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My Brothers near and far, as I write this article on Veterans Day I extend Veterans Day wishes to all of you out there. I was asked a few years ago to be involved with this news publication that you are reading. I was truly honored to be approached, as I never in a million years expected to be part of something so grand. I hold our paper in high esteem, and the Brothers who came before me and the ones working on it now. They are an awesome group of men whom I truly admire and look up to. We are all here to give every one of you the best publication we can and pass on as much information as you want to give to the members in your Lodge, Chapter or organization.

I have been asked to take over as the Executive Director of EMESBE, publisher of *the word*. I am ecstatic and humbled but it saddens me that my mentor, my Brother and my friend Ben Lees is stepping down. I have some big shoes to fill, even if Ben is shorter than me.

Ben has been the key to running this paper for many years, getting the bills paid, sending out invoices and collecting the subscriptions from each entity, adding new readers, deleting some, working with the post office and so much more. Words cannot express the gratitude that we owe him. The Board of Directors signifies appreciation for all his hard work over the years. I will look to Ben for guidance in my new position.

If any of you see or talk to Ben, thank him for the tireless job that he did for everyone, never expecting anything but the satisfaction of knowing he was doing this for all of us. And a huge thank-you goes to his bride Joyce for encouraging him to follow his passion in Masonry.

Now to business: Invoices are sent out after the first of

the year to every Lodge Secretary. Some invoices have not been paid in a timely manner and multiple invoices have been sent. From now on, every Lodge will be getting an invoice emailed to the Secretary and the Worshipful Master. Your membership list will be included. You should double check it, add or delete members and pay the amount due. If it is not paid on time there may be an assessment. That will be addressed in the email. When Lodges do not pay on time we have to take money out of our investments to pay our bills. We are losing money—all of us.

We are also hearing from many Brothers that they are not getting *the word*. It falls to each Lodge to make sure your Brothers' information is correct when you send it back to us.

We reluctantly increased the cost per person because, as you all know, prices are skyrocketing for everything in our lives. We are trying to be fiscally responsible by emailing the invoices because it is your money we are spending. If you have any questions I am available, just as Ben was.

If anyone is interested in getting *the word* by email let your Secretary know and email me, please. Delivery is much faster than your paper in the mail. This will also help reduce the overall cost of everything.

We are open to any suggestions for making your paper bigger and better. Grand Lodge is said to be

looking at our publication as a model for Brothers across the state. What an honor that Deputy Grand Master Steven Rubin thinks that much of our paper!

Keep up the good work, Worshipful Masters, and other contributors. The members in your organization expect to read an article every month. As executive officer, it is your job to submit or have someone else do it for you. It does not have to be lengthy. Let your members know what is going on for the following month and further into the future. The more they know, the more interest they will show and attend more functions. This applies to everyone.

One other way to complement the information distribution between issues of the paper is to email me notice of events and pictures. I will post them on the Onondaga County Masonic District Facebook page. This is a great tool to broadcast your events, and it can be a recruitment tool. It is a public site and you never know when a potential candidate will show at your door.

I wish all of you the best in your Christmas celebrations. Keep our Military, First Responders and Law Enforcement in your thoughts and prayers. Happy New Year!

“Always do your very best. Even when no one else is looking, you always are. Don't disappoint yourself.”—Colin Powell.

Brian Courtney

Mentor

Hello, Brethren. At the time of writing this column I am getting ready to vote in our mid-terms. I am worried, as I observe fewer lawn signs than in previous years. Are people losing interest or just turning inward? For, people are being flooded with inaccurate and incomplete information.

Take political polls, for example. Polls should be impartial and in many cases they are not. Media and political pundits often omit key technical information, which hinders their validity. For example, FiveThirtyEight and Real Clear Politics report election races with differences of one, two, or three percentage points without mentioning the sampling error, which is typically greater than 3%. When differences are smaller, those races are tied. Saying one of the candidates is ahead does not help to strengthen faith in our elections, and it may discourage people from voting. Sampling frames (lists of potential survey takers) are incomplete because not all cell phones are listed. Caller IDs let users avoid answering polls. Criticism of parties, or apocalyptic statements about election results may influence some interviewees to hold or disguise their true opinions.

Some political campaigns stress more the defects of their opponents than issues at hand. There are few debates and those that occur deal more with personalities than facts. Some voters do not trust the new balloting methods, introduced during the pandemic to decrease crowds and reduce the spread of COVID, because they do not fully understand them. Candidates consider their opponents as enemies rather than as political contenders with different ideas. The media, which has become partisan, makes millions in advertising dollars from politicians and political parties. None of the above issues helps reduce the toxic and divisive levels the current political debate has reached.

Also, the above issues may have an impact on post-election events. Some voters may be convinced, contrasting pre-

electoral poll results and their media and pundit interpretations, that election outcomes are inconsistent with true results. This may increase yet more the mistrust that some voters already have regarding the validity of the process and raise the toxic levels higher.

What relation, if any, does all the above have with Freemasonry? As an important part of Civil Society (churches, clubs, VFW, Legion, Rotary, Lions, etc.) the Craft has an interest in the political life of our country. Our obligations of Love of Country and Service to Humanity, and our proverbial tolerance and brotherly love make Freemasonry exceptionally suited to help our fellow citizens better understand some unclear or unsound concepts. Providing missing information and clarifying existing details may help to reduce toxic levels, allowing the Craft an opportunity to serve our country and community. We may seriously want to consider it.

Last month I sent out an email to Masters of Onondaga Lodges and to the District officers covered by *the word* and asked them to pass it on. I wanted to organize a Zoom presentation about statistics and polls, with a double intention: first, to inform on the use and validity of polls; and secondly, to let our friends and neighbors know that we Masons do care about community affairs.

Some may say that all of this is meddling into politics and that Masons should keep away from it. “Politics” would be to support one candidate or criticize another. We include Independent, Republicans and Democrats. To explain and inform the public, encouraging debate on issues, and providing a tolerant environment in which to do so is “policy,” something within Freemasonry's purview.

Maybe the time has come for those interested in examining this approach to have a Zoom meeting and talk more about it. Those who may be interested should please feel free to contact me by email.

Jorge L. Romeu

Albert Gallatin Mackey

BY BRO. ROBERT I. CLEGG. OHIO, From The Builder, December 1922

BORN AT Charleston, South Carolina, on March 12, 1807, this scholarly brother lived to the age of 74 years, dying at the Hygeia Hotel at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, June 21, 1881. He was buried by his bereaved family and sorrowing brethren at Washington, D.C., on Sunday, June 26, with all the solemnity of the several ceremonies of the Masonic Rites wherein he had so long been active in leadership.

Graduating with honours at the Charleston Medical College in 1834, Dr. Mackey entered immediately the busy practice of his profession which chiefly occupied his time until 1854 when his literary and Masonic labours engrossed his efforts. During the Civil War Dr. Mackey was a Union adherent, and President Johnson appointed him Collector of the Port. Some active interest was taken by him in politics and in a contest for senatorial honours he was defeated by Senator Sawyer in the can-

vass. Following this experience Dr. Mackey removed to Washington, D. C., in 1870.

In St. Andrews lodge, No. 10, at Charleston, South Carolina, in 1841, Dr. Mackey was initiated, passed and raised. Soon thereafter he affiliated with Solomon's Lodge No. 1, of the same city, becoming Worshipful Master in December, 1842. He became Grand Secretary that year and held this office until 1867, for many years preparing the reports of the Foreign Correspondence Committee of the Grand Lodge. He was one of the founder members in the formation of Landmark Lodge, No. 76, in the year 1851.

Advanced and exalted in Capitular Freemasonry during the winter of 1841-1842, he was elected High Priest in

December, 1844; was also elected Deputy Grand High Priest in 1848 and successively re-elected in that position until 1855. In this year and every year thereafter to 1867 he was elected as Grand High Priest of his State. Elected General Grand High Priest in 1859, he continued in that office until 1868.

Dubbed and created a Knight Templar in South Carolina Commandery No. 1, in 1842, he was elected Eminent Commander in 1844, later being honoured as a Past Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Thirty-third and last Degree in 1844, he was for many years Secretary-General of the Supreme Council, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of

the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Editorially he conducted for many years the Southern and Western Masonic Miscellany. For two years he was editor-in-chief of the *Masonic Quarterly Review*. In 1859 Dr. Mackey became editor of the Department of Masonic Miscellany in the *American Freemason*, and for three years, beginning in 1872, he published *Mackey's National Freemason*.

Becoming a contributor to the *Voice of Masonry* in 1875, Dr. Mackey continued actively his writings in that publication until 1878 when his failing health completely checked his further labours for that periodical.

Prolific as an author his books included the *History of Freemasonry* in seven volumes, the *Encyclopedia*

of *Freemasonry* in two volumes, *Symbolism of Freemasonry*, *Masonic Jurisprudence*, *Manual of the Lodge*, *Book of the Chapter*, *Principles of Masonic Law*, *Lexicon of Freemasonry* and the *Mystic Tie*.

After Dr. Mackey, located at Washington D.C., he affiliated with Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, and Washington Commandery, No. 1.

The funeral services in Washington on Sunday, June 26, 1881, were begun at All Souls Church, Unitarian, of which Dr. Mackey was a member, and were conducted by the pastor. Then followed the ceremonies of a Lodge of Sorrow, Rose Croix Chapter, Ancient and Accepted

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Greetings, Brethren! I hope each of you had an enjoyable and festive Thanksgiving celebration with those you love. As we have given thanks around our tables and march full bore into the height of holiday season, we pause to reflect on all we have accomplished over the past year; the lives we have touched, the memories we have made, the friendships we have strengthened. Many of us are lucky enough to share those experiences in good health and good fortune but there are also those who have struggled, faltered or stumbled. It is for that reason that I ask you to keep charity and kindness close in your heart during the coming weeks. Do what is within your means to celebrate and embody the principle tenets of this Great Fraternity.

On the District's front, Official Visits have been going very well. I appreciate the warmth with which each Lodge has received us as we travel around the District. As of this writing, four Official Visits remain: December 9 at Ft. Brewerton Lodge, January 12 at Memorial Lodge, January 19 at Konosioni Lodge and February 21 at Fayetteville-Central City Lodge. Any Brother interested in travelling with

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Scottish Rite, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, and were in charge of the venerable General Albert Pike and his associate officers.

