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The Masonic War Vets Color Guard presented Colors at Lake City Lodge 127 for a First Degree. From the left: Carl Hoyt, Tom Sawyer, Doug Campbell and Norm Kruth. Observe that Carl is out of uniform. No white beard. Photo submitted by Norm Kruth

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Leon A. Bulriss

I have presented two installments of a long essay entitled "The Plan of Freemasonry." The thesis by Brother Edward B. Paul, PGM of British Columbia, was featured in the October issue of The Builder in 1919. This concluding section examines Freemasonry as Education.—Editor.

# Freemasonry as Education

Plato states that "the aim of Education is to develop in the body and in the soul all the beauty and all the perfection of which they are capable."

The question before us now is, Does Freemasonry interest itself in the subject of Education, and, if so, does

the aim of the Education suggested by Freemasonry resemble the aim of Education as defined by Plato? I think there can be no doubt that the question must be answered in the affirmative. Freemasonry expressly deals with the development of Body and Soul and leaves nothing in the matter of the education of its votaries that can be improved upon; for it works in conformity to Nature, and in the order of Nature in the matter of Education as in all other things in which it concerns itself.

In order to comprehend, then, its system, let me remind you that the First degree is the degree of the material universe. The first step, therefore, in Masonic Education is education through the senses. In the earlier stages of a man's life, he takes cognizance only of such knowledge as can be acquired through the senses. Nothing is real to him unless he can touch, taste, smell, hear or see it. The most natural and, therefore, the most

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plight!" ticket!"

### **Mentor**

Hello, Brethren. Once upon a time, a good Brother went through some serious financial problems, and sought the aid of Deity.

He thus prayed: "My God, I have always been your faithful servant; I have kept your commands, loved and cared for my family and been a good person. I am now behind in my mortgage and car payments because I am helping my son pay his college tuition. I need to win the Lotto number. Please God, help me out!"

The whole week passed and he did not win. So he prayed again in the same manner. And nothing happened. He thus went on, for several weeks.

He finally got a little mad and again prayed: "My God, I am very frustrated! I implored you and requested your help in desperation. And you have ignored my

At this time a solemn voice from heaven answered him: "But Joe, you must at least buy a Lottery

The lesson behind this story is that good intentions, by themselves, are not enough. We need to accompany them with practical and effective actions. And so it occurs with our beloved Craft.

We talk, write and complain about how we are losing members. But, what are we doing? Do we attend Lodge regularly? Do we actively participate in committees and other activities? Do we help create, advertise and  $then\,participate\,in\,the\,Lodge$ programs presented?

In February a Masonic Conference was scheduled in Auburn, organized by the four CNY Districts. It was cancelled because there was not enough attendance to make it possible. Morning Star Lodge put together a Burns Dinner Table Lodge; only nine brethren (and wives) showed up. And so

Masters, Wardens and Deacons Associations seldom meet. Their meetings allow leaders of our Lodges to share ideas, plan, advertise and support joint meetings and other functions. Costs of such events could be partially underwritten by all Lodges, in a manner similar to Investitures, helping to increase attendance. Our four CNY Districts have around forty Lodges. One attendee from each Lodge would not only provide our events with a critical mass, but he could also give a short presentation at his return to his Lodge, thereby enticing others to attend future events.

Grand Line Town Hall, Grand Lecturer's Convention and other important events that used to attract well over a hundred brethren barely bring half that many today. Joint events put in contact the most active brethren in our Lodges, increasing their interaction and making possible that they plan, organize and support District-wide events. The Syracuse Valley of Scottish Rite is an example of such organization. Many CNY District DDGMs and Staff Officers are members and can discuss there how to support each other, scheduling and organizing District functions.

We also need to start using modern methods such as teleconferences in our Masonic work. These allow several individuals in different

locations to have a joint conversation, as if they were in the same room. In addition, we can email a PowerPoint presentation that each of the participants can view. Teleconferences can then be used for training and Masonic Education. Teleconferencing may allow Lodges to work during winter when the weather does not cooperate and some Lodges go dark. Telecon phone numbers can be obtained free of cost; their cost-free use is easy to learn. The Oswego District Staff Officer has used teleconferences successfully.

Every organization needs a core group: a small motor that helps start the larger motor. But such a core group does not develop by spontaneous generation. It has to be fostered and nurtured. The core group also needs a place where they periodically meet and befriend each other. Creation and fostering of such a core group could well be how we buy our Lottery ticket.

Jorge L. Romeu



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#### **DDGM**



RW Jack G. **Dombrowski** 315/395-1255 (c) 315/409-4929 (h) bdombrowski @twcny.rr.com

Greetings, Brethren! The month of March brings us the hope that winter is almost at an end and starts the process of reengaging the Lodges who went dark for the winter. Now that the Lodges are well into their Degree cycles, I would like to thank all the Lodges whose dedication to the Craft enabled them to put on such enthusiatic ritual and proficient Degree work. These efforts ensured the candidates received the best possible portayal of the Degree and its meaning.

The Onondaga District recently held its local MW Calvin G. Bond Excellence in Ritual Competion and I applaude all the Brothers who participated in it. The winners will be moving on to the Regional portion of the competition, which will be held on Saturday, March 28 at Cortlandville Lodge. Please come out and show your support for our candi-

The Onondaga District RW Association will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, March 31 at Memorial Lodge in North Syracuse. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow at

> More DDGM see 3rd column

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**RW Dan Campis** 732/241-0606 dancampis@gmail.com

This month brings you a short update on the Staff Officer front. I am encouraged by the reception of the new workings of the MDC in the revised form. I have heard from a number of Lodges that have implemented or plan to implement the course in this fashion, and have been encouraged by the results. If you have not yet implemented this new course structure, or need help doing so, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am happy to work with you in getting this program up and running in your Lodges during this year's Degree season. The benefits of having a new candidate receive this course as he takes the Degrees cannot be stressed enough.

I want to also thank those Brothers who attended both Road to the East courses held in January and February. The discussions were robust and informative and I believe those Brothers who attended feel more empowered and confident in the furthering of their leadership roles within the Craft. If you are interested in taking the course, please contact me and I can work with you and our incoming Staff Officer, VW Miori, to coordinate for the next course offering. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any auestions.

Daniel Campis

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No News Received

DDGM from 1st column . . .

7:30 p.m.

I would like to thank Jordan Lodge 386, Ft. Brewerton Lodge 256 and Crossroads United Lodge 93 for recognizing the hard work of dedicated Brothers and submitting them for the DSA Award. All three of these Lodges' submissions have been approved by Grand Lodge to receive the award. The Onondaga District Team congratulates and looks for-

ward to presenting the award to all the DSA recipients.

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

Jack G. Dombrowski



# **The Memorial Bruce Widger Golf Tournament**

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### The Wood Golf Course

We are pleased to announce that our Bruce Widger Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at The Wood Golf Course, Baldwinsville, NY. The traditional four-person Captain & Crew format will be played. Put together your team and plan on an enjoyable day of golf.

The Widger Memorial is in its 13th year. We continue to remember and honor one of our favorite Masons. It has been stated that "we stand on the shoulders of our Brothers who have gone before us." Bruce holds a special place in many hearts. This little event is just one way we continue to remember our Brother Bruce.

Look for more information in the April issue of the word.

Pat Pacini

# Freemasonry as Education from page 1

scientific method of teaching the young is through the senses. The concrete must precede the abstract. Such an education would be directed especially to the enlargement and refinement of the receptive powers; of those powers, above all which are directly relative to fleeting phenomena—the powers of sensation and emotion.

What is called "practical education"—the training of the hand and eye to obey the directions of the mind; aesthetic education—occupied very largely with those aspects of things which affect us pleasurably through the senses, including art and the finer sorts of literature; education of the heart—dealing with the love of Nature, animate and inanimate, above all, love and charity towards our fellow men, which latter is the special lesson of an E.A., and love to God, from Whom flows every good and perfect gift: all these, without stretching the meanings of the symbolism, are inculcated in the first degree of Freemasonry.

The candidate in the Second degree has made a further advance. Abstract studies are set before him, having for their object the development of all his intellectual faculties, the moral and spiritual elevation of his character, and the further acquisition of truth and knowledge. But I must remind you, here, that no degree stands by itself. Each 'grows into and is again grown into" by the other two. You must not understand, therefore, that mind and intellect are not trained in the First degree, but that they are further greatly developed in the Second.

The beautiful symbolism of the Winding Stairs represents a synopsis of the Ma-

sonic system of education. The first three steps I take to mean a mere reminder, such as occurs, again and again, throughout all the ceremonies of the lodge, that three parts, Body, Soul and Spirit, constitute the nature of Man; and they are intended simply as an introduction or key to the Educational scale which commences with the

flight of five steps.

The first flight, then, refers to the five senses, and alludes to the Education through the Senses, suggested in a former part of this discussion.

The second flight of seven steps, referring to seven purely abstract studies, is symbolical of Pure Reason, and shows an upward advance in the candidate's intellectual progress.

But where is the third member of the triad in this ascent, which the first three steps, according to the interpretation given above, has led us to look for? To answer this we must ask another question, "What has been the goal or aim of the candidate during his long and arduous pilgrimage?" To which question there is only one answer, "The Truth." He does not yet find it; but high up and suspended in the distance he descries the letter "G," a mere initial, a glimmering **hope** that his labour has not been in vain, and that he has at last seen, faintly indeed and indistinctly, an indication of the object of

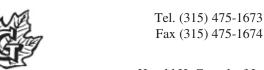
his search. He has still far to go, he still has a rough and rugged road to travel; but his Faith is now buoyed up by Hope, and he knows that he will reach the goal if he continues true to his purpose.

There is another aspect of the Winding Stairs which has struck me as beautiful and worthy of your consideration. If we imagine a spiral line drawn round a conical hill, it will appear to be like a number of circles narrowing in diameter, or growing closer to the centre the higher they rise, till, at the top, the circumference disappears in the centre. So man, by labour, virtue, and faith in God, may ascend, step by step, in his progress through life, drawing nearer and ever nearer to Him, till finally, his earthly pilgrimage over, his liberated spirit comes before His Holy Presence, and is lost in the Light and Warmth of His infinite Intelligence and His inexhaustible Love.

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> WM Brian Courtney, WMCRU93@gmail.com, Secy Jon Lorber, bisco302@gmail.com, 315/657-4068

Welcome back, my Brothers, to the Crossroads United Lodge No. 93 corner. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

I was called by a very funny Brother, PDDGM James Mooney, and he told me my February article was longer than my January article. He said the Washington Post didn't have articles that long. I told him to keep his day job—he'd go broke as a comedian. You can't say you are not informed, given the length of my articles, can you?

We were dark for January and February but work continued around the Lodge. Brothers, your dues are needed to help keep the Lodge open. Thanks go to those who have paid. For those who still owe, please get them in as soon as possible. And for those who haven't been to Lodge: We'd love to see you. You are wanted. There is some great news we have to pass on at our next meeting. You won't want to miss it, I promise.

Crossroads United 93 will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on March 10. See the full announcement nearby. respond Please to WMCRU93@gmail.com if you are attending. Dinner is \$8 per person, \$4 for kids and \$20 for a family of four, of certain composition.

If anyone wants to volunteer to help we'd love to see you. Contact me please. Nobody has guessed the Brothers with the three consecutive birthdays (from the February word article) to claim a free dinner. But I issue a formal invitation to Brothers Steve Zabriskie and Ben Lees to break bread with us. my treat. I owe both of them and ask them to call or email me if they can make it. You take care of those that take care of you, is my motto.

BAB2L is alive and kicking. Call us if you'd like a ride to Lodge. We also welcome Brothers of other Lodges who are free the first and third Thursdays of the month. Stop by to enjoy some camaraderie.

Character: What someone does when nobody is watching. If you know someone else like this then bring him into Masonry.

