts to renew the love and interest in the Craft by all Brothers. We hope you will reach out to a Brother who may benefit from this event and join us on February 7th. SAVE THE DATE. Our alternate Bad Weather date will be February

28th at the same time.

#### Re-Cap of Recent Activities

January 2nd was our Monthly Community Service Spaghetti Dinner. While it was anticipated to be a light night due to the New Year's Holiday, Brother Nick Haldoupis and John Ross state

that it was the best showing in eleven years. The Spaghetti Dinner Crew served 205 meals and the beneficiaries that night – the Webster Rattler Baseball Team – left Webster Lodge that evening with a check for \$1,641.

Each year our Fellowcraft Club members work tirelessly to take care of the minor, but unending work, of general upkeep around our Lodge. The 2015 Elected Officers of the Fellowcraft Club are:

President Paul Dill  
Vice President Taner Tozan  
Treasurer Hank Libera  
Secretary L. Warren Patterson

Thank you to the Brothers of the Fellowcraft Club.

#### Upcoming Events

##### Calling All District Lodges

Masters and Secretaries, please mark your calendars as you are invited to a little Broth-erly competition and educational enlightenment at Lodge. On Thursday, February 19th, Webster Lodge's Program for the evening will be our 2nd Annual *Masonic Trivial Pursuit* educational game. This fun event tests your knowledge in general Masonic information, Ritual, history and more. This is a fun and informational way to enjoy each other's fellowship while learning and growing as Masons. We hope you will join us.

Finally, March 19th is Webster Lodge's scheduled School of Ritual. I certainly hope to see many of our District's Brethren fill our Lodge Room.

#### February Birthdays

Birthday wishes go to Brothers George Bracht, Francis Foote, James Hartman, Ronald Hollander, Robert Lasky, Michael Nohle and Gordon Weller.

#### Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to Brothers celebrating their Raising in the month of February: Brothers Gerald Mackwood and Charles Verera, Jr.



This is the group of Webster Lodge Brothers and Friends who delivered Poinsettias this past December. We wanted to give credit where credit was due. Photo published last month was mis-identified.

## Genesee-Wyoming District

District Deputy Grand Master - Henry Robinson 322-3654

**Olive Branch**  
Lodge No. 39, F. & A.M.  
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the Degree be exemplified by the Damascus Shrine Degree Team. If you ever get the opportunity to witness them putting on a Degree do not miss it; they do a fantastic job. We expected to Raise two Brothers in Olive Branch Lodge, one Brother from Warsaw Lodge, and one from Arcade Lodge.

#### Lenten Fish Frys

#### February 20th thru April 3rd

As you know, we will be starting our Annual Lenten Fish Frys on February 20th, every Friday, thru April 3rd. Brothers, we need help putting on this event which helps sustain the Lodge. Please come and help. The more hands the lighter the work. Please contact the Master or Secretary and volunteer at least one night during Lent.

At our February 4th Meeting, the Valley of Rochester, AASR, will be putting on the *Spectacles at Newburgh* Degree at Olive Branch Lodge Hall, LeRoy. This will be a fantastic night and will be open to any Brother in any District. Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.

#### St. Patrick's Day Dinner

As stated in my last article, Olive Branch and Eunice Lodges will be sponsoring the 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at our Lodge.

The tickets are \$12 and it is **Pre-Sale Tickets Only**. There will NOT be any tickets available at the door. Call the Secretary if you would like to sell or buy tickets. Remember, this is a fundraiser for both Lodges to help with operating expenses.

The Officers of Olive Branch Lodge hope to see our Brothers in Lodge and at the above events.

## The Rusty Nail Degree

Saturday, February 7th

8:30 a.m. - Pancake, Egg & Sausage Breakfast (\$5) prior to the Degree

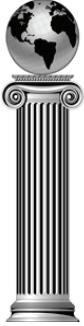
9:30 a.m. - Program ... Rusty Nail Degree

Must present Lodge Dues Card  
Open to All Masons

Reservations Required - Deadline Sunday, February 1st

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#### Olive Branch & Eunice Lodges Present

## St. Patrick's Day

## Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

#### with Potatoes & Carrots

Tuesday, March 17th

Serving from 4 p.m. Until ???

\$12 per person- Pre-Sale ONLY

LeRoy Masonic Community Center, 12 Bank Street

Fridays from February 20th - April 3rd

## Fish Frys During Lent

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# Livingston District

District Deputy Grand Master - Douglas Stanley 245-4395

## Eunice Lodge No. 830



1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.

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What a great beginning to the year ahead for Eunice Lodge! I hope you and your family had a wonderful Holiday Season!

### Where to begin ...

In October we participated in the Annual "Harvest Hop" again - welcoming visitors to tours of the building and Brothers Manning, LaFave and Gallant sold breakfast sandwiches as well. We also had the Official Visit by DDGM, R.W.: Doug Stanley, and Grand Steward, R.W.: Robert Cox, who reminded us of the importance of Masonic Education and highlighted the Grand Master's Message.

In November, we recognized two of our long-time members for their 65 years in the Fraternity. Congratulations to Brothers Hugh Outterson and Bernard Root. It was great to get a chance to talk to them during dinner and hear some great stories about past years at Eunice.

We have also taken up a great cause - assisting the Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit at Strong Hospital. They are in need of many things and we have initiated a drive to meet the needs of their "Wish List," including games, books, toys and craft items for the kids who stay there. We also sent the list to all of the adjoining Districts to ask for their help as well. We will be having a collection date on January 31st at the Lodge Hall for anyone wanting to donate. If you are willing to donate please contact R.W.: John Gallant or me.

In December, Jim Manning and I participated in the Annual Holiday Parade. What a great thing to see, so many Caledonians lining the street to watch the different groups and organizations walk through town. All the shops were open and Shannon and I took a stroll through them after the parade.

We also delivered Poinsettias to our local widows. Thanks

to Brothers Jim Manning, John Gallant, Mike Brown and Larry McCombs for helping out. We all enjoyed our brief chats with them and wished them a Happy Holidays!

We received a gift from Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy, a set of gavels for the Senior and Junior Wardens. They have historical value and were previously used by Batavia Lodge. W.: Derek Howlett called them "big boy gavels" as they were so much larger than what we had previously.

