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North Syracuse celebrates Arbor Day

Please plan to attend the Village of North Syracuse Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 27 as we gather at 1:00 p.m. for the Proclamation of Arbor Day by Mayor Gary Butterfield. This year a Crimson King Maple will be dedicated at 648 Centerville Place (in front of the Masonic Center between Main St. and South Bay Road).

This is our 30th Annual Arbor Day and 29th year of recognition of North Syracuse as a Tree City by the National Arbor Day Foundation, with presentation by DEC Forester John Clancy. As in past years, we recognize village residents with longtime contributions to the village who have died the previous year. This year the

tree is being dedicated in memory of Deputy Mayor Fred Ferguson.

Instrumentalist Lee Turner will provide appropriate music, including playing the *Star-Spangled Banner* on a keyed bugle. Everyone is welcome. That is: 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27 at 648 Centerville Place, North Syracuse.

Pat Ferguson

Mentor

Hello, Brethren! This month I want to comment on the Lodge line, the mechanism our Craft has for training its leaders. For, indeed, Lodge leaders affect Mentoring in a very important way. And also, I want to mention the first Webinar for NorthStar training that was presented in April.

We have seen in other organizations, and even in business and government, how some enthusiastic and well-intentioned individuals arrive to important leadership positions without the necessary knowledge of the organization and its operation to make it work efficiently. As a result, they end up failures, in spite of all their good will and work.

In the Craft, future Lodge Masters first become Deacons and Wardens. This allows them to learn the ritual, the floor work of the ceremonies and the different position requirements and obligations, among many useful things. When a Brother succeeds to the Master's chair, he knows by practical experience in addition to the formal training and manuals of the position.

But leadership is more than just training and experience. It also requires some personal characteristics that are not acquired by habit. We have also seen in some organizations and in business and government how very experienced individuals end up becoming terrible leaders. Therein is the risk of automatically moving up the Lodge line: advancing brethren who may not yet be ready.

This Mentor is currently Senior Warden of my Lodge. And I may be elected Master for next year. If granted this honor and responsibility by my Lodge Brothers, I would like to think it is because my Brothers feel that I can do the job well, and not because it is my turn.

Another issue of importance is the implementation of the first NorthStar Training Webinar. This is an activity I announced last month and held on Wednesday, April 18. I hung the NorthStar PowerPoint in the webpage and provided a telecon phone number and access code to all Onondaga District Secretaries and Masters. They were able to relay the invitation and information to interested Brothers. They were enabled to send me an email with the phone number from which they planned to call and I could then identify them in my Administrator's list of all callers. This gave me a roll call and I can give workshop attendees their participation certificate.

I don't know the results at this point but if this first Webinar runs well, I plan to conduct other Mentoring webinars in the future, for training and consultation issues. As the telecon facility does not have a limit of callers, we may be able to extend an invitation to participate to interested Mentoring chairs of neighboring Districts served by *the word*.

Jorge L. Romeu

MWV43

My dear Comrades, I hope that spring is finally here. The officers of our Post have been busy trying to fig-

ure out if a consolidation with Post 17 would be in our best interest. There are some hurdles to get over. We have eliminated a couple but there are a few more to overcome. Your input is most valuable.

On trying to increase membership and membership participation at meetings and events your help is invaluable. What do you think? Let me know: 315/299-4122 or 316+663+1319 or email nkruth2@yahoo.com.



We will have several events this month. Memorial Day is for sure. I will send more information when available.

Expect more Flag presentations for Official Visits. We may also present the Colors at some York Rite ceremonies this year.

RW Richard Fowler, a member of our own Post 43, is being installed as Most Illustrious Master Cryptic Council State of New York. That is quite an honor for our Brother and for our Post.

Once again, our Post was well represented at the Grand Post meeting at Utica last month.

The Grand Post Annual Meeting will be May 18 and 19 in Batavia. Anyone interested in going should let me know soon so we may reserve rooms for you.

Let us pray. God bless and protect our troops at home and abroad.

Norm Kruth



Bruce Widger, the Man, the Mason and Our Friend The Widger Memorial Golf Event 2018

Nothing really needs to be said. We are seeking your generous support in memory of Bruce. We have had the pleasure of having Bruce as the namesake for our golf event since its inauguration in 2008. With your support we have raised thousands of dollars in support of our Brothers and Sisters, for which we thank you.

We will continue to honor Bruce as long as the event is held—how could we not? Wherever you go you can see his and Mary's generosity: leaves on the Tree of Life at the Masonic Research Center, pavers at Memorial Masonic Center, plaque at the Washington Memorial at Arlington; not to mention his local presence right here in Central New York.

You have the opportunity



Bruce Widger

to be generous, as Bruce was generous. It matters not the size of your gift but the cheerfulness with which you give it. We are asking each Lodge to sponsor a hole for \$100. (See our promotion on page 4.) It would be so great to have all our Lodges represented. What a tribute that

would be to Bruce!

We are also asking our local concordant bodies to join in this tribute to Bruce: our Sisters in the Eastern Star, the Daughters of the Nile, our Brothers in the Shrine, members of the Scottish Rite, our York Rite Organizations and members of our Right Worshipful Association. Each of us in Central New York has had the privilege of knowing Bruce Widger, the man, the Mason and our friend. How fortunate we have been!

Checks can be made to OMDC, c/o 17 Overbrook Lane, Baldwinsville, NY 13027. Reference The Widger Memorial. We thank you for your support.

Officers and Directors of the Onondaga Districts Masonic Charities, Inc.



Oswego District Masonic Charities Golf Tournament

There is only one month left until we tee off at the Oswego District Masonic Charities Golf Tournament at the beautiful Glennwood Golf Course on Route 49 in West Monroe. There is still plenty of time to get your team together for Sunday, June 3 at 1:00 p.m., sharp. We will again be playing 9 holes, Captain and Crew with cart, plus dinner for \$60 per person. A delicious steak bake will be again prepared by the cordial staff at Glennwood. The meal will include a fine selection of salads, ziti, etc.

The tournament is open to all guys and gals, Masons and non-Masons, friends and family. Please get your team

reservations in early to Leon Bulriss at 315/668-6521 or bulriss@aol.com; or to John Fuller at 315/668-8225 or johnfuller622@gmail.com so that Glennwood can plan dinner accordingly.

Prepayment would be appreciated but payment will be accepted the day of the tournament. All checks should be made out to the Oswego District Masonic Charities Corp. Donations of money or prizes from individuals or Lodges are greatly appreciated. You still have time to sponsor a hole in your name, your family's name, your business or your Lodge. For a \$25 donation you will have a professionally made 18" x 24" sign,

impressively displaying your name or name of your Lodge or business, and contact information if desired. These will be prominently displayed at the various tees. All profits go to assisting Masons and non-Masons alike in our community during their hour of need.

Thanks for helping us help others. Mark this date on your calendar and come join us for a great day of golf, fun, sun, fine food and Brotherly Love.

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Brethren, this will be my last article as the District Deputy of the Onondaga District. I would like to take this time to say thank you to all the brethren I have had the opportunity to work with over the past two years. The Masters and Secretaries of all the Lodges have been a pleasure to work with and have been most cooperative. The District Staff has been great. Many Brothers have stepped forward to fill in wherever needed. I appreciate the sacrifices that have been made by many to attend the Official Visits, plan and attend various District functions and attend events at Lodges throughout the District.

My congratulations go to the new District officers. RW Jack Dombrowski will be stepping up to DDGM and VW Dan Campis will be stepping up to GLSO. W Rick Miori and W Tim Conover have agreed to serve as AGLs. All have received confirmation of their provisional appointments, which are expected to be formalized at, or immediately following, Grand Lodge. I feel confident that there is an ef-

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Greetings, Brethren! May 2018 brings me to the conclusion of my two-year tour as your Onondaga District Staff Officer. What an amazing journey it has been! I would truly like to recognize all the Brothers who participated in the many Masonic Education opportunities that were available. Attending these courses has given these Brothers a strong foundation on which to build their membership in the Masonic Fraternity. It is about making them better leaders and more engaged participants in all that Freemasonry has to offer by giving them a better understanding of who we are and what we do.

I would like to thank all the Lodges for their support of the education programs and all the courtesies they showed me while I was visiting them. To the 2016-2018 District Team: I thank all of you. RW Bill Toth, VW Dan Campis and VW Bob Tyrrell: what a pleasure it has been working with you!

I would now like to con-
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As our first order of business we would like to congratulate W Rick Miori and W Tim Conover on their selection as AGLs for the Onondaga District and welcome them to the District team. We are excited by their selection and look forward to their work and service over the next few years.

Brothers, the investiture ceremony is just around the corner. Investiture will be May 30 at Memorial Lodge in North Syracuse. Dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m., so please arrive no later than 6:15 p.m. The cost for dinner will be \$20 and reservations must be made in advance to either W Rick Miori or W Tim Conover, via your Lodge Secretary, by no later than May 24. Their contact details can be found at the bottom of this column. Please remember that the investiture ceremony may only be attended by those Masons who are have held or currently hold the office of Master of a Lodge. Note that all elected Masters must be present at investiture before being installed. We encourage all Past Masters to come out and join us in celebrating the incoming Masters of the Onondaga District.

And finally, as Grand Lodge is upon us, it reminds us that the Masonic year is all but at an end. It is during this time that we should reflect upon the previous year. We are taught that Masonry is not just a Fraternity but also a way of life; a chal-



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lenge to constantly better ourselves and those around through our actions in and out of Lodge. We therefore challenge you to look back upon the activities of the previous year and evaluate what has worked and what we can do better. Take the time to find room for improvement and propel the Lodge and brotherhood forward.

As we are taught in Masonry, there is always room for improvement. As the summer months begin, look for ways you can be part of that improvement. Look around your Lodge for tasks that might need to be accomplished and volunteer to take them on. Or plan to meet and work with your newest Master Masons on their ritual and help them feel more a part of and comfortable with the Lodge. Or even challenge yourself to learn a new Degree part.

No matter the choice, choose to make a difference. Choose to give back to a Fraternity and an ideal that has given us all so much.

Onondaga AGLs contact information for 2018-2020: W Rick Miori, 315/254-1671, rickmiori@gmail.com and W Tim Conover, 315/263-5717, timconover1@gmail.com.

Daniel Campis
Robert Tyrrell

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WANTED

Railroad items, lanterns, locks, keys, dishes, time-tables, uniforms, what have you? Phil Soyering, 5090 Curry Rd., Trumansburg, NY

DDGM

from 1st column . . .

fective leadership team in place for the next two years and that the Onondaga District will continue to prosper under their leadership.

The investiture ceremony for the new Masters in the Onondaga District has been scheduled for Wednesday evening May 30 at Memorial Masonic Temple. As usual, the ceremony will be preceded by a dinner. Our new AGLs are already working on putting together an impressive ceremony and I am sure they will not disappoint. I encourage all the incoming Masters for 2018-2019, whether newbie, repeat or three-peat, to attend investiture. This is an important District event and it is nice to see a large turnout to show support for all the incoming Masters who have stepped forward to take the reins and lead their Lodges for the next year. Past Masters, please come out to show your support for the new leaders in our Lodges.

Please put August 25 on your calendar as the tentative date for the Onondaga District Apron Presentation. I am still working on the details for the event, but we

Staff Officer

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gratulate the Right Worshipful Daniel J. Campis, Grand Sword Bearer, our new 2018-2020 Grand Lodge Staff Officer. I would also like to congratulate our newest AGLs, VW Rick Miori Jr. and VW Tim Conover. I know that the Masonic education and ritual presentation of the Onondaga District is in very good hands with these outstanding Brothers in the lead.

One Masonic education course that is required for all incoming Worshipful Masters is the Master's Chair Course. RW Dan Campis will provide further information on the date and location once it is available. Again, as a reminder, the Master's Chair Course will review and expand upon information from the Road to the East Course. It will also bring forward the goals and programs of the Grand Master.

are generally planning for an afternoon/evening event with a buffet dinner.