Happy Birthday wishes go to the following March Brothers. Martin Benedict Sr., Jonathon Miles, Gary Pugh, RW Ron Waterbury. We hope each of you has a wonderful day. If I missed someone let me know and I will fix one of many mistakes I've made, I'm sure.

Easter is coming, which means spring is around the corner. I wish any Surviving Spouses would call or email me if you are local so we may deliver flowers to you. We have tried to contact many of you but either do

not have your telephone number or it's been changed. If we don't hear from you with an address and telephone number we will just go with the assumption that you are not interested.

Our next meetings are March 5 and March 19 at 7:30 p.m. Our Corned Beef and Cabbage fundraiser is March 10 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The 38th Annual Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade will be on March 14. The Solvay Masonic Association meeting is March 23 at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday is April 10 and Easter is April 12 and I like dark chocolate and peanut butter in anything, just in case you wanted to

Please keep these friends in your prayers. Brother Tim O'Hara came home from the hospital on January 31; his wife is still recovering in the hospital. W Matt Vecchio's daughter Isabella is a cancer survivor. Yeah! Make A Wish has granted her and the family a Disney Cruise. Congratulations go to the Vecchio family. Have fun. If anyone else is sick or in need of our help please contact Secretary Jon Lorber or me.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Shriner (we do this for the children) or if you are a veteran and would like to join the Masonic War Veterans, contact me. Most importantly though, support your Blue Lodge first and foremost.

Winter's almost over, and then it's outside for eight months working in our yards. I miss the snow already thinking about that.

**Brian Courtney** 

Nortrip 998 (ON) 116 East Genesee St.

Fayetteville, N.Y. 13066 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m. 315/637-6431

WM Walter J. Boronow walterisagenius@aol.com 315/750-5985 Secy Thomas Mitchell tmmitche@twcny.rr.com



My Brothers, I want to thank the multiple Lodges within the Onondaga and Cortland-Madison Districts that participated and attended Nortrip Lodge's EA Degree on the wintery morning of Saturday, February 8. Our newly Initiated Brother was overwhelmed by your support, as were our members.

meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26 at Memorial Lodge No. 648 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Grand Treasurer and a speaker from the MMRI plan to attend.

On Saturday, April 4 Nortrip Lodge plans to hold a public Homecoming for the District Deputy Grand Mas-RWJack Dombrowski. This Brother has worked his heart out for the Onondaga District and the Craft as a whole. Please join us in a business-casual good time. I think he can take at least one last roast. Food will be Spaghetti Warehouse lasagna at Lodge for the main course. It is only \$10 a plate or \$15 for couples. It should be an early evening start. Details will be forthcoming. Please call me for reservations at 315/750-

A dispensation has also been granted to hold a dual meeting with Infinity Lodge No. 9012 of Study and Research on April 9. This will kick off at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Care Community in Utica, NY. These Brothers lost five members this year. What better time to visit these Brothers and work in the quarry together?

The meeting will move from the Meditation Room to the Auditorium. Fellowship afterwards is the bond that unites us. Let's support these Brothers. The Grand Master may even show up, as he'll be passing through the area.

We have awe some opportunities in these travels which will richly benefit each of us. If you need transportation for these meetings or need assistance for this or any other matter, please contact me anytime.

We currently have two NorthStar candidates endeavoring to become members. We also have two Entered Apprentices progressing in Lodge. Masonic education is vital to the strength of our Lodge and mentors have been assigned. The overseer of the work is RW Chuck Toombs, who is ready to assist.

Brother Drew D'Angelo of Liverpool-Syracuse No. 501 has been holding classes for their EAs. He has invited our members, as well as other Lodges, to join them on selected Mondays. You will be added to a text chain for notifications when you apply. Thanks go to Brother Drew and Liverpool-Syracuse Lodge No. 501.

With the increased activity and changes to the Trestleboard, we'll have to be creative in finding a date to hold a Table Lodge and the staff to make it happen. Let's talk Table Lodge. My goal is to increase occasions of fellowship. One of our greatest benefits is each other.

Walter J. Boronow

Konosioni 950 (ON) 116 E. Genesee St. Fayetteville, N.Y. 13066 1st & 3rd. Thurs., 7:30 p.m 315/637-6431

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We have officially Initiated twelve Entered Apprentices and set them on their way for light in Masonry. March and April will continue to be very busy as well, as we must work to get these Brothers Raised as Master Masons. We have one more Entered Apprentice joining us for the Second and Third Degrees, so we will wind up with thirteen Master Masons by the year's end, if all goes well.

It should not go without me saying how proud and appreciative I am for all of the Brothers in our Lodge who came together to get the First Degree done. As many of you know, I came down with the flu the night before our Degree. Although I was playing the role of JW that night, it is still quite an ask to get someone to fill in opening and closing Lodge, as well as for the Degree. We

also had our Secretary out that night. Once again, we were able to find help to get through all of his duties for the evening, as well. This is Brotherhood at its finest still achieving a wonderful Degree without two of the key players for the evening. I can't thank you enough for being there for those newly Initiated Brothers in my

Please keep a lookout for the Facebook, email and text communications in the upcoming weeks and months. We have practices scheduled and Degrees scheduled and we always send out reminders so we can keep up our participation.

John Kindon

Liverpool Syracuse 501 (ON) 608 Oswego St. Liverpool, N.Y. 13088 1st & 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m 315/451-7524

WM Timothy S. Hansen

Greetings, Brethren. It has been a busy year so far. In January we had our First Degree and our Entered Apprentices are coming up to speed very quickly. We have had several good programs, including our version of Masonic Jeopardy. We have several good programs coming up and we are getting ready for our Second De-

I want to also mention that our Senior Deacon, Drew DeAngelo, heads up our fellowship club. This group meets the second and fourth Mondays at 5 p.m. at our Lodge for fellowship and to work on ritual. If any Brother is interested he can contact Drew or me: <u>drewdangelo19</u> @aol.com or timothy.hansen @neardistant.net.

Also, as you will see from numerous references, there is an electronic version of the word available for those who want to switch from the mailed version. It is very searchable and very readable. Any members who want to switch should please contact our Secretary and provide an email address to receive the electronic version. Talk to you soon.

Timothy S. Hansen

Fayetteville-Central City 305 (ON) 116 East Genesee St. Fayetteville, N.Y. 13066 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m. 315/637-6431

WM Matt Gregory

Greetings, brethren. hope that all is well and that you and your family are enjoying the approach of spring.

March 3 is Move-Up Night. Support your Lodge officers as they move up to a new place or station. A baked ziti dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$10. Please make your reservation with Craig at 315/446-0625 or cobb3@verizon.net by Sunday, March 1.

On March 17 a St. Patrick's dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. This cost is also \$10 per person. Please reserve with Craig by Sunday, March 15, again at 315/ 446-0625 cobb3@verizon.net.

Please don't forget your donation to the Brotherhood Fund. See you in Lodge.

Matt Gregory

Memorial 648 (ON) 648 Centerville Place N. Syracuse, N.Y. 13212 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m. 315/458-5560

> WM Thomas Duskee, tkduskee@icloud.com 315-641-3065

Brethren, winter is coming to an end and spring is fast approaching. We've had a busy, productive and eventful year so far, thanks to our membership, and we are not letting up. March brings us three fantastic events.

March 12 is our annual chili and poker night, starting at 6:30. A new Chili and Poker Champion will be crowned. Being a public (open) event, many potential new Brothers are always in attendance, complementing our Brothers. March 26 is the tri-meet-

ing where Brothers from Nortrip Lodge 998, Tully Lodge 896 and Memorial Lodge 648 come together as one to conduct business and enjoy great fellowship. This year the meeting is being held at Memorial Lodge 648 in North Syracuse. There will be a meatloaf dinner at a cost of \$15 at 6:30 and refreshments afterwards. The meeting will start at 7:30. This year we are thrilled to host a special double attraction: Brother Anthony Cucci, Assistant Director of Development at MMRI, and RW Steven A. Rubin, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, will both present that night. All Brothers are certainly welcome. Dinner reservations are required and are to be made by March 20 Tom Duskee at to tkduskee@icloud.com. Again, the cost is \$15.

Saturday, March 28 is our Third Degree, starting at 9:30 a.m. This is always a special Degree, enjoyed by all who participate and attend. There is a very good possibility that two other Lodges will attend and bring their Fellowcrafts. Lunch will be provided. I am personally asking all my Brothers to come out and enjoy a fine spring day, a breath of fresh spring air and celebrate with us the Raising of your new Brother Master Masons.

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

Tom Duskee

Jordan 386 (ON) 14 North Main St. Jordan, N.Y. 13080 1st & 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m. 315/689-3455

WM Robert Kimberly,

My Brethren, it has been a busy month for us out here in Jordan. We had some chicken left over from our Big Game chicken barbecue—even with the good weather. We used some of that chicken for a dinner the next night when Charles H. Platt, Chapter 247 Royal Arch Masons, put on a Yellow Dog Degree for us. We had eleven members take the Degree. See elsewhere for a picture from that night.

We expect to have had VW Rick Miori give us a presentation by the time this article comes out. His talk was on the Knights Templar.

I should be going south for Bike Week this March, so on March 16 Brother Adam Novak, our Senior Warden, will try out the Master's chair for the first time. I ask everyone to come to Lodge and support him.

We are starting to get petitions in. We plan to be doing a First Degree on April 20, so we are practicing for

Last but not least, the W Walter Schloop (Sonny) DSA Award night is coming. This will be held on May 9 at Jordan Lodge.

Robert Kimberly

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

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

Greetings, Brethren. First, allow me to apologize for missing last month's word submission. It totally slipped my mind until a few days after the deadline. Things have been hectic in the Rapp household as of late.

By now you should have received your permanent Lodge dues card. A letter has been sent out detailing the dues amount and where to send them. Please try to send your annual dues in as soon as possible.

Two other Brothers and I attended the Grand Lodge Town Hall meeting at Memorial Lodge in January. We were able to hear from prospective candidates who are running for various Grand Line Offices. We were able to ask questions and had a nice luncheon afterwards. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group working towards higher offices within our time-honored Fraternity!

Mark your calendar. We will be attending a Tri-Lodge meeting with Brothers from Memorial and Nortrip Lodges on Thursday, March 26. As I understand, there will be a couple of very special speakers. It looks to be a very memorable evening. I would like to have a huge Tully presence there. I will post details as they become available.

Personally, my lovely bride has had a few setbacks with infections. The kidney transplant has been put on hold until she is clear. We are still optimistic that a March date can be reached. We have been truly Blessed by the Great Architect of the Universe.

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

John Rapp

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

# **Editor's Prerogative**

#### Time spent

Travel, lately, is a cycle between business obligations and spousal companionship. The one destination is in New York; the other, Florida. Airport through airport to final airport is usually at least five hours and often more. Add in about two hours of lead time to be sure I'm in place for the initial flight and there is an abundant opportunity for some recreational reading. Fortunately, airports have a number of booksellers that feature a Read and Return section. Under this program a traveler can buy a book at one end and return it at the other and receive 50% of the purchase price back. Which, of course, is an inducement to buy a replacement and start the process all over.

This is the only real chance I have for fun reading, which is not to dismiss the talents or readability of the authors. The words "pot boiler" are a derogatory sneer at works of little artistic value, produced to generate revenue. I don't know who gets to define artistic value or whether it depends on a significant amount of labored text or a hard cover but I like a fast, action-packed read with tough puzzles in the plot. I like David Baldacci and James Patterson and John Grisham and Dan Brown as travel companions. I don't see them as pot-boiler authors. But when I want a stimulating workout I'll go to my Dickens and Faulkner or I'll pick up a Masonic theorist.

When I'm in airport mode I'm invested in a book. I take little notice of others and I pay reasonably close attention to the time. I was at a gate an hour and a half before flight time yesterday, was moved to get a coffee before boarding and got stuck in a painfully slow line at Starbucks and had to dash to be the last passenger to board. But life is about having fun—and not being afraid to be the butt.

