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Worshipful Ben Lees and Worshipful Brian Courtney at the B'ville Diner breaking bread and resolving publishing matters.

EMESBE Note

Brothers, I hope all had a wonderful summer. I have actually started battening down the hatches for winter. Two surgeries down and one more to go, sweating our butts off and I am pulling out plows and snowblowers. This is just not right.

I had the pleasure of breaking bread with W Ben Lees from Liverpool-Syracuse No. 501 twice over the summer. Benny is an awesome guy, friend and Brother. If I had not become a member of the word Board of Directors I would not have had the chance to meet him.

The men on the Board are a really great group of guys. We meet four times a year to make sure you are getting a quality paper; and my job is to remind you to pay your yearly subscription, please. You have received your invoice, Secretaries, so please bring it to the membership, draw a check and mail to Ben Lees. Some are two vears behind.

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set you up. Your ad is published ten times out of 12 months. Take a few minutes of your time and look into it. It will cost you less for one year than it will for one Spectrum Cable TV bill for a month. We have been losing sponsors over the years. As most were Masons, as they passed away we lost their business ads.

In June I asked Brothers who are Board members who no longer wish to serve to contact Ben Lees and let him know so we can get new blood in there. Nobody called Ben. Please call him at 315/457-3549 and tell him of your intentions. If you think you have added value in any way, call him.

If anyone would like to assist and be on the Board, we are looking for Brothers who can meet for literally one hour every three months.

It is truly fun and when you work with really good people it makes it worthwhile. You are working in an area of Masonry to bring your Brothers knowledge of all that is going on outside their own Lodge at the cheapest price possible.

I have said before that every Worshipful Master is responsible for putting an article in the paper. How are your dues-paying members who live out of town or state know what is going on if you do not tell them? If you cannot do it, ask another Brother to do it for you. It is not hard—heck, I am doing it. Give your Brothers their money's worth.

"Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon and the truth."—Bud-

Brian Courtney

Master Mason Irish Army veteran PTE Grade 3 Star 29th Infantry Bn Brendan Cowzer. Brother Cowzer appears in dress uniform.



Mentor

Hello, Brethren. This is not the first sion. First, it can provide information about column dedicated to talk about the importance of MWD (Masters, Wardens and Deacons) Meetings, which unfortunately additional elements that stress the value of preserving the MWDs.

Freemasonry is a social activity. I am a member of a Puerto Rican Lodge. I could seldom visit, so I joined the Liverpool Lodge. Then I felt a need to meet District Brothers from other Lodges. I joined the DDGM's family, visiting all District Lodges and participating in MWD bimonthly meetings. I met and befriended more brethren from Masonic Districts adjacent to Onondaga.

My objective was much more than just social. The interaction with so many Brothers helped me grow Masonically and provided many new ideas, some of which I have aired in this column.

Associations have at least two values: first, to fulfil the purpose for which they were created; then to put people in contact. MWDs were created to help District Lodges coordinate their work and instruct leaders about issues of importance and concern to our institution. Collaborating and exchanging views and information with others expands old ideas, fosters new ones and develops efficient ways to enhance joint programs. These are, possibly, MWDs' most powerful functions.

Currently, our country is extensively divided on several central issues. The level of discord has become toxic. The media is similarly divided into partisan lines; audiences join those outlets that reinforce their views. Organizations, where both sides of an issue are examined with balance and moderation are rare. Partisan deliberations of commentators and analysts exacerbate things

I believe Freemasonry can contribute two key components to help diffuse ten-

the topics in question. Secondly, and perhaps more important yet, to examine them in a tolerant atmosphere, showing that one are no longer taking place. I offer some can respectfully and fairly disagree on any subject. In these difficult times, this would be a great contribution to reduce friction.

Here is an illustrative example: the voting system controversy. What is it? What does it pursue? What are its limitations? What alternative voting systems are there? Many discrepancies stem from a lack of basic understanding or knowledge of key facts involved in the problem.

This Mentor, as some readers may have many Brothers more. I then joined the noticed, strives to fulfill Love of Country Scottish Rite, where I befriended even and Service to Humanity obligations while keeping Freemasonry's rule not to conduct partisan politics. I believe this can be achieved by carefully examining challenging elements of a conflicting issue that often create tension among the contenders, without taking sides in the dispute.

> For example, we can organize a panel with two Brothers who support one point of view and two who support another one, plus a Moderator. Then we open the debate to the public. To attain success the project needs Brothers from different District Lodges to help with event attendance and advertisement. Such a project would first need to be discussed and planned in the MWDs.

> What would Freemasonry gain from all this? People would notice our efforts to help lower the toxic levels of partisan disagreements, thus gaining in public appreciation for our labors.

> Such an approach is not new to Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge of Cuba stated in 1936, also during a very heated political period, the following opinion: Freemasonry does not intend to stop the struggle between ideologies, but to help create a climate where everyone can defend his principles using reason, and achieve success based upon the merits of his ideas.

> > Jorge L. Romeu

Tale of two vets

Brothers, I have a little bit of history about Masonic War Veterans and Masonry. It is a story of brotherhood that began about four years ago. On a veterans' site that is worldwide I came across a vet from Ireland and we had a lot in common. But we seemed to land in FB jail a lot. His idea of football is running around kicking a ball into a net; my understanding is different. Then, on another site, we found out we are both Freemasons. Fate would have it we are bound by two brotherhoods.

He was on his way to the USA with his family, his trip well planned, and he could not make it to NY in 2018 or '19. I was caring for my mother and back and forth to FL. We did not get to meet. Then the world was kicked in the gut and international travel totally disrupted.

Now, as a disabled vet, I have had back surgery again and I am going to be recuperating at home alone. My $Brother\,from\,another\,mother$ in Ireland said, "I'm coming to help you."

Master Mason and Irish Army veteran PTE Grade 3 Star 29th Infantry Bn Brendan Cowzer will be in Syracuse to help me recover and be my chauffeur, as I cannot drive. He arrived on August 23 and he and I plan to visit as many Lodges in the Onondaga and Oswego Districts as we possibly can before he leaves. I have asked every WM for permission to attend his Lodge meeting. Right now, we are visiting Crossroads United Lodge No. 93 on September 1, Fayetteville Central City No. 305 on September 6, Skaneateles Lodge No. 522 on September 7, Memorial Lodge No. 648 on September 8. We will go back to Crossroads United on Sep-

> Tale of two vets see page 6



Brothers, summer was what summer used to be: hot and sunny. Picnics at the beach are over and it is time to put our Masonic apron back on.

Our September meeting will be on Saturday the 16th at Mimi's Diner in Fulton at 5:30 p.m. The agenda will include an important discussion on the future of our Post and plans for the annual Thanksgiving Day visit to the VA.

We could not have the annual melon party because of some lingering COVID restrictions. Please confirm your attendance to me at nkruth2@yahoo.com or 315/ 663-1319. Norm Kruth



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DDGM



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

Greetings, Brethren! Welcome back to what I look forward to as another exciting year of Masonry in Onondaga County. I hope you had a restful, exciting and enjoyable summer all the way around.

The Onondaga District Team had a busy and enjoyable summer as well. We started to regain our traditions and saw our first District-wide Investiture Service which was hosted by Jordan Lodge. We were lucky to be joined by RW Steven Adam Rubin, Deputy Grand Master, as our guest of the evening. I look forward to working with all the new Masters in the Districts and supporting them in their programs as much as I can.

Fast forwarding to July, we were able to create a most enjoyable event. COVID had prevented us from celebrating the District Team's Apron Presentations for well over a year. We got together when it was finally time and decided we should make it something special. At the end of July we hosted our very first Co-Ed Table Lodge and Apron Presentation with special guest MW Richard J. Kessler, Grand Master. It was a phenomenal evening of Masonry. Not a single person left the evening with-

More DDGM see 5th column

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RW Rick Miori glso@onondagadistrict.org 315/254-1671

Greetings, Brethren! Here we go-another summer has flown. Although we have had a chance to take a breath, it was a quick one.

Now that we are able to fully meet again, it is time to punch our timecards and get back to work. As a priority and goal, plan to learn more and expand your knowledge. As you likely know, during this past year we held our Masonic education courses as a three-District team. It worked so well we plan to continue these successful programs together in the fu-

Next up will be the Road to the East (RTTE), followed by the Master's Chair course. This will bring our rotation back to the Masonic Development Course (MDC) as we get closer to the end of

We are very happy to announce the introduction of the Maxwell Leadership Program. This is a top-notch success program for our future Masonic leaders. It has been in the planning stages for more than two years. The Maxwell Leadership Program has been embraced by many prominent corporations and highly successful executives for years. It will now be offered throughout our Districts by our Grand Lodge. This is an exciting new program to us at an exciting time.

Don't just dip your toe in the water, dive all the way in. If you have not looked into it yet, consider starting the Chancellor Robert R Livingston Library Masonic reading course. There is an awesome amount of Masonic history literally at your fingertips. It is super easy to enroll. Find out more about our Grand Lodge reading course by checking the site directly: 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

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS



VW Tim Conover agl@onondagadistrict.org 315/263-5717

Another Masonic year has begun and I hope this article finds everyone well. The Grand Lecturer's Convention for the Onondaga District will be October 21 at Memorial Lodge. The topic for the convention will be the Fellowcraft Degree, first section (obligation, working tools etc.) and the Middle Chamber Lecture. I have been asking each Lodge to



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support the convention with two members. The cast list has been filling up but is not complete so please contact me so we can have an enjoyable and informative convention.

We have been in discussion about a District-wide Master Mason Degree in April. There will be more to follow as this plan develops.

Toby Shelley Tim Conover

DDGM from 1st column . . .

out a smile on his face. I hope this becomes an ongoing tradition for the Apron Presentations in our District. Some plans are already in the works for a spin on the theme for next year, so keep an ear out.

Early in August the District partnered with the Valley of Syracuse Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for their annual Family Fun Picnic and Clam Bake. We had a whiffle ball and golf ball driving contest, a chipping game, a dunk tank and water balloon tosses that eventually devolved into a water balloon fight, as all good water balloon tosses usually do. Once again, no one left the picnic without a smile. We look forward to participating again next year.

Looking forward, we have some great projects in the works. We continue to work on the restoration of Masonic Gardens in White

Chapel Cemetery. We are currently identifying monument companies and operative masons to evaluate the work needed and give us an idea of cost. If you have any connections or skillsets in that area, please reach out. We are also working on the Battle Within Bench project and hope to have more to report on that front soon.

On the administrative front, there is a one-day Grand Lodge session at the end of October. Details have come from the Grand Secretary's office. Please make sure to have your Lodge represented.

As you can see, we have been and continue to be hard at work keeping Masonry moving in Upstate New York. I look forward to seeing all of you as I visit Lodges and at many of the different Lodge events around the District.

