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Corning-Painted Post Lodge, Valley of Corning Receive Support from Masonic Service Bureau

By Frank Hamm

On January 18th, the water pipes in our Lodge Building froze and burst, flooding the ground floor. Much damage was caused by the two feet of water.

Brothers of the Corning-Painted Post Lodge No. 168 and our Lodge of Perfection worked hard to save and protect our properties. Through our insurance, we hired ServiceMaster for remediation. The lower level was stripped of walls, flooring and ceiling. Kitchen cabinets and damaged kitchen appliances were removed and baseboard heat covers detached.

We are planning no structural changes except a new Robe Room. (The robes have all been cleaned.) More and better insulation will be added before the walls go up, new flooring similar to what we had will be installed, along with a new suspended ceiling, lighting and new kitchen cabinets and appliances.

The Lodge insurance will cover most of the loss, but there are many extras. Donations will

be appreciated to purchase new items to replace those that are not covered by insurance or are just worn out.

A New Boiler

One major item we are considering is a new boiler. The present one is from the '50s and about 74% efficient.

How to Help

If you would like to make a donation toward the new boiler,

Make check payable to: Masonic Service Bureau and include on the Memo Line: "Corning Boiler Project"

Making the donation through the Bureau enables you to make a tax-deductible contribution because Masonic Service Bureau is a 501(c)(3) Tax-exempt organization. The Service Bureau will cash the check and, in turn, make payment to the vendor on behalf of the Valley of Corning.

Feel free to contact Frank Hamm at (607) 962-1677 or fhamm16@yahoo.com with any questions. □

And there was Masonic Light!

By William Edwards, 32°

On March 28th, over 100 Brothers and guests attended the 2015 College of Freemasonry held at Genesee Community College in Batavia. This was the sixth College of Freemasonry since 2006. The educational event is sponsored by the Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The program opened with event Chair, Bill Edwards acting as the Master of Ceremonies. After welcoming the attendees and recognizing the Masonic leadership present, he offered a few words about the theme for the program - The Transformative Power of Freemasonry.

Transformation is about change, but is not just any change such as decay. Decay is to rot or decline-in-value while transformation is to change by nature into something more significant. A valuable symbol for transformation is the rough ashlar becoming the perfect ashlar through effort and education.

Valley Commander-in-Chief, John Lemke, 32°, DSA, welcomed everyone to the event and discussed the importance of the theme and the impact of change on society.



Bill Edwards extends welcome.

challenging the Tavern Myth of Freemasonry. The myth being that early Freemasons were primarily concerned with social gatherings and there was no serious speculative work being done in the early Grand Lodge Era of the 18th Century.

He offered many compelling examples from historical documents including manuscripts and exposures to show that early Masons did indeed take the speculative work seriously. He encouraged that students of Freemasonry should research these early Masonic documents including Anderson's Constitutions to develop a better understanding of what the founding Masons intended as the purpose of our Craft.

The second speaker, Dr. Steven Bullock, was introduced by Illustrious Steven R. Whittaker, 33°. Professor Bullock explored the transformative power Freemasonry had on the American Revolutionary War and the formation of America. His presentation discussed Freemasonry in three time periods: The Pre-Revolutionary War, during the Revolutionary War and the time



Dr. Steven Bullock

period just after the War, with the formation of the United States.

Professor Bullock discussed George Washington and how Masonry helped create a feeling of Brotherhood among his Officers. He discussed such famous events as the Boston Tea Par-

ty, Washington and his troops crossing of the Delaware and the Masonic cornerstone laying for the United States Capitol.

During the Q&A, there was a discussion related to potential causes of the Anti-Masonic Movement. It was noted that we were meeting in Batavia, NY, and its relation to the Morgan affair.

After lunch, our next speaker, Shawn Eyer was introduced by Illustrious G. Michael Morris, 33°. Brother Eyer discussed the transformational aspects of the Craft. Drawing on his experience with the Masonic Restoration Foundation and his Traditional Observance Lodge, he provided examples from early Masonic documents to impress the importance of the speculative nature of our Craft. Freemasonry should be viewed as an initiatory experience and Lodges should strive to create that transformational environment during the Degree ceremonies.

An engaging discussion panel occurred with the speakers which also included Illustrious Thomas W. Jackson, 33°, who was present for the presentation of the Thomas W. Jackson Award for Masonic Education. Illustrious Brother Jackson was introduced by Illustrious Charles O. Hancock, 33°.

After a few words by Brother Jackson about the importance of the theme, the recipients of the Thomas Jackson Educational Award were announced. Illustrious Bruce Renner, 33°, was recognized for his significant contribution to Masonic Education through his Fraternal leadership in Masonic academic articles on things related to the esoteric streams of the Christian Mysteries.

Dr. Steven Bullock was recognized for his efforts in the study of American Freemasonry from the Colonial Era through the Revolution into the rise of the Jacksonian Democracy. Illustrious Thomas Jackson was also recognized for his contributions in the pursuit of Fraternal excellence and his loyalty to the principles of Freemasonry. He has presented the message of Freemasonry and transformed it into an international educational

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MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU AWARDS NIGHT, JUNE 18TH

Plan on joining the Board of Directors on Thursday, June 18th, as grants are presented to deserving charitable organi-

zations and some outstanding students in our area. Each year, depending upon the value of the financial portfolio, a sum of money is put aside for contributions to organizations who perform community service for underprivileged children, senior citizens, other hungry or needy persons, and the terminally ill.

This is the 30th consecutive year we awarded grants to students who will begin or continue their education at institutions of higher learning. Grants are presented based upon her or his character, volunteer activities, school participation and achievement awards received, as well as their ability to maintain a good grade point average.

Join us in the dining hall of the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster, at 7:00 p.m. for punch and cookies. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is usually over by 9 p.m. We hope you will come to see, hear and encourage these marvelous young people, as well as the representatives from some terrific community service groups as they speak of their efforts to help, aid and assist our area residents with the goal of improving the quality of their lives. □



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

The first speaker, Christopher Murphy, was introduced by Illustrious G. Michael Morris, 33°. Brother Murphy provided historical details from early Masonic records



Christopher Murphy

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Dated Material

Monroe District Masters-Elect, Masters and Past Masters!

Joint Investiture Service May 22nd at Fairport Masonic Hall

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

Damascus News see page 9

Rochester Forest No. 133



Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

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By Don Brugger, PDDSTC

The March meeting was productive, although poorly attended. There was discussion on our Membership effort and on Muscular Dystrophy Fundraising ideas. If you have any ideas about how to accomplish either of these goals, please contact Rob Russo or,

better yet, come to our next meeting and present them. If you plan on attending our next pre-meeting dinner at Hong Wah's, please let Rob Russo know by the Friday prior to the 4th Wednesday.

If you know of a Brother who would like to join Rochester Forest of Tall Cedars of Lebanon, let one of the Officers know and we can Initiate him, short-form, at our April meeting. (See ad in this issue of the **Masonic Times**.) All he will need is a Petition and Initiation Fee. If you require more information or a Petition, please contact one of the Officers

It was decided that the widows would be the guests of the Forest at our Holiday Party this year. It was also moved and passed that the Minutes of all future meetings be electroni-

cally mailed to the members. If you do not have a means of receiving electronic mail, or if you cannot receive email, and would like to get the Minutes by snail mail, please let us know.

Sickness and Distress

We were glad to see Ted Powley at the meeting. He is still under treatment for his thyroid cancer and was scheduled to start chemotherapy on March 30th.

Brother Dave Wilkinson had a short stay in the hospital in March, but is home now. He will be restricted to home for 2-3 months.

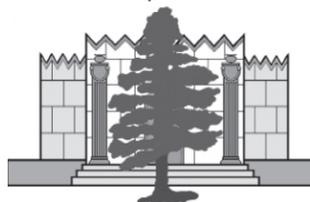
I developed a hernia and had repair surgery on April 13th.

Here is a reminder for the Annual Sausage Roast, which will be on **June 24th**.

Sickness and Distress

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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turned out to be a grand event, starting with Happy Hour, a Deluxe Dinner Buffet followed by a special music program performed by Karen Lazerson LaBella. Before we knew, it was 9 p.m. and we were still humming tunes as we left. A good time was had by all and the Grotto hopes to have more events with our Sisters.

Warmer weather is on the way, so don't forget the Golf Tournament. Get your registration now or use the one printed in the **Masonic Times**.

May Birthdays

Happy birthday to John Dudley, James Powell, Jay Riggs and Herb Spencer.

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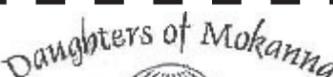
May 4th - Board of Governors Meeting, 7 p.m., Grotto Office

May 20th - Regular Meeting, Meat Loaf Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

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

June 17th - Brother Bring-a-Brother, Picnic Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

June 27th - Golf Tournament; Register at 9 a.m.



by train to New York City to attend the Supreme Visit of Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Elizabeth Lockwood-Tamsett, to Azim Caldron. Two nights there (and a couple days to do some shopping and sightseeing), we'll head home on Friday - just in time for our own Supreme Visit on Saturday! We are definitely looking forward to a memorable trip.

Prayers and Concerns

Daughter Barbara Jean Smith is recovering from several surgical procedures and she appreciates all the prayers, cards and support she has received. Have a speedy recovery so you're back with us soon.

Daughter Pat Dalykas' daughter is in our prayers for recovery from surgery. We'll be glad to have Pat available for meetings soon.

We are glad to have Gail Sanford back from her first "retirement" Winter Snowbird trip.

Upcoming Events

May 9th - Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Rehearsal

May 16th - Supreme Visit - 2 p.m.; Dinner - 5 p.m.

June 13th - Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

June 20th - Picnic, place TBD

July 27-28 - Spencerport Canal Days; Beverage Booth

August - (dates TBD) Trip to Toronto during Canadian National Exhibition (Aug 21-Sep 7)

September 18-21 - Supreme Council Sessions, San Antonio, TX

By Jan Porter, MCO

In March, the Lalla Rookh Grotto treated us to an awesome evening of camaraderie, spirits, food and entertainment. A most talented musician entertained us for an hour and a half before we realized we should call it a night. From a directory of over 600 songs, we just called out an oldie, which generated instant music and song. And, boy, did we sing! Thank you, Brother Prophets, for such a wonderful evening.

On the Road Again!

Spring has sprung and May is a month of high activity for Lalla Rookh Caldron! On May 13th, five members are headed

Monroe District Masters-Elect, Masters and Past Masters!

Joint Investiture Service

May 22nd at Fairport Masonic Hall

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**June 18
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What's Happening

Our District Deputy Grand High Priest, R.:E.: Rick Howe, and the 13th Capitular District AGL, V.:E.: Jamie Kaim, made their Official Visit to Hiram Chapter at our March 26th meeting. If you missed the meeting, you missed a very nice evening. Our Chapter was certified by the AGL as being able to open from memory, with some prompting. This was the second time we attempted to be certified and is the first time we succeeded.

Your High Priest would like to commend all the Officers, who were able to be present, on their knowledge of the opening Ritual. There are areas that need improvement and we will be working on those as the year progresses. Companion Kaim noted that the Grand High Priest would like to have all Chapters certified every year on both Opening and Closing and on one or more Degree conferrals.

Speaking of Degree conferrals, the Chapter conferred the Mark Master Mason and Past Master Degrees on several Candidates at our April 9th meeting. The Degree was coordinated by Companion Lance Daul. The cast for both Degrees did a very good job and we hope that the Candidates for the Degrees received new Light in Masonry from witnessing the Degrees. We will be planning when we will be conferring the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch Degrees. At this time we are looking to the Fall for the conferral.

You may have heard that the District Grand Lecturer's Convention was going to be in April. Well, that was canceled as the Grand Lecturer was informed that he could not attend for family reasons. We hope he had a great time with his family. The Convention will be rescheduled, but probably not until Fall. The Chapter will keep all informed of the Convention when it is scheduled and where it will take place. We suspect it will be held at Northfield Lodge, but that is not certain.

Our June meeting will be the Annual York Rite Picnic. This year we will be returning to King's Bend Park in Pittsford. The food will be a barbeque as we have had the last couple of years. The picnic attendees have enjoyed the barbeque and there are no leftovers at the end of the event. Everyone takes something home. There will be more information about this as we approach June, so keep in touch.

Degree Interpretation

You may remember from the Mark Master Mason Degree

that the time of day is mentioned in several places, but in a way that is foreign to modern timekeeping. The Degree talks about the first hour of the day, the sixth hour of the sixth day of the week and the eleventh hour. If you are using modern time keeping the first of the day is 1:00 a.m., but in the Degree this is not what is meant.

In Ancient Times, the ability to count hours depended on the sun and sun dials as there were no mechanical clocks. There was an early timekeeping system that divided daylight into 12 hours, so the first hour would be around sunrise and the twelfth hour would be at sunset. This is an interesting system of timekeeping as the hour had not a set length. In the Summer, an hour was longer than in the Winter, unless you were in the tropics, due to the seasonal variation in the amount of daylight.