The long white flowing hair of the patriarchal Sovereign Grand Commander endowed him with a crowned glory as he from the pulpit uttered the solemn words over the dead body of his old friend. Their intimate fraternal relations quickened in the speaker a multitude of memories and he was deeply affected. Brother Pike's stern lips trembled with emotion many times, especially when he descended from the pulpit, took the flaming torch in his hand, waved it, and repeatedly summoned with his loud resounding words "Brother, we mourn for thee; we call upon thee to answer us. Dost thou hear the call?"

Just as Brother Pike said these words, a ray of sunshine from the window at the west streamed in splendour across the church. His hoary head was thereby aflame with a glowing halo of light like unto the vision of some sturdy stately saint of old. The tang of sorrow in his tones as he continued sadly with the words of the ritual - "Our Brother answers not our call" - heightened with the tinge of assurance the striking illusion.

The remains were interred in Glenwood Cemetery with the rites of the Symbolic Lodge in charge of Most Worshipful Noble D. Larnier, Grand Master of the District of Columbia.

Dr. Mackey as a lecturer had nationally a deservedly high reputation. He was always most interesting and instructive. Possessing a very pleasing address, he could deeply impress the favourable attention he invariably awakened in an audience. As an after-dinner

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us is most welcome. I just ask that you reach out to me to let me know you plan to attend so that I can reach out to the Master of the Lodge with an accurate head count.

Lastly, I finally have an update on the Battle Within Foundation Benches. The Foundation has put out information regarding sponsorship of the Let's Talk Benches. The short summary is that plaques will be made available from the foundation for a \$500 donation that directly goes to supporting the mission of the organization. In the coming weeks I will be starting to develop and flesh out a strategic plan to introduce these plaques and benches all around our area. Keep an eye on your emails. If anyone is interested in helping spearhead this effort, please do reach out and let me know.

As you likely will not hear from me until after New Year, I want to wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year's celebration. I will see all of you in Lodge.

Daniel Campis

headed by Brother Charles F. Stansbury:

"Our illustrious Brother, Albert Gallatin Mackey, is no more! He died at Fortress Monroe, Va., on the 20th day of June, 1881, at the venerable age of 74, and was buried at Washington on Sunday, June 26th, 1881, with the highest honours of the Craft, all Rites and Orders of Masonry uniting in the last sad services over his remains.

"The announcement of his death has carried a genuine sentiment of sorrow wherever Freemasonry is known. His ripe scholarship, his profound knowledge of Masonic law and usage, his broad views of Masonic philosophy, his ceaseless and invaluable literary labours in the service of the Order, his noble ideal of its character and mission, as well as his genial personal qualities and his lofty character, had united to make him personally known and widely respected and beloved by the Masonic world.


"While this Grand Lodge shares in the common sorrow of the Craft everywhere at this irreparable loss, she can properly lay claim to a more intimate and peculiar sense of bereavement, inasmuch as our illustrious brother had been for many years an active member of this body, Chairman of the

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Hello, Brothers. Welcome in the month of December, as 2022 was a long, hard year. As we enter into the holiday season let us reflect on those of us who have lost a loved one, the holidays always being hardest. But reflect also upon the light and promise of a new year just around the corner.

Crossroads United No. 93 will be having their Christmas party at Danzer's German Restaurant on December 17 at 6:30 p.m. It promises to be an evening filled with holiday cheer and brotherhood. Wives and children are welcome at this family event. If you are planning to attend please contact the Lodge Secretary or me to establish a head count.

Congratulations go to our three newly Raised Master Masons, Gregg Freelove, Jemmiel Graham and Calvin Kenyon. They participated in the recent Third Degree at Liverpool-Syracuse 501 and a big thank-you goes to WM Rainer Grimme of 501. We also have another candidate to be voted on this month. We expect he will take his

First Degree shortly after the holidays. We are making great strides in bringing in new Brothers. Let us keep up the good work.

A new flag and light for the top of the new flagpole were donated by Air Force Veteran W Brian Courtney and will be up before you receive this publication. Flagpole, flag and dusk to dawn light installed; cost to the Lodge, \$0.00 dollars. Teamwork! And the stair chair is back in service.

Be safe. Enjoy this month of wonderment in celebration of whichever holidays you observe.

Russell Beckwith

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WM Todd Burns

Greetings, my Brothers, and welcome to fall. We had an excellent 101st-year Widows dinner on November 12. The food and company were the best. Fellowship at Nortrip Lodge is always amazing and I appreciate every moment spent with our Lodge family. A special thank-you goes to all who helped contribute to making Nortrip Lodge's Widows dinner such a success.

I was both happy and heartbroken at the same time, giving Peggy Morrell her widow's pin. All of our past Brothers were such great people and Brother Les was someone who made our

Lodge that much better by just being there. He is deeply missed.

We made a change in our By-Laws to open a little earlier, so now Lodge starts at 7:00. Hopefully, that gets us all home a little earlier.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next regular scheduled communication. We will have our ugly tie/sweater/suit contest on December 8. I hope for a great turnout.

Todd Burns

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Brothers, we had our Official Visit and it went very well. W Jon Lorber was voted in as a member, also. He is the Secretary at Crossroads United Lodge and sat in as JW for the Official Visit. Thanks go to Lynne Howard for a wonderful dinner before the meeting. It was very much appreciated. And a big kudos goes to DSA Tom Lathrop for his KP duties in the kitchen. There was not a dirty dish left behind.

We need Brothers to step up and mentor new guys to learn their ritual. Remember, others did it for you.

All veterans in the Lodge need to contact Secretary Preall, please. Let him know



Brother Jay R. Adsit, of Seneca River Lodge No. 160, received his fifty-year Service Award, apron and pin in another jurisdiction. They were presented by host Lodge, O'Fallon Lodge No. 576, in O'Fallon, IL.

what branch you served.

We attended a joint meeting at Jordan Lodge on November 21. The garage sale was held on November 12. Thanks to everyone for donating items.

Our pancake breakfast was a nice idea and a change. Not many Brothers were in attendance for a free knife and fork degree. Hopefully, the next one will be different. A big thank-you goes to Harold Lanning and Bill Toth for organizing this. Their hard work and diligence is most gratifying to the whole membership.

James Mooney

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Greetings, Brethren, good morning! I hope that all is well with the brethren of Tully Lodge and elsewhere.

Fall-like weather is here. Of course, that means finishing up with all the work that needs to be done in a short span before winter arrives. We rented a high lift from Drumm Enterprises and promptly broke the Masonic sign. As a result, we cut the crabapple tree to the west. Dr. Edinger took the wood and we put the brush along the curb. We are waiting for the repairs on the sign by a specialist from N Syracuse.

PEACE Inc. again used our Lodge for their annual Fall Clothing Giveaway. It was well attended and many of the needy in the Southern Hills took advantage of this event.

Other than that, it is business as usual at Tully Lodge No. 896. Again, I would encourage and invite all Brothers from Tully Lodge and elsewhere to attend our Lodge meetings every second and fourth Thursday.

Do not hesitate to contact

me if you need anything. Call to say Hi. My email is jrapp126@twcny.rr.com, my phone is 315/569-5203.

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WM Dave Jones

Season's Greetings to you all! May you and your family enjoy this very special time of the year.

December 6 will be a First Degree. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for a chili dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. Make your reservation with Craig at 315/446-0625 or cobb3@verizon.net by Sunday, December 4.

We will have a Christmas Ham Dinner on December 20 at 6:30 p.m. This cost is also \$10 and, again, reserve with Craig by Sunday the 17th. This dinner is open to all. Our Ladies of the Lodge will be our guests that evening. Musical entertainment will follow the dinner. Please come and enjoy.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund. We look forward to seeing you in Lodge. Have a very safe and happy New Year.

Dave Jones



On November 12 Nortrip Lodge No. 998 had our widows dinner. It was well attended by the surviving spouses. We are happy to have them in our lives. Sometimes you need to look back, to see where the future will take us. Love for all.

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Editor’s Prerogative

Natural phenomena and positioning

I observed with interest the buildup to the Blood Moon Eclipse, the spectacle early in the morning of Election Day. Commentary from a number of astrologues gave the gloomy, fearful forecast of a descent into Chaos. Given where we currently are, that is a bit of ho-hum.

Here is what the noted authority Wikipedia has to say about astrology:

“Astrology is a range of divinatory practices, recognized as pseudoscientific since the 18th century, that claim to discern information about human affairs and terrestrial events by studying the apparent positions of celestial objects.”

Despite the dismissive comment about pseudoscience, this astrology business is alive and well and I am sure there are millions of followers, to one degree or another, throughout the world. I would not throw it out. There are many paths in the search for light. I am open to ideas around energy and frequencies—good bases for meditation. And by the way, if you are depressed about personal, societal, national and international circumstances, meditation can lead you out.

I thought it might be appropriate to sit and meditate in the light—or shadow—of the eclipse. I expect this sort of natural occurrence excited the officiants as well as the practitioners of the old mystery schools, in a made-to-order kind of way. It could give rise to any number of priestly threats or promises. After a certain amount of carousal and controlled delirium it could be a great way to approach Source. I decided to rise at 4:30 and participate in my own ceremony. My reliable internal clock jammed and I did not wake until 6-something, well after the moon had set.

On Wednesday I moved all of the pool furniture and plants and pots under cover of the screen porch and many of the porch accessories into the dining room. We spent an uncharacteristic amount of time watching local coverage of the first thrusts of Nicole. I should mention we are in Stuart, FL and roughly the center of the bullseye. There was much wind and scattered hard rains but I was able to walk the three-pound dog throughout the day. Our ETA for the brunt of the 75-mile per hour winds was 1:00 a.m. I was mostly unconcerned, given the solid bones of the house, but nervous about losing power for several days. I knew we would wake when the storm front came through. I thought it would be nice to take a lap in the pool during a hurricane. I again woke at 6 a.m., undisturbed because Nicole had swerved to the north before landfall.