Daniel Campis

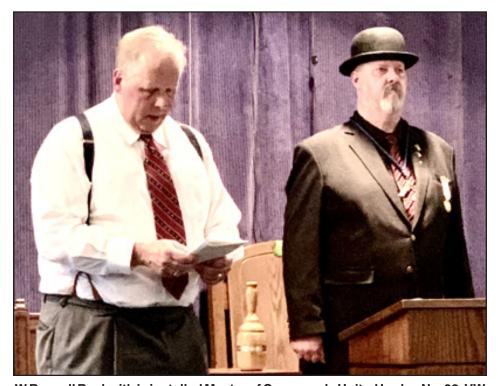
Vowles receives 55 year certificate

On Thursday, May 26 Nortrip Lodge No. 998 presented Brother Richard H. Vowles his fifty-five-year certificate. WM Kevin Ingalls made the presentation during our regularly scheduled, very hot, Lodge meeting.

I am especially impressed because while I am fifty-three years old, Brother Richard has been a Mason for longer than I have been alive. All of us at Nortrip send congratulations and God-bless wishes.

Todd Burns





W Russell Beckwith is installed Master of Crossroads United Lodge No. 93. VW Bob Tyrell, 33°, does the honors.

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

Greetings, Brethren, good morning. I hope all is well with the brethren of Tully Lodge and elsewhere. Springlike weather finally came in June and that meant catching up with all the work that needed to be done in a short span. The Lodge paint job and column repair was finally completed. If you have not yet done so, please come see the facelift.

We held a thank-you coffee, cold drink and cookie open house. And we hosted fundraisers over the summer to help offset some of the recent costs incurred.

As noted in prior articles, we are looking for a Junior Warden's plumb. Ours has disappeared. If you know where we might procure one, or if any Lodge has an extra, please contact me.

Please let me know if you need anything or just call to say, Hi. My door is always open. My email is jrapp126@twcny.rr.com; my phone is 315/569-5203. John Rapp

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WM Russell Beckwith genursus6749@yahoo.com



Welcome back, Brothers. It is my first article in the word and my very first meeting of the Masonic year. I cannot wait to serve you, my Brothers. It is all about you

At our September 1 meeting we will have a visitor from Ireland. Brother Mason and Irish Army Veteran Brendan Cowzer will be in Syracuse to help our own W Brian Courtney recuperate from his back surgery. Speaking of that, Brian had the operation while down with COVID. When it rains

Brian is doing well, in pain, as to be expected. Brother Brendan is doing this on his own to help a Brother Mason/Veteran in distress. This is what Masonry is all about, isn't it?

Here is your chance to meet a Brother from another country, if you have never had the chance. Brother Bob Clement will be our chef for the night and we are very grateful he volunteered to do this.

On Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. we will be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on three new members. Worshipful Anthony Kofi Osei-Tutu will be coming up from NYC to help out his mother Lodge. Also, our Brother from Ireland will be here to be part of it. If you would like to help please contact me; and other Lodges are welcome to attend. Just let me know so we can plan on food. Lunch will

be served.

This is pretty awesome. We have been growing slowly but surely. Brothers, it is our job to bring in new members. Let's keep it go-

We have our Official Visit on September 15. All hands on board, please. Officers, please be in attendance at your station. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Notify Secretary W Jon Lorber of your intentions as to attending, please.

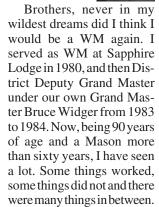
October 15 is scheduled for a Second Degree. Grow, grow, grow. If any other Lodges are interested in bringing over Brothers and helping, get in touch with

October 21 is the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Memorial Lodge. SD Bob Clement and I will be doing the SW and SD positions for the night. It is very nice to be helping out the District and improving our Masonic tools.

As always, Brothers, our meetings are the first and third Thursdays of the month. I don't have to tell you but I will: all of you 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. Russell Beckwith

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Lodge. We have new candidates already in waiting and that is an awesome thing. There are

My job as your WM is to

look at everything from the

olden days and today and

see if we can reignite our

many younger Brothers in other Lodges who are willing to work with us to get Degrees done. A Trestleboard has been mailed to all of you. If you have not received it, contact me.

All our officers will have a list of our Brothers and we will have a phone tree calling to see how everyone is doing. We do care about everyone. We expect all the officers to know their work and to be proficient, also.

Our Lodge picnic was very nice in June. Thanks go to JW Lynne Howard for purchasing the hotdogs and buns and to Tom Lathrop for helping set it up.

Brothers, we need everyone to contact Secretary Rich Preall to update his phone number. If you have gone from a land line to a cell phone please call Rich at 315/ 466-3551 to update.

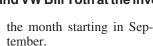
October 17 will be a First Degree with two new candidates. Saturday, October 29 will be a family pancake breakfast. We have a garage sale set for November 12. Any good, undamaged items can be donated to the Lodge. Coffee and baked goods will be sold, also.

Some work has been done at the end of our driveway. It is improved, but still needs more work.

Under sickness and health, W Ron Orman has been in and out of the hospital, suffering from a car accident from two years ago with back, leg and arm issues. W Brian Courtney had foot surgery in April and on August 1 had a six-hour operation on his back, with two surgeons. He is home recuperating in lots of pain. RW Gerry Roberts has been under the weather but he is also doing much better. Keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. If anyone else is in need of our assistance please contact our Secretary or me. Sadly, we lost Brothers Don Hake, RW Garth Snyder and W Frank Howlett.

Morning Star Lodge is seeing a rebirth of sorts. We have members who want to take office, come to meetings and really improve the Lodge. Be part of this. Masonry is not a fad, it is a way of life for most of us.

We meet the first and third Mondays of each month. I hope to see you at Lodge, Brothers.



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WM Carlton P. Jackson

I hope you had an enjoyable

summer and took time to

spend with family and

year we had a wonderful

steak bake and awards cer-

emony for all Brothers and

their families, in spite of the

uninvited storm. Many

thanks still go to Brother

Dave Bersani for securing

the steaks and organizing the

catering expertise from afar.

We also thank JW Andrew

Blair and his staff for setting

up and cleaning up the event.

we had our 11th Annual

Konosioni Family Night at

the ballpark on July 29.

Thanks go to Brother Jer-

emy Thomas and Brother

Jared Martin for setting us

up with the booth and extra

Marney for helping to se-

cure \$460 towards our 2023

K950 St. Baldricks' cam-

paign. On July 30 we en-

joyed a District Table Lodge

and Grand Lodge District

Officers received their apron

from MW Grand Master Ri-

2023 Trestleboard that will

be emailed by Secretary John

Buckley. Remember that we

resume meeting again on the

Watch for K950's 2022-

chard J. Kessler.

I recognize W Mike

tickets.

While away from Lodge

For our final act of last

friends.

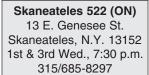
Greetings, Brethren, all!

Also, September 24 is the 11th Annual K950 Retreat held at the Pines. Information will be provided via email. Please contact W Mike Marney for specific details.

Thanks go to JW Andrew for setting up our Table Lodge for this year. It is set for Thursday, October 6 at Bella Domani. Please reach out to him for reservations.

You may need help or know of a Brother in need. Please reach out to me at carltonjackson@gmail.com or 315/863-6630.

Carlton P Jackson



WM Shawn Plourde

Salutations, Brethren! I hope you all enjoyed your summer and I welcome you back to the Lodge. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 7 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and our meeting immediately following.

As many of us are settling into our new positions, my goal as the new WM is to continue driving the Lodge forward where VW Shelley left off. In view of this, I met with a few officers over the summer for discussions with the finance and building committees to get an understanding of where we are and where we are going. I will share information from those meetings in the coming

weeks. I am also working on the Trestleboard and will have that to you very soon, as well.

I will be looking for volunteers for several things this year, such as dinners for our Brothers, programs and more. All help will be greatly appreciated. I am very open to ideas and suggestions, so please see me with anything you would like to discuss. My door is always open.

Shawn Plourde

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WM Dave Jones

Welcome back! I hope that you and your family were able to enjoy the days of summer. September 7 will be our Welcome Back Meeting. Beans and franks will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. Please make your reservation with Craig by Sunday, September 6. Thank

September 20 is Masonic Education Night. Sloppy Joes will be served at 6:30 p.m. This, too, is \$10. Please make your reservation with Craig by Sunday, September 18.

Future dates include Brother Bring a Friend Night on October 4. We will do pizza at 6:30 p.m. The First Degree is October 18 with a barbecue dinner at 6:30.

Enjoy the coming colors of fall. And do it with family and friends.

Dave Jones



Worshipful Toby Shelley and VW Bill Toth at the investiture at Jordan this year.



Left to Right is RW Bill Toth Regional AGL, VW Tim Conover Onondaga AGL, RW Dan Campis Onondaga DDGM, MW Richard J Kessler Grand Master GLNY, RW Rick Miori Grand Sword Bearer, VW Toby Shelley Onondaga AGL

Editor's Prerogative

Death in the family

At the end of July we lost a fifty-eight-year member of our Lodge. He was born here, grew up here, schooled here, did some naval service and returned here. He married a local girl and they raised their daughter here.

He joined the Lodge in 1964, where his dad and two much-older brothers had been members; and he was Initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star; and he was a Scottish Rite Mason. He was Master of the Lodge and Patron of the Chapter. His wife was a member of this Chapter. His daughter joined the International Organization of Rainbow for Girls (and he served as Dad Advisor) and she later joined the OES with her parents.

He did some farming here and for a long time was a heavy equipment operator for the local township. In the community he led young boys as Scoutmaster for a number of years.

Many years after retirement and after the passing of his wife he moved to Ohio to be near his daughter. He suffered some health issues but rehabilitated satisfactorily and was able to enjoy his bicycling activities. When the end came he was in assisted living and went easily into the long sleep. They brought him home in his casket.

His daughter requested the Lodge conduct a Masonic graveside service, rather than the traditional memorial ceremony at the funeral home. The Masonic Memorial Service is familiar as a beautiful and respectful message of support for family and friends—and Brothers, of course. It is a formal, approved service that should be carefully and meaningfully read in order to properly convey its dignity. There is no such corresponding ceremony for graveside use, the newest Monitor offering only a Committal Service consisting of a couple of sentences on the order of earth to earth, ashes to ashes, a short prayer and a short benediction. The presumption seems to be that the Memorial Service be read at the funeral home as a preamble and the Committal be the conclusion of the obsequies at the grave.

