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An image for Memorial Day: The empty-place display at Syracuse VA Hospital. Submitted by Norm Kruth



Masonic War Veterans at Past Grand Commander General Carl Hoyt's burial at Union Settlement Cemetery, West Monroe, NY. Left to right are Norm Kruth, MWV 43 Post Commander; Tom Sawyer, Grand Post Grand Chaplain General; Mick DellaValle, MWV 70 1st Lt. Commander; and Doug Campbell, MWV 43 Post Adjutant.

MWV 43

My dear Brothers, as summer continues, so do we. We won't be dark in July and August. We will meet on Saturday, June 18 and Saturday, July 16. The June meeting will be at Mimi's Diner in Fulton at noon. The July meeting will be a family picnic, time and date to be announced in the next newsletter.

We participated in the

Memorial Day Parade in Fulton. Notice I didn't say "marched." We rode in style.

We buried Grand Commander General Carl Hoyt Sr. on April 30 at a well-attended graveside service conducted by RW Leonard Hass of Scriba Lodge 414. Scriba is our Charter Lodge. Taps was sounded over the grave.

We are trying to make plans for a melon party at the Syracuse VA Hospital in August. COVID restrictions govern.

Brother Doug Campbell, RW Tim Sawyer, Brother Carl Hoyt Jr. and I attended the Annual Convocation of Grand Post in Alexandria

GM golf set for July

Everything is in place for another great Masonic Golf Outing. It is the 15th Grand Masters Golf Tournament, formerly the Bruce Widger. The event is at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 9 at The Wood Golf Club, 7439 Canton Street, Baldwinsville.

We plan on seeing you there! It is fun, fellowship, good food, drinks and some golf, too. The cost is \$70 per person, \$280 per team. This covers golf, cart, lunch and

Bay. I will follow up with a written report after we return. A constitutional amendment was proposed to change our name to Masonic Veterans of New York State. This would eliminate any confusion that you had to serve during a war to be eligible for membership. It will be fully explained in writing and will not be voted on until next year's annual meeting in May 2023.

If you know of any of our comrades in need of our aid or sympathy please let me know. Reach me at nkruth2@yahoo.com or 315/663-1319.

Norman Kruth

dinner. We will also have a team skins game for \$20 per team.

Get your team entry in to Patrick Pacini, at pepacini@yahoo.com or by mail to OMDC, c/o 17 Overbrook Lane, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

Mentor

Hello, Brethren. Last month's column mentioned how we needed to explain what the Craft is and what it stands for to people unfamiliar with it. We need to combat the false image that some still have about Freemasonry being a secret, mistrustful society, by showing them that we are an Institution of men of good will who work hard to improve ourselves and the community in which we live and interact. My own experience is that some persons are concerned or afraid about entering our Lodges when we open them for public activities. And this attitude seriously hurts our recruiting and retaining efforts.

Such a reaction may partially stem from the information people read and hear in the media, a media that often either ignores Freemasonry altogether or misrepresents its tenets. I will give two recent examples.

Last month, PBS aired an excellent TV documentary about Brother Benjamin Franklin, who was an extraordinary man in many ways and served his country and his fellow citizens well. Brother Franklin was not merely a Mason but also a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Not one word, however, about his membership in Freemasonry was stated in that documentary that ran for four hours.

On May 2 a large national newspaper published a long review of the book, *First in the Hearts of His Brethren*, which is about Brother George Washington's membership in the Craft. The book was written by Brother Mark Tabbert, a seasoned Masonic scholar and Washington Masonic Memorial curator at Alexandria, VA.

The first part of the article is a standard book review. But in the second part the author embarks on a series of inaccurate commentaries, possibly stemming from a lack of understanding of our Institution. So, I wrote a letter to the Editor providing some corrections, which I share below.

"The author states that 'Masonic practice mirrors and parallels religious rites.' Masonic rituals are not religious: Freemasonry is a system of morality veiled in allegory, illustrated by symbols. We Masons are religious (belief in a Supreme Being and in afterlife is a requirement), but Freemasonry is not a religion. The author adds: '...membership in the Masons is forbidden by the Catholic Church.'

That was many years ago, but it's no longer true. The Catholic Church does not encourage its members to join Freemasonry—but accepts it. I am a practicing Catholic, like thousands of other Latin American and American Masons.

"The author then objects about us 'claiming [our] organization is the repository of ancient secrets of Solomon's temple.' We use tradition to enrich ritual. But Freemasonry is much more than that. Modern (speculative, as opposed to operative) Craft was created at the beginning of the XVIII Century. Then, the world was ruled by autocratic monarchs and severe churches and its society was strictly divided into classes. The Craft revolutionized its time by stating that, in Lodge, all Masons are equal; by establishing elections to select our leaders, and by requiring tolerance and respect for the ideas of others.

"The author states 'the need for more extensive scholarship' regarding Freemasonry and its members. Apparently, the author ignores how such serious academic scholarship has existed for over half a century, and we have given examples of it in our Mentor column of last month. Finally, the author states how 'a torrent of sensational conspiracism inundates the public'—much of it acquired from the Media itself."

Let's do some numbers: NY State has about 18 million citizens. Half are women and, of the men, half are too young/old to be Masons, are felons, ill, etc. This leaves 4.5 million potential Masons. There are about 30,000 New York Masons, yielding a ratio of 0.00667 or 6.67 Masons per thousand apt New Yorkers. The newspaper cited has a daily circulation of 750,000 copies. Assuming half its readership are men, multiplying by 0.00667 we get 2500 potential Mason readers. If only 1% of these readers had sent a letter to the Editor, as I did, commenting on the book review, about twenty-five letters would have been received by the newspaper Editor. So far, no letter has been published regarding that review article.

We need to counter media misinformation with larger community participation and by opening our Lodges to public events. People are smart enough and will see for themselves who we really are.

Jorge L. Romeu

EMESBE letter

Brothers, I write as a Director of the EMESBE, *the word* newspaper. We are looking for your help. We meet four times a year to make sure that every Mason gets a very good, organized, informative paper to read every month—well, ten months. Without the Brothers on the Board to oversee the operations we would not be able to do this. The average age of this body of men is climbing and the number of those attending meetings is dwindling. If your Lodge puts an article in *the word* you are entitled to nominate a Director.

If you are a current Board member and do not want to be involved anymore, please let us know. We do not want to drop any who have been valuable Board members for

years. Please contact Executive Director Ben Lees at 315/457-3549 and let him know your intention.

If you are interested in helping out, we are looking for new members. The benefits are paid vacations to Maui twice a year and paid Amazon and Spectrum cable and cell phones. Yes, I am pulling your leg. We have no money for that.

All kidding aside, being involved with this group of guys is very rewarding. They are Brothers who have a good time getting together to make things better for all of us. The meetings are in Liverpool every three months and last no more than an hour. I have been involved for around two years now and I was blessed to be asked

to help. Call Ben and let him know you will be at our next meeting on October 27 (our July meeting is canceled). This is a very rewarding position that will not take a lot of time from you. We share the responsibilities equally and it is an honor to work with the guys who attend. Think about it. Your newspaper depends on all of us.

Those Lodges that are not putting articles in are not doing the Lodge members or the District justice. How can we help your Lodge do better if we cannot help promote your events?

A leader does not inspire his team by showing them how amazing he is. He inspires by showing them how amazing they are.

Brian Courtney



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DDGM



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Greetings, Brothers! June's word article offers a most exciting opportunity for me to announce some long-planned District initiatives. Many of us have been hard at work planning and organizing for quite some time.

First on the list is an announcement that the Onondaga Masonic District is pleased to co-sponsor the Family Life Picnic with the Scottish Rite Valley of Syracuse. This event will take place at the Cicero American Legion Post on Saturday, August 6 from 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$45 for two adults and three children. Look for the advertisement on the Scottish Rite page for more complete details.

This collaboration is in response to my interest in setting up more opportunities for Masons and their families to dwell together in fun and fellowship. We anticipate lawn games and a bounce house (for kids only—sorry, Brothers). A little birdy told me a certain water-based dunking apparatus might make an appearance; you can send your Commander-in-Chief and DDGM for an involuntary swim. I look forward to this being one of many opportunities we can sponsor for Masons and their families in

More DDGM see 3rd column

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Greetings, Brethren! Congratulations go to all Brothers who have recently taken the Masonic Development Course(s). The two courses that have been held since the beginning of the year were a ton of fun, super informative and generated great camaraderie. The last class was our 3-District course and for the Master Mason session we also were able to include the NorthStar certification session.

If you have not heard, our 3-District Team has been working together for the MDC and will continue into the Road to the East course, as well. The three Districts are: Oswego, under RW John Pierce; Cayuga-Tompkins, led by RW David Barnello; and me in Onondaga. We are working these programs together and it is great to be working with these other two District Officers.

The RTTE course will be starting very soon. This course is offered to all Master Masons. It is phenomenal for officers or future officers of the Lodge. This could very well be one of the most complete courses that the Grand Lodge offers. To be included in the Road to the East course, contact me today (do not delay) for all of the details. Look for an information email letter with more details very soon. Feel free to contact me regarding specific details about this or any courses that the Grand Lodge offers.

If you haven't yet, give consideration to starting the Chancellor Robert R Livingston Library Masonic reading course. There is a huge collection of Masonic readings, tons of books and some audio books. I recently finished an audio book on Marquis De Lafayette, made available through the highly recommended Grand Lodge Masonic reading course.

While attending the 240th communication at Grand Lodge, I was looking forward to seeing his apron, previously on display at the Library. After signing in, I asked where the Lafayette

More Staff Officer see 5th column

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Greetings, Brethren! Well, it finally happened: The summer weather has arrived. Officially, summer doesn't start until the 21st but I'll take it early, please. As I write this, the temps are in the 80s and the sun is shining. This is a long overdue pleasure. It is time to go out and enjoy what Mother Nature has provided before it is taken away again. The dark cloud of COVID still lurks but we have been able to ditch the masks and get back to our life, enjoying what we have.

As we move into June the Masonic year is winding down. Grand Lodge has come and gone, our Lodges held their annual meetings and elections, with new officers ready to take the reins.

St. John's Day at the Masonic Care Community is the weekend of June 25. If you have never been, go and

DDGM from column 1 . . .

and around our District.

From there, I am thoroughly excited to reveal that the long-promised, many-times-postponed and hopefully, eagerly awaited District Table Lodge has a concrete date. And after the District Team put their heads together over Grand Lodge weekend, we decided it would be a great opportunity to reinvigorate a long-standing District event, the Apron Presentation. So it is with great pleasure that I announce the First Co-Ed Onondaga District Table Lodge and Apron Presentation. Mark your calendar for July 30 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Barbagallo's Restaurant for a great night of toasting, celebration and fun. If that in itself isn't enough, I am excited to announce that our Most Worshipful Grand Master Kessler will be our guest for the evening.

The cost to attend is \$60 per person, which includes a commemorative cannon. Rarely do I find these things come together in such a fashion. Remember that this is a co-ed event and we extend the invitation beyond the Brothers. We hope your lady will be able to join. Dress for this evening's event will be



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see what it is all about. I think you will be amazed as to what is happening there.