In addition to the DDGM, GLSO and AGLs, there is a new Grand Historian in the District. It is anticipated that RW Gary Heinmiller, as newly appointed Grand Historian, will be included in the program and receive his Grand Historian Apron along with our other Grand Lodge Officers. It is so appropriate that Gary is appointed at this time, since 2018 is the 100th Anniversary of the Onondaga District. Prior to 1918 the Districts were numbered. At the 1918 Grand Lodge Communication District lines were redrawn to generally follow county lines and the naming convention was changed from the former numbered Districts. GW Heinmiller has a wealth of information on the history of the Onondaga District. I'm sure he will have some interesting tidbits to share with us.

Again, my thanks go to all who have assisted in any capacity over the past two years. That is a lot of support.

William Toth

Another benefit of attending the Master's Chair is that you get the opportunity to meet your fellow Worshipful Masters from the District. This is an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences, enabling the District Lodges to work more effectively together as a team. Please reach out to RW Dan Campis if you have any questions or need information regarding any of the Masonic education courses that are available.

Jack G. Dombrowski



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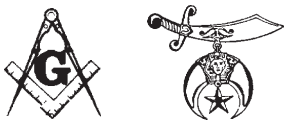
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WM Mark Appleby

Greetings, Brethren. I hope that all is well and that you and your family are enjoying the

spring weather. May 1st is Move-Up Night. Please plan to attend and support your Lodge officers. A taco dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$10. Please make your reservation with Craig at 315/446-0625 or cobb3@verizon.net before Sunday, April 29.

May 15 is our Annual Meeting. All members are Summoned to attend this meeting. A roast beef dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. This cost is also \$10 per person. Please reserve with Craig by Sunday, May 13.

Don't forget your donation to the Brotherhood Fund. We'll see you in Lodge.

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WM Douglas G. Russell,
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Greetings from the East, my Brothers! What a wonderful Masonic year we are having! We are on our third class of this Masonic year. I must give a big thank-you to our Brothers who have worked with all of the new candidates to be sure they are proficient in their work. We are also using newly made Brothers to do work in the next Degrees after they are Raised. This results in an opportunity to show their perfection. I am proud of our caring Brothers and our new Brothers.

May 7 will be a Third Degree. Our senior Steward, Safet Mesonovic, will do the Master's part, as I will be in Grand Lodge. Come out and support him and the rest of our Brothers.

May 20 is Go-to-Church Sunday at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1601 Park Street and corner of Turtle Street. Westminster is the oldest church in the City of Syracuse.

May 21 will be our installation of officers. Make it a point to come and support your officers, making them proud.

Please let me know of any Lodge Brothers who need our assistance. Thank you.

Douglas G. Russell

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Secy Earl Tuttle,
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Greetings, Brothers. The visit to Rudd Trowbridge's house and bank collection is set for May 2 at 6:00 p.m. The address is 3265 Becker Rd., Skaneateles. Rudd and the Lodge will work together to provide supper. This is a

rare opportunity that you don't want to miss—just ask anyone who made the visit several years ago. This is also a great way to make points with your wife, girlfriend, mother-in-law, etc.

The May 16 meeting will be the Grand Lodge report and elections. Missing this meeting is a great way to get elected or appointed to something—just saying.

June 6 will be Past Masters, Awards and Installation night. Hilltop will cater the 6:30 p.m. meal and friends and family will be welcome.

The dinner cruise set for June 20 is coming together. Skaneateles will be picking up half the tab for Skaneateles members, so that is \$55 per couple and \$27.50 per person. For non-Skaneateles members it will be \$55 per person on a first come-first served basis.

The Sherwood Inn will be catering and the options are prime rib, roast chicken, salmon or vegetarian lasagna. Please let the Lodge know your preference. Earl Tuttle has the master list for this event. People should meet around 5:30 in the park next to the Blue Water grill. The dinner boat will leave at 6 p.m.

Some of our members no longer desire to drive at night, so I will be asking for a few volunteer drivers for these events. Our Marshal Wally has been under the weather. Give him a call and keep him in your thoughts. Until we meet on the level.

Toby Shelley

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WM Michael T. Marney,
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Happy Spring, Brothers! Wow, we have had quite the month since the last *word* article. To briefly recap, starting with our 2018 St. Baldrick's Campaign, Team Konosioni 950 raised \$19,190 this year, taking fifth out of seventy-one teams and blowing away our \$15,000 goal. Thanks go to all the Brothers who donated their hair, money or both to make this such a huge success. I never thought we would reach these heights when we started just five years ago. Congratulations!

This event was followed quickly the following week when Brother Carl Bliss and crew fundraised and put together 110 Easter baskets to feed local needy families. Each basket feeds a family of ten.

The charity in this Lodge continues to amaze me. Speaking of charity, please make your donation to the Brotherhood Fund if you have not done so already. You all have received the forms from Chairman Brother Garry Campbell. This is a very worthy cause and even a \$5 donation will help. Thanks go to Brother Campbell for once again taking on this very daunting task.

And of course, on April 5 we completed our Master Mason Degree and now have six new Master Masons in the Craft. I am proud to say

that we had a full cast for the drama and it was truly a beautiful Degree. Thanks to all who participated to show these new Brothers the best pageant I've seen in my nineteen years in the Craft.

On April 7 we continued the Easter Basket Fundraising by manning the bake sale table for the Miori Martial Arts Showcase. Thanks again to Brother Rick Miori for both starting the bake sale fundraiser and continuing to donate all proceeds from the bake sale to our Easter Basket Drive.

Coming up this month, on May 3, we will have our Annual Move-Up day, where all the officers get to slide up a chair and try out their new digs for next year. So, brush up on your ritual, gentlemen. It is always fun to watch and is both exciting and encouraging to see next year's officers get a feel for their new office.

Which leads us to our next meeting. On May 17 we will hold nominations and elections for our officers for the upcoming 2018-19 year. I hope to see you all there to help me ride off into the sunset. In closing, if there is any Brother who is in need of assistance in any way please do not hesitate to contact the Lodge or me.

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Greetings, Brethren. The election of officers will be on May 10 this year. Please plan on attending.

We had our first chicken barbecue of the year on Saturday, April 21. It was a little chilly at first but, all in all, not a bad day. Thanks go to everyone who helped out.

The Brotherhood Fund drive is winding down for this year. We have had a lot of participation. If you would like to contribute, don't put off sending Dennis Bell this year's contribution. And I will see you at our next regular communication on May 10.

Roger Haskins

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Brethren, I hope the hints of spring we have had the last couple of days have continued by the time you read this. Winter certainly has worn out its welcome.

Our May meeting will be the traditional business meeting. It is here that we elect and install officers.

It is my sad duty to report the passing of RW Gilbert Cloyes, GSB 1974-1975. He was very active in Seneca River Lodge No. 160, holding many offices, including serving as Worshipful Master in 1971. He was also very active in the Onondaga District.

RW Cloyes passed away March 10, 2018 in North Carolina. The family has requested a Masonic Funeral Service to be held on May 26, 2018 at 9:45 a.m. just prior to the memorial service at 10:00. Masons are request to gather at 9:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.

Wade A. Caler

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Greetings from the East! Congratulations go to our newest Master Mason, Brother Brian Yox. Brian was Raised on April 7 at Memorial Lodge No. 648. I would like to thank our Memorial Brothers for their assistance. I am hoping that we will have the opportunity for another Entered Apprentice Degree before the end of this Masonic year. I will give you all details as they become available.

What a great turnout for the DSA Apron presentation on April 21! As planned, W Mark LaFountain was presented with his DSA apron. We were also able to re-

present Brother Carson Zacharias with a new DSA apron, as his original one was lost in the recent fire at his home. Congratulations go to these Brothers and thanks to all who participated in making this a memorable day.

On April 26 Grand Lodge and Local Service Awards were presented to several deserving Brothers. Also, our traditional Novelty Awards were handed out by W Tom Mitchell, DSA. Congratulations go to all recipients.

On May 7 and 8 our Junior Warden, Brother Walter Boronow, will represent Nortrip Lodge No. 998 at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Walter will report back to the Lodge at our May 10 meeting, which will be followed by annual Lodge elections. We will enjoy food and fellowship at 6:30 p.m., with the Summoned meeting to commence at 7:30 p.m.

On May 24 we will honor our Past Masters as part of our annual program. There will be a catered dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m.

Once again, I hope that all is well with you and your family. If you are in need of our aid or sympathy or need a ride to Lodge, please let me know. May God bless the men and women active in our military who keep us safe every day.

Dick Gilbert

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WM John R. Newlon,
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Fraternal Greetings and Happy April, my Brothers. Wow! Three Nor'easters in less than three weeks last month and the weather still won't let up. But we were able to keep moving forward and keep our meeting dates. Unfortunately, I missed last month's *word* so I will bring you all up to speed.

Our first meeting in March was our Tri-Meeting night, which allowed the Lodges of Memorial No. 648, Tully No. 896 and Nortrip No. 998 to conduct Lodge business in one spot.

We all enjoyed fellowship over a very nice dinner, prepared and supported by Centerville Eastern Star Chapter No. 185. Many thanks are due for a fantastic meal with great hospitality.

Our second meeting in March saw a couple of our Brother officers stepping up to the next level. The work for the evening had a few Brothers practicing ritual for the Third Degree.

For April, we started the month with a special dispensation on Saturday the 7th, Raising five Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Brothers Steven Cody, Scott Cox, Theodore Martin and Jeremiah Schwartzal are from Memorial Lodge 648; Brother Brian Yox is a member of Nortrip Lodge 998.

Brother Schwartzal had a special guest attending the Degree. His father-in-law, Worshipful Richard DeRocchia, traveled from Dallas Lodge No. 182 in Dallas, Georgia. A big thank-you goes out to all the Brothers and Past Masters who came out to support the event.

Breakfast and lunch were provided by and supported by Centerville Eastern Star. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to the Chapter members for the top-notch hospitality and meal.

Our first regular meeting of the month was our official Move-Up Night, with Brother George Downing sitting in the East. Every member of the officer line got a chance to demonstrate his abilities to move to the next level.

Our second meeting, on April 26, was Awards Night. We saw a number of Brothers receiving well-deserved recognition for their dedication to the Craft.

Looking forward into the May Trestleboard, our Annual Meeting/Election of Officers is planned for the 10th. There will also be a dinner prior to the meeting.

As always, I continue to encourage any Brother who is interested in getting involved in our various programs to reach out and contact me. I can always be reached at my cell number 315/399-0005 or my email: john.newlon@us.mcd.com.

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Editor's Prerogative

Order in the Craft!

The other night three Lodge mates and I went to the Grand Lecturer's Convention at the new Tritown Lodge No. 472 in Groton. The course of work was the ritual for opening and closing the Lodge on a Degree other than the Third Degree, which has been our usual practice for something like 175 years. This change was well received and will be presented to Grand Lodge for approval in a second reading in May.

Grand Lecturer Kessler explained that current practice came into being with the Baltimore Convention, a decade and a half after the sordid Morgan Affair. We all know that story. There are various versions of the purposes and outcomes of the Baltimore Convention and I found a good one in a favorite resource, *The Short Talk Bulletin*. This January 1936 paper is by W Allan E. Roberts, a prolific and reliable Masonic scholar.

The Grand Lodge of Alabama, in December 1839, called for a council of Grand Lodges to meet in Washington in 1842. Its object was "for the purpose of determining upon a uniform mode of work throughout all the Lodges of the United States and to make other lawful regulations for the interest and security of the Craft."

The effects of the Morgan Affair and the Anti-Masonic movement of the late 1820s to early 40s, were felt in the melting away of the population of Masons throughout the country. Learned ritualists and devoted Brothers had severed their relationship because of the unhealthy and dangerous climate, others had died. Lodge activity and the quality of the working was greatly diminished.

