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M.:E.: James A. Ghent, Jr., Past Grand High Priest, of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, of the State of New York and its Jurisdictions, was called by the Great Architect of the



M.:E.: James A. Ghent, Jr. dressed in the Mitre, Joshua Robe and Breast Plate, representing the Twelve Tribes of Israel, as Grand High Priest in this 2011 photograph.

Universe to the Celestial Lodge on August 6th, 2016. Brother Ghent was President of the Masonic Service Bureau in 2006 and 2007. He was instrumental in establishing the Policies and Procedures manual for the Bureau. Since the expiration of his term, he continued to serve as liaison for the Service Bureau with the Prince Hall Organizations in Rochester.

Committee and was Recording Secretary for the 2003 and 2004 Grand Convocations. Also a member of the Scottish Rite, Ill.: Jim was Coroneted a 33° Mason in 2004 in Utica Consistory No. 45, Syracuse.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanne, and three children. Masonic, Royal Arch and Consistory Services were conducted on August 12th.



Brother Skip Waterstreet with Brother Jim Ghent at Haggai Chapter's 10th Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner.

Brother Ghent affiliated with Eureka Lodge No. 36 when he moved to Rochester. His Mother Lodge was Bethany Lodge No. 31, PHA, in Newark, New Jersey. He was the founding High Priest of Haggai Chapter No. 41, Rochester, participated as the Secretary for the HRAM Grand Chapter Constitution

Aprons Presented to Monroe Grand Lodge Officers

The newly appointed, soon to be commissioned, Grand Lodge Officers for 2016-2017 received their Aprons on June 22nd at the Damascus Shrine Center. Following a catered Buffet Dinner, the guests moved into the meeting room for the presentations.

The General Chairman was Past District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz, who also acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.



The first introduction was for the retiring District Deputy, R.:W.: George Foehner. Brother Phil thanked Brother George for all the time and hard work he put in during his two years in Office. In turn, Brother Foehner extended his thanks and appreciation for the support from the Lodge Brothers



and his Traveling Companions, R.:W.: Steve Michener and R.:W.: Roy Moses.

R.:W.: Hurwitz then introduced R.:W.: Derek Van Houten, Past District Deputy,

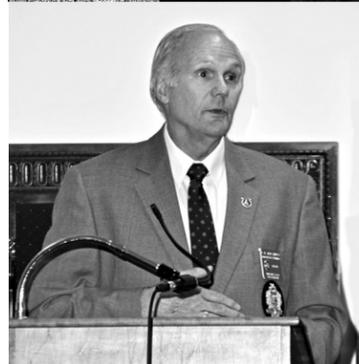
Apron upon the new District Deputy, R.:W.: Stephan P. Michener, with Gina assisting.



who had the honor of introducing the new Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.:W.: Joseph E. Bourcy III, and presenting him with the Apron of his Office. Brother Joe was assisted by Susan in donning his new attire,



Brother Steve also had the opportunity to say a few words to the audience. Then Brother Phil introduced the keynote speaker, R.:W.: John E. Zabel.



following which he addressed those in attendance.

Brother Hurwitz then had the privilege of bestowing the



At the conclusion of the ceremonies, all guests were invited to the dining room for light refreshments.

Thus begins the term of the new Leadership Team for the Monroe District for the 2016-2017 Masonic year. □

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

OCTOBER

- 1-2 Hilton Apple Fest
- 8 Fall Sportsman's Raffle, Shrine Center
- 8 Triangle Girls Convention, Erie-Monroe District
- 13-15 OES Grand Sessions, Binghamton
- 15 Masonic Development Course, Fairport
- 22 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, Shrine Center

NOVEMBER

- 12 Scottish Rite 32°, Buffalo
- 17 Scottish Rite Veteran's Appreciation Program, Shrine Center
- 29 Grand Lecturer's Convention, Fairport

DECEMBER

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

2017

JANUARY

- 31 Monroe Purple Club Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 18 Road to the East, TBD
- 18 Scottish Rite Ladies Night, Artisan Works

MARCH

- 4 Road to the East, TBD
- 29 Monroe Purple Club Meeting

Dated Material

Damascus News see page 7



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Editor's Corner

Are you a fan of Broadway Musicals? I am! I have tried to work in a performance whenever I have had the opportunity to visit New York City. I would watch the Tony Awards to see what shows and performers were considered the best.

This interest in theater goes back to when I was a youth and went to see Charlton Heston in a Summer Stock Theater production of *The Detective Story* and Andy Griffith in *No Time for Sargeants* in the City. I laughed so hard, I nearly fell out of the balcony. I learned, then, that I preferred the more entertaining shows over the dramas that made me think and, sometimes, feel uncomfortable.

That is how I feel as I write this. From *Spamalot*, a variation of the old Monty Python shows on TV, with some of the same writers/creators, comes the song, *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life*. While this has been a great, if hot, Summer in the Rochester area, it has been tough to look on the bright side of life. I've lost a few good relatives, Brothers and friends, once again, and it's getting tougher to watch the evening news programs!

California is burning up. We have a son living there and, so far, his area has not been directly affected but we stay tuned. Louisiana and Texas are drowning! Can someone figure out a way to tilt the globe so we can send the rain to California to put out the fires and reduce their drought conditions?

I find it heart-wrenching to watch the people standing in the street in front of what was their home, viewing the ashes or the rubble. I can't imagine their pain. They are alive, but a life-time of their "treasures" are only memories.

Senseless deaths - shootings, stabbings, the bombings in Syria, - our Service Personnel still in harm's way in Afghanistan and Iraq. Many other sad stories that could be told.

There is some good news, too! The woman who provided and solicited fans for a senior living facility, where the hot temperatures were draining their energy, is among them.

You can look at the facing page to get some other local good news. Look at the bright, smiling faces of our Student Grant recipients. There is so much hope in their lives and dreams. They are our future! And the future looks pretty good!

I don't want to forget the groups that solicit our Charity Grants either. There is so much good in the hearts of their supporters and the work they do, especially providing food for those in need. We Masons (and friends) can be proud of our efforts, as small as they may seem in the scheme of things. We need to keep up the good work!

Camp DeMolay, Sodus Point, NY



Only half a dozen dates were booked at Camp DeMolay this Summer as this facility continues to be under used. Shown in the photo above are Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and parents who spent a chilly weekend in May at the Camp and had a terrific time, according to reports.

As this is written, we have two more scheduled uses for this season - the DeMolay boys and a Girl Scout Troop. We encourage you to use this facility for your events. Further details to reserve your time may be obtained by calling the Masonic Service Bureau, 671-9730. □

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Other Masons in the Buffalo area, who work with Merritt Winery, are donating the wines.

So, Queen Christina Court Ladies hope you'll be able to come out and support not only their efforts, but the Brothers who have donated their time and the wines for this event.

If you have any questions, please contact Royal Matron Ms. Jessica Kerr at: jessica.kerr029@gmail.com or at our Event Page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/306758189673180/>

We hope to see you there! □

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CORRECTION:

We asked our donors, listed in the chart in the June issue of the **Masonic Times**, to contact us if they noted any errors or omissions. We have received one message and wish to set the record straight. A contribution from Haggai Chapter, No. 41, Most Excellent Prince Hall of Holy Royal Arch Masons, State of New York and its Jurisdictions, was incorrectly posted in the name of the High Priest of the Chapter, who signed the check. We are grateful for the support of Haggai Chapter and apologize for the error.

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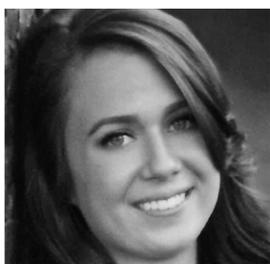
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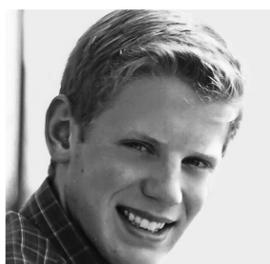
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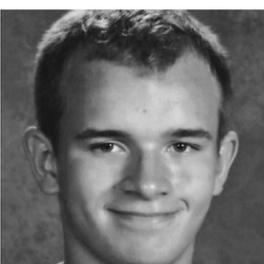
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Qualified high school seniors and currently enrolled college students may apply for a **one-time Education Assistance Grant** from the Masonic Service Bureau. She or he must submit an application and other requested documents. Complete instructions come with the application. To get one, email or call the Bureau: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com; 671-9730.

Requirements include a letter from a sponsoring Mason, either relative or friend, recommending the student and information from the Guidance Office of a high school student or an Advisor of a college student. Most important is a personal letter from the student explaining your qualifications (brag about yourself!). For 2017, the deadline for completed applications to be considered is **MARCH 31st**. Incomplete applications will not be considered or reviewed. The selected student or a representative must be present at the Awards Ceremony in June to receive the Grant. Other questions may be directed to the Bureau.

Charitable organizations may also apply for funds by submitting a letter to the Charities Committee explaining how much they are asking for, what the requested funds will be used for and including financial information.



Front Row (l-r) Lauren Silveri and Sharon Mathiason, Moonshadow's Spirit; Christine Burke, Aurora House; Laurie Holmes, Sunset House; Glenda Hastings, Advent House; and Kristin Catalano and Candace Easton, Isaiah House. Middle Row (l-r) Diana Dolce, Hope Hall; Jennie Papkin, Cameron Community Ministry; Jessica Herzog, American Red Cross; Joyce Horner, Literacy Volunteers of Livingston County; Robert Steigerwald, Saints Peter & John Soup Kitchen (Auburn); Kevin Sciacca, Journey Home; and Grant Kotheringer, Masonic War Veterans. Back Row (l-r) Frank Hamm, Corning Lodge of Perfection-AASR; Richard Stewart, Honor Flight Rochester; Patty Lorenzen, St. Peter's Kitchen; Laurie Prizel, Dimitri House; Mark Fenton, W.A.S.P.; Vance Collom and Jay McCullough, Masonic War Veterans.



Front Row (left-right) Taylor Smith, Cassidy Brennan, Charyssa Ellsworth, Rebekah Ebersole, Emily McClelland, Abbey McClelland, Sean Clark and Nicholas Ackerman. Back Row (left-right) Jack Tiffany, Matthew Stephany, Rebecca Nungesser, Megan Sedita, Chandler Coleman, Connor Coleman and Jeffery Ouimette.



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I thank the members of James A Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 Masonic War Veterans for choosing me to be the Commander for the ensuing year. I will do my best to fill the shoes that JayMcCullough left behind.

The Executive Board, which consists of Vance Collom, Don Osborne and myself, met on August 3rd to review our Financial Records and discuss a path forward for the upcoming year. The main topics resulting from this meeting are:

- Increasing our membership
- Expanding our birthday celebration at the VA Facility.

Looking for Masonic War Veterans' Banner.

I and my staff will be calling on most Masonic Lodges in person, hopefully with Grand Post Officers, in Monroe and Wayne Districts to explain what the Masonic War Veterans is about and who is eligible to join. I will contact all Masters to have them inform their Lodges that we are looking for new members. Truth be told, our members are aging and we need new and younger members to remain viable.