After a two-year hiatus, the Onondaga District Investiture and Annual Past Masters Association meeting is back. It is to be held on June 3 at Jordan Lodge. Thanks go to all the Brothers of Jordan Lodge for inviting us in and hosting this year. Congratulations go to all the new Masters who will receive the secrets of the Chair. May your year be filled with success.

Your District team has a few plans in the works for some brotherhood and camaraderie. For more information, check out the District Deputy's article. Your ritual team is just a call or message away. Please do not hesitate with any questions or concerns.

Tim Conover
Toby Shelley

business suits for men and appropriate dress for the ladies. Reservations are due to Past DDGM Jack Dombrowski by June 13, so don't wait.

Lastly, I want to provide an update on the White Chapel Cemetery restoration project. Early in May, Doug Storey, Ken Sterling and I took a meeting with the owners/operators of the cemetery to discuss the process of getting work done to restore the area. I am happy to report that there was agreement in principle on both sides as to the work needed and a rough outline for next steps. I encourage you to read my separate article in these pages for more details and how you may be able to help. This is a big project and it will not be accomplished in a short time. Though we are just at the beginning, I am heartened by the response we have received so far towards the project.

Exciting things are happening around our District and this is just the beginning. While this will be the last word article until September, I look forward to sharing more exciting opportunities to come.

Daniel Campis

Event schedule, Jun '22

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

- Jun 1 Pulaski—2°
..... Skaneateles—Install
- Jun 2 Auburn—Scholarship/Service Awards
..... Centerville—Pound Auction
..... Caroline—Trestleboarding
- Jun 3 KT25—Elect/Install
..... CT Investiture
..... Onon Investiture
- Jun 4 Nortrip 100th
..... OES Walkathon
..... MornStarOES—Ole Home Days
..... Pulaski—BBQ
- Jun 6 MornStar—Install
..... LivSyr—2°
- Jun 7 OnStar—Draping
..... WSalemTown—Service Awards
..... FayCC—Install
- Jun 9 BonaFide
..... Memorial—Install
- Jun 12 CCRivRAM—Cigars
- Jun 13 ErieCanal @ Doubledays
..... MornStarOES
- Jun 14 KHiram—3°
..... LkCity—Flag Ceremony
- Jun 15 Skaneateles—Dinner Cruise
- Jun 16 Auburn—Install
..... Centerville—Life Members/Fathers
- Jun 17 C-M Dist Master's Chair Course
- Jun 18 OnonOES—Garage Sale
..... High Tea at Pulaski Temple
..... MWV43
- Jun 20 MornStar—Picnic
- Jun 21 OnStar—Star Points
..... Summer
..... Memorial
- Jun 24-26 St. John's Day @ MCC
- Jun 26 ErieCanal—Golf
- Jun 28 OnonOES—Homecoming
..... CCRivRAM—PM® Education
..... KHiram
..... LkCity—BBAF
..... FayCC—Syracuse Mets
- July 3-8 Imperial Shrine
- July 9 GM Ball at Buffalo
..... Grand Masters Golf at B'ville
- July 10 OnonOES—Shining Star
- July 15-16 OES Bazaar at Oriskany
- July 16 MWV43
- July 23 GM at Camp Turk
..... LkCity—Pig Roast
- July 30 Onon Dist.
..... Table Lodge/Apron Presentation
- Aug 7 Auburn—BBQ
- Aug 14 Auburn—Scholarship Golf
- Aug 27 Raymond's Pond Degree Fest

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apron was on display. A gentleman at the library said the apron was placed back in the archives for safe keeping. One of the Trustees overheard me and asked them to make a special concession and bring the apron back out. It is housed in a glass case.

The staff at the library is very welcoming, super friendly and go out of their way to answer any questions that visitors may have. It is easy to enroll in the reading program. The library has many other fantastic artifacts as well. Find more information by visiting this site: <https://nymasoniclibrary.org/reading-course/>.

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Hello, Brothers. I again have some sad news to pass along. Raymond Miller passed away on April 12 at the age of 83. He was a Mason for fifty-eight years, being Raised in April of 1964. A Masonic Service was held for him on April 15 at Falardeau Funeral Home in Baldwinsville. The family was very grateful for our presence and also requested us to accompany them to the cemetery for the burial.

On April 16, after a two year break because of COVID, we brought back the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks go to Jimmy Santy and James Colditz for organizing this great event for the kids. Many Brothers helped to set up on April 12 and many more again during the event. Although the weather was rainy (we held the event inside), approximately 3000 eggs filled with candy were given away. Hot dogs, popcorn and drinks were provided at no cost. We had a friend from the Lions Club give free eye screenings. And the Easter Bunny was there to take photos with the kids.

We welcome two new Brothers who were Initiated on April 18. Our Second Degree is scheduled for June 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A few of us recently visited Past Master Bill Hanna. It was just over a year ago that he was in a terrible motorcycle accident, after which he needed five surgeries in five days. After being bedridden for seven months, he was able to start getting around in a wheelchair. With a strong will and great attitude, he has been pushing himself and is recently able to use a walker and even crutches.

Rainer Grimme

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Brethren, all. This will be my last *word* article as WM and I want to thank all of you who have been walking and traveling this arduous journey alongside me. Thanks to all who regularly attended my Zoom meetings over the past two years, in those times that we could not meet in person, as it was great to stay in contact with all of you. Thank you for bearing down and helping to Raise two classes of Master Masons this year as we continued our work through COVID pandemic. It has not been easy and I hope that this pandemic will clear up and we can have a full Lodge room again.

Many of you have lost interest in coming to Lodge regularly because we could not meet in person; I urge you to please return to Lodge

on the first and third Thursdays of the month starting in September. Help incoming WM Carlton Jackson fill his sidelines.

Elections will be held and installations will be made, but contact me if you have any interest in having a position in Lodge. Our last meeting in June will be the annual Steak Bake and Awards Dinner. All families and friends are welcome to attend this event. Please reach out to our incoming JW Andrew Blair at andrew.dale.blair@gmail.com or text his cell phone at 315/708-8202. Please include your name and number of attendees with your reservation.

Please stay tuned to email communications regarding the Steak Bake to sign up for dishes to pass and to help with set-up and cleanup. If any Brother needs assistance or knows of a Brother in need please reach out to me: Garry E. Campbell at 315/214-4435 or 315/385-1170.
Garry E. Campbell

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Greetings, Brethren, good evening! I hope that all is well with the brethren of Tully Lodge and elsewhere. Springlike weather finally came. Of course, that means catching up with all the work that needs to be done in a short span.

Painting of the Lodge finally began this week. Please stop by and see the progress.

We are in need of a Junior Warden's Plumb. Ours has disappeared from the Lodge and we need another one. If you have one or know of the whereabouts of one, please contact me.

We still have two candidates who need a Second Degree, as they were not able to meet at Memorial Lodge for their Second Degree. I appreciate that Memorial Lodge considered them for their Degree presentation.

As I have noted, the PEACE Inc. organization again hosted their Annual Clothing Give Away in the Lodge. In the fall they dispersed over 1,000 clothing items in the Southern Hills area. I thank the operators who run that event and the brethren of our Tully Lodge for sharing their space. Please contact me if you need anything or just to say, Hi. My door is always open and you may reach me through email: jrapp126@twcny.rr.com or at 315/569-5203.

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WM Peter Romph

Greetings, Brethren! As mentioned in last month's *word* article by both W Gary Campbell and me, Konosioni and Memorial Lodges held a Third Degree together. I could not pass up the opportunity to post this

photo of us. Look, it just doesn't get any better. I must give a shoutout of gratitude to RW Tim Conover and W Adam Novak for stepping in and helping with the Hiram Legend.

We held our annual election and Past Masters night to close out the month of May. June 9 is our public installation. Adding new members to our officers line will open the flow to the East for them and they are eager.

June 23 will be the first meeting of the Masonic year with W Peter Romph sitting in the East. On my way out, I would like to thank the members of Memorial Lodge for electing me and the officers who served with me.

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WM Dave Jones

Greetings, from the East! Where has the time gone? June will be another busy month for our Lodge. The Lodge installation of officers will take place on June 7 at 7:30 p.m. This installation is open to the public. Please invite family, friends and neighbors. A pulled pork dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. Make your dinner reservation with Craig at 315/446-0625 or cobb3@verizon.net by Sunday, June 5.

Tuesday, June 28 is our annual Mets Baseball Night at NBT Stadium. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. This cost is \$20 per person, which includes a picnic buffet dinner. Contact: Craig Cobb at 315/446-0625 for reservations. All are welcome to attend. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, June 21. Play ball!

May you and your family enjoy the days of summer. Stay tuned for an announcement regarding our annual summer picnic. May God bless.

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Greetings, Brethren. As I finish my sixth term as Master of our Lodge I am thankful that you allowed me to serve and I am hopeful I have left our Lodge a better place. At our elections on May 4 the following were chosen: Don Forward, Secretary; Shawn Plourde, Master; Matt Gregory, Senior Warden; Tim Gannon, Treasurer; Mark Shearer, Junior Warden; and Toby Shelley, Trustee. Shawn will be appointing the remainder of the line to be installed at an open installation on June 1. The Installation/Past Masters/Awards program will be open to guests and wives and will start with a catered dinner on June 1 at 6 p.m.

The dinner cruise is set for June 15. Mark Kulik has volunteered to keep the list of those interested. Dinner options are salmon, chicken marsala, prime rib or veggie

lasagna. For Lodge members it is free; guests will pay \$65. Mark can be contacted at kulikland@gmail.com. Meet at the pier in Skaneateles at 6 p.m. on the evening of the dinner cruise.

Through the hard work of Don Forward our new Brother Fremlin Deky was able to take his Third Degree in Grand Lodge on April 29. On a somber note, our Brother and beloved Marshal Emeritus Wally suffered burns from a brush fire and has been hospitalized at Upstate burn clinic. Wally has been in good spirits. Give him a call and please keep him in your thoughts.

Enjoy your summer, Brothers. Until we meet on the level...

Toby Shelley

Onondaga plans Table Lodge Apron Presentation

The Onondaga District Team is proud to invite all to our first District Co-Ed Table Lodge and Apron Presentation. The event honors RW Daniel J. Campis, RW Richard P. Miori Jr., VW Timothy Conover and VW Tobias J. Shelley. The Honored Guest Speaker is the Most Worshipful Richard J. Kessler, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

This celebration will take place at Barbagallo's Restaurant in East Syracuse on Saturday, July 30 from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost of attendance is \$60 per person and includes a buffet dinner, a commemorative "cannon" and wine for toasting. A cash bar will be available. Reservations and payment are due to Past DDGM Jack Dombrowski at 108 Kings Park Dr., Apt. B, Liverpool, NY 13090. Dress for the evening will be business suits for the men and appropriate dress for the ladies.

We would love to have many Brothers and their ladies from Onondaga, as well as all of our surrounding Districts, join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. The Onondaga District Team knows how to have a good time and we invite all of you to come and join us.