Ten of the twenty-three Grand Lodges sent delegates to this first meeting. The body felt there were too few representatives and too little time to perfect a uniform ritual. They recommended each Grand Lodge appoint "some well-versed Mason and style him as a Grand Lecturer" and send him to a Convention in Baltimore the following year.

But, "To protect the Fraternity from unworthy men claiming to be Masons, [one] Committee recommended that 'certificates of good standing of visiting Brethren who are strangers' be made available by the Grand Lodge to which they belong." These certificates, presumably, would prevent a William Morgan from gaining access to a Lodge meeting.

Additionally, that Committee stated it was an "impropriety" to do business in Lodges below the Degree of Master Mason, except for Degree work and instruction. "Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are not members of Lodges, nor are they entitled to the franchises of members." The various Grand Lodges embraced the practice of opening on the Third Degree as a further guarantee of the sanctity of the Lodge room.

In Baltimore, between May 8 and May 17, 1843, most of the work was devoted to "produce uniformity of Masonic Work." By the end of the session they settled upon and exemplified the opening and closing in the Third Degree, as well as the work and lectures of all three Degrees. They agreed to publish "The Masonic Trestle-Board," which would contain three Masonic Carpets and various ceremonies. And so, the Baltimore Convention saved the day.

What's different now? The NorthStar Program and Guarding the West Gate, among other considerations. Elements of NorthStar give the petitioner and candidate much more preliminary contact with the Lodge and its members. It is about introduction and acclimatization and assurance. The West Gate provides the security.

A Lodge that is opened on the Third Degree can be lowered to the Second or First, but why insist on keeping some of our people separate? They may not be full members but it is like being a little bit pregnant—they are Masons. Today, when we are all about simplification, saving steps, managing time, how can it harm a Lodge to invite its Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft to sit in Lodge and open on the First or Second Degree? With a simple modification of ritual we can include him in our ranks. It's education and it's mentoring. It is welcoming a Brother into a special space.

I remember forty years ago feeling excluded from the Lodge while I was Initiated and Passed. Shortly after my Raising I was appointed Tyler and kept on the outside for one more year. If I had been less determined I might have walked away. Think of all I would have missed. I say, Bring 'em in.

(Full disclosure: I am a member of the Custodians of the Work.)

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snow and colder temperatures wane and yield to the sunshine and more reasonable accommodations.

We are a more active and busy Lodge now and we are having more fun as the weeks go by. Before looking forward I'd like to take a brief look backward. We had some rescheduling to do. Our Official Visit with RW William H. Toth II, DDGM, was rescheduled to March 15.

Our First Degree was rescheduled to the 19th of April and was conferred upon a couple of worthy candidates. Thanks go to all brethren who assisted us with the Degree. We appreciate your helping hand.

Also, looking further back to late February I would like to extend our gratitude to the Grand Master, the

Grand Marshal, their wives and the rest of their party from Grand Lodge for attending our Re-Dedication Ceremony (see photo). We all enjoyed the dinner catered by Bona Fide-Hiawatha Chapter of Eastern Star and we very much enjoyed the company of all of you who attended.

May 3 will be a business meeting. Election of officers and annual reports will follow the Grand Lodge Session at our meeting on May 17.

A Lodge fishing trip is being planned for sometime in May for a Friday overnight. The location and other details will be provided to the Lodge by April's end. As ever, if you know of a Brother in sickness or distress please let us know.

Dan Kobasa

The Bruce Widger Memorial Golf Tournament

We are pleased to announce the Bruce Widger Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 19 at Ironwood Golf Course, 7439 Canton Street, Baldwinsville. The cost of the event is \$60 for golf, cart and dinner. The phone number at the course is 315/635-9826. The format is four-person Captain & Crew. Put together a team and plan on an enjoyable day of golf.

The Widger Memorial is in its 11th year and we hope to continue the event and so remember and honor one of our favorite Masons. It has been stated that we stand on the shoulders of Brothers who have gone before us. Bruce will always have a special place in our hearts.

Monies raised at The Widger Memorial stay here with us, the OMDC. Your charity has made contributions locally to fund the work of our Masonic War Vets, Lodge special events and District events. We also have the honor of supporting local Brothers who suffer loss—some material, some physical and many financial. The ability to engage these important works would be impossible without you. We express our heartfelt thanks. Please plan on playing. You will have a great time of fellowship while fulfilling

one of our most sacred ties.

Last year a band of Brothers travelled from the Cortland-Madison District and they won in their first appearance. Brothers John Becker, Scott Cary, Ron McDermott and Gary Sunderman carded a 68 to match Brothers from Jordan Lodge: Mike Kinney, Joe Maslak, Joe Maslak Jr. and Vic Lippert. Matching cards starting at hole 1, the outcome was determined on hole 2 with a birdie 2 vs. a par 3. The competition was so close at the top; then the rest of us.

Now for the serious part: please ask your Lodge to get involved and support us with a hole sponsorship and cart sponsorship. You are the backbone of our charity and without your help we would be unable to support our mission. Your Secretary has received requests for support and Team Application forms.

Contacts for the event are Pat Pacini, 315/720-3526; Frank Kennedy, 315/420-8877; and Karl Parker 315/427-1411. Applications are available at your Lodge or we can email one to you. The officers, Directors and members of your Onondaga Masonic District Charities thank you again for all your support.

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Greetings, Brethren. Well, I guess it's officially spring; however, it certainly hasn't felt like spring yet. Hopefully, by the time this reaches everyone we'll actually have weather that is warmer than 50 degrees.

As we now have two candidates for the Degree of Entered Apprentice we are looking forward to our First Degree, which will be held on Saturday, May 26 at 9:00 a.m. It would be great to have a large turnout to wel-

come our new candidates. We will be offering coffee in the morning and a light lunch upon the completion of the Degree (sandwich platter, chips and drinks). Our JW John Meixner and I will inform everyone of his duties and practice nights. Please make every effort to attend these practice nights if you will be having an active part in the Degree.

Brother Pinckney has finally returned from his southern migration and is ready to assist Jordan Lodge with our work in the quarries. It is quickly approaching that time when our Brotherhood Fund donations need to be finalized. Brotherhood Fund Chairman W John Pinckney has asked that I remind everyone to get his donation in to him as soon as

possible. We have typically had a really good participation rate, so keep up the good work.

Our annual adopt-a-highway cleanup was scheduled for Saturday, April 21. Hopefully, we were able to have good weather and a good turnout of Brothers to help. Last year ten Brothers showed up to help and this year I hope to have as many or more.

I will be attending Grand Lodge in May. I am sure Move-Up night will go smoothly under the direction of our SW (soon to be WM) Robert Kimberly.

As a reminder, in July we will be providing rest and refreshment for the Biking the Erie Canal cyclists. Please contact Brother Gale Mitchell if you can help.

Further details will follow. This is the 20th anniversary of this event and the New York Parks & Trails people anticipate over 650 cyclists will make the 400-mile journey from Buffalo to Albany.
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Greetings, Brethren. Thankfully, I was able to submit my article on time this time. I hope spring is finding you all well and renewing your spirits as the



Grand Lodge dignitaries attended the February Re-Dedication Ceremony at Crossroads United No. 93.

The Spirit of Brother Robert Burns

By Bro. Joseph Fort Newton, New York

Address delivered by Bro. Rev. Dr. Fort Newton, Past Grand Chaplain, Iowa, USA, in proposing the toast "To the Immortal Memory of Bro. Robert Burns," at the Burns Meeting of the Scots Lodge, No. 2319, English Constitution, on 24th January, 1918.—From *The Builder*, January 1920.

We are met this evening, as I understand it, just to love Robert Burns and one another. Somehow I feel that Burns would rejoice to be here, for he loved more than all else that festival that was half a frolic and the feast where joy and goodwill were guests. The social magnetism of his spirit found its way into his songs, and we feel it to this day, and he was nowhere more happy, nowhere more welcome, than in the fellowship of his Masonic Brethren. Higher tribute there is none for any man than to say, justly, that the world is gentler and more joyous for his having lived—and that was true of Burns, whose very name is an emblem of pity, joy, and the genius of fraternity. And it is therefor that we love Robert Burns, as much for his weakness as for his strength, and all the more for that he was such an unveneered human being. If he was a sinner, he was in that akin to ourselves, as God wots, a little good and a little bad, a little weak and a little strong, foolish when he thought he was wise, and wise, often, when he feared he was foolish. It is given to but few men thus to live in the hearts of their fellows; and today, from Ayr to Sidney, from Chicago to Calcutta, the memory of Burns is a sweet perfume. Yes, more than a fragrance, it is a living force uniting men of many lands, by a kind of Freemasonry, into a league of liberty, justice, and pity.

There is a certain fitness in a man of my country proposing this toast to the Memory of Robert Burns. Mark Twain, the Lincoln of our literature, used to say that our American Civil War was a fight between Sir Walter Scott and Robert Burns. Of course, it was an exaggeration, but none the less a picturesque way of stating a fact. We of the South read Sir Walter Scott for his pride of blood and extraction, for his grace and charm of courtesy, for his pictures of an old romantic feudalism—and, I may add, for the strength and sweetness of his genius. Our Southern society, for all its culture and hospitality, was the old feudalism transplanted to the New World. The Yankees

read Robert Burns, who said that "a man's a man for a that," whether white or black or brown. That is to say, our Civil War was a clash of ideals, each growing and struggling to be free, an old feudalism against a new uprising democracy of which Burns was the God-endowed prophet. And so the conflict was inevitable.

About the walls of Troy, as Homer saw it, two battles raged, one on the earth between Greeks and Trojans, one in the viewless air between gods and goddesses. So to-day, above the long,

ballads of love and daring, singing the simple life of his nation in their vivid and simple language. He struck with a delicate but strong hand the deep and noble feelings of his countrymen, and somewhere upon his variegated robe of song will be found embroidered the life, the faith, the genius of his people. He made it a double honor to be a Scotsman. It is therefor that the men of Scotland love him, as, perhaps, never people loved a poet, and make his home at once a throne of melody and a shrine of national glory.

poet of the rights and reign of the common people, whom, it has been said, God must love because He made so many of them. The earth was fresh upon the tomb of Washington when that century was born; it discovered Lincoln and buried him with infinite regret. Indeed, had Burns reached his four-score years, he might have known our peasant-President; he surely must have known him by fame and warm appreciation. In this way Lincoln knew him and fondly repeated the sombre stanzas of "Man was made to Mourn," because it suited the temper of his melancholy spirit. But the victorious melody of the age of Lincoln first found voice in the songs of Burns, as the Greek singer inspired Petrarch with the fire that forced the Renaissance, and out of the inertia of the Middle Ages created modern times. So, when Taine came to account for that age he found that its spirit "broke first in a Scotch peasant, Robert Burns"—a man of all men most fitted to give it voice, because "scarcely ever was seen together more of misery and of talent."

This is not the time to rattle the dry bones of literary criticism—a dreary business at best, and a dismal business at worst. It is by all agreed that Robert Burns was a lyric poet of the first order, if not the greatest song-writer of the world. Draw a line from Shakespeare to Browning, and he is one of the few tall enough to touch it. The qualities of Burns are simplicity, naturalness, vividness, fire, sweet-toned pathos, and rollicking humour—qualities rare enough and still more rarely blended. But he was a man first, and his fame rests upon verses written swiftly, as men write letters, and upon songs

that were as spontaneous, as artless, and as lovely as the songs of birds. But the spirit of Burns was not merely local. His passion for liberty, his affirmation of the nobility of man, his sense of the dignity of labour, his pictures of the beauties of nature, of the pathos and hard lot of the lowly, of the joys and woes and pieties of his people find response in every breast where beats the heart of a man. Surely no one, since the Son of Man lodged with the fisherman by the sea, has taught more clearly the brotherhood of man and the kinship of all breathing things.