Another project we have is the Monthly Birthday Party at the Canandaigua VA Facility. Once a month, on the 3rd Wednesday, we meet in Building. 7, where we pass out cake and ice cream in celebration of all Vets who have a birthday that month.

We have been asked to expand our Birthday Party to Building 8. We are hesitant to do this because we are not sure we will have enough people. If any Mason would like to help us out, your volunteering would be a great help to us. You don't have

to be a Masonic War Veteran to participate.

There has been some discussion about moving our Post Meeting from the 4th Thursday of each month to the 3rd Wednesday of each month to coincide with our Birthday Party celebration at the Canandaigua VA Facility. The schedule would be 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for lunch; 1 p.m.-2 p.m. would be our Post meeting; 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m. for the Birthday Party.

This schedule would have the advantage of only having to meet once a month instead of twice. This would also be helpful in the Winter.

Save the Date

Wednesday, September 21st; check your email for the time and place of the next Post meeting and Birthday Party at the Canandaigua VAMC.

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Visits begin and onward and upward we go. Please get your reservations in for the Grand Master's Reception on October 22nd in Buffalo. □

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By R.:W.: Neil R. Bedford

Welcome back for our work in the quarries of Olive Branch Lodge for the ensuing year. We have had a hot, dry and humid Summer in LeRoy; now we embark on a new year with some new Officers in our Line, along with some seasoned Brothers.

We are starting out running this year. Our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Rick Howe, will have his Official Visit at Olive Branch on **September 21st**, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a dinner prior to the meeting for the Official Visit at the Masonic Community Center at 6:00 p.m. Please call in your reservations to W.: Jack Flint or myself.

District Consolidation

A reminder to all our Brothers. At the 2016 Grand Lodge Communication, it was announced that the Genesee-Wyoming and Livingston Districts were merged into the new Letchworth District. The DDGMs, Staff Officers and AGLs for both Districts had already been chosen. Because of this, Grand Lodge decided that for the 2016-2018 Appointments, the Letchworth District will have two DDGMs, Staff Officers and AGLs.

The new District has been divided evenly between, the new Grand Lodge Officers with half of each of the Lodges in the previous old Districts being the responsibility of the Co-DDGMs. Some of the Brothers from Olive Branch are going to do some traveling to the other Lodges in the new District to meet our new Brothers and get reacquainted with some of our long time Brothers.

We received some disappointing news over the Summer. The **Masonic Times** will cease publishing with the December 2016 issue. It was primarily a financial decision. Due to the declining membership of the Fraternity, the subscription price was not covering publishing costs. It would require being subsidized

by the Masonic Service Bureau, which the Board of Directors decided not to approve.

Our Master, W.: Jack Flint; Senior Warden, W.: David Beswick; and Secretary, R.:W.: Neil Bedford, have decided that, at some point this year, we will start publishing an Olive Branch monthly newsletter.

We would prefer that this newsletter be sent out electronically due to the extra cost encountered for mailing them. In order to do this, we would appreciate it if you would send your email address to:

olivebranchnumber39@gmail.com

To the Brothers who do not have email, we will mail the newsletter to you.

NorthStar Project

Grand Lodge has implemented the NorthStar Project ... a new Program outlining how and when to accept Petitions from prospective new members. Under this system, you do not just hand out a Petition to the prospective members. Over a four-month period, you have to interview the prospective member four times and his family once before deciding to offer or not offer him a Petition. That is the short form explanation. W.: David Beswick, our Senior Warden, has written a more informative report and it will be sent with our first newsletter.

As always, please try to attend Lodge and support your newly Elected and Appointed Officers. □

Area 15 Brotherhood Fund



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I am writing this report on a hot July night. Nights seem to stimulate thinking. My thoughts went back to when I joined a Masonic Lodge in 1995. I had been asked three times in two years to join. When I finally relented it was with, "Great, all I need is another meeting to go to."

It was then I said to myself, "Now that I'm here, I might as well do something with it." Freemasonry is arguably the greatest Fraternity in the world. Their motto is, 'to make good men better.' That goes along with, 'ask not what your Country can do for you; ask what you can do for your Country.' It is absolutely no different than being a Free and Accepted Mason.

It takes an Application fee, Degree work and Annual Dues to become a Mason. Assuming

you are near your Lodge it takes a certain commitment to make the meetings. If you don't take part in Masonic doings, how are you going to become a better man through Masonry? I've found through the years, the love of labor with the Craft to be fulfilling to where it has irrevocably changed my life for the better.

In doing so, my Annual Lodge Dues plus my Brotherhood Fund contribution each year equal my Lodge's real Annual Dues! They are inseparable.

My Brothers, we are again at the beginning of another Masonic Year – an opportunity to make ourselves better through Masonic teachings. I cannot say it enough ... make your meetings, visit nearby Lodges and make a note to be present at your District's monthly meetings. I promise that you'll never regret it, especially in later years.

The Homeless Man

I was walking down the street when I was approached by a smelly, shabby-looking homeless man who asked me for money.

I took out a \$10 bill and said to him, "I'll give you this money if you will buy beer rather than food with it."

"I gave up drinking years ago," said the homeless man.

"Will you use it to go fishing then?"

"No, I don't waste my time fishing."

"Will you spend it on hunting equipment?" I asked.

"Are you nuts? I haven't hunted in years!"

"Well then, I'm taking you home to a dinner made by my wife."

"Won't she be mad?" said the homeless man?

"Yes, but don't worry. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking, fishing and hunting."

By Chuck Wells,
Wayne Times Columnist □

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On May 3rd, the new Letchworth District became official. The consolidation of two Western New York State Districts (Livingston and Genesee-Wyoming) became one.

Under the leadership of R.:W.: Charles Roberts and R.:W.: Neil Bedford, we pulled together a committee for the purpose of writing and approving the By-Laws that would guide the new District. R.:W.: Mike Rhodes had been duly appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Genesee-Wyoming District and I had been duly appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Livingston District. Consensus dictated that we would serve as Co-Deputies while we bring the consolidation into completion.

We've divided up the Lodges among us with each serving some from the East side of the river and some from the West side of the river. We will serve those respective Lodges for one year and then next year we will switch. Thus we will get acquainted with all of the Brothers. Of course, we will support each other as time and commitments allow. We look forward to this transition with great enthusiasm.

Our Trestleboards are published and the work has already begun. Our District Staff Officers, R.:W.: Bob Cox and R.:W.: Bob Ball have sched-

uled the Master's Chair and will have presented this Program by the time this is published.

In July we had a seminar on the MORI Program presented by R.:W.: Charles Knapp. The purpose was to help our Secretaries become more comfortable with the MORI Program, and help preclude the need to pay a full-time person to enter data in the system at Grand Lodge. Our Assistant Grand Lecturers are R.:W.: Dick Trescott and R.:W.: John Wiktorowski and they are working closely with the Grand Lecturer on scheduling the Grand Lecturer's Convention and also working with our Lodges being proficient with the Opening and Closing Ritual.

The District has already Raised several Brothers. On July 16th, West Star Lodge in Varysburg Raised Brothers Jake Becker, Luke Becker and Robert King to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I had the privilege of witnessing some very stellar Ritual work. Congratulations to all who participated and to our new Master Masons.

On August 27th, Mount Morris Lodge was scheduled to host the Raising of seven new Master Masons. Three were from Mount Morris Lodge, one was from Avon Springs Lodge and three were from Arcade Lodge. (if all went as planned). More on this next month.

File Tax Returns

We have been pushing hard for all our Lodges to produce their 990s and other pertinent tax documents. Most are in compliance and others are working on getting their documents taken care of. I trust that all will be vigilant in this endeavor.

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It's time to get back to work in the quarries of our Lodges. We have been charged with the task of making ourselves better men. In order to do that, we need Lodges in which to function. A vital part of any Lodge is communication. Communication of information is the lifeblood of any organization.

A Lodge MUST communicate with its members and Masters of Lodges are in the position of responsibility for making sure that happens ... whether they do it themselves or assign a Brother to do it. Estimates are that only 10-20 percent of a Lodge's members attend meetings on a regular basis. That leaves 80-90 percent of members who, for whatever reason, may not get to Lodge. It is critical that those Dues-paying, "invisible" members are not forgotten and that they receive regular communication from the Lodge.

The **Masonic Times** is the best tool for doing this. Every month this publication arrives at your home and provides information about all the goings-on in the Masonic World in our Region. All that information is found in one place - in the pages of this newspaper which you hold in your hands. And you get that information for ONLY a dollar an issue. That is an incredible bargain!

It's also easy and convenient. Yes, there is email, Facebook pages and websites, but not every Brother uses those forms of communication. Also, it is very easy to overlook regular access to email, Facebook page or website. That one email from the Lodge can easily get lost in the 500 emails in the inbox. Electronic communications are easily missed in the myriad distractions of a computer or smart phone. As the saying goes, "Out of sight, out of mind."

Like the rough and smooth Ashlars we have in every Lodge, which we can touch and feel in order to understand the concept

of our transformation as men, so, too, is that physical hard copy of the **Masonic Times**. We can hold it, read it, mark it up and turn its pages as we see what's going on. It serves as a physical reminder of everything our Masonic World has to offer as we plan what to do. Heck, we can even take it into the bathroom!

I would urge every Lodge to continue to support the **Masonic Times** through subscriptions for your members. It is not a burdensome cost in your annual budget. Instead, it's an investment in a communication tool with your members, which is an investment in the lifeblood and longevity of your Lodge.

Official Visits and Fiscal Audits

I am looking forward to visiting all Lodges to see how things are going and to deliver Grand Master, M.:W.: Jeffrey Williamson's Address to the Craft. As part of that visit, I will need to see evidence that the Lodge has performed an Annual Audit of the financial books by three disinterested Brothers.

Another requirement which the Grand Master has directed is that the District Deputy Grand Master, together with the Staff Officer and AGL, certify the Lodge's ability to Open and Close with its own members. Since there will not be an "Edict Degree" this year, the Lodge's proficiency with Opening and Closing will be closely scrutinized. Please make sure you have practiced and that ALL your Elected and Appointed Officers are present for the Official Visit. I would like to see the Secretaries and Treasurers Ritual included in your Opening. Failure to have all present will prevent a certification.

Schedule of Official Visits

Clio	September 20th
Unity	September 26th
Inspiration	September 27th
Northfield	October 6th
Union Star	October 10th
Wakan-Hubbard	October 24th
Oatka	October 26th
Webster	November 3rd
Seneca	November 8th
Fairport-Flower City	November 14th
ERAC	November 28th

I look forward to visiting your Lodge as we work together as Brothers in our quarries.

Let us keep our light eternally shining! □

Grand Director of Ceremonies



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As the days get a little shorter and Summer is winding down, it is time for those of us who are Masons to get back to work in the quarries. I hope all of you had a very enjoyable Summer and are looking forward to the ensuing Masonic Year. There is much to be done and it seems there is never enough time to accomplish it.

Masonic Education

I have scheduled the follow-

ing Masonic Courses for this coming year:

Masonic Development Course

October 15th at Fairport Masonic Hall, 87 Main Street. This Course is for everyone, from the newly Raised Brother to the seasoned Brother who wants to further his Masonic Light. This Course was developed to educate our members in each of the Masonic Degrees, regarding the Ritual, History and Symbolic meaning of Masonry. If you are new to Masonry or just want more information about our great Fraternity, come and join us for an enlightening day.