With this time counting method, the sixth hour would be our Noon and the eleventh hour would be an hour before sunset. The Mark Master Mason Degree uses the time system from the Bible in the Book of Matthew, which is this twelve-hour daylight system. This is the only York Rite Degree that mentions specific hours of the day.

The only other Degree that mentions specific hours is the 3rd Degree and it uses designations of High-Twelve and Low-Twelve, which means there was some mechanical system of counting time, i.e., a clock. I am sure that when the two Degrees were developed, no one really thought of the differences in the method of counting time. If you have paid attention to the Degree, you may have noticed the difference, but few people would know how to reconcile the difference as today we universally use one method of counting time. Next month I might talk about a clock that uses several time-counting methods, including 12 hours of daylight. □

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Due to the passing and subsequent Masonic Service of Companion Ruel Lovett, the presentation of the Royal Master Degree was postponed until April 29th, so we could all pay our respects to our fallen Companion.

Our work for our May meeting will be the Annual Elections. Also, conferral of the Select Master Degree will be discussed and announced at that time.

Don't forget about the York Rite Picnic and Scholarship awards in June.

Nuggets of Wisdom from the Cryptic Website

Over the last two years, as

High Priest of Hiram Chapter and Illustrious Master of Doric Council, I have shared with you some Masonic insight as it pertains to Symbolic Masonry and its relationship with York Rite Masonry. I've also encouraged all to use the Grand Chapter and Council Websites. I hope you have taken an opportunity to check them out.

This will (I assume) be my last article, as I will soon be passing the torch to the next Illustrious Master.

I hope you all have gained some insights and that the flame for further Light has been fanned so you will use the Livingston Library and other venues to acquire more knowledge on this subject.

I have not delved into the subject of Knights Templar as I know my Ill.: Charles Hancock has been handling the subject in great depth. It has been my privilege to serve and I wish all my best to the next Illustrious Master of Doric Council. □

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Meeting Schedule

May 18th - Installation of New Commandery Officers

May 23rd - Re-dedication of the Knights Templar Building on the Utica Campus of the Masonic Care Community.

August 15th - Triennial of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA, 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. Keep tuned.

Continuing our review of our history this month, we will use both *The History of Masonry in Monroe County 1810 to 1970*, by R.:W.: Herman A. Sarachan, 33°, and *History of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar in the State of New York, 1814 to 2013 Volume 1*, by SK Ronald L. Brown, PGS, KCT Grand Historian.

Indian Chief

Civil War General (Brevet) Do-Ne-Ho-Ga-Wa (Ely S. Parker)

In 1847, Ely Parker was Raised in Batavia Lodge No 88. Later he Affiliated with Valley Lodge No. 109 of Rochester. He Dimitted from Batavia on September 6, 1858, to become one of the Founders and First Master of Miner's Lodge No. 273, Galena, Illinois, serving from 1858 until 1860.

In 1862 he Dimitted from the Galena Lodge to become First Master of Akron Lodge No 527, Akron, New York, under Warrant dated June 3, 1863. His Lodge membership remained here until his death in 1895. His portrait hangs in the Lodge room today.

Parker was exalted in Hamilton Chapter No. 62, RAM, Rochester, NY, on March 6, 1851. His Petition for the Orders of Knighthood was received by Monroe Commandery No 12, Knights Templar, in Rochester on April 8, 1853, and he received the orders on April 2nd of that year.

During the Civil War, Parker was appointed an Army Captain and served as Division Engineer with 7th Division, 17th Army Corps, until September 18, 1863, when he joined Grant at Vicksburg. Parker was promoted to the rank of Colonel and several commands under Grant. On August 30, 1864, Parker was



Ely Parker (left), U.S. Grant (center) with other Staff Officers.

appointed Military Secretary under General Grant. Parker shared many a table with General Grant and President Lincoln during the course of the war.

In 1865, Grant and his Generals cornered General Lee near Appomattox, Virginia. Lee, finding himself at the end of his road, met with Grant and his staff in the McLean farmhouse where Parker drew up the Articles of Capitulation, which Lee signed, ending the Civil War.



Parker is 3rd from left.

In 1868, Parker worked for Grant while he campaigned for the Presidency. After General Grant was elected President of the United States, his first appointment was that of General Parker to the Office of Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Under Parker's administration, the Indian Wars ceased.

On June 15, 1893, Ely was stricken with paralysis while at his desk where he worked at the New York Police Headquarters as an architect. The Police Commissioner, at the time, was another Mason named Theodore Roosevelt. Parker died August 30, 1895, and is buried in the shadow of his uncle, Red Jacket, in Buffalo, New York. Ely S. Parker was a devoted Indian, American and Mason. □



Parker's Burial, Buffalo, NY

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

JUNE

- 5 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner
- 14 Damascus Shrine Legion of Honor
Flag Retirement Ceremony, Shrine Center, 2 p.m.
- 17 Lalla Rookh Grotto Brother Bring-a-Brother Picnic
- 19 Festival on the Green, Honeoye Falls
- 24 Shriners Hospitals Charity Fishing Event, Point Breeze, NY, 6:30 a.m.
- 27 Grotto Golf Tournament, Old Hickory Golf Course, Livonia
- 27 Scottish Rite Family Day at Seabreeze Park

5, 12, 19, 26 - Shrine Cruz Nights

JULY

25 Scottish Rite Clambake/Steak Roast

10, 17, 24, 31 - Shrine Cruz Nights

AUGUST

15 Livingston District Golf Tournament, Conesus Golf Club

15 Triennial of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA, Buffalo

16 O/S/Y District Charities Golf Tournament, Reservoir Creek Golf Course, Naples

7, 14, 21, 28 - Shrine Cruz Nights



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A Happy Spring to you all. Even though the temperature has been near freezing, our Lodge is warm with all of the activity of recent months; allow me to fill you in.

Recent Activities

We had a great Brother Bring-a-Friend evening which garnered us one Petition for membership. The evening was informational, as always, but had a special twist at the end. Mike Brown and Larry McCombs offered a craft-brew taste-testing after the educational portion of the evening. Along with the different varieties they added their own information about the samples and gave their own opinions of the quality of the different beers. Thanks for a great evening.

We participated in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign again at the Marketplace Mall. Livingston District was well-represented that week and Eunice joined in to staff the table. A good turnout by the Brothers and a spouse; had great end result as the District helped the Ronald McDonald Houses again.

Our Sweetheart Dinner, organized by Derek Howlett, was well-attended again. We met for cocktails and dinner at Yianni's in Gates. We had some great times and even had one of the wives connect with a schoolmate whom she hadn't seen in years! Always a great opportunity for Brothers and their wives to meet with each other in a casual setting and have some great fellowship!

We have received the confirmation from the IRS that will allow us to begin to pursue our fundraiser through the website Shop.com (thank you John Gallant for your hard work on this). Hopefully, we will be presenting it to the District by the end of Spring and making it a full-time fundraiser by September.

Our St. Patrick's Dinner with Olive Branch was a success. We

sold over 100 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinners to Brothers and residents of both communities at the LeRoy Masonic Community Center. Many were on hand to work and make it an easier job! Thanks to Neil Bedford and Bill McPherson of Olive Branch who brought us into this endeavor and allowed us to raise some extra funds for the Lodge.

The Behavioral Health Unit at Strong needed our help since it receives very little help from the hospital, and Brothers responded in more ways than I anticipated. We were able to raise more than \$400 for them to purchase needed items to help the kids who are in the Unit. Added to the donations of money, we also collected donations of computers, monitors, games and clothing.

Thanks to the Masonic Charities of the O/S/Y District as well as Marion, Nunda Station, Triluminar and Oakland Lodges. Also, many thanks to the individuals who donated: John Gallant, Ed Hopkins, Jared Ransom, John and Miranda Hameister, Mike and Casey Brown and Mike Miller. The Staff at the Unit were very appreciative and actually posed for a picture with us. We anticipate making this an annual fundraiser for them and we couldn't have made a healthy start without all of you; thank you from the Unit and from myself!

My thanks to Dick Trescott for organizing the Livingston District Ladies Night at Conesus Golf Club and to Floyd Manley for organizing the transportation of our widows to the event!

Mark Your Calendar

May 17th - Don't forget the Communion Breakfast in Mount Morris. If you are planning to attend, please contact David Howlett, who has the tickets.

Summer Fundraiser

Each member also has the Lottery Fundraiser tickets for the Temple Club for the Summer. Contact John Gallant if you did not receive your tickets or want to purchase any tickets.

August 15th - Annual Golf Tournament at the Conesus Golf Club.

Saturday, June 6th - We will be meeting at 10 a.m. to canvass the community for donations; come and join us. We will be going to lunch afterwards for a bit of fellowship and good food!

I sincerely hope you have a great Spring and hope to see you along the way!

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Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



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On May 5th, Officers will move up a Chair in anticipation of assuming their new roles following the Election of Officers on May 19th. The Lodge will be hosting the District Investiture Service during the last week of May.

Brothers are reminded of the District Memorial Service to be held on May 17th at 3 p.m. at the Interlaken Reformed Church; 8315 Main Street, Interlaken. The Lodge will be remembering the passing of Brother Charles Romeiser, who died during 2014. Your presence would be greatly appreciated at this commemoration.

Mark Your Calendar

June 16th - Our Annual Steak Roast. Presentations of Service Pins and Certificates will be made at that time.

August 16th - O/S/Y Charities have scheduled the 22nd Annual Golf Tournament at

Reservoir Creek Golf Course in Naples. Donations for Hole Sponsors and door prizes are encouraged. Door prizes could include merchandise, gift certificates, discount coupons, etc. Information will be available in the near future.

May Birthdays

Happy May Birthdays to Brothers David Retchless and Benjamin Wheat (5th); Stephen Durso, Jr., Michael Patrick and Greg White (9th); John Davis (10th); Ralph Adams (18th); William Smith (22nd); Glen Webster (27th) and Donald Sabin (30th).

Masonic Anniversaries

These Brothers were Raised in May:

1954

1956

1961

1962

1962

1970

1973

1975

1977

1980

1981

1986

1993

1998

2006

Congratulations and best wishes to these Brothers.

Ralph Adams

Kenneth Pedersen

Donald Tiffany

F. Lee Walters

Glen Webster

Robert Kloepfel

Ranse Brooks

Richard Kauder

Thomas Hudson

Bobby Dorgan

Bruce Andrews

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District and Lodge Officers will be ending the Masonic Year at the Convention of Grand Lodge in New York City.

Lodge Committees will be seeking Candidates for Elective Offices for the 2015-2016 Masonic Year. Elections will be held and new faces and some old faces will be preparing for their Installation in June. Out with the old and in with the new!

Many of us will be breathing a sigh of relief while others will be wondering if we are up to the coming year ahead. I thank those who are leaving and congratulate (and offer my help and the help of the entire Wayne District Staff) to all who have stepped up to do this worthwhile labor. "Labor in the Quarries," as our Grand Master likes to say.

While our labors this coming year must be directed towards increasing our membership and keeping those Brothers we currently have, we must also re-

member all those small and not-so-small obligations we have ...

- Masonic Education via the Courses provided by our District Staff Officer

- Masonic Education within the Lodge

- Individual Masonic Education via the Livingston Library Reading Program

- Supporting our Facilities in Utica, Camp Turk and the Brotherhood Fund.

- Reaching out to our Brothers who are ill or need a ride to Lodge and perhaps to an appointment.

- Reaching out to make the Community-at-large know of our existence and purpose

- Support our Youth via Scouting, Little League, Safety ID

- Volunteering our help to Community Projects or Scholarships.

The list is almost endless. We have a lot on our plates. Above all, my Brothers, we must support each other!

While the Master of each Lodge wears the Hat of Authority within the Lodge, he cannot successfully manage the Lodge without the full support of the Members. The Master was elected to manage and care for the Lodge by its Membership and it is the responsibility of the Membership to help him succeed.

The Grand Master's concept of "Team" is true as it applies to

our Lodges ...

- The Secretary and Treasurer work as a team to care for the administration and financial business of the Lodge.

- The Wardens care for the Programs of the Lodge and stand ready to assist the Master.

- The Deacons stand ready to answer alarms, protect from intruders and welcome guests.

- Masters of Ceremony and the Marshal prepare Candidates and assist in Ritual.

- Let's not forget the Sentinel who keeps us all under his protection.

A bunch of small teams who work together in Support of the Team Leader. Let's all work together as teams to support what we love - MASONRY. Your support is needed by the Brotherhood Fund and the Masonic Care Community.

