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November 23, 2019 - From left to right: Ken Sterling, Norm Kruth, Brian Courtney, Carl Hoyt, Tom Sawyer and John Pierce. Three new Post 43 members—Ken, Brian and John—obligated at tonight's meeting.



#### **MWV43**

My dear Comrades, another year has slipped away. As the new year is upon us let us remember all who have laid down the working tools of life. Let us all strive to be better men and Masons so that we too, when our time

on earth is ended, will be welcome into the House of our Lord as good and faithful workmen. It is my fervent prayer that Taps will not be sounded over flag-draped coffins in 2020.

Post 43 has obligated six new Brothers in the last year.

These young veterans are eager to step up to help rejuvenate our Post. They will be taking on leadership roles. They will be carrying our Post banner with a much lighter step than we older warriors have in many years. Bless them all.

Meeting notices will be sent out. We will most likely not be meeting at Scriba Lodge in January or February. It looks as though Memorial Lodge will be hosting us this winter.

Remember that we once again represent Brothers

from Oswego and Onondaga Counties.

We're trying to make meetings easier to attend for everyone. I will have a program for each meeting with a guest speaker on veteran-related topics.

Norman Kruth

# **Mentor**

Hello, Brethren. As I write this column the year is coming to an end. Holiday and family gatherings and parties are in order. It is a good time to look back and reflect about what we have accomplished.

My main concern this year, as a mentor and member of the Craft, has been on Recruiting and Retaining (R&R) activities. Apparently, most institutions suffer from poor attendance and reduced membership, especially among the young, who leave their churches and religions in alarming numbers. Pew Research Center's survey (2018-19) results show that 64% of Millennials (born 1981-96) attend a few times a year or none. My own pilot study showed that 56% of all Brothers Initiated from the year 2000 onward in the Lodge we studied were no longer members.

To deal with the R&R issue, Grand Lodge and Scottish

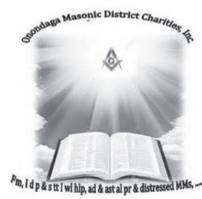
Rite have developed R&R CDs, videos and webpages. Another approach is to develop more open activities that connect Lodges to their surrounding communities. In many cases our neighbors don't know there is a Lodge, or they may be intimidated to attend. They ignore what we do and often have questionable information.

We tried this approach in our own Lodge, writing an article on polls and surveys, a hot topic <a href="https://www.syracuse.com/opinion/2019/11/statistics-expert-how-to-make-sense-of-political-polls-commentary.html">https://www.syracuse.com/opinion/2019/11/statistics-expert-how-to-make-sense-of-political-polls-commentary.html</a>. We advertised the Lodge event in the newspaper and had coffee and cake. Nobody showed up. It was on the same night of Presidential debates and Impeachment hearings.

W John Bromka of Morning Star Lodge in Marcellus also organized an open event, with Brother Ed Stone's

Mentor see page 2

# **Charities Secy announces Quarterly**



The 1st
Quarterly
Charities
business
meeting of 2020
is scheduled
for Friday,
January 31
at 7:00 p.m.
in the Liverpool
Masonic
Temple.
All are invited.
Brad Foil

### **Testimonial**

For the Executive Director and the Board of Directors, I share this acknowledgement from another satisfied customer. He has a point: it is our aim to connect and inform; and we really hope each of you reads the entire publication. It is good stuff.—Editor

My Brothers at *the word*: Above is the article for Nortrip Lodge No. 998 January edition. Thank you for your contribution to the Craft for the work that you do keeping us connected and informed by publishing *the word*. You indeed make a difference in our lives. Please know that you are greatly appreciated. May you and your families have a safe and happy holiday season. THANK YOU.



Masonic War Veterans Post 43 presented a new Bingo set to the Syracuse VA Hospital's Suzanne Hawes, head of Recreational Services. Pictured left to right are Fred Newton, Norm Kruth, Commander General Carl Hoyt Sr., Suzanne Hawes, Becky McCracken and Bob Mantia. The Military Outreach

program of the Grand Lodge of New York is under the supervision of MW William Sardone, Commander in Chief. As part of this effort the Brothers of Post 43, representing Oswego and Onondaga Counties, continually visit and aid our comrades who are patients in our VA Hospital.



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# ONONDAGA DISTRICT

### **DDGM**



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Greetings, Brethren and Happy New Year to one and all! For those of you who plan to attend the Grand Lodge Regional Town Hall on Saturday, January 11: you need to get your reservation to me by January 3 to ensure a seat and lunch. Please plan on attending this event at Memorial Lodge in North Syracuse. The day begins at 8 a.m. with coffee and donuts and the Town Hall starts at 9 a.m., sharp.

This is intended to provide all of you an opportunity to meet with the declared candidates for a Grand Line position. It will provide a better understanding of whom you are voting for and allow you to make a more informed decision as to who gets elected in May 2020. There will also be a lunch served.

With January upon us, that means we have only four months until Grand Lodge. Worshipful Masters and Brother Secretaries, have all your required administrative requirements been met to ensure your Lodge has voting rights at the annual communication in May? Brother Senior Wardens, have you completed a rough draft of

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Brethren, let me wish you all Happy New Year! By the time you receive this we are nearing the first Town Hall for the candidates for Grand Lodge Office. Onondaga's Town Hall on January 11 is the first in the State. We all should look forward to hearing from all of the candidates, to provide for a more informed decision come Grand Lodge in May.

On the Staff Officer front, I want to remind you of the Road to the East course dates coming up. The first part will be held on January 26 and the second part on February 16. Both are to begin at 10 a.m. Please remember that you must reserve with me in order to attend and you must attend both parts of the course. I look forward to both of them being robust and informative sessions.

Lastly, as always during this period of the year, I look forward to attending Degrees around our District. I especially am interested to see how the new implementation of the MDC has been integrated into the Degree schedule. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Daniel Campis

# DDGM from 1st column . . .

your Trestleboard and prospective line of appointed officers for the ensuing year?

Brethren, now is the time to take advantage of the educational programs put on by your Grand Lodge Staff Officer RW Dan Campis to ensure you have the best chances to grow as a Mason and to succeed as a Lodge officer. Worshipful Masters, please remind your Overseers of the Work that we have VW Rick Miori and VW Tim Conover, your Onondaga District AGLs, ready and willing to assist you with all of your Degree and ritual needs. Please reach out to them with your De-

gree and practice dates.
Also, the Onondaga and
Oswego Masonic Golf
League is looking for a

More DDGM see 5th column

# **ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS**



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Happy New Year! We hope that all of you have had a great holiday season filled with joy and laughter while gathering with friends and family, both near and far. This is the season that brings people together to celebrate. Yet, let us not forget those who have fallen on hard times. After all, charity is one of the biggest gifts one can give, for it can spread to many of our human family, from the most senior adult to the smallest child.

As we enter this new year we look to up-coming events. One in particular we hope catches your attention is the Calvin G. Bond Excellence in Ritual Award competition. This is the second year for this competition and it's picking up momentum. There are two categories, different from last year. The first is for any Brother, both new and seasoned. The sec-



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ond is for those Brothers who have traveled to the East and earned the distinction of Worshipful, Very Worshipful or Right Worshipful.

The work will concentrate on the First Degree altar work. The District competition will be held on February 8 at the Fayetteville Masonic Center located in Fayetteville. Contact one of your AGLs for complete details.

Finally, my Brothers, learning the ritual is only a small part of being a Mason. Taking its lessons and making it a part of our daily lives is what makes us all Masons. We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can in Lodge and abroad in the world. Keep striving for excellence and will we see you soon.

Tim Conover Rick Mioria

# DDGM from 2nd column . . .

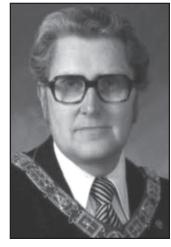
Brother who might be interested in becoming the Chairman for the 2020 Golf League of fun and fellowship. It's time that the Onondaga District wins the trophy back from the Oswego District. If you are interested please contact me for further information.

Brethren, your Onondaga

District staff is looking forward to visiting, providing assistance and having fellowship with all your Lodges. Finally, let us "Build the Future and Share the Experience" together as a team as we help restore civility in society.

Jack G. Dombrowski

"Ritual



is an art;
using reality
and the world
as its canvas."
The Second
Annual

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Annual
MW Calvin G.
Bond Ritual
Competition!

A few changes this year:

- ullet As with last year, there will be two divisions, but this year the divisions will be those who have passed the East (W and RW Brothers) and those who have not passed the East.
- The selected ritual work is the altar work for the First Degree, beginning: "I particularly direct your attention" and ending "blessed immortality."

As with last year, the winners from each District will advance to regional competition, and the regional winners will compete for the state title.

Contact your District AGL for competition times, dates and locations in your District

### **Bond Ritual Competition 2020**

Calling all ritualists! The 2020 Bond Ritual Competition is now underway. Lodge Level competitions should be completed by the end of January 2020 and District Level competitions should be completed by the end of February. The Mid-State Regional competition will be on Saturday morning, March 28, 2020 at Cortlandville Lodge.

Bill Toth

### Mentor from page 1 . . .

Pearl Harbor presentation. They had approximately forty attendees (room capacity was forty-nine). About 1/3 were Masons, 1/3 were congregants of St. John's church (where some Lodge members attend) and 1/3 came from personal invitations. W Bromka filled online *Post Standard* and *Eagle/Pennysaver* forms but neither newspaper printed anything.

On Monday, February 4 Morning Star will host RW David Menegon's presentation "Freemasonry, the Cornerstone to Civil Society, and how our principles rebuild communities and countries." RW Menegon is in the Speakers Roster: <a href="http://suffolkmasons.com/glofny-launching-new-speakers-bu-reau-website/">http://suffolkmasons.com/glofny-launching-new-speakers-bu-reau-website/</a>.

A third example is the monthly presentation series that the Livingston Library of our Grand Lodge is conducting. Many New York Masons have discussed interesting topics about the Craft. These are taped and can be accessed through h t t p s : / / nymasoniclibrary.org/youtube-channel/. This is another excellent source for great programs that can be shown in our Lodges for free.

how our principles rebuild We can extract several enjoyable presenters to discommunities and countries." lessons from these examples. RW Menegon is in the First, a good topic is OK and District Lodge every month.

so is advertising in local media. But this is not sufficient. To draw an audience we also need to have the support of our Lodge members and of their families and also our friends and neighbors. This worked like a charm for Morning Star. Livingston Library has built a following by having their functions on a regular basis. A one-time event is easily missed and it does not build a continual following. Our paper the word

serves four Masonic Districts with several hundred Brothers. Hence, we could find enjoyable presenters to discuss interesting topics in a District Lodge every month.

We could also draw speakers from the Grand Lodge Roster. The talks could rotate among Lodges and Districts. Well advertised, with support from our own, rooms could fill up with attendees. It is worth a try. As our neighbors get to know us better, some may become interested in joining us. They will also recognize Freemasonry as a community asset. RW Menegon will talk on how Freemasonry is a vibrant part of Civil Society, and can help rebuild our communities. It will be a useful talk.

