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EMESBE notes

Brothers, it is true: Labor Day is the sign of the end of summer for us in CNY. Summer is over, pools close, camps slowly close trying to save some time for fall foliage, false summer begins and some of our Brothers will begin to head south soon.

Collections is part of the job nobody likes to do but it falls on somebody, so here I am. Lodge payments for annual subscriptions have been due since January. Secretaries and Treasurers, please look and see if you wrote a check to the EMESBE. If not, please do your diligence, bring it to the membership, have a check made and mail to Ben Lees. Ben can be reached for information at 315/457-3549. Remember that the subscription is the same for a member receiving a physical paper or the email version.

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At the next Board meeting we will review the list of Board members and the By-Laws. We need to get new involvement. You do not have to be a Mason. If you would like to join the Board, please call me at 315/447-2104 and I will present your name to the Directors. We will elect candidates to the open seats.

Rumor has it that Grand Lodge has been looking at our paper as a model and wants to replicate it statewide, with our help. It is sweet to know that they think so highly of our paper.

By the way, you may me 40thSPVet@gmail.com to post your upcoming events on the Onondaga County Masonic District Facebook page. This can accommodate activities occurring between published issues of the word. The more people see you are

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Mentor

Hello, Brethren. This time, I would like void has not been filled by social media. to speak about the importance of Masonic Journalism. Like any other form of journalism, ours has at least a double purpose: to inform brethren about what is going on (in journalism jargon, the News section) and to convey ideas and evaluation for brethren to think about and discuss (in journalism jargon, the Editorial section).

There is yet another, longer term dimension used by historians and analysts to grasp what was happening in another epoch and how people reacted to it. For Masonic historians, this is of utmost importance. Once we are all gone, one way to find out what was really going on is to consult the publications of the day: Lodge records and memoirs and the Masonic

Our Editor, among his important tasks, selects and publishes old articles from *The* Builder, a Masonic journal published by the Masonic Research Society from 1915 until 1930. The Builder's information helps us gain a better knowledge of our ancient Craft. Instruction, you see, is yet another important dimension of Masonic (and all other) journalism.

We Freemasons of Central New York are very fortunate to possess a Masonic newspaper (I do not think many other Masonic Districts, or Grand Lodges, have one). Its existence requires, in addition to a thorough Editor, also a reliable section of contributors of news and articles and a loyal readership that, by perusing the newspaper, justifies the work that its laborers dedicate.

Newspapers also need funds to get published—provided to the word by EMESBE and reader fees. For example, the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico's ACACIA magazine is published only when there is money: not too often. Because of the scarcity of said key elements (editors, contributors, readers and funds) there are today fewer Masonic and general publications than dance. there were, say, fifty years ago. Such a

The need to fill it is there and the Craft, as an important element of Civil Society, has a great opportunity to partake in this task.

Let me pose some questions to our Brothers to help self-assess the word's impact on

Do we read the general news section in the front page? Do we read news of our own Lodge and Appended Bodies (if we belong to one)? Do we also read other Lodge news, in our own or in neighboring Districts, to find activities we may participate in? Do we read the reproduced articles and our Editor's Prerogative? Do Lodges share or bring to their brethren's attention news or articles published in the word? Is the word material discussed positively or negatively by its readers via letters written to its Editor? Do we convey to him comments or suggestions?

Maybe we can develop a discussion group, using Zoom, to read and analyze material that has appeared here. For example, in the front page of the word's May issue there is an excellent article titled "A Program of Masonic Service" (The Builder, January 1922). A century ago, Grand Lodge of North Dakota suggested to bring to the Craft in a concrete way the means by which we Masons, individually and collectively, could serve our fellow men. This article discussed and developed nine ways in which Masons can contribute to improve their community and country.

Is this article still valid today? If not, why not? What changes to the article would make it valid today? How has our Craft changed, if at all, in one century?

There is enough material here to get such a group started. The advantage of a Zoom instead of a Lodge meeting is that Brothers dispersed amongst many Lodges may participate, thus achieving the critical mass that makes the existence of that group viable, and it will also increase its atten-

Jorge L. Romeu

Sojourning and Brotherhood

As you all know, Brother Brendan Cowzer was visiting little old Syracuse, NY from Ireland. He was supposed to leave on September 13 but was having too much fun and extended his stay until September 25. By that time we will have visited at least nine different Lodge meetings, including Tigris Shrine, of which Brendan is the first international Shriner as a full member.

Brendan thanks all the WMs and Brothers for the courtesies and the very warm welcomes shown him. He wanted me to especially pass it on here again, to all of you. He will remember his time fondly and cannot wait to come back.

He left with many pictures and memories of his travels to America to share with the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The pictures are already posted on their GL page and are getting hundreds of hits and congratulatory com-



ments. We hope to see more of him and maybe other Irish Brothers in the future. I know my door will always be open. Maybe this will become a regular stop with our green traffic light and Tipperary

To see that our traveler got a fuller view of New York, I contacted Deputy Grand Master Steven Rubin to see if he could help us to visit the Statue of Liberty. Suddenly the Park Service was emailing and calling. Brendan's bucket list was completed as he saw more of the Statue than most people get to see. The Park Rangers were outstanding and Brendan was in awe of the kindness he was shown by everyone on Liberty Island and Ellis Island. He thought I was somebody important. We cannot thank the Park Services enough for the hospitality shown to us. Masonry is alive and well in NJ and the NYC area. Thanks, from

the points of our compasses, go to DGM Rubin.

Brendan also traveled to Niagara Falls where he helped Ismailia Shriners sell CDs at the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert. He got to see Foreigner perform at the Great New York State Fair with Tigris Shriners. They don't have Shriners in Ireland yet, but we are working on it. Germany has jurisdiction over Northern Ireland and we have put things in motion to start a Shrine over there.

In another Shrine connection, we are trying to bring an 11-month-old girl to Philadelphia Shrine Hospital. She has Spina Bifida and other issues. She is a friend

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While up north at Fort Drum, Irish Brother Brendan Cowzer and I ran into Brother Maurice Mitchell from Jefferson County, I actually noticed his Masonic ring before I caught a glimpse of his hat. He showed Brendan pictures his girlfriend took of the Grand Lodge of Ireland when she was there. I do not believe in coincidences. What do you think? "Brotherhood" is the only word that comes to mind.



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ONONDAGA DISTRICT

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Greetings, Brethren! This update will be a brief one as we are well underway in the new Masonic year. Official Visits began the second week in September and have been progressing nicely. A new format for the inspection of books has been implemented this year, which hopes to streamline the process.

As of this writing, all should have received word that the Grand Lodge session in October has been cancelled. A letter was put out to all Lodges and officers in early September.

Looking forward to October, we have our Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 21. I look forward to seeing many of you there. Please check the AGLs' column for more information on the work of the evening.

As of this writing I do not have any new news to report on either the White Chapel Cemetery project or Battle Within Benches project, as your District Team has focused on getting back into the swing of the Official Visit season. I look forward to being able to provide a much larger and informative update next month.

If you have any ideas for the District to take up and get involved in, please reach out and let me know. We are always up to a challenge for a good cause.

Daniel Campis

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Greetings, Brethren! Our first session of the Road to the East (RTTE) course will be held on Sunday, October 2. We are continuing our Masonic education courses as a three-District team. If you cannot make this session, we will be having a make-up. Inquire by reaching out to me for the options available, and the time and place for the second session.

We are going to hold this course (RTTE) in two sessions. The next course up will be the Master's Chair course. This course is very important and informative for those who are sitting in the East. Once we have completed both of these courses our rotation will turn back to the Masonic Development Course (MDC) as we get closer to the end of 2022.

We will now be officially unveiling the Maxwell Leadership Program. This is a topnotch success program for our future Masonic leaders. It has been in the planning stages for over two years. The Maxwell Leadership Program has been embraced by many prominent corporations and highly successful executives for years. It will now be available to us and offered throughout our Districts by our Grand Lodge.

We have started our Official Visits. We have some new and updated information that is great for all Brothers to know. We look forward to seeing you at your Lodge visit.

Have you investigated the Chancellor Robert R Livingston Library Masonic reading course yet? There is an awesome amount of Masonic history literally at your fingertips. It is super easy to enroll. Check out https://nymasoniclibrary.org/reading-course/.

As always, feel free to contact me with questions regarding any of these courses. I look forward to seeing you at the next event.

Rick Miori

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Brethren, now that it is October (or at least it will be when you read this), we all are back in the full swing of a new Masonic year. Cooler temperatures have arrived, the leaves are falling and unfortunately for some of us, the boats are being put away for way too long. Not to fear: the warmth of the Lodge rooms and brotherhood will keep us until the summer sun returns.

In the meantime, there is plenty of work to do to keep us all busy. New Brothers are to be made, Official Visits are scheduled and, of course, the Grand Lecturer's Convention. What would October in the Onondaga District be without that?

This year's Convention is scheduled to be held on



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Friday, October 21. Once again, it will be hosted by the Brothers of Memorial Lodge 648. Dinner is scheduled to be at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to start at 7:30 p.m. The program of the evening is the entire first section of the Second Degree, as well as the Middle Chamber Lecture. We would like to fill the room as in years past. Please get your reservation in to your Lodge Secretary as soon as possible. Do not forget: the dinner is at no cost to the member.

Lastly, Brothers, we hope to see all of you at one or even several Masonic events over the next few months. Until then, stay safe and healthy.

Tim Conover Toby Shelley

This argument appeared in the January 1922 issue of The Builder magazine.—Editor.

THE DUE GUARD

BY BRO. WILDEY E. ATCHISON, IOWA

IT IS OFTEN noted that Masonic writers hesitate to offer any explanation of the term "due guard," averring that it is merely a form of words which was once in use, but is now grown obsolete, as if that were genuine explanation. Scholars should not close the book of interpretation merely because a thing has fallen out of use. Mackey's Encyclopedia, so it seems, has dropped into this error. On page 222 of the first volume of that useful compendium we read that "Due Guard" is a mode of recognition which derives its name from its object, which is to "duly guard" the person using it in reference to his obligation. Dr. Mackey then goes on to say that this term is "an Americanism" and therefore of recent origin, though he refers to a ritual of 1757 in which it is used.

Now there is reason to believe that "due guard" goes back to a time long prior to 1757, or to 1727, or to 1717, and that it came very reasonably from a phrase which was once the name of a town, whereby hangs a long tale, too long for the telling here, though it may be attempted at a later date.

Those who have read aught of the history of bookand paper-making know that these two trades were in the very van of those enlightened ones who led that great movement against the papacy, and all connoted thereby, which resulted at last in the Reformation and the

Renaissance. Now it happens, as has been shown conclusively by various scholars working as specialists in this field, that these "Reformers before the Reformation" had to work in secret, and by means of signs and watchwords, lest they be detected by the authorities and therefrom suffer grievous evils.

Always there was a movement against the seven tyrannies of Rome but it was not until the beginning of the thirteenth century that this movement assumed such formidable movements as led the Holy Father to send out Bulls of destruction, which Bulls and their carrying out, left on the pages of history the reddest and angriest scars that Clio has to look upon.