What to make of my non-encounters? I was disappointed in both; disappointed in myself. I was not ready, maybe did not want it enough. The Kybalion says, “When the ears of the student are ready to hear, then cometh the lips to fill them with Wisdom.” I may need to do a little polishing of my attentive ear. I am also reminded of the Bridegroom and the admonition: “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or hour.”

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Pictured in center is Robert (Bob) Neufang, the oldest Past Master of the original William S. Farmer Lodge in Solvay. On the left is Bob’s son Eric from AZ and Kurt on the right from NC. Both were in town to go hunting with their dad and timed the visit so the three could make a Lodge meeting together.

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Hello, Brothers. On October 21 VW Bob Tyrrell, W Jorge Romeu and I attended the Grand Lecturer’s Convention at Memorial Lodge. It was a great turnout there, with Brothers from all over the Onondaga District. The work was the Middle Chamber Lecture. It was great to see a couple of new Brothers in our District (less than one year) take on such active roles.

The very next day Bro. Grant Hamelin traveled with me to Solvay to participate in the Second Degree at Crossroads United No. 93. We brought three EAs along with us and returned with three FCs. Another EA was passed to FC in Johnson City, in his father’s Lodge. The Third Degree is scheduled for December 5 at our Lodge. We will be reciprocating by Raising three FCs from No. 93. Please plan to attend this important event. Contact me to find out what role you can take to help.

During the November 7 communication we voted to merge with Seneca River Lodge No. 160. The consensus from both Lodges, previously agreed upon through committee and member polling, was that the Lodge name will not change and neither will the meeting schedule. Grand Lodge has now to approve this to make it official.

Dauris Little and Grant Hamelin have started an NFL gameday event at the Lodge on Sundays. They will be sending out reminders. Contact them to coordinate times and find out what to bring for food and beverages: dauris.little@gmail.com, g.hamelin410@gmail.com.

Please send your email address to the Secretary so

we can keep our records up to date and forward messages to you in a timely manner. Gary’s email is garylheinmiller@gmail.com.

Lastly, the District officers are talking about starting a District-wide dart league. We could get the ball rolling by throwing within our Lodge, and then putting together some two-man teams to throw against other Lodges. Be at the next communication to discuss this in more detail; and let me know if you are interested in organizing this activity.

Rainer Grimme

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WM Shawn Plourde
Greetings, Brethren! I want to start by thanking everyone who was able to attend our previous meeting for our Official Visit with RW DDGM Dan Campis, RW Tim Conover and RW Rick Miori. Lots of great information was shared with us, including emphasis on Masonic education. If anyone would like to expand his knowledge, please let me know and I will get you more information. I am also happy to report we passed our yearly inspection. Special thanks go to Secretary Don Forward for all his efforts of keeping the Lodge organized.

Our next meeting will be December 7 and our program for the evening will be on Masonic ritual. We will also have some business to attend to, such as the AED topic previously discussed and other projects.

We will soon be sending out requests for updated contact information to ensure we have the correct data. Lastly, our holiday dinner will be approaching and we would love for you to join us. More details will follow. I hope to see many of our Brothers in attendance and look forward to good conversation.

Shawn Plourde

Event schedule, Dec ‘22

The reader should consult each organization to check the status of these events.

- Dec 1 Auburn—Homecoming
- Dec 2 KT25
- Dec 3 Christmas in Aurora
..... Minoa Tree Lighting
..... Tigris—Bingo/Meat Raffle
- Dec 5 Light Up Pulaski
..... Jordan/ECanal—2°
..... LivSyr—3°
..... Scriba—3°
..... N Syr Village Parade
- Dec 6 FayCC—1°
..... OnStar
..... Hiram—OV
..... Cortlandville—Holiday Party
- Dec 7 Pulaski—OV
..... Skaneateles—Ritual
- Dec 8 Nortrip—Ugly Getup Contest
- Dec 9 FtBrew—OV
- Dec 10 OswOES—Wreath-Making
..... Auburn—Christmas Party
..... MornStarOES—Sock Hop/Pound Auction
- Dec 11 ECanal—Pancakes
- Dec 12 Scriba
- Dec 13 CCRivRAM—Open Install
- Dec 15 ECanal—Christmas Dinner
..... Centerville—Christmas Message
- Dec 16 KT25—Christmas Toast
..... Cortlandville—1°
- Dec 17 Caroline—Christmas Party
..... CrossroadsU—Christmas Party
..... AubShrine—Damascus Christmas Party
..... Tigris—Christmas Party
- Dec 18 PulPur—Christmas Party
- Dec 19 Jordan—Christmas Party
- Dec 20 WSalemTown—Table Lodge/
..... ClintClarkBrothFd
..... OnStar—Taste of Christmas
..... FayCC—Christmas Dinner
- Dec 30 OnonOES—Dinner/Pound Auction

- Jan 3 OnStar—School of Instr.
- Jan 12 Memorial—OV
- Jan 19 Konosioni—OV
- Jan 21 MornStarOES—Paint Party

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Shriners are a unique bunch of Masons. We do not do a lot of ritual work because our job is to help children. We succeed by bringing in new members to help children. To do this you have to like having fun because almost everything we do is fun-related. You can be part of this awesome organization by going to BeaShrinerNow.com and registering. If you know a Shriner, contact him so he can be a first-line signer and he can get credit for signing you up. If you sign up now your 2022 and 2023 dues will be waived and your Fez will be purchased for you. This is thanks to Noble Jor-

dan Crapser's hard work in raising money for this program.

This is a huge membership drive we are having. Do not hesitate—join now. You do not want to miss the Christmas Party on December 17 at our Shrine Center. There will be ornament swapping and stealing and present exchanges—and stealing of them, also. It is an absolute blast. More information can be mailed to you or accessed on our website. Mark your calendar, Nobles.

Our 12 Days of Christmas raffle tickets are for sale and if you have not purchased them yet you had better hurry. If you win on day 1 you are still able to win on other days. The Grand Prize of \$1,300 and other prizes will be announced on day 12. See our Facebook page



Kooler Karters from front left: John Snyder and Carl Bloss; back left is Duane Crapser Jr. and far right is Brian Courtney; back row Terry Clarke, Bob Bennett and Barb Snyder.



Noble Dave VanAuken rides with the Cicero American Legion.

or TigrisShriners.com to purchase your tickets online. All the daily prizes are displayed there in descriptions and pictures.

On Saturday, December 3 we will have a special Bingo to go towards Tigris Shrine, with a meat raffle on the same day. What more can you ask for? Two in one day and just in time for the holidays. The doors open at 11:00; Bingo starts at 1:00 and the meat raffle follows Bingo at around 3:00 p.m. More information will appear on our Shriners page or the Onondaga County Masonic Facebook page.

A new unit is being organized for cigar lovers. It is being started by Noble Jeremy Ryder and Noble Joel Scarson. Jeremy can be reached at 315/560-3964 or email jerekwlf@aol.com for

more information. It is open to any Mason who would like to join.

On November 5 Tigris Shrine participated in the Onondaga County Veterans Day Parade at the NYS Fairgrounds. We had riders on Kooler Karts and bikes (see photos). It was a fun time, of course, while we celebrated and thanked our veterans. The crowd absolutely loved us.

Our first International

Shriner Noble Brendan Cowzer from Ireland misses the Shrine camaraderie immensely and cannot wait to come back to visit. A Shrine is in the mix for development in Ireland. Tigris Shrine will play a part in this groundbreaking occasion if all goes as planned. Brendan and Brian Courtney want to begin with a Shrine Club and go from there. Members from Tigris will join the new Shrine Club in Ireland to help

it get off the ground. If you have not figured it out yet, it is all about fun and fraternity.

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Merry Christmas to all—whatever holiday you and your family may celebrate.

Brian Courtney

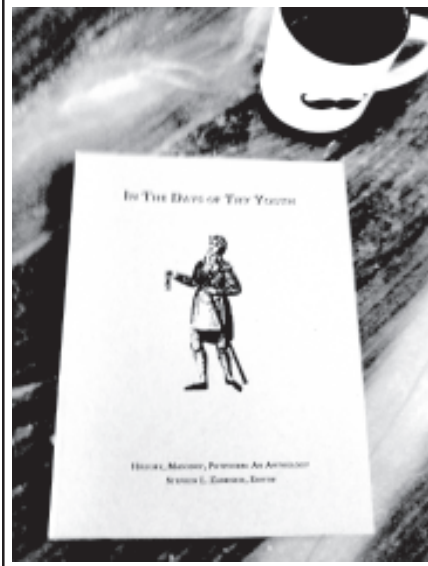
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On October 28 Tigris Shrine hosted a Building Dedication for our new home. For all his hard work and devotion the Divan determined to name it the Ill Ralph I. Haney Jr. Fellowship Hall. Pictured with Ralph is the next generation of Shriners, his son Mike.



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WM Fred Dashnaw



Tidings, my Brothers. As the leaves and temperatures keep falling we hope you are warm and well.

This is the season of giving thanks and giving to others. That being said, you can see what your Lodge has been doing in that regard. We have given and donated through the proceeds of our barbecue fundraisers over \$3,000 to at least twelve Masonic and community organizations. Along with scholarships to three local schools' graduating seniors, we have supported the Warriors Against Cancer and the Half-Shire Historical Society.

Our Brothers working together prominently in our village sets a strong example of Masonic values. With this continued effort we have been able to keep our dues as much as half or less than many others.

In Masonic Lodges as well as other groups, those who do little often are the ones to criticize the most. "...harmony being the support of all institutions, especially this of ours." Do we take our Masonry seriously as a way of learning noble ways of living? Or is it just another order to belong to? In short, is Masonry the power it should be in our lives?

Please keep our Brothers in rehabilitation in your prayers for strength and peace. Always work to support one other in any way you can. This Veterans Day we give our brave men and women a special thanks.

Please put December 7 on your calendar for our Official Visit by our DDGM. We will do a covered dish dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30 p.m.

May God bless each one of our Masonic family and the United States of America. I will see you on the level.
Fred Dashnaw

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Greetings, Brethren. Now that the holiday season is upon us, it is up to us as Masons to keep an eye out for Brothers in distress. With the economy in bad shape, inflation on the rise, and a host of other influencing factors, our Brothers may be experiencing many different emotions. Please check on your Brother if you have not seen him in Lodge for a while. Give a call to say hello and listen to what he has to say, because you may be the only one he has to talk to; and he knows that you will keep his secrets lodged safely in your faithful breast.