Jorge L. Romeu

# **Classifieds**

Masonic Ring from my dad's estate.

Prefer to sell to a Brother who can enjoy it. 10K gold with Square & Compass on black stone. Size 11 or 12(?) Sale price: \$300.

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Dear Brethren, my hopes are that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and got to see your family. While reading this, Christmas (and whatever some may celebrate) and possibly New Year have passed. I pray that it was memorable to all my Brothers around the world.

I missed the deadline for the word for December. I had been out of town for our oldest son's wedding in Miami, FL on Halloween and ten days later our youngest son got married, on the USMC birthday, November 10 in MA. Talk about a lot of traveling! But that's still no excuse.

On Thanksgiving quite a few of us visited our veterans at the VA Hospital. It's one of the most rewarding things you can be involved in. They love to see us as we hand out food, clothes, books and games to them. It's a well-oiled machine and the satisfaction that comes with it can't be measured.

I sent all the Brothers an

email with the word article for last month. If you didn't get an email it's because I have asked you to send me your address and you haven't yet. Hint, hint.

At the last meeting we elected a new Treasurer, Brother Lanny Schantz; and Jr. Warden Brother Dick Forth; and Trustee Brother Derek Biachi. I thank these Brothers for stepping up to help. As Brothers of Crossroads it's everyone's respon-

sibility to help it thrive for the next generation of Masons. We all need to step up and support the Lodge by showing up for meetings and trying to bring in new Brothers. I'm sure everyone has heard this in the past but now the Lodge really depends on you.

You all joined Masonry for a reason. I find it hard to believe that those of you who live locally and don't work nights or have health reasons don't have the time to attend at least one meeting a month. We need to bring camaraderie back to the Lodge—do fundraising, fun things together with our families or any other ideas you might have. We must do whatever is needed to save our Lodge.

I am here to serve you but I can't if you're not here. Call me, text me or email me any concerns or suggestions you might have. I'll even

meet with you if you want. I'd like to know why you don't attend. Do you enjoy spending your money for dues and not getting anything out of it? I hope to hear from everyone who lives locally. Tell me why you can't attend. I inherited a problem that the other officers and I are trying to fix. We aren't the only Lodge going through this type of thing. We're just trying to fix it.

If we don't come together and get more participation, our Lodge may be just another one in our District that ends up closing. We have great Brothers who participate now but more make it better. There's a lot of history with the Lodges that merged into Crossroads United Lodge No. 93. Military Lodge 93 was formed in 1782 and the Revolutionary War ended in 1783. Crossroads took their Lodge number to keep that history alive.

At our meeting on November 21 we had a guest speaker. Brother Anthony Kofi Osei-Tutu is also a member of our Lodge. He spoke on Masonic Memory. Anthony traveled by bus from NYC just to speak to us and took a bus back at 1:30 a.m., as he had to be at work in the morning. Years ago he traveled for two years from NYC twice a month to fill the Sr. Deacon chair. That is dedication. I felt truly blessed to finally meet my Brother (see photo).

His lecture was attended by two Brothers from Morning Star Lodge, for a total audience of twelve. Brother Bob and son Eric Neufang attended; we were able to give Bob his sixty-year pin (see photo). Eric just happened to be in town from Phoenix, AZ for his dad's birthday. It was great to meet them. Bob is an original member of the original William S. Farmer Lodge, along with Brother Dick Forth who travels from Pennsylvania when the weather permits. There are over 110 years of Masonry between these two Brothers. Now please tell me why every one of you can't attend meetings? Those who weren't here missed a moment in history.

BAB2L is Bring a Brother 2 Lodge. It is for those Brothers who can't drive to meetings and would like to show up. We will nck you up, bring you to Lodge and take you home. All you have to do is call me at 315/447-2104. If you don't call we can't help you.

Our Christmas get-together was December 21. We sent an email notification. We invited the Masonic War Veterans to join us, as that's what Masons do. We look out for each other. Pass

it on.

We've temporarily lost the services of our Sr. Warden Tim O'Hara for a little while because of health reasons. He just recently had another surgery and is in Loretto at Fahey Rehab Room 281 for a few more weeks. He will be back at Lodge, but we're just not sure when.

Brother Matt Vecchio's youngest daughter is still undergoing treatment for cancer. Keep her in your prayers, please.

I'm sure I've bored some of you and maybe angered some others at my comments. That wasn't my intention but being truthful is a fault of mine. If you don't like that there's nothing I can do. I am not perfect by any means. I will make mistakes, I will put my foot in my mouth because I'm human, and if I do I will apologize. But I will always tell it like it is and have your best interests in mind.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Shriner or if you are a veteran and would like to join the Masonic War Veterans, let me know. God bless you, my Brothers.

**Brian Courtney** 

Tully 896 (ON) 13 State St., POB 896 Tully, N.Y. 13159 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m. 315/696-8252

> WM John Rapp, 315/569-5203, jrapp126@twcny.rr.com

Greetings, Brethren. Greetings on a bright and cold December night. Tonight is the last full moon of this decade. As I was outside walking my faithful companions it reminded me of the Great Light in Masonry. My dogs are faithful no matter what the circumstances (not that I'm comparing Master Masons to dogs). But Masons hold true to each other by taking care of each other and our distressed widows and orphans. I am always amazed by the charity shown by our time-honored Fraternity supporting all the many causes that we cherish. The moon, illuminating the earth's surface, reminds me of our Great Lights in Masonry. And how we illuminate our Fraternity with truth, honor and unwavering devotion to our organization.

That being said, our breakfast with Santa was held this past Sunday, December 8. Mr. and Mrs. Santa once again brightened the season for children of our community. The food was great, also. Many thanks go to those Master Masons and their wives who helped to make this a memorable Christmas for some children in our community.

PEACE, Inc. is using our fellowship area in our Lodge to provide food, clothing and toys to the less fortunate in our geographical area. We applaud those who donate their time, money and possessions to help our less fortunate.

Personally, my lovely bride was just informed that a kidney donor has been found. A Master Mason and Worshipful Master of Nunda Station Lodge 682 was tested and found to be a match for her. He also happens to be my biological brother Stephen. We hope that all works out and that the surgery can take place in January. We have been truly blessed by the Great Architect of the Universe.

As always, please feel free to contact me. My email is jrapp126@twcny.rr.com and phone is 315/569-5203.

John Rapp



WM Brian Courtney, Crossroads United, meets his Lodge Brother Anthony Kofi Osei-Tutu, who visited from NYC to offer the evening program.



Brother Anthony Kofi Osei-Tutu was pleased to present PM Bob Neufang his 60-year pin.

# **Editor's Prerogative**

### **Purple-in-waiting**

This seems to be the sad season for Masonic Funeral Services. I went to two in a ten-day period. Each Brother, as it happened, had worn the purple of a District office. It made me think about leadership development in the Craft, how it is intentionally fostered, and then recognized and ultimately rewarded. The reward is not the purple apron and the title; the reward is the opportunity, the responsibility to set the example and teach and build.

But this is leadership not entirely by selective grooming. When you get right down to it, if we execute our duty with proper care when we elect candidates, don't we expect every Entered Apprentice to be a leader? Doesn't every new member have the kindling of potential? Age does not matter because we all are kindergarteners when we join and begin the search for light in Masonry. If the new guy is lucky, and if the veteran members uphold their obligation, someone will step forward to guide him. Here is the mentor system. The guide will teach the ways of the particular Lodge, will explain the language and meaning of the ritual, will demonstrate the ways of Masonry and will make the whole thing fun.

If the tinder catches, the new member will burn with an emulous desire, as they say. He will aspire to more than mere membership, more than paying dues. He will gather his tools and become an avid volunteer, learning to form his own ideas for the advancement of the Craftand himself.

The Worshipful Master sets the Craft at work, with proper instruction, but that only goes so far. Hiram Abiff drew his designs every day for his work crew. That is fine. But eventually the apprenticeship ends and the master workman stands up amongst the chips. We need followers and artificers for sure but we also look for a lot of Hiram Abiffs. Guys who say, Let me have a piece of this. Let's see what I can do.

Men usually make a mark in their Lodge and their District in a quiet way. Be a little wary of flash. We once had a member who had an issue with polarity, in that he had two of them and his meds were mostly off. He was, let's say, manic in his self-promotion.

Usually, the good man engages in a multi-year work, full of tearing down and rebuilding, and in part, his effort will never be finished. The good effects rub off on his Brothers, and on their larger communities. These men are judged by their works and are marked by the purple apron leaders of the District for possible advancement.

How is your work going? Who is your Hiram? Are you bringing your crew along with you? Are you ready for the Overseer's purple?

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WM John Bromka, 315/567-5697



Happy New Year, Brethren! Thank you for a fine autumn Lodge season, September through December. I dare say we did some good solid work on that house not made with hands, thanks to our regular participation and quality of discourse.

Thanks especially go to Brother Ed Stone of Konosioni 950 for his Pearl Harbor stories on Monday, November 18. Thanks also go to RW William Toth for the opening prayer and to the Masonic War Veterans Post 43 for the ceremonious presentation of the Colors and Pledge to begin that evening. We had a great public turnout and many appreciative comments from community members who joined us. (More commentary on this comes from RW Jorge Romeu in his Mentor article.)

January 6 will be our first business meeting of the new vear, with W Jerrold Pashley, DSA, opening the Lodge. I will be away in New Orleans that evening, playing bagpipes in the Joan of Arc Parade. The plan for January 6 is for a Hobby Night. RW Jim Mooney will bring his historic postcards of Camillus. Other Brothers are encouraged to bring something to share. I know we have a wealth of talents and interests out there.

January 20 will be a Table Lodge/Robert Burns Night, to be held at the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal in Marcellus. Street parking is rather limited, so we ask Brothers to use our regular Lodge parking lot and walk the one block, insofar as able. This will be an open/public evening. Brethren are encouraged to bring their wife or significant other for a festive time. Likewise, Brother bring a Brother. Proper attire is formal or Colonial. Kilts, plaids and anything Scottish is welcome. We will be gathering at 6 p.m., with benediction and dinner, singing and toasts beginning at 6:30. The inimitable RW Harvey Eysman is MC. The menu plan features beef bourguignon. Your donation of \$10 each will help defray expenses. Reserve by Thursday, January 16. Slainte!

John Bromka

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> WM Robert Kimberly, comet@twcny.rr.com

My Brethren, I'm sorry I missed last month's word article. We have been busy the last two months. On November 9 we awarded a Dewitt Clinton Award to Doug Milton (the Jordan Fire Chief for over forty years) for his many contributions to the community.

On November 18 we held a Table Lodge/Brother Bring a Friend night. We had five guests that evening and may possibly fill out an application soon. On November 28 (Thanksgiving) Jordan Lodge was used as the gathering point for Jordan's 10th annual Turkey Trot. The Turkey Trot is a foot race sponsoring the food banks.