Those who wrote books.

those who printed books, and those who manufactured the paper and binding of these books, were naturally in the closest federation so far as all intellectual aims were concerned, and the members of these allied trades, so it may be safely said, formed a kind of great unorganized fraternity which worked underground in behalf of enlightenment. The papermakers were in the habit of watermarking their stock with emblematic devices which were understood by the initiated; and the printers used for head-pieces and tailpieces, and for initial ornaments, such cunning figures as, to those on the inside, meant very much; and the authors themselves, by a

Event schedule, Oct '22

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

Oct 2 RAM GLect Cortlandville—BBO CT RTTE Oct 3 Marathon—OV LivSyr Oct 4 FayCC—BBAF OnStar Anniversaries Oct 6 TriValley—OV Auburn—Masonic Compass ErieCanal—1° Centerville CrossroadsU—1° Oct 8 ErieCanal—Pancakes Oct 10 MornStarOES Homer Oct 12 OES GChapter Testimonial Oct 13 LkOntRAM—OV Nortrip—Octoberfest Oct 13-15 OES GChapter Oct 14 CT Awards OES GRep Breakfast OES Hall & Home Dinner Oct 15 OES Red, White, Blue Breakfast Osw GLect Oct 17 LivSyr—OV Oct 18 FayCC—1° OnStar CM GLect Oct 19 Cazenovia—OV Pulaski MornStar—Cowzer Oct 20 Auburn-Memorial Service Centerville—MM Oct 21 Onon GLect Oct 22 Dist. 12 GLect CM MDC 1° Oct 23 Auburn—Beer Brewing Oct 24 Homer—OV MornStarOES Oct 25 CCRivRAM Oct 26 OnonOES Reception Oct 27 Dist. 13 GLect Memorial—1° Oct 28 Tigris—Building Dedication Nov 1 OnStar—Elect Nov 2 Skaneateles—OV Nov 3 Auburn—1° Centerville—Install Nov 4 KT25—School of Instr. Nov 5 OnStar—Install Nov 7 Jordan—Templary LivSyr—Summoned

clever use of capital letters and such makeshifts, were able to flash to the scattered friends of Learning that they had many brethren here and there though they might know it not. A watermark was very often a call across the dark by one brother to another in order to carry a word of hope, recognition, and encouragement.

Nov 10 MornStar—OV

Nov 12 MornStar—Garage Sale

Nov 19 MornStarOES—Install

Nov 21 MornStar to Jordan

Nov 29 MornStar—Pancakes

Nov 14 MornStarOES

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..... CM MDC 3°

Now it happens that one of the towns at the very centre of the French paper-making trade was called "Dieu le garde," which, in our more familiar speech, connotes "God Guard It." In after years usage changed the name to various forms, such as Dulegard, Daulegard, etc., but it is evident that the French of that community never forgot the origin of the unusual name.

What more natural thing than that the Albigensian

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Hello, Brothers. Welcome back to a new Masonic year. Our first meeting was the Veterans and Sojourners Night on September 19. I will have more on that subject next month.

Last June SW James Colditz conferred the Degree of Fellowcraft upon three Brothers (photo above). Congratulations are in order for them, two of ours and one from Crossroads United No. 93. I will introduce them after they have taken their Third Degree.

We are currently in the process of making a merger with Seneca-River No. 160. There will be discussion on this matter at the October 3 meeting, with a vote to be had on November 7. Gary will be sending out summonses for this.

On October 15 we planned for five Entered Apprentices to receive their Second Degree at Crossroads United No. 93. That would have been a Saturday morning Degree. Crossroads United has to reschedule. In any case, we will need a few Brothers to help as Conductors. Please contact me to help out. I will advertise the new date. Thanks in advance go to WM Russ Beckwith for accommodating us.

The Official Visit will be on October 17. This will be a joint meeting with Seneca-River 160.

Rainer Grimme

Crossroads United Lodge 93 F.&A.M. 780 Woods Rd. Solvay, N.Y. 13209 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 p.m. 315/487-0596

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Welcome back, Brothers. My first rehearsal of the new Masonic year is done, so the butterflies should be gone. Our Official Visit was Thursday, September 15 and they were, in fact, mostly gone.

My job is to serve all of you to the best of my ability. I have a great support staff of officers beside me and I do not believe there is anything we cannot do. It is all about you guys and I truly mean that.

On September 1 we were delighted to host Brother Mason and Irish Army veteran Brendan Cowzer at his first Masonic meeting in the Onondaga District. We are also the home to Worshipful Brian Courtney. Brother Bob Clement was our chef for the night and what a meal he treated us to! It was appreciated immensely.

Brendan spoke of the similarities between Ireland and U.S. within ritual and signs. He also pointed out some differences. It was a fun-filled night with lots of stories, lots of laughter. Now everyone is wanting to go visit his home Lodge. We thank our Brother for coming here to look after one of our own. He is etched in the history of our Lodge as he is in our minutes for people to read 100 years from now.

On Thursday, October 6 we will confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on three new members. Our September Degree was canceled. Anyone who would like to help with the Degree parts should contact me. Also, other Lodges are welcome to attend. Just let me know so we can plan on food. A meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. This is pretty awesome: we have been growing slowly but surely. Brothers, it is our job to bring in new members. Keep it going.

Our Second Degree will be rescheduled. I will let everyone know when that is. Think grow, grow, grow. If any other Lodges are interested in bringing over Brothers and helping, get in touch with me. Think teamwork.

Do not forget the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Memorial Lodge on October 21. Contact Secretary Jon Lorber if you are attending.

As always, Brothers, our meetings are the first and third Thursdays of the month. I do not have to tell you but I will: you all are welcome and if you are local and need a ride we will do our best to get you here and home. If anyone is in distress or needs anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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

Russell Beckwith

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Good day, Brothers. At the request of a local Marcellus family Morning Star Lodge held Masonic Services for a Brother from Corning, NY. We all are Brothers, no matter where we come from and we all are part of the Great Architect of the Universe. Thanks go to the seven Brothers in attendance to see him off.

On September 19 we welcomed Brother Brendan Cowzer from Ireland. We look forward to hearing him speak. More about that next month. He is a guest of W Brian Courtney for a month.

Remember that October 21 is the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Memorial Lodge. Contact Secretary Preall if you are attending.

November 12 will be our Garage Sale Fundraiser at the Lodge. You can drop off items every Tuesday morning at the Lodge from 9 to 10 a.m. Let me know what you are donating. We want sellable items, please.

November 29 will be our pancake breakfast. We need a head count as to who will be in attendance. Please contact Secretary Rich Preall.

W John Bromka will be overseer of the work. He and I will help any Brother who needs it. Congratulations go to W Mark Knowlton on winning second place in a bowling tournament.

On November 21 we will be going to Jordan Lodge to visit. Put that on your calendar. We will carpool and all officers should be in attendance.

Our Official Visit is November 10 and dinner will be served. Stay tuned.

This year we celebrate our 160th Anniversary as part of the Grand Lodge of NY and the Onondaga District. Attend meetings to see what is happening between word articles. We would love to see you on the first and third Mondays of the month.

James Mooney

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Greeting, Brethren. It has been almost six years but I am back in the East for the fifth time. I moved up from Long Island five years ago and love Central NY.

The theme at Memorial Lodge this year is Take the Challenge! We are forming a new line that will grow and prosper. The flip-flop of the Jr. and Sr. Warden every year to keep the line going is over.

I have encouraged the brethren to enroll in Grand Lodge's Livingston Library and take advantage of Masonic Development. This year there will be Masonic Education in every communication in various forms. Guest speakers are also a great change of pace to keep interest at a peak. Keeping the brethren educated in all forms of Masonic Education through various means will be a great way to attract new members and raise attendance.

Our first communication of the new Masonic year was a successful cookout with spouses. Our next meeting was a Brother Bring a Friend

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Crossroads United Lodge No. 93 hosted Irish Brother Brendan Cowzer from Temple Lodge No. 51, Belfast, Ireland. Brendan is first row, third from the left.

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Editor's Prerogative

The broad platform

"...[S]chools and scholarship would provide worth and genius from every condition of life to rise above the pseudo-aristocracy who had only wealth and birth as qualifications." This statement is attributed to Thomas Jefferson and it appears in a book by George Peter, *The* Power and Passion of Freemasonry. It can be fairly said that this book is George's master work. He was finetuning it at the time of his death in 2008, not so long distant that most of our readers will remember him. His daughter Paula succeeded in publishing it in 2012 through Cornerstone Book Publishers.

At the time, George had just resigned the office of Grand Historian as his health began to decline. He had served in that role since 1993. He embraced the pursuit and study of history, and particularly Masonic history, because it is so interwoven through all human strivings. Partly because of Freemasonry's fascination with its own history, George insisted that the Fraternity is an educational institution and he acted on that belief. For many years he chaired the Leadership Services function of Grand Lodge and he educated generations of young and not-so-young Masons on principles of Masonry and principles of leadership, striving to set up living examples for all of us. At the end of his career, through sheer persistence, he established the Masonic University of New York (MUNY). Rumor has it the Grand Lodge will reconstitute this effort.

As members of the Masonic Fraternity we are continually reminded to be searchers for light—the light of wisdom, of knowledge, of understanding. What do these terms mean, ultimately? Maybe it is the light of good guidance. There is certainly abundant educational material in our teaching institution. I remember when George realized and practiced one of our admonishments.

Born in Ithaca in 1921, George grew up in a large family on a farm in Danby. His father was Armenian, his mother Syrian. His father and one or more uncles had escaped what was known as the Armenian Genocide around the time of World War I and settled in this country. This abomination was a policy taken by officials of the Ottoman Empire against the Christian Armenian population and continued by the Turkish government post-World War I. There were massacres to the number of a million or more, forced relocations and forced Islamization of women and children. The Turks to this day cast it as a political and defensive necessity but it was surely offensive—in every sense.

Growing up, George, a consummate family man, absorbed the trauma that affected his parents' generation. He carried it with him through adulthood and could be obsessive. At a special presentation at Cornell's Religious Studies Department, George in the audience with a couple of Turkish students was appalled and infuriated when they denied a genocide occurred. Years later, when a young Turkish man toured our Lodge George could hardly be civil.

But this man was a fellow Mason. And George reminded himself of one of our great principles, recalled the lessons of his educational institution, and he and his wife were pleased to invite this Brother to dinnerfrequently—and George was pleased to sit with him in

Kipling wrote it in The Mother Lodge and George often cited it. "We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square, An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!"

Stephen L. Zabriskie <u>zabled@aol.com</u>

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better chance you have to email address to Ben Lees

Since last month's article our postage has gone up again—without warning. Some readers got their paper late because the post office would not deliver until the freight was paid. Again, this argues for more digital subscribers. Secretaries, please contact your membership and ask Brothers to switch to the electronic version (it is

active in the community, the one or the other). Send their and he will shrink the mailing list. We are here to give you the best possible circulation at the best possible price.

> "I have tried to live my life so that my family would love me and my friends respect me. The others can do whatever the hell they please."—John Wayne.

Brian Courtney

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of Brendan's daughter and while he was face-timing I noticed she had issues. All costs will be taken care of by Shriners because this is what we do. We just hope her parents follow through, as her doctors in socialized medicine are not happy about this.

As I sit here I hear Brendan face-timing a Brother in Ireland. His Ma-

sonic Brother Ryan McCann is tattooing a customer and asking about any Masonic signs on the Statue of Liberty. Brendan can't stop laughing. He tells Ryan they are hidden all over in plain view. "Freemasonry went freakin' nuts with signs and symbols on there."

Brian Courtney

Appearing in the January 1922 magazine The Builder, this essay might bring assurances for 2022.—Editor.

DEATH, THE LIBERATOR

BY BRO. N.W.J. HAYDON, ONTARIO

The brethren who read this noble paper may care to pursue the meditation further by turning to "Our Eterby Maurice Maeterlinck, published by Dodd, Mead & Company, New York City; and to "The New Death," by Winnifred Kirkland, published by the Atlantic Monthly Press, Boston. The latter first appeared as an essay in the Atlantic Monthly Magazine and there received so much commen-

them that remarkable poem, "Thanatopsis," written a century ago by a young man of 18, holds a high place with its sonorous phrases, its confidence that finds in facts a firm foundation for faith. Naturally, it reflects at first the sombre New England upbringing of its author, but none surpass its conclusion in natural dignity: "... sustained and soothed By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave, Like one who

survivors abuse Death that stops them.