We had some great news for the building. For the first time since I can remember, all of the office/retail spaces on the first floor are rented! Please take time to stop by and give them your business.

We also received an Affiliation request and he was accepted by the Lodge. Congratulations to our new member, Andrew Vickers.

January 15th we held our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We had a little different program planned by Brothers Brown, Manning and Gallant.

We will be joining with other Lodges in the District to help the Ronald McDonald Houses again this year. Livingston District is assigned to staff:

### Marketplace Mall: February 7th 12 Noon – 9 p.m.

Contact R.W.: Dick Trescott 226-9042 or email: [rtrescott@frontiernet.net](mailto:rtrescott@frontiernet.net)

if you are interested in working.

Our Annual "Sweetheart Dinner" will be held Friday, February 13th at Yianni's Restaurant in Gates. If you want to attend, contact W.: Derek Howlett for reservations.

On St. Patrick's Day, we are joining forces with Olive Branch Lodge to put on a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at LeRoy Masonic Community Center, 12 Bank Street, LeRoy. Tickets are pre-sale ONLY and you can get them from Jim Manning or myself. We will need helpers to cook and to work on the day of the fundraiser, please contact Jim if you want to help.

I hope you stay warm as the brisk weather begins to occupy our area. Please consider coming by to a meeting if you haven't been in awhile.

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January saw much activity in the O/S/Y District. On January 17th the O/S/Y and Steuben Districts combined to host the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.: Jeffrey Williamson's, Town Hall Meeting at John Hodge Lodge in Naples.

On January 4th, R.W.: Brother Jim Johns and I had the honor of presenting a 65-year Pin to W.: Paul T. Abraham at his home in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida. Brother Abraham belongs to Seneca Lake Lodge in Dresden. We spent an hour-and-a-half listening to Brother Abraham's remembrances of his days in the Navy during World War II and on how he came to own and operate a restaurant in Dresden.

February looks to be as busy with Degree work and education for the District. The DDGM, R.W.: John Hubbard, and I have completed the Official Visits and have thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and fellowship we experienced in each and every Lodge from all of our Fraternal Brothers. It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve such a great District of Freemasons. With the help of all of you in the O/S/Y District, we will continue to work together to improve Freemasonry in the District.

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By Don Brugger, PDDSTC  
Membership

Happy New Year to all Woodsman; I hope all had a pleasant Holiday.

As reported in our last article, a Membership Committee is being formed. The plan is to contact all members and gather those willing to put some effort into "Remembering the Forest," at a meeting to discuss strategy. The meeting would have to be in February or March; the gath-

important to start the process as soon as possible, due to requirements such as grade transcripts.

### Birthday Wishes

We send a belated birthday wish to W.: Donald Tiffany, who celebrated his birthday on December 22nd. We send February birthday greetings to Perry Adams (3rd), Jesse DeBoover (10th), Doug Galens (12th) and Jesse Gillespie (15th).

### Masonic Anniversaries

Brother Don Sabin was Raised in February, 1951.

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

Chartered 1807

3rd Wednesday

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The December Communication of Ark Lodge was the Annual Holiday Party held at St. Michael's Church, Geneva. The largest number of Brothers and their families we have had in many years enjoyed a marvelous evening full of food and holiday cheer. Our Members had invited, and were pleased that, many Brothers and their wives from both Geneva and Garoga-Sincerity Lodges were able to join us on this festive occasion. Brother Tom Abraham and his wife, Kylene, with the help of many Brothers of Ark Lodge went above and beyond making this a memorable Holiday event.

**Reminder** ... Brothers are encouraged to review the O/S/Y website for other District dates:

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

On February 18th, our Stated Communication will be held at 67 Ontario Street, Phelps, 7:30 p.m. Preceding the Communication, a Pass-a-Plate Dinner will be shared at 7 p.m. This Communication is to be a 1st Degree so all Brothers are encouraged to attend. In addition, you may be hearing from the Master for assistance with the Degree.

ering could take place at a regular meeting.

Topics for the Membership Team should include the possibility of visiting Lodges and Concordant Bodies to get out the Tall Cedars' message of Fun, Frolic and, most importantly, our Philanthropy - the Muscular Dystrophy and Nerve Disease Research Fund. If you are interested in participating in this Membership effort, contact one of the Officers listed in the logo.

The January meeting was preceded by a dinner at Hung Wah's. Why not join the Woodsmen at 6 p.m., or just come to our meeting (7:30 p.m.,

Wakan-Hubbard Lodge Hall, on the 4th Wednesday) and get back into the habit of attending our regular meetings.

Just a reminder ... any potential member can be initiated in short form at any meeting and witness the Degrees usually put on at our October meeting.

### Holiday Gathering

The Cedars' Holiday Party, at Lilian's Restaurant, was well-attended. There were 23 in total including three Widows - Vicki Ball, Barbara DiJames and Corinne Kober.

We wish all a Prosperous New Year and remember to "Re-member" your Forest.

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# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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I was asked to present a talk on Concordant Bodies for the Masters and Wardens of Wayne District on January 12th. I thank Brother Joe Green for asking me and Brother Jay DeWispelaere, President; and the Masters and Wardens of Wayne District for their hospitality at Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra.

I would encourage all Lodges and Districts to exploit the Concordant Groups for programs to "spruce up" and "enlighten" your meetings. Both York Rite and Scottish Rite have many programs for your benefit.

I was back in Palmyra for a Royal Arch Degree Festival, on January 31st. We welcomed many new Companions to Royal Arch, as Chapters from several Districts participated and brought their Candidates.

On behalf of Hiram Chapter No. 62 and the 13th Capitular District, I am pleased to welcome you into our ranks and strongly urge you to get involved with your respective Chapters.

### February

Our December elections had to be postponed until January 8th due to inclement weather. We held Elections and Installation as well our Annual Meeting with all reports. Suffice it to say that it was a busy evening and we have our new slate of Officers for the ensuing year:

R.:E.: John Zabel will take the helm as I will be stepping in as District Deputy Grand High Priest. We have an ambitious Trestleboard put together and I strongly encourage all Companions to plan on attending all meetings so as not to miss anything. See you in the quarries. ☐

## Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered 1861)



3rd Wednesday

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### Nuggets of Wisdom from the Cryptic Website

Councils of Cryptic Masons form the center body of York Rite of Freemasonry. A Master Mason may join a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and receive the four Degrees of that organization after which he may seek further knowledge in Freemasonry and join a Council of Cryptic Masons.