Daniel Campis

White Chapel restoration effort takes shape

If you followed my February *word* article you know that I have taken a specific interest in the outdoor Lodge room at the White Chapel Cemetery in DeWitt. When I first heard about it I took some time to drive over. Years of deferred maintenance have taken their toll on the space. Since then, I have spent a lot of time talking up the project and have received much interest from many Brothers around the District. Two Brothers in particular have been instrumental in getting this project out of the idea phase and into the planning phase: Doug Storey and Ken Sterling.

I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of Masonic War Vets Post 66 a number of months ago. Post Commander Ken Sterling discussed his interest in getting involved, lending his time and efforts where needed. As the conversation progressed, Brother Doug Storey jumped in and informed us he had years of experience sitting on the board of a local cemetery association and would be happy to assist us, as he knew the owner/operators of the cemetery personally and could help us get our foot in the door and help us navigate the complicated world of cemetery management. These Brothers' involvement has been instrumental in getting the project moving.

While we were investigating the space, we were able to speak with the groundskeeper as well as a plot owner and learned some more history about the area. Originally built in the early 1950s, the altar and chairs were a part of the space since the beginning. The plot owner, Jim Pierce, told us he remembered sitting in the Senior Warden's chair as a young boy in the late 50s. That dates those ornaments to be about 70 years old. At that age, I am actually surprised how well they have held up.

We learned that in the 70s and 80s White Chapel was sold to Oakwood Cemetery, which has been responsible

for operating it ever since. Sometime in the late 90s a restoration project was initiated by the cemetery. The original altar base had corroded away and the brick façade that exists today was constructed. Additionally, the rear part of the Master's chair fell off and was destroyed; and a new back was installed, which is slightly different from the other two.

After a few false starts we were able to secure a meeting with White Chapel management. Doug Storey, Ken Sterling and I met in early May with the owners/operators to discuss prospects of getting work done to restore the area. We discussed the current situation and condition of the space and what we all felt was needed to restore it. I am happy to say that there was agreement in principle on both sides regarding the scope of the project. While we were able to articulate in layman's terms the work needed, the group decided to contact a monument company to survey the site and give us a price quote for a proper restoration. Once we have that number, both sides agreed to sit down and discuss each party's contributions and efforts.

One of the biggest concerns from the cemetery association is the lack of manpower they have to throw at the project. The three of us communicated our confidence that we could find the people necessary to get things done. While the actual boots-on-the-ground date is still quite a way off, this looks to be a multi-phase project spread over a number of months.

We have come up with a few ideas of our own but understand that there are probably plenty of others who have more experience with this type of work. I ask anyone who has any experience in monument construction and restoration, or has a contact in that field, to please contact any of the three of us.

Daniel Campis



Liverpool-Syracuse Brothers help Brother Hanna convalesce.

Editor's Prerogative

Pay it sideways

I have previously disclosed that one reason I enjoy air travel is that it is practically the only time I get to explore reading for fun. Most of the airports I pass through have a Paradies shop, which has a multitude of location-themed gift-y things, plus travel accessories. They also commonly have a book section called Read and Return. This nice feature allows the traveler to browse and purchase a hard cover or paperback book, consume it during the flights (or whenever) and bring it in to the same or any other Read and Return location and claim a 50% refund.

Some shops have more real estate and, therefore, operate an extensive Read and Return. Others have no more than a couple of floor-to-ceiling racks. The limited inventory can present some challenges. I have a few favorite best-selling authors and I look for new releases by them. Unfortunately, I do not keep a log of the books I have read and the titles do not stay with me. Sometimes I have eagerly opened a fresh book in my seat and realized around chapter five or six that it is familiar. Undaunted, however, I will read it through and be surprised anew by plot swings and outcomes.

A recent airport I found to be Paradies lost. There was no Read and Return so I had to resign myself to a full-purchase buy with no prospect of a half back. I bought a brand new Baldacci hard cover and enjoyed it for two legs of a trip, plus one on the return north. In Charlotte I hit the book shop and picked out a new paperback, and then moved to the gate area to wait for boarding. I sat at a counter finishing the last few pages of Baldacci and a woman asked if she could have the empty adjacent seat. Well, of course. I said hi and went back to the book. She said it was really nice to see someone reading an actual book. I ended it, closed the cover and passed it to her. I want you to have this, I said.

She was stunned, protested the small gesture. No, no, I said, I mean it. Please take it—you'll enjoy it a lot.

With an end-of-conversation deliberateness I opened the cover of the next book. As these things often go, we were seated beside each other on the flight. She quickly immersed herself in the first few chapters. And she would not let go of it, again and again thanking me for my elaborate gift.

Finally I said, Patricia, please. I am a Mason and this is something I try to do every day, without thinking about it. Sometimes it's relatively trivial, sometimes it is a big effort, never is it inconsequential. It's what we do. And I thank you for receiving and accepting it.

Ahh, she goes, I see. She thought a bit and said, I promise I will give it to someone when I finish.

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Liverpool-Syracuse brought in two new members to the Craft in April. The Fellowcraft Degree is set for June.



Memorial and Konosioni Lodges held a joint Third Degree. And filled the sidelines.



Following the March 10 tri-meeting at Memorial Lodge, the Charles H. Platt Chapter conducted the Yellow Dog Degree (favorite of PGM Bruce Widger) and inducted seven new Yellow Dogs into the kennel.

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Nortrip hits the road

On May 5 a small but dedicated group of Brothers from Nortrip Lodge No. 998 tackled the cleanup of our section of Green Lakes Rd. for our annual Adopt-A-Highway program. We covered a pretty good stretch of road and managed to clean all the debris strewn about the roadsides due to plows and our snowy winters. The good group we had handled it in just two hours. Masons make a difference!

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Warren Salem Town ...

will have some fun. Lodge activity: May 12 was the date of our Masonic Service for W Leonard Defendorf. His wife Joan brought his ashes and Leather Apron. The service was held at Trinity United UCC.

On May 14 we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children 10 and under in our community. Because of inclement weather it was postponed from April 16. It also was moved from Frontenac Park to AJ Elementary School. The kids have a great time.

On May 17 Brother Steve Hunter provided a Table Lodge at 6p.m. We followed that with the election of officers at our regular communication.

May 21 was our annual chicken barbecue. It is always held at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Union Springs and runs from 10 a.m. until sold out. Linda Banker, the daughter of deceased Brother RW Bob Banker, volunteered to help us conduct the barbecue.

Finally, on June 7 we will be conducting our Masonic Service Recognition Night at the American Legion on Schobey Street. I enumerated the members and their years last month. They are once again Brothers Richard Palmer, Kenneth Pollard, Arthur Smith, Edwin Smith, Richard Anthony, George Fearon, Donald Waldron, Walter Daggett Jr., Cregg Ford, Boyd Foster, William Thurston, Peter Van Vlack, Paul Schenck, Timothy Carmon, Ralph Smith, Warren H. Albrecht, Ed Heselton, Kevin Grish and Gary Nickerson.



A facelift in Aurora.

Since we do not receive *the word* during the summer, we have an expanded Birthday Corner. Happy Birthday wishes go to these Brothers: Ed Smith on June, 21; Dave Balcom, also on June 21; Tim Dodman on June 23; Cregg Ford and Ed Chadwick on July 26; Peter Chappell is August 07; and Steve Hunter on August 28.

Remember our veterans as we celebrate Memorial Day on the 30th of May. The day begins in Cayuga at Lakeview Cemetery at 9 a.m. with the Memorial Service for Veterans. Immediately following is a service for fallen First Responders conducted by the Cayuga Fire Department. At 11 a.m. in Union Springs at the Chestnut Hill Cemetery there is a Veterans Memorial Service, followed by the parade to

Frontenac Park. At the park gazebo there will be a guest speaker, a youth choir, a 21-gun salute and the casting of a patriotic wreath onto Cayuga Lake. If you have not seen these demonstrations before, consider attending.
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Greetings, Brothers. It is a changing of the guard. Election results are in for 2022-23. W Scott Ward will be WM, RW Ed Maassen will become SW and Brother Scott Heinekamp will move up to JW. Also re-elected were W Virgil Farlow as Treasurer and RW Steve

Zabriskie as Secretary. W Mark Jordan was re-elected as Trustee for a three-year term.

Work is progressing on the facade of our Lodge (photo attached). As most of the members are aware, the squirrels have done a lot of

damage inside and out. With all the work going on I am sure they are not happy.

Brother Scott Ward represented us at Grand Lodge at the beginning of May. He gave an excellent report on that communication.

This is a short column

from me but I would like to thank all the members of Scipio Lodge for the support they have given me over the last two years. Brothers, stay safe and healthy. I will see you in Lodge.

Ed Maassen

Earth Day cleanup joint effort

Greetings, Brothers. On behalf of Jordan Lodge No. 386 (Onondaga District) and Erie Canal Lodge No. 141 (Cayuga-Tompkins District) I want to inform you of the good work and bonding that happens when Brothers come together. For those who are unfamiliar with the region, our two Lodges are separated by less than five miles along Route 31.

On April 23 both Lodges came together to do an Earth Day roadside cleanup along Route 31. Within a few hours fifteen Brothers and family members removed hundreds of pounds of garbage that was dumped alongside the roadway. Jordan Lodge then graciously hosted the after-work lunch.

I want to personally thank Dean Comstock, Andrew Rogers, W Adam Novak, W Todd Platten, W Steve Baird, Richard Rohmer, Adam Porter, Steve Del Costello, Adam Del Costello, W



Erie/Jordan haul: unflattering commentary on our culture.



Erie Canal and Jordan Lodge members met for Earth Day roadside cleanup.

Daniel Holden, Kathy Holden, Isaac Holden, Mike Kinney, W Jerimy Blowers, W Mike Lees, RW David Barnello and Seth Malloy for all your hard work. Events like this—gathering Brothers and family and making a

difference in the community—are what being a Mason is all about. Talks are taking place to make this a recurring event a few times throughout the year.

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DDGM REPORT

RW Chris Reis

Brethren, it has been a long winter and the temperature is finally above 70 degrees. This will be the last article for *the word* until September. I apologize for not getting regular articles for *the word*.

The investiture was held on May 20 with a nice roast beef dinner and sides. There will be a Trestleboard printed up for the fall Official Visits.

Please try to attend District events. For example, Lake City's pig roast will be on July 23, with games. The pig will be done about 3 p.m.

I look forward to getting back with the Brothers in the quarries. If you have any important events coming up, please let John and me know and we will be there.

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Brethren, June is upon us and the summer solstice will be on the 21st, with the days growing longer up to this longest day of the year. In May our Trestleboard was quite full at Lake City Lodge No. 127. We began the month with our annual meeting on May 10, when we approved our yearly budget, elected and appointed our new line of officers and took care of the business necessary for the ending of our Masonic year and also our fiscal year. Fortunately, the Lodge is financially sound, though the recent dips in the stock market hit hard.