On November 3 Cynthia Maslak passed away. She was the daughter of W Victor Lippert, wife of VW Joe Maslak and mother of Brother Joe Maslak Jr. On December 7, fewer than five weeks later, Cynthia's father passed away.

It is my sad duty to report that W Victor Lippert, DSA,. a sixty-one-year member of Jordan Masonic Lodge, laid down his working tools. He will truly be missed by his Brothers in Jordan. His Masonic Memorial Service was held on December 14 at 11 a.m. at Jordan Lodge.

On December 16 we held our annual Christmas party/ Awards night. It was, as usual, a gratifying event. Many joined us in our lookback on all the events that filled 2019, as we look towards 2020.

I hope to see all of you in Lodge this coming year. To all our members in the South: please visit a Lodge or two where you are staying

Robert Kimberly

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WM Timothy S. Hansen

Greetings, Brethren. I hope that everyone's holiday was safe and joyous. The new year is upon us and the start of the new decade.

We have a lot of programs ahead of us, including a First Degree on January 20, which was rescheduled due to inclement weather in December. We will be having several practices and encourage all to come out and support

our new candidates. Speaking of practices and work within the Craft, our Senior Deacon Drew DeAngelo heads up our Fellowship Club, which meets the second and fourth Monday at 5 p.m. at our Lodge. The objective is fellowship and work on ritual, such as opening and closing, and various parts of Degrees. If any Brother is interested please contact Drew or me: drewdangelo19@aol.com or timothy.hansen@ neardistant.net.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Have a great start to the new year. I'll talk to you soon.

Timothy S. Hansen

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As we wind down the year 2019, I want to wish all of the Brothers and their families a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

Year 2020 will come upon us fast. We have to vote in our candidates in the first meeting of the year. For our

second meeting we have the Brothers from the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund coming to confer, upon any Brothers who wish, the infamous Degree of Yellow Dog. For those of you who have not had a chance to receive this Degree: make sure you don't miss this one.

After that we have Degrees scheduled from February right through the beginning of May. This schedule will certainly keep us busy over the winter and spring months. I look forward to seeing you all soon at Lodge.

John Kindon

Nortrip 998 (ON) 116 East Genesee St. Fayetteville, N.Y. 13066 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m. 315/637-6431

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Season's Greetings. We're starting a new calendar year already. How did that happen so fast? Are we ready?

In the last months of 2019 Nortrip Lodge has been busy with programs historical to our Lodge. That brings us up to this new year. Our officers on different committees worked most recently on Thanksgiving food baskets that fed a family of five and another family of eight. Christmas baskets and poinsettias for various Masonic family members were also attended to. Our Lodge's traditional programs have been our backbone and continue to exemplify what makes us Masons. Our officers have been carrying out these duties and continue to serve as we strive to take care of each other. That's what we are charged to do and I thank our officers in this regard for their hard work.

In this new year, Masonic family and youth groups will continue to be in focus. I've been traveling to many Lodges in this District and beyond, most recently Massena Lodge No. 513 in the St. Lawrence District. I look forward to further cementing our relations with OES, joining together in events. In the area of youth groups we have room to replicate past monetary contributions. I look for your support in all these areas, as all benefit from Masonic relations and can build together. We all have the same

common goals and don't meet by accident.

As we greet this new year I would remind you that if you know of someone in need of our aid or sympathy, there is no holiday or deadline that separates us from our charge. Please don't wait for an emergency yourself by falling into distress. Call the Lodge. The winter months in Central New York can be challenging to go shopping, get meds, clear away snow and stay warm.

In 2020 I continue to look forward to building our Lodge, joining in fellowship and enjoying what we work so hard in the quarry to attain: each other. Have a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

Walter J. Boronow

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Brethren...2020! Where has the time gone? I hope you enjoyed a festive holiday season and the Supreme Architect of the Universe smiled upon you and yours throughout.

At this time I would like to thank my fellow Brothers for returning to Lodge for our meeting nights. Our attendance has been steadily increasing. Again, I thank

If you were unable to attend this year's North Syracuse Holiday Parade you missed a fantastic event. A great time was had by all.

For our first meeting on January 9 we will be opening on the First Degree, enabling our new Brothers to attend to receive additional light. They also will demonstrate their proficiency. January 23 is our Second Degree, conferred by Senior Warden Carlton Jackson. Work starts at 7:30 p.m. Come and meet your new Brothers and enjoy again the beauty of the ritual of the Second Degree.

I continue to encourage any Brother who is interested in getting involved in our various programs to reach out and contact me. The Lodge can only be successful if we have attendance, participation and support from all our Brothers. I can tkduskee@icloud.com or 315/641-3065.

Tom Duskee

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Feb 8 ...... Marcellus Chili Cook-off

Feb 15 ...... OnStar—Chicken & Biscuits

Feb 29 ..... LkCity—G Washington Dinner

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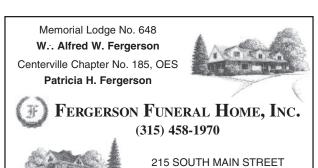
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# Event schedule, Jan '20

Jan 2	Centerville
Jan 4	Cazenovia—Christmas
Jan 6	MornStar—Hobby Night
Jan 7	OnStar—PM/PP
	Cortlandville—Summoned
Jan 9	Memorial—Open on 1°
Jan 11	Cazenovia—2°
	Town Hall, Syracuse
	MornStarOES—Cards/Games
	Osw Dist. Charities Dance
Jan 12	CT RTTE
Jan 14	WashingtonRAM—Install
	CCRivRAM—Officers
	LkCity—AGL
Jan 16	CHPLatt—Yellow Dog at Konosioni
	Centerville
	Auburn—2°
Jan 17	CC25KT
	OnonOES—School of Instruction
Jan 18	KingHiram—Euchre Tournament
Jan 19	MornStarOES—JrPM/JrPP
Jan 20	Aub Shrine
	LivSyr—1°
	MornStar—Burns Table Lodge
Jan 21	OnStar—Ample Form
Jan 22	CHPLatt—Virtual PM°

Jan 23 ..... Memorial—2°

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Jan 25	MornStarOES—Pound Auction
	Marathon—SGD Menegon?
	Auburn—Fellowship Breakfast
	Burns Supper
Jan 26	Onon RTTE
Jan 28	CCRivRAM
	LkCity
Jan 29	CM Fellowcraft Club
Feb 4	OnStar
	Morn Star—SGD Menegon



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# C-T **District** hosts **Mid-State** conference

In recent years, there has been a resurgence on the focus on Masonic Education. This has been occurring across the United States: Masonic Con led by Ezekial Bates Lodge in Massachusetts; Masonic Con Southern California hosted by South Pasadena Lodge; Mid-Atlantic Esotericon in Manassas, Virginia; and the new Masonic Con Chicago.

Within the Grand Jurisdiction that is the Grand Lodge of NY there has been an abundance of Masonic educational opportunities throughout the Western and Metro Regions. The Mid-State Region, however, has been experiencing a void in this regard. It is our goal to bring quality Masonic education, on a variety of topics, by highlighting presenters within the Mid-State region as well as from across our Grand Jurisdiction.

See the accompanying flyer. We look forward to having you join us for an outstanding day of Masonic education and fellowship. Seating is limited. Do not hesitate to send in your registration.

Michael A. Miller

**Grand Warden** John R. Fuller **Sponsor** 

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# **OSWEGO DISTRICT**

## **DDGM** REPORT



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Greetings, Brethren. Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

With the holidays now over, hopefully our lives will get back to a more normal and less stressful pace and we can look forward to the excitement and challenges of

Beginning in January and through March many of our Lodges go dark. This term we apply to the temporary closing of Lodges but the light of Freemasonry is always present, illuminating our lives. We need only seek it. This is the time to gather in fellowship activities, practice ritual, travel to those Lodges that remain active, continue your Masonic education by taking Livingston Library reading courses, the Masonic Development Course or the Road to the East. Plan your 2020 Lodge NorthStar Program or meet with candidates. Invite them to participate in Lodge work days or fellowship activities. And let's not forget our senior Brothers, widows and shut-ins who could use some extra help on these winter days with snow removal, getting out to doctor's appointments or to get grocer-

We have so many Masonic social and informational programs scheduled during the next several months. The first of these will be a Regional Town Hall Meeting to be held in Syracuse on January 11 and hosted by Memorial Lodge, 648 Centerville Place, North Syracuse. The Lodge opens at 8 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts. The Town Meeting will commence at 9 a.m., sharp. At 12 p.m. lunch will be served; the afternoon schedule is to be determined. Reservations are due by Friday, January 3 to ensure a lunch and seat. Reserve with RW Jack Dombrowski at bdombrowski@twcny.rr.com or 315/395-1255. This is an opportunity to participate in discussions surrounding the future of your Grand Lodge and meet the prospective new leaders.

On that same evening of

**DDGM** see 2nd column

## **STAFF OFFICER**



**Shawn Tuff** Shawn.tuff@gmail.com

Brethren, I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas, Hanukkah Kwanzaa with your family and friends. We all know the holidays can be stressful but they can also be very rewarding, spiritually.

The time has come to start talking about Grand Lodge arrangements. I'm currently working with the same charter bus company and we will be looking to fill the sixty seats. Talks with the Hamp $ton\,Inn\,Chelsea\,about\,rooms$ are also happening as you read this column. I'm prebooking four king rooms and seventeen double-bed rooms and I will have a period of time to include special requests, so if you have any please contact me soon.

It has always been assumed that you have to be a Mason in the Oswego District to ride the bus and book a room. We have always accepted other Masons from neighboring Districts with pick-up points along the bus route. So please contact me so that we don't have to make last-minute changes.

Many of the Lodges have gone dark but there are many in other Districts that do not go dark. That doesn't have to be the end of your development or Masonic meetings. Travel to other Lodges with your Brothers. It can be a lot of fun. And travel safe, my Brothers.

Shawn Tuff

#### **DDGM** from 1st column . . .

Saturday, January 11 the Charities Corp. will hold its 4th Annual Dinner Dance at the Tavern on the Lock in Fulton. The entertainment, back by popular demand, is Elvis (Tom Gilbo) and his following of groupies. This is sure to be another funfilled night with raffles, drawings and fellowship. All profits from this event will go to providing financial aid to Masons and non-Masons alike in the Oswego District who are in need of a helping hand.

On Saturday, January 25 the Knights of St. Andrew of the Valley of Syracuse AASR are holding their annual Robert Burns Supper at Coleman's Restaurant on Tipperary Hill in Syracuse.

> **DDGM** see 3rd column

### ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS



**Patrick Fasulo** 315/760-7676 ptfasulo@yahoo.com

Happy New Year! How many times have you watched fantastic ritual and said to yourself, "That was amazing! I could never do that."?

Oh, yes you can. For example, you probably don't think twice about rattling off the Pledge of Allegiance in Lodge, now do you? That's right. We were not born with the Pledge in our brain; we learned it, practiced it and now recite it from memory at least twice a month. The same can be done with any part, provided we put in the necessary time to learn it.