That which lives in Robert Burns, and will live while human nature is the same, is his love of justice, of honesty, his touch of pathos, of melting sympathy, his demand for liberty, his faith in man, in nature, and in God—all uttered with simple speech and the golden voice of song. His poems were little jets of love and liberty and pity finding their way out through the fissures in the granite-like theology of his day. They came fresh from the heart of a man whom the death of a little bird set dreaming of the meaning of a world wherein life is woven of beauty, mystery, and sorrow. A flower crushed in the budding, a field mouse turned out of its home by a ploughshare, a wounded hare limping along the road to dusty death, or the memory of a tiny bird who sang for him in days ago touched him to tears. His poems did not grow: they awoke complete. He was a child of the open air, and about all his songs there is an outdoor feeling. He saw Nature with the swift glances of a child—saw beauty in the fold of clouds, in the slant of trees, in the lilt and glint of flowing waters, in the im-

mortal game of hide-and-seek played by sunbeams and shadows, in the mists trailing over the hills. The sigh of the wind in the forest filled him with a kind of wild, sad joy, and the tender face of a mountain daisy was like the thought of one much loved and long dead. So the throb of his heart is warm in his words, and it was a heart in which he carried an alabaster box of pity. He had a sad life and a soul of fire, the instincts of an angel in the midst of hard poverty; yet he lived with dash and daring, sometimes with folly, and, we must add—else we do not know Burns—with a certain bubbling joyousness, a lyric glee as of a bird singing in the boughs.

Such was the spirit of Robert Burns—a man passionate and piteous, compact of light and flame and beauty, capable of withering scorn of wrong, quickly shifting from the ludicrous to the horrible, poised between laughter and tears—and if by some art we could send it into all the dark places of the world, pity and joy would return to the common ways of man. Long live the Spirit of Robert Burns. May it grow and glow to the confounding of all unkindness, all injustice, all bitterness.

"He haunts his native land
As an immortal youth; his hand

Guides every plough.
His presence haunts this room to-night

A form of mingled mist and light
From that far coast."

His feet may be in the furrow, but the nobility of manhood is in his heart, on his lips the voice of eternal melody, and in his face the light of the morning star. I give you the toast, "To the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns!"

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winding, ragged lines of the greatest of all wars, two battles are raging—a battle of guns and a battle of ideals. It is a conflict of two conceptions of life and civilisation which cannot live together on this earth and keep the peace; and we are struggling together to decide which ideal shall shape the destination of mankind. One in arts and aims and ideals, and now, at last, one in arms, the land of Lincoln and the land of Burns are fighting for the fundamental truths which Burns set to everlasting music.

Some there are who dream of a vague blur of cosmopolitanism, in which all local loyalties, all heroic national genius shall be merged and forgotten. Not so Burns. He was distinctively a national poet, striking deep roots into his native soil, and for that very reason, touching a chord so haunting that it echoes for ever. When Burns appeared the spirit of Scotland was at a low ebb. Her people were crushed and her ancient fire almost quenched. Her scholars blushed to be convicted of a Scottism in speech. It was at such a time that Burns came, inspired by the history of his people, the traditions of Wallace and Bruce stirring him like a passion, his soul attuned to the ancient

"The Memory of Burns," cried Emerson, "I am afraid heaven and earth have taken too good care of it to leave us anything to say. The west winds are murmuring it. Open the windows behind you and hearken to the incoming tide, what the waves say of it. The doves perching on the eaves of a stone chapel opposite may know something about it. The Memory of Burns—every man's, every boy's, every girl's head carries snatches of his songs, and they say them by heart; and, what is strangest of all, never learned them from a book, but from mouth to mouth. They are the property and the solace of mankind."

If ever of any one, it can be said of Robert Burns, that his soul goes marching on, striding over continents and years, trampling tyrannies down. He was the harbinger of the nineteenth century, the

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Brethren, this is a very busy time of the year for us. The Grand Lodge Communication, elections and the investiture and memorial service are at hand.

May 7 and 8 will bring the 237th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York. There will be a new Grand Line elected as well as new District officers appointed. Also, the new proposal for opening Lodge on any of the three Degrees will be read for the second and final time.

Each Lodge will have its election this month. Make sure to support your Lodge and exercise your right as a Master Mason to vote for your line of officers. The best way to participate in the Lodge is by sitting in a chair.

The investiture and memorial service is scheduled for May 31 at Central Square Lodge No. 622. The program will start at 7:30. As of yet, the dinner plans have not been finalized. Stay tuned to your Secretaries and Masters for more information.

Lastly, this is the end of our term. RW Mark and I have enjoyed our time as your District officers. Please assist the new District team as you have us. They are a great group and will work hard to support our District.

We would like to thank the outgoing AGLs for their hard work and dedication. To the past District officers: thank you for your guidance and assistance. To the Masters and Secretaries: thank you for making our visits enjoyable and memorable. And to the Brothers of the District: your friendship and brotherly love has humbled us and truly proved that Masonry is a way of life.

Bob Boutell

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Hello, Brethren. Spring is finally here and we have a busy month. We will be having Awards night on May 3. It will be open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Please bring family and friends to enjoy and support our award recipients.

Grand Lodge will be May 7 and 8. If anyone has any questions or concerns on any of the matters and/or Officers to be voted on please contact me. This is our once-a-year chance to be heard in Grand Lodge.

On May 17 we will have
Central Square. . .
see 2nd column

STAFF OFFICER'S REPORT



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Central Square from 1st column . . .

our election of officers. If you would like to be an officer, please come and make it known. We love to see Brothers working up through the chairs.

We will be having our roast beef dinners on May 5 and 19. Dinner starts at 4:00 and serves until it is gone. Please come out and enjoy a great meal.

We will switch to chickens and ribs in June. We will do them the first and third Saturdays of each month on the corner by the fire barn. New cooks are in the works and should make our cooking task much more enjoyable and efficient.

As always, we need help with these dinners. Please find the time to come help whenever you can. Maybe bring a friend who is interested in the Craft. It's always fun and a great way for people to connect. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Brethren, as the Masonic year comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the honor of sitting in the East for the past two years. In reflection, I am proud of the progress we've made and our continued growth on many fronts. We've donated more to charity, doubled our scholarship award, made our fundraising more efficient, invested in our future, made repairs and remodels to our building, improved our ritual work, fixed our tax status and have welcomed more Brothers and Sisters into our Temple. I look forward to helping the next Worshipful Master fulfill his goals in the coming year.

I would also like to thank
Pulaski. . .
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Brothers near and far: As I prepared my column last month we were in the midst of a nasty bit of winter weather. Here it is the first part of April and the predictions are for cold, rain and sleet past the middle of the month. With any luck, though, things will be much better by the time you read this.

Grand Lodge is fast approaching and will bring to a close my second term and fifth year as AGL. The Late Great Jim Howard convinced me to take this position back in 2009 by remarking that the AGL's job was the most fun of any he had held and according to my records he held it three times. It truly has been fun and a great honor to serve the District

Pulaski from 2nd column . . .

the members of the Pulaski-Puritan Order of the Eastern Star for hosting our Annual Awards Night and Surviving Spouses Dinner. The Lodge awarded a sixty-five-year certificate, a fifty-year apron, a Dedicated Service Award and several certificates for years of service to the Craft.

Our first communication in May is actually before the Grand Lodge Communication this year and will be Move-Up for the Wardens. Our annual elections of officers and annual reports will be on May 16.

Saturday, April 28 begins our 26th chicken barbecue season. We are featuring a wood-fired, barbecued half-chicken and three sides for \$10. Come and visit us any or every Saturday for a great meal. Special thanks go to the entire barbecue team for continuing the tradition for over twenty-five years.

Lastly, as I move on from the East I will still be very involved in our District. I have been named Acting Secretary of the Oswego Masonic Charities Corp., I have been appointed Charity Fundraising Chairman for the 12th Capitular District of Royal Arch Masons and I recently received a letter from the Deputy Grand Master congratulating me on being appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer for the Oswego District. I am deeply honored to have your support and I look forward to seeing you all on the level.

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again. I deeply appreciate the support of the Brothers but now I am looking forward to being a White Apron Mason for a while. Additionally, I feel it is important for some of the younger Brothers to get involved in Districtwide office.

We need not fear turning the Fraternity over to the next generation, for at one time we were what they are now. Meanwhile, those of you in that next generation would do well to recognize and take advantage of the reservoir of knowledge, wisdom and sense of tradition possessed by the Old Timers. Also, beware of letting complacency prevent you from seeking out other good men who would also make good Masons.

Keeping that in mind, the District has appointed two Brothers to take over as AGLs for the next couple of years: Pat Fasulo and Aaron Kruth. Both of these men are young, enthusiastic, capable ritualists and good in front of a crowd. I expect great things.

Lastly, I offer best wishes to VW Shawn Tuff, whose term will also be ending. He is moving on to new responsibilities in the District. I hope to see you all soon in Lodge.

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Brethren, last month we had a Second Degree and we continued the journey of a few new Brothers. Hiram Lodge No. 144 will have our tiled meetings on the 1st and 15th of May. With Grand Lodge in session on 7 and 8 May, our tiled meeting on the 15th of May will be the election of officers for the ensuing year. With the merger also happening between Hiram Lodge No. 144 and Mexico Lodge No. 136, there will be some changes with the current officers.

If you haven't been out to the Lodge in a few months, years or decades, please come to our meetings. You will be welcomed with open hearts and arms. I'm looking forward to continuing my Masonic education and experiences this Masonic year and to the fellowship that comes along with it.

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Greeting from Lake City, Brothers! We had a great but chilly April and look forward to a productive and hopefully warmer May. We welcome back our snowbirds, Brother Ed Goodness and W Chuck Strickland, and are grateful to Providence for their safe travels.

Our first meeting in May is our Annual Communication. All members of Lake City Lodge No. 127: please be mindful of your obligation to attend if within the length of your cabletow.

The second meeting, on May 22, will be a Memorial Day program. The subject is Private Martin Treptow, who was Killed In Action during WW1. At both meetings dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$8. Please send your reservations for dinner to the Secretary at: secretarylakecity127@gmail.com. The meeting will follow promptly at 7:30 p.m.

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Brethren: My apologies for missing the last *word*. First and foremost, thank you for the thoughts and prayers and thanks to everyone who stepped up and filled my shoes while I was away with my wife during her surgery and rehab stay. She is recovering now at home and continuing out-patient rehab at

Upstate Hospital.

We have four Fellowcraft Brothers who will be advancing to Master Mason in the near future. The fish dinners are now over for this session and they went very, very well. They will resume mid-September.

We will again be assisting A.R.I.S.E. of Oswego County in building handicap ramps in the Phoenix area by the end of April or early May. Come join us.

David A. VanAuken

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Greetings, Brothers. It is my sad duty to inform you that Brother Donald Hass has laid down his working tools. Our condolences go out to his wife Margaret, his brother RW Leonard Hass and the rest of the family.

It is also my sad duty to inform you that Brother Bill Whittaker's wife Lee has passed away also. Our condolences go out to Bill and his family during this sad time. Words are difficult to express during times like these. All we can do is show our support to the families.

May brings election of officers. As we prepare for our upcoming election, it's important for every Brother to know that his opinion matters and his vote counts. The Nominating Committee has done its work and has advised accordingly.

Our outdoor clean-up day was a big success. The building got pressure washed. The yard got cleaned up and the front steps got a makeover. The Lodge really looks nice. Thank you all for your help and support.

George McCormick

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CORTLAND-MADISON DISTRICT

DDGM REPORT



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Decisions regarding the consolidation of Lodges and Districts have moved into the spotlight over the past two years. Obviously, they are not to be taken lightly, as the decisions we make today and tomorrow will have a lasting effect. Native peoples consider how the decisions of today will affect the next seven generations. To do any less when considering the future of our Fraternity would betray the trust of those who have selected us as their leaders.