By now, I am sure everyone has heard about the "Battle Within Foundation." If not, please check out <https://www.thebattlewithinfoundation.com/>. We are near 50% of the \$250K pledge for Masonic Medical Research Institutes' Research Lab Endowment. The Foundation is working for an organized sponsor but at this point nearly all donations towards this cause come directly from the Masonic Fraternity. The profound generosity and support has been astounding and will help with the continued PTSD research.

The Grand Master gave an update about a few items concerning the Educational Leadership Team. Hiram is coming. The Leadership and Educational Team is currently mapping out the onboarding classes to begin in late November. This will give us leaders the opportunity to conduct online training for you. Stay tuned for more details.

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AGL Bob Boutell

Greetings, Brethren. In addition to Degree work, the opening and closing ritual of our Craft is the most important thing we do every meeting. Getting our mind prepared for the meeting can only happen if we prepare our heart for it. We all know that the opening takes us from the profane world into our sacred space. But have you ever really thought about that?

There is a feeling that I receive from going from the dining room to the Lodge room. It is calm, relaxing and gets my mind ready to engage in the fellowship and education of Freemasonry. If you have that feeling, you know what I am talking about.

So, if you have not been to your Lodge in a while, consider coming back to experience this wonderful Craft of friendship, morality and brotherly love. Your Brothers miss you. I will see you soon.

Pat Fasulo

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ing for you. Stay tuned for more details.

The Masonic Speaker Bureau will be providing materials for Lodge programming in the very near future, along with an updated *24-Inch Gauge* and Masonic Development Course.

Another exciting item that the Grand Master is thrilled about is the John Maxwell Leadership Program being rolled out in 2023. The content will revolve around one of John Maxwell's famous books *Everyone Communicates Few Connect*. The book will be available to all of the Districts. Stay tuned for details.

The Three-District training team completed the second section of the RTTE Course on November 13. I again want to thank RW Rick Miori and RW David Barnello for their continued help with training and the Weedsport Masonic Center for hosting the program.

I look forward to our Official Visit schedule, which started with Callimachus No. 369 on November 16. Scriba No. 414 was on November 28. Hiram No. 136 meets on December 6 with dinner at 5 p.m. at Mimi's Restaurant

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and the meeting at 7:30. Pulaski No. 415 is host on December 7. There is a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

We will visit Central Square No. 622 on March 16, when they will serve dinner at 6:30 p.m. Lake City No. 127 is set for March 28, with a dinner at 6:30.

As the Grand Master says: Failure is not an option. Masonry is not what we do, it is who we are, and that's why Masons Make A Difference. Happy Holidays!

John Pierce

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WM Charlie Tuff



Greetings, Brethren, from Scriba Lodge 414. The cooler temperatures are coming upon us but we sure have had a beautiful fall so far.

We were in the quarries practicing for our Fellowcraft Degree that took place on the 14th of November. We will be having a Third Degree on the 5th of December, which is an off-meeting night; our last meeting of the year is December 12 before we go dark. Hopefully, we can get together over the winter months and try out our new heating systems, with a pitch tournament and maybe a chili cook-off to keep the fellowship moving forward.

The officers and Brothers of Scriba would like to wish our December Brothers a happy birthday. They are Brother Charles Lord, Brother Richard Hufnagle, Brother Andrew Marr and Brother Shawn Tuff.

Brethren, the holiday season is a time of joy as we all gather with our family and friends. Travel safely, Brethren, and bring a bunch of patience.

Charlie Tuff

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Greetings, Brethren. I write this to ask you a favor. Since COVID, Lodge meetings have had low attendance. In an effort to increase attendance, I am asking each of you to consider what it is you miss about coming to Lodge. Why did you join Freemasonry? What we can do to get you back into Lodge?

Without you, Brother, we have no Fraternity. A Lodge can surely run with three or more but it is not the same without you. Please consider coming to the next meeting. We are having great fellowship and Masonic education at every meeting and a great meal beforehand. Please come back to Lodge—we miss you.

Pat Fasulo

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Committee on Jurisprudence, and an advisor ever ready to assist our deliberations with his knowledge and counsel.

"In testimony of our affectionate respect for his memory the Grand Lodge jewels, and insignia will be appropriately draped, and its members wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. A memorial page of

our proceedings will also be dedicated to the honour of his name.

"We extend to his family [a widow and three sons survived Dr. Mackey] the assurance of our sincere and respectful sympathy, and direct that an attested copy of this minute be transmitted to them."

THE GREAT POET

BY BRO. H. L. HAYWOOD, IOWA

O God is a Judge, O God is a King,
An almighty Monarch who rules everything;
O God is a Warrior, O God is a Lord
And terribly flasheth the might of His sword:
But this I affirm for I certainly know it
That God above all other things is a Poet.
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And always I'm hearing Him crooning His dreams;
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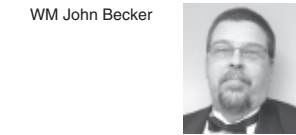
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On November 5 Tri-Valley Lodge No. 148's Brother Lloyd "Jim" Button was voted and awarded "Madison County's Veteran of the Year." Brother Jim is a Life Member of Tri-Valley Lodge No. 148 with seventy-four years of service to the Craft.

Brother Jim is a seventy-year member of the American Legion Post 1287, a Korean War Veteran, Past District Commander and a Life Member. Jim's wife Caroline (pictured) is a Life Member of OES Chapter 21. Jim Jr. is pictured far right.

We are blessed to have them in our lives and to have shared that special day with them. It is also our pleasure to share some pictures of the day.

Walter J. Boronow



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WM Christopher Jenney

Greetings, Brethren. We have had a wonderful fall full of great weather. This past month we joined together with Homer Lodge No. 352 in a Trunk or Treat held at Homer Elementary School. Brother Joe Peters decorated his Jeep and RW Kim Dellow joined to hand out candy. More than 400 treat bags were handed out. We also performed a Turtle Degree on November 1, with many participants.

Our holiday party will be on Tuesday, December 6. Ugly sweaters are requested. And there will be a First Degree in mid-December. We hope everyone gets to spend time with his family and loved ones this holiday season.

Chris Jenney

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Brethren, many events were held or started in November. Congratulations go to Marathon Lodge No. 438 for a wonderful First Degree conferred on November 7 with the overwhelming support of sixteen Lodge members and four visitors. The Degree was performed exclusively by Marathon Lodge members.

School of Instruction began late in November for the Middle Chamber Lecture. It is divided into three parts, as exemplified at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Thanks are due all the participants. Additional classes will be held in both the northern and southern parts of our District.

The Fellowcraft Club is back on track, starting Wednesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. at Cortlandville Lodge No. 470. We are looking to hold the club on the fifth Wednesdays. The current topics will be geared mostly to our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts but are good for all to go through. Watch for notices on the "Grapevine" email chain.

Finally, we get to December. Cortlandville Lodge No. 470 plans to confer a First Degree on Friday, December 16, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Degree to follow. Please attend and support the Lodge and welcome a new Brother to the Craft.

It is a pleasure to have Lodges opening and closing on all of our Degrees in order to admit Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts. Being in the Lodge room during the open and close will help set the stage for their progression through the Degree cycle with purpose. It is also one less separation between us.

If your Lodge has any ritual needs that you want to work on, your AGs stand ready to assist. Have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Walter J. Boronow
Kim Dellow

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WM Kim C. Dellow

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Caroline . . .
zona and she will receive treatments there.

RW Bob Ayers has been recuperating from pace-maker surgery. He will not be able

to return home and will be residing in a nursing home. Cards can be sent to his wife Carol Ayers at 71 Spring Run Rd., Freeville, NY 13068.

W Harry Weldon is doing reasonably well but does suffer from some vertigo. He says he will not be running any marathons. W Leroy Crispell is doing reasonably well and he accompanied me on November 9 to Tritown Lodge for their Official Visit with dinner.

Maintenance-wise, new steps have been installed on the East end of the Lodge and aluminum trim has been reattached. We installed a quartz heater in the kitchen/bathroom area of the Lodge because the heat pumps will not handle that area. A microphone system is being tested.

Trim work on the Post Office building will need to be replaced in the spring. A new contract with the Post Office is being negotiated by Brothers Goodrich and Proto. But the Post Office is re-organizing and we may lose them as a tenant.

The Lodge Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The location is the Caroline Center Church on Buffalo Hill Rd. This will be a lasagna dinner with roll, salad and dessert. The price is not yet known.

We previously held our dinners at the West Creek Road House, which was owned by WB Bryce Partridge. Bryce passed away on April 16, 2021. His wife and children ran it for an

Brethren, I hope you are having a good fall. Thanksgiving is the time to get together with family and friends.

So is Christmas. For the Homer Lodge December

additional year, and then sold it. The building is undergoing remodeling.

Keep all of those who are sick or injured, suffering storm damage, wars, or lack of food and housing in your thoughts and prayers. May all of you have a happy, healthy Christmas with family and friends.

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Brothers, there is great news and there was great work on our First Degree for three new Brothers on November 3. W Steve Persaille, DSA, was our Master and Brother Scott Bennett was SW, while W Joe Sheppard served as JW. They were supported by all the Brothers and officers. Our Second Degree is scheduled for February 2, 2023.

On November 17 we featured the LSOME and the First Degree Questions and Answers. The Lodge opened on the First Degree for our Entered Apprentices following a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

December 1 is our Official Visit/Homecoming for RW Tony Tabone, DDGM, and RW Dave Barnello, Grand Director of Ceremonies. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. December 10 is the date of our annual Christmas Party, with a social time at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6. The cost is \$40 per couple and \$25 for a single. During the social hour we will have a meat and cheese display and the cocktails are included. Dinner will consist of salad, Brussels sprouts, roasted garlic potatoes, short rib pot pies, apple

meeting we will have a Christmas get-together.

Beginning in January I have a lot of programs planned. Let's have great turnouts. I will see you in Lodge.

Kim Dellow

cider roasted chicken, bread and apple cobbler. Reservations are due to me by December 3 by email or my cell 315/224-0940. All are welcome: wives, friends, etc.