As Spencer so carefully explains, our life is a continual adjustment of internal relations to external relations, of growth from within to pressure from without; and when we can no longer adjust ourselves, why blame Death for clearing the board and giving us a new deal?

Do we accuse Sleep for the fatigue which overwhelms us if we resist it? It

Annihilation is not only unthinkable, it is a blunder. Infinite change, yes, surely

"Nothing of him that doth fade But doth suffer a seachange Into something rich and strange."

Endless diversity of place and condition, but to suppose non-existence is to try to limit infinity, and since a state of nothingness cannot be at all, that at all events it cannot make Death terrible. As Sir Edwin Arnold has

"Never the Spirit was born, the Spirit shall cease to be never; Never was time it was not, end and beginning are dreams. Birthless and deathless and endless endureth the Spirit forever, Death hath not touched it at all, dead tho the house of it seems."

The next alternative survival with our present consciousness—involves that ancient puzzle, "What am I?" For most of us, "I" becomes identified with memory. "I" cannot be body or mind, for we know they are constant only in changing. The body provides, and the mind organizes, our sense perceptions, whereas our conscious memory preserves such residue of these as establish experience and build character. Memory seems to be a sheath for the "I," most easily disturbed by sickness, yet most clamorous for an unbroken existence. What cares it that through the alchemy of Death, "I" can participate in the whole range of natural forces? Neither knowledge, nor beauty, nor power attract it, if they are not accessible through its agency.

If "I" am greater than, and within, memory then bodily sufferings and desires must be petty to this surviving consciousness, for with the loss of body its services are lost too, deprived of sense perceptions on which to build them, mental and moral pains and changes must go, and the personal mind is dissolved. Remains then of our present consciousness, only memory, so pitiably finite and, cut loose from its former co-workers, how shall it continue to know itself? We know how easily it fades while in full physical health, what then will it be like when the great change comes? Yet the hope that this alternative conveys has done much good service to the brave souls of our predecessors, and is well expressed in the "Song of Odysseus" as he lay awaiting death by torture:

"Endure my heart; not long shalt thou endure The shame, the smart. The good and ill are done, the end is sure; Endure my heart.

"There stand two golden vessels by the throne Of Zeus on high, From them he scatters mirth and moan To men who die. And thou of many joys hast had thy share, Thy perfect part; Battle and love,

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"Remains then but one terror associate with Death, that of the unknown into which it seems to force us; but this also can be dissolved considerably if not totally, by following reason. There are at least four methods of solution open to us: **Total annihilation.**

Survival with our present consciousness. Survival without consciousness. Survival with universal consciousness."

dation that the author enlarged her paper to make a book of it. In this day of the free mind when men are learning to think by means of facts and ideas rather than by means of traditions the great and sombre fact of Death is receiving an examination hitherto undreamed

...In common with the older Mysteries, so far as we have relics of their teachings, Masonry offers its votaries a method of approach to this final test of our philosophy of life, one worthy of human dignity and in harmony with our honored motto, "Follow Reason."

Alan Seagar wrote for all of us: "But I've a rendezvous with Death At midnight in some flaming town, And I to my pledged word am true-I shall not fail that rendezvous.'

We, too, have a rendezvous with the Reaper, by no means to be escaped, no matter how much science may help us to postpone it. And though to but few is it given to meet him with those feelings voiced for us by Horatius—"How can a man die better Than when facing fearful odds For the ashes of his fathers And the temples of his gods?"—yet we need not watch his sure approach with only a bitter recognition of our human weakness. Such an attitude is unworthy of those who truly follow reason, and have worked out a philosophy of life, which in death sees but a change of circumstance, however important that may be.

We should adapt to our own use the salute offered by the gladiators of old, save that instead of hailing a human Caesar who viewed their struggles as an amusement, we should as bravely regard the Ancient of Days, saying each one of us "Ave, Maister Vitae, moriturus te saluto," and go forward fearing noth-

There have been many noble expressions of attitude towards Death, and amongst wraps the drapery of his couch About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Let us examine our grounds for this trust, that our hope may be reinforced by reason as concrete is by iron rods and, to this end, let me draw attention to an essay by Maeterlinck, to which I am deeply indebted. ("Death," published by Dodd, Mead & Co., 1912.) He writes:

"It were a salutary thing for each of us to work out his idea of death in the light of his days and the strength of his intelligence and learn to stand by it. He would say to Death: 'I know not who you are, or I would be your master; but, in days when my eyes saw clearer than today, I learnt what you are not; that is enough to prevent you from becoming my master.'

"He would thus carry, imprinted on his memory, a tried image against which the last agony would not prevail and in which the phantomstricken eyes would take fresh comfort. Instead of the terrible prayer of the dying, which is the prayer of the depths, he would say his own prayer, that of the peaks of his life, where would be gathered, like angels of peace, the most limpid, the most pellucid thoughts of his life. Is not that the prayer of prayers? After all, what is a true and worthy prayer, if not the most ardent and disinterested effort to reach and grasp Here is the key to our problem; let us learn what Death is not; by this timehonored method we shall strip off the masks wherewith our imagination has disguised it. It is not sickness, nor suffering, nor the stern agony. It is not shroud, nor pall, nor grave, nor the horrors of disintegration. All these have to do with the methods and usages of life. The errors and weaknesses of nature or science caused their beginnings; Death emphasizes their futility. Should we convalesce, we forget

them; should we not, our

seems that all our knowledge only helps us to die in greater pain than the animals that know nothing, and we add to our troubles by imputing to Death those salvaging operations whereby our elements are restored to usefulness in Life's workshop.

"... Earth, that nourished thee, shall claim Thy growth to be resolved to earth again, And. lost each human trace, surrending up Thine individual being, shalt thou go To mix forever with the elements."

We do not view with horror or anguish the fading flower, or the crumbling wall, but, where our bodies are concerned, we usually strive to delay by all means possible their natural dissolution. Embalmings, coffins, graves, and vaults are brought into action, and that which happens therein poisons our thoughts, offends our senses, daunts our courage. Yet all this is of life and impossible without life. How much, then, has our boasted civilization increased the ethical value of our funeral ceremonies?

Remains then but one terror associate with Death, that of the unknown into which it seems to force us: but this also can be dissolved considerably if not totally, by following reason. There are at least four methods of solution open to us:

Total annihilation. Survival with our present consciousness. Survival without consciousness. Survival with universal consciousness.

There is nothing to be gained by including any religious dicta herein, for the fact of Death is no moreand certainly no less-subject to that mode of thought, than any other of the activities of life. Birth is equally as important as Death, but only in some "pagan" and "uncivilized" peoples do we find the solemnity and dangers of birth regarded as occasions for priestly action, so we have still much to learn.

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and evil things and fair; Endure my heart.

"Fight one last greatest battle under shield, Wage that war well, Then join thy fellows in the shadowy fields Of asphodel. There is the kingly Hector, there the men Who fought for Troy; Shall we not fight our battles o'er again, Were that not joy?

"Tho no sun shines beyond the dusky west, Thy perfect part, There shalt thou have of the unbroken rest! Endure my heart."

(Translated by Andrew Lang.)

We approach, then, our third alternative, survival without consciousness. This also contains nothing of terror, or even regret. Dreamless sleep we welcome as "Nature's sweet restorer," but not as a lasting condition. Such an expectation does not consort with ideals fit for ordinary healthy men and women much less for Builders. A little further analysis shows us that by this alternative we imply really the direct negative of our second alternative; rather we feel opening to our vision that which contains the only possible satisfaction for which all seem to be struggling, the only possible completion of that urge from within which is the mainspring of our evolution.

"Nay, but as when one layeth His worn out robes away, And, taking others, sayeth 'These will I wear today.' So layeth off the Spirit Lightly its garb of flesh, And passeth to inherit A residence afresh."

Here, then, we approach our fourth alternative, survival with the Universal Consciousness and at this point Maeterlinck's own words

alone are adequate: "Here begins the open sea. Here begins the glorious adventure, the only one abreast with human curiosity, the only one that soars as high as its highest longing. Let us accustom ourselves to regard Death as a form of life which we do not yet understand; let us learn to look upon it with the same eye that looks upon birth; and soon our mind will be accompanied to the steps of the tomb with the same glad expectation that greets a birth. If, before being born, we were permitted to choose between the great peace of non-existence and a life that should not be completed by the magnificent hour of death, which of us, knowing what we ought to know, would accept the disquieting problem of an existence that would not end in the reassuring mystery of its conclusion? Which of us would care to come into a world. where there is so little to learn, if he did not know that he must enter it if he would leave it and learn more? The best part of life is that it prepares this hour for us, that it is the one and only road leading to the magic gateway and into that incomparable mystery where misfortunes and sufferings will no longer be possible, because we shall have lost the body that produced them; where the worst that can befall us is the dreamless slumber which we count among the number of the greatest boons on earth; where, lastly, it is almost unimaginable that a thought can survive to mingle with the substance of the universe, that is to say, with infinity which, if it be not a waste of indifference, can be nothing but a sea of joy."

It is to this that we, having "Followed Reason," make our approach, "sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust." Heretofore we have seen through a glass, darkly; the narrow limits of our being conceal infinity from our view, as Pascal has said, or, to use a Western idiom, we cannot see the forest for the trees. We must prepare ourselves in advance by learning how to change our focus. For example, when we look through a screen door we see the garden through a faint blur of lines; or we can, instead, see the screen filling our vision with a faint blur of light and greenery filtering through.

For all of us Death is but a screen, and for most of us it fills our vision. Can we readjust our focus, and strengthen our unfaltering trust, by attempting to understand infinity? The effort, even if unsuccessful at present, will be as useful as those of our talented brother of Rochester (Mr. Claude Bragdon) in his illuminating books on "The Fourth Dimension."

As an analogy let us con-

sider the experience of the human embryo when the time of birth approaches. How limited is its experience of life! A little space and power for movement, but in no other mode can its volition express itself! Sight, hearing, choice of food, protection from accidents, are all beyond its power. It knows nothing but a soft, warm, darkness, and even these qualities are not so known to its consciousness, for it has no basis of comparison with anything different. Could one communicate to it news of the great change soon to take place in its condition, with what terror and reluctance would it regard this entire loss of all it knows, for a state of being so much more comprehensive as to be incomprehensible! Yet we adults are in the same position as we approach the gateway to another life. And if, as we know, the embryo by virtue of its inherent lifequality can change from a speck of zooplasm to a human being, there appears no reason at all why it should not go on yet further and enter into tune with the Infinite. Death to us can be no worse than birth to the embryo, and all evolution affirms that

"The soul's ephemerally housed in Nature's depths."

What then is this Infinite, as our reason tests it that is to say, as we compare it with life as we know it? Mostly negatives. It has neither beginning nor end. It can have no purpose nor destination, for the one would have been accomplished and the other reached in the long train of ages that has passed, had it been other than self-contained. If it be not conscious always, then it never will be, for it must know all or nothing since it has only itself to know.

If, however, we try to understand, Infinity through our senses, how different is the result. At once the hard diamond becomes a mass of activities. Every part is going somewhere, complete knowledge is endlessly experimenting for new discoveries, accomplished purpose seeks continually some new fulfilment.