When I'm not diverting myself, and this seems incongruous, I am finding myself more aware and more imprinted by personalities, life circumstances, human interactions, vistas, wildlife. My emotions are close by and becoming friends. I get misty often and I'm appreciating the sensitivity. It's like I stopped using SPF on my soul.

Not just Masons but all of us are looking for light and more light and I'm feeling close to something. I've almost stopped marveling at the things I see because I begin to know them, know what's behind them. We came into our descent last evening and the west was a long band of cherry cloud. It was beautiful and I admired it but I did not wonder, because I know.

Be a part of things (when you put down the book). Look for fun. Be you—even if you're in costume. Here are Randi and me in Marcellus and we had fun.

Stephen L. Zabriskie NB: e-mail zabled@aol.com Phone 315-246-0413



# Crossroads promotes timely event

Crossroads United Lodge No. 93 in Solvay will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual (that's two in a row) Corned Beef and Cabbage Fundraiser Dinner on Tuesday, March 10 from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. Come one, come all!

The menu will consist of corned beef and cabbage, along with rolls, dessert, coffee, water and soda. It will be another great meal and this is open to everyone. You

may show up anytime but reservations are required so we know how much to cook.

A big hit last year was togo orders, if that interests you. Please respond to WMCRU93@gmail.com if you are attending. Dinner is \$8 per person, \$4 for kids and \$20 for a family of four (two adults and two children 12 and under).

Brian Courtney



At Morning Star's Burns Night Table Lodge on January 20 these enthusiasts participated. At left is WM John Bromka, piper; center is ceremonial Scotsman Steve Zabriskie; at right is the eminent MC of the evening, Harvey Eysman. Reluctantly submitted by the Editor.

Morning Star 524 (ON) 46 E. Main St. Marcellus, N.Y. 13108 1st & 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m. 315/673-2561

WM John Bromka 315/567-5697



Happy Spring, Brethren! We've had some good Lodge activities to build 2020 thus far. January featured our Table Lodge/Robert Burns Night, for which we had the honor of the word's editor Stephen Zabriskie joining us with his wife Randi. The two of them definitely got the prize as best-dressed, between his jacket and kilt and her gown and tartan. Can you believe they delayed their trip South to be with us here in Marcellus? Well, they wanted bagpipes, they got bagpipes! (See photo.) And conviviality a-plenty.

Our first February meeting was a public event: RW David Menegon's excellent presentation on "Freemasonry, the Cornerstone to Civil Society." In the words of one of our visitors: "That was one dynamic speaker!" Do take the opportunity to hear RW Menegon give this presentation if ever you get the chance. He visits frequently from Manhattan and Grand Lodge to help build Masonic membership in our area. And may I add, this

Traveling Man was a very gracious house guest, loaded with stories and good humor.

Early 2020 brought a huge challenge to our Senior Warden/Past Master W Jerrold Pashley, who slipped on the ice and broke a hip. Jerry is pretty much confined to home for the near term, so give him a call, please, and bring him some cheer: 315/877-8446. Jerry is ever a pleasure to speak with.

March 2 is a business meeting, program to be announced. March 16 is time for our traditional Moving Up Night (formal attire). Here's a special request: We need more officers and ad hoc officers. Do we really want to make Brother Mark Knowlton work both Warden chairs at the same time? This is not to mention the all-in-one Deacon and ventriloquist Tiler.

Brethren, we realize that many of our most active members are also highly engaged with adjunct Bodies like Eastern Star, Shrine and Scottish Rite. You have entrusted us to hold down the fort at your home Lodge, and we manage. Nonetheless, it would be great to see more of you more often, especially when we do something special like RW Menegon's presentation, for which he travelled many hours for our benefit.

To paraphrase our recent

Table Lodge MC Harvey Eysman: We may not have a huge turnout here, but we're going to have a quality time together. As indeed we did. And will continue.

PS: Shouldn't we have a corned beef dinner on March 16? Someone ask, and we'll make sure it happens. Thank you.

John Bromka

Seneca River 160 (ON) Liverpool Masonic Temple, 608 Oswego St. Liverpool, N.Y. 13088 3rd Tues. of Sept., Oct., Nov., Mar., Apr., May www.sr160.org

> WM Robert Tyrrell, 315/416-3320

Seneca River Lodge No. 160 is proud to welcome RW E. Oscar Alleyne, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of New York to Central New York. On March 17 he will present a talk titled "Vides Vita Rex: An Esoteric Look at Freemasonry." The program is at the Liverpool Masonic Temple, 608 Oswego St., Liverpool, NY (see the promotional flyer). Please note that Lodge opens at 6:30 p.m., sharp. The meeting is tiled and opened to Master Masons only. Dinner will follow afterwards at the Retreat in Liverpool. Those interested in joining us for dinner should call Worshipful Master VW Robert Tyrrell at 315/416-3320 or email Secretary RW

Gary Heinmiller at garylheinmiller@gmail.com.

RW Alleyne, of Walden, New York, is the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York. Raised in Wallkill Lodge No. 627 in Orange Rockland District, he served in 2014-2016 as Master of Wappingers Lodge No.671 in the Dutchess District.

Active in the Craft, he is a 33° Honorary Member of Supreme Council, AASR, NMJ, the Past Commander in Chief and Past Sovereign Prince of the Scottish Rite Valley of the Hudson and served as the first Grand Superintendent for the State of New York of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees USA. He is a Fellow of the Philalethes Society and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of the Board and Fellow of the Masonic Society. He is also the Regional Treasurer for the Operatives USA. He lectures internationally on historical, ritualistic, philosophical, leadership and other topics of Masonic interest and is a member of several Masonic research and invitational bodies.

He holds a Doctorate from the New York Medical College and is a Senior Advisor for Public Health programs at the National Asso-

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On Thursday, January 16 Companions from the Charles H. Platt Chapter No. 247, Royal Arch Masons in Skaneateles, NY traveled to Fayetteville, NY to visit the brethren from Konosioni Lodge No. 950 in the Onondaga Masonic District. W John Kindon, III, Master of the Lodge and Companion of the Chapter planned a wonderful dinner and program of Masonic fellowship and fun. At the same time, we raised money for the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund and enjoyed "Sharing the Light" of our Royal Craft with the brethren of the Lodge. Richard M. Torrey

benefit the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. Con-

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ciation of County and City Health Officials in Washington, DC. There he is responsible for providing executive leadership, strategic visioning, senior management and technical assistance to the country's 3,000 local governmental public health departments.

A published author, subject matter expert and scientific presenter in the field of applied epidemiology, health policy and public health, he served as President, Chair and active Board Member of several professional Public Health Associations and is a faculty member/lecturer/presenter at a number of undergraduate and graduate educational institutions.

Please join us for one of Brother Oscar's best presentations. We look forward to seeing you on March 17 at 6:30.

Richard J. Powell



# Seneca River Lodge No. 160

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Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of New York

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An Esoteric Look at Freemasonry

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# **OSWEGO DISTRICT**

### **DDGM REPORT**



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Greetings, Brethren. With March still before us our hopes that Punxsutawney Phil's prediction for an early spring are yet to be proven. With a 39% accuracy rate we can only hope for the best. Either way we are through the lion's share of the winter season and soon our Lodges will be back in session.

Even with six out of our seven Lodges dark, progress was made with two of our Lodges having Degrees conferred by combining efforts with other Lodges, in and outside our District. This was made possible by dispensations quickly approved by Grand Lodge. Although all Lodges should make every effort to confer their own Degrees whenever possible, I feel that in both these situations this was a very positive undertaking. It encouraged travel, fellowship and Brothers working in harmony to bring our new Brothers closer to being Master Masons in the spring.

I just received the December 31 Quarterly Brotherhood Fund Report from Grand Lodge. This report is the halfway point for 2019-2020 contributions. At this point, of our three sister Districts, Onondaga leads in total participation of 12.87%, with Cortland-Madison at 9.75% and Cayuga-Tompkins at 9.49%. Oswego is at 8.69%. We all have a lot of room for improvement and plenty of time to get those numbers up. I challenge each Lodge in our District to push for 100% participation from their Brothers. As I have said before, it is not how much we each give that counts. It is that we all as Brothers participate in giving something. Our strength is in numbers. Let us remember the Principal Tenets of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Let's go, Oswego District!

Brothers, did you know that your copy of *the word* is now available in digital format? You now have the option of receiving it in digital or hard copy but not both. If you feel digital would be a better fit for your busy

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### **STAFF OFFICER**



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

Brethren, I have to apologize to all of you. Unfortunately, as of the time I wrote this column I still haven't received a final contract for our rooms in NYC. I have the rooms reserved and the dates are blocked out, I just don't have all the final costs. I do know that it will be more expensive than last year and that is mostly because the company we used for the bus charter has retired.

So with that said, our plan is to complete the final costs and then put together a flyer that will be distributed to all the District Deputy Grand Masters in our area. If you were on the bus and room list last year we know what District you are from and will make sure that your DDGM has the information available for you.

You also can contact RW Garret Wikoff or me if you need accommodations for Grand Lodge. RW Wikoff's wikoff@ email is windstream.net and my email is shawn.tuff@gmail.com.

Thank you, Brothers, for being patient. As always, travel safely.

Shawn Tuff

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lifestyle, ask your Lodge Secretary to forward your request to the word. If you prefer your hard copy no action is required and you will continue to receive it as usual. Please pass this on to others who may be inter-

My wife and I attended the Lake City Lodge 69<sup>th</sup> Annual George Washington Dinner again this year. The guest speaker was RW Steven Adam Rubin, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of NY. As in the past, a fine evening of delicious food, fellowship and Masonic Light was shared with old and new acquaintances. If you missed this year be sure to plan to join in 2021 for their big 70th Annual Dinner and Celebration of the birthday of our First President and our most famous Brother Mason.

You still have until March 5 to get your reservations in for the Saturday, March 14 Children's Dyslexia Center Fundraising Gala. This 6th annual event is at the beauti-

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#### **ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS**



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

Greetings, Brethren. In like a lion, out like a lamb. March is upon us. Let us March our way into spring with vigor, fervency, zeal and an industrious inclination.

Congratulations go to Worshipful Ronald Bond, DSA on winning the MW Calvin G. Bond Oswego District ritual contest. Brother Bond will be competing in the Regionals in

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ful Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro, NY. This year's entertainment will be standup comedy by national touring comedian Randy Riggle. There will be fine food, basket raffles, door prizes and more. Call now: 315/736-0754 to reserve or for more information. I hope to see you there. See you in the spring.

Leon A. Bulriss

#### **SCRIBA 414** 1416 St. Rt. 49

Constantia, N.Y. 13044 2nd & 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.

WM Edward Hodge

Hello, my Brothers. I hope the winter has treated you well so far.

I got busy at work while doing last month's article and forgot to get back on and finish it and send. There is nothing going on at Scriba since we went dark, other than the Second Degree that our newest Brother went through. A big thank-you goes to the Brothers at Memorial Lodge for letting us bring our Brother there for the Degree. They did a great job all around.

Hopefully, this weather holds out for a while longer so we can turn the lights on for the second Monday in March and get back to Lodge business. May God's light shine on all of you.

Edward Hodge



Aaron S. Kruth 315/416-3101 aaron.s.kruth@gmail.com

March.

We hope you have had time over the winter to do some ritual memorization. With Lodges struggling with lower active-member numbers, doing more with less is becoming the norm. And the Brothers of the Oswego District are succeeding at putting on high quality Degrees with less manpower. Keep studying.

Have a great spring. We hope to see you in the quar-

> Aaron Kruth Pat Fasulo

#### **CENTRAL SQUARE 622**

3215 East Ave. Central Square, N.Y. 13036 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 p.m 315/668-3277

> WM Kevin Hopkins, 315/289-8459, Coachhopwarner@aol.com

Greetings, Brethren. I hope all our Brothers are doing well and surviving the winter. Punxsutawney Phil says spring is right around the corner. But I never could trust that varmint!