Well. I found, several years ago, in one of the repositories of our Lodge archives or collections, a Monitor published in 1910. One of the features that excited me about the discovery is the inclusion of a number of optional prayers for opening and closing and for other occasions in the work of the Degrees. It also has a very long Committal Service, complete with procession and involving ceremonial performance by all the Brothers at the gravesite. It also has an abbreviated version with lovely language and not so much interaction by the Masons. We turned out nine Brothers on a scorching Saturday midday and we read that service for the small group of family and friends and for our Brother. It was indeed meaningful and much appreciated.

The kicker? That Monitor belonged to our Brother's dad and is inscribed to him as Worshipful Master in 1923. Dust to dust indeed.

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

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Tigris Shrine
III. Potentate
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Nobles of Tigris Shrine, welcome back to another year of fun and fraternity. Our summer was full of multiple parades, gatherings and fun with our Kruzin Koolers in four or five parades. We went all the way to Sylvan Beach with Ziyara Zanies of Utica. We went to sell CDs at Lynyrd Skynyrd in a Syracuse concert-got in for free-and Motley Crue at Highmark Stadium in Buffalo. There are lots of perks to being a Shriner and being involved. Imagine running into a Mason you know who paid full price for concert tickets. Get involved, Nobles.

In the spring the membership voted to look into purchasing the Moose Building and the Divan undertook it. We ended up getting it under budget, thanks to III. Ralph Haney who was the lead on this. If this is finalized, in September on our 100th Anniversary Tigris will own its own building.

There are many positive things happening in the future and we really need everyone to step up to help it tober after the nobility votes to accept the terms of the purchase. It will be a family event and a welcoming of any new Nobles at that time. Meet us in our new home.

Bingo has moved to Sundays starting on August 21. We will be doing Saturday and Sunday until September 19. That will be our last Monday night Bingo and then it will just be Sundays. We will be looking for units to attend even if Nobles take shifts, as we want everyone to do his fair share without getting burned out. Come in for three hours and go home if you want. We are making up a monthly work log. The camaraderie from meeting and working with other Nobles is worth it. We are a team working together for the good of everyone.

The 12 Days of Christmas Raffle is a fundraiser and we are looking for donations for prizes. If you work somewhere, know someplace, know a group of people who would join to make a donation, we would appreciate your help. We would like to give away at least \$100 of prize/package each day for first twelve days of December. Donations need to be at the Shrine office by the last week of September. Ticket sales will start October 1. If you are able to help with a donation, we thank you very much. Please contact the Recorder at 315/ 308-0410.

We have all heard the phrase "Membership is all of our Responsibility." Here is our opportunity to put our money where our mouth is. Tigris needs members and who knows better than our Nobles about fitting into our Tigris family?

We have also heard, "I don't have the time" or "It is too expensive." Here is an easy response: "No one can come to everything but we can be a member and attend



succeed. We are moving forward and Imperial has recognized and congratulated us on this momentous occasion of purchasing our new home. We will be hosting a dedication at the end of Oc-

what we want to." "Expensive? My Brother, let me be your sponsor."

Now is the time to bring in that one Mason who has been on the fence about becoming a Shriner. Help him go to beashrinernow.com and fill out his information. That e-petition will hit the Shrine office and we will take over from there. You will be contacted by the Shrine office to pay the \$85 membership fee for your sponsored candidate and you will receive \$25 worth of "Tigris Bucks." Tigris Bucks can be used for Tigris events, any merchandise that Tigris sells, Tigris raffles and you may even put it towards your dues or help a fellow Noble pay his dues.

Nobles, we need everyone to contact Recorder Ralph Haney to update your

Tigris shares activities

Chief Rabban Brian Courtney submitted a number of photos that bear testimony to the spirit of the Tigris Shrine in the spring and summer. Here are a few—parades, cigar night, ice cream social.



Sylvan Beach Pirates Parade with Shrine fire truck and Kruzin Koolers.





Tigris Shrine had an ice cream social and corn hole tournament family event on July 23. The tosser is Jordan Crapser, Barb Snyder to the left and then PP Bill Cianciola, who was present from Florida.

address, phone number and email address. A lot of our mail is being returned. Some have moved and not updated their contacts and are not getting any information from us. We are throwing away hundreds of dollars a year with returned mail because of incorrect addresses. Some have eliminated land lines and use a cell phone as the main number; some have changed your email address. Please call Ralph at 315/308-0410 to update.

We all have things going on in our personal life, whether it be work or health related. Just know, Brothers, you are not alone. Your Divan and I are more than your officers, we are your friends. We are a phone call away if you need someone to talk to or need help in any way. That is what Masonry and especially Shrine is all about. You can reach Chief Rabban Brian Courtney at 315/447-2104 or Assistant Rabban Duane Crapser at 315/373-7458. We are a family.

One of my goals as Potentate is to meet as many Nobles as possible and the only way for that to happen is for you to attend a meeting or function. I truly hope that happens, Brothers.

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Oneida Lake 123

Secy Diane Yager

On June 8 Oneida Lake Chapter No. 123 celebrated the seventy-year membership of RW Rosalyn House and fifty-year membership of RW Alfred Tefoe. Fourteen members and friends attended a dinner in their honor at Santangelo's Restaurant in Liverpool.

RW Rosalyn House of Central Square was Initiated April 15, 1952 in Constantia Chapter No. 123 as the daughter of a Master Mason, Ives Cottet. Three other candidates were Initiated that evening. She served as Worthy Matron in 1961 with RW James Wood as her Worthy Patron.

That year was very hectic, as she was engulfed in many activities and fundraisers, while her Patron, James R. Wood, was installed as Grand Patron in the fall of 1961.

Following her term as Worthy Matron, Rosie served her Chapter as Secretary for many, many years until the merger with Oneida Lake Chapter No. 141. Rosie also served as District Deputy Grand Matron in 1979 and was always active in OES activities in Oswego District, visiting other Chapters at their Official Visits, participating in their fundraisers, attending Right Worthy Club and Line Officers meetings and almost everything pertaining to Eastern Star. She was always willing to help in whatever capacity she could, working on the Central Square roast beef dinners, or Scriba Lodge's chicken barbecues or any other projects that might come up.

After the merger with Oneida Lake Chapter, this Chapter became known as Oneida Lake No. 123 and RW Rosie has served in the stations of Conductress or Associate Conductress and is currently serving as



one of three Trustees. RW Leonard Hass, a long-time member of her original Chapter Constantia, presented a seventy-year pin and an anniversary certificate to Rosie.

RW Alfred (Al) Tefoe of Central Square was Initiated in Heuvelton Chapter in 1972. I have no record of offices held before he affiliated with Chapters in Onondaga District. After moving to Central Square he affiliated with Fort Brewerton Chapter on December 17, 1991.

Over time he has also taken dual memberships with Morning Star No. 289, serving as Patron in 2008 and 2012; Bona Fide-Hiawatha-Solvay No. 567, serving as Patron in 2013, 2018, 2020-2022; and Onondaga Star No. 144, as Patron in 2017, 2020-2021. He has also served as Patron in Fort Brewerton for a number of terms, including in 2008 with RW Patricia Tefoe helping to facilitate the merger with Elizabeth Caldwell Chapter No. 141 in Central Square. Al then served as Patron in the newly merged Chapter in 2010 and 2011 with his wife RW Pat Tefoe as his Ma-

RW Al has served as Associate Patron with many As-

sociate Matrons. Al served as Onondaga District Grand Lecturer in 2014 and as Oswego District Grand Lecturer with his wife, RW Patricia Tefoe as District Deputy Grand Matron in 2015.

Al is willing to serve and assist in any capacity he can. After the merger, he worked tirelessly, painting and updating the Chapter room at Central Square Lodge. He has helped with Temple Association's roast beef dinners and Chapter bullhead dinners. Al received a fifty-year anniversary certificate and a lifetime certificate from WP David Childress.

Diane Yager

Pulaski Puritan 159

We were uncertain if we would be able to play bingo with the veterans. It is a lot of fun and they seem to really enjoy it. We are a goofy bunch, so who wouldn't have a good time with us?

I found a couple of facts I thought would be interesting to share. 1) In 1883 Brooklyn Bridge in NYC opened after fourteen years under construction; 2) In 1935 the first night game in major league baseball history was played in Cincinnati, Ohio; 3) Four men convicted of bombing the World Trade

Center in 1993 were sentenced to 240 years in prison.

I know gas is out of this world but at least we have a car to put it in and jobs to go to. Food costs are outrageous but at least we have food. Look around, folks, and thank God for all the good things we have instead of chastising him for the things we think we should have.

Last but not least, here is a word from an ol' angel. "There is no use kidding yourself: you are overweight if that cute little dimple on your knee is your belly button." Diane Manwaring





Onondaga Star 144 Masonic Memorial Center

Summer has come and gone. It is time for us to get back into the Chapter Room. We will be getting together for our Welcome Back Dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse on September 6. If you are interested in joining us please reach out to RW Deb Krackhardt. We will be ordering off the menu.

On September 20 we will be Initiating another new member. Pamela Trendell will be joining our Chapter. She is going to bring a lot of Masonic history with her: her mother (Beatrice Trendell) was a seventy-two-year member of the Order. We would love to have as many members on the sidelines as possible to welcome this new Sister.

Looking ahead to October and November, on October 4 we will be recognizing 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 will bring annual reports and election of 2023 Chapter officers and November 5

will be installation of those elected and appointed offic-

More information on the October and November events will come in the October *word* article and our Chapter newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at Chapter.

Nancy Weisbeck Joe Stevens

Centerville 185 Masonic Memorial Center

Hi, Sisters and Brothers. As summer winds down with cooler days, we look forward to meeting again and sharing all our over-the-summer stories. Our only meeting in September, on the 15th, will be honoring officers. Afterwards, we will be marking on a US map the places we have visited during our life. It should be a fun way to see how many US states we have been to and call up the memories of those visits.

Did you know that the sun weighs 2,000 million, million, million, million tons? That makes you wonder how in the world it was weighed. See you in Chapter

Cathy Barling



WM Jan Smith, Icalene Fitzgerald, Bill Fitzgerald and WP Bill Smith celebrate Bill Fitzgerald's 50 years in OES.

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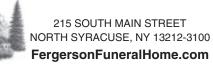
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RW Chris Reis

PULASKI 415 28 Broad St. Pulaski, N.Y. 13142 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m. 315/298-6029

WM Fred Dashnaw



Tidings, my Brothers. As you read this, most Lodges will be meeting in a few days, kicking off a busy fall Masonic season.

We hope the summer found vou well and maybe well rested. For those who love hot weather it has been a winner.

Your Lodge will be kicking off on September 7 with a full-on practice for the Third Degree. If all goes well and our Fellowcraft are proficient we plan to confer the Degree on Wednesday the 21st. We hope to perform the Legend in October.

We have Brothers in nursing care. Please contact them by card or a call. Just call me for more information.