Here is the new elected and appointed line. Worshipful Master: VW Pat Fasulo; Senior Warden: Brother Eric Hamilton; Junior Warden: W James Rizzo; Secretary: W Mike Regan; Treasurer: W Ron Bond, DSA; Trustee: W Ron Randall; Trustee: Brother Tony Stewart; Trustee: RE George Reed; Musician: Brother Eddie Goodness, DSA; Marshall: Brother Everett Abare; Chaplain: Worthy Brother Leo Monette; Tyler: W Chuck Strickland; Senior Deacon: Brother Austin Parkhurst; Junior Deacon: Brother Patrick Smith; Senior Master of Ceremonies: Brother Connor McKean; Junior Master of Ceremonies: Brother Wally McKean.

On Saturday, May 14 Brother Edwin Miller celebrated his 95th birthday by having an open house-style party at Oswego Masonic Hall. The soup and sand-

Lake City see 2nd column

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Greetings, Brethren! I want to start by thanking Oswego Lake City Lodge 127 for hosting the District Apron presentations. Although the number was low, everyone in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal followed by a nice program. I appreciate everyone who made it out for the evening. I was honored to have my step-father RW George Drex and my mother who traveled from PA present my apron to me.

Our Grand Lodge trip went very well, even though we were not able to secure bus transportation for the District. The train option worked very well. Maybe as a District we should look to the train for future trips. I look forward to seeing everyone at St. John's Day weekend in Utica on June 24 and 25.

The Master Mason portion of the MDC was held on May 14. If any Brother missed parts of the MDC, please reach out to me so we can get this wrapped up for you.

Many Lodges have held election of officers. Now is the time to contact me so Worshipful Masters can take the required course, The Master's Chair. You can reach me at 585/610-8772 or email jpierce13076@gmail.com.

I hope everyone has a great summer. I look forward to working with everyone again very soon.

John Pierce

Lake City from 1st column . . .

wiches were prepared by Lake City Victoria, our own Eastern Star Chapter. On Friday, May 20 we hosted the District Memorial Service and investiture of new Masters. On Sunday, May 22 Lake City Lodge hosted the annual meeting of the Oswego Historical Society at Oswego Masonic Hall. This featured one of our Eastern Star Sisters, Dr. Natalie Woodall, as guest speaker. Tuesday, May 24 saw us having a tiled installation of our new officers. Whew! Lots of work in the quarries

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AGL Bob Boutell

Greetings, Brethren. So far, the spring has been busy with Masonic activity. Degrees are being conferred, investiture was held at Lake City Lodge No. 127 on May 20, rituals are getting polished, removing the pandemic rust and meetings are picking up. This is all great news.

As we enter summer, let's remember to keep up the great work, study ritual and enjoy the fellowship that binds us all. We will see all of you soon.

Pat Fasulo and your AGL team

Lake City from 2nd column . . .

but plenty of fun and fellowship, as well.

Our June Trestleboard is as follows: June 14 is a stated communication with a 6:30 p.m. dinner (\$10) and 7:30 p.m. meeting. The mode of dress is business casual. The work of the evening: Flag Ceremony and talk and practice opening and closing. On June 28 we have a stated communication: 6:30 p.m. dinner (\$10), 7:30 p.m. meeting. The mode of dress is again business casual. This evening is a Brother Bring a Friend Night.

This is my last article as Master; the next will be prepared by Lake City's incoming Master, VW Pat Fasulo. We all are looking forward to his tenure. He will do an amazing job.

My Brothers, who knew in 2019 that we would be here in 2022, just three short years later, with the entire world upended by unprecedented events? It has been an extraordinary honor to have served Lake City Lodge No. 127, that is you, my Brothers, during these past three years as we navigated together the storms of change buffeting our world. Through it all, Freemasonry has been our cornerstone, our anchor, our shelter—as it always is and always has been—to weather such tumultuous events.

Coming to Lodge is so reassuring, knowing our place in the world, in our Masonic world, is a reservoir of peace. Thus we go forth empowered to face travail after the respite of meeting together on the level has

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fortified us.

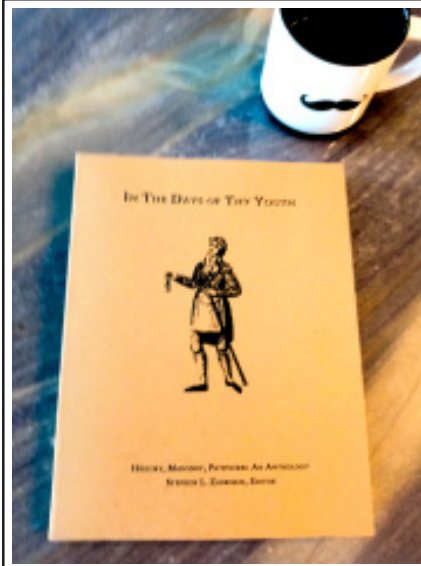
All deserve heartfelt thanks for the amazing jobs you have done; the officers, both new and long-serving, who keep this Lodge going; brethren—all of Lake City who make this one of the greatest Lodges anyone could hope to belong to. In naming one specifically, all would have to be named and their individual contributions enumerated, thus consuming more column length than is available in this issue. We are moving ahead now with a new line-up, a new Master, and his vision will carry us through our 175th year. May fortune shine down brightly on our new line, on all of us and especially on Lake City Lodge No. 127.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us and keep us, may we be filled with his Grace and Wisdom, and may He favor Lake City Lodge No. 127 with continuance and prosperity as He has for the past 175 years. God bless!

In parting, here is an inspiring quote from a Brother Mason: "*Freemasonry is founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice and its grand object is to promote the happiness of the human race.*"—George Washington, First President of the United States, the Father of our Country.

James Rizzo

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WM Fred Dashnaw



Tidings, Brothers. Elections are over, installation completed and another Masonic year begins. I will be at the helm of Pulaski 415 again. If we could once again get a rotation through the chairs it would be a great thing. We have Past Masters in three elected chairs. They do a great job but to keep our Lodge viable we will need some Brothers coming up through up the ranks.

As we move forward I have striven to have our communications conclude by 9 p.m. Only a couple have gone over by 15 minutes. If you are holding down a job it helps to be home as early as possible, for sure.

Several Brothers teamed up to cut and split three pickup loads of firewood for our famous barbecues. The use of hardwood makes a big difference in flavor, along with Butch's seasoning.

Special thanks go to all for the help with this needed

project. With little being done on building improvements due to COVID, we have again started on the list that never seems to decrease in length. In saying that, it has become a time of fellowship, meeting together to figure out the best path to complete a job—as with much in life's pathways. It is Brothers, one to another in all ways.

Your Lodge will be conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on June 1. A covered dish begins at 6:30, the meeting at 7:30. Mark it down and plan on joining us, bringing more light in Masonry.

We will be hosting a barbecue for the Warriors Against Cancer on June 4 at the South Park, Pulaski. Stop by and say Hi and enjoy a dinner with two or three sides.

Please keep Ukraine in your prayers and always be kind to others. It is important as Masons to do. May God bless and keep our country and Craft until we meet again on the level.

Fred Dashnaw

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CORTLAND-MADISON DISTRICT

DDGM REPORT

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Brothers, welcome to a new Masonic year. In one brief look back I would like to congratulate the District for the excellent Grand Lecturer's Convention in which the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred. Everyone did an excellent job. Also, a very big thank-you goes to VW Walter Boronow, AGL, for putting together the entire evening's program.

Looking forward again, hopefully your election of officers has been successfully completed. The investiture service for incoming Masters will be held at Cazenovia Lodge No. 616 on Tuesday, May 31. This is required for all incoming Masters and Past Masters are invited to attend and support them.

I am looking forward to attending your installation of officers in June. On June 17 the Master's Chair will be held at Cortlandville Lodge. All installed Masters are required to attend.

Coming summer and early fall Grand Lodge events include St. John's Day June 24-25 at the Masonic Care Community in Utica, the Grand Master's Ball in Buffalo on July 9, Grand Master's Day at Camp Turk on July 23 and the Deputy Grand Master's Dinner on September 10. October is a busy month with Grand Master's Day at West Point on October 1, followed by Grand Master's Day at Tappan on October 2. Finally, in Utica on October 29 there will be a special Grand Lodge meeting.

Incoming Masters, I hope you are planning your upcoming year. Once you have completed your Trestleboard please send me a copy so I

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STAFF OFFICER'S REPORT

RW Richard G. Reed
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Greetings, Brethren! I wish to congratulate MW Richard J. Kessler, Grand Master, RW Steven Rubin, Deputy Grand Master, and members of the Grand Line who were re-elected at Grand Lodge. Attendance was down from what it usually is, but it was great to be back in that Grand Hall in NYC and amongst the brethren from all across the state.

Election of officers has been taking place in our District throughout the month and the investiture is set for Tuesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Cazenovia Lodge. First-time Masters must attend. And related to that, first-time Masters will need to attend the Master's Chair training, scheduled for Friday, June 17 at 6 p.m. at Cortlandville Lodge. A light meal will be offered. Senior Wardens are urged to attend, although they will not get credit until they attend as an incoming Master of their Lodge. Please contact me at the phone number or email address printed here to reserve your spot.

Watch for opportunities to get together as Brother Masons this summer. Our cabletows bind us together as Brothers, not just in the Lodges, but also when abroad in the world. And as this world is full of chaos and dissension, may our actions be a beacon of brotherly love and integrity that pierces the darkness with Light and Hope.

Richard G. Reed

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may include your events in my calendar.

If you have any questions on anything I have mentioned please let me know. Enjoy your summer and remember that Masonry Never Stops.

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Brethren, since the Grand Lodge's 240th Communication we have been in the process of annual elections and installations and will conclude by the end of June. As the summer months approach, we again have fair weather and opportunities to find recreation with family and friends. This is what we work so hard for.

Independently, each Mason is an ambassador for our gentle Craft. Our ritual comes alive when we apply it to life. Our diverse backgrounds and the shared goals in life give us a leg up with our daily interactions.

I encourage you to bring your (current) ritual book with you everywhere you travel. Recall familiar passages and learn new ones. If you are a Lodge officer, you may want to go over the opening and closing of Lodge and Degree work. Just a little bit here and there will keep the rust away as we enjoy refreshment and sleep.

The investiture for incoming Masters is being held at Cazenovia Lodge No. 616 on Tuesday, May 31. There is a 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. meeting.

Be on the lookout for social events and benefits posted on our "Grapevine" email chain.

Please know that your AGLs are always on duty and encourage your calls and/or emails. Be safe and have an enjoyable summer.

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WM Kim C. Dellow

Brethren, the year is going fast. When you get this we will have had our election of officers.

Our Brothers RW Wade Caler and RW Richard Reed went to Grand Lodge. They returned with a report on what transpired.

It seems as though COVID has been on the rise in our area. Please be careful when going out in public and be safe.

We will be doing our Adopt a Highway cleanup this summer. Rusty will be sending out an email to notify everyone. Meanwhile, if you need anything let us know.

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WM Tom Whitney

Brethren, this has been quite a year, full of ups and downs. Yet, we pulled through. I am ecstatic to say we Raised a few Brothers along the way and now have a fresh new class of Entered Apprentices who just joined us.