If this date does not fit into your schedule we will be presenting the same program on **May 1st**. Place TBD.

Road to the East

If you are a Lodge Warden and have aspirations of becoming Master of your Lodge, you should plan to attend this Course. The scope of the *Road to the East* is to educate the future leaders of our Lodges in the proper methods, attitudes, functions, Rituals and skills required to be an effective leader of the Craft. We will be presenting this in two sessions:

February 18th and **March 4th**. You are the one who will decide what kind of leader you want for your Lodge. Be prepared for a special year in your life and for your Lodge by attending this very important course.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the quarries. □

Assistant Grand Lecturer



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Greetings, my Brothers! I hope you all had a wonderful Summer. Summers always go by too quickly but it's that time again when we all pick up our Working Tools and head back into the quarries that we so love.

I hope to be able to bring Masonic Light throughout our District this year and live up to the standard those incredible Brothers who have been in this position before me have set. I want to make this year an enlightening and educational one. I will most certainly promise to help bring Light to all Brothers. At our Schools of Ritual I will strive to make sure everyone walks away with new information or perspective on our Ritual. I will also focus on more esoteric subjects including the spirituality of our Ritual.

Our Ritual is what sets us apart from a multitude of other service organizations. Without it, we could just as easily be a Rotary, Kiwanis or Lion. Without it, there would be no Freemasonry. This is why it is so important to not only have it memorized, but to also understand it on deeper levels. Should we perform like an automaton - regurgitating the work without knowing the value or meaning of what we just performed?

V.:W.: Lance J. Daul Appointed 2015-2016 Assistant Grand Lecturer for Monroe District

Lance Daul was raised in Northfield Lodge in January of 2012. During 2015-2016, Lance served as Master of Northfield Lodge. He also affiliated with Clio Lodge.

He is an active member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester, Hiram Chapter, Doric Council of Cryptic Masons, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery, Damascus Shriners and Lalla Rookh Grotto. Lance enjoys participating in these organizations activities, helping out in any way he can. Has successfully acted in and directed Degrees for his Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite and York Rite.

V.:W.: Daul attended high school in Brockport and graduated from Empire State College with a B.S. in Computer Science. He currently lives in Pittsford and is a single parent who retired from the work force and now concentrates on raising his 7-year-old son Noah. The two of them enjoy visiting the many local attractions for children in the area and they love amusement parks.

Brother Lance is an avid golfer in his spare time. He lists his current game as being horrible but is hopeful that, with a lot of practice and playing this year, he can improve to just being bad! □

Having the Ritual memorized is just the first step. You truly own the Ritual when you are able to memorize it and are conscious of the value contained therein. I certainly still have a long way to go on the path to memorize all our Ritual and an even longer one to find all the value contained within those words. I encourage every Brother to keep striving and pushing towards that end though!

Schools of Ritual

Thursday, September 29th, is our first School of Ritual this year. It will be held at Pittsford Masonic Hall, 17 Church Street. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the School will start at 7:30 p.m.

The School will be focusing

on the scripture lessons, their importance and, also, reviewing an often-neglected role of the Conductor.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is scheduled for **November 29th** at Fairport Masonic Hall, 87 South Main Street. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Convention will start at 7:30 p.m. You never want to miss a Grand Lecturer's Convention!

Dinner reservations for both these events may be made with me at:

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or by phone: 319-6796.

I look forward to this upcoming year and, if I can be of assistance on anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. □

Purple Club of the Monroe District

Mark Your Calendar

The next four meetings of the Purple Club of the Monroe District will be:

Wednesday, September 28th

Tuesday, January 31st

Wednesday, March 29th

Wednesday, June 28th

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MONROE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

By W.: Bruce Katz,
District Chair

A cornerstone of our success as a Fraternity is our ability to help Brothers get the most they can out of their membership and to build themselves as better men. Individual Lodge Leadership and the individual Brothers have key responsibility for their Masonic growth and the Membership Development Committee is an opportunity to assist in this. I have spoken with several Brothers about expanding this Committee to having active Brothers in each Lodge.

Bringing in new members in an organization that does not solicit for membership is a unique challenge. Retaining Brothers who previously didn't know much about our Fraternity until after Initiation is another long-time challenge (a *Short Talk Bulletin* from 1923 on this topic reads as if it were written today!). We will succeed, however, by our diligence in guarding the West Gate, and sincerely welcoming our new Brothers.

The NorthStar Program (including Lodges' adoptions of its principles and adaptations of its processes) should help potential Candidates better understand what is involved with our Fraternity to help them make a better decision about submitting a Petition.

Communication is one of the keys to retention. One of the ways that Masters and Lodges have communicated to Brothers has been through the **Masonic Times**. With the impending discontinuation of its publication, new ways will be needed to support the importance of communications. Masters and Wardens are encouraged to actively participate in "Masters and Wardens" and share best practices and concerns.

One of our key opportunities lies in the fact that every Brother has made the promise to "improve myself in Masonry." This takes many forms. For some, it is community service, preparing a meal at Ronald MacDonald House, repairing a monument in a cemetery, learning a piece of Ritual, visiting or phoning a Brother, personal Masonic reading, helping a new Brother learn Questions and Answers, or discussing life's challenges. Each of these requires an action – to actually DO something.

The upcoming year, 2017, is the Tri-Centenary of the formation of the first Grand Lodge in London. Anniversary years are important milestones to engage us to reflect on the past and to look forward to the future.

Have we lived up to the hopes and dreams of those Brothers who came this way before us? If given the chance, how would you have re-lived the past, whether it is the past year or past 20 years? We are blessed with the opportunity of the beginning of each new day to restore our journey on a better path and equally blessed with the opportunity to share our experiences as mentors to those beginning the same paths that we have already travelled.

What does it mean to be a Mason? The answer depends on the individual. But, above all, make sure it means something special to you.

My thanks to R.:W.: George Foehner for appointing me, and to R.:W.: Steve Michener for re-appointing me, to the Chair position for Masonic Development for Monroe District. Please let me know if you would like to participate in this team or if I can be of assistance. □

Inspiration

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By W.: Ryan Ramplin

I hope all of you are as excited as I am to return to the quarries. Sometimes I wish I were a teacher, so I could have the Summer off to enjoy myself, but I also find myself wishing we did not go dark for those same months.

We have an exciting year ahead of us, if I do say so myself. As you are reading this, I hope we had a successful evening at our Annual Past Master's Dinner, along with the newly Elected Officers, on August 16th. August 20th was the Annual Clambake and Picnic at the Shrine Center; the merger between Inspiration Lodge and Fame Lodge has been finalized; and, lastly, a few very successful rehearsals were held, with a surprise visit from Brother Brian Bell. More details to come on these events.

September Events

The month of September will be very busy. Not only are we welcoming many Brothers to In-

R.:W.: Richard Snyder presented Medals, Citations for Military Service



Retiring from the Military in 1991, R.:W.: Richard Snyder received three recognition Medals and Certificates from New York State. From left, the Conspicuous Service Star, the Conspicuous Service Cross and the Medal for Merit. State Senator Richard Funke made the presentations on June 21st.

spiration Lodge, we will be celebrating our Brothers who have achieved Masonic milestones.

On **September 13th**, we will have our Annual Awards Night. This is an Open meeting; please bring the family; and, as always, Widows are welcome. RSVPs due to Junior Warden, Brother Adam Gerken, by **September 8th**.

For our second meeting on **September 27th**, we will welcome our new District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Stephan P. Michener, for his Official Visit. He is expected to be accompanied by his Staff Officer, R.:W.: Joseph E. Bourcy III, Grand Director of Ceremonies. (RSVP information to follow).

October Events

October will be equally as busy and exciting – we will begin visiting other Lodges for programs and fellowship. Our first meeting, **October 10th**, will be a

Walk-About the Lodge and a discussion about Opening and Closing a Lodge. This will be a very informative meeting – especially for our newer Brothers.

The **October 25th** meeting will utilize some "newer" technology with Brother Brian Bell presenting from afar.

Celebrations

The following Brothers of Inspiration Lodge advance a year this month: William Kaufman (2nd); Robert Waldeck (3rd); Allen Luccitti (4th); Robert Shartran (10th); Joseph Steffen (14th); Frank Sackett (16th); John Shannon (18th); Rob Steinorth (19th); Roger Brainard (20th); Brian Bell (21st); Edward Schmitt (23rd); Matthew Zodarecky (27th) and Ronald Yancone (30th). Happy Birthday to each and every one of you.

I look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming months! □

Unity

Lodge No. 479

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I hope everyone is well and enjoyed the Summer. It has been a very busy Summer. Now we are starting our new Masonic Year.

Since our Installation, we had our Family Picnic at Pineway Ponds Park on June 20th. We had a new location this year; the Lodge we rented was absolutely beautiful – close enough to the splash park for the kids to enjoy, but far enough to be private. A game of horseshoes even broke out as we had our own pits. It was very well attended with over 70 Brothers and family members ... as always, the food was excellent.

Our next major Summer adventure was our Pancake Breakfast during Spencerport Canal Days. I give many thanks to Cliff Short for taking the lead on getting the kitchen and hall set up; Brothers Jim Robb and Garry Cranker for the shopping; and all Brothers and my lovely Wife who devoted their time to work serving, cleaning and cooking to make it a success. I believe we will have a final report on the success of the event at our first meeting.

Speaking of our first meeting, it is on **Monday, September 12th**, and is going to be a great evening. To start, our new Officers have been working hard to make sure they are prepared, so I'm sure they would appreciate your support. Our first meeting is also our Annual Steak Roast, and Brother Edelman always does an amazing job. Lastly, but certainly not least, we will be having an Awards Night. Several of our Brothers have passed important milestones, and it is our honor and duty to give them the recognition they have earned and deserve. We will be taking photos afterwards to be published in the **Masonic Times**. Officers, please wear your tuxedos.

September 26th will be our Official Visit. I know our new DDGM, R.:W.: Stephan Michener, and Staff Officer, R.:W.: Joseph Bourcy, are excited to share the Grand Master's Message and their vision for the District for the next two years. There will be a dinner before our Official Visit, so stay tuned for details. Again, Officers are requested to wear your tuxedos.

I sincerely hope everyone enjoys the remainder of the Summer; I look very much forward to seeing all of you back in Lodge. □

Seneca

Lodge No. 797

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Greetings from the East at Seneca Lodge. As I write this, the mercury is 95 degrees. I hope you are all doing better than the crispy brown lawns.

Things are well for us at Seneca Lodge thanks to the dedication of our Trustees – the smart policy decisions they make and the unflinching support and participation of the Brethren who keep the wheels in motion.

I, like all successful leaders, am lucky to be surrounded by men who happily lend their wisdom, experience and enthusiasm, all of which results in prosperity.

I welcome Wakan-Hubbard Lodge to the Webster Masonic Hall. They have finally and successfully cleared themselves of the "building business" by selling it this past Spring. They now reside with us at 30 Orchard Street.