Our November cash out-of-pocket donations of \$175 netted seven huge turkeys for the St. Alphonsus Food Pantry, with more to come as donations roll in.

In December we will again be delivering poinsettias to our shut-in Brothers. It is always a nice time visiting our older Brothers.

The 2022 District Dinner was a really nice affair with the Past MI John Gallant as our guest speaker. A special guest was RW Robert L. Hogan, Senior Grand Warden, who made a surprise presentation to me from MW Richard J. Kessler: the Grand Master's Award of Appreciation. This was the direct hard work of RW Tony Tabone—very sneaky—and was very much appreciated by me. I guess maybe I do not always know what is going on. My thanks go to Tony and the Grand Master.

I must again say we have a really great line of officers this year doing a wonderful job. I am very proud of these young fellows. Take care and God bless.

Tom Ostrander



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On October 14 the Cayuga-Tompkins District was honored to welcome Senior Grand Warden Robert L. Hogan to our annual Apron Presentation Award Dinner. He came to the city of Auburn to present to RW Thomas Ostrander a proclamation from the Grand Master. This was a total surprise to Tommy "O." Tom has been a great help to all the Lodges in the District and this was a great tribute to a great Mason. Pictured from left to right are SGW Hogan; RW Anthony Tabone, DDGM; and RW Tom Ostrander.

CAYUGA-TOMPKINS DISTRICT

DDGM REPORT



RW Anthony J. Tabone
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Hello, Brothers All. It may be the time change or the unusually warm weather, perhaps, that gets us into the one-day-closer-to-spring mentality. Either way, it certainly feels as though this Masonic year is clipping along at a sonic pace; we have managed to clear the hurdle of turning the clocks back and soon the turning of the calendar will be staring us in the face. But in the meantime, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas will be deserving competitors with Lodge activities for our valuable time. Remember the principles of your 24-inch gauge: devote an equality of your time to your work in the quarries and to your family this busy upcoming season.

At the District level things are still moving ahead as scheduled. All Official Visits will be completed before the Thanksgiving holiday (something to give thanks for in and of itself). Brothers throughout the District are continuing their myriad of fundraising efforts as well as other activities to better not only themselves but also their Lodge. Again, this is something to be truly thankful for.

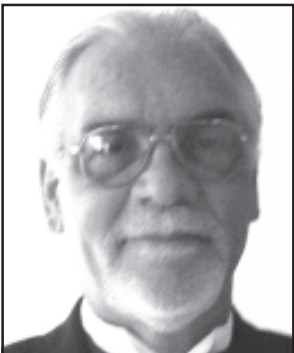
Degrees are also ramping up in earnest, with Auburn just completing an EA Degree for three newly Initiated Brothers and Erie Canal conferring the Fellowcraft Degree jointly with Jordan on 5 December. Please go out and support your Brothers in other Lodges with your attendance at their Degrees. There is nothing like seeing a full house.

The year 2023 is shaping up to be a busy one Masonically as there are a number of programs at the Grand Lodge level slated to start rolling out. Among those to keep a watchful eye on are the often-mentioned *Hiram Online* and the Maxwell Leadership Programs, which will likely be introduced in the spring. There will be updates and streamlining for some of our traditional programming such as *The 24-Inch Gauge* and Masonic Development Course.

Our Grand Lodge website is also being templated as I

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Season's Greetings, all. Bundle up: cold days are coming. There is still time to get your snow tires mounted. For those staying here in CNY, I am afraid the warm weather has gone south with the snowbirds but there is plenty to do indoors and out. Snowmobiling, skiing, skating, ice fishing or walks on those days when the sun shines are ways some of us deal with outdoor winter activities. And of course indoors there is sitting by the fire, enjoying time with friends and family, sharing a meal with loved ones, loafing in front of the TV or reading a book. I guess the point here is, whatever you do, do what makes you happy. (When my wife reads this she is going to ask why I did not mention shopping.)

Around the District, the Official Visits will be completed in early December with things wrapping up with the homecoming of RW Tabone to Auburn Lodge on December 1. It has been an enjoyable time for me to attend the Lodges in the District and renew contact with Brothers. I am looking forward to being in your Lodge in the future; make sure to let me know when you will be bringing new Brothers into your Lodge, or more importantly, if you would like me to bring a program to you. I am only a phone call away.

The Cayuga-Tompkins Charities Corp. and the Masters, Wardens, and Other Lodge Officers (MWOLO) groups will meet live on November 30 at 7:00 in Erie Canal Lodge, Weedsport and via Zoom. A Zoom link will go out prior to the meetings. Both of these groups are here for all the Brothers of the District. We are always in need of fresh blood to join in the planning and carrying out of District events during the year. It is an excellent way for you to give a voice from your Lodge and be part of the dedicated Brothers doing good in our District.

The education courses continue both live and virtually via Zoom with a joint effort from the Onondaga, Oswego and Cayuga Districts. We hope to finish the Road to the East course and

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No News Received

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write and should be operational soon, as well. By Veterans Day we expected to hear some news from the Battle Within Foundation on the long-awaited "Let's Talk" benches. These are but a few of the many items your Grand Lodge is working on for the good of the Craft, as well as for your personal edification. I cannot stress enough how vital it is for all of us to avail ourselves of these tools and opportunities.

May the Lord bless and keep you as we enter this holiday season. May your holidays be blessed with Thankfulness, Grace and Love. In the blink of an eye 2023 will be here—a new year, a new set of fresh opportunities, and the list goes on. I hope you make a New Year's Resolution to come out and support the work of your Lodge and District.

Anthony J. Tabone

Staff Officer from 2nd column . . .

the Master's Chair in the near future. For those new Brothers and others who may have missed taking the courses in this round, we hope you will take the opportunity to join in when the courses pick up again in the spring. As mentioned in the Official Visits and in past articles, 2023 looks to be an exciting year with the rollout of several updated and new Masonic Education programs. These courses are the tools that are meant to be used in the building of the foundation of your Masonic experience. Take the time when they are offered to gather the light, and then use it to guide the way to becoming a better man for yourself, your Lodge, your family and our world.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Stay safe, and do good things.

Dave Barnello

WARREN SALEM TOWN 147
155 Cayuga St.
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1st & 3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m.

WM Warren Albrecht,
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Our last meeting was our last opportunity to practice for the Official Visit on November 15. When it came, Brother Steve Hunter prepared the dinner held at 6 p.m., and then we enjoyed the Official Visit.

Lodge Activity: On October 14 Brothers Paul Schenck, Gary Nickerson and Denny Zach and his wife attended the Cayuga-Tompkins District Dinner. They reported it was a great meal and good time.

We reviewed the activities in the Trestleboard. We have been practicing the opening and closing ritual.

The Village of Union Springs will be announcing a grant program to renovate the storefronts in the downtown area. Just by a Hair, a beauty salon on our ground floor, may be applying for new signage and to replace the window molding with composite material to improve the looks and durability. The Lodge would pay for the improvements and be reimbursed by a grant.

The Lodge approved the printing of the remainder of our pictures. This will finish the Warren Lodge No. 147 Masters Board.

We will have a Table Lodge before our December 20 meeting. It is our Clinton Clark/Brotherhood Fund Night.

From the Birthday Corner we wish a Happy Birthday, Brothers! December 2 is W Randy Mayer's day. W Gary Nickerson is December 26 and RW Ken Pollard celebrates on December 30.

May you and your family have a wonderful and blessed Christmas. Happy New Year!

Warren Albrecht

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1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

WM David Barnello;
Wife, Ann;
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Secy Gary Mowers;
315/246-7029

Season's Greetings, all. We had a pretty active month of November. The renovations to the dining area were completed just in time for our monthly pancake breakfast. November is when we have our Veterans Day breakfast and, historically, it has been one of our biggest serving days. The extra seating capacity helped keep the serving pace manageable. A big thank-you goes out to all of the Brothers who were there to help with the work.

At our first meeting in November we were pleased to present the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award to Brother Seth Molloy (see pic). This award is given by our Grand Lodge through the Grand Lodge of PA Masonic Youth Committee to a member of the Craft and Scouting community for his committed service to youth in a local Scout group. It consists of a certificate, medallion and a special recognition patch that is worn on the Scout uniform. Our congratulations go to Seth.

We held the Official Visit of our DDGM, RW Anthony Tabone on November 17. He was joined by the District Staff Officer and guests. A delicious meal featured Swedish meatballs before the opening of the Lodge. RW Tabone gave an oral report of the Grand Master's message.

Looking into December, we will be finishing up the First Degree work with the Historical Lecture. Then on Monday, December 5 we will join forces with Jordan Lodge from our neighboring Onondaga District to confer the Second Degree on Brothers from both of our Lodges.

Our monthly pancake breakfast will be on the 11th. Come and join us. Our Lodge/OES Christmas Dinner will be on the 15th.

To all my Brothers and their families: Ann and I extend our wishes to you and yours for a very merry Christmas and happy holiday season. I hope to see you—in and out of Lodge.

Dave Barnello

SCIPIO 110
Main St.
Aurora, N.Y. 13026
2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 p.m.

WM Scott Ward,
Secy Stephen L. Zabriskie,
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Hello, friends. The word, unlike Twitter and the rest of the crazy platforms we get our news from, does not have the nifty "Follow" button that keeps track of who is reading or not. Fortunately, there is also no "like" or "dislike" function or bells and whistles that go off when the writer spaces out and misses a month, as I did last. For all of that I am thankful, as often my posts were not destined for greatness.

We can all faithfully pick up our copy once a month and be assured that what we read comes from a reliable source, is based on facts and comes with an uplifting message. Sure, there are some sad things to report on occasion as a gifted Brother lays down his tools (as we can sadly report this month) but for the most part, positive.

I am penning this on the 9th of November, the day after Election Day. And re-

gardless of the outcome, I cannot help but think that most of us came out behind. The last several months have been a constant barrage of he said-she said, truths and lies (mostly lies, I presumed), we are the good guys, they are bad—all brought to us via a few platforms of less-than-credible folks. You can follow, like, dislike and comment in real time, and it functionally sucks you into the madness. We all, myself included, are falling prey to the crazy hype, forever forgetting that both sides are really just wings on the same crap bird dividing us with all their might.