In the Cortland-Madison District we welcomed a new DeMolay Chapter with five boys to start and hopefully many more to come. We are planning a Masonic Youth Trip this summer to the MOST Museum in Syracuse, which will be available to all Masonic youth groups, families and friends as well. The details of this Masonic Youth Day at the Museum will be available shortly and will be sent out to the groups. If you have interest in attending please email me at tomwhitney41@yahoo.com.

We have a few events left coming up this year, including an awards dinner, election of officers for the ensuing year, dairy parade and a summer picnic. Dates and times are to be determined and will be posted as they are ironed out. In any case I look forward to seeing you all in the quarries. If you have events going on please pass them along, as we have many new Brothers who may be able to attend and enrich their experiences.

Tom Whitney

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Brothers, I would first like to thank the members of Tri-Valley Lodge for allowing me to be their Master for the past two years. I had an excellent time in the East. We had some great events over the past two years and brought in three new Brothers. Our Brothers should be very proud of themselves for navigating the many obstacles over the past two years with COVID hanging over us, but we have continued.

I got to see VE Walter Boronow become the AGL for Cortland-Madison District. Hopefully, he will continue to District Deputy Grand Master.

I would like to thank

DDGM Wade Caler for asking the Lodges in Cortland-Madison for donations to send kids to Camp Turk. Mike will enjoy the two weeks he is attending and Mom and I will also enjoy.

I wish the best for new Master John Becker and his line officers. I am sure he will look out for the best interest of Tri-Valley.

We also must note the passing of Bruce Nichols last month. Brother Bruce was one of our DSA recipients

Brother Bruce was a hard-working individual helping the Lodge in many ways. He will be missed.

RW Chuck Toombs has also been an integral part of Tri-Valley's progress. He also has put in many hours teaching the new Brothers ritual work. Many thanks go to Chuck. I foresee Tri-Valley progressing with their membership with many side-liners in the future.

Ralph Haney Jr



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CAYUGA-TOMPKINS DISTRICT

DDGM REPORT



RW Anthony J. Tabone
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Greetings to all my Brethren. As we seem to have hopped from winter right over spring and into summer, one cannot help but give thanks for all we have been provided: our being safely led out of the winter darkness to the warmth of the summer sun. As some of our Lodges prepare to go into brief hibernation, I encourage each of us to seek out the camaraderie of our fellow Brothers in all that we undertake.

Having just attended a relatively mundane 240th Grand Lodge Annual Communication, I look forward to sharing the news and notes with each of the Lodges in our District. By now, or soon hereafter, Lodges will have had their election of officers for the ensuing year. Again, I'm excited to work with each of you, novices and seasoned veterans in the East, alike, to make our District the best it can be. It takes all hands on deck to make our wonderful Craft function optimally and I know each of us will be up to the task.

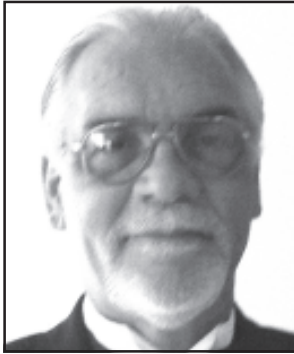
Please remember our Investiture Service for all incoming, neophyte Masters will be held on June 3 at 6 p.m. at Auburn Lodge. Remember, if you have not travelled to the East in the past you must be invested before you can take the helm.

Coming in the fall we will be giving you further information on our District-wide events such as our Memorial Service and Awards Ceremonies. Remember that even though Lodges may go dark, your District officers are always on call for you and any of your needs that may arise. Just let us know how we may serve you.

Until our next communication, I wish you and your family a safe and productive summer season. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe guide you in all your doings. See you on the flip side.

Anthony J. Tabone

STAFF OFFICER



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Fraternal greetings, All. I just got back from NYC and the 2022 Grand Lodge Session. There were plenty of Certificates of Appreciation and Awards given out, along with the various committee reports. The standout was the report given by the Masonic Medical Research Institute. What a gem! They have just undergone a major renovation of the facility and Research Labs. This Institute is at the forefront of cutting edge research worldwide in many fields, including cardiovascular, stem cell, diabetes and immune system deficiencies. Things wrapped up with the Grand Master's message that you will be hearing about in upcoming Official Visits.

The month of June is filled with some of my favorite special days. There are National Doughnut Day, National Chocolate Ice Cream Day, National Jelly Filled Doughnut Day, National Lobster Day and National Chocolate Pudding Day, just to name a few. Let us not forget June 14—Flag Day—and Juneteenth on June 19.

Congratulations go out to our new Master Masons who were Raised in Tri-town Lodge recently. We also had new Brothers Initiated in King Hiram Lodge. Many Lodges are planning Degree work in the upcoming months. Be sure to let AGL Jeff Lampman know of your plans. Also, know that your District Team is here to help out.

By now, all Lodges should have completed elections and installations should be completed this month. The District Investiture Service will be held at Auburn Lodge on June 3 for all first-time Masters. See details in other posts.

The 3-District Masonic Development Course wrapped up on May 15. Congratulations go to all who participated. You will be hearing from your respective GLSO on when you will receive your certificates. Next on the schedule will be a Road to the East Officer's training course. Stay tuned for when, where and how the course will be offered in the near future. Also, for first-

More Staff Officer
see 3rd column

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No News Received

Staff Officer from 2nd column . . .

time Masters, The Master's Chair training course will be held during the summer.

For those who may not have heard, St. Johns Day—Masonic EXPO—is June 25 at the Utica Campus. This is a great opportunity to visit the facilities on site and be part of an exciting day. Lodges are encouraged to spend the day. Make this a Lodge outing. Bring the family. There will be vendors, entertainment, Lodge displays, lots of food and plenty of fellowship all day. The MMRI will be giving tours of their updated facility. See the Greenhouse and gardens, new retirement housing at Acacia Village and more. I hope to see you there. Be safe and do good things.

Dave Barnello

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Brothers: under sickness and distress, W Bro Harry Weldon is out and about and continuing chemo treatment. RW Bob Ayers is back to coffee hour. His wife Carol has been driving him and joining us for coffee. Keep all the people in Ukraine in your prayers and all our doctors and nurses, etc. Also, keep all those suffering from COVID and other health issues in your prayers.

On Saturday, April 23 our Third Degree was attended by eight Brothers from Tri-Town, seven Brothers from Caroline Lodge, two Brothers from Cayuga Lodge, one brother from Scipio Lodge and one Brother from Sylvan Lodge. Newly Raised Master Masons Jerome Robinson and Joel Robinson are father and son. They are members of Tri-Town Lodge.

The election of Caroline officers was held on May 5. The following officers will take their place: Master, W Roger James Gleason; wife

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Trustee (three years), W Albert Juhl.

These Brothers were installed at our May 19 meeting. Thursday, June 2 is a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. and we will draft the schedule for the year.

Ray Ink

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Brothers, Auburn 124 is again doing well and supporting the community as always with a very successful chicken barbecue for Seward School Kids. The profit for the kids at the May 7 barbecue was \$2115. Many thanks go to all who worked and supported this endeavor. Our chefs were Bob Burdick, Scott Bennett, Joe Sheppard and Mike Finizio. Kitchen staff included Erin Gutelius, Fred Kruger, Tommy O, Scott Harris and Joe Sheppard.

Under sickness and distress, we need to keep RW Rich Friedman, Grand Lecturer, in our prayers after his successful kidney transplant; also, RI Stephen Rubenstein, Cryptic Deputy Grand Master, after his leg surgery. Prayers also go to RW Steve Howard's mom in a Nursing Home.

Upcoming events include our Scholarship & Service Awards Night on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. We will have refreshments. The scholarship recipients are to be determined. Service awards are for sixty-five years James Hollabaugh and W Harold Parker; with sixty years is Edward "Ted" Wills; Robert Shaffer has fifty-five years; Harold Parker Jr. and

W Joe Lorah are forty-year members. At fifteen years are Dan Townsend, Doug McCall, Nick Farrell and Scott White. The class of members with ten years includes Stephen Barski, Ed Beck, Dan Leary, RW Tony Tabone, Brian Griffin, Marcus Babb and Adam Smith. Mike Huff, Eric Huss and Ray Fierro have five years already.

On June 3 Auburn is hosting the District Investiture Service with dinner at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. for all Past Masters and Incoming Masters. Reservations for dinner must have been made by May 27 to Tommy O. June 16 is the Auburn 124 Open Installation of Officers which begins at 6:30 with refreshments.

W Harris and RW Tabone attended the 240th Grand Lodge Session from May 1 to 3 and gave a very detailed report on the session. I have a copy for anybody interested in reading it. An October Session in Utica will again happen this year, as it was well received last year.

August 14 is the 8th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament fundraiser at Meadowbrook GC in Weedsport. The shotgun start is at 12 p.m. More information will be distributed.

In January 2023 Auburn Lodge 124 will be celebrating forty years of a three-Lodge merger. St. Paul's 124, Auburn 431 and Sea & Field 3-974 consolidated in 1983 and that new entity has become a very strong and vibrant Lodge. RW Miller, our Lodge Historian, will have more information on that celebration as we go forward.

Over the summer a family picnic is planned, along with our annual Beer Summit, and I believe that on August 7 we will sponsor a chicken barbecue for the Auburn Rainbow Girls. That's all for now. Take care, God bless. I hope to see all of you soon.

Tommy Ostrander

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WM Wayne Vancamp

Greetings, Brothers. June is upon us and I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying better weather. The Lodge has been pretty busy and Worshipful Master Steve Yaple has added a second meeting to June so we can complete all the work that needs to be done.

In April we did a First Degree and, hopefully, by

the time this newsletter reaches you all five new Brothers will have completed their Second. The Third Degree is scheduled for June 14. This year our last meeting will be on June 28. We hope we can get a good turnout for these meetings. I will be doing my pot roast dinner before the Third Degree on June 14. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can make sure I have enough food.

In May members visited the Newfield fire department to make our annual contribution and got a report as to how things are going for them. I also visited a school board meeting to speak with them about our current scholarships and programs that we support. I also presented the community Good Neighbor fund our annual contribution to them, which provides the toiletries and paper supplies that they distribute at the local food bank.

Brothers, I always remember, and I tell all the organizations that we support, that Brother Frank Snyder is the one who put us in a position to support all these great groups and programs. If you would like to be more involved with the decisions about who we support, there is always room on the committees that do the research and make recommendations to the Lodge. Come join us.

The Lodge has elected our new slate of officers for the coming year. Brother Wayne Vancamp will be the new Master, Brother Paul Smith will be moving to the Sr. Warden's position, Tony Cirulli will take the rank of Junior Warden, Brother Steve Yaple will return to the position of Trustee, Brother Tom Szebenyi will continue as the Secretary and I, Mike McLaughlin, will continue on as Treasurer.

As always, Brothers, if you know a Brother in need of aid or assistance please reach out to us. If you would like to attend meetings but need help getting to them let me know.

Mike McLaughlin

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WM Tim Carmon
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Summer is just around the corner and we welcome the warmer weather. From gardening to golf and boating, most of our Masonic family

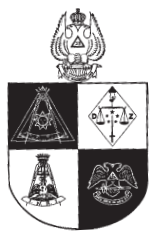
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Calvin G. Bond
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Thanks



Brothers from multiple Lodges worked a Third Degree for Brothers Joel and Jerome Robinson.