Of note this past Summer: It was my honor to present a 70-Year Pin and Apron to Brother Bob Leavitt. This was held at a special luncheon for him in June. Thanks to just-recently past DDGM R.:W.: George Foehner for attending.

This event had a special turn to it. After the presentation, Brother Leavitt gave the Lodge a gift – a Master's gavel carved from the planks of, none other than, the USS Constitution. The wood was obtained when the ship was replanked during Brother Leavitt's time in the US Navy. Per his wishes, the gavel will be used only for meetings with unique and special purposes. Thank you again, Brother Bob.

Finally, if you are reading this and it's been a while since you've been to Lodge and you're feeling like getting back into it, stop by and visit us. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday, usually 5:30 p.m. It's no secret we have excellent meals, refreshments and great fellowship.

Thanks for reading and we'll see you on the Level. □

Wakan-Hubbard

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By R.:W.: John Zabel

A new Masonic Year is about to start. We had a good Summer. It started with the Installation of W.: Allen Heidrick as our new Master. Summer continued with a joint picnic with Seneca Lodge held at the Shrine Center on Saturday, August 13th. All those who attended had a great time and got to meet Brothers from Seneca Lodge, who share Webster Masonic Hall with us.

We recently found out that the Webster Masonic Hall has installed heat pumps in the dining area. This will allow the area to

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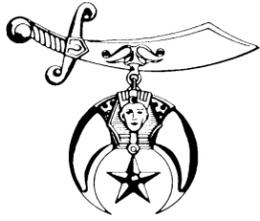
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KEVIN FARO POTENTATE

By Kevin "Skins" Faro, Potentate

Welcome back to the quarries, Nobles! It's been a very busy Summer; hope everyone enjoyed it.

Cruz Nights

We had record numbers show up for Cruz Nights again this year. What a great bunch of dedicated volunteers we have who show up every week ... way too many to list, but you know who they are so just go up to them and say thanks. We even had the Perry Shrine Club show up in July with the mini-cars on Cruz Night.

Ride and Rally Event

The Wheelers had a very successful Ride and Rally in conjunction with Illustrious Sir Lance Ward's Screening Clinic. Both events were highly successful. A Tip-of-the-Fez to both our Recorder, Sean Noonan, and Illustrious Sir Lance Ward, for pulling these two events off without a hitch.

Fall Sportsman Raffle

Assistant Rabban, Jim Ryan, is gearing up for the Fall Sportsman's Raffle.



Tickets are available at the Shrine Office or give Jim a call. If EVERY Noble sold TWO tickets, this would be the most successful raffle to date. Think about it ... if you and your Lady each bought a ticket, we would go over the top. Remember, the ticket price not only gives you a chance at 20 guns, but also includes food, beer and soda which pays for the price of the ticket.

Our **October 5th** meeting will be Open to the Public for a recognition and appreciation dinner for all the people who helped with the Cruz Night. Come out and support those who do all the hard work for the kids. There will be award presentations, a few laughs and a few surprises as well. Ladies and friends are invited; reservations a must.

November 5th is the Harvest Dinner that is being chaired by your High Priest and Prophet, Jerry Lack. You can make reservations through the Office and see if Jerry needs any help putting on the dinner.

One last note ... "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." ☐



Lyle Maldoon, Emeritus Member of the Board of Governors at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, presents a check in the amount of \$250 to Bob Lee, P.P., Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles

Millard A. Fairley
July 19, 2016

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August 6, 2016



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Potentate, Kevin Faro (back row center), pictured with a group of new Shriners (in alphabetical order): Stephen Goebert, Steven Lunn, Anthony Molino, Michael Pettinato, Robert Shaff and Mark Sullivan. Be sure to welcome them at the next event.

## Lilac Festival Parade ...



## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2016

### SEPTEMBER

- 5th Divan Meeting
- 7th Shriners Meeting

### OCTOBER

- 3rd Divan Meeting
- 5th Cruz Night Appreciation Night; Open, Ladies & Friends Invited
- 8th Fall Sportsman's Raffle

### NOVEMBER

- 2nd Shriners Meeting
- 5th Harvest Dinner



**Attention! Nobles & Friends of the Sportsman's Raffle ...**

**Raffle** We are having a special drawing this year ...

For every 10 tickets that are turned in before September 30th by 2:30 p.m., you will be entered into THREE special drawings of \$100 each.

Tickets will be drawn on September 30th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Shrine Center while enjoying free Beer, Hots and Hamburgers.



## September Birthdays



David Aleksandrowicz  
Dennis Andrews  
James Bailey  
Alan Bartholomew  
Jason Bortle  
Kenneth Buckley  
Donald Cambisi  
Eugene Choma  
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Joseph Steffen  
Rob Steinorth  
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John Wright, Jr.

### Drivers Needed for Hospital Transportation

We are looking for drivers to take children to the Hospitals – primarily Springfield, MA, and Erie, PA. We have a core group and need additional drivers with the pending screening clinics to be held in Geneva early this Summer. We might be called on to provide transportation for kids going to the clinics in addition to our current schedule. We are busy, averaging one Hospital trip per week since December, 2015.

- Drivers do not use their personal ve-

hicles. We rent vans from Enterprise, have an EZPass® and GPS.

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- Both Springfield and Erie Hospitals have full-service cafeterias. Meals are covered.
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Get on the list by calling the Shrine Office at (585) 671-7701. ☐

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## What's New in Erie ...

### Former Patient becomes a Certified Prosthetist and Orthotist

Amniotic Band Syndrome (ABS) is a rare condition characterized by Amniotic fluid forming into bands, wrapping around a baby's extremities and cutting off circulation. In Malachi Knauff's case, the ABS was so severe that his left arm, below the elbow, was amputated in utero. Fortunately, following his birth, he was referred to Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie.



### Baseball and Beyond

Knauff visited Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie on a regular basis, receiving treatment from the physicians, rehabilitation from the occupational therapists and overall support from the nurses and other staff members.

By the time he was 5 years old, Malachi dreamed of playing baseball through high school. He fondly remembers learning how to swing a bat by using the state-of-the-art equipment provided by the Erie Medical Center. He also learned how to shoot a basketball and, eventually, to drive.

### Inspiring Others

Throughout his 18 years of treatment, Malachi was fitted for custom-designed prosthetics by the skilled, professional staff. When it was time to decide about his future, he chose to become a certified prosthetist and orthotist (CPO). He spends his days designing and fitting devices for people with missing limbs or with other medical limitations. He creates artificial limbs, braces and other medical and surgical products.

"Coming to Shriners Hospitals for Children® through my childhood inspired me to give back by becoming a CPO," Malachi said. "It allows me to help others as others helped me through a difficult time in my life."

Now married and living in Colorado, Malachi Knauff has come a long way and credits much of his success to the physicians, nurses, therapists and staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie.

### Timmy's Garden

The initial planting of Timmy's Garden got underway in June. Many of the patients cared for at SHC-Erie had an opportunity to plant vegetables.

Occupational therapists will work with children in the garden, which will help them to get back to nature. It will offer the patients therapeutic benefits as well.

The "Timmy's Day Out" Program allows children who have Spina Bifida to experience such things as public transportation, making healthy food choices and participating in many other fun activities.

The program was developed by the



hospital's Myelodysplasia Specialty Care Team with initial funding from Candy Bollen, (whose son, Timmy, was born with Spina Bifida) and the Ladies of Dendarah Court No. 10 of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America of Toledo, Ohio. The goal of the program is to help children grow up to be as healthy and independent as possible. ☐

### Shriners Jammers Season a Slam Dunk

Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie Wheelchair Basketball Team, Erie Shriners Jammers, wrapped up their 6-week season with outstanding participation.



The program, which began over 10 years ago, allows physically disabled children the opportunity to compete on the court against a team from the Erie Community. The patients who participate in this program recognize many benefits including increased self-confidence, learning to be part of a team and learning to play by the rules.



One parent commented, "My child benefits from the socialization and being around other kids who are similar to him. His self-confidence has soared!"

The team has played against members of the Gannon University Football Team, McDowell High School, Lund Martial Arts, Behrend Student Nurses and the Erie Roller Girls. The final game is followed by a party and awards ceremony. ☐

## Damascus Legion of Honor Wednesday, September 14th

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

**Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.**  
**(Appetizers and Cash Bar)**

**Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting - 7:15 p.m.**

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## Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield's

By Kristen O'Shepa  
Public Relations Specialist

### 2016 DAISY Award Winner! Celebrating the Compassionate Care of Extraordinary Nurses

The Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield celebrated National Nurses Week with a special dinner honoring the Nursing Staff in May. During the celebration, members of the Hospital's Leadership Team expressed their gratitude to the nurses for their commitment to providing exceptional care to patients and families. Guest speaker, Joan Harovas, RN, from Integrative Medicine at Saint Francis Hospital provided an excellent presentation on the importance of "care of self" and the 2016 Daisy Award Recipient was announced.

This year, nine nurses were nominated by colleagues and families for the Daisy Award. Marie Kane Danis, RN a 35-year employee of the Hospital and the Inpatient Nursing Supervisor was this year's worthy recipient. Marie was nominated for her dedication to the care of children and her effective leadership and communication style with everyone she encounters. Upon accepting her award, Marie stated, "I am so honored and emotionally moved to receive such a prestigious award. I congratulate the other nominees and feel they are all equally deserving."

The purpose of the DAISY Award at Shriners Hospitals for Children is to honor and pay tribute to the special human consideration our nurses give to our patients and families as a very important part of their healing experience. Diane Brunelle, MSN, RN, Director of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield said of Marie, "She is truly a dedicated, knowledgeable nurse; she truly cares about the children at Shriners Hospital in Springfield and is most deserving of the DAISY Award."

In 1999, the DAISY Foundation was formed by the family of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at the age of 33 of complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). Patrick approached life with a positive spirit, befriending others and helping in any way he could. He was a natural mentor and shared his phenomenally positive outlook on life with a wide network of family and friends around the Country. The DAISY Foundation was established by the Barnes family to keep his special spirit alive. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.



(l-r) Michelle Salva, RN, BSN, Nurse Educator; DAISY Award winner, Marie Kane Danis, RN, Inpatient Nursing Supervisor; and Diane Brunelle, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Director of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer.

### Employee Spotlight Shrining Star Award

Each Quarter, one staff member from Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield is presented with the Shrining Star Award. Nominees are recognized by fellow colleagues as people who epitomize enthusiasm, ownership, passion, engagement, fellowship, reliability and pride in their work each day. Angie Lis, a Chef in the Food Services Department, was presented with this well-deserved award during the monthly

Springfield Shriners Hospital's Board of Governors meeting.

Angie has been on staff at the hospital for 11 years, and makes it a priority to serve healthy and delicious meals to patients, families and staff every day. Employees who nominated Angie were very complimentary - highlighting her contagious energy and positivity - and her willingness to go above and beyond for others. Congratulations, Angie!



(l-r): Steve Behe, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Angie Lis, Food Services; and Lee Kirk, Hospital Administrator.