As the flooding in Kentucky has brought heartbreak and suffering to so many, let us look for ways to support them. It will take a huge effort to bring any relief to them.

Please keep our country and Craft in your prayers. May God bless and keep all our Brothers. See you on the level.

Fred Dashnaw

Pictured below - VW Patrick Fasulo, WM of Lake City Lodge No. 127, and W James Rizzo, junior Past WM and current Junior Warden, mug for the camera on July 23 at the Lodge's pig roast. This was its first activity to celebrate 175 years of Masonry in Oswego City. Photo by Natalie J. Woodall

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Greetings, Brethren. Time flies when you are having fun. We had a very successful pig roast in July. Thanks go to everyone involved in this celebration; we could not have done it without each and every one of you. A portion of the proceeds went to Human Concerns, Inc., a local food pantry in Oswego.

In August we met to discuss upcoming events. We hope to have a Smoke and Spirits evening sometime in September.

On to the really fun stuff: we will be celebrating our 175th anniversary in 2023. We are now planning for a huge celebration. More details will follow.

Also in the planning stages is our annual George Washington Dinner. Stay tuned. I hope to see you soon. Pat Fasulo

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WM Charlie Tuff



Greetings, Brethren, from Scriba Lodge 414. I hope all of you have had a great sum-

Unfortunately, our Lodge has been dark until September but that has not stopped us from meeting on our regular Lodge night to practice opening and closing, as well as the First Degree.

We have had a couple of practices with a great turnout. We have two candidates who are waiting at the West Gate. Once they are cleared, I can set up a Trestleboard for our work to continue.

We also have had a couple of Brothers repainting our anteroom and I have to tell you it looks great. We also got together and cooked barbecued chickens for the Cleveland Methodist church.

We also took two fourman teams from our Lodge to the Onondaga Masonic Charities Golf Tournament. Shawn Tuff, Kevin Neary, Jim Wade and I won it.

There is a good buzzing feeling at our Lodge right now. We cannot wait to get back at it in September.

Charlie Tuff

Event schedule, Sept '22

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

Sept 1	Auburn—Rededication		
	CrossroadsU—1°		
Sept 6	OnStar—Welcome Back		
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Sept 7	FayCC—Welcome Back		
_	OnonOES—Line Officers		
	Pulaski—3° Practice		
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Sept 8	BonaFide		
Sept 10	Caz/TriVally—3°		
	CrossroadsU		
Sept 11	ErieCanal—Table Lodge		
Sept 12	MornStarOES		
	Hamilton—OV		
	Homer		
Sept 13	CCRivRAM—Awards		
Sept 15	Auburn—Open/Close Symbolism		
	CentervilleOES		
	CrossroadsU—OV		
Sept 16	KT25		
Sept 18	OnonOES Past Grands		
Sept 19	Marathon—OV Practice		
Sept 20	FayCC—Masonic Ed		
	KHiram Council		
	OnStar—GLect		
	Cortlandville-OV		
Sept 21	Pulaski—3°		
Sept 22	BonaFide—AM/AP		
Sept 24	ErieCanal—Cornhole		
	Hands Across the Border		
	Konosioni Retreat		
Sept 25	CT Memorial Service		
Sept 26	MornStarOES		
Sept 27	CCRivRAM		
Sept 29	Auburn—Poker/BBAF		
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Oct 2	RAM GLect		
Oct 3	Marathon—OV		
Oct 4	FayCC—BBAF		
	OnStar Anniversaries		
Oat 6			
Oct 6	TriValley—OV		
Opt 12	Konosioni—Table Lodge		
Oct 12	OES GChapter Testimonial		
Oct 13	LkOntRAM		
Oct 13-15	OES GChapter		
Oct 14	CT Awards		

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Oct 4	FayCC—BBAF
	OnStar Anniversaries
Oct 6	TriValley—OV
	Konosioni—Table Lodge
Oct 12	OES GChapter Testimonial
Oct 13	LkOntRAM
Oct 13-15	OES GChapter
Oct 14	CT Awards
	OES GRep Breakfast
	OES Hall & Home Dinner
Oct 15	OES Red, White, Blue Breakfast
	CrossroadsU—2°
Oct 18	FayCC—1°
	OnStar

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BETA, HI 8, SUPER 8, REG 8, SLIDES

Tale of two vets from page 1

tember 10 for a First Degree. I hope there can be a nice turnout to welcome our Brother from across the pond who came to help one of his own. I have had many Brothers help or offer help, for which I am eternally grateful. Something like this, in

my wildest dreams, has never happened to me: a Brother I

have never met took the time

out of his life to help me.

Brendan spent nine years in the Irish Defence Forces, three years as a Reservist, and then six years in their permanent defence forces (Army). He also has health issues of his own. It is still up in the air whether he is traveling all this way to help care for me or drink my whiskey and beer.

If you have never had the chance to meet a Brother from another country, here is your opportunity. Brendan is the salt of the earth, a bluecollar guy, down to earth, awesome human being you will be proud to call "Brother"—especially your Brother in Arms if you are a veteran. Try to attend one of the meetings if we do not make it to your Lodge. Just give the Lodge the courtesy of letting them know you are attending. We hope to see vou. Brothers.

Brian Courtney

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CORTLAND-MADISON DISTRICT

DDGM REPORT

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Brothers, welcome back after this somewhat dry and warm summer. Hopefully your summer plans were completed without too many of the issues that affected so many. I will give you a general overview of the Cortland-Madison District

First on the list will be the Official Visits: Hamilton Lodge No. 120 on September 12; Cortlandville Lodge No. 470 will be September 20; Marathon Lodge No. 438 is October 3; Tri-Valley on October 6; Cazenovia Lodge No. 616 is October 19 and Homer Lodge No. 352 is on October 24. I anticipate there will be a meal preceding the meeting and time enough after the meeting to socialize. I encourage you to travel to these visits and meet with the Brothers you may not have seen in a while; and while you are at it, bring someone along.

RW Richard Reed, GS, will be leading the Grand Lodge education courses available to all of you. Although available online, I would like to see you attend the in-person classes he is planning. The discussion at the classes is as important as the content.

Also, support the Assistant Grand Lecturers, RW David Walter and VW Walter Boronow, in their efforts to assist you in learning the ritual. I believe they will be reviving the Fellowcraft Club and meeting on a regular schedule.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of travelling and assisting your neighboring Lodges. To put some perspective on where Masonry stands within this Grand Jurisdiction, there are about 28,000 Brothers belonging to Lodges throughout the state. That membership level was last seen in the late 1850s to early 1860s. Within the Cortland-Madisix Lodges and about 315 members, which is what most of the thirteen Lodges in the District had as members at some point. I am not trying to discourage you, rather to encourage you to assist your own Lodge in bringing in new quality men as well as assist outside of your Lodge.

As always, please check in on your older Brothers and widows to see if they need anything. If I can be of any assistance in any way, please contact me. I will get back to you as soon as pos-

Wade A. Caler

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STAFF OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Greetings, Brethren! During this month of September children return to school, families return home from vacation and we Masons return to our regular work in the quarries. And while for many individuals and Lodges the work did not cease over the summer, still the relaxed pace has been welcome.

You will note the DDGM's schedule for Official Visits. I am pleased and honored to be working with RW Wade and to be traveling together to the Lodges of our District. If you have any questions, as you prepare for his Official Visit, about how the evening is to be conducted, please call upon RW Wade, AGLs RW Dave Walter and VW Walter Boronow or me.

Watch for announcement of the MDC course to be offered in our District in October or November. I am planning on offering the course on three separate days—one for each of the Degrees—rather than trying to do the three Degrees all together in one day. Your feedback about this is greatly appreciated. Also, please be talking to your newest members who have not been through this course and encourage them to take it.

Finally, Brethren, never fail to extend the hand of welcome, the hand of brotherly love and affection, the hand of aid and assistance and the hand of education and leadership to one another as we strive to be upright men and Masons. See you in the quarries.

Richard G. Reed

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. I hope all your summer plans have been fruitful. As a new Master, this is my first article for the word and I must say it is a privilege and an honor to submit one.

Cazenovia Lodge meets all summer and the Brothers have labored hard in the quarry. In June we had a public installation of officers, a great meal was served by the Ladies of Eastern Star and all friends and family present had a great time. For me it was a very proud moment being installed as Master. I hope all of you will have the experience of Brothers and family telling you how proud they are of you and recognizing your hard work to achieve such an

> Cazenovia ... see column 5

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

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

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Brethren, congratulations go to the elected and appointed officers whose service to the Craft keeps our Lodge prospects secure in this new term. Each opening of Lodge sets the tone for a great meeting. Our ritual is what separates us from other Fraternities. It is our lifeblood, passed down through the generations. Our attention to detail shows respect to the WM and the Craft as a whole. We owe our newest members a ritual that reflects uniformity in our jurisdiction. Your AGLs are charged to support you in this vital part of our being.

During the summer months, Tri-Valley Lodge No. 148 and Cazenovia Lodge No. 616 held practices for a jointly conferred Third Degree to be held at Cazenovia Lodge No. 616 on Saturday, September 10 at 4 p.m. Seven candidates are to be Raised.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention date has been set for Tuesday, October 18. It will open at 7 p.m. at Cortlandville Lodge No. 470. A dinner is currently being planned for 6 p.m. Work of the evening will be on the first section of the Second Degree, with a look at the Middle Chamber Lecture. A notice will be posted on the "Grapevine" to fill positions. If there is any part you can fill, or if you need assistance, please contact us now. We will work on it together. Please put this date on your calendar. Your attendance and involvement are greatly appreciated and of benefit to our District.

Are you a traveling man? Our work and travel can only expand our experiences. With our diverse backgrounds we are positioned as only Masons can be. We have the same goals in life. We share in the work and fellowship of builders. The teachings provided through our ritual set the table for what we can do. The rest is up to us. We look forward to seeing you in Lodges across our District and beyond.

Walter J. Boronow David Walter

MARATHON 438 28 Main St. Marathon, NY 13803

> 7:30 p.m. WM Mike McKee

1st & 3rd Monday,

Hello, Brothers. At the Marathon Lodge 438 we will be turning on the lights on Monday, September 19 for our first meeting of the season. RW Richard Reed, our Grand Steward, will be present. He will do a short program on escorting and introducing officers at the Official Visit.

Our Official Visit will be October 3. This program will be helpful and interesting. We hope to see you on September 19.

Mike McKee

HOMER 352

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WM Kim C. Dellow

Brethren, I hope you have had a good summer. It sure has been a hot one. We still need to do a road clean-up and Rusty will be sending out an email about that.

Homer Lodge members helped Cortlandville Lodge with a chicken barbecue for First Responders on August 6 at McMahon's Farm. I have done the chicken there for about the last five years for this event.