We have been meeting downstairs in the Lodge throughout the wintermonths to conserve on heat bills. We will be back upstairs in the main Lodge room soon.

We have some petitions for advancement coming in so it looks like we will have some Degree work for the spring. So now is a good time, Brothers, to start practicing your Degree ritual work. It's important that our ritual work be perfect when bringing new Brothers to Masonic light. It's that first impression our new Brothers get that helps keep them intrigued in the many positive attributes of Freemasonry.

Springtime is seen as a time of growth and renewal. What better way to start the season than with excellent Degree work?

**Kevin Hopkins** 

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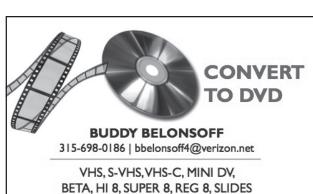
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# **CORTLAND-MADISON** DISTRICT

### **DDGM REPORT**



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Hello, Brothers. Well, will March roar in like a lion or sneak in like a lamb? Either way we need to March in like lions. We need to start joining the 21st Century.

We finally have all our Official Visits done. Better late than never. Blame it on timing and the weather. It was great to see so many past DD's from our District present, and this includes our incoming DD Wade Caler. I told all present that Wade has my full support and I hope you show him as much support as you have shown

I must tell you, with all the Degrees going on around the District, that I recently saw what I consider a "Perfect" Degree. It wasn't letter-perfect and some parts were pushed off to later but it was perfect. It was perfect from the candidate's point of view. Every part was spoken clearly, slowly and for all to hear. The candidate was able to take in all that was said and understand. Well done, Nortrip Lodge!

The word is now available electronically. Not only can you carry it around and read it anywhere on your phone but also on your tablet. You'll get it several days before the paper version would have arrived in your mail. This version will also save the paper money. Mail costs have risen and printing costs are on the rise. By saving money the word will not have to raise their costs to the Lodges. Tell your Secretary that you want to receive the word electronically.

Well, with the last chance to hear the Brothers running for offices in Grand Lodge having passed—on the 29<sup>th</sup> at the Vestal Masonic Center—I know your Lodge had someone attend. He can inform you about the candidates. So now all you need do is discuss it and make the right choice for your Lodge. Every Lodge should be sending one representative to Grand Lodge. Every vote is vital. Every Lodge has at least three votes and if you don't cast them for your Lodge you throw them away. Upstate has more Lodges and

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### STAFF OFFICER'S REPORT

No News Received

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away our votes.

more votes than Metro area, but only if we don't throw

Like March, I started as a lion and will now end as a lamb. I wish you all a great St. Patricks' Day and another thirty days of warmth and happiness.

Moe Skinner

**HOMER 352** 27 S. Main St. Homer, N.Y. 13077 2nd & 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.

> 607/749-2201 WM Clifford Kostuk, ckostuk@cortlandschools.org

At the January 27 meeting Brothers of Homer Lodge participated in a luck-of-thedraw event where their chair for the meeting was determined by the chair pulled out of a hat. While we might have been mostly or sort of accurate, we were in the neighborhood and had a good time.

Our next meeting will focus on First Degree work as we prepare to Initiate new Brothers, shortly. Future events will include Brother Bring a Friend, work towards preparing for the Second Degree and a chili cookoff and our annual Awards and Ladies Night in April.

Clifford Kostuk

**TRI-VALLEY 148** 611 Stone St. Oneida, N.Y. 13421

1st Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

WM Chuck Toombs, 315/687-5783, ctoombs@twcny.rr.com Secy Walter Boronow, 315/750-5985, walterisagenius@aol.com



Brethren, welcome back to Lodge after our "Dark" period through the winter months. Our first meeting on Thursday, March 5 will not be Tiled. Dress is business casual. The purpose will be a program of fellowship and getting to know the two candidates who have been duly accepted by Lodge for Initiation and advancement. They will get to know us all as well. This is an opportunity to forge together on the same page.

These gentlemen have been patiently awaiting their Degrees and the Lodge has been keeping them informed. A dinner will consist of a rich chili dinner with sides. Good food and fellowship are also important ingredients for success.

I am pleased to report that the Grand Lodge of NY has reimbursed us for the Lodge security that we have sorely needed. This aspect of the local Lodge has not been overlooked by Grand Lodge. The Grand Master has made it a priority. Time after time,

> **Tri-Valley** see 3rd column

### **ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS**

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RW David R. Walter hydevilles1116@gmail.com 607/725-7227

Greetings, Brethren! Work in the quarries has been slow and cold this winter but the warmth of our brotherly love and affection keeps us gathering together and moving forward.

Our next Fellowcraft Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. at Cortlandville Lodge. The planned program is a Walkabout of Whys and Wherefores. The presentation is one hour with light refreshments and fellowship afterward for those who wish to partake. If you have ideas of presentations you would like in the future, please let one of us know. We are here to support your work.

We are excited to announce that the Road to the East training will be held at Cortlandville Lodge in April. The first session will be on Thursday, April 23 and the second session a week later on April 30. Both sessions are from 6-9 p.m. We are particularly targeting Junior and Senior Wardens and Masters but any Master Mason is welcome to attend. The cost of the training is \$15 and registration can be made with VW Richard Reed. Registration forms are available from your Lodge Master or Secretary and are due by April 15.

Watch your words! Wrong words creep in easily to our ritual and corrupt our ritual purity. Even the seasoned among us slip and trip. It only takes a few minutes to go over your part and make sure you are saying the right thing.

By now all should have and be using the newest version of the Standard Work And Lectures (2019), our ritual manual. If you don't own one yet, speak to your Lodge Secretary or Master about getting one. Keep studying your ritual and let us know when you are going to have a Degree.

Rick Reed Dave Walter

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events unfold in our society putting us at risk. He reinvested in the Fraternity and we thank him.

We look forward to our continued Masonic relations with OES and Rainbow, both of which organizations meet in our building. Last year we had a summer picnic barbecue with our Concordant Bodies and friends, meeting in fellowship. Now is a good time to start planning this again together.

I look forward to building. Our Lodge has great promise that we can build upon. Our District has been very supportive of us and we look forward to traveling and

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meeting our Brothers to the South and beyond.

Chuck Toombs

**CAZENOVIA 616** 2836 State Rt. 20 East PO Box 285

Cazenovia, NY 13035 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

> WM John L. Becker, bocal69@hotmail.com, 315/825-8521

Brethren, who will make a good Mason? Nobody knows. Yes, we have the NorthStar program to help us sort and begin our process. But we don't always see the result.

I recently had the opportunity to accompany a Fellowcraft to his first First Degree. On the way home we came across a disabled snowmobiler. Without hesitation, my companion pulled over, climbed through the snow and got him on his way. My Brothers, if this doesn't demonstrate one of our obligations nothing will. My thanks go to our Brother Fellowcraft. I am proud to have him advancing in Masonry in Cazenovia Lodge.

My Brothers, this will be a busy spring in the quarries of Cazenovia Lodge. We have the honor of presenting W Dave Brown with the DSA on March 7. We also have a Third Degree coming in late March and a Second Degree in May. The "Grapevine" will have further details.

John Becker

## **CORTLANDVILLE 470**

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WM Christopher Jenney, 1791A, Rte. 13, Cortland, NY 13045 uberopa@gmail.com 607/283-1252 Secy Ben Brooks 607/725-2995

Greetings, Brothers. The month of February is a month of love and Cortlandville sure showed its love for the Craft and friendship with a great turnout with our Brother Bring a Friend night, the Super Bowl party and some great programs about Royal Arch.

Also on the theme of love. one of our very own Brothers, Thomas Whitney, is engaged. I would be remiss not to mention this momentous occasion. Congratulations go to our Brother.

The month of March will commence with its first meeting program on Cryptic Masons. And since the second meeting is on St. Patrick's Day, we will test our luck on luck-of-the-draw night. As usual, our first meetings of each month start off with a dinner at 6:30 and meetings follow at 7:30. See you there. Chris Jenney

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Mar 1 ..... Auburn—BBQ Mar 2 ..... OswOES—Believers ......MornStar Mar 3 ..... OnStar—Master Mason .....FayCC—Move-Up Mar 5 ..... Auburn—FC Proficiency .....CrossroadsU .....TriValley—Casual Mar 5-7 ... Grand Chapter RAM Mar 7 ......Cazenovia—DSA Mar 8 ..... Daylight Savings Mar 10 .... CrossroadsU—Corned Beef .....PulPur—Covered Dish Mar 11 .... CC13—Royal Master<sup>o</sup> Mar 12 .... BonaFide—Master Mason ......Memorial—Chili/Poker Mar 13 ....LkCityVic—St. Patrick's Mar 14 .... Cayuga—St. Patrick's Dinner ......Dyslexia Ctr. GALA ......MornStarOES—Guest ......Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Mar 15 .... BonaFide—Mardi Gras Mar 16 .... Jordan ......MornStar—Move-Up Mar 17 .... OnStar .....St. Patrick's Day ......FayCC—St. Patrick's Dinner Mar 19 .... Auburn—March Madness @ Kosta's ......Centerville—Wayne Mahar .....ErieCanal—2° .....CrossroadsU Mar 20 .... OnStar—Quarter/Silent Auction .....KT25 Mar 21 .... Regional RAM OV in Oswego .....Tri-State Cryptic Fest Mar 23 .... Solvay Masonic Assn. Mar 24 .... CCRiverside—DDGHP OV .....PulPur—Ample Form Mar 25 .... MornStarOES—Group Meeting ......CM Fellowcraft Club Mar 26 .... BonaFide—Initiation .....Tri-meeting—Nortrip/Memorial/Tully Mar 28 .... GMatron/G Patron to Onon .....PulPur—Breakfast w/ Easter Bunny .....Regional CG Bond Ritual Comp. .....KT25 to Scotia ......Memorial—3° Mar 29 .... CT Dist. Memorial Service Mar 31 .... OswOES—School of Instr. .....Onon RW Assn.

Apr 4 ...... Nortrip—Homecoming

Apr 7 ...... OnStar—AM/AP

Apr 8 ...... CC13—OV

Apr 9 ...... Nortrip at Infinity, Utica

Apr 10 .....LkCityVic—OV

.....Good Friday Apr 12 ..... Easter

Apr 16 ..... Auburn—Scholarship Gun Raffle

Apr 20 ..... Jordan—1°

Apr 21 ..... OnStar—Initiation

Apr 22 ..... CHPlatt—Holy Royal Archo

Apr 23 ..... CM RTTE

Apr 27 ..... Phoenix Eliz OES—OV

Apr 30 ..... OswOES—EWNS

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# **CAYUGA-TOMPKINS** DISTRICT

### **DDGM REPORT**



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Greetings, all. Spring is in the air. Don't forget to spring forward on the 8th. According to Punx sutawney Phil, spring will arrive early. Can't complain though; the winter was not so bad, with several warm-ups and lack of big snows.

Around the District there are several Lodges in the process of conferring Degrees and Raising new Brothers. It would be nice if it continues. Good men are out there and we need to continue to bring them to Masonic Light. NorthStar inquiries are on the increase and Lodges should continue with Brother Bring a Friend programs to bring in others.

The Masonic Education courses for this rotation have concluded. We had thirteen Brothers attend the MDC Course and eight for the RTTE course. Congratulations to all participants and a big thank-you to RW Mike Miller for his assistance.

Our District Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on South Street in Auburn, facilitated by RW Dave Bowman, Grand Chaplain. Make plans to be present to give our Brothers departed during 2019 and their families a proper remembrance.

For those who may not have heard, the CT District Masonic Charities Corp. is holding a fundraising event later this year. The event will be a Dinner Dance with a live band and a raffle for cash prizes. Every Mason should make an attempt to get involved with this endeavor. Our Charities Corp. does good in our communities and offers assistance to many in need, including non-Masons. Tickets are limited and some have been distributed to Lodges; otherwise, contact Jay Lampman at 315/ 406-8050.