### Smith & Wesson Support Recognized

The Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield recently presented Smith & Wesson with its Benefactor Crystal Recognition Award. To date, Smith & Wesson has donated over \$204,000 to the Hospital. These generous funds were raised by Smith & Wesson employees who participated in a number of activities and company-sponsored events throughout the year, such as the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Road Race, A Night of Laughter Comedy Show and the Annual Leprechaun Plunge held at Brunelles Marina in South Hadley, MA. Smith & Wesson has also been the Presenting Lead Sponsor for our Annual Love-to-the-Rescue Radiothon held each October.

The Company recently announced that it will support the Hospital's Radiothon for the fifth year in a row, which will be held on **October 20th and 21st**, with a \$15,000 Sponsorship.

On hand to receive the award, were Mark P. Smith, President of Smith & Wesson's Manufacturing Services Division and Elaine Stellato, Community Relations Manager for Smith & Wesson.



(l-r): Elaine Stellato, Community Relations Manager for Smith & Wesson; Mark P. Smith, President of Smith & Wesson's Manufacturing Services Division; Steve Behe, Chairman of the Board of Governors; and Karen Motyka, Director of Development at the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield.

### Pediatric Developmental Program

By Lawrence Kaplan, MD

Dr. Lawrence Kaplan, Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician, joined Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield in October, 2015. Referrals continue to grow, reflecting a wide range of developmental questions. After a year of program building and resource identification, we would like to provide you with more specific guidance in answer to your frequently asked questions:

#### Frequently Asked Questions from Primary Care

#### • Do you see children with autism disorders and/or to rule out autism?

"I would like to continue to configure this program to be a true comprehensive

Child Development Clinic consistent with the current American Boards of Pediatrics and Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics definition of the field and the populations it serves. That population may include autism disorders, the most common developmental concern we have today, and we are absolutely committed to seeing those children. To facilitate a more informed processing of referrals, we ask, however, that referrals come from the primary care provider or Early Intervention Team.

"Parents should discuss their concerns with their primary care providers rather than self-refer. This way we have important preliminary history which we will expand upon when we see the child and a relationship with the Medical Home that becomes crucial should we see the child. We are not and cannot be exclusively an Autism Assessment Program per se. To be that at this point and to do that well, including educational consultation and feeding support, especially exceeds right now our staffing capacity and expertise.

"From a "general developmental/neurodevelopmental service" standpoint, any child with any disabling condition which you, as a primary care provider, feel requires further assessment and management, we welcome. Again, this could include not only many of the children typically seen at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield, our host institution, but also those children whose needs are identified in the community who may need the expanded services that derive from a comprehensive assessment.

"In essence, then, our program at Shriners serves children with a wide range of developmental concerns and we are trying to serve them all as we continue to grow as a program."

#### • What is your role in the care of children with severe behavioral problems?

"When the immediate need is the assessment and management of children whose behavior puts them and others at risk for harm, or significantly impacts day-to-day care at home -or for whom you believe represents significant pathology - we suggest referring the child to a behavioral health specialist or clinic (child psychiatry, psychiatric social work, behavioral clinics, etc.) for stabilization and appropriate treatment. Once this has taken place and there are ongoing or new concerns that the atypical behavior represents a developmental problem including, but not limited to, autism spectrum disorder, communication disorder cognitive or intellectual disability, then we would be happy to see them.

"We rely, therefore, on the primary care medical home provider or Early Intervention providers to make that determination. For questions about toileting, sleep hygiene, communication and school performance, we would be happy to see those children with the expectation that they have been evaluated to some degree by their primary care providers."

#### • Do you provide neuropsychiatric testing at Shriners Hospitals for Children®?

"Currently, we do not have the expertise; however, we are currently expanding the program to include the capacity to do more advanced psychometrics. We also continue to work with specialists in the community."

#### • Does psychometric testing have to be accomplished prior to initiating a referral to Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield?

"No; however, I would appreciate children to have been pre-screened in the primary care provider office with the standard developmental screening tests, examples being PEDS, M-CHAT, Vanderbilt, Achenbach, and BASC."



If you have any other questions for Dr. Lawrence Kaplan, please feel free to contact him through Sue Tapases, RN BSN at (413) 787-2047 or at:

[lakaplan@shrinenet.org](mailto:lakaplan@shrinenet.org)

### Kids Get Lupus, Too

By Peter Blier, MD, PhD

Lupus is a commonly used term for Systemic Lupus Erythematosus or SLE, a chronic autoimmune disease where the body reacts against its own tissues. It can involve nearly every organ system. The most common signs or symptoms include characteristic rashes, arthritis, fever, weight loss, fatigue, low blood cell counts and, in some patients, kidney, liver, lung or central nervous system involvement. The cause is not known but involves a complex combination of genetic and environmental factors.

SLE is not an uncommon disease ... it is estimated that as many as 1% of the US population have Lupus. 20% of the cases start during the first two decades of life, but it is very rare before puberty. It is far more common in females than males (about a 9:1 ratio after puberty) and in certain ethnic groups. The degree of severity varies enormously and flares and remissions are common. In general, younger patients tend to have a more challenging disease course, but it is important to know that mild disease does not always become more severe, and every patient's case is unique.

It is a common misconception that there is a test for Lupus. The so-called ANA (for "anti-nuclear antibody") is positive in almost all patients with Lupus, but because it is positive in so many people without SLE it is not a helpful test for making the diagnosis. In fact, in some studies as many as 25% of completely well children have a positive ANA! Other more specific laboratory tests, however, can and do help us in diagnosing Lupus.

Treatment is focused on reducing inflammation in order to prevent organ damage and to allow children and adolescents to have the best possible quality of life. The specific medications used vary depending on the manifestations of disease. Some patients may need 12 or more different medications to manage various aspects of their Lupus. It is critically important, as well, for kids to have a balanced diet, adequate sleep and appropriate and adequate physical activity. Don't forget sun protection (good sunscreen frequently re-applied, maybe cool-looking hats) when outdoors.

Although there is no cure for Lupus and the disease can be very serious, we have come a long way in improving outcomes and allowing kids to be kids, even with Lupus. More information about pediatric SLE and research into its cause and cure is available from CARRA (the Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance), the Lupus Foundation of America (LFA), and the Arthritis Foundation (AF).

Dr. Peter Blier is (along with Dr. Lawrence Kaplan) *Continued on page 10*



# Mark Your Calendar & Join Upcoming Events ...

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## DAMASCUS SHRINERS FALL SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

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#### News from Springfield

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rence Zemel) a member of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield Rheumatology Program; he works full time as a rheumatologist with Baystate Children's Hospital.

#### June was Scoliosis Awareness Month

The 2016 Scoliosis Position Statement (released January 2016)

Screening for the Early Detection of Idiopathic Scoliosis in Adolescents is a joint statement between the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA) and the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS). The revised statement was made public via a press release only six months ago.

For years, routine Scoliosis screen-



ing has been controversial with studies both supporting and disco. However, the 2013 multi-center National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded study, Bracing in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis Trial (BrAIST), documented significant success in preventing spinal curve progression and surgery in children who were screened, diagnosed, and treated with a custom brace.

"The BrAIST study provided high-quality evidence that bracing for Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis can decrease the rate of progression of spinal curve to the surgical level," said M. Timothy Hresko, MD, co-author of the revised statement. "Early detection of Scoliosis is essential to identifying patients who may benefit from the use of a spinal brace. The new, 2016 joint position statement – released jointly by four prominent child health organizations – reflects the importance of early Scoliosis detection."

#### 2013 BrAIST Study strongly recommends that:

- Screening examinations for spine de-

formity be part of medical home preventive care visits for girls at age 10 and age 12; for boys, once at age 13 or 14.

- Screening programs have well-trained personnel who can appropriately administer forward bending tests, and the use of a scoliometer, to correctly measure and identify abnormal spine curvature, and to refer patients for additional tests and imaging as needed.

- Any imaging tests adhere to the principles of ALARA (As Low as Reasonably Achievable) standards to minimize radiation exposure in young patients.

- Bracing is an effective non-operative intervention to reduce the risk of progression to surgical treatment.

#### MyPar Golfers Learn Life Skills

By Caryn France, MSPT

The MyPar Golf Program, which was recently held at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield, was developed by the Hospital and Springfield College using the principals of the First Tee Program. The First Tee is a national organization that uses golf as an activity to work on youth development. This initiative helps shape the lives of kids and teens from all walks of life by introducing them to values inherent in the game of golf, such as integrity, respect and perseverance.

For six weeks, the program participants, ranging in age from 8 - 18 years, gathered in the Hospital's backyard to learn a new sport and important life skills.

Twenty coaches made up of physical education physical therapy and occupational therapy students from Springfield College volunteered weekly to coach and mentor the athletes.

Orientation started with a two-hour training session to educate the coaches on how to seamlessly fit the life skills into the program while working with the athletes. Each week, previous life skills were reviewed with new ones added. These skills include handshakes with eye contact, perseverance, positive attitudes, asking for assistance, honesty with scoring, patience with themselves and others and decision-making. They also learned basic golf etiquette.

Modified golf equipment was used, consisting of launches, rollers and mini tennis-like balls. The targets consisted of various shapes and sizes (surrounded by Velcro®). We used the natural landscape and cones as obstacles. By the final week, the athletes were playing seven holes around the play-

scape and outside courtyard.

The program culminated with a field trip to the First Tee Golf Course located at the Tournament Players Club

in Cromwell, CT. The athletes, their families and mentors, all armed with various golf clubs and balls, tackled the par course together. They were able to practice not only their chipping and putting, but more importantly, the life skills that were worked on during the previous six

weeks. The families were amazed at the athletes' performance and talked openly about looking for local courses to keep playing this summer. Golf is a great game that can become a family activity.

"MyPar is a new program that focuses on life skills through the game of golf. This program is one of many initiatives Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield has developed and implemented to better meet community needs in the area of Sports Health and Wellness," stated, Denise M. Gloekler, PT, DPT, PCS, cNDT, Rehabilitation and Motion Analysis Laboratory Manager, Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield. □



#### Red Nose Day 2016



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• **November 5th** •

• **Annual** •

• **Harvest** •

• **Dinner** •

• *Details Coming ...* •

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**Wakan-Hubbard Lodge**  
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be cooled in the Summer months and supply heating in the Winter. I also saw the plans for the Master's carpet to be installed this year. Our new home is improving its Masonic footprint.

**Mark Your Calendar**

On **September 12th**, we will review plans for the upcoming year and the presentation of Service Awards. This year our Master has determined that we will be giving Certificates for 5-year increments, starting at 5 years. So the presentation ceremony will include many Brothers who

have reached one of these marks. We will also be presenting 60-Year Aprons to several Brothers. You will have to be there to see who is being honored for their length of service in the Lodge.

**September 26th** will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend event. The details are still being developed as of this writing, but plan on bringing a friend who may be interested in becoming a Freemason. The Fraternity has a lot to offer men and our Master has planned a year of great programs and events that will help our Brothers increase their knowledge and experience in Masonry.

On another note, our Brother

W.: Nathan Shoff and his wife, Melissa, were blessed with the birth of their son, Julian Peter, on June 24th. Make note of this and offer congratulations when you see Brother Nathan at our meeting.