Which is right, is this inconsistency real or only apparent? Here our limits force us to change from Operative to Speculative. We are, for the most part unable to attain exact knowledge in advance of the fact but we can hope, for we have laid the foundation thereof. We cannot deny infinity, but we can see that all its parts (for lack of a better word) must be of the same nature. There would then be, as yet, no unchangeable finality of perfected knowledge or accomplished purpose. Rather an infinite series of transformations and combinations, an ever growing consciousness striving to know itself, seeking to express an idea hidden in its own nature, requiring all the worlds of all the universes as fields for its experiments, all form of life as instruments, as coworkers to that discovery as pioneers in that great adventure. Here is our hope:

"Small as man and his thought may appear, he has exactly the value of the most enormous forces that he is able to conceive, since there is neither great nor small in the immeasurable. The mind alone, perhaps, occupies in infinity a space which comparisons do not reduce to nothing."

Is it not, then, childish to talk of eternal happiness or sorrow, where it is infinity that is in question? Our ideas of these conditions are so human so specialized, they are based so entirely on the implication that the laws of our life here shall govern our life under all other conditions. Yet, we must admit that our ideas proceed entirely from the sensibilities of our nervous system, which is tuned to but a small range of perceptions, and which could as easily have felt everything the reverse way, and taken pleasure in what now makes pain.

Much wiser, then, is it to "Follow Reason," and recognize that it would need but a trifle, a few papillee more or less to our skin, the least modification of our eyes and ears, to turn the temperature, the silence, and the darkness of space into a delicious springtime, an unequalled music, a divine light. We can, then, readily persuade ourselves that the catastrophes we think we behold are the acts of life itself, that even the collision and pulverising of worlds marks the beginning of some new and marvelous, experiment, that all is but birth and rebirth, a departure into an unknown filled with the anticipation of that far-off divine event to which the whole creation moves: some immense festival of mind and matter in which Death, the Liberator, thrusting aside at last our two enemies, time and space, will soon permit us to take our proper part, as Fellows of the Craft of which the Great Architect is the Master.

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paper-makers should hit upon this name of one of their towns as an excellent device to use in their watermarks! Many such watermarks exist. One of them, a copy of which lies before me as I write, carries an elaborate symbolism in which one may detect the emblems of Light, of Brotherly Love, of the Bright and Morning Star, of the Spirit of Truth, etc., with a band across the bottom in which are the letters that spell "Daulegard."

But what has this to do with Freemasonry? This, that it seems very reasonable to suppose that among the various institutions the members of which in those days had completely outgrown the puerile superstitions enforced by the papacy must have been the Masonic lodges. I believe that this will some day be proved by documentary evidence. I am convinced myself that others of the fraternities existing in secret at that time, such as the various schools of the Alchemists, and, later, the Rosicrucians, had some connections with the Masonic

Fraternity, and left in its symbolism certain emblems and ideas of their own. In other words, Freemasonry in the fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth centuries was one of many secret fraternities the members of which were devoted to a campaign of enlightenment (which in those it therefore fell heir to a whole stream of occult and symbolical lore which was devised to meet the situation at the time, which situation was that men could not, except at the peril of their lives, speak in public what every man of intelligence knew in his private mind.

Among these devices, symbols, or emblems thus inherited was this favourite paper-maker's device, "Dieu le garde," "God Guard It." This hypothesis seems reasonable to me; it has a host of facts behind it; and it gives to the expression as we have it a meaning and some significance, a thing that cannot be said of the Mackey hypothesis that "Due Guard" means to "guard duly."

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night on September 22. I had a constructive and beneficial Brother Bring a Friend presentation. We will hold a First Degree on October 27.

If I can be of assistance to anyone, please contact me. My cell is 631/664-8914, email is <u>iamretiredhappy@hotmail.com</u>.

Peter Rompf

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WM Carlton P. Jackson

Greetings, Brethren! On October 6 we will have our Table Lodge at Bella Domani. We will be addressing the petitions collected and assigning investigating committees for potential new candidates on October 20.

I am looking forward to the Grand Lecturer's Convention. It will be held on Friday, October 21 at Memorial Lodge. The Second Degree will be the work of the day, with yours truly as Master.

If any Brother is in need please reach out to me at <u>carltonjackson88@gmail.com</u> or 315/863-6630. If you know of anyone in need of assistance, do the same.

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Welcome to the 101st year of Nortrip Lodge—the little Lodge that could. I am excited to start off this new century with some seats being recycled and some being filled by first-timers.

Our first meeting had a decent turnout and included two visiting Brothers, one from Morning Star Lodge, W Brian Courtney, and one straight out of Ireland, Brother Brendan Cowzer. Brendan told us much of how similar our Lodges were and how things are done differently in Dublin. We had an enjoyable meeting and fellowship following. I thank them again for visiting with us. Both are welcome back at any time.

Now is a good time to also thank all who came to our practices and contributed to our success. Not only did it help with ritual but it was also just good to meet, and

Past Grand Master Carl J. Fitje Sponsor then have our wives present for fellowship.

At our September 22 meeting we discussed a change to our By-Laws to allow us to conduct business earlier than 7:30. We also discussed arrangements for our upcoming Octoberfest on October 13. Everyone's input is welcomed and valued. Ithank those who were there.

Todd Burns

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WM Shawn Plourde

Greetings, Brethren! Thanks go to everyone who could make it to our first Lodge meeting this past September 7. We had a great visit from W Brian Courtney and a fellow Brother from Ireland, Brendan Cowzer. Brother Cowzer gave a brief presentation on his 150-year-old Lodge. It was great to meet a fellow Mason from overseas and learn about another Lodge in another country.

Friday, October 21 is the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Memorial Lodge in N. Syracuse. The topic will be the Fellowcraft Degree. Most of the casting parts for the ritual have been filled but a few non-speaking parts are still available. If any Brothers would be willing to volunteer, please let me know. It would be greatly appreciated.

Our Official Visit has been scheduled for November 2. Please plan to attend, as it is always an informative and insightful meeting with the DDGM. We learn his plans for the coming year and any messages relayed from Grand Lodge. Please let Brother Secretary W Don Forward or me know if you cannot make it. As usual, dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. for this meeting.

Lastly, we are always looking for new Brothers to join our Lodge. As you interact with your friends and neighbors, speak with them about Freemasonry, have them fill out a petition and let us start the process for Initiation. Thank you for your time.

Shawn Plourde

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DDGM REPORT RW Chris Reis

Greetings, Brethren. Many of you may not know it but since January I have lost 42 pounds. They ran tests and decided I needed an LVAD (Left Ventricular Assist Device). They installed it on August 18, I spent three weeks in the hospital and came home this Saturday. I still face a period of recovery. It will be late October before I can get back to work in the quarries. The first Official Visit will be in November.

I hope to see you at the Grand Lecturer's Convention on the 17th. With dinner at 6:30 p.m., the convention will start at 7:30. All of this will be at Lake City Lodge; please make reservations with Mike Regan, secretarylakecity@gmail.com.

Ido hope to see you there. Let us have a great turnout, since we have not been together for a convention for three years.

Chris Reis

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> WM Patrick Fasulo, Wife Tracey 315/760-7676

Greetings, Brethren. Lake City Lodge No. 127 is pleased and honored to have Right Worshipful Richard Friedman, the Grand Lecturer, on Monday, October 17 for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. We look forward to gaining more light in Masonry as the Grand Lecturer imparts wisdom and education regarding our ritual, that ritual which makes us Masons. Please attend. Brothers in the District will eat for free (well, your individual Lodge will pay for it). We will have a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared and served by Lake City Victoria Chap-

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Greetings, Brethren, and welcome back to the quarries. It is time to get back to work.

It is hard to believe that October is here already, the leaves are changing, the weather is getting cooler and it is time for us to turn up the heat on Masonic Education.

Last year the three-District training team put on the Masonic Development Course (MDC) and it went very well. We are planning the Road to the East (RTTE) course for early October. Be on the lookout for location, time and dates. I am looking forward to getting back together with the team to be able to produce outstanding training programs for you.

Masters, please contact me if you are looking for some extra education on a meeting night. Maybe some Masonic Etiquette is in store for newer members or as a refresher for the entire Lodge.

The Maxwell Leadership Program is underway and it is a great program for future Lodge officers. Please reach out to me if you would like more information on the program.

Brethren, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Official Visits. I hope our DDGM RW Chris Reis recovers fully and is able to get back with us very soon. Stay safe, everyone.

John Pierce

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AGL Bob Boutell

Greetings, Brethren. We remind you that our Grand Lecturer, Right Worshipful Richard Friedman, will be at Lake City Lodge No. 127 on Monday, October 17 for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Please get your reservations in to Right Worshipful Chris Reis, DDGM. There will be a succulent turkey dinner with all the trimmings served by Lake City Victoria Chapter 205 OES at 6:30 p.m. The convention begins at 7:30 p.m.

Brothers, leave your wallet at home. The cost for the dinner for each individual Brother is covered by that Brother's Lodge. For more information regarding the assessment charges for your Lodge and to reserve your place for dinner, contact the DDGM, Right Worshipful Chris Reis.

Do not forget: your AGLs are here for you and your Lodge. If you are having Degrees, Degree practices or just want to go over some of the ritual, do not hesitate to contact us.

Your AGL team.
Pat Fasulo
Bob Boutell

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ter No. 205 OES. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with the convention scheduled to begin at 7:30. I hope all can attend.

On September 13 we had a very special guest at Lake City Lodge No. 127. Right

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Lake City from 3rd column . . .

Worshipful Tim McMullin, Past Senior Grand Warden and Honorary Member of Lake City Lodge, gave an outstanding presentation on Masonry and education. He and it were well received. We had a wonderful time and the evening was a tremendous success.

We will be celebrating our 175th Anniversary in the coming months. More details will follow soon.

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WM Fred Dashnaw



Tidings, my Brothers. Your Lodge has been humming along with Degree work, barbecues and fix-up projects on our building. Our final barbecue for the season is Columbus Day weekend. A huge thank-you goes to our Brothers who show up each Saturday morning to do the heavy lift for all it takes for these fundraisers. Another special thank-you goes to Butch and Diane for all they do for our Lodge. These fundraisers allow us to give scholarships for the three schools that our Lodge cov-

Coming up for October, we will be looking at the three charges that sum up the meanings of each Degree and how they can be applied in our life. At the October19 meeting we will practice for Degree work, as it looks as though we will have forthcoming petitions.

Plans are in the works for a spring program of honoring Brothers for their years of membership. COVID canceled our last one.

We have members in rehab care. Our District Deputy, RW Chris, is on the mend.

We look forward to seeing you in Lodge again. Please keep all our Masonic family in your prayers.

May we work always to support our Craft and Country. See you on the level.

Fred Dashnaw

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

WM Charlia Tu



Greetings, Brethren, from Scriba Lodge 414. I hope all of you have had a great summer. Now it is time for our Lodge to get back to work. We headed back to the quarries on September 12. We had good attendance and enjoyed the fellowship that getting back together affords.

We have a lot of work to start on. Remember that we

meet the second and fourth Mondays and have a dinner prior to our tiled meetings. I am still waiting to finish our Trestleboard, with a couple of candidates in waiting. We will have our Widows/ Awards dinner on a Lodge night coming up. Please keep a lookout in your emails for the date and time.

I would like to wish these Brothers a happy birthday. I hope they had a truly enjoyable day with family and friends. They are Brother Jeffery Bush, Brother Paul Hoyt, Brother Raymond Main, Brother Lawrence Reagan and Brother Randall Shaw. Stay safe.