### Journey of Seeking More Light in Masonry

Contributed by M.:I.: John P. Nosal, Jr., Past Grand Master

You know the pleasure and gratification experienced on having been Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. You have every right to lift up your head with pride in the knowledge that you are now numbered among the thousands of good men throughout the world who stand for continual promotion of Brotherly Love, Religious Freedom and Democracy, which will bring Peace and Happiness to men of all Creeds and Nations.

### Do Not Let Your Masonic Education Stop Here!

The true Mason is continually seeking more Light and Knowledge; when he asks for this Light and Knowledge he is often told by well-meaning, but mistaken, Brothers who "as a Master Mason he has received all there is in Masonry" and thus, while not being really satisfied, he believes this statement and the quest for Light ends.

The purpose of this document is to give a concise and connected view of the Light as it is developed in the several Degrees and the York Rite. It is hoped these words of counsel and advice will make it clear to you that there are excellent reasons why you should complete your necessary Masonic Education.

To show the connection between Symbolic Masonry or Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Masonry or Chapter and Cryptic Masonry or Council, we must start with "The Circle of Perfection."

Initiates into the Select Master's Degree of Cryptic Masonry are said to have "Passed the Circle of Perfection." The circle gives us a ready illustration of a man's progress in the Masonic science. Let us look at the picture of that circle, upon which is represented the science of Freemasonry or, more precisely, the science of Masonic symbolism. We can divide this circle into three portions or arcs.

The first arc will be occupied by the Degrees of Blue Lodge or Symbolic Masonry. The second arc will contain the Degrees of Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry. The third arc will hold the Degrees of Council or Cryptic Masonry. Now if a neophyte begins at a point of the circle and passes over one third of its circumference, he will arrive at the Master Mason Degree.

There he will discover that the consummation of this Masonic labor so far, is to know that which he has been striving for has been LOST, and instead of the key of all Masonic Knowledge he has received only a SUBSTITUTE for the truth. Dissatisfied with only this, he must proceed in his further search, through another arc or third of the circumference of the Masonic circle.

Thus he will arrive at the Royal Arch Degree, where here in the second arc, that key which had been lost in the first arc is FOUND. But the circle is not yet completed.

It is true that the neophyte now knows that the LOST has been FOUND. He knows WHAT he has obtained but not WHY or HOW he has obtained it. The process by which this restoration was accomplished is still unknown to him. All the events of a Masonic mythical history which form the links between the loss, the recovery, along with all the sublime symbolism connected with these events, are withheld from him. To acquire this knowledge, he must pass through the remaining arc or last third of the circle.

By arriving at the Cryptic Degrees, he consummates and perfects his knowledge of the representative symbol of Divine Truth. Thus, as a Cryptic Mason, does he pass the "Circle of Perfection" in Masonic science? To promote a better understanding of the YORK RITE of Freemasonry, it is essential that we dismiss from our minds the ideas of division or aspiration between these three Masonic Bodies that compose the York Rite. Such a separation is merely formal and for convenience sake.

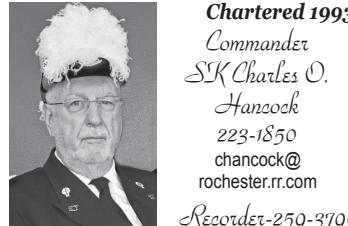
The YORK RITE is a Whole – not an aggregate of three Bodies. You cannot stop on the way – either with Blue Lodge, Chapter or Council, and claim to be a finished Mason. The work, as progressively taken, sheds light upon the prior Degrees and no Mason can feel that he has everything to which he is entitled as an earnest seeker after truth until he has received all of them. You should not be misled by the Brother who tells you confidentially, but mistakenly, that "The Blue Lodge is all there is."

These Degrees, taken together, are full of the most important and beautiful moral lessons ever imparted to man. They are entitled, each alone and surely all of them together, to be respected and loved. As a Mason we strive on building upon the steps of our journey toward a place of perfection in that Heavenly Temple not built with human initiative but with Devine. All of the Symbolic, Capitular, and Cryptic Degrees, taken as a whole, assist us with knowledge to making our imperfect lives more perfect to fit into that heavenly structure.

To be continued ... ☐

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### About Our Meetings

1st Monday of the Month Informal Meeting, 7 p.m. - Topical interests; all SK's are encouraged to attend. This is a learning experience that includes the Templar Boot Camp for a new Templar and those who want a refresher.

3rd Monday of the Month, 7:30 p.m. - Tiled Meeting. Informal; no reservations required – order-from-menu dinner at Pittsford Pub, 6 p.m., prior to meeting.

### Mark Your Calendar

August 15, 2015 will be the Triennial of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA in Buffalo. Sir Knights will be needed to assist as New York State hosts on behalf of 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 of the Grand Commandery for the State of New York and SK David Dixon Goodwin, GCT Grand Master in the Grand Encampment, USA, New York Templary is in the forefront of all Templary worldwide. More to follow as information becomes available. Stay tuned.

In this New Year, let us examine our history. According to our Grand Commandery ([www.grandcommanderyktny.org](http://www.grandcommanderyktny.org)) consider the following:

### History of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York

1814 – 2007

In Colonial Days, New York City was the starting point for Masonry in the State of New York. Establishing a definite starting date for Freemasonry in the Colony of New York is extremely difficult. The Craft had been in existence for many years prior to the formation of the Mother Grand Lodge in London in the year 1717. Undoubtedly, many Brethren at the time had received Degrees in the British Isles or Europe and immigrated to America.

The first authentic record we find is the appointment of Daniel Coxe as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania by the Duke of Norfolk, June 5, 1730. In view of this appointment it is fair to presume that Freemasons were active in the Colony of New York.

The first regular Lodge of which there is a record is St. John No. 2 (now No. 1) warranted December 7, 1757. The fact that it was given No. 2 would indicate an earlier Lodge prior to 1757.

The first newspaper reference to Freemasonry in New York appeared in the Independent Journal, Wednesday, December 28, 1785, reporting the anniversary celebration of the feast of St. John, the Evangelist. The article also states that the Knights Templar formed the escort for the Grand Lodge. From this we note that the Order of Knights Templar had been established in the Colony of New York and was a member of the Masonic family, the exact date of the first Encampment is unknown.