Speaking of W.: Brother Nathan, I read a paper he wrote for the Western New York Lodge of Research on the Ancient Landmarks. The paper was very extensive and can be a topic of conversation with Brother Nathan. I was able to purchase a copy of the transactions of the Lodge at St. John's Day in Utica, which contained the paper.

The Lodge Trestleboard for the

year will be available at our meetings. You may have picked one up at the Installation. If you would like a copy, contact the Secretary and one will be mailed. Also, if you need a copy of the *Standard Works and Lectures* (Ritual Book), the Secretary has copies of the latest edition for sale at Lodge meetings. The cost is \$18.

**District Consolidations**

For Brothers who are not aware, there were several District consolidations voted on at Grand Lodge. One near us is the consolidation of Genesee-Wyoming and Livingston Districts into the new Letchworth District. Grand Lodge voted to make a District

consolidation a single vote and it really does not change the Constitution, just changes the administrative boundaries of a District.

Keeping change in mind, there are proposals for changes to come closer to home. We will be discussing these in our meetings to keep the Brethren informed what is happening Masonically around us.

We hope that you have had a great Summer and are now ready to participate in our Lodge activities and programs. We are planning for an exceptional year and will always listen to comments and suggestions for improvement. □

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer. I expected the calendar to be pretty open over the last two months, but it filled in like never before. I was out of town for three of six weeks and was busy in between. I am sorry the events we had thought of for the Summer did not pan out, but Jeff had problems with Camp Good Days and we both said, "forget it." My being out of town put a damper on us getting to a Red Wings Game.

The Golf Tournament was a huge success ... 60-some golfers took to the course in late June. Unlike last year, the day couldn't have been better. The steaks were cooked to perfec-

tion and everyone had a great time. My thanks to Prophet George Foehner for the excellent job in putting on this event.

One of the weeks I was away was for the National Grotto Convention in New Orleans. My wife, Susan, and I had a great time. I attended all the meetings, a couple of seminars and learned a few things. I reported these at the Board of Directors meeting on August 29th.

I also thank Prophet Jeff Ross for all the work on the Grotto shirts we purchased. The price wasn't bad either. Great job, Jeff!

**Upcoming Events**

**September 21st** - Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m. - Gathering; 6:30 p.m. - Dinner; 7:00 p.m. (or so) - Speaker; 7:30 p.m. - Meeting.

**September Birthdays**

Easton Kelsey (13th), Frank Habitzreuther (21st), Richard Bull (25th), Steve Mitchener (28th) and Bob Seils (30th).

I am expecting a visit from the District Deputy early in the year, so if you can make the meetings, it would be appreciated. A good showing always makes for a great meeting and fun time. □

**Monroe District OES HiLights**

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Welcome back; I hope everyone had a good Summer - except for the humidity. Plans have been going well for the rest of the year and we're all ready to get going.

Summer events of great success and camaraderie ... The District Chicken Bar-B-Que in Webster and District Picnic at Camp DeMolay in Sodus Point.

**September Events**

**September 3rd** - Line Officers at Unity Lodge Hall; 9 a.m. - coffee, etc.; 10 a.m. - Meeting.

**September 4th** - The "Mystery Trip" ... Yes! It is sold out! For those with reservations, please be at the parking lot of Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport by 12:45 p.m. We will leave PROMPTLY at 1 p.m. The horses will not wait! You may bring a deck chair.

**September 24th** - "High Tea," 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. As I write this article, I have 24 reservations, but can still take more. Just call me at 621-6051.

**October Events**

**October 1st & 2nd** - Hilton Apple Fest; Be sure to stop by the Etoleah Chapter Food Booth for Apple Fritters, Donuts and Hot Drinks.

**Change of Date ... No Line Officers meeting on October 1st.** Meeting will be held October 8th, after the Harvest Festival.

**October 8th** - Harvest Festival; 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. This "new" event is an English tradition that is always in October ... they do not have a Thanksgiving. It is open to all

members of the District.

Please bring a non-perishable item for the food shelf. There will be a "thankful-for-the-harvest" service by the Reverend and R.W. Brandi Wooten and music by R.W. Beverly Murray.

After the service, there will be a **Line Officers meeting** for the purpose of finalizing plans for Grand Chapter Sessions.

**October 15th-18th** - Grand Chapter Sessions in Binghamton.

**October 21st** - District Banquet at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport; 6:30 p.m. - Dinner, Meeting to follow.

**Grand Officer Appointments**  
Our congratulations to our new Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

- District Deputy Grand Matron**  
**Bonnie Shaffer**
- District Grand Lecturer**  
**Kenneth Milner**
- Grand Representative of South Carolina (February 2017)**  
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Until next time, keep well. □

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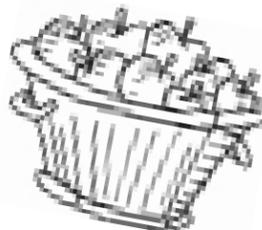
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**Hilton Apple Fest**  
**Saturday and Sunday**  
**October 1st & 2nd**  
*Be sure to stop by Etoleah's Booth for Apple Fritters, Donuts & Hot Beverages!*

While celebrating the Fall Season of Harvest, enjoy the Food, Car Show, Music, Arts & Crafts, and Activities you'll find at this annual event.



**Harvest Festival**  
*Open Event for Members & Friends*  
**Saturday**  
**October 8th**  
Bring Non-Perishable Food Item for a Local Food Shelf  
**Gather at 9 a.m.**  
**Service at 10 a.m.**  
RSVP by October 1st  
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# SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

I joined Scottish Rite Freemasonry, after having been a Master Mason for over ten years. During those intervening years, I had been both approached to join and invited to informational sessions. I just wasn't interested ... didn't see the point of it.

Why did I eventually join? Both the Shrine and Scottish Rite were offering an enrollment special - not quite a 2 for 1 special, but a reduced rate.

I still remember being part of a class of other Brothers ... and the effort of the Valley to make us feel welcome.

Nearly ten years have gone by since I first became a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret and it was not until this past April that I finally witnessed all 29 Degrees.

So why did I stick with it, especially since I didn't think there was any point to joining the Valley? Two reasons ...

First, the allegorical plays. For me, they resonated, and fulfilled that need to seek further Light in Masonry. Each Degree contains a lesson which I can use - if not for building the spiritual temple within, then in navigating this thing we call life.

An example is a scene in the 16th Degree. Zerubbabel voices his frustration in not making sufficient progress in rebuilding the temple because he is forced to "... labor with the trowel in one hand and the sword in the other." Progress can be a struggle.

My second reason for remaining in the Valley is for the fellowship. With my membership in the Valley comes the opportunity to meet other Brothers who belong to other Lodges and all under one roof.

Further enlightenment doesn't have to take place



**Phillip Hurwitz, 32° MSA**  
*Commander-in-Chief*

within the Lodge; it can be found in the world-at-large. And who says that journey can't include your family; or anyone who is important to you?

That's why your Valley will be hosting or facilitating family events. We are planning a Ladies Night on February 18th at Artisan Works. Other events will include visits to Fort Niagara, Museum of Play, Eastman Museum and theatre (Geva, Nazareth, Downstairs Cabaret are possibilities). The Valley will also be announcing "Pop-up" events. A pop-up event is something to see announced on short notice. Keep your eye on our Valley Facebook page for those announcements.

Here are other events going on in your Valley:

**September 15th** - Annual Meeting (By-Law reading and vote on Annual Budget)

**September 30th** - Council of Deliberation, Syracuse

**October 20th** - Meeting; 12th Degree (DVD)

**October 22nd** - Reunion- 4° (video), 19°, 21°, 31° (video)

**November 12th** - 32nd Degree; Valley of Buffalo (Notable event!-come find out more)

**November 17th** - Veteran's Appreciation Program - Documentary on the Draft will be shown.

All meetings are at the Damascus Shrine Center unless noted otherwise. As with all Stated Meetings, a dinner is available, but advance registration with the office is required (payment made at the door).

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing things because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading to new paths." *Walt Disney* ☐

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**Rochester Lodge of Perfection**  
Thrice Potent Master Neil Bedford, 32°

**Rochester Council of the Princes of Jerusalem**  
Sovereign Prince Bruce Katz, 32°

**Rochester Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix**  
Most Wise Master Lance Daul, 32°

**Rochester Consistory**  
Commander-in-Chief Phillip Hurwitz, 32° MSA

### Allegiance

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Rochester, State of New York, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose officers are:

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## Rochester Lodge of Perfection

By Neil Bedford, 32°, DSA  
Thrice Potent Master

Welcome back Brothers; I hope everyone had a great Summer. We now look forward to a new year of working in the quarries of Masonry. Remember, we are members of the Scottish Rite because we are Third Degree Masons. Please remember to support your Blue Loge and the Rochester Valley of the AASR.

The Valley of Rochester Annual Meeting will be on **September 15th**. This is an important meeting to help all Brothers understand the operation and financing of the Valley of Rochester for 2016 - 2017 Budget.

### Fall Reunion

Our Fall Reunion is on **October 22nd** at the Shrine Center. There will be four Degrees presented in the morning session. There will be no afternoon session this Fall because of the presentation of the 32nd Degree by all Valleys in the Northern and Southern Masonic Jurisdiction on **November 12th**. We will be joining with the Valley of Buffalo in the presentation of the 32nd Degree at the Valley of Buffalo.

This is an historic event for the Northern and Southern Masonic Jurisdiction's to be conferring a Degree in both Jurisdictions on the same day in all Valleys. More information about this historic presentation of the 32nd Degree will be coming soon. Please try to join us in Buffalo for this historic occasion.

John Flint is the Director for our portion of the 32nd Degree presentation in Buffalo on **November 12th**. There are speaking and walk-on parts he needs to fill. Please call him at 768-6988 and offer your help in a part. He especially needs to fill walk-on parts.

I thank everyone for their encouragement and support of me as Thrice Potent Master last year. I believe that helped me grow and will make me more proficient as Thrice Potent Master in the ensuing year. ☐



## Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem

By Bruce Katz, 32°, Sovereign Prince

The Degrees of the Council focus on the re-building of the Temple. Let's dedicate the coming year to re-building ourselves, our relationships and our Lodges to the grandeur that is possible.

My thanks to the Sublime Princes for my being re-elected to the role of Sovereign Prince for our Valley. One of the aspects I most enjoy about Scottish Rite Freemasonry is meeting Brothers from beyond my Lodge. Scottish Rite events - whether it is a regular meeting and program or special event with the ladies - builds camaraderie of our Fraternity. Participation in Valley events benefits us all. If you've been away for a while, please make this the year to come back. ☐



## Rochester Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix

By Lance Daul, 32°  
Most Wise Master

It is great to be able to enjoy our Summer! It is even better to get back to regularly dwelling among your Scottish Rite Brethren. As I write this article, our world seems as divided as I can ever remember. Division has been occurring on our Planet for some time, but lately it feels like that divide is growing larger.

I am reminded of a lesson taught to us through our 17th Degree. This Degree teaches us about where a man's loyalty should lie. We find that a man's primary loyalty should be to God above all. Man should not place a temporal government above GOD. The temporal government will eventually fail while GOD will always triumph.