Deciding how we choose our leaders helps to define us both in the present and for the future. Recently, we formalized the process by which the leaders of our District are selected. I consider this to be one of the most significant achievements of this term. No one is able to influence the process for his own gains and measures have been put in place to ensure that personal agendas and outside influence are eliminated. Knowing this gives me great comfort and hope for our future.

The same great care must be exercised as we convene to choose our leaders next month. However we may vote, we must ensure that we consider how our decision will affect not only tomorrow, but thousands of tomorrows to come. Each of us has a sacred responsibility to act only in the best interests of those we represent.

Keep true to the teachings of our ritual. Obey the charges that you have been given. Obligations, we must always remember, do not expire, nor are we freed from their ties when we exit the Lodge room. Live as you have sworn to live, in Lodge and in life.

As leaders, it is important to remember that we serve those who have selected us, not the other way around. I have tried to live up to this standard throughout my term and would encourage all those who go this way after me to do the same. Duty to ourselves, we are taught, comes after the duty to our neighbor.

Scott A. Cary

STAFF OFFICER'S REPORT

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Brethren, I offer thanks to Homer 352 for having Cortlandville 470 over to participate in their Fellowcraft Degree. We expect to work together on the Master Mason Degree. Watch *The Grapevine* for updates.

Our May 1 meeting will be a move-up evening. Our May 15 meeting will be a Summoned communication for the election of officers. Come out and support a line composed of zero Past Masters. We continue to move Cortlandville forward.

Scott Haynes

CAZENOVIA 616
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1st & 3rd Friday, 7:30 p.m.

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Brethren: It is nice to be back in this balmy New York weather. Brother Gary Sunderman and I attended four Lodges in Florida while there this winter. We were received in a very warm and brotherly way. I can tell you, my Brothers, this is a great Fraternity. I would urge all Brothers, when traveling, to attend as many Lodges as possible.

Now the good news: Cazenovia Lodge 616 presented the DSA Award to Brother Elwin Goff on Friday, April 6. Presenting the apron, certificate, jewel and pin were our DDGM, RW Scott A. Cary and the RW Richard Morley, Senior Grand Warden. To celebrate the occasion we hosted a great pork dinner created by our in-house chefs.

On Saturday, April 28 we had a Third Degree. We Raised two new Master Masons.

Our merger with DeRuyter Lodge is moving along very smoothly. It should be completed sometime in June or July. Cazenovia Lodge is delighted over this merger and the fellowship DeRuyter Lodge will bring to Cazenovia.

For me, at one time, DeRuyter was the only Lodge I could attend because of work schedule. My uncle Howard Wightman was a DSA recipient of DeRuyter Lodge. So my Brothers from DeRuyter are not strangers to Cazenovia. The only thing that will have changed is the Lodge building is farther

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away.

All of my fellow Brothers from Cazenovia, and I as Master and personally, welcome all the Brothers from DeRuyter. Our merger will make us a much stronger Lodge, one of the strongest Lodges in the District. I thank DeRuyter for merging with Cazenovia.

Jim Wightman

OTSELIC VALLEY 659
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Cincinnatus, N.Y. 13040
1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.

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Another month has passed since Phase 2 was sent in and still no response. Is this a conspiracy or just the delaying tactic built into the system? Here is a quote from a letter sent to me by RW Bonsaing: "We believe the Committee on Charters, should no longer take instant action on requests for consolidation. Indeed such action may be delayed for a matter of months while due investigation is conducted."

With the submission of Phase 2 on February 26 and March 2 we are not yet permitted to submit Phase 3. What is there to investigate?

I encourage our Brothers of Otselic Valley Lodge to



Cazenovia Brother Elwin Goff earns and receives the Dedicated Service Award.



Cortland-Madison District Deputy Grand Master Scott Cary handles pinning honors for DSA recipient Elwin Goff. Senior Grand Warden Richard Morley hung the medal on Bro. Elwin's right lapel.

start attending Marathon Lodge No. 438 and participate in their activities, as I have no idea when the actual consolidation will take place. Becoming familiar with the Lodge activities will hopefully make for a smooth transition.

Remember our awards and widows dinner is on 18 May. Make reservations with RW Fred Downs or his lovely wife Mary. Stay strong and we'll see you in Lodge.

Dave Fuller

DERUYTER 692
Albany St.
DeRuyter, N.Y. 13052
2nd & 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

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Greetings, Brethren. I have a story to tell. It began last summer when I was having my truck serviced at a local dealership. A man noticed my Masonic license plates, introduced himself, and began asking me questions about Masonry and possibly joining. I referred him to a Brother near his home and eventually he decided on petitioning a Lodge in Fayetteville. On April 7 I was given the honor of conducting and Raising him at his Third Degree. I would now like to welcome Brother Brian L. Yox, the newest member of Nortrip Lodge No. 998.

It is time to select officers for the coming year. Elections and installation will

take place after Grand merger with Cazenovia Lodge, and probably the last time for DeRuyter. Our Lodge is in the home stretch. See you upstairs.

Dick Freeman

Event schedule, May '18

- May 1 OnStar—Initiation
Cortlandville—Move-Up
Hiram
FayCC—Move-Up
- May 2 Skaneateles at Trowbridge
Pulaski—Move-Up
- May 3 Centerville—OV
Auburn
CrossroadsU
CentSq—Awards
Konosioni—Move-Up
- May 5 CentSq—Roast Beef
- May 6 PulaskiRAM—Hot Dogs
Onondaga Day @ Oriskany
- May 7 LivSyr—3°
- May 7-8 Grand Lodge
- May 8 CCRivRAM—Officers/Rehearsal
PulPurOES—Draping Altar
LakeCity—Annual
Memorial—Elect
Nortrip—Elect
Tully—Elect
- May 12 Centerville—Fashion Show
- May 13 PulaskiRAM—Hot Dogs
- May 14 PhoenixOES—OV
MornStarOES—Mothers
- May 15 OnStar—Draping Altar
Cortlandville—Elect
Hiram—Elect
FayCC—Elect
- May 16 Skaneateles—Elect
Pulaski—Elect
- May 17 Centerville—Draping Altar
Auburn—Elect
CentSq—Elect
CrossroadsU—Elect
Konosioni—Elect
- May 18 KT25—Order of Temple
Otselic—Awards/Widows
- May 18-19 MWV Grand Post
- May 19 BonaFide—Roast Beef
CentSq—Roast Beef
Widger Memorial
- May 20 LivSyr—Go-to-Church
- May 21 LivSyr—Install
- May 22 CCRivRAM—Regional Officers
WashingtonRAM—OV
PulPurOES—DGL OV
LakeCity—Memorial Day
- May 23 OneidaLakeOES—OV
Platt—MarkMasterMason°
OnonOES—Group Meeting
- May 24 Platt—Yellow Dog @ Memorial
Nortrip—PMs
- May 26 Jordan—1°
- May 28 Memorial Day
- May 30 Onon Investiture
- May 31 Osw Investiture/Memorial
- June 3 OswDistMasChar Golf
- June 5 OnStar—MMs/Fathers
- June 6 Skaneateles—PMs/Awards/Install
- June 7 Auburn—Scholarship/Service
- June 8 LakeCityVicOES—OV
- June 12 CCRivRAM—Table Lodge
- June 14 LakeOntOES—OV
- June 20 Skaneateles—Dinner Cruise
- June 21 Auburn—Public Install
- June 24 ErieCanal—Golf
- June 26 PulPurOES—OV

CAYUGA-TOMPKINS DISTRICT

DDGM REPORT



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Secy Tom Ostrander

Brothers, on April 5 we had a very successful Walk-About presented by RW Steve Howard. All four of our newly Raised Brothers were present. On April 19 we hosted our annual Table Lodge and Brother Bring a Friend night. It was well attended, with over twenty-five reservations. RW Dave Bowman put on a seven-course meal for \$10. Donations for beverages were accepted.

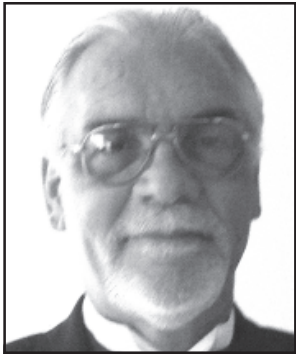
If this paper arrives in time for your action: On April 28 we are hosting our annual chicken barbecue with the Auburn Rainbow Girls. We will serve from 10:30 a.m. until. The cost of a meal is \$10, which includes a half chicken (from Indelicato's), salt potatoes, baked beans and rolls. Dinner reservations may be called in to Secretary Tom Ostrander at 315/224-0940.

On April 11 ten Brothers traveled to Groton to TriTown Lodge 472 for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. RWR.J. Kessler always conducts a very informative session. This year the subject was Opening on the Entered Apprentice Degree and Closing on the Fellowcraft Degree. We enjoyed the convention and the ham and mac-n-cheese dinner served by Groton OES. Also present were our District Officers RW Mike Miller, DDGM, and RW Dave Barnello, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and special guest RW Charles Roberts, Grand Chaplain.

May 3 is a regular communication as our Master W Matt Bowman looks forward to an exciting Grand Lodge session. May 17 will bring the Grand Lodge report, which will include a new

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STAFF OFFICER'S REPORT



David A. Barnello
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Greetings, Brethren. I hope you have made your final preparations to attend the upcoming Grand Lodge Session. It is an important time for the Craft, as we will be electing a new Grand Master and Officers, along with voting on important issues that will impact our Craft into the future. Every Lodge should make an attempt to send a representative armed with the knowledge and wishes of his Lodge on the issues at hand.

There has been much work done within our District in recent times. We have Raised thirteen Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I congratulate all those Brothers who took an active role in the Degree work and I am looking forward to seeing our new Brothers in upcoming Masonic Education offerings.

Tritown Lodge hosted our District's Grand Lecturer's Convention on April 11. RW Richard Kessler spoke to those in attendance on Opening and Closing Ritual on the First and Second Degree, the Northstar Project, and Guarding the West Gate and how these changes will impact the experience we give our new Brothers entering our ranks.

Brothers, as we move forward keep a positive attitude and remember that each of us has a duty to love the other. Be safe and do good things.

Dave Barnello

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Grand Line from Grand Master down. May 17 is also our annual communication with our own election of officers for 2018-19. The June column will reveal the results of both of these elections.

June 7 is our annual Scholarship & Service Awards night, which is open to the public. It begins at 6:30 with refreshments. We usually award six scholarships to children and grandchildren of Auburn Masons. Service awards are presented to Brothers from five years to sixty years. The June word will also identify all the recipients of these presenta-

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tions. June 21 will be our Public Installation of Officers for 2018-19, starting at 6:30 with refreshments.

Over the summer we will have another chicken barbecue. We will also enjoy the family picnic. Dates will be announced. That's all for now. Take care and God bless.

Tom Ostrander

ERIE CANAL 141

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WM Jeremy Blowers,
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Secy Gary Mowers

Greetings, Brothers! I hope that this note finds you all well. I also hope that April showers are bringing May flowers, but with all the extra snowfall, I am not sure.

By the time you are reading this, Erie Canal has three newly Raised Master Masons. We thank our Brothers at Cayuga Lodge 221 for providing a wonderful initiate experience and for their willingness to partner with us in this important Masonic venture.

Lodge elections are about to ensue. I wish all of our Lodges and new officers good luck in the coming year.

Do not forget that Erie Canal 141's annual golf tournament is coming really soon. Dust off those clubs

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and come join us on Sunday, June 24. The weather is warm, the beverages are cold and we do our very best to take care of our tournament guests. Watch for more details on our FB page and register your team today
Jeremy G. Blowers

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

WM Warren H. Albrecht,
wife Mary Ann
Secy Peter Chappell

Activities at our Lodge have been picking up. On March 31 we held the annual Masonic Easter Egg Hunt for the kids in the Springport area. It was a fun morning for everyone. Due to the construction going on at the A. J. Smith School, the Easter Egg Hunt was held down by the lake near the Village Office. It was a chilly morning but the youngsters didn't seem to notice.