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Consistory

Greetings. As of many of you know, this is my last *word* article as the Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Syracuse Consistory, AASR. It has been an interesting and challenging three years for our Valley as we tried to negotiate COVID-19 and the many restrictions and guidelines mandated by the several agencies having jurisdiction in our part of the state.

One of the programs that allowed us to keep moving forward is the Thursday Night at the Rite. If not for this program Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction would have suffered greatly. I am grateful that this program allowed us to bring Master Masons into Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

I want to thank the Body Heads and our membership for their efforts to help our Valley succeed in qualifying for the Valley of Excellence Award this Year. Let's keep up the good work. I offer my support to our new Body Heads in any way I can to help make their time in office a success.

Many thanks also go to our Valley Secretary, Jim Swan and his office staff, Sharon Fox and Sharon Swan. They work hard for our Valley to keep it running so smoothly these many years.

Twice we had to postpone our Reunion Degree Day due to conflicts and COVID. Hopefully it went off without a hitch the third time. I am proud to have Knighted our new Subline Princes of the Royal Secret.

I look forward to the Masonic Family Life events: on August 6, picnic; August 13, Syracuse Mets baseball. And do not forget the Teddy Bear Classic Golf on August 5.

Lawrence W. Egnaczyk

Lodge of Perfection

Princes, I am sad to say this will be my last *word* article as your Thrice Potent Master. The last three years have been an amazing journey for me in the Lodge of Perfection. We have hosted several events, attended many social outings and conferred several LOP Degrees. We

helped the other Bodies with the same. This all constituted an opportunity to serve the

membership. What a true honor it has been to be in your service!

I want to thank the officers of the LOP for their steadfast support and willingness to pitch in and help in casting and directing the Degrees; also for providing sound counsel in Valley affairs. I thank my fellow Body

heads for their friendship and contributions in making the Valley a dynamic and enjoyable Masonic experience. I deeply thank the Commander-in-Chief for his leadership in perhaps the most difficult times the Valley has had, during the pandemic. It goes without saying that Ill. James Swan and his office staff are invaluable to all things Scottish Rite. Ill. Swan has been an incredible mentor to all the Body heads and a true friend.

As I have shown, hopefully, in my writings, the Scottish Rite and the Valley of Syracuse hold a very special place in my heart. As I turn the page of my journey I wish the very best to my successor and all of the officers for their service and leadership in the Lodge of

Perfection. I look forward to seeing them work together, reaching lofty heights. I entered the door of Freemasonry marked service. I look forward, with great excitement, to continue my Scottish Rite journey in a new capacity to serve the membership.

I thank every one of you for the honor of being your Thrice Potent Master. May God bless you and family. Peace be with you, my Princes. Enjoy your summer.

Terry A. Byard

Rose Croix

Greetings, Knights and Readers. On June 6 the elected officers will be installed. I will again be Most Wise Master of Rose Croix.

I would like to highlight the two Family Life events open to all Masons. This August 6th there will be a picnic at the Cicero American Legion. The Legion does a great job with a wide variety of food; and baskets will be given when you buy tickets. Another event happens on August 13. This is a baseball game involving the Syracuse Mets. Food will be included. If interested, contact Jim Swan at 315/452-7976 to secure a place.

Since the good weather is coming, I would wish all a great summer—whatever you do. And please keep our military and the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

Richard E. Barrett

Hospitaler

Greetings, Brothers. It is nice to see sunshine as I write this month's article. The cold wet spring weather of Central NY finally appears to be behind us.

In addition to COVID problems which are not going away, deer ticks are unusually heavy this spring, causing the concern of Lyme disease. This is a bacterial infection caused by the bite of an infected tick. Be sure and check your dog, cat and yourself when you come in-

side. I use a fine-tooth comb to remove them from our cat. If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms, and/or have a target-shaped rash, get yourself evaluated. Treatment with antibiotics is usually effective when detected early.

Please remember to keep our Masonic Brothers and their families in the Ukraine, and all of its citizens, in our thoughts and prayers. Their suffering continues.

As for relieving suffering, the Hospitaler's Fund is always in need. Please send a check to "Central City Bodies" and indicate it is for the Hospitaler's Fund.

If you are looking for confidential assistance please contact Bob Tyrrell or me. We may be able to help.

Dick Freeman

Council Princes

Greetings, Princes. As this will be my last article as your Sovereign Prince, I want to remind you of several important things. First, Masonry does not stop during the summer. Even though we won't be meeting in person, keep thinking about and living our values. Always keep in mind that new ideas are welcome and encouraged. Also, do not forget that one of our main principles is charity. Give whatever you can to our charities. The Valley of Syracuse has always been known as generous in this regard.

Education is fundamental to true understanding of our Craft so make use of the Livingston Library programs and the HGA courses. Come to and participate in the Degrees. Another way to learn even more is to go to other Valleys. This is something I enjoy doing and have truly learned from the experiences. Carpooling is a great way to expand friendships or form new ones.

There is so much more I could talk about but the fact is, all of you are the Valley of Syracuse. Take pride in that. I do. Please support the incoming body heads in their endeavors and stay Scottish Rite strong.

God bless all of our military, past and present, and this amazing country. God bless all of you and your family.

James McNeal

Notes from the Children's Dyslexia Center CNY

As I write this, we are one month from our Recognition Ceremony. Year eighteen is soon to be in the books. We had seventeen children attending this year and two Practitioner 1 Scholars and one Practitioner 2 Scholar. We will be honoring the Scholars and the eight children who have completed their time at the center. They will be moving to independent learning. We will also recognize the nine children who plan to return in the fall for their second year with us.

We are happy to report that we have four new Practitioner 1 Scholars who will receive their training for cer-

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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- June**
June 062022 – 2023 Officers Installation; Social 6:00 p.m./Dinner 6:30 p.m.Installation Ceremony 7:30 p.m.
Jun 13 Trustees Organization Meeting 6:30 p.m.Executive Committee Organization Meeting 7:00 p.m. (in person).
Jun 20 New 32° Members Orientation Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- August**
Aug 05... .. Teddy Bear Classic Golf Tournament @ Vesper Hills Golf Club, Tully;Golfers needed; hole sponsors needed; Captain & Crew format.
Aug 06 (Sat). Masonic Family Life picnic at Cicero American Legion; come at 2:00 p.m., stay to 6:00 p.m.; picnic buffet 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.;games, door prizes, other happenings.
Aug 13 Scottish Rite at Syracuse

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. Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander; Ill. Mark C. Roth, 33°, Grand Lieutenant Commander; Ill. Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Grand Minister of State; Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33°, Deputy for New York State.

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DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVE—Ill. Robert M. Tyrrell, 33°

tification in the upcoming year. It looks to be another busy year with close to twenty children attending the center. Some of our certified tutors will continue training as trainers, supervisors and therapists. The learning continues at all levels.

In the last three years we have faced, met and overcome many challenges that we could never have envisioned. The fact that you are steadfast in your support has allowed us to keep moving forward in the best ways possible. We pray that the coming year will allow us to return to a more normal setting and that we can continue to bring you positive reports about what is going on at the center.

Lucas continues to make consistent progress and show involvement in each lesson. He will continue with us next fall and we are confident that he will benefit more and more from his time here. We have just placed his younger sister on our waitlist and will look forward to seeing her sometime in the next two years. I continue to report, and it remains the same, that we have a two-year wait list for children who need and want our services.

As you read this, we are preparing for our summer hiatus. We have found the desire for and feasibility of a summer program are not there. Though it would be optimal for the children, the lack of interest and inconsistent attendance for the last few summers we tried the extended program did not make it a cost- or time-effective effort. Perhaps this will return to a flourishing program in the future but it is not to be at this time.

The center will be closed from June 14 to September 19. Gineal and I will be in and out throughout the summer to deal with phone and mail during that time. You can always send email.

We look forward to seeing many of you on August 5 for our annual golf tournament and fundraiser at Vesper Hills Golf Course in Tully. It is always a fun time, no matter the weather. Again, we thank you for your continued interest and support of the Children's Dyslexia

Center Central New York. Without you, we would not be.

Linda L. Martin

Supreme Council Member Center

Any member who is not registered in the J365 Membership roster should go online to MYNMI.ORG and sign into the Member Center. The system will lead you through the registration process. Have your member card available and follow the instructions.

When registered, you may view all your Scottish Rite membership records on this site. Contact the Valley office if you require assistance.

Teddy Bear Golf Classic

Golfers, the 2022 Teddy Bear Golf Classic is scheduled for Friday, August 5 at Vesper Hills Golf Club. The annual outing benefits the Children's Dyslexia Center Central New York.

Circle the date on your summer calendar, establish your foursome and register with Ill. Craig Cobb. Craig's contact information is: cobb3@verizon.net and 315/446-0625.

There is also a need for tee and hole sponsors and you can talk with Craig about this, too. You may also call the Valley of Syracuse office at 315/452-7976 for information.

Masonic Family Life Outing & Picnic

Saturday, August 6, 2022

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12th Capitular District RAM

DDGHP RE
James Nelson

Greetings, Companions. I trust this communication is finding everyone well, enjoying the weather moving in the warmer direction.

We will have had our last Official Visit with Central City Riverside Chapter on May 24. I have thoroughly enjoyed the Chapter visits as a means to connect and reconnect with Companions throughout our District. In so many cases, it is greeting old friends I have known for quite a while, yet it is always special to see them in their Chapter doing Royal Arch work. I am grateful to the warm receptions I have had in each Chapter and am looking forward to my next visit with you all.

Coming up on August 27 is the Raymond's Pond Degree Fest in Trumansburg. This is a great opportunity to bring in candidates to start their Royal Arch journey as well as gathering with Companions from many different Districts. There will be a chance to mingle with those in the Grand Line, enjoy a great meal, share the experience of some of our Degrees and above all have fun. Please encourage your Companions to join us at this wonderful event. I will send out more details once I receive them.

I am working with the 10th Capitular District to host a joint Grand Lecturer Convention this fall. This will be an event that has us joining Companions from the north of us to gain further light on the Holy Royal Arch Degree and to build more fraternal ties. We are blessed having RE Anthony Klimathianos as our Grand Lecturer. I can guarantee that he will bring new insight and observations to those who come out for this event. We still need to nail down the date but it will be hosted by Pulaski Chapter, as that is near to the center of our two Districts.

I am in search of an AGL for our District, as VE Bradley Foil has found he is unable to continue with these duties at this time. I thank VE Brad for the work he was able to do and wish him well in his Masonic journey. I know this was not an easy decision, nor was it done lightly. Should you have any needs for immediate assistance with ritual work, please feel free to contact me. I will be glad to do what I can to assist you.

I am looking forward to our next meeting together. I

wish you all the very best in your Chapter and in your life as we move into spring/summer. Take careful watch of any COVID outbreaks in your area and take appropriate guarding actions to limit your risks of exposure.

James Nelson

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Greetings, Companions! Welcome to the month of June! This is our last month to conduct business before the summer break. During the summer break there will be a couple of items that might interest you.