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays



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Due to damage we suffered from a roof drain leak, our kitchen will start a complete remodeling. This leak caused major water damage to the kitchen wall, ceiling and floor. We will be having the ceiling and north wall of our kitchen removed and completely replaced. The kitchen cabinets, counter, faucet and sinks are going to be replaced during this remodeling. It is amazing what water damage can do to a facility and how much insurance can help with replacement.

At the same time this remodeling is going on in the kitchen, the Lodge is also having our front doors replaced. Even though these doors still look very good from a distance, they are becoming more and more important to be replaced. Due to shrinkage of the wood and constant use they have endured, they leak a lot of cold air through the gaps. The glass portions in these doors have shifted and are becoming dangerously close to falling out. There has been discussion and quotes for several years about having our front doors replaced.

All this construction at our Lodge is due to the hard work of one Mason and his wife, Richard and Linda Brewer! They have spent the last several months babysitting the kitchen at our Lodge. They have spent hours of mopping and cleaning the kitchen to keep the Lodge clean and dry until we could get good enough weather for these repairs to take place. These have not been just daily trips to the Lodge, but also multiple trips on the same day due to frustration of what to do and why can't I just stop all of these leaks. Well Richard, thanks to you and your wife and all of the hard work



Personnel from Strong Hospital Behavioral Health Unit with donations from Eunice Lodge

you both have contributed during these past several months, our kitchen is being remodeled and the front doors are going to be replaced. If you want to see some amazing changes to your Lodge, come to our Lodge meetings in the month of May.

On **May 6th**, we will be having a Move-up Night for our Brothers to rehearse for their new positions in Lodge next year.

May 20th - Election of Officers.

June 3rd - Installation of Officers. We will be having dinner in our newly refurbished kitchen area, hosted by Tri-Star Eastern Star Chapter at 6:45 p.m., with Installation to follow. Come and meet your new Officers for the ensuing year.

Please remember the Masonic Care Community and our Brotherhood Fund. □

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By R.:W.: Roy Moses

Update for the year 2014-15

The Monroe District is in good shape. The Ritual is very good, but still not GREAT. I feel that desire of the Lodges to do good work and the need to know why we do the Ritual is very important to them. This is half the battle ... with second half to do the precision of the work that is demanded of us. With practice this will come. A few Lodges are doing excellent work; some are doing OK and getting better; a couple of Lodges need more desire to do the good work that can be done.

The Schools of Ritual are complete. I have heard nothing but good reviews on taking the School to the Lodges and how much they liked us being there. It was enjoyable to do the Schools in each Lodge because we were dealing with the players who do the work and don't normally get to a District-wide School. It was also good to put newer Brothers to work in the Ritual. They really like getting involved and all said they got more of what the Degrees really are out of the School.

The Edict Degrees, as of this writing, are almost complete. Four Lodges have yet to comply with the Edict. Two are scheduled and we have yet to hear from two. By the time this paper is delivered I hope to have them all done.

The year is coming to a close. All that is left is the Election of Officers, the Investiture Service and the Installation of Officers.

**Joint Investiture Service
May 22nd, 2015**

A reminder to all present sitting Masters and the newly to-be-elected Masters of the District Investiture Service ... We would like all Lodges represented at this event. This meeting is only for Past Masters, sitting Masters and Masters-elect. It will be held on Friday, May 22nd, at the Fairport Masonic Hall, 87 South Main Street.

There will be a Dinner - Prime Rib, I believe - beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Service at 7:30 p.m. Brother Secretaries, please take reservations for your Lodge and call me - 346-2117 - with the count. Remember a reservation made is a reservation paid. I'm sorry, but as I submit this column I do not know the price of the meal.

This is my last writing this year and I thank all the Lodges for the warm welcome V.:W.: Joe Lewis and I received. It was a pleasure working with you and we are looking forward to seeing you next year, which starts May 1st. □

**Monroe District
Masters
and
Wardens
Association**

Fellow Masters and Wardens, I'd like to ask going forward that, if you can't make a meeting, you delegate another member of the Lodge to attend so we can have representation of all Lodges at the meeting.

March Meeting

Our March meeting again saw very good turnout with seven Lodges represented. I have been really encouraged by the turnout at the meetings this year. As the year has progressed we've had more and more Officers attending. I think the ideas being discussed are great and I really appreciate the effort Brothers are putting out. Thank you.

May Meeting

Our May meeting will take place on the 4th Thursday, May 28th, 6:30 p.m. in the Grotto Room at the Shrine Center. We will be going over what was discussed at Grand Lodge as well as planning for next year.

June Meeting

Our June meeting will be Election for next year's Officers, so plan on being there.

Masonic Education

Masonic Education is so important to keep our Fraternity thriving. R.:W.: Steve Michener will be holding the *Masonic Development Course* May 9th and 16th. Please let your Lodges know about this program and help our new Brothers receive "Further Light in Masonry." □

**MONROE DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT**

By Bruce Katz

Part of the purpose for this column is to start conversations in Lodges and at collations about the personal development of each of us and for our Fraternity.

Engaging in dialogue, for the purpose of determining action, will elevate the value of Masonry to each of us and build our future for ourselves, our families, our Lodges and our Brothers.

In the 1950s and '60s, Kodak and many other local companies sponsored leagues in our community. These leagues served to build a sense of community for members of these organizations. A 1973 *Democrat and Chronicle* article claimed that Rochester had more bowlers per capita than any other city in America. As times changed, and the transition to the suburbs and other factors changed the sense of "community" across America.

The pendulum swing is not new. In the early 1900s, due to the turmoil of the rapid growth of industrialization, urbanization and immigration, America's sense of community was at a low point. To re-establish and affirm social connections, public response to this included the growth of organizations such as the Red Cross, Boy Scouts and Freemasons.

"Social Capital" is sociology's term for "the expected collective or economic benefit derived from the preferential treatment and cooperation between individuals and groups." "Regardless of technical skill, no single stonemason could alone construct a cathedral. When members of an organization or community work together, the possibilities are near-limitless. Recall the charges from the 1st Degree.

Bowling Alone by Robert Putnam studies Social Capital and its swings. This book, from 15 years ago, continues to offer insight on the benefits of building social capital in our communities and organizations. Civic engagement, formal and informal social connections, trust and inter-generational relationships will determine the future of our organizations and our communities.

Our Lodges are a microcosm of the communities in which we live. Our active participation makes us better men, which is, of course, what we came here to do. Engaged people provide more support to their communities and gain happiness and health benefits for themselves.

What are we doing to build social capital in our Lodges? □

Monroe District

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It's been an eventful month, personally, and I have discovered how important Fraternal support is when needed. Thank you to all Brothers and friends who have sent cards with wishes of good health and encouragement, visited me in the hospital, called to check on my well-being and were there for all-around conversation and advice.

I am currently lying low to recuperate from some health issues and will soon re-group my activity schedule.

The District is running on "cruise" at the moment as Lodges complete Degree work, have some of their year-end activities and prepare to attend Grand Lodge Sessions in New York. We are looking forward to the wrap-up of the Masonic Year and expect the new Officers of all Lodges are enthusiastically engaging in their plans.

Again, thank you for your thoughts and prayers. I'll be seeing you around the District. □

Grand Steward

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To the Newly Raised Brothers

This column is especially for all the Brothers who have just been Raised. Welcome to the Craft of Freemasonry. You have begun a journey which will, hopefully, be one of the most important events of your life. Hopefully, your Lodge has provided you with an approachable and knowledgeable Mentor who has helped you along the way and who will continue to mentor you for at least your first full year in the Craft. While you are now a full-fledged Master Mason with all the rights and privileges, there is still much more to learn. There is a lifetime of learning ahead if you want to pursue it. Remember, like anything, the more you put into your practice of Freemasonry,

the more you will get out of it!

At this point you may be thinking of your Lodge as just a social club, where you have dinners, go into the meeting and do a little business and then maybe have a couple of drinks and go home. Let me assure you, there is a whole lot more to all of this, than a social club.

Freemasonry is subtle in the ways that it imparts its wisdom. Those Degrees you just experienced can be interpreted on many different levels and their layers of meaning will take some time to reveal themselves. Some people read Herman Melville's classic *Moby Dick* and think that it's just an adventure story about whale hunting. If that was all there was to it, literary scholars wouldn't spend their entire lives studying just that one book. It's literature in the fullest sense of the word and so is the Ritual of Freemasonry. Seeing a Degree a couple of times just begins to scratch the surface.

Once the surface gets scratched, you may begin to have questions about Freemasonry that you haven't yet conceptualized, let alone formulated. That's okay, and that's what makes Freemasonry fun. Granted, it's a peculiar kind of fun, but fun nonetheless. Stick with it and enjoy the journey.

Masonic Development Course

To get you started as you dig a little deeper, we have the *Masonic Development Course*, which will help you formulate the questions you may not yet realize you have. The class will be fun and informative! It will be casual and discussion oriented.

The class will take place on two Saturdays (May 9th and May 16th) beginning at 9 a.m. at Northfield Masonic Lodge Hall in Pittsford. On the 9th we will be done by 1 p.m. and on the 16th we should conclude at about 11 a.m. It's a great opportunity to meet other Brothers who may have been recently Raised and to gain some insights about the Degrees. Cost of the class is \$20 to cover food, Certificate and Pin. If you are interested in coming please contact me at:

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Master and Wardens were piped into and exit from Wakan Hubbard's successful Table Lodge in March, enjoyed by all attending



By John Zabel

Spring has finally sprung and flowers are starting to bloom as this is written. Hurray!

Our last article mentioned the Table Lodge we held in March. We had a good attendance and a great time. Brother Allen Heidrick supplied an excellent meal and we had a good time with the ceremony of the evening – punctuated by having the Master and Wardens piped into and out of the meeting by Brother Thompson Chew. Brother Chew is a great piper and did an excellent job.

R.: W.: John Zabel presented one of our new Brothers with a Masonic Firing Glass that belonged to his father. It was mentioned that he could possibly obtain similar glasses for Brothers who would be interested in one. The glasses usually come from England where they are used at Lodge Festive Boards on a frequent basis.

March ended with several of our Brothers attending the Scottish Rite College of Freemasonry at the Genesee Community College in Batavia.

There were three excellent speakers on the topic "The Transformative Power of Freemasonry." It was a great day and the Brothers who attended had an enjoyable time. Even the weather cooperated by turning sunny, but not too warm. The program is one way our Brethren can improve their knowledge of Freemasonry, which we all should be doing.

We are coming to the close of the Masonic Year with Election and Installation of new Lodge Officers, the report on the Grand Lodge Session in New York and setting plans for the coming year.

Mark Your Calendar

May 11th - Election of Officers. You should have received the Summons for the meeting, either by email or letter. We hope that, if you are able, you will attend to help select the



new leaders of the Lodge and get an idea of the programs for the coming year.

In retrospect, the Lodge conferred the 3rd Degree on several Brothers at our last meeting in April. Our Degree Director, W.: Nathan Shoff, did a great job of getting the cast members properly rehearsed for the Degree. Additionally, the mentors for our new Master Masons worked hard to assure that they were proficient and ready to receive the Degree.

Masonic Development Course

We are recommending that our new Brothers attend the *Masonic Development Course* being offered by R.: W.: Steve Michener at Pittsford Masonic Hall on **May 9th** and **16th**. We also recommend this Course for all our Brothers who have not taken it. The Course has a lot of interaction as the participants discuss their own experiences and interpretation of the Ritual of the three Degrees.

Space For Rent

You may have noticed that there is a "For Rent" sign on our building. The insurance agent sold his practice and the new owners did not want to take the space. Therefore, we are looking for a new tenant. Of course, this will give us time to clean and upgrade the space for whoever is the next renter. Stay tuned for information about possible cleanup crew needs, etc. Our Building Committee will be looking at what needs to be done and will be asking for assistance where needed.

If you know of a business that could use the space, contact them and direct them to the company listed on the rental sign.

As a final note, we no longer have a meeting on the 4th Monday of May as that day is now the Observed Memorial Day. Enjoy the Memorial Day weekend with your friends, Brethren and family and get yourself prepared for a wonderful Summer in the Finger Lakes Region of New York. □

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If all went well, we have three new Master Masons. I asked them what they thought so far and they are amazed at the richness of the history, the thoroughness of the back story and last, but far from least, the time and effort of the other Masons. That is one of the major aspects that makes this a Brotherhood and different than any other organization or club.

The hours spent at home and the hours spent together rehearsing, create a greater understanding. Presenting the lectures orally creates an awe and wonder in the new Brothers. They appreciate that someone they do not know well - or at all - would give them their time and wisdom. While our Brothers do not give the lectures FOR the appreciation, it's just as important to know that they are not in vain.

May Events

May 11th - Summoned Communication - Elections and Installation at 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

May 25th - Fellowcraft Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

June Events

June 8th - Regular Communications - Awards Night & Sport Shirt Night, 7:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

June 19-21 - Festival on the Green, Honeoye Falls - Setup, Food Stand, Child ID and Cleanup

June 22nd - Fellowcraft Steak Roast.