Charlie Tuff



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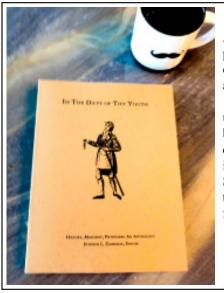
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CORTLAND-MADISON DISTRICT

DDGM REPORT

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Dear Brethren, hopefully by now your respective Lodges have returned to work and have a wonderful year ahead. I want to congratulate the new Master Masons from Tri-Valley Lodge No. 148 and Cazenovia No. 616. The Degree was done very well and it was pleasant to see the sidelines full. As is usual for Cazenovia Lodge No. 616, they were gracious hosts and put on a wonderful meal.

Official Visits are underway, with Marathon Lodge No. 438 on October 3, Tri-Valley No. 148 on October 6, Cazenovia Lodge No. 616 on October 19 and Homer Lodge No. 352 on October 24. Hamilton Lodge No. 120 will be rescheduled.

I encourage you to attend the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 18 at Cortlandville Lodge No. 470. The work of the evening will be the Second Degree. Finally, please make every effort to attend RW Richard Reed's Masonic education courses, which he has sched-

We all realize attendance at our regular meetings is low. Please encourage a Brother to attend. It is only a couple of hours once or twice a month. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

Wade A. Caler

CORTLANDVILLE 470 1883 Rt. 13 North Cortland, NY 13045 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.

607/753-9525 WM Christopher Jenney

Greetings, Brethren. Our Official Visit opened our year. We held the meeting on September 20 with a dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30.

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STAFF OFFICER'S REPORT

RW Richard G. Reed 607/591-1301 rgreed13045@gmail.com

Greetings, Brethren! As our Lodges are getting back into the regular schedules of meetings, we are likely experiencing the need to brush off some of the dust and wipe away a bit of the rust on our ritual. That is OK. We learn by doing. We acquire the tenets of Masonry-Brotherly Love, Integrity, Charity—by practicing, sometimes failing, and practicing some more. And for our Brothers who are new to Masonry, it is good to review the basics of the Degrees they have gone through to help broaden and deepen their understanding of who we are as Masons.

It has been about five years since we held the Masonic Development Course in our District. All three Masonic Development Courses will be held on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 noon at Cortlandville Lodge No. 470. That is 1883 NY-13, Cortland. The Entered Apprentice Course is on October 22 (reservation due by October 17); the Fellowcraft Course on November 12 (reservation due by November 7); and the Master Mason Course is November 19 (reservation due by November 14). The cost is \$10 per course to cover materials, beverages and snacks.

Make your reservation to rgreed13045@gmail.com. Indicate which course(s) you are interested in. Note: you cannot take a course higher than the Degree you have achieved. Help your new members register.

It is my honor to serve the District and our Grand Lodge. Please let me know of ways you think I can help provide, enhance and support Masonic Leadership and Education in Cortland-Madison District.

Richard G. Reed

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No News Received

Cortlandville from 1st column . . .

We had a chicken barbecue on September 17 and plan another for October 2. If you can, please join us for the barbecues. They offer lots of great fellowship and good food. We need help from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Any amount of help or time is welcome and appreciated. We will be selling dinners in addition to chicken halves. We are looking forward to what fall brings us.

Chris Jenney

TRI-VALLEY 148 611 Stone St. Oneida, N.Y. 13421 1st Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

WM John Becke



My Brothers, alas, summer is turning into fall. But as spring brings new blooms this fall has brought a new bloom of Brothers to the Masonic brotherhood. Tri-Valley Lodge, with the assistance of Cazenovia Lodge, recently conferred a Third Degree to Raise seven new Brothers. Four are members of Cazenovia and three are members of Tri-Valley.

Thanks go to Cazenovia Lodge for the hospitality and brotherly love extended to Tri-Valley Lodge. A special thank-you goes out to RW Clint Brooks, who made several trips to Cazenovia for practice to make the Degree go off without a hitch. There are too many others to name who made this Degree a great day for our new Brothers. Thanks to all.

Next on our busy schedule is the Official Visit of DDGM RW Wade Caler on October 6. Information on dinner and reservations has been sent. I hope to see you

My Brothers, I hope to travel throughout the District this fall. I hope many of you do the same. Help us introduce these new Brothers into the great Fraternity we call Freemasonry.

John Becker

HOMER 352 27 S. Main St.

Homer, N.Y. 13077 2nd & 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m 607/749-2201

WM Kim C. Dellow

Brethren: Now that summer is over, we are seeing the fall colors. Lodge has started up and so have the Official Visits in the District. Let's support our District Deputy Grand Master and Staff Officer. Read their articles to see what they are doing.

Our meetings in October are the 10th and 24th. Let us attend. We have great refreshments. Bring someone who has not been in a long time. See you in Lodge.

Kim Dellow



7:30 p.m. WM Mike McKee

Hello, Brothers. I hope all is well.

Coming up on October 3 is our Official Visit. We will welcome RW Wade Caler, District Deputy Grand Master. The Eastern Star Chapter will be providing a meal.

Also coming up, we will have a First Degree to confer. Our first meeting was September 19 and arrangements were finalized. We will get out the message about our plans for the First Degree.

Mike McKee

CAZENOVIA 616 2836 State Rt. 20 East

PO Box 285 Cazenovia, NY 13035 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

WM Michael A. Hayes

Greeting and salutations, my Brothers from Cazenovia Lodge No. 616. The Brothers of Cazenovia and Tri-Valley Lodge have been diligently working in the quarry all summer long and on September 10 we jointly Raised seven Brothers to the Degree of Master Mason. It was a great Degree and Senior Warden Ron Fazio's mother, Donna Fazio, provided a wonderful lasagna meal.

It has been a successful summer for the Lodge with our community involvement and providing great food at numerous events (see photo above). The Nelson Creamery will be closing on October 2, so if you want the best ice cream in the area, make your way there.

We also had a meeting night where the attire was Hawaiian shirts. All the Brothers joined in (below).

Practices for open and closing will begin shortly so we will be in top shape for our DDGM's Official Visit. I look forward to meeting Brothers in the District at these visits. Be well, my Brothers, until next we shall meet.

Michael A. Hayes





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CAYUGA-TOMPKINS DISTRICT

DDGM REPORT



RW Anthony J. Tabone thats1happitooth@ verizon.net

I hope this finds you, my Brothers, well rested from our summer respite and anxious to engage yourselves in your Lodge's Trestleboards and other various activities. The District calendar is now in full swing with Official Visits being scheduled and, so far, well attended.

Our District had our annual Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church in Auburn on 25th September. There were nine Masons memorialized. I encouraged each Lodge to send a representative to attend this service, irrespective of whether or not it had a Brother who has passed to the Celestial Lodge. It is of immense importance that we pay our due tributes to our mentors in the Craft who have blazed the trails upon which we tread today, and to show our support, solidarity and comfort to their families. We must strive to keep their memories eternal.

Our District Awards Dinner is slated for the Friday, 14 October at the Ukrainian National Club in Auburn. If you have not already, you will be receiving reminders (perhaps many of them) from our District Communications liaison. Again, this is a great time for good food and camaraderie with your fellow brethren outside the walls of your Lodge building. The objective is to honor those in our District who have attained great heights in their Masonic life and journey, both by their acts and their years of dedication to our Craft. I humbly encourage you to join me and your District team in attending if pos-

I have been in contact with a representative from the Masonic Medical Research Institute, who is very interested in bringing information about what the Institute has done and is continuing to do on behalf of you. Historically, Lodges in our District have been quite generous with their interest and financial support of the good work the MMRI is doing and we would very much like that to continue. If you are at all interested, as a program or some other function, in having a representative of the MMRI speak to your Lodge,

DDGM see 2nd column

STAFF OFFICER



RW David A. Barnello GLSO Cayuga-Tompkins District dabbcr@aol.com 315/283-6705

Greetings, all. Around the District: On Sunday, October 2 there will be a joint District training session for the Road to the East course at Erie Canal Lodge beginning at 1:00 p.m. We will also be giving the course via Zoom. This course is geared toward Lodge officers and will give you the basic path to becoming a functional part of your Lodge's managing team. Brothers looking to ascend to the East will learn their intended responsibilities and have the tools to accomplish specific goals. All Brothers are welcome and encouraged to take part.

Lodges are open again and plans have already been made for Degree work. Erie Canal will confer the First Degree on Thursday, October 6.

Official Visits planned for this month are at Trumansburg, King Hiram, Fidelity-Hobasco and Tritown Lodges. I hope to see you there.

The District Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, October 14 at the Ukrainian National Club in Auburn. Social hour is at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 and program to follow.

Here is a helpful tip: find your cold-weather clothes again; you will be needing them soon. Stay safe and do good things.

Dave Barnello

DDGM from 1st column . . .

it can be readily arranged via in-person or Zoom. As always, I ask for and encourage your continued support of this worthy organization's yeoman-like, ground-breaking work.

Until we meet and speak again, may you find purpose in your work in the quarries. Do it for yourself and those you encounter.

Anthony J. Tabone

ERIE CANAL 141 2803 Rte. 31 East Weedsport, N.Y. 13166 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

> WM David Barnello; Wife, Ann; 315/283-6705 Secy Gary Mowers; 315/246-7029

Greetings, all. September was a busy month for the Lodge. Renovation work continued on the dining room expansion. The entrance ramp was power washed and

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No News Received

Erie Canal from 2nd column . . .

painted, general yardwork was done and we had another successful pancake breakfast. Thanks go to all who have been involved with the work.

We also had a good turnout for our Apple Fest social event with our extended Lodge family. We plan on having another event in the future. The Corn Hole Tournament on September 24 will be reported on in a future article.

Looking to October, the Lodge will be hosting the RTTE training session on Sunday, October 2.

We will confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on our candidate on October 6. Brother Seth will be in the East. Cast roles are set and practice sessions are scheduled. Please make plans to be available.

We will still need bodies to help with the dining room project. We want to get everything buttoned up by the next monthly pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 8. All hands on deck!

The District Dinner and Awards Banquet will be held at the UNC in Auburn on October 14. Please plan on attending if you can and get your reservation in soon. Let's have a good representation of Erie Canal Lodge.

We will have our usual Officers and Committee meetings live and via Zoom during the month. Please attend if able. See you soon.

Dave Barnello

AUBURN 124

5593 St. Rte. 34B. Auburn, N.Y. 13021 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

> WM Joe Sheppard Secy Tom Ostrander, tostrander7948@gmail.com, 315/224-0940

Brothers, under sickness and distress we lost a great friend and Brother Mason recently. RI Howard Colegrove was a Past District Deputy, Cryptic Masons and a member of King Hiram Cryptic No. 18 in Auburn.

Our first tiled meeting of 2022-23 went smoothly. W Sheppard ran a tight meeting and had a program to finish up. The subject of opening and closing was discussed and the differences between the US and abroad noted. Our September 15 meeting was a travel night to Erie Canal No. 141 in Weedsport.

RW Tabone, our DDGM travelled to Scipio No. 110 for his Official Visit on September 13. On September 24 the Auburn Rainbow Girls hosted the State Visitation of Grand Worthy Advisor Sydney Dennerlein. The District Memorial Service was held on September 25 at the 1st Presbyterian Church, South St., Auburn. RW Dave Bowman, Grand Chaplain, officiated.

Under other old business,

our 8th Annual Scholarship Tournament was a huge success. We raised \$1950 for our Scholarship Fund. Thanks go to all who participated.

Our District Awards Dinner is set for October 14 at the Ukrainian National Club on the corner of 133 Cottage St. in Auburn. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7. The cost is \$30. Catered by Scratch Farmhouse Catering, the menu is baked chicken, ham, ziti with sauce, twice-baked potato, veggie, salad, bread and dessert. We are honoring our DDGM RW Tabone, Staff Officer RW Barnello and AGL VW Jay Lampman. Our guest speaker is the MI John Gallant, Past Grand Master of NYS Cryptic Masons. Make reservations with me by October 7 by email or my cell: 315/224-0940.