Our first meeting will be September 12. We will go over what we want to get done this year. We will have a light meal before the meeting. See you in Lodge.

Kim Dellow

CORTLANDVILLE 470 1883 Rt. 13 North

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WM Christopher Jenney

Greetings, Brothers! Our first meeting will be held on September 6 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a social hour with refreshments prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to discussing upcoming plans for the year.

We had a chicken barbecue on August 28. Dates for next efforts will be determined at the September meeting. We will continue to meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

I would like to thank Worshipful Tom Whitney for his service to the Lodge as Worshipful Master during the pandemic. I am looking forward to our coming

Christopher Jenney

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

WM John Becker



Brethren, for those of you who do not know, I have affiliated with Tri-Valley Lodge and had the honor of being elected as Master. It has been a busy summer so far at Tri-Valley. We recently hosted our annual family picnic. Thanks go to all who attended-especially the large contingent DeMolays. It was a beautiful day and fun for all.

Tri-Valley is working with Cazenovia Lodge to put on a Third Degree on Saturday, September 10 at 4 p.m. at Cazenovia Lodge. There will be a total of seven Brothers Raised. How exciting! This is great news for both Lodges, as I believe that all seven will be very active as they continue their travels through Masonry. Let's have a great turnout to support these Brothers.

I hope that summer has treated you well. I hope to see you in the quarries. John Becker

Cazenovia from 2nd column . . .

honor.

The Nelson Creamery has been open since mid-April

and has been very well received by the community. If you want the best in soft and hard ice cream the area has to offer, please stop in and let us know what you think. In addition, it is the second year for the creamery and the second year that the Nelson Creamery is a sponsor for the Mad Cow 5k race in Nelson.

The Brothers of Cazenovia Lodge have been continuing the pulled pork barbecue fundraisers and they have gone very well. By the time you read this the Lodge Brothers will have labored in the quarry to cook for the Blue Knights 32 spring break-out ride, Cazenovia Trail Preservation fundraiser, July 4th celebration and the Cazenovia Community Block party. In September, we hope to begin our chicken barbecues, as well.

On September 10 Cazenovia and Tri-Valley Lodges will jointly Raise seven Fellow Crafts to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Practices for this Degree have commenced.

As the fall soon begins with Official Visits, I look forward to again travelling to other Lodges and seeing Brothers we have not been able to see in a while. As always, Cazenovia Lodge welcomes any Brother who wishes to stop in. Be well, my Brothers, until next we

Michael A. Hayes



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CAYUGA-TOMPKINS DISTRICT

DDGM REPORT



RW Anthony J. Tabone thats1happitooth@ verizon.net

Brothers, I hope this missive finds you well and relaxed and refreshed (albeit, probably hot, also) as our summer season shows signs of its inevitable winddown. I truly hope you seized the moments provided us by the Great Architect to connect with your families, your work, your life, whatever form that takes.

For most of our Lodges this time of year is also a call to resume our labors. Let's iump in with both feet and a pride in our work that only Masons can possess. At the District level, aside from Official Visits being scheduled and attended, we will be having our District Memorial Service on 25 September at First Presbyterian Church in Auburn and our District Awards Dinner on 14 October at the Ukrainian National Club, also in Auburn. Please make every attempt to represent your Lodge at both of these events as we honor those who have laid down their working tools and those still working diligently in the quarries.

It is also a time of year when we are preparing the way for our new candidates who will soon enter our ranks, as well as rededicating and re-examining our own journey through this path we call our Masonic walk. In reflecting on my own travels, I began to consider the role irony plays in the characterization of our Masonic journey. Certainly, every initiate begins with a rather reasonable expectation, reinforced by the Fraternity, that some secret knowledge, mystery or information, long hidden from those not familiar with our Craft, will be obtained. How ironic it is, at least to me, to arrive at the culmination of the Third Degree only to learn that the "secret" cannot be revealed because it is lost (not simply misplaced or shoved in a wooden chest but lost, perhaps forever). Answers had been sought by us and, ironically, only symbols, allegories or metaphors were received. This was hardly expected.

The irony continues in our handling of the concept of the Lost Word: What is it? Is it real or another metaphorical ploy? Is it a state of mind,

DDGM see 3rd col.

STAFF OFFICER



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

Greetings, to all. I hope your summer has gone well and you had some fun in the sun. Thank you for including me in your summer events. As always, I enjoyed spending time with you.

As we prepare to begin our new Masonic year, take a moment to reflect on what you can do to make your and your Brothers' Lodge experience more meaningful. Try to include some aspect of Masonic education in your meetings. For new or nearnew Brothers, use the LSOME program or the Ritual Renaissance Programs as a learning tool. If you don't know what they are, ask me. For all Brothers, the Short Talk Bulletins are tools that all Lodges have access to. There are many interesting topics that are meant to add to your already existing programs, that will bring more light to the Brothers in your Lodge. Also, I am available to come to your Lodge to speak on a subject of your or my choice.

In the next couple of months your District Team will be traveling around the District presenting our program and RW Tabone will be giving the Grand Master's message. I will be setting up some training sessions to complete modules that some may have missed earlier this year and making plans for new training. Grand Lodge is in the process of streamlining the core courses of MDC, RTTE and Master's Chair and making them available in a digital format so we can facilitate a greater number of Brothers in training sessions. There is also a new Leadership program coming your way. Look for that rollout this fall.

In the meantime, there are ongoing Degree conferrals, a District Memorial Service, Annual Dinner, Grand Lecturer's Convention and, oh yeah—Official Visits. Be on the lookout for communications regarding these events. Also, please be sure to reserve your spot in these events in due time, where appropriate. It makes the job of the planners a bit easier and aids in their success. Don't forget to plan a visit to a Lodge near you. It is always nice to spend time with

Staff Officer see 3rd col.

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURER

Jeffrey Lampman Jr., 315/406-8050, jefflamppost@gmail.com

No News Received

DDGM from 1st column . . .

a process, some spiritual condition? The Hiramic Legend offers only a mythical hint that it was a word of recognition for a traveling Master Mason's benefit or convenience. But if that were true, that it was merely a word of recognition, then it would be a weak ending to an otherwise good story. It must mean something else but the ritual does not tell us.

The discovery of the Lost Word is portrayed in various other points along our journey towards the Light, namely the Holy Royal Arch in York Rite Masonry and in the Scottish Rite's various Degrees. But do we revel in its revelation and apply it to our daily life and work or are we just satisfied and settled to conclude we have the secret? If just knowing the word slows us in our continual search, did we miss the point? If the word is the final destination of our journey, better it remain lost.

Brothers, remember that we commenced our journey to obtain a secret and we come to learn that our journey is but a metaphorical and continuous one; a journey that we as Masons conduct with a sense of duty and obligation. We do not know our destination. We learn to keep searching. How ironic it is that the irony is not without intent and purpose!

Keep your faith. Keep your work square. And may the Supreme Architect guide you in all your doings.

Anthony J. Tabone

Staff Officer from 2nd column . . .

Brothers outside our own

Don't forget, I am available to you if you have any needs or concerns or want to get involved at the District level as the year unfolds. The Team can always use help.

Remember, too: I want to be part of your Masonic Experience. Be safe and do

Dave Barnello

ing, the program will be the Lodge Rededication. On September 15 the program will be Opening/Closing Symbolism. September 29 is Fellowship Poker Night and Brother Bring a Friend. If there are any changes to these dates I will notify you. Joe is also working on some dinners and will advise us all

Trestleboard and it will be

ning a practice session to

work on our opening/clos-

ing. It starts at 7:30 p.m. For

September 1, our first meet-

On August 25 we are plan-

ready soon.

as soon as possible. The recent Rainbow Girls chicken barbecue was great, with a profit of \$956 for the girls. On August 14 we held our 8th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Meadowbrook GC in Weedsport. I will have a report on that next month.

October 14 is our District Dinner at the Ukrainian National Club, Cottage Street, Auburn. We are working the details as we speak. Our guest speaker is MI John Gallant, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons for NYS.

Recently, we installed two new stoves and a new refrigerator at the Lodge. Cash donations have helped defray the cost but we are still accepting donations. Send to me at 118 N. Hoopes Ave., Auburn and make checks to Auburn No. 124.

W Scott Harris and W Joe Sheppard installed a brand new light over the main door entrance. It works great and nobody was electro-

We all need to thank W Steve Persaille for a super job of maintaining our property. It looks great for our rentals, which have been very profitable this year and go a long way to pay our operating costs.

That's all for now. If I missed something I am sure I will be reminded.

Tom Ostrander

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

WM Scott Ward, Secy Stephen L. Zabriskie, zabled@aol.com

Hello again! It has been a year or so since I have had the pleasure of writing to all of you and I am bypassing the usual, "Greetings, Brethren." The reason is simple in our house, anyway. My wife often gets to thumb through the word before I do and should this be the case in yours, it seems fit to greet everyone and not just my Brothers.

As of this writing Scipio 110 is forging through the summer months as best we can. It seems important to me not to lose any momentum we have regained after our lockdown. As you all know, it is easy to fill the time slot with a honey-do, and skipping a steamy Lodge night for a sarsaparilla on the porch sounds good. Honestly, though, the only thing that sounds better is a flawless opening and closing followed with said sarsaparilla. So onward we go.

Speaking of onward, our building has made some big leaps and bounds in the last few months. The sad, untrue rumor that our building was or should have been condemned is just that, sad and untrue. The front of the building has been totally restored and looks amazing. The front walks and drainage have been redone and the original cornerstone is now more visible. The inside is still a great work in progress with new climate control, a new water heater and soon an upgrade to the building's electric service. We still have a little dust here and there but I assure you that you should not be afraid to join us when you have the chance.

I am working on the new Trestleboard and hope to include several events that everyone will be sorry to miss. Stay tuned for updates on the building and the activity within. We love company and look forward to cementing old and new relationships. We all hope to see you soon.

Scott Ward

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. Summer is

winding down and the temperature, hopefully, will be going in a downward direction. It seems since our annual golf tournament in June it has been sunny and hot most every day.

Speaking of that, the golf tournament was a big success and it was a great day of fun and fellowship. We had many returning teams and some from the far-away country of Central Square. We have already begun planning for next year.

July came and went with a couple of gatherings. We held a joint picnic with Brothers of the Lodge and their significant others, along with members of the Brutus-Cato OES. Later in the month the Lodge held a BBAF night, the first since before COVID rained on us. We will be preparing to confer the EA Degree in October.

August began with a move-up night in the absence of the WM. Brothers had a chance to progress to a new chair and work on the opening and closing ritual.

Work has begun on the dining room expansion project. Our hope is to have the walls finished and painted by our September pancake breakfast.