July brings us the Grand Masters Charity Golf Tournament and current rumor has it that the Onondaga District is looking to hold a Co-ed Table Lodge/ District Apron Presentation on July 30. Please stay tuned to articles in *the word* and information sent to the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries.

Our meeting on Tuesday, May 24 was the Official Visit of RE James Nelson, DDGHP of the 12th Capitular District, with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our DDGHP and his team provided some valuable information concerning the Grand High Priest's agenda and the state of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of New York. Companion Tim "Master Chef" Hansen once again outdid himself and provided another great meal for our Companions.

Don't forget that on June 12 E Ed Sinay Jr. will be hosting an outdoor cigar tasting event. Our meeting on June 28 will be an educational program on the Past Masters Degree.

Remember "Chapter Pride" and make your Chapter a model for others to follow. Perform your ritual with proficiency and zeal and

keep your attendance regular. I hope to see you around the 12th Capitular District soon.

Jack G. Dombrowski

LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER 165 RAM
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Meets 2nd Thurs. at 7:30 p.m.

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Greetings, Companions. Well, the weather has finally warmed up and it is time to think about planting the garden. Grass needs cutting every week or so and I did the Lodge early today. Jackie cleaned the hall for a few hours as a Blue Lodge member was having his 95th birthday party on Saturday, May 14.

The meeting on May 12 was rescheduled to Wednesday, May 25. It was an Official Visit from District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master Brian Moore. Dinner at 6:30 was prepared by Lake City Victoria Chapter 205. W James Rizzo was in charge of reservations.

The Hands Across the Border date is September 24. We will meet at the Cracker Barrel in Watertown for breakfast, and then travel on to Ottawa, Canada. If anyone is interested in going please let RE Richard Fowler or me know so we will have a rough count. Most will want to stay the night, as it is a long drive.

I do not have any updates on our Degree work. We will need to get some done this year. I should know by the next *word* article in September. Stay well, Companions.

Ronald A. Bond



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Greetings, Sir Knights. Our May 6 meeting was somewhat disappointing, as only a handful of us showed up. I did receive texts and

emails from a number of SKs who had last-minute conflicts arise and I thank them for letting me know. We were unable to open and conduct our election that evening so we will have to combine election and installation at our meeting on June 3. If at all possible, please make an effort to schedule around our June 3 meeting. It is our last meeting before the summer break, so we really need to get our election and installation completed before the July-August break in our activities.

It is not surprising that in colonial times New York was a hotbed of Masonic activity. As the state was an economic and cultural centerpiece of the colonies, Masonry flourished in New York. Templary in particular can trace the founding of the Grand Encampment of the United States to 1816 in New York City when DeWitt Clinton was elected as head of the Grand Encampment. While there are records of earlier Encampments in Philadelphia, North Carolina, Connecticut and Massachusetts, it was the Encampment in New York City that gave birth to the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

At this time there are no Central City Commandery events planned during the summer months but I will endeavor to keep everyone informed and engaged with periodic *Templar Tales* communications during the summer. The COVID pandemic has been a trying time for all of Masonry. Take the summer months to enjoy time with your family; I look forward to greeting all Sir Knights with new enthusiasm in September.

Meantime, the situation in Ukraine and Eastern Europe continues to be disturbing. Please continue to pray for the cessation of hostilities

in this region and for the people of Ukraine in particular.

William H. Toth



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Good day, my Nobles. That sounds so official, doesn't it? That you are so important to me is why I address you in that manner.

Under the direction of Assistant Rabban III. Duane Crapsler and Adam Labonoski, our meat raffle and Kooler races were great successes. The entire Divan contributed to our Shriners Ladies Dinner and that went over as a huge success. Each Divan member cooked his significant other her favorite meal and Ill. Ralph Haney cooked all the meat for the event. We also had the Imperial Matron show up and race a Kooler (see photo). It was just a wonderful time that we could show our ladies just how much we appreciate the support they give us throughout the year.

The Cigar and Libations event was May 14 and if you didn't make that very well-publicized event, you snoozed and lost again. We



Shriners at work, making it look like tough duty.

post these events on our FaceBook page, the District FB page, in *the word* as you are reading it and in emails from the Temple. We plan events and have not cancelled a single event, no matter what. And we will not. That is the rule this year.

Our parades this year are as follows. We would love to see all of you participate, especially the clowns. The Fayetteville Parade on Monday, May 30 begins at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Route 5 and Highbridge Streets. Line-up will begin at 8:30 along Highbridge Street. The Jordan Parade is Monday, May 30 and steps off at 3:05 p.m. The Shrine unit will line up on Warner Way, usually between 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. If there are any questions, call the Temple.

The Imperial Session is July 3 through July 8. It will be held in Minneapolis this year.

Lady Karen and I invite you and your lady to the Potentate's Ball on Saturday, August 6. The event will be an '80s high school ball at the Crowne Plaza Syracuse. It will be a night of awareness about Shriners Children. Eighties-themed attire is encouraged but not required. Tickets for the event can now be purchased online at the following link: <https://www.tigrisshriners.com/event/back-to-the-80s-potentates-ball/>.

Hotel rooms are also available for a special rate at the Crowne Plaza in Syracuse. Information for this event can be found online. Additionally, we will have a hospitality room at the hotel for Friday evening and Saturday. Breakfast on Sunday is also available.

We hope that you and your lady will be able to attend and enjoy this formal evening of fun, fellowship and dancing. Please share this information and invitation with other Nobles, Masons and their ladies who may wish to attend. More information will be emailed to you, so be on the lookout, please.

Our meetings are always the third Wednesday of the month at the Moose Club Building at 1121 Milton Ave., Syracuse. New members are welcome at any time and we would love to see those Nobles who have not been around in a while.

Jimmy Santy Sr.



Tigris Shrine shows appreciation to their ladies.

ORDER of the EASTERN STAR



Order of the Eastern Star Oswego District

Hello from Oswego District, and Welcome to the month of June. Did you know that June used to be the fourth month in the year? Before Julius Caesar came to power, the calendar year only had ten months. Try to figure out how old you would be if we were still using that calendar. Yikes!

Here are a few other things to contemplate during the month of June. June 1 to 8 is National Sun Safety Week. Try making some stylish hats to keep the sun off your face. On World Giving Day, the 15th, think of ways to anonymously pay it forward. June 23 is Let It Go Day. Perhaps it is finally a good time to think of tips for letting it go and moving on.

The birth flowers of June are the honeysuckle and the rose. Both of these flowers are symbols of all things relating to love, desire, generosity and affection. If you were born in June there is a good chance you are a hopeless romantic. June is also considered one of the very best months to be married.

Since the May *word* article had to be submitted by April 12, I would like to write about the big event in the Oswego District on April 24. That was the day our New York State leaders were received on the occasion of their Official Visit.

We all missed Barbara Foster, District Deputy Grand Matron, who was unable to lead us through the events of the day. Our prayers and healing thoughts are with her. Mary Lou Colbert, a Past District Deputy Grand Matron, took Barb's place and welcomed Jane Stuart, Most Worthy Grand Matron. Earl LaFave, District Grand Lecturer, welcomed Michael Kessler, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

The dining room of the Greenview Country Club was decorated with white lights around the room, tables covered with white linens and each centered with a gold linen topped with a milk glass bud vase. Each vase contained a peacock feather and mallard duck cutout, both fun symbols of our Grand Matron and Grand Patron. Purple napkins tied with a tag featured gold foil print with the word "Welcome" and a peacock feather completed the table decorations.

A vegetable tray with dip was served prior to the tasty buffet. The meal consisted of roast beef au jus, champagne chicken, scalloped potatoes, macaroni and cheese, California blend of vegetables, tossed salad, rolls and a scrumptious dessert of strawberry trifle.

Following the meal and opening ceremonies, the honored guests addressed the 116 present. Jane Stuart, Grand Matron, spoke of the

Star Point of Ruth. She said that we can relate the attributes of constancy, loyalty and industry to Ruth. Ruth was loyal to her mother-in-law Naomi. Like Ruth, we should be loyal to friends and family and loyal to our principles and encourage everyone to show lovingkindness to all.

Michael Kessler, Grand Patron, spoke about a soldier's prayer. He said we should portray courage, strength, and dedication to job, family and country. He concluded with, "If you could be anything you wanted to, be kind."

Other messages from various Grand Officers covered the OES Home at Oriskany, the Home's Wish List, membership, the bazaar on the OES Campus in Oriskany on July 15 and 16 and the Walkathon on June 4. All speakers encouraged support of our OES projects.

Kenneth Wheeler, Jr. Past Grand Patron, introduced his 2020 Grand Officers. Acknowledging his counterpart, L. Katherine Wharmby, he reminded everyone that she chose the forget-me-not flower as the 2020 boutonniere and said we will never forget her.

Matrons and Patrons of the Oswego District were presented to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. Attending were Yvonne Hanshaw and Earl LaFave, of Phoenix Elizabeth Chapter No. 105, Monica Wallis and Kenneth Wheeler of Lake Ontario Chapter 124, Janette and William Smith of Pulaski Puritan Chapter 159 and Carla Salisbury of Lake City Victoria Chapter 205. Earl LaFave expressed gratitude for all who attended and to the various committee members who contributed to an enjoyable afternoon.

The Theme Basket Raffle of the day was a huge success. Cynthia Sanders, chair of the project, was extremely happy with the seventeen donated baskets and thanks everyone who participated.

Janette Smith will be hosting a High Tea at the Pulaski Masonic Temple on June 18 at noon. The project for the District will feature assorted teas, her famous scones and her homemade jams, jellies and whipped cream, finger sandwiches and cookies. Jan also says: "Plus a few other things I plan on having that I think will be a nice surprise." To be sure that enough food is prepared, she will be accepting reservations with payment of \$10 to Janette Smith, 297 Atkinson Rd., Pulaski, NY 13142. Jan's phone number is 315/298-5615 and email is wjsmith01297@yahoo.com. If you make a reservation the payment is due, regardless if you may be a no-show. Come, bring a friend, wear your favorite hat and be a part of a perfect afternoon. Not a hot tea drinker? Cold

tea and water will be available.

As we approach June we are almost halfway through the year. Take a moment to reflect on your year so far. Is it going the way you wanted? What have been your accomplishments so far? They don't have to be monumental tasks, just something that makes you feel good about yourself. Celebrate your success.

Now it is time to set some goals for the next six months of the year. Good luck.

Michelle Gogel

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Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. Summer will be official on June 21 at 5:13 a.m. We hope everyone enjoys his summer. Although Chapter meetings will be in hiatus during July and August, there will still be OES events throughout the summer.

RW Deb and RW Karl would like to thank Bona Fide-Hiawatha-Solvay Chapter for a wonderful DDGM Official Visit. Also, we thank Onondaga Star Chapter and Morning Star Chapter for a very nice DDGM/DGL combined Official Visit. New members were Initiated, so please make sure you welcome them and have someone mentor them so they feel comfortable being Chapter and Onondaga District members.