There are many divergent theories regarding the origin of the present Order of Knights Templar. We find that the Degree of Knights Templar was conferred under the control of Symbolic Lodges in Scotland, England and Ireland in the early part of the Eighteenth Century.

An interesting item appears in the proceedings of the Great Priory of England and Wales for the year 1941.

**1791**

That on June 2, 1791, in London, was held the first general representative meeting of Masonic Knights Templar of England and that, therefore, in the next month will fall the 150th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Great Priory. It is hoped that after the war, a special meeting of official recognition of this will be held, when a short history of the Order during the last 150 years will be published.

Some of these early Templars found their way to America either as soldiers or immigrants and when a sufficient number assembled, they assumed the authority to organize an Encampment. Each was absolutely independent, recognizing no supreme authority, because, in fact, none existed at the time.

**1814**

In 1814, it became apparent that some control must be exercised and the Grand Encampment of New York was formed. The preliminary meeting was held in New York, January 22, 1814. Elias Hicks, the first Grand Orator, outlined the purpose of the meeting as follows:

A longer continuance of this state of things could be but productive of ill consequences, inasmuch as it was to be apprehended that these sorts of un-constituted associations, so rapidly increasing in numbers, would, sooner or later have lessened, if not entirely destroyed the commanding respect due to so dignified a Degree as that of Knights Templar.

Accordingly, the Sovereign Grand Consistory of Chiefs of Exalted Masonry fully impressed with the necessity and importance of this subject has at its session on the 22nd day of January A.D. 1814, as aforesaid, decreed by a unanimous vote, the establishment of a Grand Encampment of Sir Knights Templar and Appendant Orders for the State of New York.

The first regular meeting was held in New York, June 18, 1814, at which time they ratified the action of the preliminary meeting on January 22nd, and elected DeWitt Clinton as Thrice Illustrious Grand Master. He was re-elected at each succeeding Annual Meeting until his death in 1828.

DeWitt Clinton was a distinguished citizen of New York, prominent in the civil and political life of the State. The demand upon his time prevented his personal attendance at the meeting of the Grand Encampment. The only meeting over which he presided during his fourteen years as Grand Master, was in St. Johns Hall, New York, June 9, 1826. It is evident from the titles used, that the founders of the Grand Encampment were Scottish Rite Masons. They are

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

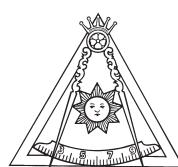
"Life is fundamentally nasty, brutish, and short," said Thomas Hobbs. People for ages have banded together in tribes, societies and nation states, as well as, of course Fraternities, to do something about that. Human experience is essentially constant. We struggle in our lives and society for the needs men have tried to meet

now as over the centuries. There is competition in what is seen as the good and right way to live. Human history seems essentially cyclical.

What we struggle with now has been a struggle in the past as well. Our Scottish Rite Masonic Fraternity offers the lessons on a moral life for the individual and society that is ever in a struggle with other ideas. The cycle continues and completes over a number of years, long enough to make it seem that our time, our season, is unique rather than something very similar to what our grandparents or great-grandparents experienced.

We must live in the present. The reminiscences of a time when a Brother spent 12 or more years going through the Chairs before advancing to Worshipful Master is not the time we now live in. This is one point on the cycle. We now live in another time with life experience and lessons learned that are needed for today. The time we live in increasingly is not a time for a man to be alone, without Brother Masons. Our Fraternity provides a security needed in increasingly insecure times. Now is a time to be connected to other good men.

Our Scottish Rite is a Masonic Fraternity that cares for our members. That is our mission. Our Degrees, 4th through 32nd, fundamentally lay out the lessons upon which rest the civilization of which we are a part. Our civilization though is in competition with others. It cannot be taken as a given, self-evident, that everyone now and in the future in our Country will see civilization here best



## Rochester Lodge of Perfection

By Eric J. Lubberts, 32°, DSA  
Thrice Potent Master

The Traveling Passport Program, the Reunion Degrees all have one thing in common - your participation.

### Party Was a Success!

Our All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party 2014 couldn't have happened had it not been for our family of Brothers, Sisters and especially those who came out to make it a very special occasion for the children in attendance (thank you parents, grandparents and friends). I observed the smiles that were had by all, I smiled, too. Santa and Mrs. Claus, your Christmas Spirit will remain with us all 2015 year long. Thank You; So Mote it Be.

OK, how fast are we on the up take? Let me lay it out to you. I am not looking for volunteers! I am looking for your help! The Traveling Passport Program has created some very favorable buzz. I have heard from Brother Pete Cormack (Thank you, Pete for helping us). Pete had sent me a letter with our opportunity to travel.

Many opportunities were in January and the Valley should have notified you. For this publication, however, if you would like, The Elgin Lodge of Perfection of the Valley of Niagara (just over the Rainbow Bridge) is presenting:

11th Degree February 5th  
12th Degree February 19th  
13th Degree March 5th

The Niagara Chapter of Rose Croix scheduled the 16th and 17th Degrees in January.

The Supreme Council of the AASR continuously reviews all of the Degrees 4th through 32nd. We refer to exemplify them as "core-valued" Degrees. Your Passport may have many vacant stamps of Degrees 5th – 31st, but you can still get your Passport stamped with them (non-core) before they begin to be updated - old dated, still has meaning -the Light of our history is still Light. Walk with confidence in

exemplified by our Masonic Degrees. Should these lessons die out and become unknown, our society and way of life would fundamentally change. We are much more than a men's club offering entertaining evenings. It is a continuing struggle to impart the moral lessons gathered to our posterity; and we should understand how we can play our part. There must be time in your life for such important work.

Consider that crises in America occur with a certain regularity, but generally not well anticipated. Our time may appear soft, and be so, compared to other times in our country's history. The recent past though is not necessarily a good predictor of the future. The pinnacle of a civilized America we experience cannot be taken for granted. Times can change very quickly. Encourage Brother Masons to join the Scottish Rite for the connections they can make and the good they can do. Our Hope is in God.

Our Valley is looking into extending the teaching of our societal and historical lessons to children. Through Public Degrees, open to families and friends, we hope to take up this important work that schools may not be doing to the degree they have in the past. Let me and the Valley Officers know if you would like such a presentation.