At Lodge last night we celebrated Veterans Day and the Marine Corps birthday. A few veterans from the community joined for dinner and a good time was had by all. Very little political party conversation, if any, was had and only one device was used: the camera on my phone to snap a picture of said Marines. Sure there was some muck raking between a few Navy guys and the jar heads, but not one person was hit with a hammer. In the absence of all the clamor we all can get along.

The word is available on your electronic devices now; and as soon as I get a sec I will undoubtedly subscribe—all the rest of those nonsensical platforms be-gone. And rest assured, therein will lie my message: read *the word* and go to Lodge. All the rest for now falls under the "unlike" button.

Peace to you my friends. And may your upcoming holiday season be blessed with love and happiness.

Scott Ward

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Fuller Lane
Slaterville Springs, NY 14881
1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:00 p.m.
April - December;
Dark for January - March

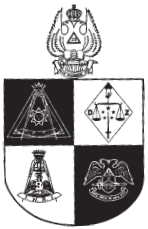
WM James Gleason;
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Under Sickness & Distress: Marion Goodrich, wife of RW Barry Goodrich, has developed some serious health issues. They have left for their winter home in Ari-

Caroline
see page 7



Scottish Riter



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Hospitaler

Greetings, Brothers. Keep the families of Ill. David E. Barnes, Harold Brown, George Casswell, Diana Toth, Jim Nelson and Dave VanAuken in your thoughts and prayers. Illness and loss are always difficult but especially so with the holidays approaching. Also, keep our troops in mind. We often take for granted their sacrifice to keep us safe. Shorter days and darker nights are here and driving conditions are changing. Be safe in your travels. Merry Christmas!

Dick Freeman

Consistory

Greeting, Brethren. On November 14 at the Veteran’s Recognition Night we honored our Masonic nominee for Veteran of the Year, George A. Laird III, and the non-Masonic Veteran, Ms. Sarah Stenuf. Terry A. Byard, 2nd Lt. Commander and his cast delivered an excellent presentation of “The Ring that went Around the World.”

On November 20 the KOSA held a brunch at the Brae Lock Inn in Cazenovia. And on November 28 the 17th and the 32nd Degree videos were presented, with a live Knighting Ceremony. Congratulations go to all our new Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret.

Our seasonal festivities begin on December 12 with a Holiday Celebration dinner with our Ladies. An excellent program of holiday music will be presented by “Rick Fiori & Daughter.” Mark this date; sure to be an enjoyable evening.

Brothers, please consider a contribution to “The Blue Envelope Appeal.” In 2021 our Valley gave \$2104. What is most important is not how much you give but that we all give something. Your contributions will help others and the percentage of participation counts toward our achieving the Valley of Excellence Award again this year.

My Lady Marilyn and I wish you and your families wonderful holidays. Especially at this time of year, keep those serving in our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers as they keep our country safe, often unable to be with family and loved ones.

Leon A. Bulriss

Council Princes

Valiant Knights, Greetings. I thank all who attended our recent rehearsal and thank doubly those who gave their regrets but plan on participating in the Degree. This great communication permits your officers and Secretary to coordinate as needed. I look forward to seeing those who can attend

the next 16th Degree rehearsal on December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

There was resounding praise for the efficiency, inclusion and direction by SW Mike Miller who exhibited great leadership. I thank the other CPJ officers in attendance: HP Jeffrey Cox, JW Shane Bird and Master of Entrances Kevin Cobb. Hearty thanks go to our Commander In Chief Leon Bulriss and 1st Lt. Commander Bill Toth for their participation and leadership.

I wish to share a bit from the Francken Manuscript, ca. 1783, available through the Supreme Council NMJ website. Regarding the CPJ, on pages 459-460 “Knights of the East arrive to this high degree as by virtue of their Humility and Patience.” It is humility and patience that is first cultivated in our Craft Lodges and expounded upon in our CPJ where we learn to “receive wages under the auspices of having Yaverom Hamaim or Liberty to Pass.” This is abbreviated as LDP on older aprons, signifying Libert  de Passage in French. “This Liberty to Pass is not devoid of discipline but a result of great care and consideration. Therefore, we pass, for as Knights we are charged and enact ourselves to love and adore G-d, hold Tradition to Honor, succor our brethren in Necessity, to anticipate their wants, receive with friendship strange brothers, and to visit the sick and comfort them etc.” Therefore through our allegiance and symbols in the CPJ we learn our liberty and freedom is not without responsibility and duty.

In times of harvest there are many traditions of giving thanks to ancestors and for sustenance. It is a time of reverence. I thank you, Knights, our incoming class and greater Masonic family. As fall concludes may we manifest hearts full of thanks and praise.

Lodge of Perfection

Hello, Princes. I thank you, Brothers, for the cards, wishes for healing and prayers following my recent surgery. I have been sidelined since October 17, a bit of a surprise as I thought a week or two of healing would be sufficient. Apparently, this aging body had other plans.

A whole month has slipped by without me engaging in Scottish Rite activities. I look forward to being with you as we have our holiday celebration with our ladies on December 12. The Holiday Luncheon on December 27 at Twin Trees III is also an excellent time for fellowship.

For those who have parts in the 16^o, the second rehearsal is scheduled for December 19. As is always the

case, the Degree teaches important lessons for us.

Because I have been out of commission for a few weeks I am not sure if we have filled the cast for the 11^o. There is still time, as we will not have a rehearsal until February 20. Meantime, Jeanne and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy Hanukkah.

Stephen G. Maddox

Rose Croix

Greetings, Princes. It is great to be back. How I enjoy meeting new people!

I am setting up the cast for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. There are several parts available. If interested please contact the office or me at 315/632 -1395.

The Christmas season is upon us and there are many exciting events scheduled for this month. There will be a Holiday Celebration dinner on December 12. Please sign up. It is always great to meet new members and see old friends. There will be a Christmas Luncheon at Twin Trees III on December 27. Get reservations early as this event fills up fast. Contact Jim Swan or the office.

I wish everyone a merry Christmas. Happy New Year!

Richard E. Barrett

Notes from the Children’s Dyslexia Center CNY

We are getting ready to enter 2023 and begin the second half of our nineteenth year. The children come (around flus and school functions) and the tutors are doing all their wonderful things. The Center goes as smoothly as any program can, working around weather, health, children, families, schools and schedules. This is largely due to a cohesive staff and the continued support of our Board and all of you.

Alyssa, Marianne and I are taking Therapy Level training through Lexington that will ensure the Center has the training and credentials to keep us current and certified. I hold the Therapy status through another organization and will now have it through the CDC. All the tutors at the Center work to keep current on their CEU’s (continuing education hours). They must achieve 30 CEU credits every three years. I have trained and re-certified six times in the last eighteen years.

So many little details (many coordinated by Gineal) must be considered day-to-day. Every tutor and

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Website: www.syr-aasr.org

December 2022

Dec 5 Executive Committee Zoom Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Dec 12 Holiday Celebration with the Ladies; Social 6:00 p.m./Dinner 6:30 p.m./..... Program 7:30 p.m.

Dec 27(Tues) Holiday Luncheon @ Twin Trees Restaurant 11:45 a.m.

January 2023

Jan 9 Executive Committee Zoom Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Jan 23 Spring Membership Night w/ Ladies; Social 6:00 p.m./..... Dinner 6:30 p.m./Program 7:30 p.m.

Jan 28 KSA Burns Supper at Coleman’s Restaurant 5:00 p.m.

Jan 30 15^o (V) “Knight of the East” and 16^o “Prince of Jerusalem” 7:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow.

Allegiance

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Syracuse, State of New York, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33^o, 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: Ill. Peter J. Samiec, 33^o, Sovereign Grand Commander; Ill. Mark C. Roth, 33^o, Grand Lieutenant Commander; Ill. Richard W. Elliot, 33^o, Grand Minister of State; Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33^o, Deputy for New York State.

ACTIVE MEMBERS FOR NEW YORK—Ill. Steven C. Stefanakos, 33^o; Ill. David E. Barnes, 33^o; Ill. Richard J. Powell, 33^o; Ill. John R. Patterson, Jr., 33^o

ACTIVE EMERITUS MEMBERS FOR NEW YORK—Ill. Richard H. Welkley, 33^o; Ill. Gary A. Henningsen, 33^o; Ill. Fredrick D. Greene, 33^o; Ill. Edward R. Trosin, 33^o; Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33^o, Past Grand Minister of State, Past Deputy for New York; Ill. P. Michael Nielsen, 33^o; Ill. David P. Spencer, 33^o, Past Deputy for New York State

DEPUTY’S REPRESENTATIVE—Ill. Robert M. Tyrrell, 33^o

staff member, for example, has to have a national background check every two years. It is sometimes a wonder that we get it all done. We could not accomplish the training and tutoring, so beneficial to the children, without the support of all of you. For that we are eternally grateful. We send thanks and wish you Blessings of the season.

Linda L. Martin

2022 Holiday Luncheon

The 2022 Holiday Luncheon is at Twin Trees III Restaurant in North Syracuse on Tuesday, December 27. We will gather at 11:45 and service begins at noon. Due to COVID issues, the restricted menu is assorted pizzas, salad, wings, soda and draft beer.

Prepaid reservations (no walk-ins) must be received by December 20. The

cost is \$28 per person. Send names and payments to Central City Bodies, AASR, 648 Centerville Pl., N Syracuse, NY 13212.

Blue Envelopes

Your recent “Blue Envelope Appeal” letter from Supreme Council requests your annual contribution. I urge you to support this request at any level. The number of Valley members who contribute directly impacts the dollars allocated to each state for distribution of the Abbott Scholarship Funds, as well as to the Valley’s ranking in the “Valley of Excellence” ratings.

Abbott Scholarships and NYS Educational Financial Assistance Grants funded by the NYS Scottish Rite Charities Corporation are assist-

It’s Syracuse Crunch Hockey Time! Sat., February 11, 2023 Puck Drop: 7:00 p.m.



Valley of Syracuse “Family Life” event: Syracuse Crunch vs. Rochester Amerks at Onondaga War Memorial.

Limited number of seats available at \$20. Send ticket order below by Thursday, January 26 to: Valley of Syracuse, Masonic Memorial Center, 648 Centerville Place, N Syracuse, NY 13212.