The Onondaga District Official Visit of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron was a success. The Irish Dancers were still being talked about as we traveled to our subsequent Official Visits. Thanks go to RW Mary Perry for organizing and emceeing the Irish Dance entertainment. Also, the hospitality room, afternoon tea, dinner, meeting and afterglow were enjoyed by many. Again, none of this could have happened without the support and assistance of the members of Onondaga District.

Last month I fully described the garage sale set for Saturday, June 18. It is a fundraiser for the Combined Projects of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron. Its success, of course, depends on donations of goods to sell. We are looking for new or gently used or items that are usable and clean. We accept housewares, toys, books, sporting items and equipment, holiday decorations and jewelry. Also, we will take small furniture items but you will have to call and identify them for planning and transportation reasons. Friday the 17th is set-up day.

Please save newspapers and paper bags of all sizes. And be ready to respond to the garage sale committee's call for assistance. Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors. The more traffic, the better the chances of success. Call RW Deb at 315/706-3259 to make arrangements for your drop-off.

If there are other events that Chapters are planning over the summer, please make sure you get the information to all members of the Onondaga District. Communicate with the Chapter Matrons and Patrons who will forward the information to their members.

Upcoming District events include Onondaga Star Chapter's Draping of the Altar on Tuesday, June 7; Friday, June 17 is Garage Sale set-up day, starting at 9 a.m.; and Saturday, June 18 is the Garage Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Memorial Masonic Center; on Tuesday, June 21 Onondaga Star Chapter will honor Star Points; Monday, June 27 is a Homecoming Practice at 7 p.m.; and Tuesday, June 28 is the Homecoming at Memorial Masonic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 10 is the Shining Star meeting. This is a meeting of the Onondaga District Past and Present Matron and Patrons. There will be hamburgers and hotdogs and members are asked to bring side dishes to pass. It is at the Masonic Memorial Center and more details will appear in the coming months.

Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16 is the 2022 Festival of the Stars at Oriskany. Please contact RW Maggie Heitmann to help at the sausage booth and MW Jodelle Fletcher regarding the holiday booth. The sausage booth has been a big fundraiser for the Eastern Star Home so let's continue the tradition.

Sunday, September 18 is the Onondaga District Past Grands meeting at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass to Masonic Memorial Center.

Wednesday, October 12 is the Grand Chapter's Testimonial Dinner and from Thursday, October 13 to Saturday, October 15 run the Grand Chapter Sessions. The Grand Chapter information has been emailed by the Grand Secretary. There is more to follow. If you do not have email, a package should be sent to you.

Also, please see your Chapter Secretary for additional information. It is important to note that the housing forms are to be sent directly to the Grand Chapter Office on or before July 15 and not to RW Karl Parker, District Grand Lecturer. Please send your pre-registration form with \$20 no later than September 23. If you do not complete the pre-registration form and mail with \$20 the cost of registration at the door will be \$30. So, save that \$10 for an inflated cup of coffee by registering early.

Enjoy the summer. Memories are waiting to happen.

Deb Krackhardt
Karl Parker

Pulaski Puritan 159

The year is flying and it is June already. The grass needs to be mowed, my garden is coming up and the trees are budding. One more meeting this month and we will be closed for the summer.

I am hoping we will be

able to play Bingo with the veterans but still have not heard for sure. The guys are cooking chickens and they cannot keep up with the demand, which is good. At our June meeting we will be honoring Master Masons. So come on, guys. Make a showing and we will treat you right and feed you afterward.

On August 13 Herb and I are doing a bartender challenge at our tavern. The proceeds will go to the Shriners Hospital for Children. So, if you are free that day, stop by. It is a real hoot: there are games, food and just plain fun.

On April 12 the DDGM made her Official Visit and a good time was had by all. I was unable to make the Grand Matron's visit. I came down with a good old-fashioned bad cold. It is just starting to let up but it sure did kick my bucket. I haven't been that sick in a long time and sure don't want it again.

Our prayers go out to RW Sister Linda Waggoner. She is having a health problem but she is beating it with all the prayers and good wishes. Maybe a thinking-of-you would be in order.

I guess that is it for now, except for a word from an ol' angel. "I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read, and all the friends I want to see. The longer I live, the more my mind dwells upon the beauty and the wonder of the world."

Happy Father's Day wishes go to all the guys. Take the time to call or visit your dad—you don't know what tomorrow brings. My dad used to say: "Good, better, best. Never let it rest till the good is better and the better best."

Diane Manwaring

Morning Star 289 Marcellus Masonic Temple

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. When you receive this the combined Official Visit and Initiation will be a happy memory. We appreciate members of the District filling in where needed.

You will be able to meet our new Sister during Ole Home Days on Saturday, June 4. We will be selling strawberry shortcakes starting at 10 a.m. Our setup will be on the Lodge lawn. We also will be giving tours of the building and passing out OES literature.

Our final stated meeting before summer break will be Monday, June 13. The Lodge Brothers have invited us to their picnic in Marcellus Park on Monday June 20. Bring a dish to pass and all your kids and grandkids.

At this time there is no sickness or good news to report. Check the District news to see what is going on around town. Have a safe and happy summer.

Margaret McManus

Onondaga Star 144 Masonic Memorial Center

It is hard to believe it is time for our summer break already. At our April 19 meeting the Worthy Matron pulled a surprise and honored the Secretaries and

Treasurers of the Onondaga District. We even had the Grand Secretary, MW Karen Marshall-King join us for the evening.

We had to change our plans for the Official Visit of RW Karl Parker but, in true Eastern Star style, we made it work and celebrated a joint Official Visit of RW Debra Krackhardt and RW Karl Parker at our next meeting. We Initiated a new Brother into our Chapter. We welcome Brother Mike Brooker.

On June 7 we will hold the very special meeting where we drape the altar for those Sisters and Brothers we have lost in the last year. Our last meeting before summer will be on June 21 and we will honor Star Points. There are no meetings in July and August. We will resume gathering together on September 6 with our Welcome Back Dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse.

Don't forget about Festival of Stars down in Oriskany. There is so much to see, buy and eat. This year it will be held on July 15 and 16.

We have several Chapter fundraisers going on. For the Field of Dreams limited edition photo tickets are \$5 or three for \$12. The drawing will be held at our June 21 meeting. You do not need to be present to win. Contact RW Barb Brooker (barb_brooker@me.com) for more information.

The Reminisce Basket is valued at more than \$200. Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5. This drawing will be at the Welcome Back Dinner. You do not need to be present to win. For more information contact the Worthy Matron.

The Eastern Star/Masonic keyrings can be ordered with either a star or the Masonic symbol. They are \$5 each. This is an ongoing fundraiser. Contact RW Barb Brooker (barb_brooker@me.com) for more information.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. See you in September.

Nancy Weisbeck
Joe Stevens

Centerville 185 Masonic Memorial Center

Sisters and Brothers, it looks as though summer is barging into spring with some warm weather and sunny days. It sure feels good to be outside enjoying these picture-perfect days.

Our congratulations go out to RW Debbie Krackhardt and RW Karl Parker and their team for a wonderful Official Visit. Congratulations also go to Sister Pat Ferguson for receiving the Onondaga District's Distinguished Service Award. Her total shock at even being considered for this award was priceless. It is truly well deserved.

Our May 5 meeting was cancelled due to COVID rearing its nastiness in our Chapter. Our May 19 draping of the altar meeting was a nice tribute to those who have passed from us.

June 2 will be a regular

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meeting with a pound auction to follow. On June 16 we will begin the evening with a picnic, and then honor our life members and fathers.

Have a great summer and remember to check in on those members we do not see very often. A phone call or a card is a great way to brighten up someone's day and let him and her know that we care.

Cathy Barling

Lake City Victoria 205
Lake City Lodge No. 127
Oswego

RW Natalie J. Woodall, Secretary

Dear Sisters and Brothers: I begin this last column before summer recess with a message from RW Cynthia J. Sanders, chair of the basket raffle for the Grand Matron's Official Visit on April 24.

"To all who donated baskets I tender sincere gratitude. Your participation in this important District fundraiser resulted in seventeen large, lovely baskets and thanks to your generosity, I was able to present RW Barbara Foster, DDGM, with \$980 for her projects. Char-

ity and lovingkindness are alive and well in Oswego District, the biggest little District in New York State."

More than 100 guests attended the Official Visit of MW Jane Stuart, Grand Matron, and enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Greenview Country Club in West Monroe, among them a large delegation of Lake City Victoria Sisters. Right in the middle of that delegation was RW Grant DeLong, our Associate Patron, who recently moved to the Eastern Star Home at Oriskany. Grant was in his element, surrounded by a bevy of ladies decked out in their finest gowns. He had a wonderful time renewing acquaintanceships from all over New York State.

Lake City Victoria Chapter has been busy catering dinners. On April 26 the famous Kitchen Crew prepared and served a delicious Swedish meatball dinner for the reception of Oswego District's new Masonic Grand Officers. The crew was back at work on Saturday, April 30 catering the widows' luncheon for Lake City Lodge. Chef RW Carla

Salisbury, Worthy Matron, and Chef RW Cynthia Sanders, Associate Matron, assisted by Sr. Mary Babbitt, Conductress, and yours truly whipped up a tasty combination of soup, salad and sandwiches for the attendees. No one went away hungry. Then ham and scalloped potatoes were on the menu for the Lodge's annual meeting on May 10.

There is still time to clean out those closets and donate items for the annual bazaar at Oriskany, scheduled for July 15 and 16. Sr. Mary Babbitt has charge of the solicitation and will gladly accept craft materials, gently used gowns, new babies' and toddlers' clothing, books, jewelry and knickknacks. Everything must reach her no later than Tuesday, June 14. The annual bazaar is an important fundraiser to support the Sisters and Brothers residing at the Home.

Summer and all things associated with it approach: picnics, barbecues, day trips, reunions, ball games, yard sales. Have fun but remember to be careful. Mr. COVID still lurks in the shadows ready to attack the unwary.

Natalie J. Woodall

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Brothers and Sisters, what a beautiful month May has been! The flowers are in full bloom and the smell of summer is in the air. I hope that everyone's summer brings healthy bodies and a little bit of rest and relaxation.

Even though our Chapter will go dark at the end of the month, we have lots of fun activities planned. We will have our last regular meeting on June 9 at 7:30. Later in the summer we will be having our annual picnic with all of our members. This is always an exciting event. Stay tuned.

Annie Urban



Onondaga District leaders at an Official Visit.



Onondaga District OES Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons assembled.



Sr. Mary Babbitt, Conductress of Lake City Victoria Chapter 205, prepares salads for the widows' luncheon hosted by Lake City Lodge on April 30. Photo by Natalie J. Woodall



RW Sr. Cynthia J. Sanders admires one of the seventeen baskets raffled at the Official Visit of MW Sr. Jane Stuart, Grand Matron, on Sunday, April 24. Photo by Natalie J. Woodall



Centerville Chapter 185 hosted the first 2022 Official Visit of DDGM Debra Krackhardt on April 7. Seated from left are DGL RW Karl Parker; DDGM RW Debra Krackhardt; MW Jodelle C. Fletcher, Grand Matron 2008, 2017; Worthy Matron RW Cathy Barling; Worthy Patron RW Gary Hartman; photographer Bro. Buddy Belonsoff.