Plan to attend our February 19th meeting to hear our big plans, presented by Ill.: Mike Morris, 33° Active for the Valley's 150th Anniversary and the Supreme Council Meeting here in Rochester in 2017.

### Ladies Night Extravaganza

Plan to attend our Ladies Night on February 28th at Fedele's Brook House in Greece. We will have a nice dinner and musical entertainment with the opportunity to dress in Period Attire if you wish. I will be in my Frock Coat with a 19th Century look. You may wear whatever you like, within reason. You could wear attire from the time of "Downton Abbey," the Roaring 20's, Flapper Style, etc., or from our present time - whatever you would like.

Note that our "College of Freemasonry" is to take place Saturday, March 28th. "The Transformative Power of Freemasonry" is the topic on which will be the focus. Everyone should plan to attend and you should invite a Brother Mason not yet in the Scottish Rite.

I thank Adam Junod, Phil Hurwitz and everyone who helped plan and put on a great Symbolic Lodge Awards event last month. It was well received.

Be well.

search of Light. We learn from our past to create a future path for all who may come after us.

There are plenty of things in the Valley Quarries to do. You are Sublime Princes by choice. Now is a very opportunistic time to help your Valley; to extend yourselves is now, just by sticking your toes in the water. It's more fun than you can even imagine or just be youthful and jump right in! We laugh together at ourselves with a true Brotherhood feeling.

Together we can accomplish much. The most important accomplishment would be to encourage each other to feel comfortable in participating in our labors. Our Fraternity, too, searches for more Light. Together we are always going to find a way to portray Degrees and assist you as you continue finding yourselves where your paths as an Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason can lead you. You should never be left to feel out or alone.

Join me in getting it done together;  
many hands, light work and shared ideas  
get us GREAT SUCCESS.

*Music is a feeling; because you know I'm all about that bass, about that bass, no treble.*



## Rochester Council of the Princes of Jerusalem

By Stephan Michener, 32°  
Sovereign Prince

It was December 10th, (two weeks before Christmas Eve) - a particularly dark and miserable night with lake-effect snow covering the back country roads across the Southern portion of Monroe County. What would usually be a 35-minute drive, no doubt was going to be at least an hour. Certainly these Brothers were not travelling East. As a matter of fact they were headed East to West. There wouldn't be a Lodge Meeting tonight. Not in these conditions. No way.

Brother Lance Daul and I arrived at Oatka Lodge to meet up with Scottish Rite Brothers John Lemke, Bill Flesher and Matt Schaeffer to present a "Rite on the Road" program called "Spectacles at Newburgh" about General George Washington's New

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to be a fraternity  
that fulfills our  
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burgh Address. Surprisingly enough, we arrived on time and were greeted by the Brothers of Oatka. Granted, there weren't that many, the weather being what it was, but the Brothers who were in attendance were hospitable, enthusiastic and receptive to the program. Regardless of the number in attendance, those of us who presented the program enjoyed ourselves and were grateful for the opportunity these Brothers gave us.

It is a beautiful and fortunate thing that we who live in these Winter conditions, occasionally are presented with challenging circumstances to demonstrate our love and commitment to the Craft. We brave the elements and go out to our Lodges knowing there's a good chance we'll find, when we get there, that many of our Brothers had more "sense" and decided not to chance it. Obviously, every Brother has to make the best decision for themselves and no one should take travel in treacherous weather lightly. For those Brothers who do venture out, there is a warm glow that comes from knowing that each of us has demonstrated a commitment to one another to be there.

Back in the heated car and headed home, the roads were a little bit better as the snow had slowed. I had a moment to think that tonight we had portrayed the true life events involving George Washington, which actually occurred in a Lodge Room. As challenging as tonight's travel to and from might have been, it was nothing compared to the snowy Christmas Night, December 25, 1776, when our Brother, General George Washington, and over 2,000 Continental Troops crossed the treacherous icy Delaware River and marched six miles through the night to attack the formidable British and Hessian Troops at Trenton. All things should be seen in perspective.

If your Lodge would like to witness this moving presentation of "Spectacles at Newburgh," please email me at: [smichene@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smichene@rochester.rr.com) or call (585)746-3960 and we'll be glad to come do it for your Brothers. I am confident in saying that all of the Scottish Rite Brothers, including those mentioned above, and Joe Green, Phil Hurwitz, Eric Lubberts and Matt Muller, who help present these "Rite on the Road" presentations, are sincerely committed to bringing to your Lodge the joys and benefits that Scottish Rite Masonry has to offer each and every Master Mason Lodge. All you have to do is tell us you want us to pay you a visit and we'll find a way to get there.

## Secretary's Corner

By Ill.: Jack VanElzakker, 33°

The Valley of Rochester is very fortunate that our preceding leaders were wise enough to take the funds we owned and invest them in a more profitable manner. That action now provides sufficient funds from interest earned for the majority of our Annual Budget. We haven't had to raise the Valley Dues in at least three decades.

Virtually, every program we have is subsidized to some extent by these Interest Funds. A member attending Valley meetings and programs on a regular basis will enjoy activity subsidy benefits over twice what he pays for his total Scottish Rite Dues.

As examples of value passed back to members, our regular meeting meals are 30% subsidized. Programs such as our Reunion Banquet, Ladies Night and Clambake/Steak Roast are

almost 50% subsidized – occasionally more. Often we have no-charge activities such as some of our breakfasts or lunches. And most importantly, we have funds used to help relieve some of the distress on Brothers and their families in need.

The first year of membership is even better for new members – their return can reach well over twice the \$100 Petition Fee if they make an effort to attend our functions.

There are very few Valleys in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (or for that matter Masonic organizations of any type) that can offer so much to their participating members. The more each member participates, the higher will be the value added for the Annual Dues he pays. We have a really great schedule of activities planned for the coming months. Join in and you will be amply rewarded. ☺

## "Rite on the Road" Schedule

### Membership Nights

### Brother Bring-a-Brother

**Program:**  
**"Spectacles at Newburgh"**  
 by Steve Michener

**Wednesday, February 4th**  
**Olive Branch Lodge, LeRoy**

**Tuesday, February 17th**  
**Clio Lodge, Hilton**

## SAVE THE DATES

**April 18th**  
**Spring Reunion**  
**4°, 5°, 12° and 29° (videos) and 32°**

**April 25th**  
**Reunion Banquet**  
**at Cobblestone Creek**  
**Country Club**



Recipients of the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards pose with dignitaries following ceremony on January 3rd.