Although this is not a year for electing a new Grand Master, I am excited to visit Grand Lodge. I am looking forward to seeing the ornateness and splendor of the Lodges that meet there. I also hope to find some interesting information or factoids in the archive about our history ... either for our Lodge or Masons, in general.

I leave you with some words of a fellow Mason ...

"Boys, be ambitious. Be ambitious not for money, not for selfish aggrandizement, not for the evanescent thing which men call fame. Be ambitious for the attainment of all that a man can be."

Brother William Clark

By W.: Frank Habitzreuther

Union Star Lodge visited our Brothers at Millennium Lodge. We presented a Fellowcraft shirt and hat to R.: W.: Brian Singer, who was very instrumental in assisting Union Star in obtaining a deep fryer and cutter for our Curly-Q endeavor.

Millennium has donated to our Charity Fund; in turn, Union Star has helped staff their Curly-Q Stand at the Erie County Fair. □

It must be May. Grand Lodge is about to open in New York City and the Lodge will be properly represented.

April went well. W.: Stephan Michener, Grand Steward, presented an excellent Powerpoint Program on Mozart and his "Magic Flute." The program may not make you an opera fan; it will definitely give you the Masonic background of the composer and his music. You will take pride in having a Fraternal connection with a most-talented human being.

The 3rd Degree was conferred on one new Master Mason.

Summoned Meeting

There is only one Stated Meeting in May. The Annual Communication will be May 11th. A report of Grand Lodge will be made. The new Officers of the Lodge will be elected and appointed.

As our second meeting of the month falls on Observed Memorial Day, there will be no meeting as per our By-Laws.

As our current routine for the year, there will be an Officers' Meeting on the 1st Monday and Committee Meetings on the 3rd Monday.

If you know of anyone in sickness and distress, please contact the Master or Secretary. Nothing to report at this time.

May Birthdays

The following Brothers are having birthdays during May: Reed Paterson (1st), John Leonard (3rd), David Green and John Harris (6th), Kenneth Richards and Eric Schillinger (8th), Bruce Budd (9th), Alan Weiberg (11th), Peter Hastings (13th), Carl Dattel and Randy Darling (16th), Craig Carey (17th), Jonathan Kirwan (19th), Michael Flanagan (25th), Kermit Moyer (28th) and Clinton Emery (29th). We wish for you a special day and a happy, healthy year ahead.

While most Officers wish for greater participation by our members, we know you have family, work and community responsibilities. You did not join a closed society, but did join to re-enforce your desire for a more fulfilled life as a man. The world needs those Masonic values.

To be totally aware of opportunities in our area, please read all of the interesting articles in the **Masonic Times**. If you cannot join us, find another Lodge that meets at a time more convenient to your schedule. See you around the Altar. □

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

May 2015

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9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org



KEVIN FARO

CHIEF RABBAN



By Kevin "Skins" Faro, Chief Rabban

It looks like Spring has finally sprung and so has Damascus! Our enthusiasm and excitement has reached a new high we haven't seen in quite a while. Attendance is up at everything Damascus is doing (meetings, events, programs, etc.)

Recent Happenings

Our Sportsman's Raffle was one of the most successful we have had to date. The house was packed with standing room only. There were volunteers standing in line to help out. It reminded me of the old circus days - everyone working together, smiles on the faces, great fellowship and a feeling of belonging to a great cause and organization.

I thank Jim Ryan and his Committee for a great job pulling this off in just over two months. Also, thanks to all the volunteers who showed up (way too many to list). Everyone had an outstanding time ... Shriners, volunteers, guests and sportsmen alike. Jim and his committee are already gearing up for our October Sportsman's Raffle. Tickets will be available very soon.

The Noble Bring-a-Brother Program was very well done by Past Potentate, Rich Friedman, and well attended. From

this program we expect another great class of new Nobles and a few new Masons. Please reach out to the new Nobles when you see them and welcome them into our fold. Talk with them about your Club and Unit; encourage them and their Ladies to get involved. We have a lot to offer.

Cruz Nights

May 8th - Cruz Nights kick off with a new committee leader, PP Bruce Chilton, to help Norris Shapiro. You will see some changes on how they do things to streamline the night and make things a little better and more fun for all involved. The Cruz Committee also secured the Shrine Hospital Display Trailer from Tampa for the season to get our message out for both Cruz Nights and Parades.

DAMASCUS IS BACK!!!

Come on out and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Except for a few Tiled Meetings, Ladies are always welcome and encouraged to attend all events and meetings. We are currently exploring the idea of baby-sitting service for our younger Nobles so they, too, can come out and enjoy more that Damascus has to offer. Your input is always welcomed and encouraged. □

WAYNE M'CROSSEN

POTENTATE



I think Winter is finally behind us and what a long Winter it was! With Spring upon us and the weather getting nicer, we have some exciting events planned for the year.

We just ended our Lenten Fish Frys and everyone - from the Crew who cooked, to the bar and repeat customers - made comments on how this was the best one yet. Thank you to the folks who worked the Fish Frys.

At our April meeting, we enjoyed listening to two Representatives from Shriners Hospital for Children®-Springfield. Lee Kirk, Administrator and Karen Motyka, from Donor Relations, gave a wonderful and informative presentation on what the Hospital is all about and the many great things they do for the children.

The Springfield Hospital is known for its dedication and delivering the highest quality of care to children with a host of orthopedic and neuromuscular disorders and diseases.

Cruz Nights

Moving forward, we have our Friday Cruz Nights starting May 8th and run-

ning until September 11th. This year you will see some changes - we have welcomed PP Bruce Chilton to the Team to work closely with Norris Shapiro and the rest of the Cruz Night Team.

Thank you, Bruce, for stepping up and bringing some of your great, well-thought-out ideas to the event. With Bruce in charge of the finances, parking, raffles and bar; and Norris in charge of the food services, grills and Kitchen Team, I see us being not only the biggest, but the best sought-after Cruz Night event out there. I know Norris will keep the buns moving. Everyone is looking forward to a fun and rewarding Cruz Night Season.

Bus Trip to Springfield - Postponed

The bus trip to Springfield has been postponed. My thanks to PP Lance Ward for organizing this trip which will be sometime this Fall. Watch for details as they become available.

Once again, a big THANK YOU to all Nobles, their Ladies and families for all the support and dedication to the Shrine Center and the Hospitals. □

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By Tim Driscoll, Colonel of the Units

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This term is used by the Potentate to request all Clubs and Units to participate in the parades to the best of their ability. Marching or sitting ... if your legs are not as young as you are, we have fire trucks on which you may be able to ride and join the parade (unless inclement weather keeps them from appearing)!

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, May 9th - Lilac Festival Parade

Thursday, July 16th - Webster Firemen's Parade

Saturday, July 18th - Lyons Parade (Mini-cars and Fire Trucks will be there)

The details for all the parades will be sent out by "constant contact" as they become available. For any questions/information on meeting times and expectations, please contact: Tim Driscoll, Colonel of the Units

Email: timdr53@hotmail.com or Phone: (585) 732-2321



DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2015 MAY

- 6th Tiled Meeting, Social - 5 p.m., Dinner - 6 p.m., Meeting - 7 p.m. Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Italian Meatballs, Pork Cutlet Marsala, Baked Potato, Red Pasta, Veggies, Salad
- 13th Legion of Honor Meeting & Dinner
- 27th Directors Staff Meeting & Dinner
- 30th Euchre Tournament

JUNE

- 3rd Tiled Meeting, Social - 5 p.m., Dinner - 6 p.m., Meeting - 7 p.m. Menu: Chef-Carved Top Round of Beef, Meatballs, Tenderloin Tips w/Mushrooms, Baked Potato, Red Pasta, Veggies, Salad
- 14th Flag Retirement Ceremony, 2 p.m.
- 24th Shriners Hospital for Children® Charity Fishing Event
- 27th Blues, Brews & Bar-B-Que, Open to the Public

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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Daughters of the Nile Zama Temple No. 14

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

Rhonda R. Shaffer, Queen

Written by Ellie Canfield

On March 21st, Zama Temple, Daughters of the Nile, held their 93rd Annual Installation of Officers, at Webster Masonic Hall. Installation Officers were: Supreme Installing Officer, Betty Nohle; Installing Marshal, Carol Colegrove; Installing Chaplain, Robin Locke; Installing Attendants, Violet Ball and Ellie Canfield.

2015 Elected Officers

| | |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Queen | Rhonda R. Shaffer |
| Jr. Past Queen | Barbara Jean Smith |
| Pr. Royal | Jaime Henderson |
| Pr. Tirzah | Diane Muck |
| Pr. Badoura | Rosamund Hornung |
| Pr. Recorder | Lori Gilley |
| Pr. Banker | Diane Romanyshyn |

2015 Appointed Officers

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Pr. Marshal | Ellie Canfield |
| Pr. Chaplain | Sula Baxter |
| Lady of the Keys | Lutgarda Houston |
| Lady of the Gates | Judy VanHouten |
| Pr. Nydia | Robin Locke |
| Pr. Zulieka | Nancy Lynch |
| Pr. Zenobia | Jean Gardner |
| Pr. Zora | Angela Pate |
| Pr. Zuliema | Delores Curtis |
| Pr. Musician | Debi Burke |
| Attendants | Karin Staples Gail Sanford |

The Gong was sounded by Debi Burke; musical prelude by organist, Beverly Murray; entrance of the Bible by Pr. Jaime Henderson; entrance of Crown by Diane Muck; entrance of Reigning Queen, Barbara Jean Smith, by Pr. Marshal, Ellie Canfield.

Queen Barbara Jean made all formal introductions, followed by the Flag Ceremonies. Queen Barbara Jean gave her welcoming address, which was followed by the Installation.

Entrance of Queen-Elect and Officers for 2015. A prayer was given by Robin Locke; the Obligation was given by Betty Nohle. We then had the Installation of Rhonda R. Shaffer as Queen of Zama Temple. Queen Rhonda looked stunning; she was presented flowers by Doug Locke. We then proceeded with Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers.

Queen Rhonda was escorted by Ellie Canfield, Pr. Marshal, to the Altar for signing of the Bible. Queen Rhonda introduced the Junior Past Queen, Barbara Jean Smith. Debi Burke presented Robin Locke with her Life Membership. Queen Rhonda then made a special greeting to her Mom,

and to all others who were present.

Introduction of Damascus Representative, Chief Rabban, Kevin Faro, who gave an excellent speech on behalf of the Potentate, Wayne McCrossen, who was at home after having knee surgery. Kevin introduced members of the Damascus Divan who were present.

Queen Rhonda gave a few announcements followed by the Funsters Dancers.

Immediately following, was an outstanding reception in the Dining Room that was prepared by Carol Colegrove, with the help of Violet Ball.

Members of Zama Temple, I urge you to support our Queen this year and if she has not asked you to chair an activity, perhaps ask Queen Rhonda what you can do to help. Many hands make work lighter and joyful, plus you will get to know other Ladies. You will be surprised what you can learn from each other.

New Members

Please look around your other organizations to see if maybe there is a Lady who is just waiting to ask, What are the Daughters of the Nile? When do they meet and how often? How can I become a Member?

Ladies, there is information that answers all these questions; just ask. Who should I ask? Good Question. Betty Nohle, P.S.Q., any Past Queen, the Pr. Recorder, or you can even get information from the website. Let's all work together this year and set a Goal to increase our Membership.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Pasta, Passion & Pistols

Saturday, May 16th

Now, I am asking all members of Zama Temple to support this very exciting and special evening that will be held at the Shrine Center. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes Hor d' oeuvres at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner and Performance at 6 p.m. Invite friends, relatives, prospective Nile Members (good time to show them we have fun), anyone whom you think would enjoy good food, fun and good acting.

Reservations are required by Wednesday, May 13th – Call Robin Locke at (585) 545-8787.

As I sign off, I will leave with this ... Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worried or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with LOVE, GRACE and GRATITUDE. □

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God Bless Our Troops

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Edgar J. Hollwedel

The March Breakfast Brunch was well-attended; all had a great meal and a fun time with the group.

Many of the present projects and proposed efforts were discussed. It was a nice break from the night drive in the bad weather for all. We still have several wonderful programs to look forward to in the next few months.

On **May 28th**, Derek VanHouten will tell us about "The History of the Shrine" at the Lumberyard Restaurant.

On **June 25th**, we will meet at Silver Lake Country Club for "Ladies Night."

Don't forget our very popular Summer Brunch on **Sunday, August 16th** at 10 a.m. at the Lumberyard Restaurant.

Summer will be here before we know it. Remember how long we all waited for Spring?

The Perry Shrine Club is always looking for new members. If you may be interested in joining, please call Edgar Hollwedel at (585) 494-0066 or just attend a meeting. We are the Mini-Car Professionals.