On September 29, by direction of W Sheppard, we had a Fellowship Night/ Brother Bring a Friend event consisting of friendly poker games with pizza and refreshments. October 6 calls for a dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30 p.m. The program is "The Masonic Compass." The October 20 meeting at 7:30 p.m. will focus on our Annual Lodge Memorial Service. October 23 is beer brewing day and First Degree Rehearsal. The time will be announced.

Last but not least: on November 3 we are conferring the First Degree on three candidates.

That is all for now. Take care, God bless. We hope to see you Lodge.

Tommy Ostrander

WARREN SALEM TOWN 147

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

> WM Tim Carmon wift Kelly

Summer has passed and we have returned to our regular schedule of meeting on the first and third Tuesday each month. Last night, September 6, we held a special meeting prior to the stated communication. We reviewed the efforts made to find a contractor to repair the iron fire escape at the rear of our building. We contacted five welding businesses to assess the condition of the fire escape and provide an estimate to make it safe again. At Lodge we accepted the proposal submitted by Barber Welding,

In terms of Lodge activity, we draped the altar for Brother Clair Morse, who laid down the working tools of life on August 8, 2022. We reviewed the activities on the Trestleboard and practiced the opening and closing ritual.

Prior to our September 20 meeting we had a field trip to the gravesite of Salem Town in Aurora. We carpooled and left Lodge at 5:30 p.m. Following the field trip, we returned for a Table Lodge prepared by Brother Steve Hunter.

Brother Peter Van Vlack and I are meeting with Bill Hecht to conduct a final review of the pictures and dates of service of Past Masters. Once completed we will have them printed and framed for display.

Since we did not have a September article, I expanded the Birthday Corner. Happy Birthday to Brothers Arthur Smith, September 8; Dennis Zach, September 18; William Thurston, October 14.

Warren Albrecht

SCIPIO 110 Main St. Aurora, N.Y. 13026

2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 p.m.

WM Scott Ward, Secy Stephen L. Zabriskie, <u>zabled@aol.com</u>

Hello again, friends! I suppose it is no secret to anyone that our ten minutes of summer are almost over. At the moment, I am looking out at a pretty grey and overcast landscape, light rain and some cooler temperatures only confirming my prediction.

The Brothers of Scipio 110 gathered recently on a day such as this for our annual summer picnic. It was nice to visit our usual spot at Rocky Point and see a few faces we have not seen in a while. A nice shout-out goes to our host, Brother Jordan, for suppling the meat as well as the venue. And a big thanks goes to those who attended to chew the fat for a while (an ongoing grass vs. corn-fed beef debate between two Brothers).

Today's gloomy weather did have a tremendous bright spot. Brother Maassen, Brother Zabriskie and I made it a point to seek out a face we have not seen in forever. VW Dave Brooks was resting comfortably in his favorite chair at home out of the rain. Brother Dave was born March 9, 1929; being 93, we assured him, was no reason for missing the picnic. But a scary bout with long COVID is an ongoing issue and we decided to give a little slack in his cable-tow.

David joined DeMolay in 1944 and later became a mentor and Dad Advisor to countless men in the Auburn area. Many went on to be Masons and most. he recalls, have already laid down their tools. He himself was Raised in the Auburn Lodge 431 on March 21, 1951. Our records reveal that in December of 1977 Dave dimitted Auburn and he joined Scipio 110 on January 20, 1978. Throughout all those years Dave held many titles including (sometime in the 1980s) AGL. From personal experience and countless conversations with other Brothers, he is deemed an exceptional man and Mason.

That being said, it was a great honor for me person-

ally, with my two attending Brothers, to award David Brooks with his seventy-year apron. Surrounded by his family, we talked about a great past and experiences too numerous to mention here in the space I have. Congratulations go to Brother Brooks. It was a great experience to honor my friend.

This coming week brings our Official Visit and our Grand Master's message and, hopefully, another nice meal. My message within this message is this: Brothers, in a world of sometimes mediocre Masons, be a David Brooks. Take care, friends.

Scott Ward

CAROLINE 681

P.O. Box 72 Fuller Lane Slaterville Springs, NY 14881 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:00 p.m. April - December; Dark for January - March

WM James Gleason; Wife Deb; 607/898-5088 Secy Ben Hogben; 607/272-0216

Under Sickness and Distress: Both W Brother Harry Weldon and W Brother Leroy Crispell are doing well. Keep all of our Brothers who have suffered loss of loved ones or are sick or injured in your prayers. Continue to keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers. May all of you direct your steps through life by the light you find upon our altars.

We are presently installing a microphone system in our Lodge. This is to assist all of us old coots to hear better.

Here is an update on our four new Brothers from last fall. Brother Yigit Nizipli and Brother Kelvie Lowry have relocated—Brother Lowry to Oklahoma, near the Texas border. He is an airplane pilot and flies out of Dallas Texas. Brother Nizipli and family have relocated

to New York City. Both Brothers maintain their membership in our Lodge and are seeking Lodges in their respective area to join. Both are missed.

Brother Ben Hogben is our Secretary. Brother Carl Tilton is in a Steward chair and has taken over the weedwhipping job around the Lodge and property.

Congratulations go to Auburn Lodge on their recently distributed Calendar of Events (excellent programs). May all the other Lodges do the same. Also: Wake up, all of you Lodges that don't present articles to the word. It is the best and cheapest way to get your message out. Your out-oftown Brothers and other Lodges will appreciate the updates.

Ray Ink

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Greetings, Brothers and Sisters. Under sickness and distress, I am sad to announce the passing of Marion Teachout. Richard E. Barrett is recovering nicely from his recent heart attack but faces another procedure to get him back in top shape. Bill and Diana Toth have hopefully returned safely from their Alaskan cruise.

As the days get shorter, I remind all our senior members who have trouble driving at night: do not hesitate to call someone and ask for a ride. Your attendance at Valley meetings is very important and much appreciated.

Speaking of appreciation, the Hospitaler's Fund would appreciate your help. Send a check to "Central City Bodies," directed for the Hospitaler's Fund. And do not forget the Blue envelopes.

Dick Freeman

Consistory

Leon A. Bulriss, 32° MSA Commander in Chief

Greeting, Brethren. Three Sublime Princes received the Meritorious Service Award at the Council of Deliberation session: James McNeal, Kenneth D. Sterling and Philip A. Spadaccini, Valley of Norwood. Several other of our Brothers have been nominated for next year.

In the past, to increase membership Lodge Ambassadors put on programs in Lodge to introduce Blue Lodge membership to AASR Masonry. Supreme Council has updated this recruitment method. The new concepts will be shared with our current Lodge Ambassadors and any members interested in joining the program.

The successful Rite on the Road Program will continue. This program presents the 4th Degree and others to Brothers who have completed an application and paid the initiation fee. These Degrees are conferred in their home Lodge.

These are great recruiting tools. But they will never replace our best resource—our members—and their influence through word of mouth, actions and enthusiasm.

We are addressing retention issues through the Member's Mentoring Committee and the New Member Orientation Program. This tactic dedicates an evening to new members. It is a guided tour covering all areas, a Valley of Syracuse 101 course.

The Valley is taking an innovative approach to get new members involved, challenging our new Sublime Princes to cast their own Degree. The seed has been planted. The 11th Degree,

Sublime Master Elected, will be conferred on March 18, 2023

The Black Hat Program has been restructured and is unique to the Valley of Syracuse. All new members receive a scorecard, which they will sign each time they attend a Valley function. Through attendance and participation they accumulate points. They have two years to complete their scorecard and when completed they will receive their Black Hat on Awards Night.

Last summer Supreme Council introduced the PathFinder Program to encourage interest and involvement for new and old members. All members should have a PathFinder Field Book and packet of information. Visit the Supreme Council website for more information.

The Valley will continue the Brother to Brother Contact Program. Officers have been assigned contact lists. This multi-purpose program lets members know they are not forgotten; lets us see if they need assistance; helps us reactivate them; and updates their contact information and status for the Valley records.

We had a review by the Valley's investment firm. Bottom line: investments are down, expenses rising with inflation and membership shrinking. The Executive Committee finds it necessary to raise the price of our dinners; but even with an increase in prices our quality dinners and programs are an exceptional bargain.

We have a proactive plan that encompasses Valley programs and those of Supreme Council. With your continued help and support 2022-2023 will be another Valley of Excellence Award year.

Leon A. Bulriss

Council Princes

Caleb W. Haines, 32° HGA Sovereign Prince

Valiant Princes, I remind you that this year the 16th Degree will be conferred after the 15th Degree video on January 30, 2023. If any are interested in a part in the 16th Degree please contact cast director and Senior Warden Mike Miller before the rehearsals on October 24 and December 19.

As Sovereign Prince and on behalf of the Valley of Syracuse, I thank and give the highest regards to my entire officer line, who were present at our August Executive Committee meeting. This showed a sincere respect for their office, qualities of dependability and leadership and it is a sign of a healthy and active Scottish Rite Body.

As a result of this perfect attendance, I felt great support as a Body head. I encourage all Body heads to request that their subordinate officers attend Executive Meetings to maintain a strong chain of union with fellow officers, Commander in Chief, Secretary, Valley membership and Supreme Council.

I hope to see Valley of Syracuse members as your cable-tow permits. If you find it difficult to attend in person consider online participation to see Degrees during Thursday Night at the Rite season. Update your member profile if necessary. Or enroll in the Hauts Grades Academy classes via https://scottishritenmj.org.

Please support the Blue Envelope membership appeal in any monetary increment. Amounts given via the Blue Envelope contribute to our membership participation goal and help us remain a Valley of Excellence.

May the Great Architect grant peace and blessings to you. May he guard our Sovereign Grand Commander, our Country and our men and women of service.

Caleb W. Haines

Lodge of Perfection

Stephen G. Maddox, 32° MSA Thrice Potent Master

On September 19 we held an officer installation for those who could not attend the June ceremony and a training for all officers. The next event was the following Monday at the Memorial Center. It was a special project meeting for the purpose of planning the 11° that will be presented on March 18. We hope to engage new members in the planning and presentation of this Degree.

October 3 is the next Executive Committee meeting. All L-O-P officers are invited to participate and I encourage you to come and offer insights into our activities. Finally, on October 10 the L-O-P will be presenting the 4° and 14° at 7:30.

Stephen G. Maddox

Rose Croix

Greetings, Princes. I am again writing this month's column due to the continuing illness of Most Wise Master Richard E. Barrett. We wish him a complete and prompt recovery and hope to see him back in his Most Wise Master's chair very soon.

In September we had two important events: our Fall Kickoff and Brother-Bringa-Brother Night and the 2022 Council of Deliberation meeting. The first event helps us bring in new Brothers to our Valley. It also brought some Internet advertising: the ad automatically hit my computer screen while reading the Sunday Syracuse newspaper online. "Become a 32° Scottish Rite Freemason | Expand Your Craft (scottishritenmj.org)."

In October we will have two Degrees. We will confer the 4th Degree on the 10th of the month and rehearse the 16th Degree on the 24th. Even when the Degrees are not part of our Rose Croix Chapter, it will be friendly if some of our Chapter Brothers participate. It is a great experi-

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Website: www.syr-aasr.org

Oct 3 Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Virtual meeting, Zoom.
Oct 10 LOP Degrees 7:30 p.m. 4° "Builder"—Video/14°
....... "Grand Elect Mason"—Live Cast; Live Meeting at Masonic Center;
....... Refreshments to follow.
Oct 17 Awards & Recognition Night. Social 6:00 p.m./
...... Dinner 6:30 p.m./Program 7:30 p.m.
Oct 24 Council Princes of Jerusalem 7:00 p.m.; 16° "Prince of Jerusalem"
...... Degree rehearsal.