## Valley of Rochester

### Winter to Spring – 2015

#### FEBRUARY

February 12th - *Have-a-Heart* at Marketplace Mall  
 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Please call the Office with times you can help.

February 19th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center  
 Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
 Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Program - 2017 Supreme Council at Rochester  
 By Mike Morris

A Valley favorite ... Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

February 28th - Ladies Night Dinner at Brook House  
 920 Elm Ridge Center Drive  
 Social - 4:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 5:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
 Entertainment by the *Footlight Players*  
 \$50 per couple - Paid Reservations by February 22nd

#### MARCH

March 19th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center  
 Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
 Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Program - History of Chapter of Rose Croix  
 by Adam Junod and John Zabel

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner (for the Irish in all of us)

March 28th - College of Freemasonry  
 at Genesee Community College, Batavia  
 Fee - \$20 per person - includes morning refreshments  
 and lunch  
 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. - Registration  
 Paid Reservations Required (\*\*)  
 Consult our Website for more information:  
[www.valleyofrochester.org](http://www.valleyofrochester.org)

#### APRIL

April 16th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center  
 Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
 Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
 Program - Germania Lodge of Perfection

April 18th - Spring Reunion at Shrine Center  
 Coffee & Donuts - 8 a.m. ~ Candidate Orientation - 8:30 a.m.  
 Opening - 9:30 a.m. ... 4°, 12° (Video) and 5°  
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 29° (Video) and 32°

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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



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Prophets, thank you for the honor of becoming your Monarch for 2015. Past Monarch Frank Habitzreuther did a tremendous job and I know I have huge shoes to fill. By the way, have you seen the size of those shoes? Thanks, Frank; I will continue trying to move the Grotto forward.

### February Events

February is a busy month for the Grotto.

February 2nd is the Board of Governors Meeting at 7 p.m.

February 4th at The Mall at Greece Ridge, we join our Sisters from the Caldron to participate in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. The hours to staff are 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. I urge everyone to come out and support the Ronald McDonald Houses of Rochester.

Wednesday, February 18th is our Annual Swiss Steak Dinner

### Clip & Post

**February 2nd** – Board of Governors Meeting; 7 p.m., *Grotto Office*

**February 4th** – Staff Have-a-Heart Booth at: The Mall at Greece Ridge; 3 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**February 18th** – Grotto Meeting/Swiss Steak Dinner; *Free with Paid Dues Card*; Social - 5:30 p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

**March 2nd** – Board of Governors Meeting; 7 p.m., *Grotto Office*

**March 18th** – Grotto Meeting/St. Patrick's Day Dinner; Social - 5:30 p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Night - free with your paid Dues Card.

### March Events

Monday, March 2nd is the Board of Governors.

Wednesday, March 18th our St. Patrick's Day Dinner, we will be joined by our Caldron Sisters for the evening. A program fitting the occasion is planned. Cut out the Bulletin Board and post. No excuses to miss any meetings.

### February Birthdays

Getting older and wiser are: Brian Dickinson, George Foehner, Thomas J. McCulloch, Masao Okita, Steve Phillips, Jeff Ross, Jim Toogood (also on

the mend), Robert Uderitz and Charles White.



By Jan Porter, MCO

Four Daughters traveled to New York City to assist Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Elizabeth Lockwood-Tamsett, in a Mini-School of Instruction for the new Caldron, Azim No. 1. This Caldron formed in September and are in preparation for the Supreme Visit in May. Therefore, they were anxious to receive instruction and gain knowledge of the Ritual.

We had a great time meeting them and were very willing to share what we knew so they could be confident and comfortable in their efforts.



Daughters in Times Square-Hilde DiJames, Bev Murray, Janice Bueg.

We went by train and found it didn't do some shopping and to be most relaxing and a mode see Times Square.

of stress-free travel. Our hotel was within walking distance there again in May with additional Daughters who weren't Caldron's meeting place. Of course, what would such a short overnight trip have been if we friends again!



## Cyrene-Monroe

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referred to as the "Grand Consistory of the Chiefs of Exalted Masonry." The title of the Presiding Officer was "Thrice Illustrious Grand Master" and the meeting place was the "Valley of New York."

The Constitution, adopted June 25, 1814, Article One, Section 3, read as follows: The Thrice Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, as soon as may be after his election, shall be admitted, gratis, a member of the Supreme Council of Grand Inspectors General, should he not belong to that Supreme Body.

Section 4 of Article One provided that the Grand Master of Subordinate Encampments be made 32nd Degree Masons under the same conditions. In 1823 the word "Illustrious" is eliminated from the title, but the records do not relate as to the reason for the change. From this date there is no reference to the Scottish Rite.

The Annual Meetings from 1814 - 1852, inclusive were held in New York City. The meeting place was Masonic Hall, 55 Nassau Street and later the Howard House in 1837.

In 1814, a number of Encampments were operating in New York City and the Hudson Valley but due to the lack of definite information it is impossible to determine who they were. Thomas Smith Webb in his *Freemasons Monitor*, pub-

lished in 1816, page 246, mentions four as follows:

1. The Old Encampment, City of New York
2. Jerusalem Encampment, City of New York
3. Montgomery Encampment, Stillwater
4. Temple Encampment, Albany

The list is incomplete and inaccurate according to the historical record published by Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder of New York, on the Proceedings for 1882, pages 118-121, in which the following was reported:

Old Encampment – sometimes called Grand Encampment or Morton Encampment – New York City St. Peters Encampment – New York City Rising Sun Encampment, No. 1 – New York City Encampments at Albany- Montgomery, Stillwater, Salem and Granville.

In the Minutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, June 20, 1816, the name of Ancient Encampment of New York, a name not appearing in New York records, and there is no record in New York of Jerusalem reported by Webb.

Macoy cites as the source of his historical data, a perfect set of City Directories from the year 1785. He is of the opinion that the Templars referred to in the newspaper item of 1785 were of Morton Encampment, sometimes known as Old Encampment or Grand Encampment. The first published list of officers in the City Directory for 1796 shows Jacob Morton as

Grand Master. There is no record after 1810.