I look forward to seeing you all. As always, thanks for your constant support. □

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

My wife saw some geese circling (I think vultures, maybe) and is sure the weather has broken for good. As they say, just a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down. Those who have returned from the South ... "Hey, came back just a little early, huh?"

Our April meeting at the Hollywood had a representative of the power company explaining the different plans out there.

Sunday, May 17th, is a salute to our special women. Information will be sent out on email and snail mail.

Trip Postponed

The trip to the Shriners Hospital for Children®-Springfield has been postponed until Fall when we can take advantage of the Fall Foliage. I will send information when available and hope you will be able to take advantage of this trip. Lots of us have visited previously,

but with all the changes taking place at our Hospitals, it would be good to see these changes up close and personal. It's also a great chance for a nice couple of days near the Berkshires.

With the weather breaking, I think it is time we stop promising ourselves that we will cruise into Webster on a Friday night and actually cruise into Webster.

It has been a few days since the Sportsman's Raffle. I hope you know some of the lucky ducks who scored a new piece of metal. For the rest of us, we can be sure our donations will be well used to the benefit of those who need it.

I heard a quote the other day and had to "Google" it to be sure of its source. Sure enough, it was Muhammad Ali ... "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

'nough said. □



May Birthdays



Peter Bowers
David Bowman
Robert Breen
Gregory Brown
Kenneth Buckland
Gary Burke
Howard Combs
George Corbett
Ralph Cox
Roger Cox
Harry Dainty
Donald Dill
Myron Dox
John Dudley
William Edwards
Clark Engelsen
Charles Frear
Richard Friedman
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Gordon Kotzin
David Larson
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Dean Locke
Lyle Maldoon
Roland Maracle
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Timothy McNelly
William Michener
Stephen Mitchell
Donald Munger
Gary Orbaker

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Warren Patterson
Michael Pavone
John Polandick
Michael Pollock
John Ramsey
Gary Rathbun
David Retchless
Jay Riggs
Donald Ross
Andrew Rueby
Robert Schwarting
William Snyder
Robert Strang
Michael Sukhenko
Donald Tubman
Harry Tyson
Alan Weinberg
Robert Wharmby
James Young



What's New in Erie...

GE Transportation Awarded

At the April meeting of the Board of Governors for Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie (SHC®-Erie), the Planning Committee for GE Transportation's *Bids for Kids* was presented a fundraising award. The award is to honor their outstanding fundraising efforts. *Bids for Kids* has raised close to \$300,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie in the last five years.

Bids for Kids is GE Transportation's premier fundraiser for local children's charities. This year, each charity, including Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, received more than \$61,000 from the event. The *Bids for Kids* evening included a cocktail reception and dinner, as well as live and silent auctions for a variety of great merchandise and gifts.

This year's auction featured trip packages, gourmet dinners, pieces of fine art, large-screen televisions and much more.

Fox & Hound Event Exceeds Expectations

Nationwide Fox & Hound English Pub & Grille holds celebrations for local non-profits. Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie was honored to be chosen by the Erie Fox & Hound franchise to be their local partner. On March 26th, ten percent of proceeds from sales for the entire day and night at Fox & Hound was collected to be donated to SHC®-Erie.

Additionally, Fox & Hound also threw a party in honor of SHC®-Erie. The party featured complimentary samplings of Fox & Hound's signature dishes and great

drink specials. Unexpectedly, the staff of Fox & Hound went over and above. They secured several wonderful baskets for a Chinese auction, had a SHC®-Erie-themed cake made, and featured SHC®-Erie colored candies. The event not only allowed SHC®-Erie to raise funds but increase awareness as well.

SHC®-Erie had the opportunity to have an information table. Bob Lee, Chairman of the Board of Governors, also was able to say a few words about the good works done by SHC®-Erie. Bob's remarks then led into a heartwarming video about Emily Mellish.

A total of over \$1,200 was raised in sale proceeds and cash donations. Fox & Hound truly exceeded all expectations and all the staff, patients, and Board members thank Fox & Hound for everything.

Springtime Visitors Make Patients Hopy

On March 23rd, SHC®-Erie received Spring time visitors ... Easter Bunnies! Members of the Daughters of the Nile, Athor Temple No. 19, Buffalo, visited the Health Center dressed as Easter Bunnies. They spent the day in the Outpatient Waiting Room bringing joy and cheer to many of the children and families.

The mother of a patient posted a thank you note on the SHC®-Erie Facebook page, which read, "He had a really rough appointment in Erie yesterday and those Ladies sure did make him feel better!" Thank you to the members of the Daughters of the Nile from all the staff and patients at SHC®-Erie. □

Sportsman's Raffle ... We Had a Great Time!



April 1st Meeting ... Spring Fling



Illustrious Potentate Wayne McCrossen with speakers from the Shriners Hospital for Children®-Springfield Karen Motyka, Donor Relations, and Lee Kirk, Administrator, and Lance Ward, Past Potentate and Springfield Hospital Representative.





Mark Your Calendar & Join Upcoming Events ...

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Cinco de Mayo Festival

Tuesday, May 5th

5 p.m. – Until ...

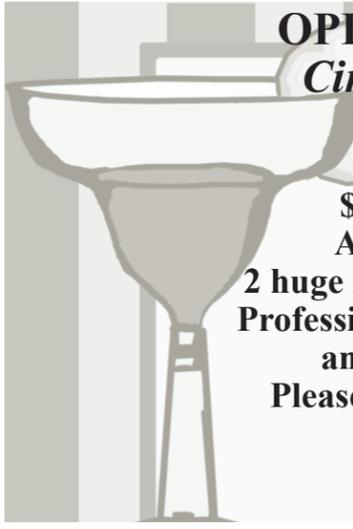
\$20 per person includes:

All-you-can-eat Taco Bar

2 huge Margaritas w/ Souvenir Glass

Professional Salsa Instructor, Victoria
and a Close-up Illusionist !

Please reserve by Friday, May 1st
to (585) 671-3565



Damascus Legion of Honor Wednesday, May 13th

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m. (Hors d'oeuvres ... Cash Bar)
Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting - 7 p.m.

Menu: *Salad * Meat Loaf * Mashed Potatoes*
*Vegetable * Rolls & Butter * Coffee or Tea * Dessert*
\$12 per person

RSVP no later than Noon, Monday, May 11th at (585) 436-8216
or email: cylegalrx@hotmail.com

Damascus Shriners Euchre Tournaments

Last Saturday of the Month ...

Spring Season ~ May 30th

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

or Call (585) 671-7701 Shrine Center

Open to the Public Blues, Brews & Bar-B-Que

Saturday, June 27th

2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

\$22 per person

Food Served at 3 p.m.

Pig Roast ~ BBQ Chicken

Baked Beans ~ Salt Potatoes

Rolls ~ Soft Drinks

Call (585) 671-3565 for Tickets



Shriners Charity Fishing Event

proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Wednesday, June 24th

at Reel Excitement Charters, Point Breeze

Cost - \$130 per person, Includes ...

- 5-Hour Fishing Trip
- 4 people per boat - get a group together or come by yourself and join a group
- Lunch at the famous Black North Inn (BNI)



All participants meet at the
BNI Parking lot by 6:15 a.m.,
14352 Ontario Street; Kent
Leaving the parking lot at
6:30 a.m. promptly.

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

Mail payment (Payable to Damascus Shriners) to:

Damascus Shriners

Attn: Fishing Derby

979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580-1736

For further information, contact Bob Songin at
reelxite@rochester.rr.com

Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie Community Open House Sunday, June 7th 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

If there is enough interest, Damascus Shriners will provide a
free bus trip to Erie for this event ...

we need a minimum of 20 Nobles, Ladies and Friends.

A tentative schedule for a bus is to leave

the Shrine Center at 8 a.m.; arrive Erie 11 a.m.;

Lunch and dinner details to follow; depart for home at 4 p.m.

Legion of Honor is invited to participate in the
Flag-Raising and Pass-in-Review Ceremonies.

Other activities at the festival are the Antique/Classic Car Show,
Self-guided Tours of the Health Center, Craft Fair, Driver Recognition
and Bands.

Hospital Transportation Drivers are encouraged to take advantage of the free trip to complete the mandatory Pennsylvania State Police fingerprinting.

Official Shriners Ceremony begins at 12:45 p.m.

Don't be left out! The Erie Community Open House
only comes once a year! Join the fun on June 7th!

Reservations to Damascus Shrine Office:
(585) 671-3565

Save the Date! ...

Flag
Retirement
Ceremony

Sunday
June 14th

2:00 p.m.

at Damascus Shrine Center

Conferred by

Damascus

Legion of Honor

~ Shrine Band ~

~ Refreshments ~

Directors Staff Dinner Meeting

Wednesday
May 27th

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
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Brothers of Webster Lodge, my time as Master will come to a close in a few short weeks. Let no one say that the time does not go quickly, because it has. I remember back on October 2nd, 2008 I was in the middle of a two-week Fire Investigation Certification Course at the NYS Fire Academy in Montour Falls when, after my final class that Thursday night, I jumped in my car and drove 1-1/2 hours back to Webster to attend my 1st Degree.

While I was only two miles from my home, my wife and children, I never saw them that night. I was being Initiated into what I would find out to be was the greatest Fraternity in the world. I drove back to Montour Falls late that night as high as a kite. High with the promise of something special, something few other men would experience. I had become a Mason that night.

Many Thanks

In the years since my Initiation, while I am thankful to all of you, I do need to thank some Brothers individually. I am thankful to V.:W.: Joe A. Lewis, Jr. for allowing me, as his Senior Warden, the latitude to create and implement programs and ideas I would use during my time in the East.

My gratitude goes to R.:W.: Dave Allen who has been a valued friend and advisor since that early October evening when I was Initiated.

Thank you to W.: Warren Patterson, our Chaplain and my wise counselor in the East. Many times it has been W.: Warren's advice that has advanced my decisions in the East. Thank you, Brother Warren. Future Masters would do well to solicit Brother Warren Patterson as their Chaplain.

I must also thank someone who, without whom this Lodge and its Masters could not function and perform accordingly. My thanks to Brother James Clancy, Secretary. I know of no finer Brother filling this invaluable role for Webster Lodge. You have made it so easy and flawless – especially for an anal retentive Master like me. I know it was a challenge with me, but it should be a breeze for you from here on in Brother. I hope the trials with my time in the East pushed you and improved you as a Secretary. Although I feel there is no need for improvement on your part Brother.

No Master in Webster Lodge can even think of sitting in the East without knowing that the wisdom and advice of V.:W.: Bill Edwards is an absolute necessity. V.:W.: Bill's history and knowledge of the inner workings of our Lodge is an imperative tool for its Master. Thank you Brother Bill. W.:

Thomas Pellett, Jr., Brother Nick Haldoupis (DSA), W.: John Clapp, Mark Fenton, William Gross ... I could go on and on, Brothers. Thank you all.

I would be remiss if I did not thank R.:W.: Rich Friedman, as he was the man who sponsored me and who showed me the avenue to which I could seek Light in Masonry. Thank you, Brother Rich.

Additionally, I need to thank R.:W.: Bruce Chilton who was always there for me when I needed him. Brother Bruce is a wise Brother and true friend. Thank you, Brother Bruce. Your allegiance and support will never be forgotten.

My thanks go out to your progress and proactive Trustees, W.: Bill Gross, Brothers Ron Soltzick and Bob Passino. These Brothers are seeing to it that your physical Lodge building is up-to-date and prepared to last many, many years. You would be prudent to re-elect any of them should they seek the office.

Community Service Program

I know I speak for all of Webster Lodge, and many local community groups, when I extend are heartfelt thanks to the Spaghetti Dinner Chairman, Brother John Ross, and all those who have made our Community Service Program such a great success. Among those assisting in this endeavor are Brothers Nick Haldoupis, Jim Clancy, John Clapp, Mark Fenton, Dave Wissick, Dan Korn, Grant Kothiringer, Bob Passino, L. Warren Patterson, Emil Schirano, Vance Collom and several others whom I apologize for not recalling here. Salute, Brothers.

Finally I must say, for the benefit of the Lodge in general, that you can rest assured that Webster Lodge will be in excellent hands for the next several years. I cannot fathom a more enthused or competent body of Officers for the future of this Lodge. Your Senior Warden, Brother Jeremy Knox; Junior Warden, Paul Dill; and Senior Deacon, Dave Aleksandrowicz, all share the zeal and enthusiasm for the Craft that I have. Rest assured, Brothers, you are in fine hands. These Officers made my work in the East both a pleasure and a privilege. May God Bless you all, and thank you for this honor and opportunity. It's a true Masonic Year I will cherish forever and never forget.