Don't forget the Brotherhood Fund. We are about halfway through the year. Give what you can. There are many programs that depend on our support.

The word publication is looking for support in the form of reducing the rising costs of printing and distribution. One way to help is to

> **More DDGM** see column 2

### **ASSISTANT** GRAND **LECTURER**

No News Received

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

let your Secretary know that you are willing to receive the word in electronic form. Make sure your email address is up to date.

That's it for now. Be safe and do good things.

Dave Barnello

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

WM Randy Mayer

RW Ken Pollard and his wife Beulah traveled to Florida for a few months. We wish them well during their escape from the cold of the North. We miss their presence in our community.

The beginning of a new year saw an increased number of Brothers attending Lodge. Brother Steve Hunter providing a Table Lodge once a month certainly helps. Brothers Paul Schenck, Tim Carmon and Mike Murray are now able to attend more regularly, making opening and closing easy.

W Randy Mayer, Master, and W Warren Albrecht, Treasurer, developed the 2020 WSTL No. 147 budget. The proposal was reviewed and approved by our

We resumed work on developing the outdated Master's Board. Pictures of some Past Masters were missing and it has not been maintained since 1994. We now have a complete list of Past Masters and are seeking pictures of those previously not included. Part of the process was the review

**More Warren Salem Town** see column 3 Warren Salem Town from 2nd column . . .

of past Secretary ledgers, which had been stored in our Historical Room by W Ed Heselton. The books have been labeled and placed in chronological order. There were several books needing binding repair. This work was conducted by Brothers Van Vlack, Mayer and Albrecht.

We continue to receive notes of appreciation from the widows for the beautiful poinsettias presented to them during the Christmas season. During February we sponsored and worked a Red Cross Blood Drive with the Union Springs Lions Club. The event resulted in the donation of blood units and that benefits a number of hospitalized patients.

In the March Birthday Corner we have Brother Wesley J. Daggett, March 22, 1963; Brother Clair Morse, March 23, 1929; and Brother Pete Russell, March 24, 1939. Brother Paul Schenck was born on March 29, 1945 and Brother Richard C. Palmer on March 30,

Warren H. Albrecht

**ERIE CANAL 141** 2805 Rte. 31 East Weedsport, N.Y. 13166 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:00 p.m 315/834-9465

> WM Mike Lees, Secy Gary Mowers

Greetings, Brothers. Brother Leroy Compson passed away on January 30. He was 97 years young and a Mason for 73 years. He will be recognized at the District Memorial Service on March 29, along with Brothers Donald Atkins and Robert Hook.

The cost of producing, copying and mailing of this publication is very expensive. One of the best ways to maintain this valuable resource is for us to receive this via digital format. Please consider this option. I will be creating a list at our regular Lodge meetings to move forward in that direction. For

> More Erie Canal see column 4

#### **Erie Canal** from 3rd column . . .

those who do not have email, the word will still be sent via mail.

We are planning a Second Degree for two Brothers. Currently, the date under consideration is March 19. We will be keeping everyone advised.

The Grand Lodge Education Assistance Program (EAP) is now accepting applications. The process has been changed to a more automated format to avoid the steps of sending hard copies to the Lodge for signatures and the Lodge Seal. The final submittal date is still April 1. Anyone who is having problems with the new process should contact Grand Lodge at email: education@ masonichallnyc.org.

Stay warm and healthy. Gary Mowers

**AUBURN 124** 5643 St. Rte. 34S. Auburn, N.Y. 13021

1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

G. Scott Harris gscotth09@gmail.com 315/406-4646 Secy Tom Ostrander, tostrander7948



Brothers, on February 6 RW Mike Miller did an outstanding job on the Middle Chamber Lecture and also presented the LSOME for out as soon as the date is decided. February 20 was a regular communication with a Third Degree practice session. The Masters & Wardens meeting for February will be at Auburn at 7 p.m.

the Second Degree. Our

Third Degree, planned for

March, has been postponed

due to several conflicts. Fur-

ther information will be sent

on the 27th. On March 1 we are hosting a chicken barbecue at Lodge. This supports our Scholarship Fund and the cost is \$10 for a chicken dinner or \$7 for just a half. Contact any officer or me for pre-orders.

On March 5 we will conduct the Fellowcraft Degree proficiency. March 19 we are again celebrating March Madness at Kosta's Sports Bar, starting at 6 p.m. This is always a great time. Let me know if you are attending so I can confirm reservations.

March 29 is the District Memorial Service at 1st Presbyterian Church, 112 South St., Auburn at 2 p.m. with RW Bowman in charge. We are honoring RW Ted Tennant and Brother Gordon Hetherington.

RW Rich Kessler is home recovering from a knee replacement. Cards may be sent to Rich at 62 Woodcrest Blvd., Buffalo, NY 142231317. II1. Howard Colegrove, from King Hiram Cryptic Council 18, his home recuperating after a hospital stay. Cards may be sent to Howard at 8 Cynthia Drive, Geneva, NY 14456-1308. Many of our Lodge Brothers are also members of the Council. RW Jim Pipher, W Bill Pipher's dad, is home and doing much better.

Coming soon, the word newspaper you receive by mail will be digital through your email. If you have no email you will still receive it by post. If you have an email to share with me I would appreciate that; and notice of any future changes. This change will save a considerable amount of money in postage for the word and will keep it solvent for many years

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Scholarship Fund Gun Raffle on April 16. All officers have tickets for sale. They are \$20 each or three for \$50 for 3 rifles.

This year on Father's Day, June 21, we are hosting a pancake breakfast with Boy Scout Troop No. 11. We are serving from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. More information on that will be forthcoming.

That's all for now. I hope to see you in Lodge. Take care and God bless.

Tommy Ostrander

### "Communication, Education and

#### Dissemination of Information is the lifeblood of our Fraternity." So, what is the NorthStar Program?

The NorthStar Program (NSP) was named in a purposeful manner. The North Star was a navigational tool that guided men toward light. The program is a comprehensive attempt to illuminate and guide our Fraternity in a new direction that focuses on growth - growing ourselves, growing our Lodges, growing true relationships with our Brothers, growing our communities and adding light to the world by force of example. The NSP is the signature program for our jurisdiction as it focuses the Craft on learning the fundamentals necessary to assist Lodges to grow and be successful in every area of operation. (See the NorthStar Project process outline.)

The Program asks Lodges

to challenge themselves to produce the best vetted and most informed candidates for the Degrees:

- (1) By slowing down the rush to a petition
- (2) By determining the true fit of a man for your Lodge

(3) By continuing a formal educational process beyond the Degrees that is Lodge based, preparing the new Brother for more Light in Masonry.

The Lodge is challenged to develop the kind of programming that creates enthusiasm and a raison d'etre for coming to Lodge and remaining an active Mason for life. The NorthStar Program includes the following areas: Communication, Education, Membership, LSOME

Video, Mentoring (Coaching) and Retention.

Every Brother should be made aware of this program. The Master of the Lodge should have a minimum of two Brothers and not more than five Brothers certified on the NorthStar Program taking the training session. For all questions and scheduling for the NorthStar Training Session, please contact the following:

- 1. Your NorthStar Chair-
- Brother David 2.. Menegon 917/331-6190
- 3. Brother Joe Passaretti 914/469-0252
- \* CT District Chairman RW Mike Miller, 3 1 5 / 7 2 9 - 3 6 8 0 , millers980@verizon.net

### Cayuga - Tompkins District **Masonic Charities Corp.** Fundraiser – Dinner/Dance

When: Saturday, September 12, 2020

- 5 p.m. Cocktail/Social hour
- 6 p.m. Dinner
- 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Music by "The Destination" Band

9 p.m. - Raffle Drawings \*

#### Where: Lakewatch Inn, Route 34, S. Lansing

Details: Bring your date for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Spend a few hours in the company of fellow Masons and their ladies in the Cayuga-Tompkins District. Be entertained, or be the entertainment as we enjoy the music of one of the premier bands in the area.

Enjoy a variety of choices from the dinner buffet and sample some of the great local fare at the bar. Then grab your partner and show your moves on the dance floor.

The highlight of the event will be the drawing of winners from the Charities Raffle, with a chance to win one of 17 cash prizes. Someone will walk away with the top prize of

Tickets are on sale now for this event. At Lodge or contact Jay Lampman 315/406-8050: \$100 for raffle (only 300 available) and dinner, etc.

\$30 guest tickets for dinner only.

Your support for this event will help the Charities Corp. continue to give aid to others in our communities. We offer scholarships, camperships, medical services and financial relief for those who are in distress.

\*Need not be present to win

\*\*Subject to State - Federal Taxes

#### **NORTHSTAR PROGRAM - A Brief Overview of the Program**

At least two members of the Lodge have to take the NorthStar seminar

The potential member fills out the form on the website.

#### **District NorthStar** Chairman -

Brother David Menegon David.i.menegon@gmail.com 917/331-6190

Brother Joe Passaretti Kc2mmx@gmail.com 914/ 469-0252, Membership Development

### Masters of all the Lodges

\*This procedure is only followed if a referral comes from the Grand Lodge Website

- 1. The potential member fills out the form on the Grand Lodge Website
- 2. It is emailed to the NYS NorthStar Chairman
- 3. He emails it to the Dis-

trict NorthStar Chairman whose District the potential member lives in

4. The District NorthStar Chairman contacts the potential member and arranges a meeting. At the meeting he gives the potential member a brief overview of the Masons and the procedures that he has to go through to become a Master Mason.

He then assigns him to a Lodge nearest to where he lives.

5. He then contacts the Master of that Lodge.

6. The Lodge contacts the potential member and takes over from there.

\*\*When a Brother brings in a potential member, the procedure is as follows

o Visit to his home

o Guarding the West Gate (background check)

- o Petition
- o Lodge votes o Mentoring, Coaching
- (Education) o LSOME Video • The NorthStar Program

includes the following, Communication, Education, Membership, LSOME Video, Mentoring, Coaching and Retention \*You are entered into the

MORI computer database as a "Success Coach" when you take the NorthStar training

\*\*Please make up a Welcome Kit when he becomes a Master Mason. (Contains a list of officers and commit-

\*\*Give him a Master Mason Certificate. May be purchased from Grand Lodge

# Scottish Riter



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#### Consistory

I hope everyone is keeping warm this winter. May you be lucky enough to avoid the flu.

Congratulations go to Ill. Craig E. Cobb, 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree. He is this year's recipient of the Caregivers Award.

If you have not already made your reservation for the Dyslexia Gala at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro, NY on March 14 at 6 p.m., you have until March 5 to make your paid reservation. If you have not attended this event before you will be pleasantly surprised.

At the recent MSA dinner with Ladies at Twin Trees III in North Syracuse we took up a collection to donate baskets for the raffle. David Barnello turned in \$200 to the office and Sharon Swan and I did some shopping and we made up four baskets for the raffle. Thanks go to Sharon Swan and the MSA group.

On March 9 the Fourth Degree video will show and the Sixteenth Degree will be presented live. My thanks go to Sovereign Prince James McNeal, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree DSA, for presenting this Degree.

On March 21 we will be joined by the Valley of Utica when they will present the Eighth Degree live and we will present the Eighteenth and the Twenty-third Degree live. There will be a lunch served that day so we would like a head count for those who expect to attend. Please make your reservation to the office. On March 30 we are planning to present the Seventeenth Degree video.

Save the dates for two Family Life events this summer that are open to all in the Masonic Family and friends. August 1 will be the Outing and Picnic. August 21 will be the Syracuse Mets v Toledo Baseball Outing. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

I ask that all officers of the four Bodies that comprise the Valley of Syracuse support each other's programs to the best of your ability. As an officer, your attendance at the Valley of Syracuse programs is expected.

Lawrence W. Egnaczyk

#### Princes of Jerusalem

Greetings, Sovereign Princes. On March 9 the Valley will be presenting the Sixteenth Degree, along with the video of the Fourth Degree. Your Valley puts a lot of work into putting on nice Degrees, so come on out and support the Valley.