At the Annual Conclave, May 22, 1815, Jacob Morton was elected an Honorary Member of Grand Encampment; St. Peters Encampment was organized prior to 1700, as the City Directory of that date shows a list of officers with John West as Grand Master, no record after 1801.

Rising Sun Encampment, No. 1, the only early Encampment to bear that number, was the most prominent of the period.

The date of origin is unknown, except that it was founded in the early part of the Nineteenth Century, by a number of Sir Knights of the R.S.H., R.A.C. Macoy says the signification of these initials we are unable to give. It would appear, however, that they referred to Rising Sun Royal Arch Chapter. Then the Encampment was represented at a meeting in Philadelphia, PA, February 15, 1814, called for the purpose of organizing a Grand Encampment in Pennsylvania. A Charter of Recognition was granted Pennsylvania, May 13, 1814. Macoy says they con-

ferred the Degrees of Ark, Mark, Mediterranean Pass, Red Cross, Templary here in Western New York.

## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### MARCH

**5-7** Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, State of New York, Royal Arch Masons, Albany

**7** 2nd Session Road to the East, Place TBD

**21** Murder Mystery Dinner, Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. Sponsored by Monroe District OES

**28** College of Freemasonry, Genesee Community College, Batavia

### APRIL

**11** Lasagna Dinner by Mary Jane Holmes Chapter at Brockport Exempts Club, 248 West Avenue

**18** Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

**25** Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin; 11 a.m.

**25** Monroe District OES Grand Matrons Official Visit Luncheon, Shrine Center

**25** Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet at Cobblestone Creek Country Club

### MAY

**4 - 5** 234 th Grand Lodge Sessions, New York City

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By R.W. Janet Porter

Although several Chapters in Monroe District don't meet in January and February; those who do are challenged by the weather – causing some cancellations. However, each day is one day closer to Spring ... a favorite season for many and the beginning of lots of OES activity

### February 7th

**PLEASE ... LINE OFFICERS!** Mark your calendar and attend the Line Officers Meeting on February 7th at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. We'll gather at 9 a.m. for morning refreshments; meetings start at 9:30 a.m. We have many points of business and planning to address, so please be sure your Chapter is represented and involved in 2015.

### March 14th

**FOR ALL MEMBERS ...** School of Instruction at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. This is important for ALL Members to attend – especially those who

are newer Members. For the long-time Members, it's an opportunity to keep up with some changes and edicts requested by our new Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

A School of Instruction is not meant to sit and listen to Starpoints. It's all about Ritual instruction, proper procedures, etiquette, answers to those haunting questions you've always wanted to ask, meet and greet old and new friends, and an opportunity to share plans of District activities in which you will participate this year.

### March 31st

#### Tri-District Friendship Night

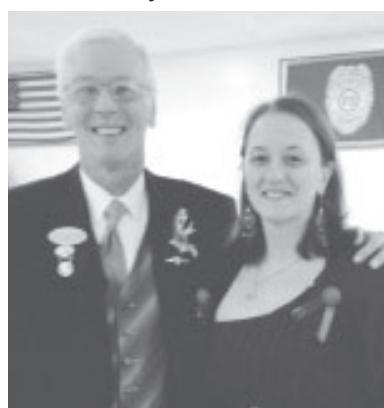
CHANGE OF DATE ... I apologize for the date change. Originally, I had heard it was March 30th; but, when I attended the planning meeting, it had been established to be March 31st so the Canadian Chapters that usually come, could be accommodated.

This event has become very popular and is lots of fun! The honorees of the evening will be all MATRONS and ASSOCIATE MATRONS. I hope all Monroe District honorees can be there. It will be held at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church; 300 East Main Street; Batavia.

MATRONS ... take reservations for this event and let me know your numbers by March 25th. Wouldn't want to run out of the awesome refreshments we have planned!

**Around the District**  
Mary Jane Holmes Chapter  
On December 16th, Mary

Jane Holmes Chapter installed a first-time Matron, W. Erika Hansen. R.W. Steve Pawlak was installed as Patron. Congratulations and best wishes for a memorable year.



**R.W. Steve Pawlak and W. Erika Hansen following Installation.**

### Fairport Chapter

Fairport Chapter is planning an Open Meeting for February 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

### Starlight Chapter

Starlight Chapter is planning a Sister Bring-a-Friend Night. It's an Open Meeting and Dinner for February 17th. They are planning around a Mardi Gras-themed dinner and will have a very informative program for potential Candidates to learn about OES – our purpose, charities and activities. If you have a friend who might be interested in becoming a member, plan to bring them.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at \$10 per person; the "interested friend" you bring is free. Reservations are required for planning pur-



An Active DeMolay, Michael Jordan, of Ridge Council DeMolay, performed the DeMolay Flower Talk as part of the Mary Jane Holmes Chapter's Installation evening's program. He is flanked by W. Erika Hansen and R.W. Steve Pawlak.

poses – call Jan Porter at 317-4915 or email: [jneckers.porter@gmail.com](mailto:jneckers.porter@gmail.com).



**Past Matrons Association**  
**Merilyn Israel**  
461-3254

**Mark Your Calendar**  
The next meeting of the Past Matrons Association Thursday, March 19th

12 Noon - Brown Bag Lunch  
Dessert provided  
Meeting follows.

Any Past Matron is welcome.  
Please RSVP to Merilyn Israel.  
In remembering my previous terms as a Matron and hearing of his retirement in 2014, I ad-

mine a speech delivered by Past Pastor of Aenon Baptist Church, Rev. James Lee Cherry, Senior. I remember his dynamic delivery about Brotherhood and the Community. His takeaway message was his reference to investing in the community ... look forward and up.

My underlying theme in my Matron years was "must there be an arc of poverty around Rochester or any city?"

### Theme

We continue working to eradicate the arc of poverty in Rochester through education, jobs and transportation.

I close with a quotation from St. Gregory, "Faith has no merit where reason supplies the proof."