Exciting days are ahead for Erie Canal Lodge. On September 11 we will be holding a Table Lodge. Because of the construction project, we will have the event at Arnold's Family Restaurant in the village of Weedsport. Anyone is invited to join us. To reserve a spot or for more information, please contact Brother Bruce Christopher at 315/ 729-9760 as soon as possible.

Also in September, we will hold our inaugural cornhole tournament at the Weedsport Masonic Center. It will be held on Saturday, September 24. For more information or to preregister, contact Rory Heath at 315/ 224-2936 or Seth Molloy at 315/252-9735. This will be a double elimination format. Lots of food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Get your team(s) together and join us for a fun

Of course, we will also hold our monthly pancake/ waffle breakfast each second Sunday of every month from 8 to 11 a.m. No one goes away hungry—guaranteed.

Brothers, it is my hope as Master this year that we will continue to have too much to do, too little time to be idle and too much fun doing it. And of course, all with your presence.

Dave Barnello

More Cayuga- Tompkins see page 12

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, what a great summer this has been so far! It reminds me of the hot summers when I was growing up in the 60s.

busy. Our 10th Annual Officers Beer Summit was a good time at my house. We had good food, good drink and great camaraderie; plus, we actually talked about the upcoming year. W Joe Sheppard is tweaking his



As a Lodge, we have been



Auburn No. 124 Public Installation at Auburn Masonic Center on June 16. RW Steven Howard, Installing Officer; RW Tom Ostrander, Installing Marshal; W Joe Sheppard, Master 2022-2023; Bro. Scott Bennett, Senior Warden; W Steve Persaille, DSA, Junior Warden; RW Tom Ostrander, Secretary; VW F. John Kruger IV, Treasurer.

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Lodge of Perfection

Stephen G. Maddox, 32° MSA Thrice Potent Master

We have all heard the phrase "you have big shoes to fill." The Free Dictionary of Idioms defines that phrase: "To take over a role vacated or left behind by someone who was exceptional in their performance and set very high standards as a result." That definition accurately describes how I feel following my friend and Brother Terry Byard in the role of Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection.

God willing and with the help of the officers of the LOP and all the Valley's Brothers, I will do my best to fill those shoes. We have much to do this year and I hope to engage many of our new Sublime Princes in presenting the Degrees for the Ill. Robert Tyrell class of 2022-23. This year we will present the 4° , 11° and 14° . The 11° and 14° will be live presentations. In order to prepare for the 11° we will meet on September 26 at 7:30 to talk about new ways to present this Degree so we can introduce our newest Princes to the Scottish Rite ritual.

By now the Valley has raised money for the Children's Learning Center through the Teddy Bear Classic golf tournament and the Family Life picnic. Please keep the leadership and tutors at the learning center in your thoughts and prayers as they do the important work of helping students through the difficulty of dyslexia.

On October 10 we will be presenting the 4° and 14°, the 14° being a live presentation. We will be contacting Brothers soon to assemble the cast and I hope you will consider taking a role.

Stephen G. Maddox

Consistory

Leon A. Bulriss, 32° MSA Commander in Chief

Greetings, Brethren. This time last year I was District Deputy of the Oswego District. The thought of being Commander in Chief of the Valley of Syracuse never crossed my mind. Yet here I am, grateful and honored for this opportunity and excited about working with all of you and looking forward to the upcoming activities we have planned for the year.

Our Valley was off to a flying start in August with another successful Teddy Bear Classic fundraiser at the Vesper Hills Golf Club in Tully. All proceeds go to the Children's Dyslexia Center of CNY. Many thanks go out to Ill. Craig Cobb for organizing this annual event. The CDC, supported by the Valley of Syracuse and Valley of Utica, has changed the lives and future paths of children with this reading disability for more than fifteen years, thanks to your support.

The next day we gathered for fun, sun and food at our Family Life Outing and picnic at the Cicero American Legion Post. Our thanks go to Committee Chairman Ill. Larry Egnaczyk, who first organized this family activity in 2019. It has developed into an annual Valley event. This year we were pleased to include our Onondaga District Masonic Lodge Brothers. Thanks go to the Family Life Committee members for a job well done and to all who attended and supported the Valley and the Children's Dyslexia Center.

August had more to offer in the way of family fun. August 13 was the Syracuse Mets baseball outing at the NBT Bank Stadium. This was another well-attended family day with fun--another homerun for the Valley.

All should have received information on the new Pathfinder Program. This program was developed by Supreme Council as a road to assist our members on their journey toward self- improvement and a guide to getting the most out of their Scottish Rite experience. To get started, learn more, view and download the Guide Book on-line, visit SRNMJ.org/Pathfinder.

Each year one of our members is selected to be honored as our New Incoming Members Class Sponsor. It is my pleasure to announce that the 2022-23 Class Sponsor will be Ill. Robert M. Tyrrell, 33 Degree. When you see Bob join me in offering him congratulations.

Fall is off to another great start. See you in the Valley.

Leon A. Bulriss

Hospitaler

Dick Freeman, 315/837-4962 freeman1574@frontier.com

Greetings, Brothers, and welcome back. The summers sure fly by as we get a little older. I forgot to mention before we went dark that the Hospitaler is always available, as illness or disaster have no season. Feel free to contact the Office or me at any time, year round, should a crisis occur.

A number of members and/or spouses are in need of our thoughts and prayers. The list includes Karl Parker, Richard Trust, Dave Van Auken, Richard E. Barrett, Gary Hartman, Robert Clement, Mike Gates, Ken Sterling and Bill and Diana Toth.

The Hospitaler's Fund is always in need. If you are able to help, please send a check drawn to Central City Bodies and direct it to the Hospitaler's Fund. And do not forget the Blue envelope.

If you desire confidential assistance please contact Bob Tyrrell or me. We will try to help.

Dick Freeman

Rose Croix

Greetings, Princes. I am writing this month's column due to an illness of our Most Wise Master, Brother Richard E. Barrett, 32° DSA. We wish him a complete and prompt recovery.

In August we had two family events: on August 6 a picnic at the Cicero American Legion; and on August 13 a baseball game involving the Syracuse Mets. I am sure that those who participated in these events had a great time.

Two important events in September are our traditional Fall Kick-off Brother Bringa-Brother activity on the 12th. Dinner reservations are required by Tuesday, September 6. Then, the 153rd Convocation of the Council of Deliberation (COD), AASR, for the State of New York will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton-Syracuse, 6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse, on Saturday, September 24 at 1:00 p.m. The Valley of Syracuse will pay for the lunch for its elected officers attending COD session. If you are staying at the hotel, reservations are your responsibility.

Traditionally, the COD has been both a very instructive experience and an opportunity to meet Brother Scottish Riters from other New York Valleys, especially from New York City. If you plan to attend the COD annual session you must first register online.

Please, keep our military and the people of Ukraine in your prayers. Keep safe.

Jorge Luis Romeu Council Princes

Caleb W. Haines, 32° HGA Sovereign Prince

Valiant Princes, I hope you have had a nice summer and look forward to returning to your Masonic labor. On behalf of the Council Princes of Jerusalem, I thank the Valley of Syracuse for the opportunity to serve the incoming class sponsored by our Deputy's Representative Ill. Robert Tyrell 33^{dur-} ing my 2022-2023 term. I also wish to thank my predecessor, Past Sovereign Prince James McNeal, and my current officers line for agreeing to serve.

This year the 16th Degree will be conferred after the 15th Degree video on January 30 of 2023. Any who are interested in taking part in the 16th Degree should contact cast director and Senior Warden Mike Miller before the rehearsals scheduled for October 24 and December 19. Thanks go to Mike for being proactive with the casting. I look forward to all of our Valley's great teamwork in the ensuing year.

If any of you know a Master Mason interested in the Scottish Rite, please send him our way. If you are a Worshipful Master of a Craft Lodge seeking further light, please contact the Scottish Rite Valley of Syracuse to schedule a meeting with a Lodge Ambassador. He will attend your Lodge and share what Scottish Rite has to offer

The fellowship and light found at the Valley of Syra-

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Website: www.syr-aasr.org

Allegiance

September 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.

ACTIVE MEMBERS FOR NEW YORK—Ill. Steven C. Stefanakos, 33°; Ill. David E. Barnes, 33°; Ill. Richard J. Powell, 33°; Ill. John R. Patterson, Jr., 33°
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DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVE—Ill. Robert M. Tyrrell, 33°

cuse is a great step for any Master Mason. In particular, the Council Princes of Jerusalem is where a Mason learns to labor with a sword in one hand and a trowel in the other. It is here where we especially learn of loyalty to conviction, to be honest and just men, of fidelity to duty, courtesy, and where we emphasize a devotion to Truth as exemplified by the principal roles of Zerubbabel and Darius. Caleb W. Haines

Notes from the Children's Dyslexia Center CNY

Another summer comes to a close and a new year begins at the Children's Dyslexia Center, Central New York. In June we enjoyed another Recognition Ceremony at Hart's Hill Inn, where our children and tutors were honored. We welcomed two new Board members, Larry Egnaczyk and Carl Klossner, and thanked Jim Swan and Rodney St. Clair for their tireless years of support and hard work. They are founding members of the Board and remain as Emeritus. They have been pivotal parts of our ability to serve children in Central New York.

August found us at Vesper Hills Golf Course for a warm Teddy Bear Classic Golf Tourney. As always, the hard work of Board member Craig Cobb, organizing and running this event, made it extremely enjoyable and successful. Another popular event this summer was the Brooks barbecue in August on the OES Campus. Spearheaded by Board Chair Steve Park, the efforts of many Board members and Brothers and Sisters and your support gave us another successful fundraiser.

Due to these efforts and those of our staff, we are prepared to start another year of serving area children. Our two supervisors and I attended a three-day Therapy Training course in PA and we welcomed a new class of four Practitioner 1 scholars. At present we have eight returning children and nine

new children for the coming year. We continue to carry a two-year wait list of those wanting to attend so the end is never in sight and your support is always appreciated.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Walk-a-Thon, coming soon. I thank you for all you do to help us help the children. Linda L. Martin

Perfection to offer 11°

TPM Steve Maddox and CiC Leon Bulriss invite Valley of Syracuse members in the last four classes to attend the Lodge of Perfection meeting on September 26. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Memorial Center and the subject is planning for the 11°, Sublime Master Elected. Newer members are urged to get

involved, take one of a variety of parts or help with production. The Degree is set for March 18, 2023.

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, NY on Sunday, November 20. The brunch will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the cost will be \$40 per person. Wives/significant others/guests are invited. Dress is kilt or business casual.