The kids are grouped into three age groups and at 9 a.m. the signal to start is given. Within minutes the eagle-eyed kids have scoured the area and are enjoying the goodies in each egg.

We had a good showing of Lodge members to place the eggs and help make the morning successful. Brothers included Warren Albrecht, Gary Nickerson, Randy Mayer, Dave Schenck and his son Dan, Peter Chappell, George Fearon, Steve Hunter and Pete Russell.

Speaking of Pete Russell, he has his home up for sale and is planning to move to North Carolina. This is a big loss to our Lodge. He is not only Treasurer but also provides the Lodge dinners on a monthly basis and is one of the real leaders of Warren Salem Town Lodge. We are going to miss him greatly. Master Warren already has lined up a replacement chef for our Lodge dinners: Steve Hunter. We thank Steve for stepping up and look forward to his culinary presentations.



One of the winners of the Warren Salem Town Lodge Easter Egg hunt poses with the Easter Bunny, who helped in the March 31 egg hunt for the children of the Union Springs area. The Lodge has sponsored this event for many years. The person in the bunny suit is Amy Schultz, who does a great job with the kids.

Thanks go to all of our Brothers for their outstanding support of the Brotherhood Fund campaign. It is not too late to be a supporter in the 2017-18 fund drive. Just send your donation to the Lodge and it will be counted in this year's program.

We received a nice note from Ed Smith, out in Green Valley, AZ. He reports that the Lodge in Green Valley meets once a month, on the third Tuesday. He indicates that Degree work is scheduled by the Grand Lodge and done one person at a time at a Special Communication. Ed reports that he sees Len Defendorf, Roy Schenck and Joe and Joyce Steiner on occasion.

We had a visitor at our last Lodge meeting when Ed Butts, formerly of this area but now a resident of North Carolina, appeared. He is the Junior Warden of Doric Lodge in New Bern. Ed explained some of the differences between our ritual and that of NC. He said his Lodge and the local Shrine have a fish fry each year that nets \$36,000. We enjoyed Ed's visit and hope he will come again.

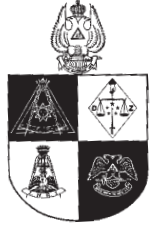
Remember that we meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Come and join us. And remember this from Winston Churchill: "Success is not final and failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

Ken Pollard



Some Springport children prepare to go after the eggs in the Warren Salem Town Easter Egg Hunt on March 31. Even though the weather was cool (note the heavy jackets) the attendance was good and the kids had a great time finding the eggs the Easter Bunny hid along the shores of Cayuga Lake. In the shelter, Master of the local Lodge, Warren Albrecht, is giving out the instructions just before the 9 a.m. starting whistle.

Scottish Riter



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Consistory

One very successful year is now completed. May brings us to our annual meeting, with election of officers on May 14. The evening will start with the Guards Club dinner at 6:15 p.m. The menu will be pulled pork and is a free dinner for all. Please come and enjoy the food and fellowship. At 7:30 p.m. we will open all four Bodies for the annual reports and election of officers. I would love to see a full sideline for this meeting.

The second event is May 21, the Public Installation of Officers. The evening will start with a social period at 6:00 p.m., followed by a roast beef dinner at 6:30 p.m. The installation follows at 7:30 p.m. Please come out and support your officers at this event.

I have had fun the past year serving as your Commander-in-Chief and look forward to another exciting year. It has been a fun-filled year as Lynn and I traveled to the Valleys of Rochester and Utica to support their programs and events, as well as attending and working at the Supreme Council Meeting in Rochester. I look forward to the coming year to work with these Valleys again. I hope everyone has a great summer.

Garry L. Visconti

Rose Croix

Greetings, Brethren. As I write this, there is still snow on the ground and the temps are still in the 20s. Hopefully by the time you read this it has warmed up some.

As the 2017-2018 Scottish Rite year comes to a close, and this is my last *word* article, I again thank all those who have helped me throughout the year. Your help and support has made this a very successful year.

Have a great summer. Stay safe. Please keep those who are serving in harm's way in your thoughts and prayers.

Gary H. Kall

Princes of Jerusalem

Greetings and Salutations, Princes. We seem to possibly be coming into our shortened spring season, and with it we usually feel some rejuvenation in our own spirits as we see the buds on the trees and some flowers poking up from the ground and the grass starts turning green again from its more dormant winter state. I hope this communication finds you all well and eager to join us in the last events we hold before going dark for the summer.

I recently read about how you greet people and how that can elicit a positive or not so positive a reaction from those people. When you greet people with warmth and give a feeling of truly being glad to see them, they frequently respond in kind. This is leading by example. Greeting your Brothers or friends or family in a warm manner sets the stage for the interactions which follow. Conversation trends toward positive outlooks and thoughts and, when parting, the experience leaves each of you looking forward to your next encounter.

I think of the various Brothers I hold in high esteem and, invariably, our greetings start

out in a happy and friendly manner. A feeling of wellbeing and brotherhood becomes the underlying current in conversation from that point on. This type of feeling can also come from communication such as email. People can generally tell when you are writing in a terse manner or a warm manner. Though intent and caring might not be as easy to convey in the written form, I know I typically get quicker responses and more positive responses when I add a positive greeting and put as positive a spin on any communication as I can. When dealing with business this isn't always as easy to do, as there are protocols and models to follow. Yet, even in business, warmth and friendliness can come through in a simple phrase such as "Good morning/afternoon" or a quick recollection of something from your last time together or inquiring after the other person's wellbeing.

The more you practice a conscious effort to convey positive feelings toward those you greet, the more it becomes a natural part of your interactions. It isn't pretending to care, it is showing you do care about your fellow traveler and have concern for him and his wellbeing.

James A. Nelson

Lodge of Perfection

Welcome back, Brethren! With Grand Lodge in session on 7 and 8 May, there really isn't much to report for what the Lodge of Perfection will be doing this month.

I would, however, like to express my gratitude for all the support I have received over the past year as the Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection. Without the support of my wife Rachel, and all the brethren and their ladies, as we produced and put on the Degrees in the past year, we would not have been able to execute as well as we did. So please, every Brother who has helped me over this past year with the Degree work, give your lady my thanks for allowing you to help and assist me.

I would also like to specifically thank Brother Terry Byard and his lady for all the hard work and extra hours he has put into the Lodge of Perfection. I could not have done it without him.

As my first year comes to a close I look toward the future and my second year as Thrice Potent Master with a renewed zest and excitement for the Degrees that we will be putting on throughout the year. We will be reaching out to the brethren for help with the Degrees and taking part in them. If you haven't ever had a part, please volunteer to take one. There are plenty of non-speaking parts and speaking parts. The speaking parts can range anywhere from one line to ninety lines. So, there is plenty of content that you can choose from that will match your comfort level. When you are an actual cast member in a Degree you get a totally different perspective and outlook on the Degree.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge in the fall when the new class comes in for the beginning of their Scottish Rite



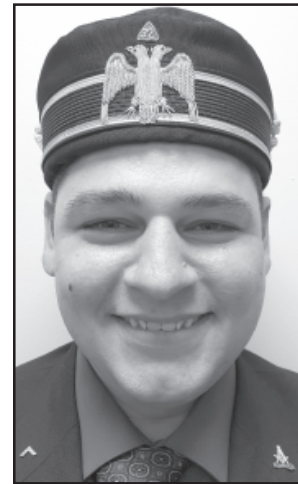
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Central City Chapter of Rose Croix Kall



Central City Council Princes of Jerusalem Nelson



Central City Lodge of Perfection Sterling

journey. I'm looking forward to the continued support and all the challenges and fellowship that come along with it. Hope to see you all soon.

Ken Sterling

Notes from the Children's Dyslexia Center CNY

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It has been a long, long difficult winter for all at the Center, with weather closings and health absences by both children and tutors. My apologies go to our Child Sponsors for not getting out a mid-year letter. Scheduling the mid-year assessments seemed to be an exercise in futility. A full report will arrive at the end of the year.

We were fortunate to have a wonderful weekend for the Barnes and Noble Book Fair in Dewitt. We met some very nice people and answered a lot of questions as well as entertained many children with activities and stories (Gineal was out favored reader!). We had several tutors, family members and a Board member come to help us out and we are very appreciative of them. The results are not in on monies raised, as the coupon was good for several days after the event, but we do know that we did nicely at the store. Our thanks are sincere for all the support.

It is hard to believe that we are beginning to plan for next year and scheduling the End of Year Assessments, when it was "just yesterday" that we embarked on another year. The challenge is greater every year to bring in new Scholars to take what works out to the schools and communities; but we are pursuing a new class of Initial Level Scholars as we speak and have a new class of Advanced Scholars in the works. If you know someone with a Bachelor's Degree (in any subject) who might be a good fit and interested in helping children learn to read, please have him contact us.

I want to tell you more about how our young man Glenn is doing. His mother came to help at the Book Fair and shared that his father and a brother are interested in the Masonic Order because of what you are doing. It makes me very proud to be a good example for your good works. Glenn's tutor is so excited about the new strides (no matter how small they may be) that Glenn is making each session. She feels that she is learning as much from Glenn as she is teaching him. We are so looking forward to what next year will bring for him.

It is that time of year when we remind you of the Recognition Ceremony. It is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Website: www.syr-aasr.org

May 2018

May 07 Grand Lodge—No meeting

May 14 Guard's Club Meeting: Dinner 6:15 p.m./Meeting 6:30 p.m.
..... Four Bodies Annual Meeting 7:30 p.m.; Annual Reports;
..... Officers Elections

May 21 Officers Public Installation: Social 6:00 p.m./Dinner 6:30 p.m.
..... Program 7:30 p.m.

June 2018

Jun 04 Trustees Meeting 6:15 p.m./Executive Committee 7:00 p.m.

August 2018

Aug 03 TEDDY BEAR CLASSIC, Learning Center Golf Tournament

..... Vesper Hills Golf Course

Aug 28 Trustees 6:15 p.m./Executive Committee 7:00 p.m.

Allegiance

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Syracuse, State of New York acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose officers are:

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Ill. Robert F. Ogg, Jr., 33°
Grand Minister of State

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Grand Lieutenant Commander
Ill. David P. Spencer, 33°
Deputy for New York State

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Ill. Steven C. Stefanakos, 33°

Ill. Fredrick D. Greene, 33°
Ill. Gary A. Henningsen, 33°
Ill. Edward R. Trosin, 33°
Ill. P. Michael Nielsen, 33°

evening, June 12 in the Pavilion on the OES Campus in Oriskany. Please let us know if you can join us for the ceremony and a light lunch after. As always, we are thankful for you!

Linda L. Martin

Nominating Committee seeks input

The Nominating Committee charged with selecting Valley Officers for 2018-2019 is meeting and in the process of filling the officer positions in the Valley Bodies. Please contact the Valley office (315/452-7976 or ny017@twcny.rr.com) or our Deputy's Representative and Nominating Committee Chairman (315/391-8095) to make us aware of your interest.

The Annual Meeting is May 14. The Installation of Officers is May 21.

Valley installs

A Public Installation of 2018-2019 Central City Bodies, AASR takes place on Monday evening May 21 at the Masonic Memorial Center. There is a social time at 6:00 p.m. and a roast beef dinner at 6:30 p.m. The officer installation ceremony follows dinner in the Ill. Walter F. Cummings, 33° Lodge Room.

The cost of the dinner is \$13 and reservations are required by May 15. Please

contact the Valley office at 315/452-7976 or ny017@twcny.rr.com to make reservations. This event is open to the public. Bring family and enjoy an evening of Scottish Rite hospitality and ceremony and assist the Valley as they launch the 2018-2019 Valley officers into their new positions.