So, why not take some time to learn the ritual for the upcoming Most Worshipful Calvin G. Bond ritual contest? The Oswego District will be hosting the Calvin G. Bond ritual contest on February 8 at Lake City Lodge



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127. Note that originally this was scheduled for February 1 but has been pushed back to February 8.

The winners of the Oswego District contest will be competing at the Regionals in March and the Regional winners will compete in Utica for the State finals. The winners of the State finals will present the work at next year's Grand Lodge annual communication.

This year the ritual is from the Entered Apprentice Degree, beginning with "I particularly direct your attention" through "...blessed immortality." This contest is open to everyone except current AGLs and past AGLs. We hope to see you on February 8.

> Aaron Kruth Patrick Fasulo

#### **DDGM** from 2nd column . . .

A Scottish traditional evening is planned with Burns's poems and fine food. Of course, the evening wouldn't be complete without haggis being presented to the tune of a piper. This is best known as Piping in the Haggis. For those who dare, put on your kilts and venture out. The rest of us will wear our long johns.

On Saturday, February 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. there will be held, for the first time in our Region, a Masonic Educational Conference hosted by the Auburn Masonic Center at 5593 South Street Road, Auburn. The keynote speakers will be W Kenneth Stuczynski from the Western New York Lodge of Research, RW Steven Adam Rubin, Grand Treasurer, and RW Garv Heinmiller, Grand Historian, and more. There is a registration fee of \$30, which includes a catered lunch. Reservations are a must. See this issue for the registration form and further details.

This year the 69th George Washington Dinner and Celebration will be held at Lake City Lodge No. 127 on Saturday, February 29. The guest speaker will be RW Steven Rubin, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of New York. All are welcome to join in this birthday celebration of our first President and our most famous Brother Mason. Reservations are a must through Lake City's Lodge Secretary, W Mike Regan.

On Saturday, March 14 the Children's Dyslexia Center of CNY will be holding their 6th Annual Gala Dinner and Fundraiser at the prestigious Harts Inn Whitesboro, N.Y. Entertainment will be provided by nationally renowned entertainer Randy Riggle, magician and comedian. It is sure to be another great evening including fine food, basket raffles and door prizes. All profits from this event will go to providing free tuition to the students and training certified teachers. The CDC is supported by the Valley of Syracuse and Valley of Utica AASR, funds from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction AASR, various fundraisers and private donations. Everyone is invited. For reservation information call 315/736-0576.

no lack of Masonic light available during these winter months of 2020. Plan now to get out and join in the fellowship, increase your Masonic knowledge and support our worthy Masonic charities. You will be surprised how quickly the winter months fly by.

Leon A. Bulriss

**SCRIBA 414** 1416 St. Rt. 49 Constantia, N.Y. 13044 2nd & 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m

WM Edward Hodge Good day, my Brothers. I hope this finds all of you and all the families in good health. As the holidays are fast approaching, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday

Here at Scriba 414 we

went dark for the cold season but we went out in style with a First Degree that went very smoothly, with very few hitches. Thanks go to all who attended and worked so hard to make it a successful night. We will have our Second Degree in January, weather permitting.

As I sign off I want to wish you all a safe and happy winter. We'll see you in March. God bless and Happy New Year!

Edward Hodge

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WM Scott Colbert 315/427-2878 Scott.colbert@



Greeting, Brothers. With the Christmas and holiday season behind us we work towards a healthy and prosperous 2020. The year 2019 was one of challenges, lessons learned and excitement towards new opportunities. Allow me to elaborate a bit:

Challenges included the passing of Brothers RW Kenneth Sweet and Richard DenBleyker. As I have grown into this Lodge over the past decade I have had the pleasure of getting to know Ken and Dickie. Both were gracious, wise and had an uplifting and honorable aura that was always felt when they were present. Their friendship, guidance and contributions to our Craft are surely missed.

We face the continuing challenge of diminishing participation in our Lodge and across the District. I'm sincerely thankful for the dedication of all who contribute to keeping this Lodge functional by attending regular communications and helping with our fish dinners. We have a 100-yearold building that needs continuous attention and we will be scheduling some work parties to take care of some of our projects.

Lessons learned is always one of my favorite areas to reflect upon, as I'm a believer that there is always room for improvement. I've learned, with each regular communication, that I'm rarely prepared enough. As you can see, there is There is so much to learn and to share about our Craft I often struggle to know where to start with questions or where to direct my instruction. I've learned that seemingly small projects on our building are often more than they appear on the surface. I've learned that in this hectic pace of modern society our cabletows often appear shorter than we prefer. I've learned to embrace the phrase "Remember Tomorrow" as a nudge to myself to follow through on commitments, because I have to face myself in the mirror tomorrow. On this journey, one should always be looking to improve. I find a great deal of irony

in this year being 2020, as this is a measure or standard of vision. I am excited about the challenges we have before us. It's rare to be a part of a conversation with another Brother and not discuss our diminishing attendance. This is an exciting challenge to take on as it is the life breath of our Fraternity. Brotherly love and fellowship can occur at a distance but it's not quite adequate mortar to provide the bonds that hold our Fraternity together. We have one candidate in waiting at this time and we are working to schedule a special communication in January to hold the First Degree. Our officers and I look forward to doing this important work. We are looking at differ-

ent civic events to participate in in an effort to be more visible and let the public know that we are still vibrant and active in supporting our community. Specifically, we will patronize the Phoenix VFW during their Sunday morning breakfasts starting this month. We meet for breakfast and then go to our Lodge to work on some projects for a few hours. It's always a fun and productive time. I'll be sending text messages ahead of schedule and would greatly appreciate your support.

I wish each of you much happiness and prosperity in the new year. That includes your Lodge and our Masonic District, as a whole.

Scott Colbert

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WM James Rizzo.



Greetings, Brethren. It is a new year and a time for new beginnings. The sun has moved into Capricorn and austere Saturn is the ruling force, bringing solidarity and form through contraction and elimination. Delivering its lessons of time and experience, it upholds the traditions of the past, something we must remember even as we embark on our new year.

Last month we celebrated with a marvelous Holiday Festive Board. All attending had a great time enjoying the Yuletide Feast prepared by our wonderful Sisters of Lake City Victoria Chapter No.

This month we will start our new year with a meeting to clean up any old business and then begin anew. Our sitting AGL, VW Pat Fasulo, will have an enlightening talk for us. The yearly ritual calendar begins with our second meeting as we practice for the First Degree.

Keep this date open on your calendar: Saturday, February 29, from 5:30 p.m., is the date of our Annual George Washington Banquet. The featured speaker and guest of honor is the Grand Treasurer of the State of New York, RW Steven Adam Rubin. The dinner will be sumptuous, the discussions sparkling and our guest's remarks scintillating.

> **More Lake City** see page 7

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# CORTLAND-MADISON DISTRICT

## DDGM REPORT



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Secy Ben Brooks,

Hello, Brothers. January brings a new year and Cortlandville Lodge is ready for 2020.

We had a well-attended

Cortlandville see column 2

# STAFF OFFICER'S REPORT

No News Received

Cortlandville from 1st column . . .

All-Temple Christmas party. A wide variety of foods, treats and ugly sweaters were enjoyed by all. We also honored many of our Brothers with service awards ranging from five to seventy years of membership.

Our annual meeting will be January 7. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. Cortlandville Lodge wishes everyone, Happy and Healthy New Year!

Christopher Jenney

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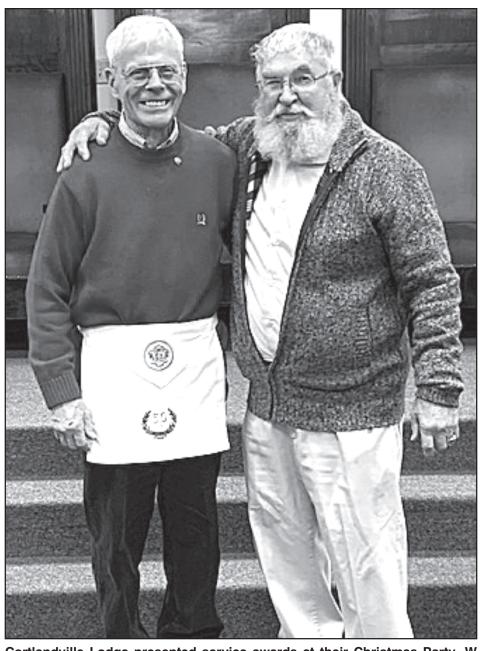
Greetings, Brethren, and Happy New Year! Due to a communication glitch, there was no *word* article from us in the December issue. And we wish to give a brief report about our Grand Lecturer's Convention. Our thanks go to Homer Lodge for hosting the convention and to the Eastern Star Ladies of Chapter 222 for a wonderful dinner.

Brothers from Homer Lodge opened the convention on the First Degree and received an "A" rating from our Grand Lecturer, RW Richard Friedman. The first part of the First Degree was demonstrated with the help of Brothers from various District Lodges and the Questions and Answers were done as a walk-about, which was well received. Also, congratulations go to Homer Lodge for winning the Potts Award.

There are Degrees planned or to be planned by Lodges in the District in the near future and Lodges are Initiating, Passing and Raising new Brothers, adding more workers to the quarries. We are pleased and excited by the Degree work and stand ready to assist in rehearsals and Degrees as needed.

The next Fellowcraft Club is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29 at 7 p.m. at Cortlandville Lodge. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the ritual of our Craft and to meet with the Brothers of the District. We hope to see you

Richard Reed Dave Walter



Cortlandville Lodge presented service awards at their Christmas Party. W Steve Robinson received his fifty-year apron from RW Charles Dellow. In 1969, when Steve was Raised, the Worshipful Master was Charles Dellow. It is not often the Master who Raised you will give you your fifty-year service award. Congratulations go to both.

# Oswego from page 6 . . .

Lake City . . . .

This is a District and public event. All Freemasons from the District and around the world are invited, as well as members of the Eastern Star, other Masonic bodies, spouses and others and family and friends.

The 2020 Trestleboard, here, may be subject to changes. January 14 is a Stated Communication with a 6:30 p.m. dinner for \$10 and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The AGL will deliver a talk. The mode of dress is dark suit or coat and tie. January 28: Stated Communication; 6:30 p.m. dinner (\$10) and 7:30 p.m. meeting. The program is practice for the First Degree; mode of dress: dark suit/coat and tie.

February 11 is a Stated Communication with the same dinner and meeting details and dress code. The First Degree will be performed, with or without candidates; the Sr. Deacon will act as Master for the Degree. February 25: Stated Communication, with 6:30 dinner for \$10, and 7:30 p.m. meeting featuring the York Rite/Royal Arch Fervency & Zeal Program. Mode of dress is dark suit/coat and tie. February 29 is the Lake City/ Oswego District Event, the George Washington Banquet. It is a public event, social hour from 5:30 to 6:30, and prime rib dinner (chicken alternate) at 6:30. The cost is \$18. After dinner the special guest speaker, RW Steven Adam Rubin, Grand Treasurer, will deliver his remarks. Mode of dress is dark suit/coat and tie; for ladies, the equivalent.