I would like to touch on two things that mean a lot to me. One is the Hospitaler's Fund. Please give to this fund if you can. It goes to help Brothers from our Valley in need

The second is traveling to other Valleys to witness Degrees. I have had the pleasure of traveling with Brothers to some other Valleys and it is always a good time. You get to build fellowship with your Valley Brothers but also see Degrees put on that you might not normally see. To that end, I would like to offer my services to collect names for possible visitations to other Valleys. Let me know if you are interested and I will get people together to travel.

If any Brother is in need of assistance, contact any Valley officer or the office. God bless all of you, Freemasons, our military and this great country.

James McNeal

# Lodge of Perfection

The officers of the Lodge of Perfection hope you enjoyed the month of February with thoughts of love and affection for your favorite Valentine and that you are looking forward to the ensuing spring season. Although there was no Degree work in February, the Executive Committee was working hard on a few exciting new programs. The first of which is the Member to Member contact program. Each Officer of the Valley has been assigned thirty-nine members to contact a couple of times a year, just to update information and spread Brotherly Love and Affection. This is especially important for some of our elderly members who do not get out as much. We are letting them know they are important to us and still a vital part of Scottish Rite Masonry.

The second new program is the New Member Black Hat incentive program, which will replace the freemeals incentive program and go into effect on August 1. In this program a new member can earn a Black Hat member's cap by attending designated Valley events within a certain time from the date he completed his 32° Scottish Rite Masonic Journey, and by witnessing two additional Degrees not witnessed during that Journey. This requirement may be fulfilled by attending Degree conferral meetings in the Valley or elsewhere within the NMJ. Members of the current 2019-2020 Richard J. Powell Class who complete their 32° Scottish Rite Masonic Journey prior to July 1 are eligible for the new program.

March brings a very busy month for the Valley with the conferral of Degrees from each of the four bodies. March 21 will be a joint venture with the Valley of Utica at the Masonic Memorial Center, conferring the



Central City Consistory Egnaczyk

Eighth, Eighteenth and Twenty-third Degrees. We are hoping the event will bring out more than seventy-five Scottish Riters. When the LOP conferred the Tenth Degree on the 27th of January we had over fifty Masons in attendance. Ensure you come out on the 21st to join in the excitement of our thriving Valley.

March will be closed out with a Knights of St. Andrew program. Hopefully, this will inspire new membership.

As you can see, many new and exciting things are happening in your Valley. Make sure you come out and be part of the fun.

Terry A. Byard

#### **Rose Croix**

Greetings. March will be a busy month for the Valley of Syracuse and especially the Chapter of Rose Croix. On Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. there will be a rehearsal for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. All members of the cast will please make every effort to attend.

On Saturday, March 21 we will see three Degrees conferred. Registration is at 9 a.m. and we open at 9:30 a.m. The Valley of Utica will confer the Eighth Degree at 10 a.m., followed by the Eighteenth Degree at 11 a.m. We will break for lunch at 12:30. Conferral of the Twenty-third Degree will begin at 1:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing many of my Brothers that day.

Henry R. Havener
Notes from the
Children's
Dyslexia
Center CNY

We are so excited that our Celebration GALA is right around the corner. I hope you have your tickets for this fabulous celebration of our Center, our children, our tutors, our staff, our families, our Board, our alumni and all of you.

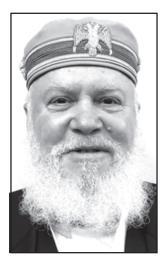
Randy Riggle and John Sallustio will provide our entertainment and music. The Basket Raffle has some phenomenal baskets, which we have had the pleasure of enjoying all of February. Hart's Hill will, once again, provide us with stellar food and we trust Mother Nature to give us a night that all can enjoy. We look forward to this event every year in hopes that we will have the time to meet so many of you who have been supporting us over the last fifteen years. Can



Central City Chapter of Rose Croix Havener



Central City Council Princes of Jerusalem McNeal



Central City Lodge of Perfection Byard

#### **COMING EVENTS CALENDAR**

Website: www.syr-aasr.org

Mar 02....... Executive Committee 7:00 p.m.

Mar 09....... L-O-P Confer 4° Video & 16° Live, 7:30 p.m.

Mar 16....... CR-C Rehearse Feast of the Paschal Lamb 7:00 p.m.

Mar 21 (Sat.).. Degrees at Masonic Memorial Center, Register 9:00 a.m.; Open 9:30 a.m.

.....Lunch 12:30 p.m.

**Mar 30......** Knights of St. Andrew 7:30 p.m. *April 2020* 

**Apr 4** (Sat.). Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony 2:30 p.m./Buffet 4:00 p.m. **Apr 6** ........ Executive Committee 7:00 p.m.

Apr 13 ...... Consistory Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Register 9:00 a.m.; Open 9:30 a.m.; Lunch 11:30 a.m. Apr 20 ...... 158<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion at Masonic Memorial Center;

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

**Apr 27 ......** Trustees Meeting 6:15 p.m.; Executive Committee 7: 00 p.m.

### Allegiance

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Syracuse, State of New York acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose officers are: Ill. David Alan Glattly, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander; Ill. Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Grand Lieutenant Commander; Ill. Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Grand Minister of State; Ill. David P. Spencer, 33°, Deputy for New York State

ACTIVE MEMBERS FOR NEW YORK - Ill. Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Grand Lt. Commander, Grand Almoner, Past Deputy for New York; Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33°; Ill. Steven C. Stefanakos, 33°; Ill. David E. Barnes, 33° ACTIVE EMERITUS MEMBERS FOR NEW YORK - Ill. Richard H. Welkley, 33°; Ill. Gary A. Henningsen, 33°; Ill. Fredrick D. Greene, 33; Ill. Edward R. Trosin, 33°; Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Past Grand Minister of State, Past Deputy for New York; Ill. P. Michael Nielsen, 33°; Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Past Grand Master General of Caremonies

Grand Master General of Ceremonies

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

you believe it? Fifteen years!
February started with
mild weather and lots of
colds and flus but we have
persevered and now face the
long month of March where

persevered and now face the long month of March where there are no school breaks. Everyone begins to show signs of Cabin Fever but we will persevere and look forward to more sunshine and spring.

On another note, I have a bit of a strange request. I am in need of an updated recording system for short-term use at the Center. This would allow us to record some of the tutoring sessions for training purposes. If anyone knows of something we could borrow (remember that I am not a tech person) please contact the Center. I give you my thanks in advance.

Again, I am in hopes that we will see many of you on March 14 at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro. It's our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual GALA Celebration and Fundraiser.

Linda L. Martin **Dyslexia Center** 

# promotes GALA

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual GALA fundraising event supporting Children's Dyslexia Center, Central New York is set for Saturday evening March 14. The venue is Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro. The children and the Children's Dyslexia Center Central New York Board of Governors and the

Trustees of the 32° Masonic Center Corporation thank all who can attend and support the 2020 GALA.

To learn more about the Dyslexia Center please contact Linda Martin, Center Director, at 315/736-0574 or call the contact phone number for the Valley of Syracuse Office: 315/452-7976. Additional email contacts are Children's Dyslexia Center, CNY: CentralNY@ <u>cdcinc.org</u>; Linda Martin: LMartin@cdcinc.org; Jim Swan: <u>ny017@twcny</u>. <u>rr.com</u>; Sharon Fox: adminny@twcny.rr.com.

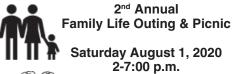
### Scholarship Applications

The 2020-2021 Leon M. Abbott and New York State Council of Deliberation Scholarship applications are now available at the Central City Bodies, Valley of Syracuse Scottish Rite Office. Interested parties may pick

up at the office, call 315/452-7976 to request a mailing, or go online to the Valley of Syracuse website <a href="https://www.syr-aasr.org">www.syr-aasr.org</a>. The application is titled "Application for Scottish Rite Scholarship Aid Leon M. Abbott and/or NYS Council of Deliberation."

The deadline for submission to the Valley of Syracuse is Wednesday, April 1. Any application received after 4:00 p.m. on April 1 will not be considered.

Funds are available for graduating High School Seniors and members of our Youth Groups: Triangle, Rainbow and DeMolay. Students who complete the program at the Children's Dyslexia Centers in New York State are also invited to apply. Please contact the Valley Office at 315/452-7976 if you have any questions or require assistance and information.



Cicero American Legion Post Legionnaire Drive, Cicero, NY

More Details are Forthcoming

For all Members of the Masonic Families
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# YORK RITE **BODIES**



#### 12th Capitular **District RAM**

DDGHP RE Ralph Haney Jr., 5716 Crossett Rd., Elbridge 13060, rhaneyjr@aol.com, 315/569-1448



Companions, this is the end of my two years as DDGHP. I had a good time doing this and visiting all the Chapters in the 12<sup>th</sup> Capitular District. We got many things accomplished. The merger between Lake City and Oswego River was finalized, with a wonderful celebration. The GHP Paul Huck was there with many of the Grand Line. Charles Platt did the Yellow Dog Degree and raised money that goes to RAM Charities.

Lake City hosted the annual Hands Across the Border. HP Ron Bond put in many hours to plan this event and the ladies served a great meal. Congratulations go to Jackie Bond for receiving the Sweetheart Award. Many more of our ladies should receive this, so keep them in mind.

Charles Platt has been growing. Many new members have been Exalted to Royal Arch Masons. Central City has been doing a good job with their ritual work. Pulaski continues to push ahead: they are looking for new members so they may become strong again.

Our AGL Richard Powell has done a very good job helping out with Degrees when called upon. Rick will continue on as DDGHP. Please give him all the support you have given me.

Bradley Foil will be our new AGL. Brad is very good at ritual, and what he doesn't know he will learn quickly.

I am going on as Grand Master of the First Veil. I Chapter or Companion who needs me. I will do my best to serve each of the new Grand High Priests and make the 12<sup>th</sup> District proud of me.

Grand Chapter is coming up, so if you're interested in coming to Albany please sign up quickly on the Royal Arch Mason website. I hope that all new HPs will come down to be Anointed. What a wonderful ceremonial to see and be part of!

Remember all the services that Royal Arch Masons have to offer. The scholarship assistance program is now open; go online for details.

Ralph Haney Jr.

#### **Incoming DDGHP RE -**

As the new District Deputy Grand High Priest, I would like to congratulate

VE Companion Brad Foil on becoming the AGL for the 12<sup>th</sup> Capitular District. I would also like to congratulate all the officers from the four Chapters in the District. I look forward to working with you all.

David Raymond's theme for his time as the Grand High Priest is "I CARE," which means I=Information, C=Charity & Communication, A=Activity or Fellowship, R=Recruitment, Retention, Ritual and Recognition and E=Education. Learn more about this, as well as his message, when I make my Official Visits this spring.

The Official Visits have been scheduled and are as follows: March 24 is Central City Riverside; May 13 is Pulaski; May 27 is Charles H. Platt; and on June 11 I will be at Lake Ontario. Please consult each individual Chapter as to dinner information.

The spring Regional Officer Visit from RE Jamie Kaim is currently scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21 in Oswego. I ask all Royal Arch Masons to please take time to attend this visit. Dress will be business casual and coffee and donuts will be available. Please email ripowell@ arsmasonica.com or call me at 315/439-2386 to let me know that you are coming.