Four Bodies Annual Meeting

The Central City Bodies, AASR, Valley of Syracuse has sent notice to its members to attend a Summoned Meeting. The 2018 Annual meeting for the four Central City Bodies is on Monday evening May 14. The Valley Secretary will, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, Most Wise Master, Sovereign Prince and Thrice Potent Master, read the annual report of each Body's meetings for 2017-2018.

A complimentary dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. for all attending the meetings that evening. That is, no charge! The dinner will be followed by the Annual Guard's Club meeting. Contact the office at 315/452-7976 to make your reservation for the meal.

Rite issues invitation to new members

The evening of Monday, May 7 has been reserved as a night devoted to bringing to-

gether all those who have become members of the Scottish Rite within the past few years, to welcome them to the Valley of Syracuse, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. The event will promote a discussion of some topics which may be of interest to the new member: information concerning the Scottish Rite Degrees; the Organization of the Valley of Syracuse; highlights of special events occurring during the year; a description of our principal charity, The Children's Dyslexia Center of Central New York. It is also an opportunity for those attending to learn about participating in the conferral of Degrees and possibly serving as an officer in one of the four Scottish Rite bodies.

It is anticipated that newer members, as well as veteran members, will find the information helpful as they become more involved in Scottish Rite Masonry. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite building and will conclude with refreshments.

It would be helpful if you would contact me if you plan to attend, so that we can have a count for the amount of refreshments needed. A jacket and tie would be appropriate attire for the evening. Should you have any questions or would like to have something included in the discussions, please feel free to contact me at etuttle1@twcny.rr.com.

Earl Tuttle

YORK RITE



BODIES



ROYAL ARCH MASON

12th Capitular District RAM

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Companions, I want to thank Central City, Charles Platt and Pulaski Chapters for their great reception during my Official Visits. The Grand High Priest's message was well received, even by Grand High Priest ME Allan Bryant, himself.

During my Official Visit at Central City I was scheduled to honor RE William Vassily with a Double Diamond Zerubbabel Award pin for his second \$1000 donation. During preparation of the evening meal I was surprised by the entrance of Grand High Priest Bryant. He had driven three hours to be present for the Double Diamond presentation because of his friendship with RE Brother Vassily. ME Brother Bryant wasn't aware of my Official Visit. When I advised him that it would be hard to deliver his message with him there his response was, "Well, let me hear what I have to say."

Along with ME Allan Bryant, the Grand Master of the First Veil, RE Jamie Kaim Jr., was also there to assist. The evening went very well and ME Bryant was extremely happy with my message.

The Regional Officer, RE Mark Person, wants to have a meeting with all Chapters present. I have scheduled this

meeting for May 22 at Central City. There will be a dinner at 6:15 at the cost of \$15. We will enjoy chicken cordon bleu and all the fixings. Please contact Ken Ayhens, Secretary of Central City. I need reservations by May 20—reservations are a must.

I am happy with the progress of the Chapter thus far. With more time everyone will be up to speed in his ritual work.

Ralph I. Haney Jr.

PULASKI CHAPTER 279 RAM

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Companions, in case you were unaware, the snow ruined our plans for the March 2018 meeting so we had to cancel the Convocation. The April meeting was our Official Visit and my Homecoming as AGL for the 12th Capitular District. We had a meat and pasta dinner with all the fixings and the minimum donation of \$5 went to the Oswego Masonic Charities Corp.

Our May Convocation will have a covered-dish dinner at 6:30 and the Convocation will start at 7:30. The program for the evening will be a short presentation from Companion Robert "Cowboy Bob" Stainton on how he earned two Purple Hearts in the Vietnam War.

Also in May we will be trying our hand at a little fundraising for our Chapter. Please come out to South Park on Sunday, May 6—and possibly Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day)—and assist in cooking and selling Hoffman's and salt potatoes to the visitors in town for the

Garage Sale Weekend and the warm spring air.

As AGL for the District I am tasked with assisting the Companions with ritual and teaching a few courses. I would like to set up the Capitular Development course for a time in June. However, seeing that the District is spread so far apart I would like to do a Northern class and a Southern class. Companions could attend either one, but to try and get the most people through the class I thought it would be best to do two classes. Also, it will more than likely be a night-time class, as I work until about 4:00 p.m. most nights. If you would like to assist me in running these courses please contact me via email at pulaskimasons@gmail.com.

Joshua Kruth

LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER 165 RAM

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Meets 1st Mon. at 7:30 p.m.

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Companions, I hope this article finds all in good health and doing well. Snowbirds are returning from the South and finding weather still quite cold. But it is getting warmer.

We had a good meeting on April 2. It began with a great all-you-can-eat dinner, and then we went to the meeting room where opening went very well with very few mistakes. After the usual greetings we took care of some business, and then on to the program for the evening. We learned about Paul Revere, who was a Mason, Companion, Grand Master and a strong advocate for the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America. He was involved with many other things that were important to our history.

We received our dispensation from Grand Chapter to start meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month starting on May 10. This was done to try to get better at-

tendance. Work is still being done on our merger with Oswego River Chapter No. 167 and should be finished in a month or two. May 10 will also be the Official Visit from our new DDGHP. Let's all be there to give him a grand welcome.

I am working on getting some good programs together for upcoming months. We may have a Degree practice or two later this year, if there is any interest.

Ronald A. Bond

CHARLES H. PLATT CHAPTER 247 RAM

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Meets 4th Wed.
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As I begin to write this month's article, Old Man Winter still has his Lion's Paw grip upon us. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will finally have some warmer spring weather to enjoy.

By the time you receive this month's subscription of *the word* there still may be an opportunity to make your plans to attend the RAM's Grand Lecturer's Convention, which will be held at our next regular stated Convocation on Wednesday, April 25. The RE Peter Pizzorno always puts on a well-structured and informative convention and I encourage all Royal Arch Masons to attend. I have been in touch with the newly elected Grand High Priest, the ME Allan Bryant, and he will be in attendance for the convention. If you didn't make the paid dinner reservation deadline by April 20 we nevertheless encourage you to attend the convention, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Yellow Dog Degree that was to take place on April 12 was postponed due to Memorial Lodge's Trestleboard change. The YDD has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 24 at Memorial Lodge No. 648. Their meeting time is 7:30

p.m. We will do our program after they close.

At our March meeting we balloted on three petitions for membership. I am pleased to report that all three Brothers were elected to become members of our Chapter. We also read another petition and will investigate and ballot upon this petitioner at our next regular Convocation. We now have the possibility of having four Brothers take the Royal Arch Degrees.

I have also been speaking with VE Steven Howard, AGL in the 13th Capitular District and the High Priest of King David Chapter No. 34. He has expressed interest in bringing five Companions over to take the Degrees at Charles Platt, pending proper dispensation approval from both DDGHPs and the Grand High Priest. The Mark Master Mason Degree is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23.

In closing, as we approach the Memorial Day National Holiday on May 28 and the unofficial start of the summer season, let us not forget that this holiday is a solemn day of remembrance for the men and women who have died serving our Country and protecting our freedoms. Enjoy your holiday weekend and remember those who have paid the ultimate price to protect our Way of Life. We will never forget!

I look forward to seeing you around the altar. Be good.

Richard M. Torrey

WASHINGTON CHAPTER 29 RAM

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

HP Rusty Perkins

Companions, spring will be here sometime...soon. The saying, "April showers bring May flowers" doesn't specify what type of showers.

So, we had our AGL visit last month and it went very well. We have four new petitions and will take the candidates to Raymond's Pond on August 11 for the Mark Master and Past Master De-

grees. We will assign parts for the Most Excellent Master Degree, which we will perform in September.

Tuesday, May 22 will be our DDGHP Official Visit at Washington Chapter No. 29. Please mark this on your calendar. Keep in mind that we will be opening on the second and fourth Tuesdays, going forward.

Rusty Perkins

CENTRAL CITY RIVERSIDE CHAPTER 70 RAM

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Companions, I hope all is well. We are hosting the Regional Officers meeting on May 22 with RE Mark Person. There will be a dinner beforehand. Please watch for correspondence from the Secretary regarding dinner reservations. I hope to see you all there.

There will also be another officers meeting and rehearsal on Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. In June there will be an open Table Lodge on Tuesday the 12th. This will be an opportunity for Companions to bring any Mason who is interested in Royal Arch to see what RAM is all about. Details will be shared at the end of May. Please start talking it up in your home Lodges to see if there is any interest.

There will not be a meeting on June 26. I look forward to seeing all of you in Chapter.

Edward Sinay Jr.



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
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Recorder Earl Tuttle,
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Greetings, Sir Knights! After attending the Knights Templar Pilgrimage in Scotia, NY, I again realized how awesome it is to be a Knight Templar! During this all-day event we went through all three of the Orders (Degrees), which brought the candidates attending to the status of "Sir Knight."

The Orders were done with dramatic excellence and many of the Grand Commandery line of Officers were in attendance, including Grand Commander Stenrick Adams. Each of the Orders was done by a different group of SKs, who spent a lot of time detailing their parts.

Central City Commandery had a new SK Knighted that weekend.

More Knights Templar see page 11



ME Allan Bryant, RE Ralph Haney Jr., RE Jamie Kaim Jr., EHP Ed Sinay Jr. are on hand as RE William Vassily receives his Zerubbabel Society Double Diamond Award.

ORDER of the EASTERN STAR



Order of the Eastern Star Onondaga District

Hello, Sisters and Brothers. Wow! Where did that month go?

A huge thank-you goes to everyone who had any part in the Grand Matron's Visit to Onondaga District on March 24. Gary and I truly appreciate everyone's help and good wishes. We enjoyed the entire day that sped by very quickly.

We were bummed to have to cancel our Boston trip scheduled for April 7 and April 8. I know those who signed up were disappointed, but we had no choice but to cancel.

Our last visit to the VA for BINGO before the summer was a lot of fun. We had a ton of prizes and even some items that we were able to leave with the hospital for their events. I thank all who came out to join us and those who donated items for our veterans these last several months.

Thanks go to Onondaga Star and Bona Fide-Hiawatha-Solvay for their warm welcome at my Official Visits. It is always great to see so many Sisters and Brothers come out to support one another. My last Official Visit will be on May 3 at Centerville and it will be hosted by RW Sherrie Weiss and RW Karl Parker.

Looking ahead, on May 1 Onondaga Star will be Initiating a Sister. May 6 is Onondaga Day at Oriskany. May 12 is the Centerville Chapter annual fashion show (see RW Cathy or RW Sharon Swan for \$10 tickets). A group meeting takes place on May 23.

Thanks go to all who have purchased 50/50 tickets and those who have filled quarter cards and asked for more. We are so pleased with the support we have received thus far from Onondaga District.

Did you ever think about this? If we're not meant to have a midnight snack, why is there a light in the refrigerator?

Cathy Barling
Gary Hartman

Order of the Eastern Star Oswego District

Greeting from Oswego District. The Official Visits are as follows: Oneida Lake No. 123 is on May 23; Lake City-Victoria No. 205 is June 8; Lake Ontario No. 124 is June 14. Pulaski-Puritan No. 159 comes up on June 26. District Grand Lecturer William Smith's Official Visit to Lake-City Victoria was on April 27 for the Degree of Initiation.

When I was in Texas I visited Lake Worth Chapter No. 1109. Here is some interesting information about that visit. Every officer came up to me and introduced him- and herself. The ladies never

wear gloves; for regular meetings they wear a long skirt or dress. On special occasions they wear a long black skirt and a top that is the color that their Matron has chosen for her year. The Matron of this Chapter had chosen lime green.

The gentlemen wear a suit on special occasions and when I was there they all wore blue jeans, boots and a nice shirt. They left their cowboy hats outside the Chapter room.