The March 10 Stated Communication has a 6:30 p.m. dinner (\$10) and 7:30 p.m. meeting, which is practice for the Second Degree. Mode of dress: dark suit/coat and tie. March 19 is a Lake City Public Event. District and everyone invited. At 6:30 p.m. doors open for social hour. The 7:30 p.m. dinner is called St. Joseph's Table. This is a traditional celebration of St. Joseph, popular in many countries. The wearing of red and bringing a nomeat dish to pass are the manner in which this is celebrated. More information will follow. The mode of dress is business casual; and wear something red. All Masons from everywhere are invited, and Eastern Star Chapters, and spouses and significant others and family and friends. March 24: Stated Communication, 6:30 p.m. dinner (\$10), 7:30 p.m. meeting. The Second Degree will be performed, with or without candidates. The Jr. Warden will act as Master for the Degree. The mode of dress is dark suit or coat and tie.

April 14 is a Special Communication to practice for the Third Degree. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. (\$10) and the meeting is at 7:00. Note the earlier times. Mode of dress: dark suit/coat and tie. April 25: Lake City Public Event, everyone invited. This is the

Surviving Spouses and Loved Ones/Awards Luncheon. Awards will be presented by the District Officer, DDGM or AGL. This is a 12:00 p.m. lunch (free). Mode of dress is dark suit/ coat and tie. The April 28 meeting is a Special Communication for the Third Degree, which will be performed with or without candidates. The Sr. Warden will act as Master. Lodge opens and the Degree begins at 5:00 p.m., sharp, for the First Section. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. for \$10. The Second Section is at 7:30. Note earlier time. Dress is dark suit or coat and

May 12: Summoned Communication for Annual Meeting, Election of Officers. You will be notified via snail mail and email on the details, plus, it will appear in the word. May 26 is a Stated Communication, the Installation of Officers. You will be notified via snail mail and email on the details, plus, it will appear in the word.

We will finish with a quote from a worthy Brother Mason:

"It is only when the people become ignorant and corrupt, when they degenerate into a populace, that they are incapable of exercising their sovereignty. Usurpation is then an easy attainment, and an usurper soon found. The people themselves become the willing instruments of their own debasement and ruin." James

Monroe, fifth President of the United States, from his First Inaugural Address (4 March 1817).

James Rizzo

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Greetings, Brethren. I hope everyone had a merry Christmas. I'm wishing all our Brothers a prosperous and Happy New Year!

Central Square Lodge was busy again the last couple of months. The RW Leon Bulriss, District Deputy Grand Master, had his Official Visit and Homecoming and attendance was great. We thank Leon and the staff officers for all their hard work.

We also performed the Empty Chair Degree/Ceremony of Remembrance in the December meeting. This recognizes and mourns those members who laid down their working tools in the past year. It gives us time to reflect on the members we have lost and the importance to the Lodge of filling all the chairs in order to perform its great work.

We will continue holding Lodge meetings throughout the winter months. We will meet downstairs in the fellowship room to conserve on the Lodge heating bill. Kevin Hopkins Juarez Lincoln Marti Intl. Ed. Project <a href="http://web.cortland.edu/matresearch">http://web.cortland.edu/matresearch</a>
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# CAYUGA-TOMPKINS DISTRICT

## DDGM REPORT



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Greetings, Brothers, and Happy New Year! Wow, another year is behind us and the promise of a new one is at hand. With it is my wish that you and yours have a prosperous and healthy one. Use the experiences from the past as a foundation to build the future. Remember that every moment of your life has brought you to this moment.

Fellowship abounds in our small piece of the world. We have had many opportunities to come together in the Cayuga-Tomkins District in the past month. We ended the year participating in the Holiday Parade in Auburn, a celebration of a Lodge anniversary in Union Springs, a pitch tournament in Scipio Center; we made peanut brittle in Groton and Initiated new Brothers in Warren Salem Town, Erie Canal and Auburn Lodges. Many Lodges held Christmas dinners and holiday celebra-

Coming up in January is the first session of the Road to the East officer training course. It will be held on Sunday, January 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Auburn Lodge. This course is meant to introduce important aspects of managing the Lodge to prospective officers—Brothers seeking to become the Master of the Lodge. All Senior Wardens should be in attendance. The strength of your Lodge is dependent upon having leaders with the tools for success. Please contact RW Mike Miller with your reservation as soon as possible: 315/729-3680 or millers980@gmail.com.

Continued Degree work is scheduled also. Be on the watch for information regarding dates, times and locations. Please contact me if your Lodge is planning Degrees or events so we can get the word out, offer support or participate in your endeavor. Remember, too, that every Lodge is required to confer a Degree each year, with a candidate or exemplar.

Plans are in the works to hold a Dinner Dance fundraiser later this year to support our District Masonic Charities Corporation. The committee will be looking for support for this event in

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the form of your participation. This event will be a major shift in the fundraising focus of the Corp. and the hope is that we will be able to increase our contribution to those in need in our communities. More information will be coming your way.

While on the subject, the Masters and Wardens and Charities Corp. Associations need your support. Please make an effort to send representatives from your Lodge to the meetings. It is an important conduit to the happenings in the District.

That's it for now. I'm looking forward to seeing you—in and out of Lodge. Be safe and do good things.

Dave Barnello

ERIE CANAL 141 2805 Rte. 31 East Weedsport, N.Y. 13166 lst & 3rd Thurs., 7:00 p.m 315/834-9465

> WM Mike Lees, Secy Gary Mowers

Greetings, Brothers. RW Donald Atkins, 91, passed away on November 23 and we did a Masonic Service on December 2. Don was Master from 1999 to 2000 and the Cayuga-Tompkins Staff Officer from 2002 to 2004. He was a great reservoir of wisdom and always helped out at Lodge, whether it was meetings, Degrees or fundraisers. He will be missed and we are blessed to have had him with us. The Atkins family decided that in lieu of flowers, contributions would be made to the Lodge. These will be used for something special.

We completed a First Degree on December 19 and look forward to the Second Degree on January 16 at Auburn 124 with at least three others. December 21 was our Lodge Christmas Party, with great food, fellowship and fun for all.

Safely ID fingerprinting was completed at the Cato and Weedsport winter festivals and we contributed refreshments to the Cato townwide Christmas celebration. Seth Molloy led a group of our Brothers in the Auburn holiday parade, giving us community visibility—a good effort by Seth.

There will be three Road to the East sessions in our District: January 12, February 9 and March 8. This is a golden opportunity for those Wardens and Deacons in the line, so please take advantage. Dave Barnello and Mike Miller are the points of contact.

If you have not yet received your permanent dues card it will soon arrive. In December we issued the annual dues and we would appreciate prompt attention to payments. In the package will be a separate sheet to

update phone contact numbers and emails that are very important for keeping the Grand Lodge MORI system up to date.

For those of you in the warmer climates: Send some heat up to us in the north as we hunker down. Everyone, stay healthy.

Gary Mowers

AUBURN 124 5643 St. Rte. 34S. Auburn, N.Y. 13021 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 p.m

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Brothers, I hope this communication finds you well and having enjoyed a wonderful Christmas. On November 21 we conferred the First Degree on three new Brothers. It was a great Degree led by JW Joe Sheppard, with SW Jeremy Frisco, WM Scott Harris and many others helping out. W Steve Persaile presented the Bibles, RW Bob Coleman the aprons and RW Tom Ostrander the Working Tools. Also in November, we donated twenty-five turkeys to the 1st Presbyterian Church for the Calvary Food Pantry.

On December 1 we held our annual Christmas Party at Sunset Restaurant. It was a smaller attendance than usual, due to the weather and Thanksgiving being so close. Which doesn't matter because we had a great time with music from the Howards and games courtesy of W Scott Harris.

On December 5 we opened on the First Degree for our new Brothers and presented the Q & A. RW Mike Miller contributed LSOME training.

Our monthly donation to charity went to the Salvation Army in December. In November we donated \$403 to the Wounded Warriors. These donations are out-of-pocket cash from our attending Brothers. Thanks, guys, for being so charitable. But then, that's what the Masons do. Our Craft is all about friendship, brotherly love and charity.

December 19 was a regular meeting with a Second Degree practice and training for our new Brothers by RW Miller. Our Second Degree will be conferred on January 16, with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Good news! Brothers Charlie Masters, Pete Tanner and W Harold Parker are home and really doing well. I had a chance, with W Harris, to visit with Brothers Weeks, Masters, W Parker and RW Paul Schenck over the weekend and deliver poinsettias. This week we will see W Robert Taylor, Brother John Turney and Pete Tanner.

You should be receiving new dues cards from Grand Lodge soon. This will be a permanent plastic card, good for several years. You still will get a dues notice from me for your 2020 annual dues. This is a new program from Grand Lodge, which will save the Lodge mailing fees. These cards will have

bar codes on them, which can be scanned if need be by Lodges you are visiting. They will use a new app called "Amity" or may check online. There may be some bugs to work out, so bear with us. If you have questions contact me.

On January 25 we are having a Fellowship Breakfast at Lodge at 7:30 a.m. That's right, 7:30 a.m. Ihope to see you there and in Lodge. Take care and God bless.

Tom Ostrander

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> WM Jason Keagle, 607/279-4020, jkeagle2@gmail.com Treas. Mike McLaughlin, 607/227-6766, Mmclaug1@twcny.rr.com

Brothers, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Our Christmas party was at Stella's and we had a nice turnout. It was great to see all of the Brothers that could make it.

We had our third annual tree lighting and that was successful. I would like to give thanks to all the volunteers that made it possible.

On Saturday, January 18 we will be holding a euchre tournament from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be refreshments for breakfast and lunch. Prizes will be provided for the top four players with the most points. This event is free but if you get euchred it will cost you 25 cents and all of the proceeds will go to the Brotherhood Fund. Please make reservations by January 15 at mmclaug1@twcny.rr.comor 607/227-6766.

Tony Cirulli

WARREN SALEM TOWN 147 155 Cayuga St. Union Springs, N.Y. 13160 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m.

WM Randy Mayer

Happy New Year! I recall my mother used to say, "Out with the old and in with the new." We hope 2020 will be a good year for you.

The 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a nice affair. It started with a delicious roast pork dinner, prepared by Sue Vanepp and Melanie Bassett. RW David Barnello, our District Deputy, was not able to attend but we were fortunate that RW Paul Schenck was available. With our Master, Randy Mayer, Paul did a masterful job in recognizing Dick Hodges for forty-five years, Dave Schenck for forty years, Dave Balcom for thirty-five years, Wes Daggett for thirty years, Steve Hunter for twenty years, Peter Chappell for fifteen years and Randy Mayer for five years.