If you're not already a Scottish Rite member, I strongly suggest you look at all it has to offer. There will be a Reunion on Saturday, October 22nd. The 32nd Degree will be presented at Buffalo on November 12th in a very special Degree program! ☐

**Reunion - October 22nd**  
**32° - Buffalo - November 12th**



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## Scottish Rite Ambassador Program

By Bruce Katz, 32°, Membership Development

Membership Development is tasked with the "Three Rs" ... Recruitment, Retention and Re-instatement. Unlike Craft Lodge Masonry, we can - and must - actively invite worthy Brothers to the Scottish Rite. For men who are truly interested in "improving myself in Masonry," it is a great way to expand on our Masonic ideals.

Retaining membership is also vital; the Executive Committee and various committee members have planned a great program for the year. If you have feedback, please contact the Valley Secretary, any of the Officers or me.

Reinstatement of past members is another function. Sadly, we've lost members from Scottish Rite over the years for various reasons. A goal is to encourage Brothers to try again to see if they can find that which was lost somewhere in their Masonic travels.

While every Brother should be reaching out to other members, the Lodge Ambassadors are Brothers who will be contacting other Brothers and providing personal, ongoing contact. The District Ambassadors will be coordinating these contacts within the Districts. My thanks to these Brothers for taking the roles of Lodge and District Ambassadors. Please consider reaching out to your District Ambassador if you would like to help in this important initiative.

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# News and Notes from the Valley of Corning Lodge of Perfection

By Distinguished Brother Frank Hamm, 32° MSA

## “The Traveling Man” Returns

A historic bronze sculpture, created by legendary local artist Frederick Carder, has recently been loaned to the Corning Lodge of Perfection. The bronze facial bust of Frank B. Hower, the major donor of funds for the Valley of Corning Masonic Cathedral, was created by Carder in 1936.

When the Cathedral closed in 2005, the bust was purchased by Marshall Ketchum, a member of the Carder Steuben Club. Ketchum, an Arizona native, stated “I just think it belongs in Corning,” loaned the piece to the Frederick Carder Gallery at the Corning Museum of Glass. The Gallery displays early pieces, hundreds of the objects he designed when he managed Steuben Glass Works between 1903 and 1933.

Recently the bust became available for loan. Through some contacts, we were able to obtain a



permanent loan of the bust for our Lodge of Perfection. It is now prominently displayed near our memorabilia case.

Ill. : Frank B. Hower, 33°, of Buffalo, was a good friend of Corning Consistory. In 1915 he had become an Honorary Member at Corning and proposed to give \$40,000 to the Valley to assist in starting a move toward construction of a Cathedral here. Some years later he presented the costumes and scenery for the 21st Degree. The Cathedral bears his name.

Ill. : Frederick Carder, 33°, was a painter, sculptor, glass architect, ceramist, physicist and chemist. He has been aptly described as a “Renaissance Man” who worked with the intensity and production of the 20th Century Industrialist.

Masonically, Carder was Raised a Master Mason in Painted Post Lodge No. 117, F.&A.M. on December 6, 1904. He joined Corning Consistory and Concordant Bodies on February 19, 1908, and served as a 1st Lt. Commander. He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council on September 20, 1927, at Boston, Massachusetts. He was also a member of Corning Chapter No. 190, RAM, Corning Council No. 53 R.&S.M. and Kalurah Temple, AAONMS, in Binghamton.

Carder also designed and created the Calcite glass chandelier globes that hung in the Corning Cathedral for many years and are now in the Lexington Headquarters. □

## Valley of Rochester AASR Fall – 2016

### SEPTEMBER

September 15th - Annual Meeting at Shrine Center Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Budget approvals, Annual Reports, recognitions and Program plans. Special Election for Treasurer.

September 30th - Council of Deliberation Meeting in Syracuse  
Contact the Office if you are interested in attending.

### OCTOBER

October 20th - Meeting at Shrine Center Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
Program - 12° Video

October 22nd - Fall Reunion at Shrine Center Presentation of 4° and 31° Videos plus 19° and 21°  
Coffee & Donuts - 8 a.m.  
Candidate Orientation - 8:30 a.m. ~ Degrees - 9:30 a.m.  
Will finish before Lunch

### NOVEMBER

November 12th - 32° Day Across USA at Buffalo All Valleys in both NMJ and SMJ will conduct the 32° in each of their own Sites. Carpool from Rochester to arrive at Buffalo Scottish Rite Center by 2 p.m. Special program for Ladies. Banquet following Degree. Dress Code - Tux

November 17th - Veteran Recognition at Shrine Center Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ “Wurst” Plate Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
BBB (Invite a Vet) Ladies invited.

### DECEMBER

December 3rd - Cap Presentation Breakfast at Spencerport Masonic Hall  
Bottomless Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.  
Ladies invited.  
Special program honoring new recipients of MSA Red and DSA Blue Caps

December 10th - All-Masonic Children’s Holiday Party at Shrine Center  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. ~ For ALL Masonic kids and grandkids and their friends (age 10 and under). Adults welcome to observe ... Bring a wrapped gift with the full name attached for each child. Visit Santa and enjoy the fun and games with his Helpers.

\*\* Reservations Required! Don’t be Late!  
Due by Noon on Mondays (585) 425-0033  
or Email: [secretary@valleyofrochester.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofrochester.org)  
Go to Valley Calendar for more details:  
[www.valleyofrochester.org](http://www.valleyofrochester.org)

Our permanent meal reservation list is available for your monthly meeting convenience. Just ask! Please notify the Office if you have a special diet requirement. We will do our best to help so you can attend dinners.

## SAVE THE DATE!

150th Anniversary Celebration  
Valley of Rochester AASR

April 22, 2017

featuring College of Freemasonry  
Anniversary Banquet  
at Woodcliff Inn, Perinton  
Plan NOW to Attend!

## New York DeMolay Announces Region Governor

The following release from William Sardone, Grand Master of DeMolay International and Executive Officer of New York DeMolay, was received just before this issue of the **Masonic Times** went to press.

Dad Gary Burke agreed to assume the role of Governor of the Lakes Region. Quoting the release, Sardone said, “Dad Burke really isn’t new to the scene. He has always been here supporting DeMolay. While I have his resume, it reads pages long. Let me just say that Dad Burke is a Senior DeMolay, Past Master Councilor, Chevalier, holder of the Cross of Honor, Advisor of the Year, Youth Leader of the Year and a Legion of Honor.”

Brother Burke is well known in Masonic circles in the Rochester area. He is a Past Master of (now) Inspiration Lodge; has served on many Grand Lodge Committees; is a member of the Valley of Rochester, and is a 33° Honorary Member of the



Dad Gary Burke

Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

He is a Past Potentate of Damascus Shriners and, as “Smirky” the Clown, has participated at many events to support Shrine and Masonic activities. Two that come immediately to mind are the *Have-a-Heart* Booths at the Malls in Febru-

ary and the All Masonic Bodies Children’s Holiday Parties at the Shrine Center in December.

Brother Burke is a Past President of the Masonic Service Bureau and is currently serving as a Trustee. He is married to Debi, they are parents of two, and grandparents to two, with another on the way.

Dad Burke succeeds Dad Michael Storck, who has been asked to be Proctor for the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Brother Gary. □

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## Lots of Scottish Rite Activities

listed above for this Fall.

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# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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R.: E.: Charles M. Roberts, Secretary  
225-6533  
cholyone@rochester.rr.com

17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

### What's Happening

The Chapter hosted the York Rite Picnic on July 7th at Kings Bend Park. The picnic was a Bar-B-Que from Dinosaur BBQ with extra sides supplied by the Companions. It was a good time for all who attended. An added event was the presentation to R.: E.: John Zabel as the York Rite "Mason of the Year" by Genesee York Rite College No. 25. It was a surprise for Companion John, but greatly appreciated by him. The July timeframe for the picnic was an experiment to not have the picnic in June and was not as successful as we had hoped, so we will be making some more changes for next year.

Coming this Fall will be the exemplification of the obligations of the four Degrees for our AGL and DDGHP to review. Since we have Companions who have been learning these obligations, we will be planning to confer the Degrees in the com-

ing year. To make this successful, we will be looking for Masonic Brothers who are looking for more out of Masonry and can find it in the York Rite Degrees.

We will be using the Phonevite system we started using last year to inform the Companions of upcoming meetings and events. We find this is a good way to remind everyone what is happening so they can plan to attend or be reminded that there is something interesting coming. The cost is nominal and fits well within our budget.

We will be encouraging discussion of the Rite and the meaning of the Degrees in our meetings where a Degree is not being conferred. There are many non-speaking parts in our Degrees that any Companion can step into, easily. By being involved, you will learn more about our Rite and its teachings. Give it a try.

### Musings

There is a new Masonic book out for New York Freemasonry. It is "Symbols in the Wilderness, Early Masonic Survivals in Upstate New York," by Joscelyn Godwin and Christian Goodwillie; published by Richard W. Couper Press of Hamilton College Library and Upstate Institute of Colgate University. I got a copy from the Livingston Library table at St. John's Day in Utica. The book is about the Masonic art that was done in Lodge building prior to 1830.

Most of the Lodges talked about are between Albany and Auburn. The content has pictures of the art that still exists in old Masonic Lodge buildings, some of which still house a Lodge.

What does this have to do with the York Rite? As it turns out, there was much Royal Arch imagery put in Lodge buildings in the early part of the 19th Century. One of the places pictured and described is Scorpio Lodge No. 110 in Aurora. I have been in the building and was amazed that the Lodge Hall contains a plethora of Royal Arch imagery and implements. If you get the opportunity to visit the Lodge, do; you won't regret the experience.

The building was built in 1819 by Aurora Chapter, but they ran into financial problems and invited Scorpio Lodge to join with them. Aurora Chapter is gone, but the building and Scorpio Lodge still exist. I believe that King David Chapter may be moving to Aurora for their meetings, a spectacular place for a Royal Arch Chapter to meet.

The book lists other Lodge buildings and, in many of them, there is definite Royal Arch imagery, so there must have been a Chapter that met in the Lodge hall in the early 1900s. I would recommend the book to any Mason interested in Masonic history of New York. If you are interested in the book, contact John Zabel for the ISBN number, or look it up on Amazon.

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April 22, 2017

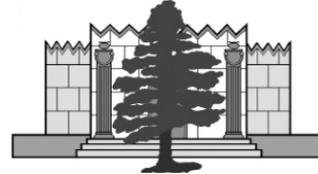
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By Don Brugger, PDDSTC

We have endured one of the hottest Summers in recent history. I'm not exactly wishing for snow, but a little less heat and some more rain would be nice.

Our Annual Sausage Roast this Spring was not well attended. There were only eight at the Roast and only one Widow. I am sure that the late change-of-date (one week later) had a lot to do with it; we apologize to the members for this. Our Scribe sent out notices of the change, but I guess most of our usual attendees had already made other plans for the new date.

Our reservations at the Rotary Camp are made months in advance and should not be changed; it was a bad decision

when the **Masonic Times** has gone to press, the die is cast. We hope no one showed up on the posted date. Let the GTC know your feelings.

### Mark Your Calendar

Our Fall Season will commence with the Annual Steak Roast. It will be at Camp Smile on **September 28th**. We will be sending out a card for your reservation. Remember our social events are good times to bring a guest and his spouse whom you think will be a good Woodsman.