Only Master Masons who are members of Eastern Star may attend a meeting. They open their Chapter with an abbreviated version of our Ample Form. At the end of the meeting we talked about some of the differences and similarities between Texas and New York Eastern Star.

At the end of the night the Worthy Patron escorted my daughter and me to our car and thanked us for coming. I found their Chapter to be very friendly and we enjoyed the evening very much. If you get the chance to visit a Chapter outside of New York I encourage you to do so.

Janette Smith

Centerville 185 Masonic Memorial Center

Sisters and Brothers, the days are getting a little longer, the buds on the trees are starting to open, the grass is getting a little greener, the springtime flowers are starting to poke through the dirt, the robins and geese have returned... Wait, what? — snow! Can you say "broken record?"

A big thank you goes to RW Jim Swan for his informative talk on the MMRI. And I have used the hand sanitizer on more than one occasion.

A hearty welcome goes to our newly installed Musician, Brother Jim Nelson. We have been very blessed to have some awesome Musicians over the years and we know that Brother Jim will be able to fill those shoes.

As a reminder, the Official Visit of the DDGM will be on May 3. RW Sherrie Weiss and RW Karl Parker will preside in the East.

May 12 is our 5th Annual Fashion Show. We always have fun modeling the latest fashions from Christopher and Bank, the entertainment is entertaining, the food yummy, and the basket winners walk away happy with their treasures.

On May 17 we will be draping the altar in honor of those members we have lost in the past year. We look forward to seeing you in Chapter.

"Life is too short to be serious all the time. So if you can't laugh at yourself, call me and I'll laugh at you."

Cathy Barling

Onondaga Star 144 Masonic Memorial Center

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. We hope the month of May brings us more spring

weather than April and may the month of May be full of new and wonderful experiences.

Onondaga District's Official Visit was a very nice evening. RW Cathy Barling and RW Gary Hartman did a fantastic job, as did all those who helped to make this event so special.

On April 3 we celebrated Past Matrons and Past Patrons by reminiscing about our year(s) as Matrons/Patrons and sharing pictures of yesteryears. April 17 was Onondaga Star's DDGM Official Visit. We welcomed RW Cathy Barling, who was accompanied by RW Gary Hartman.

On May 1 Onondaga Star is having a second Initiation. Please put this date on your calendar as we are expecting to welcome a new candidate. May 15 is Draping of the Altar.

Looking ahead, on June 5 we will honor Master Masons and fathers at 7 p.m. Alida Cooke, WM Sarah's daughter, will be speaking on her research at the Masonic Medical Research Institute. This will be an open meeting so please bring family members and/or friends to show them that we are a charitable and family-oriented organization.

Happy Mother's Day! Enjoy the Memorial Day weekend and remember it is not just a three-day holiday. It is a time to remember all servicemen and women who have given their lives for our Country and our freedom.

Debbie Krackhardt

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

As I am writing this month's article I look outside thinking of spring with green grass and flowers. Oh wait, that is not here yet. I see snow and rain and no sun. I hope that when you get this you will have sun and flowers starting.

The Matron and Patron hope you all had a great Easter and thank you for all your support this year so far. We want to thank RW Marilyn Decker and her crew for our Chapter.

We had a great turnout for our Official Visit. Thanks go to the Past Matrons and Past Patrons for the refreshments. The evening was wonderful—thanks again to all.

In May we are looking to hold a roast beef dinner on the 19th. We will need your help so please let Worthy Margaret know if you can help out. She will have the calling committee contact you with all that is needed. The cost of the dinner is \$12 per person. We will serve from 4 to 7 p.m. Take-outs will be available.

Our first meeting in May will be Ample Form, so please start practicing your parts. Our second meeting was to be our Associate Matron and Associate Patron night but we are going to reschedule it for the fall

and we will take a collection for the veterans. If you cannot make it and would like to support, send your donation to our Secretary. She will add it to what we collect in the Chapter that night.

In June we will have, hopefully, better weather. And we can all get outside and enjoy it.

Mark Heitmann

Pulaski Puritan 159

I can see right away this year is going to fly by. April is here, Easter is over, it's still colder than a well digger's patoot, and they say it may snow again. Holy cow! it's time for a little nicer weather.

We had our first meeting and it was kind of long. We had a lot to talk about and a lot coming up. The Easter Bonnet parade was judged by the Masons. We put on the Masons Award dinner on April 21.

We are still going to have our Memorial Day flower pot sale. So if you would like to purchase one please contact one of our members. They are 10-inch pots with lots of flowers for \$18. They are just beautiful and well worth the cost. End of commercial.

On the feeling-crappy list, Sr. Angie's dad is very sick. W Jamie is using one crutch now after breaking her leg and mom, RW Jan Smith, nursing her back to health. Sr. Kate is doing great and resting at home with her hubby. Sr. Judy Backus is not doing too well. She will be staying with her sister in Mexico. Bro. Elwyn is good. RW Ted Evans is having a few problems with the old ticker but will be having more tests to get things back in rhythm. Okay, everyone, that's enough! Let's all get back on the healthy wagon.

We will be playing BINGO with the vets in June. I'll have more on that next month. We talked about doing it two times a year because they really look forward to it.

We received a name for our Rhea LaVeck Music Scholarship award for \$500. The nominee is Sarah McCray, a senior in Pulaski High School going on to college for music.

Coming up May 8 is Draping the Altar. On May 22 we will have the DGL Official Visit.

That's about it, except a few words from an ol' angel. Who else but a mom would bolt without hesitation into oncoming traffic to rescue a favorite toy dropped from an open car window? And who else but a mom would cry uncontrollably all the way home after dropping a kid off at camp? Happy Mother's Day to all the moms.

Diane Manwaring

Morning Star 289 Marcellus Masonic Temple

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. The Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron and companion Grand Officers was very pleasant. Our new Conductresses, Sr. Tammy Bealer and Sr. Amelia McManus, did outstanding work. RW Gary Hartman, DGL, told

our Worthy Matron he was pleased with their floor work. It's been a while since we've had two new Sisters in line.

On April 9 our Worthy Matron honored eleven Master Masons. It was great to see these Brothers at our meeting.

On May 14 we will honor mothers at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment starts at 7 p.m. There will be no meeting on May 26, as we are honoring Memorial Day.

We were so glad to see W Phyllis Leach back with us! She is looking bright-eyed and bushy-tailed and is ex-

cited to be back with her Sisters and Brothers. She told us that her immediate family, church family and OES family kept her going and their many prayers helped to save her life. What a heart-warming statement!

RW Cathy Woods has a new address. She is at 310 Stonewood Lane, Apt. 23, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

Check the District article for what's going on around town. And remember to practice charity, truth and lovingkindness. See you in Chapter.

Margaret McManus

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Central City 25 . . .

along with approximately forty others. It was great being a part of this day, which was a ton of fun and had many memorable moments.

Recently, our Commandery had its Annual Inspection by Grand Captain General Dennis Davis. We feel that it went very well, with our sword work looking really sharp (pun intended). It is always an honor to have the GCG visit our Commandery.

On Friday, May 18 Central City Commandery No. 25 will be holding the Order of the Temple, which is the third in the series of Orders. We are scheduled to have five new SKs for the evening. This is a very intricate Order to put on and involves many SKs in different parts. We are very excited to be able to hold this Order but, as always, welcome the expertise of other Commanderies in our Zone.

This year our election of officers is looking strong, as in many of our recent years. With new and younger SKs entering into our Commandery, this will continue to keep our line solid and lead us into years of an exciting line of officers. This will continue the great tradition of Knights Templar and the history of our Order.

If at any time a Sir Knight/Companion/Brother is in distress or in need of assistance in any manner, please do not hesitate to contact me. This applies to you and to anyone you know.

Rick Miori



Potentate Ken Ayhens
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Tigris

Nobles and Ladies, the month of April has been one for the books. But the good weather is coming back; flowers are blooming, birds chirping and wonderful things are happening.

You've heard "The circus is coming!" Well, the Tigris Shrine Circus has come and gone for another year and every customer was accommodated to the very best of our knowledge. The comments of those leaving the circus were favorable and they felt they had seen a good show. The camel and pony rides, bouncy houses and face painting were incredibly busy. Novelty tables had people buying their favorite gizmo that lit up and made a whirring noise. We raffled off thirty children's bikes with helmets and a pocket rocket.

None of it would have worked without the support of a lot of volunteer workers. My—our—sincere gratitude goes out to the Ilderim Temple Daughters of the Nile for all their support prior to and during the circus. The ads and tickets they sold beforehand and the countless hours they spent setting up and maintaining the novelty booths were truly great efforts.

To all the members and ladies of Tigris Shrine; our Masonic Brothers; our friends; our hospitality crew: Noble Garry Visconti and Noble Dick Nuhn, who put on a great two days of food; Clowns, Color Guard, Motor Patrol; Directors Staff; Ceremonial Crew; Big Bike and Hillbilly Units; our Public Relations team; our sponsor; our advertisers and our ticket outlets and everyone that supported the Tigris Shrine Circus: we are in your debt. Without you all this wonderful, incredible Tigris Shrine Circus would not have happened. On behalf of co-chairmen Noble Jeff Dixe and Noble Bill Nurk, the entire Circus Committee and Tigris Shrine thank each and every one of you.

Want to join the fun? You can, because being a Master Mason you have fulfilled the qualifications for becoming a member. If you are interested in joining the fun and want more information go to www.tigrisshriners.com or call 315/478-0277. For Shriners International go to www.beashrinernow.com, which will link you to our national and Children's Hospitals website. So, why aren't you a Shriner?

Ken Ayhens

MAY						
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13	14 Hamilton 120 Homer 352 Morning Star OES Onondaga Hill Club Scriba 414	15 Cortlandville 470 Fay-Central City 305 Hiram 144 Onondaga Star OES Seneca River 160 Sylvan 41 Warren Salem Town 147	16 Callimachus 369 Cayuga 221 Daughters of the Nile Otselic Valley 659 Philo-Mt. Sinai 968 Pulaski 415 Skaneateles 522 Tigris Temple	17 Auburn 124 Caroline 681 Centerville OES Central Square 622 Crossroads United 93 Erie Canal 141 Konosioni 950 Watertown 11KT	18 Cazenovia 616 Central City 25KT	19
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Auburn Shrine Club

I'm not going to write about the weather. Somehow, I don't think I have an influence. So this month I'm going to try not to care and just take it as it comes.

I have had contact with the Ken Pollards, the Larry

Pritchards and the Bruce Christophers. They have returned from balmy Florida. They have been missed at our monthly meetings. I don't know if the Palmers got to have a vacation but, again, we look forward to seeing

them at Shrine Club. This has to be submitted before our April meeting took place but I have heard we have a good signup. By the way, Jim Kahn has got a program set up for May. And when Larry Pritchard called

he jumped right in and has set up our June gathering. I'm not going to say more about this, as I don't want you to get your programs confused, but my inside information shows that you want to make your reserva-

tions for this one. What would summer be without the steak roast on the third Monday of August? This is a great way to get ready for the hustle and bustle of the coming season.

That does remind me of a story I heard about April Fools' Day. I was told that the calendar used to start on April 1 and then was switched to January 1. Some people didn't like that idea and continued to celebrate the new year on April 1. These people were called April Fools. Now I don't know if that is true, but how many of us believe that our new year starts on Labor Day?

My family attended the Tigris Shrine Circus again this year. We all bought our red-nose accessory, the kids rode the ponies, the camels, got their face painted (which they didn't want to wash off and wore to Easter church!), and went on the bounce house slide. Poppy emptied his wallet, all for a good cause. Here's hoping Tigris was able to raise a circus tent full of money.

Looks like I have reached my limit on words for this month. The next communication will be the last of the spring.

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Central City Riverside Chapter members gather after Official Visit with ME Allan Bryant and RE Jamie Kaim Jr.

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