Upcoming Events

- **May 7th** is our Awards Night/Stink Night. Among others, Brother Bob Passino will receive the (DSA) Dedicated Service Award, which has not been received by a Webster Brother since 2007.
- **May 10th** is our Mother's Day Brunch which will be at 11 a.m. at Golden Boys Restaurant in the Village of Webster. Your wives and mothers are to be thanked for our successes as men and Masons. Show them thanks. FYI - Golden Boys accepts cash only.
- **May 14th** is the Past Master's Association Annual Meeting. All Webster Past Masters are requested to attend.
- **Saturday, May 16th** the Firearms Training of WNY will be offering the 36 Multi-State

CCW Concealed Carry Pistol Permit Course in the Lodge Dining Hall. You can reserve a spot or ask questions by emailing:

multistateccw@webster538.org or by calling me at 585-329-4761.

• **May 21st** is our Annual Summoned Communication and Elections. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting follows at 7:30 p.m. Your dinner reservations must be in by Sunday, May 21st and they can be made by emailing Brother Paul Dill at:

paul_dill@rocketmail.com or by calling him at 585-773-7808.

• **Saturday, May 30th** at 9 a.m., we will be conferring a 1st Degree. We're hoping to have a breakfast prior.

• **June 4th** is Crazy Shirt Night & the Hot Dog/Sausage Roast at 6:30 p.m. Your current Officers will be in the Stations and Places and hope to see as many Brothers attend our last meeting as your 2014-2015 Webster Lodge Officers. More to come on this.

• **June 5th** is our Monthly Spaghetti Dinner. Please come and eat or come and help. Thank you.

• **June 18th** is our last meeting of the Season. It will be the Master-elect's Private Webster Lodge Investiture Service, which will take place at 6:00 p.m. with all Webster Past Masters. After his Investiture we'll enjoy a delicious dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Open Installation of Officers for the ensuing year of 2015-2016. Please come and support your Officers and your Lodge. All are invited to attend. Let's make this a family affair, Brothers.

May Birthdays

Webster Lodge Brothers celebrating a birthday in the month of May are: Peter Bowers; Wayne Collom; George Corbett; Bill Edwards; Rich Friedman; Joe A. Lewis, Jr.; Gene Nitschke; Keith Oelkers; L. Warren Patterson; Bernard Russell; Richard Swingle; John Valavo and James Young.

Masonic Anniversaries

Webster Lodge Brothers celebrating being Raised in the month of May are: Bruce Chilton, Robert Hewlett, Ronald Hollander, Elwood Kuttruff, Bradley Lewis and William Sanger.

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Brothers, Spring has sprung! At least I hope it has, as you never know what you might get in Upstate New York, but it builds hearty souls. The year is winding down but there is still a lot happening at Clio.

March Highlights

Our first meeting in March was supposed to have R.:W.: Steve Michener present his Mozart Program. Of course, the weather didn't cooperate, but Steve re-scheduled for April. We ended up using a *Short Talk* Bulletin on

Do You Find Yourself Having Questions???

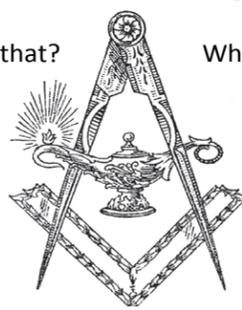
Why did they do that? Who's this Hiram guy?

Am I missing something? What does it all mean?

Where does this all come from?

Maybe you should take the **Masonic Development Course**

May 9th & 16th 9am @ Northfield Lodge- Pittsford



the Original Lodges in Massachusetts. It was not nearly as interesting as Steve but not bad.

At our second meeting, we presented the Master Mason Degree. W.: Pete Matthews was in the East as we Raised six new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations to our new Master Masons: Brothers Kris Arrizary, Marlon Collins, Marcus Brooks, Bernard Lewis, Ty House and David Goldman. I also thank Brother Ryan Ramplin for stepping in for W.: Mike Postilli at the last minute. Mike was having a successful kidney transplant so could not fill his usual King Solomon role.

W.: Mike Postilli had his kidney transplant, finally! He is doing great and is in great spirits. It is awesome to see Mike back to his old self (for the most part), and we are lucky to have him back at full strength.

Finally, we also held our monthly Euchre Tournament at Pleasure Lanes in Hilton. It was a good crowd. We are starting to develop a regular following.

May Events

May 5th - we will be holding our Elections. Please try to make it out for this meeting.

May 19th - W.: Pete Matthews and Brother Jeremy Mensing will be presenting their latest video creation about sitcom Lodges. It promises to be quite amusing and, knowing these two, the production will be top notch.

Finally, on Saturday, **May 30th**, we will be having our Spring Chicken Bar-B-Que, corresponding with the Village of Hilton Community Garage Sale. We'll start serving at noon until we sell out. The price for a meal is \$9. Come out and enjoy great Bar-B-Que in Hilton.

Thank You to Our Euchre Sponsors

Clio Lodge extends our thanks to all who helped sponsor our 2014-2015 Euchre

Tournaments: Pleasure Lanes Bowling Center, Hilton Family Restaurant, Hilton Family Pharmacy, The Arlington, Jose Joe's, Zarpentine Farms, Burch Farms, Hilton Barber Shop, Tony's Birdland, Flow-Right Gutters, Vaccarelli's Cupcakes and Carbone's Pizza. Your donations for our raffle prizes are greatly appreciated and helped make the tourneys more fun and successful as well as help us to raise donations to the Ronald McDonald Houses. We also thank Mark Harrington for the trophies presented after the tournaments, and, of course, all those who came out to play.

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to Brothers John Dianni, Kenneth Mullen, Matt Reiter, Andrew Paddyfoote and Lew Steinman.

Closing Thoughts

Since last month's closing was a little more serious, I thought I would go with a little Masonic humor for this month.

A small Lodge had had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a Candidate on a steamy evening in June and it's air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the Candidate what he most desired.

The Candidate replied, "a beer." At this juncture the Worshipful Master, being startled, whispered "light" to the Candidate. "OK," the Candidate replied, "a lite beer." □

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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

With any luck, you will receive this in time to plan on attending our Annual Meeting on May 12th. Reports for the 2014-2015 Masonic year will be read, followed by the nomination and Election of Officers for the 2015-2016 Masonic year. It is important for the well-being of the Lodge that you answer the Summons and be present so your voice can be heard.

Our second May meeting, on the 26th, is scheduled to feature a presentation by Brother Jared Sherwin on how the Ritual can be improved. Referred to as a cross-over Degree, he is inviting all Master Masons to attend.

In between all Past Masters may witness the Investiture of our Master-elect at the Joint Investiture on May 22nd. There is a Dinner at 6:30 - reservations to the Secretary, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, please - followed by the ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Once again, this will be held at the Fairport Masonic Hall, 87 South Main Street in Fairport.

As a reminder, the 3rd Degree on our two classes of Fellowcrafts is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th. Again, it would be great to have a full room of participants and witnesses for our new Brothers.

Brotherhood Fund

There is still time for you to send your contribution to R.: W.: Mike Hueston and be counted among those supporting this Grand Lodge charity. Checks should be made payable to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and sent to Mike at 47 Lone Oak Circle, Penfield, NY 14526-9546. Help our Lodge increase its percentage of Brothers donating to this cause.

Sickness and Distress

There is more sad tidings to relate, my Brothers. Two of our Brothers have passed away and their notices got by me. They should have been acknowledged last month.

Harvey Anderson went to the Celestial Lodge on February 10th, just a month shy of the 60th Anniversary of his Raising. Olin-do Nardone joined him on February 20th. He was two months shy of the 55th Anniversary of his Raising. Our sympathy is extended to the family members of our departed Brothers.

Harriet Stahl, wife of R.: W.: Fred Stahl and mother of W.: Glenn Stahl, DSA, left her earthly family on April 10th. We send sincere condolences to the entire Stahl family.

Helen Colburn, mother of our Senior Warden Todd, has also been called to her heavenly home. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Brother Todd.

We have also been informed of the October 9th, 2014, death of Brother Charles Freida. No other information was provided.

Birthdays

Here is the list of our Brothers who will be joining the May flowers in another year of life: Raul Fernandez (3rd); David Leisten (10th); Daniel Dunham (11th); Brandon Young (12th); Gordon Kotzin (14th); John Steinkamp III (18th); Terry Ramsey (21st); Robert Knyrim (22nd); Michael Hueston (23rd); Timothy Babcock and Timothy Stewart (24th); and Gary L. Burke (26th). All your Brothers wish you a happy day!

Dinners

We have dinner before all our meetings. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with Dinner scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Unless you are on the permanent dinner list, you must make a reservation with our Junior Warden. Brother Ryan's contact information is below. The permanent list will NOT apply to the special Saturday Communication for the conferral of the 3rd Degree.

As the Masonic year winds down and your Summer schedule fills, you may want to note the Lodge picnic as tentatively scheduled for August 15th. These have been wonderful family affairs in the past, and I anticipate the same will be the case this year.

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See you in Lodge. □

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Sorry about missing last month's article, but that gives me that much more to write about this month.

First, I thank everyone who volunteered and participated in supporting the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign this year. Your generous support helped to make this year's event another success.

Table Lodge Review

For those who missed it, our Table Lodge was enjoyed by all in attendance. Our DDGM, R.: W.: George Foehner, and Grand Steward, R.: W.: Steve Michener, were both in attendance along with 30 Brothers from our Lodge and Lodges from within the District. There was plenty of good fire to go around.

The following meeting 20 Brothers from Unity Lodge took to the road and made a trip down 490 to Fairport-Flower City Lodge for the School of Ritual, which we are hoping put us over the top to bring the Attendance Banner back to Unity.

My thanks to Worshipful Jeff VanSice for his presentation of the benefits and procedures to use the Livingston Library to help gain more light in this great Craft of ours.

Reminder to Brothers

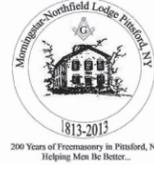
Our May 11th meeting is one of the most important meetings of the year ... the Election of Officers. This is the time of the year we each have a say in the direction our Lodge will take in the coming year. Please make it a point to attend and show your support for the Officers to be elected who will guide us in our next Masonic Year.

Space for Rent

We still have two office areas available for rent in our building, if anyone knows of someone looking for a place to set up shop. We also have successfully recovered rent due to us from one of our past tenants who left us still owing rent. Thank you, R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz, for your help in this matter. □

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March saw the continued stronghold the weather held over the Region and our District. That inclement weather could not prevent our Brothers from attending Lodge and enjoying great fare provided by our Junior Warden, Kenny Stavalone. Also, the Lodge saw Senior Warden, Lance Daul, premier his presentation "The Color Purple." Though not inspired by Oprah, Brother Daul's insight into the history of the color and how this color has played a major role throughout the history of the world and, more specifically, our Fraternity. It was truly an enjoyable evening and insightful presentation. Lance has researched and presented several programs for our Lodge as well as others this Masonic Year. If you have not had a chance to see his programs, I strongly encourage you to attend one. Bravo, Lance!

As you read this, we hope that Spring has arrived and you are able to enjoy the warmth, the outdoors and have had the opportunity to take in a Lodge meeting.

April was a quiet time at the Lodge. Per our By-Laws, the Lodge observed Maundy Thursday so there was no meeting scheduled that evening. However, next meeting featured our "Move-Up" Night. It gave our Brothers a good perspective and feeling and their responsibilities of the Chairs that they MAY be in next year. The evening's events were presided over by Lance Daul.

If the "Move Up" night is any indication of the rotation of Brothers coming through the Chairs in the next few years, Northfield Lodge is certainly poised for continued success.

More to report next month as we will have a complete re-cap of Northfield's Annual Table Lodge!!

May Birthdays

Ed Rummler; Michael Morris; John Ward, Jr.; and Mike Grady.

Masonic Anniversaries

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|----------|----------------|
| 24 Years | David Adams |
| 39 Years | Leland Aldrich |
| 45 Years | Wayne Moore |
| 48 Years | Roy Copeland |

Sadly, Brother George Matthews was called home by the Great Architect of the Universe on April 3rd. □

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The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognized Myron Biggar, Past Master of Inspiration Lodge, for 60 years of Masonic service. Presenting the Emblem of Gold Pin during an Official Visit were (left to right): Edward Shadder, Worshipful Master, Easton Lodge; Biggar; George Young, District Deputy, 9th Masonic District; Donald Masters, Assistant District Deputy, 9th Masonic District; and Robert Brink, District Deputy At Large. It was a very special event with three District Deputies (never heard of before) and over 40 Brothers in attendance. Worshipful Brother Biggar, who lives in Nazareth, Pennsylvania, is very active in the Masonic community in Easton.

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Greetings Brothers! Grand Lodge will be convening about the time of the delivery of this issue of the **Masonic Times**. Another Masonic Year is quickly reaching conclusion.