November 2022
Nov 7 AASR Trustees Meeting 6:15 p.m./
...... Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Zoom

Nov 14...... Veterans Recognition Night; Social 6:00 p.m./Dinner 6:30 p.m./

..... and Knighting Ceremony Live; Refreshments to follow.

Allegiance

..... Program 7:30 p.m.

October 2022

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

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

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

ence for all, especially for the new Rite members and officers.

On the 17th we have the Awards and Recognition night and on the 31st the KOSA Program. October will be a very busy month.

As an aside, I will be giving a PowerPoint presentation about the origins and differences between the York and Scottish rituals in my Liverpool-Syracuse Mother Lodge on Monday, October 3. All are cordially and fraternally invited. If our Valley is interested, I can redo the program here.

Please, keep our military and our country in your prayers. Keep safe.

rayers. Keep safe.

Jorge Luis Romeu

Notes from the Children's Dyslexia Center CNY

The Children's Dyslexia Center of Central New York's annual 3 & 5K Walk for Children with Dyslexia is October 1 at the Eastern Star Campus in Oriskany. We begin with a 9:30 registration, kick it off at 10:00 a.m. and follow with a chicken barbecue at 11:00 a.m. It should be lots of fun! Linda L. Martin

Signs of the Times

You will continue to read articles in *the word* from each body in the Valley of Syracuse but other changes are coming. To meet the changing times and accommodate requests to modernize our communications links, Supreme Council will roll out a new system soon. It is based on Council's J365 communications network.

These changes are as new to me as they are to you. I will assist where I can and arrange for Supreme Council support when I cannot. Jim Swan

St. Andrew's Day Brunch

The Knights of St. Andrew invite everyone to celebrate St. Andrew's Day with a brunch at the Brae Loch

Inn in Cazenovia. The date is Sunday, November 20 and time is 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$40 per person.

Wives or significant others and guests are invited. This event is open to all. Make your reservation now. Reservations are due no later than October 30. Send reservation and check to: Richard Powell, 4717 Broad Road, Syracuse, NY 13215.

This is a great opportunity to introduce non-Scottish Rite Brothers to the Rite or non-Masons to the Fraternity. Dress is kilt or business casual.

The Brae Loch puts out a great spread for its brunches and Cazenovia is lovely in the fall. Come out and make advance reservation for the Burns Supper (to be held at Coleman's on January 28, 2023).

2023 Member's Dues

Most have received the invoice for your 2023 member's dues from Supreme Council, with a new member card included. Please be prepared to present that card to the Sentinel or his assistant when you attend a Valley meeting. If you have not received the invoice and card, please contact the Valley Office at 315/452-7976 immediately.

If you have not paid your 2022 dues, please do so. At the present time the Valley of Syracuse is owed more than \$6,000 in arrears from 2022 to 2019.

The Valley must pay \$30 to Supreme Council and \$6 to the New York Council of Deliberation for every member on its rolls effective June 15 each year. Dues money not paid prior to June 15 must be paid to Supreme Council from the general fund of the Valley.

If your 2021 dues are not paid by January 31, 2023 your Scottish Rite membership may be suspended. This policy was waived for two years due to COVID but is now reinstated.

By popular request, the Valley initiated a PayPal account for members desir-

ing to pay dues or make reservations for Valley events other than by check, credit card or cash. Immediately contact the office if you have a problem using this convenience.

Rest in Peace

These dedicated Scottish Riters laid down their working tools these past few months. Gone but not forgotten.

Name

Deceased Date

Ernest W. Bump 08/28/2021 Robert F. Coulter 04/09/2021 Jeffrey J. Dixe

10/17/2021 Roy R. Dixon 06/22/2021

Alan M. Downing 10/10/2021 Alan S. Drohan

10/10/2021 Paul E. Foster

01/23/2022 David J. Freeman

06/19/2021 Richard P. Gunsalus 08/03/2021

Carl R. Hoyt Sr. 02/27/2022

Leon Milner 02/10/2021

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James S. Russell 01/14/2022

Robert H. Smith 05/25/2021

David A. Stevenson 05/25/2021 Alan N. Timmerman

04/14/2021 Robert C. Torgersen

12/09/2019 Walter Vladuchek

Walter Vladuchek 12/12/2020

Alan L. Wood 02/12/2022

Harold F. Clark Jr. 11/27/2020

James P. Hall 04/07/2021 Donald B. Hanson

04/03/2021 Waldo S. Lyman

06/10/2021 Robert E. Moore

10/31/2021 William R. Porteous

01/11/2021 Alfred J. Smith 09/21/2021

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Greetings, Companions. I trust that all have enjoyed the summer rest period and are returning to our labor in the quarries with renewed fervency and zeal.

We have a number of events in October for our District and I hope every Chapter will have representation. On October 13 Lake Ontario Chapter will be hosting the Official Visit by RE Dan Lort, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil. A dinner at 6:30 is being offered, the meeting starting at 7:30. Please let the Chapter know if you are intending to join the Companions of Lake Ontario Chapter for dinner.

We also have our Grand Lecturer's Convention scheduled for Saturday, October 22 at Pulaski Chapter. We will host, in joint session with District 10. Grand Lec-REturer Anthony Klimathianos will bring his vast knowledge of our Craft to share a focus on the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Every Chapter should make an effort to send Companions to Pulaski to share fellowship with Companions from our Northern area and our own District. The festivities will start with a lunch at 11:30, with the meeting following our repast.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in this fine, older Masonic building. And I hope to visit each of the Chapters again this fall to share in fellowship. Jim Nelson

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Greetings, Companions. I hope everyone had a good safe summer and is looking forward to fall and being back in full swing in all the Masonic bodies. I am hoping to see some old faces in Chapter, Brothers we have not seen in a while.

We traveled down to Raymond's Pond in Trumansburg on August 27. The four Brothers who submitted petitions made it, along with three other Companions. They received their first two Degrees in Royal Arch Masonry. There was a good-size class of Brother Companions and most the

Grand Line was also in attendance. They had a 50/50 fundraiser and many other raffles to raise funds to go to our many charities.

The meeting on September 8 was for Council. We enjoyed a dinner served by our Lake City Victoria Chapter OES 205. The meeting on October 13 will be for the Royal Arch Masonry again. I will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m. if we can get the attendance for one. We will be making preparations for our Most Excellent Master De-

By the time everyone gets this article we will have had our Hands Across the Border event. We had nine Companions planning to go. Next year this event will return to Oswego.

With our year almost over, those who have not paid this year's dues need to do so. Also, start thinking about next year and maybe taking a new role. This will help keep Royal Arch Masonry strong in Oswego's Chapter. Stay well and safe.

Ronald A. Bond

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Greetings, Companions! With the season of fall well upon us, we welcome the month of October.

On behalf of the Chapter I would like to thank our award-winning Master Chef, Companion Tim Hansen, for his outstanding service and the great meal provided for our Chapter Awards Night celebration. Companion Hansen really outdid himself with this event.

This proves to be an active month with many opportunities to share fellowship with Companions from around the District and to share the experience of learning through group participation in visits and conventions. Thursday, October 13 will be the informal Official Visit to our District by RE Dan Lort, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil. It is to be held at Lake Ontario Chapter in Oswego. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:30. Please get your dinner reservations to Chapter Secretary RE Bob Bowles as soon as possible.

Saturday, October 22 is the RAM Grand Lecturer's Convention. This will be held at Pulaski Chapter. The festivities begin at 11:30 a.m. Please come and learn from the vast experience and knowledge of our Grand Lecturer, RE Anthony Klimathianos.

Our Chapter meeting on

Tuesday, October 25 is at 7:30 p.m. This will be a normal business convocation.

Remember "Chapter Pride" and make your Chapter a model for others to follow. Perform your ritual with proficiency and zeal and give it your regular attendance. I hope to see you around the 12th Capitular District soon. Jack G. Dombrowski



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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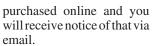
Greetings, Sir Knights. As I write this article I am trying to work out some conflicts on our regular meeting nights in October, one personal and one Masonic. I will be out of town on October 7 and the Onondaga District Grand Lecturer's Convention is scheduled for October 21. I am hoping that we will be able to meet on October 14 and/or October 28, if the Liverpool Temple is available on either or both dates. Alternatively, I will look for a place to hold practices if we are unable to formally open the Commandery.

We made some progress shaking off the cobwebs on our opening ritual at our September meeting and I would like to continue that progress in October. As of this writing we are still going to be hosting a Zone School of Instruction on November 4. Keep an eye out on "Templar Tales." I will update you on topics for the Zone School and possibly ritual parts assigned to our Commandery.

Please try to keep November 7 open on your calendar. We have been invited to Jordan Lodge to put on a program about Commandery. I am putting together a short slide show about Templary and I will be looking for some Knights to attend in uniform. Programs at Lodges are a great way to inspire interest in Commandery and potentially recruit new members. Our thanks go to Sir Knight Adam Novak for extending the invitation to attend Jordan

Lodge. Finally, Sir Knights, I am reminded that the battle cry of our Medieval ancestors was, "Our hope is in God!" May our Heavenly Father continue to watch over all during these trying times. Truly, Our hope is in God! William H. Toth

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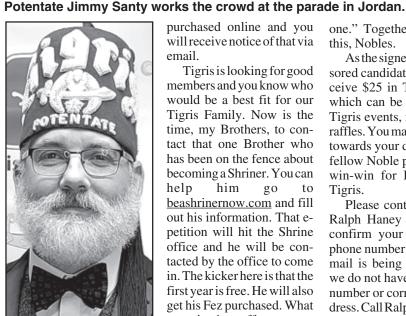
Tigris is looking for good members and you know who would be a best fit for our Tigris Family. Now is the time, my Brothers, to contact that one Brother who has been on the fence about becoming a Shriner. You can help him go beashrinernow.com and fill out his information. That epetition will hit the Shrine office and he will be contacted by the office to come in. The kicker here is that the first year is free. He will also get his Fez purchased. What organization offers a year free so you can get your feet wet? We are the only Masonic entity whose motto is "Fun & Fraternity." You cannot beat that, and knowing you are helping children, too. It is up to each of you to approach a Blue Lodge member and bring him into our part of the Fraternity. "Just one." Together we can do this, Nobles.

As the signer for the sponsored candidate you will receive \$25 in Tigris Bucks, which can be used for any Tigris events, merchandise, raffles. You may apply bucks towards your dues or help a fellow Noble pay his. It is a win-win for Brothers and Tigris.

Please contact Recorder Ralph Haney to update or confirm your address and phone number. Much of our mail is being returned and we do not have a cell phone number or correct email address. Call Ralph at 315/308-0410. You may be missing important dates and times. Help us help you.

If anyone is ill or needs our assistance, please contact Recorder Haney or me. It is a new year and we want you to be part of the biggest Fraternity that is about helping children.

James Santy



Tigris Shrine III. Potentate James Santy Sr. 3154000jim@gmail.com, 315/400-0546

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine: on September 13 we voted to purchase the Moose Building. We do not know at this writing but if it passes as we feel it will—a special thanks is due to our Recorder, III. Ralph I. Haney III. He was the lead on this and getting it under budget, he saved us tens of thousands of dol-

As of our September 14 meeting Brendan Cowzer from Ireland is a member of Tigris Shrine. He is our first international member. Thanks go to the Shrine in Germany for special dispensation for him to join. Soon Ireland will have its own Shrine, as that is in the works also. Can you believe there are no Shriners in Ireland?

We will host a Building Dedication on Friday, October 28 at 1121 Milton Ave., Syracuse.