VE Foil and I will coordinate on future educational courses. Please watch his articles for future information. Please notify us of any Degrees scheduled. I look forward to seeing you in Chap-

Richard J. Powell

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

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

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



Greetings and Salutations, Companions of Charles H. Platt Chapter No. 247. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February our Companions traveled to Jordan Lodge No. 386, Jordan, NY to confer the Yellow Dog Degree on eleven new Kennel members. This light-hearted fundraising event, founded by the late Past Grand Master Bruce Widger, brought in \$145, which supports Royal Arch Charities. The total donations accumulated for the Grand Chapter of New York Royal Arch Scholarship Fund thus far to date is \$1,421.50. This tradition is being passed along for present and future generations by our present Scribe and Past Excellent High Priest Richard Torrey. Fun and fraternal friendship was

experienced by all who participated. I want to pass on our sincerest appreciation for the hospitality and generosity the members of Jordan Lodge displayed during our

By the time of this article's publication Charles H. Platt Chapter 247 will have conferred the Degree of Most Excellent Master upon eight Brothers from various local Lodges. This august event occurred on Wednesday, the 26th of February. I want to express the Chapter's appreciation to the following individuals for their participation and assistance as members of our Degree team: Our present King and Honorary Past Grand High Priest Harvey Eysman of Charles H. Platt Chapter 247, Skaneateles; Excellent High Priest Ron Bond of Lake Ontario Chapter No. 165, Oswego; and Companion Robert Tyrrell of Central City Riverside Chapter No. 70, Liverpool.

March promises to be another month of intense activity for our Chapter. The NY Grand Chapter is holding its annual convention in Albany from March 5 to 7. I will have the honor both of representing our Chapter and being installed as the next Assistant Grand Lecturer for the 12th Capitular District for the ensuing year at the convention. I look forward with much anticipation to continuing the superb service provided by our previous Assistant Grand Lecturer, Very Excellent Rick Powell.

The Regional Visit of Right Excellent Jamie Kaim, Jr., present Grand Master of the Second Veil, as of this article's composition is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m. It will take place at the Lake Ontario Chapter 165 of Royal Arch Masons (Lake City Lodge/ Oswego Masonic Hall), 765 East Seneca Street, Oswego.

Please note the change in the Chapter's Trestleboard. The conferral of the Holy Royal Arch Degree is being rescheduled for Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Skaneateles Masonic Temple, 13 East Genesee Street, Skaneateles.

As I used to say as my sign-off at my previous job: Stay safe, warm and dry.

Brad Foil

#### **CENTRAL CITY RIVERSIDE CHAPTER 70 RAM**

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

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

Good day, Companions! At the end of February we had our Capstone Course, where most of our officers and some Companions came and much was learned. I want to thank Rick Powell for his time and energy spent diffusing his knowledge upon our Chapter.

Early in March I will be headed to Albany for the Grand Chapter event with a few other Companions. I will have the report at our next meeting.

Please remember that our Official Visit is on March 24. It is very important that we have a solid showing at this event. Please come out if you are able. Officers, watch your emails for additional meeting information.

If there are any Companions or Brothers in distress or in need of assistance in any manner, please do not hesitate to contact me. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Eric J. Driscoll

#### **LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER 165 RAM** Oswego Masonic Lodge

765 E. Seneca St. Meets 2nd Thurs. at 7:30 p.m.

HP Ronald A. Bond rbondsr@twcny.rr.com awood3@twcny.rr.com



Companions, I hope this article finds everyone well and staying warm. So far, winter has been fairly good to everyone as far as warm temperatures and little snow. As I write this article we still have a few weeks of winter

We met on February 13 for Chapter. We have some Companions in new roles, so we may need to work on our ritual a bit.

I also asked RE Companion Josh Kruth if he would do a program on the Ark of the Covenant that he did last year in Pulaski 415. I believe I was the only member there from our Chapter to see it.

I planned to take two new Companions to Charles H. Platt Chapter 247 on February 26 to receive the Most Excellent Master Degree. I think they have moved the Holy Royal Arch Degree back to April 22.

The first weekend in March will be Grand Chapter Convocation from the 5th to the 7th. My wife Jackolyn and I will be attending again this year. I will have a report at a later date.

The Regional Officer of the 12<sup>th</sup> Capitular District RE Jamie Kaim will be at Lake City Lodge 127 on March 21 at 9:00 a.m. This is a good chance to meet him and ask some questions. Mark your calendar. Stay safe and well.

Ronald A. Bond

#### **CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL 13 Royal & Select Masters**

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

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

Companions, I send you greetings. March has arrived and it is time to plan for our spring sessions. Our upcoming meeting dates are Wednesday, March 11, with the conferral of the Royal Master Degree on the schedule; Wednesday, April 8, the Official Visit of RI Brian D. Moore, District Deputy Grand Master; and June 10, our annual meeting, election and installation of officers.

We will gather at the Retreat Restaurant in Liverpool at 6:00 p.m. for dinner prior to each meeting. Please contact Earl Tuttle at home: 315/ 637-4143 or by cell at 315/ 632-1043. Jim Swan is 315/ 458-1539 at home or by cell at 315/569-5910. Let one of us know you are attending any or all of these communications. These are Dutch Treat dinners at 6:00 p.m. at the Retreat Restaurant and the meetings open at 7:30 p.m. at the Liverpool Masonic Center.

Notice of the following special Cryptic Council events has been received. This reminder is for your Masonic calendar. The 2020 Tri-State Cryptic Festival— Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York-is March 21 at Saugerties Masonic Center, 19 Russell St., Saugerties, NY. We will be conferring the Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master Degrees. Contact RI David Barkstedt, 235 W. Saugerties Rd., Saugerties, NY 12477-3146 or email to dave@ eliteconsultantsinc.com for registration and information. The deadline is February 28.

Hornellsville Council No. 35 celebrates the 150th Anniversary of receiving its Charter. The April event is at South Dansville-Wayland Lodge No. 478, 9652 County Rte. 46, Arkport, NY 14807. Coffee and doughnuts are offered at 10:00 a.m. The Select Master Degree and Ladies Program are at 11:00 a.m.; lunch, for \$20, is at 12 noon and the Rededication Ceremony is at 2:00 p.m. Make reservations by March 28 to Terry Mehlenbacher, 6875 County Rte. 15, Bath, NY 14810. His phone is 585/ 991-8374.

Remember to make certain that RI Earl Tuttle, Recorder, has your correct telephone number, snail mail, and email addresses. Please send him a note or email message

Etuttle1@twcny.rr.com. We are responding to your request for electronic notices. Our intent is to fulfill your requests and commence emailing meeting and event notices to our members and friends.

Please invite your Royal Arch Companions who are not Cryptic Masons to submit a petition for membership and attend our March 11 meeting. Petitions are  $available\,from\,RI\,Earl\,Tuttle.$ 

Drive safely. We will see you at our March 11 Council meeting.

James D. Swan, Jr.



#### **CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY 25 KT**

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

Commander Eric J. Driscoll, 315/575-4470, Ericidriscoll@gmail.com etuttle1@twcny.rr.com



Good day, Sir Knights! I hope this article finds you well as we look towards the light, towards warmer weather. Our meeting this month is on March 20 at 7:30, full dress as usual. We will be running through open/ close and receiving guests and our sword manual, as our inspection date is closing in soon. I am very impressed at the work everyone has been putting into this. We have come a long way and should be very proud indeed.

Also, at the end of this month we are headed out to Scotia to support our new candidate(s) as they experience our Orders and become Knighted. This will be on Saturday, March 28. We will head out early and get there by 8 a.m. The first Order will begin at 9 a.m. and the others will be following within a short space of time. Lunch will be around noon, and then we will head back.

If anyone is aware of a Sir Knight, Companion or Brother in distress or in need, please contact me. We will do what we can.

Eric J. Driscoll

# **Auburn Shrine**

It is a great feeling to see the success of the Springfield Shrine Hospital over the past few years. Our two current representatives on the Board of Governors—Lance Ward and Bob McManusshould be proud to see the results of their efforts.

In looking over the 2019 hospital year we see:

- 1) The hospital exceeded all patient safety and quality expectations.
- 2) The patient and family experience ratings exceeded the Shrine systems goal of

3) In the first year for the new EOS imaging system, it was used on 40% of the 15,000 annual images. This technology reduces the radiation by delivering 85% less than the average CT scan

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# ORDER of the EASTERN STAR



Kindness matters. As I'm writing this article I am thinking how kind winter has been to us this year. Spring is not far away and the Chapters will soon be starting back up with meetings. In the Oswego District, remember, all the Chapter meetings are the second and fourth week of the month.

To get our year going, here is a list of what is going on at this time. More will be added as we go. Monday, March 2 is a Believers Meeting, at Central Square Lodge at 1:00 p.m., hosted by Oneida Lake Chapter 123. On Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. a school of instruction will be held at Pulaski Lodge. Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. is the District Deputy Grand Matron's Official Visit at Lake City Victoria Chapter 205 in Oswego. This is our first of five visits. Then on Monday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. we make an Official Visit to Phoenix-Elizabeth Chapter 105 in Phoenix.

The Gertrude Hawk District fundraiser is in progress. Order from a Sister or Brother. Or make it easy and order online and have it shipped right to you.

Thursday, April 30 is the EWNS Meeting. This will be at 7:00 p.m. at Oswego Lodge, hosted by Lake City Victoria Chapter 205.

That is all I have this month. Stay safe and warm, Sisters and Brothers.

Patricia A. Peters William W. Smith

#### Order of the Eastern Star Onondaga District

Punxsutawney Phil has predicted an early spring but it seems Mother Nature here in Central New York did not see the announcement. The cold weather has not slowed down the Chapters in the Onondaga District, as their calendars are busy with events and the Chapter rooms warm with fraternal friendship.

The Official Visits of the Grand Matron, Grand Patron and their staff of Grand Officers begin this month. They start the month with the trip down to the New York City Districts and then continue around the state through the next several months. Their Official Visit will be here in our own Onondaga District on Saturday, March 28. This is a marvelous opportunity to show our support to our leaders and to hear their messages.

The Chapters will be busy this month with several events. It is a perfect opportunity to show support for each other and to visit with friends. Of course, you don't need a special occasion to visit with a Chapter. Here is a schedule:

March 3 is a Masonic Family Night, open meeting, at Onondaga Star at 7:30 p.m. March 12 is a Master Mason Night open meeting at Bona Fide Hiawatha Solvay at 7:30 p.m. On March 14 Morning Star hosts a regular meeting with a guest speaker at 1 p.m. March 15 is a Mardi Gras Celebration at Bona Fide Hiawatha Solvay from 3 to 7 p.m. Centerville plans a Master Mason Night with Wayne Mahar on March 19. The open meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. March 20 is a fundraiser at Onondaga Star, details to be announced. On March 26 Bona Fide Hiawatha Solvay holds an Initiation at 7:30 p.m. And March 28 is the Official Visit of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron to the Onondaga District. The Chapter Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons or District leaders will be happy to answer any questions about events here in our Chapters and District.

If you know of a Sister or Brother who has not been to Chapter recently, please reach out to her or him to join you at a meeting or an event. We should never hesitate to extend the hand of fraternal friendship. Until next month, remember to always plant kindness and gather joy.

Barb Brooker Hank Havener

#### Pulaski Puritan 159

Hi, everyone. Winter showed up the other day. We got a whole 6 inches of snow. It has been a pretty good winter so far.

We are heading back to Chapter on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March with a covered-dish supper. W Robin said this is a regular meeting welcoming everyone back. Our next meeting, on March 24, is Ample Form and we will be voting on new members.

I hope you all got to come to our chicken and biscuit dinner on the 28th of February. Put Saturday, March 28 on your calendar for Pancakes with Peter Rabbit. Bring your children or grandchildren, or even your greatgrandchildren, to the Masonic Lodge to get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, get a gift and then have a stack of pancakes. Remember to go to the topping table so they can put on all the different topping they want. All of this for \$10.00. If this goes over like we think it will it's going to be a regular thing every year.

We did this at Light Up Pulaski with Santa and it went great. Our new girls are full of new ideas. I believe that's what our Order needs: young blood and new ideas. Now if we seniors can keep

up with them....
The Worthy Matron wishes everyone a very happy St. Paddy's Day. It's the next best feed after the holidays—nothing like a good corned beef and cab-

bage dinner and a shamrock shake.

I guess that's about it for now except a word from an ol' angel. A friend understands what you are trying to say—even when your thoughts aren't fitting into words.