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## Big Calendar for February 2015

| Sunday                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                    | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                                                             | Saturday                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>1</b>                                                                                                                                    | <b>2</b> <i>Groundhog Day</i><br>Canandaigua, Shortsville<br>KT - Cyrene/Monroe,<br>Pittsford - Open Meeting<br>Lalla Rookh Grotto -<br>Board of Governors,<br>Shrine Center<br>OES - Etoleah Chapter<br>Shrine Lunch Club<br>Damascus Shrine Divan | <b>3</b> Clio, Hilton-School of Ritual<br>Garoga-Sincerity, Phelps<br>Nunda Station<br>OES - Fairport-Open Mtg<br>Starlight<br>Shrine Clowns Meeting,<br>Shrine Center     | <b>4</b> Drumlin Square, Palmyra-<br>Table Lodge<br>Olive Branch, LeRoy-SR<br>"On the Road"<br>Damascus Shrine                                                                                                   | <b>5</b> Eunice, Caledonia<br>Northfield, Pittsford<br>Webster, 3°                                                                                                                                           | <b>6</b><br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Webster Lodge<br/>Spaghetti Dinner<br/>5-7 p.m.<br/>\$8 adult; \$4 Child</div> | <b>7</b> "Rusty Nail Degree"<br>Webster Masonic Hall                                                                                                                 |
| <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                    | <b>9</b> ERAC - Shrine Center<br>Fairport-Flower City<br>Union Star, Honeoye Falls<br>Unity, Spencerport<br>Wakan-Hubbard, Penfield<br>Shrine Lunch Club                                                                                            | <b>10</b> Inspiration - Shrine Center<br>Seneca, Webster<br>OES - Mary Jane Holmes,<br>Brockport                                                                           | <b>11</b> Oatka, Scottsville<br>Masonic Service Bureau<br>Luncheon Board Meeting<br>Damascus Legion of<br>Honor, Shrine Center                                                                                   | <b>12</b> Fame - Shrine Center<br>Milnor, Shortsville<br>Union, Lima<br>Webster - Fellowcraft<br>RAM - Hiram Chapter<br>Lalla Rookh Caldron                                                                  | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                                          | <b>14</b> <i>Valentine's Day</i><br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Triangle, Pittsford<br/>Daughters of the Nile<br/>Meeting, Webster</div> |
| <b>15</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>16</b> <i>Presidents' Day</i><br>Canandaigua, Shortsville<br>KT - Cyrene/Monroe,<br>Pittsford<br>Fairport-Flower City<br>Unity, Spencerport<br>OES - Etoleah Chapter<br>Shrine Lunch Club<br>Auburn Shrine Club                                  | <b>17</b> Clio, Hilton-SR "Rite on<br>the Road"<br>Garoga-Sincerity, Phelps<br>Nunda Station<br>Canandaigua Shrine Club<br>OES - Nolatka<br>Starlight-Dinner & Open<br>Mtg | <b>18</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i><br>Ark, Phelps<br>Drumlin Square, Palmyra<br>RSM - Doric Council,<br>Pittsford<br>Masonic War Veterans<br>Birthday Party at<br>Canandaigua VA Hospital<br>Grotto - Dinner Meeting | <b>19</b> Northfield, Pittsford<br>Webster<br>Scottish Rite - Shrine<br>Center<br>Lalla Rookh Caldron<br>Executive Council                                                                                   | <b>20</b>                                                                                                                                          | <b>21</b> Sagoyewatha - Phelps<br>Monroe & Wayne Districts<br><i>Road to the East</i> - Pittsford                                                                    |
| <b>22</b><br>Clio Euchre Tournament,<br>Hilton<br><br>Daughters of the Nile<br>Music Festival, Genesee<br>Baptist Church, 149<br>Brooks Ave | <b>23</b> ERAC - Shrine Center, 2°<br>Fairport-Flower City<br>Unity, Spencerport<br>Union Star-Pittsford, 2°<br>Wakan-Hubbard, Penfield<br>Shrine Lunch Club<br>Geneva Lunch Club                                                                   | <b>24</b> Inspiration - Shrine<br>Center                                                                                                                                   | <b>25</b> Oatka, Scottsville<br>Tall Cedars of Lebanon<br>Damascus Directors Staff                                                                                                                               | <b>26</b> Fame - Shrine Center<br>Milnor, Shortsville<br>Union, Lima<br>RAM - Hiram Chapter<br>Perry Shrine Club<br>MON Masters & Wardens,<br>Shrine Center<br>WAYNE-Grand Lecturer's<br>Convention, Palmyra | <b>27</b>                                                                                                                                          | <b>28</b> Shrine Euchre Tournament,<br>Shrine Center<br>Scottish Rite Ladies Night<br>Triangle Meeting<br>Book Review-Northfield,<br>Pittsford                       |

## In Memoriam

### Allen, Robert D., Jr.

Robert Allen, Jr., 83, embraced those who walked before him in faith on December 18th. He is survived by 3 children, Brothers of Unity Lodge and Scottish Rite. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

### Clark, Felicia

Felicia "Bo" Clark, member of Nolatka Chapter, OES, passed away December 12th. Two children and 4 grandchildren will share her memory. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

### Davis, James M.

We have received word that James Davis passed away November 14th. Jim was a member of Olive Branch Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

### Hansen, Henry M.

On October 25th, Henry Hansen, 94, departed a lively life of accomplishments leaving his wife of 67 years, Dorothy; 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren to remember him. Henry was a U.S. Navy Veteran and member of Scottish Rite. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

### Harrison, Bruce A.

On December 21st, Bruce Harrison, 88, departed his Earthly family. His wife, Eleanor; 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren will cherish the significant accomplishments of his life. Bruce was a member of Inspiration Lodge. Remembrance is a golden chain that ties all the love and sorrows.

### Lesslie, Dennis C.

Dennis "Chipper" Lesslie, 67, laid down his Working Tools on December 23rd. His wife, Nancy; one daughter, and 2 grandchildren survive him. Dennis was a 46-year Scottish Rite Member. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

### Webster, Charles M.

On December 21st, the loving arms of the Lord embraced Charles Webster. His wife, Barbara; 4 children and 6 grandchildren will miss him. He was a member of Oatka Lodge. Though absent you are very near; still loved, still missed and very dear.



### Widows to be Remembered

**Doescher, Mary**, 84, widow of Reggie Doescher (Unity Lodge), passed away December 23rd.

**Gillette, Gladys**, 94, widow of Frank Gillette (Inspiration Lodge), passed away December 24th.

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