This will be after the purchase is finalized by the Nobility. More information will follow via email so please put it on your calendar and look for the times.

Bingo has moved to Sundays. We will be looking for units to take turns and attend, even if Nobles take shifts, as we want everyone to do his fair share without getting burned out.

The "12 Days of Christmas" fundraiser will be a smash again this year. By the time you receive this we will hopefully have everything but please call Ralph if you can donate any gift cards or anything. Tickets may be



III. James Santy Jr. and wife Karen at the 2022 Potentate's Ball.



ORDER of the EASTERN STAR

Order of the Eastern Star Oswego District

Howdy-doody! Put on your favorite sweater—the one that is fluffy and big enough to cuddle in like a blanket. Step outside and smell the autumn leaves and say So long, summer and Hello, fall.

Chapter meetings in Oswego District are in full swing again. There are only five meetings left until the winter recess. Can you make some of them?

Last spring, at a state Official Visit to Onondaga District, a lady member told the audience she would attend Chapter meetings if someone would give her a ride. Do you drive a car? Is there someone you could pick up? Perhaps that person is not on your route to Chapter. Perhaps it would take an extra 15 or 20 minutes. Perhaps someday it will be you who needs a ride.

On Sunday, August 21 Jan and Bill Smith welcomed the Right Worthy Club to their beautiful place in the countryside of Pulaski, NY. Conversation started around the kitchen table but quickly moved outside when the rain stopped. Past Grand Officers and guests enjoyed a picnic lunch with a variety of food from shrimp cocktail, chargrilled hotdogs and salads to scrumptious desserts.

During the meeting, MW
Earl LaFave announced that
RW Natalie Woodall will be
Grand Representative from
the State of Kentucky Near
the Grand Chapter of New
York effective December 1,
2022. It will be a two-year

He also announced that on April 29 the District will receive a visit from the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. Another date for your calendar is the club's spring meeting set for April 8.

MW Ken Wheeler put on his auctioneer hat, waved his stick and auctioned off a variety of nice and interesting items. Sometimes an item was sold to two people. We paid for our auction items but the laughs were free.

It was a celebration at Lake Ontario Chapter's September 8 meeting. RW Catherine Wheeler reports that membership certificates and pins were given to members with more than fifty years of service in the Order of the Eastern Star. Sister Natalie VanEgmund received her certificate and pin recognizing her seventyfive-year membership. Natalie shed tears of joy and said her mother was Matron of Lake Ontario Chapter No. 124 in 1946. Sister Charlotte DeGaetano was recognized for her fifty-year membership. Charlotte stated she has been so happy with her time in Lake Ontario Chapter and the Order of the Eastern Star. Not able to attend were Sisters Dorothy Wheeler with sixty-five years, Erma Cota with fiftyfive years and Ruth Ann Walker, a fifty-two-year member.

RW Barbara Foster, District Deputy Grand Matron, asked that I share the following: "I would like to thank everyone in Oswego District for their support these past two years. Their help was so greatly appreciated. Along those lines, I would ask Oswego District to give their support to our soon-to-be first-time District Deputy Grand Matron, RW Sister Monica Wallis.

"Sisters and Brothers, we need to start getting back to Chapter and supporting each other's Chapter. If a Sister or Brother calls and asks for help, say yes, and lend a hand.

"I would like to say a Big Thank-You to three people. First, to RW Michelle Gogel for all her work on the word articles and for the Oswego District Newsletter. To RW Mary Lou Colbert: where would I be without her help and encouragement? Thanks for always being there for me. Last but not least, to RW Yvonne Hanshew. Thanks to her for always saying yes to traveling with me and thanks to her mom."

The District has deeply appreciated RW Barb Foster and MW Earl LaFave for serving as Oswego District leaders these past two years. They both illustrated why the OES is so important to them. They took their commitment seriously and will be remembered for their dedication to the organization.

I would like to say I have enjoyed sharing the news of the District. I thank RW Barb for asking me to tackle the job. Each article tries to carry a thought to ponder. Often when we read a message we think that does not apply to me. But if you stop and think, there is a message for each of us. Keep reading.

Michelle Gogel

Order of the Eastern Star Onondaga District

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Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. The biggest evidence that time flies is that the deadline for the word article seems to come sooner than four weeks. But now that this will be our last word article as DDGM and DGL, the feeling is different from the past twenty-three months. Our term as DDGM and DGL will be officially over the evening of October 15 when the new District leaders, RW Barbara Brooker, DDGM, and RW Henry Havener, DGL, are installed at Grand Chapter. So it is with a little sadness that this article for Onondaga District is our last one.

We would like to announce that Onondaga District collected fifty-one XXL sweatpants that were on the VA Hospital's wish list. We



Oswego Lake Ontario - Left to right: MW Kenneth Wheeler, Patron; Sister Natalie VanEgmund, 75-year member; RW Monica Wallis, Matron.

thank very much those who donated sweatpants.

Grand Chapter is Thursday, October 13 to Saturday, October 15. The Testimonial Dinner is Wednesday, October 12. The Grand Chapter Annual Session information has been available. If you need any of the documents or forms, please contact your Chapter Secretary or DDGM. The September 23 deadline for pre-registration has passed. If you did not pre-register, registration at the door is \$30.

Here are the events where the deadline has not passed. October 13 is the Grand Matron and Grand Patron luncheon for current 2022 Grand officers, Grand Representatives, MW Past Grand Leaders, 2022 Grand Chapter Committee members and out-of-state Grand Officers. The deadline for this luncheon is October 4.

Friday, October 14 is the Eastern Star Hall and Home Foundation Dinner with a Pretty in Pink theme. This runs from 6 p.m. till 10 p.m. Reservations are due October 3.

The Onondaga District Reception and Homecoming is Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Memorial Center. Practice is Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m.

The following are Chapter installation dates. Note that some of these dates and/ or times could change. I ask that the Matrons keep their members informed as we move closer to November. Centerville Chapter: Thursday, November 3 at either 7 or 7:30 p.m.; Onondaga Star Chapter: Saturday, November 5 at 2 p.m.; BHS Chapter: Thursday, November 10 or Sunday, November 13; Morning Star Chapter: Saturday, November 19 at 1 p.m.

We were honored to be asked to be Onondaga District's DDGM and DGL. We accepted a one-year term but as we all know, one year turned into two years due to COVID overstaying its welcome. And we were glad to be a part of 2022 as we were finally able to perform many of our responsibilities, which included hosting Onondaga District's State Official Visit, enjoying our Official Visits at each Chapter, witnessing at least one new member being Initiated in each Chapter, and having a garage sale as a District fundraiser for the Grand Matron and Grand Patron Combined Projects.

None of this would have been possible or as much fun if it were not for the support from the members of Onondaga District. We thank you very much. We wish RW Barbara Brooker and RW Henry Havener a very fun and successful 2023 year.

Deb Krackhardt Karl Parker

Lake City Victoria 205 Lake City Lodge No. 127 Oswego

RW Natalie J. Woodall, Secretary

Dear Sisters and Brothers: The Chapter celebrated the good old summertime with a picnic on Saturday, August 21. Delicious food and pleasant fellowship were the order of the day. No one went away hungry. Sr. Michelle Hamilton won the raffle basket (was she excited!) and her husband Eric won the 50-50 raffle.

The very next day, RW Carla Salisbury, RW Nancy Costello, Sr. Mary Babbitt and I attended the annual Right Worthy Club picnic held at RW Janette and RW William Smith's home. It was a great day until the rainstorm rolled in. What a wild

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Hail! Hail! The gang's all here!

Looking happy and content after a delicious and bountiful covered dish luncheon, members of Lake City Victoria Chapter 205 enjoy a moment at the annual summer party held on August 21. Pictured left to right are: RW Mary Mason; Bro. George Reed; Sr. Mary Babbitt; RW Carla J. Salisbury, Worthy

Matron; Bro. Eric Hamilton; RW Nancy J. Costello; Bro. John Voetelink; RW Cynthia J. Sanders; Sr. Ruth Voetelink; Sr. Michelle Hamilton; RW Carol Reed. Photo by Natalie J. Woodall

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ride home!

September arrived all too soon for your correspondent and with it the opening of the fall season for Lake City Victoria. The Chapter held its first meeting on September 9 with a good turnout of members. It was wonderful to see everyone. RW Carla J. Salisbury, Worthy Matron, who had surgery in July, drove herself to the meeting sans neck brace. RW Erma Cota and Bro. Vernon Reynolds are on the sick list.

RW Cynthia J. Sanders, Associate Matron, is lining up her officers for 2023. Sr. Mary Babbitt, who will become Associate Matron in November, is busy filling the 2023 refreshments list.

The Past Matrons' Association held its annual meeting on September 6. The following officers were elected for 2023: RW Carla J. Salisbury, President; RW Cynthia J. Sanders, Vice-President; RW Nancy J. Costello, Secretary-Treasurer. A lengthy agenda included the incoming Matron's requests for refreshments after her installation on November 11.

By the time this column appears at the end of September the Chapter will have catered three Masonic dinners. More are scheduled for October. I guess we are back in harness.

Be good to yourselves. Enjoy the fall colors—even if they are harbingers of unpleasant things to come.

Natalie J. Woodall

Morning Star 289 Marcellus Masonic Temple

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. Is time flying by faster or am I just getting older? I am definitely getting older and still writing this article every year.

Sympathy of the Chapter is extended to Sr. Nancy Ficther, who recently lost her husband Kevin, and also to her daughter Sr. Tina Rudiger for the loss of her father. Sr. Jane Tobin, RW Harold Lanning and W Joanne Carpenter are still under the weather. Please report any sickness or distress that you know of to the Worthy Matron Mary Perry at 315/708-5699.

As September draws to a close, we look toward October and November. Monday, October 10 is a regular stated meeting at 7 p.m. Monday the 24th will feature Grand Chapter reports.

November 14 is Annual Reports and election of officers. Saturday, November 19 at 1 p.m. is open installation of officers.

The Lodge is having a garage sale on Saturday, November 12. I am sure any saleable items would be appreciated.

Check the District article to see what is going on around town. Remember that our stated meetings start at 7 p.m. These will call for street dress for the rest of the year, except for the installation of officers. See you in Chapter. Margaret McManus

Onondaga Star 144 **Masonic Memorial Center**

October is here and we are busy preparing for Grand Chapter and the end of our year. What is ahead: On October 4 we will recognize our Chapter's birthday and service anniversaries of our members. On October 18 we will hear reports from our Chapter leaders from Grand Chapter sessions. November 1 is for annual reports and election of 2023 Chapter officers.

Installation of our 2023 elected and appointed officers takes place on November 5 at 2 p.m.

Our Chapter will be collecting 2023 wall calendars for the Eastern Star Home again this year. This is a tradition that began with collecting 2013 calendars and has been done every year since. The ideal size calendar is 12 x 12 (they are sold at Dollar Tree). We have been fortunate enough to have sufficient donations of both calendars and money to provide calendars for every resident in the Home, with spares for new residents throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you at Chapter.

Nancy Weisbeck Joe Stevens

Centerville 185 **Masonic Memorial Center**

Hi, Sisters and Brothers. Fall is here with the crisp, sunny days and leaves turning beautiful colors. It also means that we are back in Chapter.

Our fraternal chain was once more broken with the death of RW Sister Shirley Kiniry. Our sympathies go out to her family and friends.

October 6 will be a regular meeting. On October 20 we will honor Master Masons with a fun program.

Did you know that you cannot hum if you are holding your nose? You didn't actually try it, did you? See you in Chapter.

Cathy Barling

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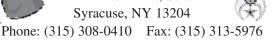
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