That's it. Talk next month.

Diane Manwaring

#### Onondaga Star 144 Masonic Memorial Center

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. Will March come in like a lion and go out like a lamb? Winter came in like a lamb, so let's hope the end of winter also goes out like a lamb. Time will tell. But in the OES world, March starts as a lion as we begin a whirlwind of OES events from District dinners to DDGM Official Visits, State Official Visits, Initiations and it may not be until June when we see the calming effects of a lamb

Tuesday, March 3 is a special open meeting for our Masonic Family. That night Onondaga Star Chapter No. 144 is inviting all Master Masons, Triangle, DeMolay, Scottish Rite, Daughters of the Nile and all other Masonic affiliations and their ladies or gents or friends. It is a night of celebration for each organization represented. Let's pack the Masonic Memorial Center Chapter room.

For Friday, March 20 a Quarter and Silent Auction is being planned. Check with your Chapter Secretary or WM Jeannine Parks for more details. At the time of this writing, details were still being determined.

Tuesday, April 7 is Associate Matron and Associate Patron Night. Tuesday, April 21 is Initiation and RW Hank Havener's Official Visit. Raffles are still going on: Quillow and guess the number of snowballs in a jar.

On a somber note, Onondaga Chapter is saddened by the passing of MW Clifford Gross, who was an honorary member. In fact, Onondaga District is saddened, as he was MW Jodelle Fletcher's Grand Patron in 2008. He was a dedicated member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He made many trips to Onondaga District for many events over the past several years. He will be missed.

Debbie Krackhardt

# Centerville 185 Masonic Memorial Center

Hello, Sisters and Brothers. I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to an early spring, according to Punxsutawney Phil. Our February 6 meeting was cancelled due to the threat of yucky weather, beginning with a wintry mix. Even though it didn't start until much later, it was better to be safe than sorry.

Coming up in March, the 5<sup>th</sup> will be a regular meeting and on the 19<sup>th</sup> we are excited to welcome Wayne Mahar, Chief Meteorologist from Channel 3. The invitations have gone out to the OES Chapters and the surrounding Masonic Lodges to

join us at this open meeting as we honor our Master Masons. Come one, come all.

Don't forget to get your reservations in for the Grand Matron and Grand Patron's visit to Onondaga District. It happens on March 28 at the American Legion in Cicero, New York.

Please keep the family of our Honorary Member, MW Cliff Gross in your prayers. They are trying to come to terms with his sudden passing on February 10, 2020.

Did you know there was a prehistoric dragonfly whose wings spanned more than two feet? More than 300 million years ago the Meganeura established itself as the largest known flying insect to everexist on Earth. The dragonfly-like creature had a wingspan that stretched around 2.5 feet. The bugs were also big enough to hunt prey like frogs and newts which they could eat with their teeth-like mandibles.

Cathy Barling

## Morning Star 289 Marcellus Masonic Temple

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. The snow and cold just keep coming, which means we are still on our winter schedule.

On February 22 we had a soup and sandwich lunch before our meeting. For Saturday, March 14 we will have a guest speaker at 12:30, followed by a regular stated meeting at 1 p.m. March 25 is a Group Meeting for all Line Officers. March 28 is the Official Visit of the Grand Matron, accompanied by the Grand Patron and staff of Grand Officers. MW Ken Wheeler is a familiar face to the Onondaga District. Please join us in welcoming them. If you would like to go, contact me at 315/708-5699 and I will get you all of the details. Remember, you do not need to attend the dinner if you so choose. The meeting begins at 8 p.m.

Please keep RW Harold Lanning in your prayers, as he is to have surgery. He will be back to square dancing in no time with his new knee. W Phyllis Leach has been under the weather. If you hear of anyone in need of a card or call, please do not he sitate to call me.

Morning Star Chapter would like to extend our deepest sympathies to MW Jodelle C. Fletcher on the passing of her 2008 Grand Patron Clifford Gross. MW Cliff always had a warm smile and handshake for all of us. He will be missed.

If you would like to attend a meeting but do not have a ride, please contact me so we can arrange something for you. I would love to see each of you there. The room is a little empty without you.

Mary Perry

Bona Fide - Hiawatha Solvay 567 Solvay Masonic Temple 780 Woods Road Solvay, NY 13209 315/487-0596

To all the members: I hope this finds you all well and safe. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron

would like to thank all the officers for accepting their office.

They have many events coming up and hope that you will come out and support our Chapter. In March we will hold our annual Mardi Gras. It will be on Sunday, March 15 from 3 to 7 p.m. The cost is only \$10 per person or \$15 a couple. We have a dance and a costume contest and will serve light snacks. Please, if you would like to make a basket or door prize let our Matron know. We would like each to be worth at least \$10 in value. If you would like tickets please contact the Matron or RW Mark Heitmann.

The first meeting in March is a regular meeting and the second is the Official Visit of our DGL, RW Henry Havener. We will have a new member, so let's support our officers.

We are also getting ready for the Grand Matron and Grand Patron to visit on March 28. We look forward to seeing our state leaders and hope you will all come out and join us for a night of fun with friends.

We look ahead to April when we will have our annual Calendar Party. More news about that will be revealed next month. We will also have our Official Visit. The Matron will have many plans for us to do, so let's all help out.

Mark Heitmann

Lake City Victoria 205
Lake City Lodge No. 127
Oswego

Secy Natalie J. Woodall

Dear Sisters, Brothers and friends: Greetings from Oswego, the port city of Central New York and the home of Lake City Victoria Chapter 205 OES. Since this is the Chapter's inaugural article, permit me to introduce our leaders for 2020. RW Cynthia J. Sanders, a veteran of the East, is our Worthy Matron. She is also Grand Esther this year.

W Leo Monette, also a veteran of the East, once again is our Worthy Patron. He is a Brother in Lake City Lodge No. 127 F & A M and the Lodge Chaplain.

The Chapter is honored

to have five Grand Officers for 2020. In addition to RW Cynthia Sanders, RW Earline Wood is Grand Chaplain; RW Carla Salisbury is an Associate Grand Warder; RW Erma Cota is the Grand Representative of Illinois; and RW Rita DeLong is the Grand Representative of North Dakota

The Chapter is not in session now but plans are already in motion for opening on March 13. St. Patrick's Day will be observed.

The Chapter is very active, supporting the local food pantry, Salvation Army, Blessings in a Backpack, and other worthy causes. Very important to the members is the Eastern Star Home at Oriskany. Each year Sisters donate large quantities of items for the annual bazaar. They collect Bingo prizes for the residents and contribute calendars for their rooms. The Chapter annually sponsors a resident with a substantial monetary gift used to purchase Christmas presents.

Also of importance is the VA Hospital in Syracuse. For the past several years the members have donated toiletries, books, puzzles, socks, shirts, money, etc., for the male and female veterans being treated at the facility.

The Chapter earns money by catering dinners. February is singularly important since the Sisters will prepare the prime rib dinner for the Masons who will celebrate George Washington's birthday on February 29. The Chapter is also available to cater private parties.

It's not all work for the organization. A summer potluck picnic provides an opportunity for fun and fellowship. The big event of the year is the Christmas party, complete with a prime rib dinner, raffles and a huge auction. The bidding gets pretty exciting at times.

In future articles more Chapter officers will be introduced. In the meantime, stay warm and healthy and be good to yourselves. Spring will be here eventually.

Natalie J. Woodall



RW Cynthia J. Sanders and W Leo Monette are Lake City Victoria's leaders for 2020. The Worthy Matron is planning an exciting and busy year, which gets started on March 13th. Picture by Natalie J. Woodall, Secretary

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and up to 50% less than the traditional x-ray. To me, it shows that our hospital is using the most advanced technology.

4) Advances in Inpatient Rehabilitation, increased support from seventeen Shrine Centers, recognition awards from outside organizations for excellence and many other success stories make 2019 a very successful year for the Springfield Shrine Hospital for Children.

On February 21 this hospital celebrated its 95th anniversary of delivering the Mission of Quality Care, Education, and Research.

Highlights of 2019 at Springfield Shrine Hospital include these statistics. New-Patient referrals were at 4,279, the fifth highest SHC. Outpatient Encounters were 15,252 and outpatient surgeries were at 576. Inpatient surgeries amounted to 166. Receipts from insurance were \$9 million; donations were \$3.3 million—the third highest in SHC, while the draw on endowment was \$5.3 million.

Other numbers show POP visits at 4.214 and Rehab outpatient procedures at 22,880 (through November 20, 2019). The Urology program received 620 visits and performed sixty-nine surgeries. Seventeen of our Shrine Centers donated \$913,713.

It is nice to know that as the Auburn Shrine Club rests during the three months of the winter the work of our reason for being goes on so effectively. I look forward to our April meeting with renewed confidence that the Auburn Shrine Club—the oldest club in all of Shrinedom—has its greatest years ahead of it in the future.

Ken Pollard



Potentate III. Duane E. Crapser

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# Tigris Shrine

The excitement of being a Shriner is alive and well at Tigris Shrine. As the newly installed Potentate of Tigris, I am honored and blessed to be leading the amazing 2020 Divan. When serving the Nobles of Tigris Shrine I will be taking time away from my family, so I must thank them for all their support and patience (mostly my Lady and Love Suzanne).

What do you have to look forward to as a member of Tigris? A commitment from me, and the rest of the Divan, to promote new events and to also support past events that have been well attended. This year will bring fun events that will bring fellowship back to Tigris

We have set a lofty goal for fundraising and we are very happy to announce we have surpassed our weekly goal every week so far this year. The continued success depends on our Nobles' participation by becoming part of the Bingo team. We are working towards having multiple teams that are fully trained to run an evening of Bingo. By creating teams we will be able to rotate and limit the amount of time each team needs to work.

I have made a commitment to membership this year, current and new members, alike. If you are a current member of Tigris Shrine, I invite you to the Shrine Center on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Yes, we do have some meetings on a Wednesday, but on the off weeks I will be there to serve. Either come down to discuss your ideas or just stop in to say hello.

We are also happy to announce Tigris will be purchasing a Fez for our new members this year. As Shriners we understand the cost to join our beloved organization might be a bit much; but with our Units' commitment this year, we are happy to present each new member with a Fez. The cost is now less than \$150 to join what we believe to be the world's greatest philan-

For our newer members I have created a new Unit that is focused on you. If you have been a Shriner for less than three years you are now on a list of Nobles with whom we will have monthly communication. Our new "Welcome to Shrinedom" Unit will be run by our High Priest and Prophet Mike Bell. He is dedicated to sharing his love for the Shrine with our newest Nobles.

With parade season just around the corner we are working on our parade vehicles. This is what people come to see. With Nobles like Past Potentate Bill Nurk riding his minibike and the mini cars we drive we will make our presence known. I look forward to the leadership of our Assistant Rabban Brian Courtney. He will be organizing our parades this year. Brian organized our first appearance in the Baldwinsville Parade of Lights last year and we are excited about attending that and many others this year.

Concert season means sharing fellowship and fun while enjoying some great music. We get to watch many great shows while raising money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. At this time we are waiting for our list of events, which we will share with our Masonic and Shriner community. All are welcome to volunteer and support. Our Oriental Guide Rob Wolfe will be organizing all of our shows this year. He will communicate with Rock It Kids to be able to rally the troops, so we will have a successful year raising money and enjoying great music.

Our Chief Rabban Jimmy Santy has been tasked with planning our Potentate's Ball and Summer Picnic. He will work with his Lady Karen and our First Lady Suzanne to plan these events that will be sure to be a hit for all in attendance. His dedication to the Shrine, and being a great showman, will surely play a major part in his leadership in planning these soon-to-be-legendary

In closing I would once again like to thank the Nobles of Tigris Shrine for this great opportunity. To our Divan, I thank you and I look forward to the learning, excitement, philanthropy and fun with all of you this year. If you ever wanted to be a Shriner, this is the year to do it.

Duane E. Crapser

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