Reservations for brunch are due no later than October 30. Make checks to "Knights of St. Andrew" and mail them to Richard Powell, 4717 Broad Road, Syracuse, NY 13215. Be sure to write "St. Andrew's Brunch" in the memo area of your check.

CENTRAL CITY BODIES, A.A.S.R.

Valley of Syracuse

Fall Kick-Off and Brother Bring-A-Brother Event

* Door Prizes * Tickets to SU Football

* 50/50 Raffle (Benefits the Children's Dyslexia Center)

The 2022-2023 Fall Kick-Off

and Brother Bring A-Brother Event is

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Monday, September 12, 2022 at the Masonic Memorial Center 648 Centerville Pl., North Syracuse, NY 13212

Fellowship and snacks begin at 6:00 p.m.
followed by a delicious grilled-to-order Steak Bake,
with all the trimmings, at 6:30 p.m.

Dress is casual (collared shirt and slacks no jeans)

Bring a Master Mason who wishes to become a

32° Scottish Rite Mason, as a guest of the Valley.

Price for the event will be \$15

for members of the Valley of Syracuse

First line petition signer for a member of the 2023 III. Robert M. Tyrrell, 33° Class receives two tickets to attend the 2023 Annual Reunion Banquet.

Reservations are required for both members and guests.

No tickets will be sold at the door and all reservations must be in by Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Make your reservation
by returning the cut-off slip below to:
Central City Bodies, AASR,
648 Centerville Place, N. Syr., NY 13212-2360

648 Centerville Place, N. Syr., NY 13212-2366

I will attend the Fall Kick-Off and

Brother Bring-A-Brother Night on Monday, Sept.12.
Enclosed is my check payable to Central City Bodies, A.A.S.R. in the amount of \$15

MEMBER NAME

GUEST NAME:

GUEST NAME:_

 $\label{thm:lease-attach-Additional names.} Reservation\ \mbox{Deadline Sept. 6th. Please attach Additional names.}$

YORK RITE BODIES



KING DAVID CHAPTER 34 RAM

Auburn Masonic Center Rte. 34, Auburn Meets 3rd Tuesday of Oct., Dec., Feb., April, June 7:30 p.m.

HP E Anthony Tabone

On April 19, at the regular convocation of King David Chapter No. 34, the Chapter hosted VE Michael A. Miller, AGL for the 13th Capitular District, for his Official Visit. Also present for the Official Visit were RE Jamie Kaim, Grand Captain of the Guard; RE Steve Howard, PDDGHP; RE Sam Clark, PDDGHP; RE Fred Newton, PDDGHP.

VE Miller utilized a School of Instruction format to focus on the lessons of the veils, signet, menorah and Ark as presented in the Holy Royal Arch Degree. VE Miller tied these lessons back to the opening ritual of our Royal Arch Chapters. Further information can be found in the Capitular Development Course Manual. This can be acquired through the Grand Chapter website.

The District looks forward to hosting RE Anthony Klimitheonos, GL for the Grand Chapter, State of NY. His Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held October 27 at Hiram Chapter, Fairport, NY.

Michael Miller

LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER 165 RAM

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

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



Greeting, Companions. It has been a hot summer with a lot of severe weather to put up with. By the time this article is in print things should be cooling down as the nights are getting longer and the sun works its way south.

Our meeting on August 11 went very well. We had a delicious dinner served by our Lake City Victoria Chapter 205 OES. Three new candidates for Chapter joined us, also. They had presented petitions, which were voted on. And one other was investigated back in June. So, we now have four Brothers to join our Chapter and one other would like to affiliate. This will really help to always have nine to open Chapter.

We will be going down to Raymond's Pond in Trumansburg for the first two Degrees. So far, four other Companions have committed to joining the day's activity. Four of us went last year and it was a good time, good food.

Our Hands Across the Border will be on September 24 in Ottawa, Canada. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn by Hilton Ottawa at 100 Coventry Road, Ottawa. We need to ask for the RAM rate to get the 129.00 per night rate. The phone number is 1-613-741-2300. We need to thank RE Richard Fowler for all his work putting together this event.

The meeting in September will be for Council. We will be meeting on October 13 again for Chapter. I will have more information in the next *word* article. Stay safe and well, Companions.

Ronald A. Bond

CENTRAL CITY RIVERSIDE CHAPTER 70 RAM

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

HP Jack G. Dombrowski 315/395-1255 bdombrowski@ twcny.rr.com Secy Bob Bowles 315/436-0997 Rbowles1@twcny.rr.com



Greetings, Companions! Welcome to the month of September. Wow, where did our summer go? Well it is now that time of the year to resume our labors. It is now our time to show our Chapter pride by attending our convocations and demonstrating our ritual proficiency with fervency and zeal.

I would like to thank E Ed Sinay Jr. for hosting an outdoor cigar tasting event back in June for the Companions to share some fellowship. To all those who attended the annual Osco W. Peterson Outdoor Degrees held on Saturday, August 27, I thank you for showing your support. All of the candidates appreciated having the opportunity to participate in these Degrees.

We will have an open convocation at Liverpool Lodge on Tuesday, September 13 for our Annual Awards Night. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., followed by the convocation at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be prepared by our own Master Chef, Companion Tim Hansen and I hear he has some culinary delights in store for us. Please make sure your reservations are in promptly to RE Bob Bowles.

Please save the date of September 24 for the Hands Across the Border event in Canada. Information will be posted.

Our meeting on Tuesday, September 27 will be a normal business convocation to bring us up to speed with our business at hand, along with our ritual proficiency. Save the date of October 2 for the fall RAM Grand Lecturer's Convention. Information



King David 34



King Hiram 17

will be sent out.

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

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY 25 KT

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

> Commander William H. Toth Recorder Earl Tuttle, etuttle1@twcny.rr.com

Greetings, Sir Knights. I hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer and spent some quality time with your family. I would like to take this opportunity to give you a broad overview of the year ahead and then focus on our next communication. As I did last year, I am planning to have a dinner prior to each of our meetings. Attendance has been a little sparse at some of our pre-meeting dinners but fellowship is a hallmark of our Fraternity and sharing a meal is a great way to enjoy some fellowship. The meals will be somewhat informal but I would like to

get a headcount for each meeting so I can plan for an appropriate amount of food. Dinners will be at 6:30 p.m. and, unless noted otherwise, meetings will start at 7:30 p.m.

Officers, please crack open your ritual books and look over your parts. Our ritual work has been steadily improving and I would like to build on the progress we have already made. Our first meeting this fall will be on September 16. As noted above we will gather for a casual dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tentatively, I am planning for venison chili; I will confirm the menu in a "Templar Tales" to be sent about a week prior to the meeting. Coincidentally, Grand Commandery is on September 16 and 17, so it is likely that I will be at Grand Commandery on Friday and return to Syracuse for our meeting before heading back to Grand Commandery on Saturday.

Looking ahead, we have been asked to host a Zone School of Instruction on November 4. I would ask that you put that date on your calendar and make every effort to attend. I am not sure what the topic of instruction will be but I can assure you that it will be an interesting evening and it will be a good opportunity to socialize with Sir Knights from the other Commanderies in our Zone.

May our Heavenly Father

continue to watch over all during these trying times.
William H. Toth

KING HIRAM CRYPTIC COUNCIL 17

Auburn Masonic Center Rte. 34, Auburn Meets 3rd Tuesday of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar, June 7:30 p.m.

Master III. Steven Howard

On June 21 King Hiram Council No. 17 held its last meeting of the Masonic year. This meeting was both the Official Visit for RI Brian Moore, DDGM, for District 6 and the annual installation of officers. Attendees included MI John Gallant, Grand Master for Cryptic Masons, State of NY; RI Wade Caler, DDGM, District 7; VI William Toth II, AGL, District 6. Conducting the ceremony of installation were MI Gallant, Installing Officer; RI Moore, Installing Marshal; RI Caler, Installing Chaplain.

We look forward to returning to the quarries on Tuesday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Companions are always welcome.

Michael Miller

Auburn Shrine

The Auburn Shrine Club held its annual steak picnic on Monday, August 8 at the Auburn Masonic Center. Thirty-three Nobles, ladies and guests were in attendance. Noble Ken Pollard was our Chef du Jour, assisted by Noble Larry Pritchard with fire-pit duties. Noble Dave Bowman provided the steaks. The "hosts" for the event were Noble Michael Miller (Associate Director, Damascus Shrine Band) and his Lady Linda.

Shriners International was founded in September 1872, with the chartering of Mecca Temple (NYC) No. 1. It is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Shriners Hospitals for Children organization is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The Auburn Shrine Club is the oldest Shrine Club in all of Shrinedom. The club received its charter on January 16, 1915. The Auburn Shrine Club is affiliated with Damascus Temple No. 2 in Webster, NY.

Special guests at the picnic included Franklin Granata II, Potentate, Damascus; Joseph Bourcy, Recorder/Past Potentate, Damascus; Lyle Muldoon, Past Potentate, Damascus and Erie Children's Hospital Representative, Emeritus; Bruce Chilton, Past Potentate, Damascus; and Bob McManus, Past Potentate, Tioris

Planning is already underway for our annual Christmas party. All Shriners, regardless of their home Temple, are welcome to attend. More details will be coming.

Michael Miller

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Auburn Shrine

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Order of the Eastern Star Onondaga District

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Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. There are not many full days of summer left in 2022. Then we are into autumn where colorful leaves become the flowers. Enjoy the beauty of the season.

We would like to thank everyone who donated items and/or money, promoted the garage sale, participated in the setup and/or assisted on the day of the garage sale. The bake sale, co-chaired by RW Evelyn Blovat and RW Sue Cole, went very well. All the efforts and hard work paid off as the garage sale was very successful. We raised \$1800 for the Grand Matron and Grand Patron's Combined Projects.

The Festival of Stars/ Gathering of the Clans enjoyed very nice weather this year. Onondaga District thanks RW Maggie Heitman for chairing the sausage/ french fry booth and MW Jodelle Fletcher for chairing the holiday booth. The sausage/french fry booth raised \$1408 and the holiday booth added \$589 to the OES Home Foundation. Also, Onondaga District thanks Bro. Mike Brooker for donating another bench to the share booth. A huge thankyou goes to all who worked and shopped during the festival. Again, Onondaga District was a big contributor.

Wednesday, September 7 is Line Officers Group meeting. An email will be sent to the line officers regarding our last group meeting. We would like to have a pizza dinner at 6 p.m. prior to the 7 p.m. meeting as a thank-you to the 2022 line officers.

On Sunday, September 18 the Onondaga District Past Grands meet at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. The meeting will follow lunch. It is at the Masonic Memorial

On Tuesday, September 20 Onondaga Star will be hosting a District Grand Lecturer Official Visit/Initiation at 7:30 p.m. A new member will be Initiated. It would be great if District members would attend to meet our new member.