The **May 11th** meeting is our Annual "Lodge of Remembrance" and Election of Officers. Please join us as we remember our departed Brothers and begin the transition to a new Masonic Year. This will be a Summoned Meeting.

By the time this is published, it is expected that we will have Raised our new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Ma-

son. This will be reported in further detail next month.

Because of the Observed Memorial Day Holiday, there is **no meeting on May 25th**, but please invite friends and family to join us for our Installation of Officers on **June 8th**.

"Traditional Observant Masonry" was presented by Brother Sam Friedman at our March 9th meeting. "TO" Masonry includes traditional elements of Masonry including Ritual excellence, Masonic education and regarding the Lodge as a place apart.

On March 21st, Brothers Rich Friedman, Sam Friedman, James Wright and James MacDuff enjoyed a Masonic Road Trip to Templum Fidelis Lodge No. 746 - Canada's first Traditional Observance Lodge in Bath, Ontario. The Lodge's public minutes (published on their website) include the comments:

"Joined by several of our Brethren from the Grand Lodge of New York, the Spring meeting of Templum Fidelis included a full schedule of events at both the Lodge meeting and the

Agape afterwards. Brother [X] proved his qualifications as an Entered Apprentice in excellent fashion and was passed to the Second Degree. Brother Chris Mackey presented an insightful paper reflecting on the Master Mason's Degree, the final of his Degree papers. Brother Mackey, congratulations on this milestone, we look forward to your many contributions to the Lodge in the years to come. Continuing with the theme of The Golden Radio in music, Brother Organist played two pieces...["Sonata No 1 for Piano in C Major" composed by Brother W. A. Mozart. "Gymnopédie No. 1," composed by Rosicrucian Erik Satie]...

"An excellent meal and great conversation on the paper by Brother Mackey and the music played in Lodge, was capped off by a presentation by our guest speaker for the evening, world renowned astronomer, Mr Terence Dickinson. A member of The Order of Canada, distinguished author and teacher, Mr Dickinson's books are known worldwide, in particular "Nightwatch" which,

at over one million copies sold, is the best-selling book on astronomy in the English speaking world. Our sincere thanks to Mr Dickinson and to all our visitors, in particular, our Brethren from New York, gentlemen and Brothers of high caliber that we look forward to sitting in Lodge with again soon."

Our March 23rd meeting was a School of Ritual under the direction of R.:W.: Allan Ramsey. This was a review of the First Section of the 1st Degree. It gave our Fellowcrafts the opportunity to see some of the workings of the Ritual in which they participated in December. Brother Ramsey also provided insights on several points; our Lodge is better for his help.

ERAC Scholarships

Scholarship Applications are due June 1st. All previous sponsors whose students have scholarship eligibility remaining, should have been contacted by W.: Craig Covert by email or, if you do not have an email address listed on the application, by USPS. If you are a first-time applicant to the Scholarship Program, either

download the 2015 Application from the Lodge website, or contact W.: Craig Covert (contact info follows). If there has been a change in your student's status, please contact Craig.

Mark Your Calendar

All ERAC Scholarships will be presented at the Lodge Picnic, which is tentatively scheduled for **July 12th** at the Shrine Center. Questions or comments about the Scholarship Program may be directed to Brother Craig at: ccover@rochester.rr.com or by telephone at 585-227-3461. Further picnic information will be in next month's **Masonic Times**.

Dues

As a reminder, if you have not already done so, please be sure to send your Dues to our Secretary. "Second Notices" were sent in mid-April.

Please confirm dinner reservations to our Junior Warden by noon of the Saturday before the stated dates, Brother Xach Taylor, at: xach@rochester.rr.com or by phone (please check the Trestleboard). □



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By R.W. Jan Porter, DDGM

On March 28th, a Murder Mystery Dinner was enjoyed by 60+ members and friends. "The Class of '54" who-dunnit was solved by only a few, but everyone had a great time! Thank you to all who participated - especially Evy Ann Heller for coordinating the drama and to the kitchen crew for an awesome buffet!

Official Visits

We have completed our virtual Canal Cruises to Fairport and Lockport ... it's been educational and a lot of fun. It would be nice to see more members on the sidelines so the work put forth by the Chapters is recognized and supported.

Still Coming ...

May 5th - Starlight, Spencerport

May 6th - Lilac Star, Webster

Projects in the Works

Holiday Stocking Project

R.W. Joy Woodley is heading up a Holiday Stocking Project for Deployed Military Personnel. It's a small stocking that's knitted, crocheted or sewn for which we have patterns for each. When completed, they will be shipped to a project coordinator for filling with personal items and sent overseas to the Troops. If you are interested in making some of these, contact your

Chapter or me for a pattern. If you need yarn to make some, also let me know; many of "us" have a stash we'd love to share.

This is a project in which some of our homebound/inactive members can participate and feel like they're contributing and being somewhat active in our Order.

Alta's Penny Fund

R.W. Beverly Thompson is continuing the collection of pennies, in Memory of Alta Doty, to be used for Masonic Youth Group support.

"Boxtops for Education" and Campbell's Product Labels

This ongoing program will be supportive of the Day Care Center on the Oriskany Campus.

Cleft Lip and Palate Research

This is the Grand Matron's Special Project, which I am supporting as the District Project. Our fundraisers will benefit the Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate research and reconstruction program at the Shriners Hospital for Children® in Springfield, Massachusetts. They have developed a software program - Geomagic - which enables the physicians to produce a 3-dimensional prescription appliance that's a custom-fit for each baby. It produces a series of palates that parents can insert and change as the child grows and the palate has the chance to grow together naturally while allowing the baby to drink and eat normally.

Aluminum Can Tabs

Save aluminum can tabs, which will be a monetary donation to the Grand Matron's Special Project. Don't forget to solicit tabs from friends, neighbors, social groups, your favorite food/drinking establishment, etc.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 9th - Mary Jane Holmes is having an Open Meeting. If you have a friend

whom you think might be interested in OES, take them to this Open Meeting so they can get an idea of what OES is all about.

Saturday, June 13th - "Welcome to Summer" Square Dance/Line Dance at Spencerport Masonic Hall, 133 South Union Street, 7 p.m. Again, we have the honor of the World-renowned Square Dance Caller, Mike Calahan, providing instruction and great entertainment for this fundraiser to benefit the United Service Organization (USO), which provides morale, welfare and recreation type services for military personnel overseas.

From the District Grand Lecturer
By R.W. Ray DiJames

Veterans Projects

VA Hospital in Canandaigua
Material donations should be either new or in good condition. Some continuous needs include:

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- Combs & Brushes
- Deodorant
- Talcum Powder
- Body Wash & Shampoo
- Hand & Body Lotion
- Disposable Razors
- Nail Clippers
- Pre-paid Gas & Phone Cards
- Postage Stamps
- Coffee, Sugar, Creamer, Stirrers
- Skid-proof Slipper Socks
- Lap Robes
- New White Socks
- New Underwear & Undershirts
- New Sweatpants & Sweatshirts
- Backpacks & Tote Bags
- Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Wegmans, Tops, etc.)
- Tickets for Sporting Events and/or Entertainment
- New Greeting Cards
- Crossword Puzzle Books
- Current Magazines
- New York State Veterans Home in Batavia**

I am requesting a "Wish List" from them and may arrange for an activity with the Veterans at

Past Matrons Association

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Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, May 21st

Meeting - 4:30 p.m.

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

(Reservations required)

This meeting is for Initiation of new members and a Memorial Service for Sisters who have passed away in the last year. Dinner tickets are \$8 and available from your Chapter.

When I was Matron, in researching for an archaeological trip, I found a site where Masons were looking for a stone. Stones are mentioned numerous times as a foundation to build upon.

In the archaeological site of the Church of The Katisma was a huge white stone. This is the

this facility.

K9s for Warriors ...

Grand Patron's Special Project

K9s for Warriors is dedicated to providing service canines to our warriors suffering from post-traumatic stress and/or traumatic brain injury as a result of military service post 9/11. Our goal is to give a new "leash on life" to rescue dogs and military heroes, empowering warriors to return to civilian life with dignity and independence.

****Action Item** ...**

Hotel Reservations

Oriskany Pilgrimage Days - July 24th - 25th

If you plan to attend our Friday night dinner and stay overnight in Oriskany, I have a limited block of rooms, which also need to be reserved by **JUNE 15th**. For a reservation, I need

site where Mary rested upon leaving Jerusalem. An angel spoke to the young couple, Mary and Joseph, and told them that they were to go on to Bethlehem where the child would be born. This church was built at the site by the early Coptic Church.

There were two stones mentioned in the Bible - Genesis 49:24 and Revelation 2:17B

I close with words of a hymn, *I Would Be True* by Howard A. Walter - "... I would be strong for there is much to suffer; I would be brave for there is much to dare."

Mark Your Calendar

September 17th - Casual Dress

12 noon - Brown Bag Lunch

Dessert provided

Change of Date! ...

October 1st - Formal Dress

Elections and Installation

Meeting 4:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

(Reservations Required)

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•Grand Sessions

October 14th-17th

Although Sessions are in October, hotel rooms are blocked and must be released during the Summer. Therefore, if you are planning to attend and need a hotel room, **submit your reservation to the DGL by JUNE 15th**. Reservation forms are available from your Chapter Secretary or me.

My recommendation is to mark your choices as #1-Doubletree and #2-Holiday Inn. It's important that District reservations be submitted in a group so when assignments are made during the Summer, we're handled as a group.

Again, I will make the reservations as needed. □



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

Election of Officers is the order of the day for May. Our Thursday, **May 21st**, meeting will elect new Officers for the head of three of our four Bodies along with Second and Third Officer positions for the same three Bodies. The Consistory Offices are for two-year terms and are not elected this year.

We'll also have a short program for the evening as well. The story of the night will focus on how pride comes before the fall in the human heart and in the story we have a pilgrim-esque ghost figure that appears briefly in the 17th Century British American world to protest abuse of power by a British Officer.

By this time, much of our Scottish Rite work is completed for this Masonic Year. We have on Thursday, **June 18th**, our Officer's Academy, which will take place at Pittsford Masonic Hall at 7 p.m. This program is a must for Scottish Rite Officers, but is open to any Scottish Rite Sublime Princes who wish to attend. We'll have pizza at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, **June 27th**, we'll have our Scottish Rite Seabreeze Amusement Park Day. This will be an event for the entire family including, of course, children and grandchildren. Call the Office for all the details. The subsidized price for this event is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children for the day including food.

Remember our Summer Picnic Clambake/Steak Roast will be at Camp Morris on Saturday, **July 25th**, and is just \$25 per person. It is a lot of fun and, of course, is a great deal.

Our College of Freemasonry was a success. I enjoyed it myself and heard many positive comments. Thank you to Bill Edwards, Phil Hurwitz and everyone who helped with this event. If you enjoyed it, mention it to others. We will do another College of Freemasonry in two years.

Remember your "Blue Lodge" and work to keep it strong. Let others know of the fulfillment you find in Freemasonry. □



Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem

By *Stephan Michener, 32°
Sovereign Prince*

Trestleboard Help Available

As the 2014-2015 Masonic Year winds down, it is time to reflect on what a great year it's been. The Valley of Rochester has had two Reunions and many Brothers have entered into the ranks of Scottish Rite 32° Masons. They have learned that our Fraternity is larger than just their Lodge and what they've learned in the first three Degrees can be expanded upon and exemplified through the inspirational stories of the ages contained in other Degrees.

Another wonderful experience in which I've gotten to participate is the nine "Rite on the Road" Programs we've done at various Lodges around the area. It is a wonderful experience to visit another Lodge and present a program for the Brothers there.

This year we have been primarily presenting "Spectacles at Newburgh," which tells the true story behind Brother General Washington's Newburgh Address. Brothers have received this program very well and seem to enjoy its message of patriotism and fortitude in the face of adversity.

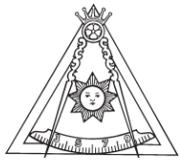
Those of us who have presented the program have greatly enjoyed doing it. I thank the Commander-in-Chief, John Lemke, and Brothers Phil Hurwitz, Bill Flescher, Matt Muller, Lance Daul and Matt Scheffer for helping out with the various presentations of Spectacles.