Retrieve tickets at “WILL CALL” window, Montgomery Street Entrance of War Memorial.

Non-Scottish Rite members welcome. Make this a family event.

Checks payable to: Central City Bodies, AASR or call Valley office for credit card purchase. Credit card fee will appear on your bill.

Name _____

Number of tickets _____ @ \$20.00 each Total Paid _____

ing the children and grandchildren of our members. Six students related to our Valley members are receiving Scottish Rite-funded aid for the 2022-2023 academic year. These young people—our future—thank you for your support.

Jim Swan

Member’s Dues

With the invoice for your 2023 member’s dues from Supreme Council comes a new member’s card. Be prepared to present that card to the Sentinel when you attend a Valley meeting. If you have not received this mailing, contact the Valley Office at 315/452-7976 immediately.

The Supreme Council implemented a new dues collection schedule in 2021. Dues for 2023 are to be paid by January 31, 2023 for a member to be current. The Valley of Syracuse is owed more than \$6,000 in arrears from 2022 to 2019. The Valley must pay \$30 of dues to Supreme Council and \$6 to the New York Council of

Deliberation for every member on its rolls each year. If dues are delinquent the charge is to the Valley’s General Fund.

If 2021 dues are not paid by January 31, 2023, Scottish Rite membership can be suspended. This policy was paused during COVID but is reinstated.

The Valley has initiated a “PayPal” account to help members pay dues or make reservations for Valley events. Contact the office if you have trouble with this convenience.

Happy Holidays!


The festive holiday season is upon us once again and the officers of Central City Bodies and the staff at the Valley of Syracuse Scottish Rite Office extend sincere greetings to all who read our Scottish Rite page. The staff acknowledges the leaders in the four Bodies of Scottish Rite and thanks them for their support and assistance.

James D. Swan, Jr.



Brothers present at the Council of Deliberation’s Meritorious Service Award presentation dinner in September: Front L-R: Joel Scarson, Garret Wikoff, Richard Powell, Stephen Maddox, Lawrence Egnaczyk, James Nelson, Leon Bulriss, J. Michael Gates, Jorge Romeu, James McNeal; Back L-R: Terry Byard, Garry Visconti, David Barnes (Valley Active), Ken Sterling, Jeffrey Cox, James D. Swan, Jr.

YORK RITE BODIES



ROYAL ARCH MASON

12th Capitular District RAM

DDGHP RE
James Nelson

Greetings, Companions. With holidays upon us, I wish all of you to have joyous celebrations with family and friends. These are times when we take a moment to be thankful for the blessings bestowed in our lives, even through the troubles and sorrows that life puts in our paths.

We held the Grand Lecturer's Convention in Pulaski Chapter. It was a wonderful event shared with Companions from the 10th Capitular District. The luncheon beforehand was truly enjoyable, with a variety of soups on offer, each more delicious than the last, and wonderful sandwiches to complement those hardy soups. A huge thank-you goes to Pulaski Chapter for taking on the burden of hosting this Joint Grand Lecturer's Convention. Thanks, too, for all the work that 10th Capitular District AGL VE David Pritt did to arrange things with the Grand Lecturer. I look forward to future events where we might be able to join with the 10th District for fellowship and instruction.

The Convention was a learning experience that brought insights to our Masonic journeys. RE Anthony Klimathianos gave instruction on sword work prior to giving us a talk on our path toward the light. He traced our steps from Entered Apprentice through to the Holy Royal Arch, sharing some deeper meanings of what the various parts of our ritual reveal. We are blessed for the pleasure of benefitting from the wisdom and knowledge of RE Anthony. We wish him well in his future endeavors in our Craft.


Our Chapters will have held their elections, or are preparing to do so this month, with the installation of officers following the election. We look forward to working with all the Companions and we offer assistance from the District Staff to those who take on new roles in their Chapter.

May your holiday celebrations be wonderful. Yet, should any of you find yourself in distress or need of comfort, know that among Royal Arch Masons you will find friends who are willing to assist. Do not hesitate to ask.

James Nelson

LAKE ONTARIO
CHAPTER 165 RAM
Oswego Masonic Lodge
765 E. Seneca St.
Meets 2nd Thurs. at 7:30 p.m.

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Greetings, Companions. I will start out by hoping everyone had a good Thanksgiving Day. I am always a little behind on these wishes, as I should have had it in last month's article. That said, I will wish everyone a great Christmas and a happy New Year. We will be having a dinner here with most of the family coming and it should be a great day.

Our meeting in October was the Official Visit. It was very well attended, with a delicious dinner beforehand by Lake City Victoria Chapter 205 OES. It was nice to have more than the bare minimum to open and I thank everyone for attending. The November meeting was for Council, with dinner beforehand.

The next meeting will be our annual meeting with annual reports, election of officers and the installing of officers. Please remember that date and try to attend. If anyone is interested in getting in line for being an officer, please come forward.

I need to apologize to our


four new Companions. I was unable to get their last two Degrees done this year as I wanted to. Some of our most key people in these Degrees were not available to do their part. I have set the February meeting for the Most Excellent Master Degree with a dinner beforehand. Watch for next month's article for more details.

Please stay well and safe. Try to support our Masonic families.

Ronald A. Bond

CENTRAL CITY
RIVERSIDE
CHAPTER 70 RAM
608 Oswego St.
Liverpool, N.Y.
Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday

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Greetings, Companions! With the holiday season upon us we welcome the month of December. Let us all share in the joy of the season with all our fellow Companions through the many holiday observances scheduled this month. While sharing fellowship we have the opportunity to learn about each other's customs and traditions around our holidays, bringing us closer together as Companions.

I would like to congratulate and express my appreciation to all of our newly elected and appointed officers for their support of our Chapter and their commitment to it through positions of leadership. With such a committed line of Companions to lead our Chapter, we definitely will be ready for whatever 2023 may bring.

Our Chapter meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. will be an open installation of officers. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.; watch your emails for further information on the dinner. This will be our final meeting of the year, as there will not be a meeting December 27 due to the holidays.

Remember "Chapter Pride." Make your Chapter a model for others to follow by performing your ritual with proficiency and zeal and giving your regular attendance. I hope to see you around the 12th Capitular District soon.

Jack G. Dombrowski



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

CENTRAL CITY
COMMANDERY 25 KT
Liverpool Masonic Temple
608 Oswego St.,
Liverpool 13088
Meets 1st or 3rd
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Commander
William H. Toth
Recorder Earl Tuttle,
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Greetings, Sir Knights. We recently hosted the 6th District Zone School of Instruction. SK John Scott presented a program on the Sword Manual, after which all Sir Knights in attendance participated in presenting the Sword Manual in the format of a mock inspection. We were pleased to have SK Dennis S. Davis, our immediate Past Grand Commander, attend and function as the Drill Master for the mock inspection. I would like to thank all Sir Knights who attended. At the end of the evening we had cider and donuts for refreshments.

Our Commandery has two events planned for December: a regular meeting on December 2 and our annual Holiday Toast and Christmas Celebration on December 16. We have been unable to open on a number of scheduled meeting nights so I feel it is important for us to meet on December 2 to maintain whatever proficiency we have left for our opening tactics.

For the Holiday Toast and Christmas Celebration on the 16th, festivities will commence at 6:30 p.m. at the Liverpool Masonic Temple. An invitation has been extended to the Grand Commander and the Grand Line. We hope they will be able to join us as we present our traditional gifts to the Masonic Youth Groups. Pizza has been the fare at our past celebrations. We will again have pizza but we are planning to upgrade the selection of consumables to include a light buffet. Please contact me if you are willing to bring a dish to add to the buffet. This is a family event. I encourage all Sir Knights to bring your family and enjoy some Knightly Hospitality.

We are now in the midst of the marathon of holiday preparation for Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year.

More importantly it is a time of year when we are called to look inward and be thankful for the many blessings we have received, and also to look outward to assist those who have suffered or are suffering more trying circumstances. God sent his only Son to be a Redeemer for the World. While we celebrate the birth of Christ, let us also remember our Knightly vows. We have promised to clothe the naked, feed the hungry and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. I encourage all Sir Knights to engage in personal acts of charity. Support local food banks, add an item to a hat or mitten tree or support one of the many charities supporting medical research or providing relief and assistance to those suffering from various diseases.

Sir Knights, may your holiday season be filled with joy and may God watch over your families in the coming year. "Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name."

William H. Toth

KEDER KHAN GROTTTO
1121 Milton Ave.,
Solvay, NY
1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Monarch Andrew Haag
315/559-3308
Secretary Ken Ayhens,
315/760-2933,
krayhens@gmail.com

Hello, fellow Masons. The fall meeting of the Empire State Grotto (ESGA) was November 18 to 20 in Kingston, NY. Grotto members from all over the state attended. There is a spring and fall convention every year for business but most of all, fun.

The Christmas Dinner will again be at Barbagallo's Restaurant. New officers will be installed for 2023. Make sure to bring your fez. New petitioners are welcome to our Christmas party, with their lady. The dinner is on the Grotto.

Fellow Masons, please call our Secretary Ken Ayhens at 315/760-2933 for more information about the Grotto. Check out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMktz-s-Kig>. Then let Ken know when you are ready to Grotto.

Grotto meetings are once a month, the first Wednesday, at 7:30 at the Tigris Shrine building (formerly Moose Club) in Solvay. Did you know we provide dental care for the handicapped? Stay warm and Grotto On!

Roger O. Haag

Auburn Shrine

On Thursday, October 20 members of the Auburn Shrine Club gathered at the Auburn Masonic Center for a Special Communication to: 1. Elect a president and 2. to approve the By-Laws. With a quorum present, Noble Michael A Miller was unanimously elected President. The By-Laws were also unanimously approved and will now be delivered to the Potentate and Recorder of Damascus Shrine for final approval.

In attendance (photo) were Nobles Steven Howard; Gordon Clarke; Anthony Tabone; President Michael A. Miller; Ken Pollard; Scott Bennett, Treasurer; and David Bowman, Secretary. The next Auburn Shrine Club meeting will be Saturday, December 17 at Club 86 in Geneva. This will be in conjunction with the Damascus Shrine Christmas Party.