Wednesday, October 12 is the Grand Chapter's Testimonial Dinner. Reservations are due by September 28. Make September a month to remember.

Grand Chapter Sessions will run from Thursday, October 13 to Saturday, October 15. The Grand Chapter Session information is now available. If you need any of the documents relating to the Grand Chapter, please contact your Chapter Secretary. September 23 is the deadline for Pre-Registration. To be sure of a seat with our District you must pre-regis-

ter. Pre-registration is \$20; registration at the door is \$30.

The Grand Representative breakfast is October 14. Reservations are due by September 25.

The Red, White and Blue breakfast is on October 15. These reservations are due also by September 25.

The Eastern Star Hall and Home Foundation Dinner is on Friday, October 14. It has a "Pretty in Pink" theme. Reservations are due before October 3.

The reception/homecoming will be held on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Memorial Center, North Syracuse. There will be a practice on Tuesday, October 25.

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Order of the Eastern Star Oswego District

Hey there, Hot Stuff. I mean that literally. The weatherman says it is 92 degrees today but will feel like 96. The summer weather has been amazing and I hope you have been enjoying it.

A lot has happened in our District since the last word article. May 24 was the Official Visit/Homecoming of RW Barbara Foster, District Deputy Grand Matron, and MW Earl LaFave, District Grand Lecturer, to Phoenix Elizabeth Chapter No. 105. RW Barb and MW Earl expressed thanks to everyone for supporting them the last two years. MW Earl announced that MW Kenneth Wheeler will be the District Grand Lecturer for the year 2023. MW Ken followed by announcing that RW Monica Wallis will be holding the office of District Deputy Grand Matron.

RW Yvonne Hanshew, Worthy Matron, and her fellow officers shared "This Is Your Life" with RW Barb. The story began with Barb's younger days in school, marrying husband Paul, and then detailed her Order of the Eastern Star membership. RW Barb received a candle and glass holder with a peacock etching, a personal gift from Yvonne.

The Worthy Matron presented MW Earl LaFave his fifty-year membership pin and Life Membership certificate. MW Earl joined the Order of Eastern Star on June 12, 1972.

RW Michelle Gogel presented to MW Earl an altar cloth for the new Chapter room. It is to honor his service as Most Worthy Grand Patron in 1999. Michelle escorted Earl to the altar where he placed the new cloth. The handmade satin displays the Eastern Star emblem on each end and is finished with an edging of gold fringe.

RW Michelle and MW Earl then presented the Chapter with a wood emblem case, made by Earl. It will store officers' emblems when not in use

On June 8 Oneida Lake Chapter No. 123 celebrated the seventy-year membership of RW Rosalyn House and fifty-year membership of RW Alfred Tefoe. On June 18 Brother Vernon "Verne" Reynolds joined Lake City Victoria Chapter No. 205 in Oswego.

On July 9 we rose early to decide which hat and dress, which purse and gloves to go to a High Noon tea party. Janette Smith, hostess, made assorted teas and prepared a scrumptious lunch of chicken salad, tuna fish and egg salad sandwiches, fruits and cookies and pecan tarts. She also served home-made blueberry and orange nut scones with assorted jellies.

It was a relaxing afternoon with Sisters and friends. There is no rulebook for be-



Earl LaFave and Michelle Gogel display new altar cloth.



Yvonne Hanshew and Earl LaFave with Earl's emblem display case.

ing a good friend. Spending time together is a huge part of being a good friend. If any events are being planned by your Chapters or Lodges please keep your Sisters and Brothers in mind and include them.

Many closed the month of July at the annual bazaar on the Eastern Star Campus at Oriskany. It was special to spend time with Grant DeLong, a resident of the home.

On August 21 present and Past Grand Officers of the District will picnic, hosted by Bill and Jan Smith. Watch for my next article. You never know what I might hear or see.

RW Barb Foster announces that the jacket sales, with the OES emblem, have ended. She thanks everyone for the support.

It has been wonderful having the sun so much of the time this summer. Summertime isn't over yet. Head to the drive-in, go to the beach, roast a marshmallow or catch a sunset.

Michelle Gogel

Morning Star 289 Marcellus Masonic Temple

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. Our lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are soon coming to an end. It is time to resume our labors. We are still meeting on the second and fourth Mondays at 7 p.m. September 12 and 26 will be regular stated meetings, street dress required.

Our golden chain has yet again been broken with the passing of W Hazel June Porter. W June was in the loving care of the staff at the OES Home in Oriskany at the time of her passing. She served as Matron in 1992, and for several years afterward she served as the Star Point of Adah. She is survived by daughters RW Melanie Wheelock, Sister Pricilla Raichlin and granddaughter Sister Tammy Bealer. Eastern Star services were provided with help from the District.

Good news: our strawberry festival was a sellout. Thanks go to our Associate Matron Amy McManus and Associate Patron Mark McManus for their hard work on this project.

Brother Mark is still working hard on membership. Sister Shirley Hake is out and about. Needing our prayers and cards are W Joanne Carpenter, Sister Jane Tobin, Sister Nancy Ficther and RW Harold

Lanning. If you need an address, call Secretary RW Cathy Woods at 315/857-6242. I hope I have left no one out. Call the Worthy Matron RW Mary Perry at 315/708-5699 if you know of anyone needing help, calls or a card.

Check the District article to see what's going on around town. See you in Chapter.

Margaret McManus

Lake City Victoria 205 Lake City Lodge No. 127 Oswego

RW Natalie J. Woodall, Secretary

Where has the summer gone? It seems only yesterday that Chapter recessed and here we are getting ready to open again for the fall season.

Much has happened during the past three months. A highlight was the Initiation on June 18 of a new member, Brother Vernon "Verne" Reynolds, husband of our esteemed Sister Benita, who occupies the chair of Ruth. Verne is a member of Lake City Lodge 127.

RW Brother Bruce King graciously consented to be our Worthy Patron for the day, traveling from Cazenovia to preside over the ceremony. MW Sr. Karen Marshall-King, Grand Secretary, took the part of the Associate Conductress. It was alovely meeting, capped by a delicious reception in the dining room afterwards with refreshments provided by the Past Matrons' Association.

The Chapter has received more good news. Sr. Mary Babbitt, Conductress, has learned that she is about to become a great-grandmother. RW Carla J. Salisbury, Worthy Matron, is making a speedy recovery from neck surgery in July. She was able to have coffee with her line officers recently. Sr. Christine Dennison is still in a nursing home in Norwich, NY but her health has improved significantly and she hopes to return to Oswego in the near future.

Sr. Mary Babbitt and yours truly traveled to Oriskany on July 16 to attend the annual OES bazaar. It was wonderful to see old friends, especially RW Grant DeLong, and to indulge in shopping for treasures of all kinds. Even the weather co-

Many of the Sisters and Brothers enjoyed the pig roast hosted by the Brothers of Lake City Lodge 127 on July 23. This was a very successful kick-off activity for the celebration of 175 years of Masonry in Oswego City. The food was delicious, the pork cooked to perfection and the company most congenial. Jackie Bond's cake was a diner's delight.

The Sisters have continued to cater dinners for the Brothers during the summer months. By the time this column appears they will have put on dinners for Blue Lodge, Lake Ontario Chapter 165 RAM, Cryptic Rite and the Red Cross of Constantine.

The annual Chapter summer party was scheduled for August 20. RW Cynthia J. Sanders, Associate Matron, is in charge of the menu. Details about the fiesta will appear in the next edition of *the word*.

I am taking this opportunity to toot my own horn a bit. My new book, Notable Civil War Veterans of Oswego County, NY, will be available from SUNY Press on September 1. Many of the soldiers featured in the book were Masons, such as William Raulston, Robert Oliver Jr. and Dr. James Stockwell, the "grand old man" of Oswego Masonry.

Be good to yourselves and enjoy this lovely weather. Unfortunately, it won't last. Natalie J. Woodall

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Brothers and Sisters, I hope everyone's summer has been filled with laughter and fun. I know here at BHS we celebrated the summer with an annual picnic and pool party. Although we have taken some time off from the meetings and gatherings, we have not lost our love for this Order.

We are now in the final stretch until the beginning of a new year with new possibilities.

Our first meeting in the fall will be on September 8 at 7:30. This will be a regular meeting with refreshments to follow. The second meeting is going to be on September 22 at 7:30. This meeting will be celebrating the Associate Matron and Associate Patron. We will be continuing our monthly dinners so please keep an eye out for new dates and menus.

Annie Urban

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RW Bruce King and RW Carla J. Salisbury presided at the Initiation of Bro. Vernon "Verne" Reynolds into Lake City Victoria Chapter 205 on June 18, 2022. Photo by Natalie J. Woodall

SEPTEMBER									
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In the realm of Sickness and Distress, Brother Harry Weldon is experiencing good days and bad days. He had a doctor's appointment on Thursday, August 11 for evaluation for further treatment.

Brother Leroy Crispell is still in remission but has to take anti-seizure medicine, which makes him drowsy all of the time. He still helps at the Lodge as much as possible.

On June 23 we held a regular meeting at the request of W Brother Gleason. Brother Bret Chabot (Iddings) of Tri-Town Lodge gave a historical lecture on the Formation of the Grand Lodge of England.

On July 16 the Caroline Lodge summer picnic was held at Ink's Pond. Brother Yigit Nizipli and family furnished a baclava that they ordered from Turkey. It was wonderful. Brother Ben Hogben provided entertainment. There were thirty-two in attendance.

W Brother Harry Weldon and his wife Eleanor celebrated their belated 65th wedding anniversary, which

was in May, and could not attend. Brother Harry will be receiving a 75 Service Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

The following Brothers received awards: Brother Jim Klingle for thirty-five years and Yours Truly for fiftyfive years. I also received an apron. These awards were presented by W Brother Gleason and RW Dave Barnello, District Staff Of-

At the July 21 regular meeting, during refreshment time, Brother Bret Chabot presented a second historical lecture on the Old Charges. Brother Bret furnished handouts so everyone might read along with his presentation, which was extremely well done.

August 4 was the night of the District Deputy's Official Visit. With eleven in atTabone, District Deputy Grand Master of the Cayuga-Tompkins District presented the Grand Master's Message. He emphasized new training programs, new internet programs and a new veterans program geared toward Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Please remember the Vets Program in your Brotherhood Fund Donation.

The Tuesday Coffee Hour is on hold due to lack of attendance. A decision on continuing will be made at the next regular meeting.

Keep all of those who are suffering weather-related problems and other health issues in your good thoughts. Also, keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

Sadly, Brother Yigit Nizipli and family have moved to NYC for their jobs.



VW Ray Ink receives his 55-year apron.



Brother Jim Klingle collects a 35-year award.

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