The Fall Meetings will start in October at Pittsford Masonic Hall on Church Street, Pittsford. October is the time for our Degrees. If you need a Petition or information on the Tall Cedars, please contact our Scribe.

November will be the Election and Installation of Officers. The Nominating Committee will be submitting a Slate of Officers at the November meeting. If you feel you want to serve as an Elected or Appointed Officer, please contact our Scribe. Remember, a Candidate can be obligated in short form at any meeting.

If you know of any Woodsman who is ill or in need, please call the Scribe; if a member is in need of transportation to a meeting, please let us know.

## DeMolay News

By David A. Locke

Master Councilor

Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay was very busy this Summer. We attended the State Convention where we had a ton of fun and the honor of seeing the presentation of some very rare awards. Rochester Chapter was named the most-improved Chapter in New York State.

We continue to hold our monthly meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Please come and visit. If you

know of a young man between the ages of 12 and 21, please contact the Scottish Rite or John Truebger at 732-8330.

### Upcoming Events

**September 5th** - No meeting due to Holiday

**September 9th-11th** - Camp DeMolay Campout

**September 19th** - 7 p.m., Stated Meeting

**October 3rd** - 7 p.m. Stated Meeting

**October 17th** - 7 p.m., Stated Meeting

**October 28th** - 4:30 p.m., Red Wings Game at Frontier Field



## Fidelity Triangle No. 4

By Kristina Brandt

During the Summer, the Ladies of Fidelity Triangle have been busy traveling around the State and spending time with their Triangle Sisters all over New York. While they took a break from their regular meetings, they attended the State Representative's Homecoming, which took place on June 18th in Liverpool. State Representative, Alison Wright, was welcomed by her Home Triangle of Bal-On-Sen Triangle to a Western-themed Degree and collation.

In July, Senior Lady-in-Waiting, Hannah, went to the Organization of Triangles' Leadership Weekend at Old Forge. Even though it rained most of the weekend, she and other members took part in leadership exercises, ice breakers, fun activities and a moving re-dedication ceremony.



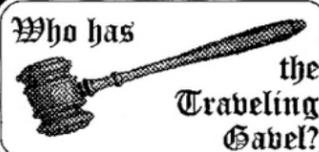
### September Meeting

The girls are ready to get back to work this September with their first meeting on **September 10th** at 7 p.m. at the Northfield Masonic Lodge in Pittsford. This is an Open Meeting so all are welcome to attend. We invite you to come and learn about our Organization and help support these young Ladies as they become the strong leaders of tomorrow.

Membership in Triangle is open to young Ladies between the ages of 10 and 21; no Masonic affiliation is required. To ask about membership or to learn more about Fidelity Tri-



angle, please contact Junior Deputy, Mrs. Jeannine Parks, at j9parks@aol.com.



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**Keeping Up-to-Date**

A concerted effort has been made to keep the Brethren informed of vital and important information.

**A New Website:**[www.oatkalodge.org](http://www.oatkalodge.org)**A New Email System:**[oatkalodge@gmail.com](mailto:oatkalodge@gmail.com)**A New Mailing Address:**

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We have also re-configured our Facebook Page from "Private" to "Public" so as not to exclude Friends of Oatka. Please contact us if your email has changed in the past two years. PLEASE NOTE: As Secretary of the Lodge, it is my intention to send out ONLY vital and important information.

Please regard all emails as such and attend to them immediately. Thank you.

I promise, there will be NO SPAM sent from my desk.

**Meet the New Master of Oatka, Part I**

I had an opportunity to sit down with our newly installed Master, W.: Mack Thompson, and thought you would appreciate what I learned.

Brother Mack grew up in the South, bouncing around from Texas to Florida until he found his way North to New York as an adult. He now resides in a Southwest Rochester neighborhood he affectionately calls "the white-coat ghetto" in reference to the large number of doctors and interns living in the area.

He was Raised in March of 2010 in Craftsman Robertson Lodge, now Inspiration Lodge. He affiliated shortly after with Oatka Lodge in January 2011 after a chance, and very impressive, run-in with Oatkan Brother Harold Roxburgh.

He is a card-carrying member of the International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers which makes him a bonafide mason and Mason!

In Part II of my interview with Brother Mack, I'll share why he chose to become a Mason and what he hopes to accomplish during his term as Master.

**Kick-Off Cook-Out**

To celebrate the end of our Summer hiatus, we'll have a cookout at the Lodge prior to the September 14th meeting. If you have a Chair in the Lodge,

your attendance is mandatory.

**Line Officers**

We congratulate the following for accepting the challenges of their respective Chairs for the 2016-2017 term:

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Master          | <b>Mack Thompson</b>    |
| Sr. Warden      | <b>Thomas Gamer</b>     |
| Jr. Warden      | <b>Leandro da Silva</b> |
| Treasurer       | <b>Evar Miller</b>      |
| Secretary       | <b>Mark Arlauckas</b>   |
| Asst. Secretary | <b>Gordon Bell</b>      |
| Sr. Deacon      | <b>Andrew Miller</b>    |
| Jr. Deacon      | <b>Eric Wolf</b>        |
| Chaplain        | <b>Charles Crevison</b> |
| Tiler           | <b>Timothy White</b>    |
| Trustees        | <b>Donald Tubman</b>    |
|                 | <b>Terrance Wright</b>  |
|                 | <b>Erik Crandall</b>    |

The Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman is **Gordon Bell**.

**Fall Clambake Fundraiser**

We are currently working on plans for another Clambake Fundraiser to be held on **Saturday, September 24th**. We need your help to make this event a success. Stay tuned to Facebook, email, and our website: [oatkalodge.org](http://oatkalodge.org) for further developments.

**Sad Tidings**

Over the Summer, Oatka lost one of its Lodge stalwarts. W.: John Horn, DSA, was called to the Celestial Home on July 2nd. John served as our Chaplain for many, many years and did so in such a way so as to create a lasting and loving impression. W.: John's soothing voice epitomized true Masonic reverence in every way. At the request of his family, specifically his daughter Barb Figenscher, a Masonic Service was held following his calling hours at the Leo Bean Funeral home. His Service, dutifully led by Acting Lodge Chaplain, R.: W.: Gordon Bell, was well attended by both Oatkans and friends of Monroe. It was a fitting and gentle tribute to a gentle man.

We also recognize the passing of Ms. Susan Cable, wife of R.: W.: Don Tubman. Sue lost her battle with cancer on July 14th. Details were published in the Rochester D&C and shared by Lodge email.

**Mark Your Calendar**

We will be hosting our 3rd Degree featuring the Shrine Degree Team on Wednesday, October 12th. Dinner at 6 p.m. Formal attire. Please remember your obligation to obey a Summons.

**September Birthdays**

Join us in wishing the following Brothers another happy trip around the sun: Chuck Crevison (2nd), Michael Lazore (5th), Brennan Coon (19th), Rob Buchanan and Pete Crandall (29th).

**Our Regular Communications****September 14th and 28th**

We would sincerely enjoy seeing you!

## In Memoriam

**Bishop, Robert O.**

Robert Bishop, 88, departed from a life of accomplishments on July 26th. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Betty; 1 child, 1 grandchild and 1 great-grandchild. Robert was a US Army Veteran and member of Inspiration Lodge. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

**Blue, Douglas, Jr.**

On July 3rd, Douglas Blue, 93, went to the waiting arms of his wife leaving 3 children, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild to remember him. Douglas was a World War II Veteran and a member of Seneca Lodge. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

**Briggs, David M.**

David Briggs, 77, passed away July 8th. His wife of 55 years, Marilyn; 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren are left to cherish his memory. David was a member of Union Star Lodge. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

**Eggert, Richard**

On June 19th, Richard Eggert, 89, said goodbye to his Earthly home. He will always be cherished by 4 children and 2 grandchildren who survive him. Richard was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and a member of Fame Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

**Fairley, Millard A. "Red", Jr.**

On July 19th, Millard Fairley, 89, went to the Celestial Lodge, leaving his wife, Eleanor; 2 children and 1 grandchild to remember him. Red was a US Army Veteran, a 67-year Mason ... a member of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

**Halik, Frederick J., D.D.S.**

On April 27th, Dr. Frederick Halik, 93, went to the waiting arms of his wife in Heaven. He is survived by 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Fred was a member of Northfield Lodge, Damascus Shriners and Scottish Rite. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

**Hamilton, Philip A.**

Philip Hamilton, 75, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on April 14th. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 55 years, Joyce; 3 children, 1 grandchild and 1 great-grandchild. He was a member of Scottish Rite. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

**Henderson, Richard A.**

Richard Henderson, 86, entered Eternal Rest on August 6th. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Fran; 1 child, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict, a member of Oatka Lodge and Damascus Shrine. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

**Horn, John F.**

On July 1st, John Horn, 94, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith and 5 children, 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren will remember him. John was a World War II Veteran and member of Oatka Lodge. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

**Palmer, Gordon W.**

On April 3rd, Gordon Palmer, 95, departed from a lively life of accomplishments; leaving his wife of 66 years, Helen; 3 children and 7 grandchildren to share his memory. Gordon was a US Army Veteran and a member of Webster Lodge and Damascus Shriners.

**Schofield, Harold**

Harold Schofield, 83, met his Maker on July 19th. Surviving him are 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. The Brothers of Oatka Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts.

**Swartz, Charles B.**

Charles Swartz, 98, went Home to his Lord on May 6th. His memory will be cherished by 4 children, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. The Brothers of Union Star Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts. Celebrate the lives of your loved ones and hold their memories close.

**Turner, Dwight E.**

On August 2nd, Dwight Turner, 95, laid down his Working Tools. He is survived by 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Dwight was a US Air Force Veteran and member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge and Scottish Rite. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

**Weinreber, Norman John**

On July 8th, Norman Weinreber, 92, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord. His wife of 71 years, Lyla; 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren will always remember him. Norm was World War II Veteran and member of Unity Lodge. He labored hard for those he love, then left us to remember.

## Widows to Remember

**Rose Ardino**, 96, widow of Rocco Ardino (Inspiration Lodge), passed away August 8th.

**Audrey Barnard**, 79, widow of Clayton Barnard (Milnor Lodge), passed away July 24th.

**Isabelle S. Bishop**, 86, widow of Glenn Bishop (Webster Lodge), passed away August 8th.

**Alida B. Doud**, 86, widow of Alan Doud (Inspiration Lodge), passed away June 28th.

**Marcie S. Gilmore**, widow of Richard Gilmore (Seneca Lodge), passed away July 12th.

**Thelma L. Lingenfelter**, 93, widow of Dwight Lingenfelter (Unity Lodge), passed away July 23rd.

**Cecile M. Noble**, 101, widow of Everett Noble (ERAC Lodge), passed away April 19th.

**Dorothy J. Sawyer**, 89, widow of Robert Sawyer (Webster Lodge), passed away June 16th.

**Eunice B. Skeates**, widow of Edwin Skeates (Fairport-Flower City Lodge), passed away July 4th.

**Jane W. Snell**, widow of Walter Snell (Unity Lodge), passed away June 3rd. □

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