Michael A. Miller

Tigris Shrine



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Recorder
III. Ralph I. Haney Jr.,
315/308-0410,
office@tigrisshriners.com

Nobles, Greetings and Salutations. The Building Dedication on October 28 was very well attended by more than fifty-five Nobles and their families. The highlight of the evening was the Dedication of the III. Ralph I. Haney Jr. Fellowship Hall. The Divan wanted to honor Ralph for all he does and this was the result. Anyone who

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ORDER of the EASTERN STAR



Order of the Eastern Star Oswego District

Monica Wallis,
District Deputy Grand Matron
Kenneth Wheeler,
District Grand Lecturer

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. As it is getting lighter out early in the morning and dark earlier at night, this is the last time we have to turn the clocks back an hour.

The Grand Lecturer and I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends. We are thankful for our family and friends and most of all, our Eastern Star family—especially our Oswego District family. We thank everyone for their support for MW Ken Wheeler and me as we set our plans in motion for next year. Here is a picture of us at Grand Chapter in October as we were being installed.

Congratulations go to the Chapters in the Oswego District on the installation of your new officers for 2023. We wish you all a successful new year. We will see you in the spring at your Official Visit.

Congratulations also go to our Star Sisters: RW Marylou Colbert on another three-year term as Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island near the Grand Chapter of New York; and RW Natalie Woodall, who is a Grand Representative of Kentucky near the Grand Chapter of New York. This is a two-year term.

Our Star Sister Robin Phillips, from the Oswego District, runs a floral shop in Pulaski, NY. Robin was given an opportunity of a lifetime to decorate the White House—yes, you read that right—for Christmas. She left on November 21 for Washington, DC for a week. This was a bucket-list item for her. You can imagine her excitement when she got the email saying she was one of the finalists. We are super proud and happy for her. I will share pictures in the next word newspaper.

Christmas week at the Eastern Star Home is December 5 to 11. This year's Grand Matron will be collecting children's activity books—which can include coloring books, mad-libs, crayons, pencils, colored pencils, glue sticks, children's scissors and other art supplies—for the tree at our Home in Oriskany. The items will be distributed to the Day Care and Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency-Head Start. These

items can be sent or taken to the Home or given to our District Grand Lecturer, MW Ken Wheeler, or MW Earl LaFave by December 2 for delivery.

As a reminder, our first District fundraiser is the Christmas Wreath-Making Project. It will be held on December 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the Pulaski Masonic Lodge, 28 Broad Street, Pulaski. The cost is \$15 per person and is limited to the first twenty registrants. We already have thirteen confirmed participants so make sure you contact Monica Wallis or email misswings98@yahoo.com to reserve your spot. Come and enjoy some fellowship while making your beautiful wreath. Please bring gloves, hand pruner and a hammer; all other materials will be supplied. If you have wreath rings from previous years, you are welcome to reuse them. Refreshments will be provided.

The District Grand Lecturer and I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas. Happy New Year!

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One disadvantage to the timing of when our articles are due and when our Grand Chapter Sessions happen is that we are a month behind with pictures and official congratulations. At the 153rd Grand Chapter Sessions we recognized the success of our outgoing Grand Matron and Grand Patron, MW Jane L. Stuart and MW Michael Kessler. We thanked our outgoing Grand Officers for their hard work and contributions. We celebrated the installation of our new Grand Matron and Grand Patron: MW Karen M. Kennedy and MW Ralph B. Hastings.

We shared the joy of watching the other elected and appointed Grand Officers be installed. Grand Chapter truly is an opportunity to celebrate a new year, to look ahead to a new year and to reflect on the past year (or in this case two years). It was wonderful to see so many of our District members come to Grand Chapter—Onondaga District had twenty-six members attend the Sessions. We were even joined by Tennessee's counterpart to our own RW Melanie Wheelock, Grand Representative of Tennessee (see photo).



Onondaga OES members attend Grand Chapter.



Onondaga OES combined Homecoming.

On October 26 the Onondaga District hosted the Combined Homecoming and Reception for our Grand Officers (see other photo). Thanks went to the following Grand Officers as they completed their terms: RW James D. Swan Jr., Grand Trustee; RW Susan Cole, Associate Grand Marshal; RW Debra Krackhardt, District Deputy Grand Matron; RW Karl Parker, District Grand Lecturer; and RW Jean Marie Lovett, Grand Representative of Oregon. And congratulations are due to these Grand Officers as they begin their terms: RW Mark Heitmann, Grand Trustee; RW Joseph Stevens, Associate Grand Sentinel; RW Barbara Brooker, District Deputy Grand Matron; RW Henry Havener, District Grand Lecturer. Congratulations also go to these Grand Representatives who will be starting their terms: RW Betty Dombrowski, Grand Representative of Georgia (term begins August 31, 2023); RW Katherine Lorber, Grand Representative of Ohio (term begins June 1, 2023); and RW Ann Bush, Grand Representative of Rhode Island (term begins December 31, 2022).

On November 5 Worthy Matron Nancy Weisbeck and Worthy Patron Joseph Stevens were again installed as the Chapter leaders of Onondaga Star Chapter. On November 10 Worthy Matron Marilyn Decker and Worthy Patron Alfred Tefoe were installed for Bona Fide Hiawatha-Solvay. Here is an interesting tidbit: RW Al has now served as Worthy Patron for three generations of RW Marilyn's family, in-

cluding granddaughter W Annie Urban and daughter RW Jeannine Parks.

Next week Centerville Chapter will be installing RW Cathy Barling and RW Gary Hartman as they continue as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Morning Star Chapter will have a first-time Matron and Patron as they install Brother Mark McManus and Sister Amelia McManus.

Mark your calendar for our first District fundraiser for the Special Project of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron. On Friday, December 30 at 6 p.m. there will be a covered dish dinner followed by a pound auction. It will be held at the Memorial Masonic Center. Bring a dish to pass, your own place setting and an item to be auctioned off after dinner. These auctions always end up being a lot of laughs. Proceeds will go towards "Homeward Bound—Adirondacks."

We are finalizing the Official Visit dates to the Chapters and the dates when the School of Instruction will be held at each Chapter. For now, we will leave you with wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. And Happy New Year!

Barb Brooker
Hank Havener

Onondaga Star 144 Masonic Memorial Center

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. The leaves have fallen, the time has changed and we all are making plans for Thanksgiving.

Onondaga Star Chapter 144 met on November 1 for annual reports and the election of officers. Installation was on November 5, when RW Nancy Weisbeck and RW Joseph Stevens were installed for the ensuing year. The Chapter is very grateful for their continued support and dedication to serve a second year. On November 15 the Chapter celebrated and honored Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

For December, the first

meeting, on the 6th, will be a regular meeting. The Chapter's 14th annual Taste of Christmas cookie tasting and exchange will be on December 20. Chapter members are asked to bring one dozen of their favorite Christmas cookies. Please label if they are sugar-free or if they contain nuts. Lunch bags will be available to take your selection of leftovers home.

The Chapter is seeking volunteers to help assemble the luminaries for Minoa. Please contact Karen Button or the Worthy Matron if you are able to assist. Once they have volunteers, they will determine the date, which should be mid-December. The village provides the pizza dinner. The Minoa Christmas tree lighting is December 3 and volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments. Again, please contact Karen Button or the Worthy Matron.

For January and February 2023 the Chapter will hold one meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. January's meeting will be School of Instruction. In February the Chapter will celebrate Valentine's Day.

Please join us in Chapter. We look forward to seeing you.

Jodi Jones

Morning Star 289 Marcellus Masonic Temple

Happy Holidays, Sisters and Brothers. Congratulations go to all the newly installed officers in the District and well wishes for the coming new year. Morning Star is very proud to have brand-new, first-time leaders. Worthy Amelia McManus is in the East with new ideas and her husband, Worthy Mark, is serving as her Patron. We also have a new three-year Trustee, Sr. Diana Toth. Where would we be without our faithful few who keep the Chapter doors open? We are small but loyal to the Order.

Saturday, December 10, at 1 p.m., will be our first

Saturday meeting. Come dressed for a Sock Hop; a Pound Auction follows the meeting.

Saturday, January 21 at 1 p.m. will be the second daytime stated meeting. A paint party will start at 2 p.m. If painting is not your thing, feel free to bring your own crafts to work on.

For Saturday, February 11 we will have a Valentines lunch at 12 p.m., followed by a stated meeting at 1 p.m. After that, the Worthy Matron has something special planned around 2 p.m. In the month of March we will return to the second and fourth Mondays at 7 p.m.

All Chapter correspondence should be sent to the Temple. The address is 46 East Main St., Marcellus NY 13108.

RW Harold Lanning is still having problems getting around. W Joanne Carpenter was our faithful Cheer person for many years; she is now pretty much housebound and I know she would appreciate cards. Her address is 101 Woodland Rd., Syracuse NY 13219-2249.

Here is a thought: The trouble with resisting temptation is that you may not get another chance. Be sure to check the District article to see what is going on around town. We will see you in Chapter.

Margaret McManus

Centerville 185 Masonic Memorial Center

Hi, Sisters and Brothers. Our second, third and fourth rounds of summer have gone by and now we can enjoy what winter has to offer. Please take note that Centerville Chapter will be meeting on the third Thursday of December, January and February.

Gary and I would like to thank all our officers and members for their continued support and we look forward to a fun year as your leaders. On December 5 we will be marching in the North Syracuse Village Parade with the Masons of Memorial Lodge. This is always a fun time. The dogs along the route will be especially happy as we will be doling out dog biscuits.

On December 15 we will receive our Christmas Message from Worthy Brother Steve Maddox. We will exchange gifts after the meeting.

Did you know that if a part of your body falls asleep you can almost always wake it up by shaking your head? Merry Christmas!

Cathy Barling

Lake City Victoria 205 Lake City Lodge No. 127 Oswego

RW Natalie J. Woodall, Secretary

Dear Sisters and Brothers: *Tempus fugit!* So says an old Latin adage and upon reflection I have to agree that the year 2022 has indeed flown by all too quickly. We were finally able to begin holding meetings on a regular schedule and it was wonderful to see old friends and

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Monica Wallis and Kenneth Wheeler at installation.