Ken Pollard gave an overview of the 170 years that Warren Lodge has been in existence. We were chartered in 1849, just fifty-two years after George Washington was President. Our Lodge goes back to the days of the famous Cayuga Bridge that helped open up the lands of our country. In fact, our first Lodge room was under the Cayuga Bridge.

Masonry was very active

in the years between 1847 and 1857, as nine new Lodges were chartered: St. Paul's, Port Byron, Cato, Warren, Montezuma, Cayuga, Salem Town, Weedsport and Auburn. Note that this is just four years before the Civil War. In 1935 a retired sea captain named Henry Blakely, a non-Mason, bequeathed to Warren Lodge a sizeable estate, which allowed the Lodge to acquire its present building.

It has been a good 170 years. I hope for 170 more years of Masonic leadership in Union Springs.

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund contributions are coming in. I thank you for your support.

Jack Resnik has been hospitalized but is home now where he is recovering under the direction of Dr. Shirley. It was good to see Dave Balcom and Wes Daggett at our anniversary dinner. Dave Knolls had a previous obligation on December 2 so was not able to receive his fifty-year pin and certificate. We hope to present them at the next meeting

Again, Happy New Year! Remember the words of Henry Ford: "You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do."

Ken Pollard

# **Thanks**

The family of Sandy Schenck expresses deep gratitude and appreciation for all those Brothers and Sisters, for their many instances of food and help and support, for cards and flowers and thoughts and love in helping Sandy during her thirteen-year battle with leukemia.

RW Paul Schenck







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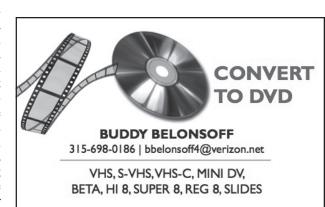
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### Consistory

Happy New Year, my Brothers and Ladies! My, time flies, especially in the Valley of Syracuse. I want to thank Sharon Fox and Jim and Sharon Swan for all the hard work they have done in 2019 to keep this Valley running as smoothly as it does. We are lucky to have such dedicated, knowledgeable people in our midst.

We have had a very busy year with programs for our entire Masonic family. There were Family Life events this summer, which will be repeated this year also. My thanks go to Ill.

Garry Visconti and his Lady Lynn for organizing the committee for the outing and picnic at the Cicero American Legion Post. In August we had an event at the Syracuse Mets.

There was food but no game or fireworks that night due to the heavy rains. We will hope for better weather for our next outing.

We have planned a Scottish Rite Family Life event at Syracuse Crunch vs Rochester Amerks ice hockey game on Saturday, February 15. Tickets are \$17 each and you may pay at Valley of Syracuse office. You pick up your tickets at "Will Call." More information is available on this page. Thanks go to Brother Ken Sterling 32°, DSA, for setting up this event.

January 13 is Spring Membership Night, with the Ladies. Reservations are a must. On January 27 we will confer the Fourth Degree (V) and Tenth Degree (L).

I ask all officers of the four Bodies that comprise the Valley of Syracuse to support each other's programs to the best of your ability. As an officer, your attendance at the Valley of Syracuse programs should be your primary interest. Finally, I want to wish all Masons and their family good health, prosperity and safe travels during the new year. Lawrence W. Egnaczyk

### **Princes of Jerusalem**

Greetings, Sovereign Princes. First off, the officers of CPJ hope you all had a wonderful holiday season full of love, laughs and togetherness.

Coming up on January 13 we will have our Annual Spring Membership Night with our Ladies. Dinner will be at 6:30 with entertainment following, which will be music by Brother Tim Burns. There will be some patriotic songs, some 60s and 70s music and Tim might even take requests.

The CPJ has almost all the positions filled for our upcoming Sixteenth Degree but can always use a few more thespians to help. Remember that even if you have seen one of the Degrees before, you are always welcome to come see it again.

If you visit the Valley's webpage at http://www.syraasr.org the first thing you see is "Our Vision: We strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members." Please do all you can to make this a reality by thinking about and caring for each

God bless you all. Bless Freemasons, our military and this great country.

James McNeal

### Lodge of Perfection

Greetings, Princes. I truly hope we all enjoyed the blessings of the holiday season, enjoying some good downtime with family, food, fellowship and fun. May the Great Architect continue to bless us as we bring in the new year!

The new year represents a new beginning with New Year's resolutions and promises we make with ourselves to become better men in the new year. What better time to re-establish our commitment to the Valley of Syracuse and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry? Come out and be a part of the excitement of new members and truly outstanding events.

The Lodge of Perfection work for the month of January is a rehearsal of the Tenth Degree on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January and the conferral of that Degree on the 27th. We will also offer a video conferral of the new Fourth Degree. The Tenth Degree-Master Elect—is taken from the testament of Solomon written by him during his latter years, when he was undergoing the terrible torment of the sentence of the Lord for his transgressions. The ancient lesson of this Degree assures that the violator of his obligations will not go unpunished. Let us all reflect on our obligations and how we can put the lessons of this and all of the Scottish Rite Degrees into our daily lives. We hope everyone will come out for the Degree, as the Valley has not conferred it in more than ten years.

Other great events in January include the Spring Membership Night with the Ladies on January 13 and the Robert Burns Supper on January 25. Be sure to contact the Valley for more information.

Terry A. Byard

## Notes from the Children's **Dyslexia Center CNY**

We know it is winter at the Center when we have had



**Central City** Consistory **Egnaczyk** 

our first snow day, and that arrived on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Here we are counting down for our Christmas break and hoping not to have more snow days for a while.

It seems a hectic but fun time for all here. The children can hardly contain their excitement for the upcoming holiday. Most first-year children are really beginning to realize the benefits of what they have been learning here and the second-year children are really making great strides. Glenn is back for a third year and really in his groove. Gone are the hoodies that he used to hide in and he is writing his name as well as his spell words and short sentences. How wonderful for the family who was told he would never learn anything! Your support continues to make this happen.

We are constantly busy with fundraising activities. We truly look forward to our GALA next March with fellow Brother Randy Riggle. It promises to be a wonderful occasion and we would love to sell out early. We hope to see you there.

As we head into 2020 we all continue to be ever grateful for the abundance of your care and support. We hope you had the merriest of Christmases and wish you the best in the new year.

Linda L. Martin

### Valley issues **Scholarship** reminder

Applications for the 2020-2021 scholarships are now available. The aid comes from the Supreme Council, AASR Leon M. Abbott Scholarship and New York State Council of Deliberation Scholarship.

Applications may be obtained from the Central City Bodies, AASR Valley of Syracuse Scottish Rite Office, mailed to you from the Valley Office, or online. See the Valley of Syracuse website at www.syr-aasr.org for the link to "Application for Scottish Rite Scholarship Aid Leon M. Abbott and/or NYS Council of Deliberation."

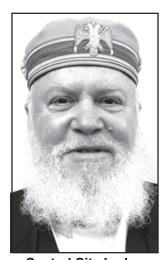
The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, April 1. Applications received after 4:00 p.m. on April 1 will not be considered. The Combined Application for 2020-2021 must be used. Graduating High School Seniors may apply, as may members of our Youth Groups and stu-



**Central City Chapter** of Rose Croix Havener



**Central City Council Princes of Jerusalem** McNeal



**Central City Lodge** of Perfection **Byard** 

#### COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Website: www.syr-aasr.org

January 2020 **Jan 06** ....... Monday Executive Committee 7:00 p.m. Jan 13 ...... Spring Membership Night w/ Ladies; Jan 25 ........ Robert Burns Supper 5:00 p.m. @ Coleman's KOSA **Jan 27** .....L-O-P Confer 4° (V) 7:30 p.m./ Confer 10° Live

February 2020

Feb 03 ....... Trustees 6:15 p.m./Executive Committee 7:00 p.m.

Feb 10 ...... Caregivers Dinner with Ladies at MMC:

...... Social 6:00 p.m. / Dinner 6:30 p.m. / Program 7:30 p.m.

**Feb 17** ....... CRC Rehearse 18° 7:00 p.m.

**Feb 24** ....... Consistory Rehearse 23° 7:00 p.m.

### 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°, 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. David Alan Glattly, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander; Ill. Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Grand Lieutenant Commander; Ill. Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Grand Minister of State; Ill. David P. Spencer, 33°, Deputy for New York

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DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVE - Ill. Carl F. Fahrenkrug, Sr., 33°

dents who complete the program at the Children's Dyslexia Centers in New York State. Please contact the Valley Office at 315/452-7976 if you have any questions or require assistance.

### **Dues notices**

The 2020 annual member's dues invoices have been mailed from the Valley of Syracuse office. You will not receive a new dues card for 2020: you have a permanent dues card from Supreme Council.

Please pay your member dues as promptly as possible. If you have any questions please contact the office at 315/452-7976.

## Last call for **Burns Supper**

A Burns supper is a celebration of Robert Burns, the Scottish poet and Freemason. While the celebration is traditionally held on the poet's birthday, the 25th of January, the supper may be held at any time of the year. Burns suppers are big events in Scotland and Northern Ireland-and anywhere there are Burns Clubs, Scottish Societies, Masonic Lodges, expatriate Scots or aficionados of Burns's poetry.

The Knights of St. Andrew will host the 2020 Burns Supper on Saturday, January 25 at Coleman's Irish Pub, located at 100 South Lowell Avenue, Syracuse. The social time begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be buffet style. The cost is \$45 per person. Wives/significant others/guests are invited; the event is open to all but seating is limited to fifty.

Contact Rick Powell for availability, and then make your check payable to the "Knights of St. Andrew."

Mail to Richard Powell. 4717 Broad Road, Syracuse, NY 13215. Write "Burns Supper" in the memo area of your check. Reservations are due before January 1.

# **Syracuse Crunch Hockey Time**

On Saturday, February 15 the Valley of Syracuse is sponsoring a Scottish Rite Family Life event at the Syracuse Crunch vs. Rochester Amerks ice hockey game at the Onondaga War Memorial Auditorium, Montgomery Street in Syracuse.

Puck Drop: 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are available through the Valley of Syracuse office with ticket pick-up at the "WILL CALL" window at the Montgomery Street Entrance of the War Memorial.

Ticket Cost is \$17.00 per seat.

Prepaid Ticket Purchase Cut-off date: Monday, February 10, 2020 Name

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available Non-Scottish Rite Members are welcome to join us! Central City Bodies, A.A.S.R.

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# YORK RITE BODIES



# 12<sup>th</sup> Capitular District RAM

VE Richard J. Powell Assistant Grand Lecturer, 12th Capitular District Grand Chapter State of New York, Royal Arch Masons 315/439-2386, rjpowell@arsmasonica.com

Happy New Year! My last two months as the 12th Capitular District Assistant Grand Lecturer are upon me. I will be presenting the Capstone Course at Central City Riverside Chapter on Tuesday, February 25. The Capstone Course educates officers on how to put together a successful Trestleboard, attract new members and maintain and grow the Chapter. Please email me (rjpowell@ arsmasonica.com) if interested in this course.