Finally, we realize there is another new Masonic Year beginning in September. If you are the Master of your Lodge, or know a Master of a Lodge, it is not too early for them to begin planning the Trestleboard. There is no excuse for any Master of a Lodge to not have a substantive Masonic

Program at each and every meeting of the Lodge. That is one of the biggest duties of the Master! The "Rite on the Road" Program is there for the asking and many Brothers in the Lodges have told us that the "Rite on the Road" Program presented in their Lodge is one of the highlights of the year! All the Master has to do is call the Valley of Rochester Office (585-425-0033) or email me at:

smichene@rochester.rr.com

to let them know he'd like a program presented at his Lodge. We'll schedule a time in accordance with his needs. The important thing is to plan well ahead. Remember, "those who fail to plan, plan to fail." Don't be that guy. We all have calendars. Let's use them. Please get in contact with us! We sincerely look forward to visiting your Lodge. □



Rochester Lodge of Perfection

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

"It's like I got this music in my body and it's gonna be alright."
Taylor Swift

Holy Cow, we are in the Month of May when you will read this article in the **Masonic Times**. Guess what? My fable as a kid was that there was a crystal ball that would let me see the future. It sure would be handy now to describe the Lodge of Perfection's performance and presentations that were displayed on April 16th & 18th. I long ago lost the idea of crystal balls. I can tell you one thing for sure; we had fun as we prepared for our challenges and did the best we could as volunteers. I thank everybody who helped make it FUN! Thank you, SMIB.

Well, where do we go from here? Remember the Craft Lodges with whom you are members. The Month of May brings us our honor and privilege of the Masonic Elections. Brethren, your Craft Lodge deserves your voice and vote.

Speaking of votes, I ask you all to be a registered voter as a PRIVILEGE in our Land of Liberty. Registered is only half of your respectful duty. Now that you are registered, VOTE and you have shared your voice in our basic freedom. Our Founders as well as our family members fought for our freedoms; our world has become smaller as technology has joined us together. We are representatives of the free world - Peace, Harmony and Friendships

Mark Your Calendar

May 21st (3rd Thursday of the Month) - What I know is; the Valley of Rochester will have Elections.

June 17th is the Family Day at Sea Breeze Park. Information and tickets or reservations are available, as always, through the Valley Office.

July 25th - the 10th Anniversary of Camp Morris is now! If you have never attended, Oh Wow, the time is now. Contact the Valley Office for details.

December 12th - "All Masonic Children's Holiday Party 2015" Oh yes ... Everyone enjoyed our 2014 Holiday Party. We are encouraging your help already to get in contact with us as we continue to build enthusiasm to make it convenient and enjoyable where families get excited to attend with both young and old members of families. It is

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We will strive
to be a fraternity
that fulfills our
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so easy to find us if you want to help us grow into a true tradition for "An all Masonic Children's Holiday Party" to exist and grow. Our friends and families will be able to enjoy and share our fun with their neighbors.

Brethren, I thank you all for your support this year 2014/15 as your Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection of the Valley of Rochester. I have glimpsed a bit of more Light in our Masonic Family. I wish to share with you a common thought that I care about in our Craft; I will side with Quality over Quantity. I continue to grow in myself as me. I look forward to meeting again.

To all of my Brothers, never tune out music. Music is the most acceptable nerve in our bodies that we can accept. Until we meet again, may the Light of the Lord and Freemasonry shine upon you and all of us! Let me leave you with a taste of music ...

"Yeah you can start over you can run free."

Maroon 5

God Bless our families, we are all neighbors of someone's family; therefore, ours. God bless all of us; Guide us as we grow to share the light we see within ourselves. Be well, my neighbor, be well. □

Rite on the Road at Social Lodge, Kendall



Performance by Sublime Princes Phil Hurwitz, John Lemke, Steve Michener and Jason Morrisette.

(Photo courtesy of John Dudley)



A panel discussion followed the afternoon presentation.

College of Freemasonry

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inspiration and challenge going "above and beyond" conventional boundaries.

The event closed with inspirational comments by the Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Jeffrey Williamson. The 2015 College of Freemasonry team included Bill Edwards, John Lemke, Phil Hurwitz, Steve Michener, Charles Hancock and Jack VanElzakker. Support was also provided by Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Save the Date

The next College of Freemasonry will be held on April 22, 2017 – See you there! ☐



Shawn Eyer



Thomas Jackson



R.:W.: Jeffrey Williamson
Deputy Grand Master



Illustrious presenters from the Valley of Rochester were Ill.: Steve Whittaker, 33°, Ill.: Mike Morris, 33°, and Ill.: Charlie Hancock, 33°.



Recipients of the Thomas Jackson Educational Award were Dr. Steven Bullock (left), for his work in the Study of Freemasonry, and Ill.: Bruce Renner, 33°, (center), for his significant contribution to Masonic Education. Ill.: Thomas Jackson, 33°, (right), was also recognized for his contributions in the pursuit of Fraternal excellence and his loyalty to the principles of Freemasonry.

Illustrious Brother Thomas G. Goodrich, 33° Spring Class of 2015



Valley of Rochester On to Summer – 2015

MAY

May 21st - Valley Election Meeting at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (**)
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Grilled Steak Dinner, Baked Potato, Vegetable
Salad, Dessert
Election and Installation of New Officers

JUNE

June 10th - Penfield Linear Park - 11:30 a.m.
Combined DSA Blue Cap Club and MSA Red Cap Club
Picnic Lunch
Grilled steak (**)
~ Casual dress
~ DSA/MSA only ~

June 27th - Scottish Rite Day at
Seabreeze Amusement Park
A family outing opportunity for Dads and Grandads
to treat their youngsters
Youth (17 & under) - \$10 per ticket
Adults \$20 per ticket (**)
Each Valley youth attending can invite
one youth friend (\$10 ticket)
Doors open at 11:00 a.m.
All-you-can-eat Picnic Fare Served Noon to 2:00 p.m.
All Day Ride & Slide Tickets ~ Valley Picnic Pavilion
Reservations and fees to the Valley Office
by Saturday, June 20th.
Additional group rate tickets available
at non-subsidized price (contact office)
(Compare – single day pass is \$32 without food)

JULY

July 25th - 10th Annual Clambake/Steak Roast
for Valley Families - Youth and Adults
Special 10th Anniversary Price - \$10 per person (**)
Same Great Food & Fellowship ~ Super Great Deal!
Clams ~ Lobster Lotto ~ Grilled Steaks ~ Open Bar
Rain or Shine! at Camp Morris in Wayland
11 a.m. - 'til
Bring a Dish-to-Pass, a Comfortable Chair
and a Good Appetite!

Have you visited our website? www.valleyofrochester.org

** Reservations Required! Don't be Late!
Due by Noon on Mondays (585) 425-0033
or Email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org
Go to Valley Calendar for more details:
www.valleyofrochester.org
Why not sign up on our Permanent
Meal Reservation List?



Make Your Plans ...

Scottish Rite Day at Seabreeze Amusement Park Saturday June 27th

Doors open at 11 a.m.

Rides, Slides & Fun Galore ~ Family Fun for All!
A family outing opportunity to treat the Kids,
Grandkids & Family to a post-school fun day
Youth (17 & Under) - \$10 ~ Adult - \$20

Each Valley Youth attending can invite
one youth friend (\$10)

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ROCHESTER

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

Calendar for May 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <div style="border: 2px dashed black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Deadline for Next Issue of Masonic Times is May 5th</p> </div> | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Canandaigua, Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe, Pittsford - Open Meeting Lalla Rookh Grotto - Board of Governors, Shrine Center OES - Etoleah Chapter Shrine Lunch Club Damascus Shrine Divan | 5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> Clio, Hilton, (E) Garoga-Sincerity, Phelps Nunda Station OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight Shrine Clowns Meeting, Shrine Center | 6 Drumlin Square, Palmyra Olive Branch, LeRoy Damascus Shrine | 7 Eunice, Caledonia Northfield, Pittsford Webster, Awards Night | 8 Shrine Cruz Night - Shrine Center | 9 MONROE - <i>Masonic Development Course</i> , Pittsford |
| 10 <i>Mother's Day</i> Webster Lodge Mother's Day Brunch, Golden Boy Restaurant | 11 ERAC - Shrine Center, (E) Fairport-Flower City, (E) Union Star, Honeoye Falls, (E) Unity, Spencerport, (E) Wakan-Hubbard, Penfield, (E) Shrine Lunch Club | 12 Inspiration - Shrine Center, (E) Seneca, Webster OES - Mary Jane Holmes, Brookport | 13 Oatka, Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Luncheon Board Meeting Damascus Legion of Honor, Shrine Center OES-Corinthian-Fellowship | 14 <i>Ascension Day</i> Fame - Shrine Center Milnor, Shortsville Union, Lima Webster - Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Chapter Lalla Rookh Caldron | 15 Shrine Cruz Night - Shrine Center | 16 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> Sagoyewatha - Phelps MONROE - <i>Masonic Development Course</i> , Pittsford Lalla Rookh Caldron Supreme Visit |
| 17 Livingston District Communion Breakfast, Mt. Morris OSY District Memorial Service, Interlaken | 18 Canandaigua, Shortsville Fairport-Flower City Unity, Spencerport Union Star, Fellowcraft KT - Cyrene/Monroe, Pittsford, (I) OES - Etoleah Chapter Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club | 19 Clio, Hilton Garoga-Sincerity, Phelps, (E) Nunda Station Canandaigua Shrine Club OES - Nolatka, Starlight | 20 Ark, Phelps Drumlin Square, Palmyra, (E) RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Masonic War Veterans Birthday Party at Canandaigua VA Hospital Lalla Rookh Grotto, Shrine Center | 21 Northfield, Pittsford Webster, (E) Scottish Rite - Shrine Center, (E & I) Lalla Rookh Caldron Executive Council | 22 MONROE - Joint Investiture Service, Pittsford Shrine Cruz Night - Shrine Center | 23 |
| <i>Shavout</i> 24 | 25 <i>Memorial Day Observed</i> | 26 Inspiration - Shrine Center | 27 Oatka, Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon Damascus Directors Staff OES-Corinthian-Fellowship | 28 Milnor, Shortsville Union, Lima RAM - Hiram Chapter MONROE - Masters & Wardens - Shrine Center Perry Shrine Club | 29 Shrine Cruz Night - Shrine Center | 30 <i>Traditional Memorial Day</i> Webster, 1 ^o Clio - Chicken BBQ, Hilton Shrine Euchre Tournament, Shrine Center |
| 31 | | | | | | |

Did You See it in the **Masonic Times**?

At the March Masters and Wardens Meeting, there was a lively discussion about Lodge Communications. Do Brothers read emails? ... Do they read the Lodge and other columns in the **Masonic Times**? ... Is Facebook an effective communications channel?

One Lodge reported inserting a small paragraph in a **Masonic Times** article asking Brothers to reply if they see the message. While this wasn't a statistically valid exercise, it is anecdotally insightful. A full month after publication, the total response was 5 Brothers (including one from a different Lodge).

Do you read the **Masonic Times**?

Please take a moment to fill out the following short survey and give it to your Lodge Secretary at your next Lodge meeting or mail it directly to the Masonic Service Bureau.

Organization _____ Date _____

Do you regularly read the **Masonic Times**? (Always, Sometimes, Never)
What parts? (Circle Choice)

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| “The Whole Thing” (Always, Sometimes, Never) | Front Page (Always, Sometimes, Never) |
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| Shrine News (Always, Sometimes, Never) | Scottish Rite News (Always, Sometimes, Never) |
| York Rite News (Always, Sometimes, Never) | OES News (Always, Sometimes, Never) |
| Other Body News(Always, Sometimes, Never) | Editor’s Column(Always, Sometimes, Never) |
| District Deputy Column(Always, Sometimes, Never) | Staff Officer Column (Always, Sometimes, Never) |

OTHER: (WHICH?): _____

What are the strengths of **Masonic Times**? _____

If you were Editor-in-Chief for the day, what would you change? _____

If you were Editor-in-Chief for the day, what would you keep the same? _____

May we contact you? _____

(Optional) Your name and phone _____

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Starting my newsletter this month, I wish all the Mothers a very HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. I think Mother's Day should be all year instead of once a year because Mothers are the backbone of the world. On my nightstand, I have a marble stone (I think it's marble) on which it says, "Mothers hold their Children's hands for just a little while, but their Hearts forever."

As Commander of James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No.12, I thank the Officers and Members for all your help given me and the Post. Again, Thank You!!!

May Events

May 22nd, the Color Guard (in Uniform) will be presenting the Colors at the District Investiture Service in Fairport Masonic Hall.

On **May 25th**, we will be part of the Webster Memorial Day Parade (if we have enough men). Date and time to be determined. We will assemble at

Spry Middle School, 119 South Avenue, Webster at 9 a.m. We can either march or ride. Uniform, if you have one.

May 26th - will be the Memorial Day Service Program at Building No. 5 at 2 p.m. We will be Presenting the Colors, Folding the Flag and explaining the meaning of the folds. Larry Hood will be doing the Missing Man Table.

After the program we will present the Veterans with a gift of a cap that has Veteran and the American Flag on it. It should be a great program. (Please wear your Uniform for this Program.)

May 28th - Public Installation of Officers at Webster Lodge at 1 p.m. Family and friends are invited; refreshments after the Installation.

To all the Members, Friends and Family, please come and SUPPORT your new Officers.

Thank You; don't forget to stop and smell the Roses. ☺



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