The Capitular Development Course (CDC) is aimed at Royal Arch Masons who wish to deepen their understanding of the Degrees through formal education. This course explores the source of the Degrees, their symbolism and their esoteric meaning. I have the first two Degrees, Mark Master Mason and the Past Master, set up for home reading, a quiz and short essay that can be done online. Anyone interested in that course can begin there and then plan on meeting in person to do the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch Degrees when the Degrees are completed. Both the online session and the in-person session must be done to complete the course. A \$15 fee will be required for the last session; upon successful completion all Companions will receive a certificate of completion and pin. Again, any interested member should email me at rjpowell@arsmasonica.com.

As I will be the new District Deputy Grand High Priest come March, I ask all Chapter High Priests to email me their Trestleboard and officer line. Expect a call from me to set up an Official Visit between March and May.

Richard J. Powell

#### WASHINGTON CHAPTER 29 RAM

Cortlandville Lodge Meets 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

HP Rusty Perkins

Happy New Year, Companions of Washington Chapter No. 29! To all, we wish you a happy and healthy new year full of joy and prosperity.

At our December 10 meeting we held our election of officers for the ensuing 2020 year. We look for-

ward to a year full of Degree work and other ventures under E Andrew Reed's leadership. I know he will do very well with all of our continued support. At our January 14 meeting we will install the new officers duly elected for the 2020 calendar year.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Companions for all the support and commitment given for my past two years as High Priest of Washington Chapter No. 29. It has been a wonderful time with all the new Companions who have joined our Chapter. It is very nice to know that you will be able to open every night and not count who comes in the door and think where you will put him. Here's a message from my friend Wade as I sign

**Rusty Perkins** 

"Sir Knights, greetings from Cortland Commandery No. 50. To review the last couple of months: on November 14 four Sir Knights from CC No. 50 attended the Zone School of Instruction at Malta Commandery. More than thirty SKs were in attendance for an interesting discussion on opening and closing.

"On December 5 we held our Christmas observance, complete with toasts after a wonderful steak dinner prepared by SK Charles Dellow and SK Kim Dellow. Fourteen in attendance included three from Norwich Commandery and potential new members.

"Looking forward to 2020, our inspection will be on Thursday, May 7. SK David Barkstedt, Grand Generalissimo, will be the Inspecting Officer.

"If you are interested in Commandery or Knights Templar please feel free to contact any member or meet with us before one of our meetings. These are held the first Thursday of the month at the Cortland Masonic Temple at 6:30. Happy New Year!

Wade A. Caler"

#### CHARLES H. PLATT CHAPTER 247 RAM Skaneateles Masonic Temple

Meets 4th Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

HP Brad Foil, 315/391-2186, triptych@twcny.rr.com Secy Earl Tuttle 315/673-2213 etuttle1@twcny.rr.com



As the newly elected HP of Charles H. Platt Chapter 247 it is my desire to glorify the Great I Am by continuing the tradition of excellence that has been the hallmark of this august organization. We hit the ground at breakneck speed in January with the conferral of the Virtual Past Master's Degree on January 22. The Most

Excellent Master Degree will follow on February 26, the Royal Arch Degree on March 25 and the Chapter's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance Celebration is on May 9.

I am honored yet humbled in assuming the awesome responsibilities of leading this organization. By God's Grace, and with the assistance and support of all the Companions of this organization, Charles H. Platt will continue being the bright beacon of light of Royal Arch Masonry that it has become.

Brad Foil

#### **LAKE ONTARIO**

CHAPTER 165 RAM
Oswego Masonic Lodge
765 E. Seneca St.
Meets 1st Mon. at 7:30 p.m.

HP Ronald A. Bond rbondsr@twcny.rr.com Secy Alan Wood 315/207-0127 awood3@twcny.rr.com



Greetings, Companions. I just returned home from the annual meeting for election and installation of officers. I'd like to thank RE Allen Boyce and RE John Fuller who did a super job. We have a strong lineup for next year and I'm looking forward to it.

I would like to wish everyone a late Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! This article will not reach you until after the holidays.

We have two Companions awaiting their last two Degrees. That should happen in January and February, hopefully.

I will close now as it is late and I have to leave for Albany by 6:45 a.m. tomorrow morning. God bless.

Ronald A. Bond

#### CENTRAL CITY RIVERSIDE CHAPTER 70 RAM

608 Oswego St. Liverpool, N.Y. Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday

> HP Eric J. Driscoll, 315/575-4470, Ericjdriscoll@gmail.com Secy Bob Bowles, 315/436-0997, Rbowles1@twcny.rr.com

Good day, Companions. It was a true honor to be elected and installed as High Priest for this Chapter. I assure you I will serve in this chair as I have in all the others to the best of my ability. Thank you for having faith in me.

I trust that your holiday season went well. Hopefully, you had time for those special moments with family.

There will be a practice for opening and closing on January 14 for officers at 6:30 at the Lodge building. If you do not have your lines, sword work, etc. down perfectly, I highly recommend attending this as it will be our only practice before our first meeting of the year on January 28.

During this meeting we will be discussing a couple of upcoming events, one being our Capstone Course. It will be held on February 25, on our meeting night, at 7:30 in Liverpool. All officers are asked to attend this class, along with any other Royal Arch Mason who needs or wants to take it. Let's have some great attendance for this. We could all use brushing up.

If you have not received a copy of the Trestleboard it is because your information is incorrect in our system. If there are any Companions or Brothers in distress or need of assistance do not hesitate to contact me.

Eric J. Driscoll



# CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY 25 KT Liverpool Masonic Temple

608 Oswego St., Liverpool 13088 Meets 1st or 3rd Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Commander
Eric J. Driscoll,
315/575-4470,
Ericjdriscoll@gmail.com
Recorder Earl Tuttle,
etuttle1@twcny.rr.com



Good day, Sir Knights. I hope this new year finds you relaxed and well now that the Christmas season is behind us.

Our Christmas party was a success, thanks to those who made it out that night. It was a great time. Zone Commander Rick Miori's daughter Jade blessed us with her wonderful voice, accompanied by her father playing guitar. We made our usual donations to the youth groups and they were very appreciative.

I want to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, Phil Chandler, who came and handed out donations to the youth groups, as well. Thanks also go to Charlie and Eddie for helping with some of the setup before we started; it was much appreciated.

I want to remind all Sir Knights that our next meeting will be January 17. We will be running through the full open more than once, in full uniform, and discussing new petitioners.

If there is, at any time, a Sir Knight or Companion or Brother in distress or in need of assistance in any manner, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Eric J. Driscoll

# CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL 13 Royal & Select Masters

Liverpool Masonic Temple 608 Oswego St. Liverpool, NY Meets 2nd Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

Illustrious Master James D. Swan Jr jdabjr@twcny.rr.com Recorder Earl L. Tuttle Etuttle1@twcny.rr.com 315/673-2213

Companions, the holidays are past us and the time to think spring is fast approaching. So far, winter has been very good to us where we live. One snowstorm is all, to date.

RI Brian D. Moore, District Deputy Grand Master of the 6<sup>th</sup> District, makes his

Official Visit to our Council on Wednesday, April 8. We will gather at the Retreat Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. for a Dutch Treat dinner. His Official Visit will follow in our Lodge room at the Liverpool Masonic Center.

The next meeting of Central City Council 13 is Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. RI Harvey A. Eysman will preside over the conferral of the Royal Master Degree. We will also gather that night at the Retreat Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. for Dutch Treat dinner.

All are welcome to join us for this social time and dinner. Remember, Cryptic Masonry is where you receive the Rest of the Story.

Please ensure that our Recorder, RI Earl Tuttle, has your correct phone number, mail and email addresses. Send him a note or email Etuttle1@twcny.rr.com.

Invite your Royal Arch Companions who are not Cryptic Masons to join us on March 11. Obtain a petition from Earl Tuttle and submit it to Central City Council 13.

Drive safely. We will see you in March.

James Swan

### **Tigris**

Nobles, Brothers and Ladies, I wish you all a great holiday—Christmas and New Year! What a great year it has been for Tigris Shrine! We had a lot of fun, had good fellowship and supported our children in need. What a great mission we have!

We started off the year at our Watch Party, watching the East/West football game the Shriners put on every year. We've had SU players on the team and they've done well. It's a good way for them to get in front of scouts from the national teams and they get to see what Shriners are all about. It's a true win/win for all.

We've had fun at the Fez bowling event, the circus, the paint party, with CD sales at concerts, at parades. Our fire truck was in the CNY Antique Truck Historical Society Show at Long Branch Park. We had dinners and Bingo and so much more. Lady Rose and I want to thank all the Ladies and Nobles of our great Fraternity for their support in make this a wonderful year; and don't forget the Daughters of the Nile.

Your dedication to Tigris Shrine and the Shriners Hospitals for Children makes you an exceptional person. Our hospitals that care for so many children who need our help will continue to survive because of your support and your fundraising efforts. We fund medical research, orthopedic treatment and surgery, cleft lip and palate re-

pair, spinal cord injuries and burns treatment for children. This is all done with no cost to the patient or his parents. Nobles and Ladies, you are truly to be congratulated on what you and all the Nobles and Ladies of Shriners International have been able to accomplish. I am proud to be counted in your membership and deeply grateful to serve as your Potentate.

December 18 was election of officers. The incoming officers and the Board of Directors are some of the finest men I've had the pleasure to work with. Tigris Shrine is in good hands. We all look forward to the years ahead and they will be great.

It has truly been an honor to be your Potentate the past two years. Thank you again. God bless and give you safe travels.

Ken Ayhens

### **Auburn Shrine**

Jeremy Frisco, President of the Auburn Shrine Club, has planned the January meeting. It will be held at A. T. Walley and Company, 119 Genesee Street in Auburn. The date is January 20—the third Monday of January—starting at 6 p.m. for refreshments, with dinner to follow. The speaker will be Potentate of Damascus Temple Jerry Lack. Let's have a good turnout to start the new year.

This, 2019, has been a very good year for the Springfield Shriner's Hospital for Children. I hope in the very near future I will have details of the yearly results.

We will miss our Secretary and Treasurer, both of whom served our Club and the Shrine program long and well. Now Dave Bowman is swimming in Florida and Chuck Minister is ice skating on Lake Champlain. We wish them well and hope to see them back often.

I talked with PP Harry Dainty recently. He and Nancy moved to Indiana to be closer to family members. Soon after they arrived Nancy suffered a slight stroke and Harry ended up in the hospital. I am glad to report that both are doing much better.

Paul Schenck is feeling somewhat better and is walking with less pain. Good news for all of us. We realize Paul suffered a great loss when his wife Sandy passed away after fighting cancer for many years.

I talked with Don Weeks a short time ago. Don has not been to a meeting in some weeks. He reports age has limited Betty's and his social activities.

We wish Happy New Year to you. And to our Shrine Hospitals and the children they treat.

Ken Pollard



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# ORDER of the **EASTERN STAR**



#### Order of the **Eastern Star Onondaga District**

Can you believe the holidays are over and we are now officially into a new year? Where does the time go?

The Onondaga District is busy as always and we are preparing for another busy year. Our first event of 2020 will be the annual School of Instruction. This year it will be offered on Friday, January 17. It is being held at Masonic Memorial Center in North Syracuse. There will be pizza at 6 p.m. and the School of Instruction will start at 7 p.m. This is open to all OES members.

Looking ahead to special dates in the spring, the Grand Matron and Grand Patron will be making their Official Visit to the Onondaga District on Saturday, March 28. We have also scheduled Onondaga Day at Oriskany for Sunday, May 3. There will be more information as we get closer to these dates. We hope to see you.

Our newest fundraiser is the Millennium Star Raffle. Designed by Sara Quinby and made for Happy Glass by Kirks Folly Jewelry Co., the Millennium Star embodies the teachings of our beautiful Order. It symbolizes the past, the present and the future. The past reminds us of old friends, good times and things that used to be. As women of the 21st century, we should let the light from our Star guide our footsteps to the future. Our heritage is found in the lessons of the heroines of our Order.

The lovely star point charms that sparkle and dangle amid channel-set crystals remind us of those lessons. The star can be worn as either a necklace or a pin. I will be bringing it with me as I travel this spring.

Tickets are \$5 and the drawing will be held on May 19. Contact me if you would like to buy a ticket (or two or three). You do not need to be present to win.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons also have a fundraising effort. This is SaveAround discount or coupon books for \$25 each.

If you know a Sister or

Brother who will be celebrating a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, please be sure to let your Chapter Secretary know. We can make arrangements for her or him to be remembered with a gift from Grand Chapter.

That is it until next month. Remember to always plant kindness and gather joy.

Barb Brooker Hank Havener

#### Order of the **Eastern Star Oswego District**

Happy Holidays, Sisters and Brothers. First of all, I want to give a big thank-you to everyone who made our Gertrude Hawk fundraiser once again a huge success. I hope you all are enjoying your chocolates.

Congratulations go to the 2020 Oswego District Grand Representatives whose appointments are just starting: Illinois, Erma Cota, appointed out of Lake Ontario Chapter 124;

New Hampshire, Diane Manwaring, appointed out of Pulaski Puritan Chapter 159; North Dakota, Rita DeLong, appointed out of Lake City-Victoria Chapter 205; Provence of Nova Scotia & Prince Edwards Island, Mary Lou Colbert, appointed out of Phoenix-Elizabeth Chapter 105; and Ohio, J. Elyse Skiles, appointed out of Lake Ontario Chapter 124. Enjoy the next two years.

There will be many District fundraisers this year. The Grand Officers of the Oswego District have decided to pair up and do their own. The Associate Grand Marshals and the Grand Color Bearer will be selling fleece zip-up jackets with the OES emblem on the front. More information will become available. The Grand Chaplains and Star Points will host a fundraiser, as will the Grand Reps. I will make all the information available as soon as I get it.

As for the DDGM and DGL, one of our fundraisers will be "Feed the Pig." As you all know, our Grand Patron's emblem is the Flying Pig. We want to feed him and make him as huge as possible, maybe so the pig can't even fly. Pig containers have been passed out to the Matron of each Chapter in the District. They are asked to pass it around and fill it with as much money as possible. At the DDGM's Homecoming it will be announced which Chapter brought in the most food for the pig and the total will be presented to the Grand Patron. The Combined Special Projects for the year are Downs Syndrome and MS.

The winning Chapter will receive a homemade lasagna dinner with all the fixings, at their Chapter, at a time chosen by them. If you've been lucky enough to have eaten one these dinners, you're going to work very hard to win. Our DGL's wife Jan Smith will be preparing this dinner, and she is a magnificent cook.

All of the District Official Visits have been put on the calendar. I will list them so you all may get them on your calendar but I will remind you as they get closer.

The Grand Matron's Official Visit will be on May 30 at Greenview Country Club, West Monroe. There is a social time at 12:00, with a luncheon buffet at 1:00 and meeting at 2:30.

The District Deputy Grand Matron's Official Visits, all of which begin at 7:30 p.m., are as follows. April 10 is Lake City-Victoria Chapter 205, Oswego; April 27, Phoenix-Elizabeth Chapter 105, Phoenix; Oneida Lake Chapter 123 is on May 13 at Central Square; May 26 is Pulaski Puritan Chapter 159, which is the DGL's Homecoming, at Pulaski Lodge. And June 11 is Lake Ontario Chapter 124 at Pulaski Lodge. This is the DDGM's Homecoming.

On Monday, March 2 at 1:00 at Central Square Lodge the "Believers" meet. All are welcome. This is not just a District meeting—we have members from all over the country. Come and join, for \$5, and get on the mailing list, or just come and enjoy.

On Tuesday, March 31 there will be a School of Instruction. It will be held at the Pulaski Masonic Lodge at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 30 is the EWNS meeting, at 7:00 p.m., at Lake City-Victoria Chapter in Oswego. All are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendar, we'll see you there; and have a safe, happy holiday and warm, uneventful winter.

Patricia A. Peters William Smith

### Pulaski Puritan 159

This is the last article I will be writing in the word...this year. You didn't really think I would let you off the hook.

We had our installation of our 2020 officers. (See photo.) All the chairs are filled.

On the first Saturday in December RW Sister Jan Smith oversaw the making of wreaths at the Lodge. There were thirty-one in attendance. A great time was had by all and the wreaths were absolutely beautiful. It was a good fundraiser. (See other photos.)

The second Sunday in December was Light-up Pulaski. The children came in and decorated cookies and this year they had pictures taken with Santa. There were also craft tables. Worthy Matron Robin sure has some great ideas. The proceeds from that will go to buy books for the summer book program at the Pulaski school. Then we had our Christmas

We are planning a chicken and biscuit dinner for the public in February. I'll let you know more next month.

I've sent two pictures to the word but I'm not too good at that. So, if you don't see them they are still in cyber

Okay, that's it for now, except a word from an ol' angel. We do not remember days, we remember moments. Make moments worth remembering. If we celebrate the years behind us they become stepping stones of strength and joy for the years everyone!

Diane Manwaring

#### Centerville 185 **Masonic Memorial Center**

Hello, Sisters and Brothers. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and is looking forward to 2020.

We are feeling the loss of RW Marilyn Krackhardt, who passed away on December 4. Although she was not a member of our Chapter, she traveled throughout the District and around the state with her daughter Debbie. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Debbie and her family.

There were eighteen of us who marched in the North Syracuse Village Parade on

ahead. Happy New Year, December 8. We were able to brighten up the night for twenty dogs along the parade route with dog treats. Of course, all the children and adults enjoyed the many handfuls of candy we threw, as well.

> Our December 19 meeting began with Reverend Steven Maddox giving us his Christmas message. It is always a great way to begin the season with his captivating words.

> January 2 and January 16 will be regular meetings, weather permitting, of course. If there is a reason for us to cancel a meeting

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Wreath-making fundraiser at Pulaski Puritan Chapter.



Pulaski-Puritan Chapter installs full complement of officers.

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due to weather, we will make phone calls, put it on our Facebook page, and may contact television stations so that everyone is aware of what is going on.

Did you know grapes catch fire in the microwave? (Please don't try this at home.) A March 2019 study published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* reported that the fruity fireball occurs as a result of the loose electrons and ions that cluster to form plasma when grapes get hot.

Happy New Year! See you in Chapter.

Cathy Barling

# Onondaga Star 144 Masonic Memorial Center

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. Happy New Year! Onondaga Star Chapter hopes that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Eve and Day that added to your memories of time spent with family and friends. Hopefully, the weather will not interfere with our meetings and events planned for the winter months.

Our first meeting is January 7 and will honor Jr. Past Matron W Karen Button and Jr. Past Patron RW Hank Havener and Past Matrons and Past Patrons. January 21 will be Ample Form.

A Dark Horse raffle for a gift will occur during the January meetings and the first meeting in February. A Guess the Snowballs contest will run through June

February 4 is a regular meeting. February 18 will honor Star Points. A "quillow" raffle will begin at this meeting and continue to May 19, when DDGM RW Barbara Brooker has her Official Visit. On Saturday, February 15 there will be a chicken and biscuit dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. at Memorial Masonic Center.

Other upcoming events include a quarter auction, silent auction, bag auction and a bus trip to Lancaster, PA to see *Esther* at Sight and Sound Theater in September. Stay tuned for details forthese events. And remember that we all get the same number of days in a year; the only difference is what we do with them.

Debbie Krackhardt

#### Morning Star 289 Marcellus Masonic Temple

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. Great news: First,

our Sister Ruthann Benedick moved to Colorado joined a Chapter there and is now a Grand Rep of New York. Who would have thought our Sister would have been in this position? We hope to see her at Grand Chapter Sessions in October.

We have hit the road running, with RW Mary Perry as the front runner. On Saturday, February 8 the Village of Marcellus is having a chili cook-off. RW Mary is heading the committee. To date there are six businesses and churches involved, with Morning Star Lodge being the headquarters. For more information email Mary at <a href="mailto:sister0105@aol.com">sister0105@aol.com</a>.

On Saturday, January 11 we are hosting an open card and game night at 7 p.m. at the Temple. Bring your cards and games; the pool table will be open for your enjoyment. This is a good time to bring your non-member friends and let them see for themselves that we really are a fun group. RW Harold Lanning will be there making popcorn in his large popper.

On Sunday, January 19 at 11:30 a.m. we are honoring our Jr. Past Matron and Patron with a brunch at the Temple. Call RW Mary at 315/708-5699 if you wish to attend.

For Saturday, January 25

at 1 p.m. we will hold our only meeting for the month. A pound auction will be held during refreshments.

Check the District article to see what's going on around town. Our Golden Chain was broken by the passing of RW Marilyn Krackhardt. We extend sympathy to her family.

If you become aware of any member in sickness or distress, contact the Matron at 315/708-5699 or our Cheer Lady at 315/468-0966. Keep track of each other in these cold months and always remember our servicewomen and men.

Happy New Year! See you in Chapter.

Margaret McManus



As part of their Christmas celebration on December 6, members of Lake City Victoria Chapter and their guests contributed canned goods and nonperishable items for the local Salvation Army center. Enough food was donated to fill the trunk of Chapter Secretary RW Natalie Woodall's car. She and RW Nancy Costello, Treasurer, delivered the food and a check from the Chapter for \$75. Photo by Natalie J. Woodall



RW Sr. Erma Cota and RW Sr. Rita DeLong, members of Lake City Victoria Chapter 205 in Oswego, have been appointed Grand Representatives for 2020-2021. They enter upon their new offices on January 1. RW Erma will represent the Grand Chapter of Illinois and RW Rita the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. They join RW Sr. Earline J. Wood,, Grand Chaplain; RW Sr. Carla J. Salisbury, Associate Grand Warder; and RW Sr. Cynthia J. Sanders, Grand Esther, as state officers from Lake City Victoria Chapter. Photo by Natalie J. Woodall