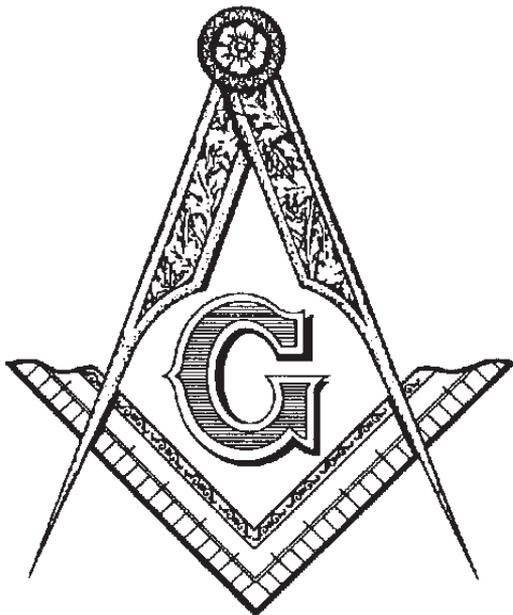


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# • A View From The East •

by R.: W.: Claton D. Swain  
DDGM Fulton-Montgomery District



My time grows short as your District Deputy so I want to take this time to thank all that have helped, supported and inspired me in my four year tenure. R.: W.: Lee Smith and R.: W.: Bob Parkinson top my list of brothers who are hard workers and dedicated Masons. R.: W.: Keith Veitch and V.: W.: John Morris are the next in-line to thank for all their help and work with the ritual work of the district. R.: W.: Brad Broyles and R.: W.: Bob Smith, our Grand Chaplains, have supported me every step of the way and for this I am ever so grateful. A good prayer now and then does no one harm and in my case helped me get through some of those times when I certainly needed divine guidance. The brothers who worked hard as committee heads for the district with little or no recognition were; (in no particular order) W.: Todd Payne, W.: Jim Lowerre, W.: Jay Krajewski, W.: William J. Dorn, R.: W.: David Montayne. W.: Roger Steele, W.: Jeff Lanfear, R.: W.: Bob Lindholm, W.: Russ Wilson, R.: W.: Sisto Surento, W.: Mike Krajewski, R.: W.: David Saltsman, R.: W.: Jim Rose, and Brother JJ Tyrell. These brothers make this district happen and without their help my term would have been lost.

Unfortunately there is not enough space to name all the Masters of the lodges over the last four years, most of who have supported me and helped make the district function. They all know who they are, the hard working leaders of some times very unruly brothers that think everything happens at the drop of the hat. These Masters are the same brothers that run our meetings, plan our events and have lead our district to be best in New York State by our standards. Many have repeated as Master over the years which takes true dedication to our fraternity. Thanks for a job well done.

Remembering the many smiling faces at each Official DD meeting and regular meeting I have attended and the hand shakes from those who I have come to know as brothers certainly has made four years fly by. Of course I must not forget my traveling companion Hunter Cole-Hatchard who kept me awake in the car when the hour was late. All those ice cream breaks didn't do either of us any good but they were fun and we sure got to enjoy a lot of good laughs along the way.

I will never forget Grand Master Ed Trosin who allowed me to represent him at the Grand Convention of the Alaska Grand Lodge. What a thrill it was to meet brothers who live thousands of miles away and to address their Grand Convention. How nice it was to realize we all were Masons committed to each other in a bond of true brotherhood. My utmost thanks go to M.:W.:Don Chaffin, my benefactor, companion and tour guide for the trip to Alaska, “a trip of a life time”. To R.:W.: Duncan Bellinger for his encouragement and counseling in hard times and to R.:W.:Peter Seminac for assisting me in becoming DD.

To R.:W.:William J. Dorn and R.:W.:Thomas Krutz I extend my congratulations and wish for them a most wonderful term as the new District Deputy and District Staff Officer. I have great confidence that the past grand lodge officers made wise choices. Also to R.:W.:Sisto Surento I send my congratulations for being selected as the district AGL for the next year.

I certainly cannot leave out my family, Barbara and Michael. They are and always will be there for me when things were good and not so good. They have listened to my speeches, complaints and endured with me some hard moments that come with this job. Their encouragement keeps me young and their love is forever. I am truly blessed. Brothers, we have traveled a long journey, one that has taken us through moments of sadness and of hope and joy. I thank you all for being my brothers; it has been an honor to serve you.

As a final thought; may God hold each of you in the palm of his hand and may you reap the beauty and knowledge you bestow on those around you through the teachings of Masonry.

Fraternally, Clayton Swain DDGM



# • Lodge News •

St. Patrick's Lodge #4 F & A M  
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By W.: Wayne D. Schermerhorn Master

Brothers:

The Holiday party was attended by over 60 from Lodges in the District; Santa pleased all the children attending as well. Our THANKS to R.: W.: Steven King, Junior Grand Warden, for taking the time to attend and speak to those present.

The major construction work will soon be winding down. Photos are on our website and are updated periodically.

In all, 55 new window – energy – replacements have been completed, along with the front doors. The chimneys have been rebuilt (water damage), at the top and a new roof is being installed on the Lodge building. Other work was also completed and painting interior areas is underway.

St. Patrick's Lodge # 4 hosted the City of Johnstown 250th Anniversary celebration KICKOFF on Jan. 20, 2008, with over 200 attending (not bad when officials initially thought 25 people would attend). Master spoke on the connections of Sir William Johnson and St. Patrick's Lodge.

St. Patrick's Lodge # 4 F & A M will celebrate its 250th Anniversary and Rededication in 2016, just 8 years away.

More on the subject of Johnstown's anniversary celebrations; There will be a Masonic Division in the City's parade on September 13, 2008. ALL District Lodges are invited to participate and march in the parade; for those who are unable to march, we will have rides in classic convertibles (limited seating – contact the undersigned early to reserve your ride). St. Patrick's Lodge will lead the Lodges in the parade, behind the Division Marshal and any Grand Lodge – Grand Line Officers attending.

St. Patrick's Lodge is spearheading the sale of Medallions for the anniversary; one side of the medallion lists the City of Johnstown information and the other side is the Masonic emblem and notations. The first 1000 of the coins will be numbered. SEE FOLLOWING SPECIAL NOTE:

St. Patrick's Lodge will donate the medallion with District Lodge Number to those Lodges who have marchers participating in the parade, for their Lodge.

Other Masonic participating organizations will also be represented in the

parade Masonic Division.

Stay tuned for updates on other events on Sept. 13;

Please let W.: Wayne D. Schermerhorn know of your interest in participating in the parade, etc.

St. Patrick's Lodge will be holding its ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC this Summer, on August 2, 2008; Please mark the date and make reservations by July 25th. DISTRICT LODGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. This is a family event – bring the family and a guest. REMEMBER TO MAKE RESERVATION

One more thing::

M.: W.: Don Chaffin PGM – Alaska has introduced me to Brother Howie Damron ( [www.masonicpridetour.com](http://www.masonicpridetour.com) ) and [www.myspace.com/howiedamron](http://www.myspace.com/howiedamron) .

Brother Howie is a songwriter and performer and has recently performed for the Grand Lodge of Alaska (arranged by M.: W.: Bro. Don).

I urge you to go to his website(s) and listen to “untitled” and The Masonic Ring, as well as Hiram's Call.

Bro. Howie has requested Brothers everywhere to purchase his CDs to help him tour the Country performing and promoting Freemasonry. These CDs may be purchased online – or – contact me and I will make arrangements for your order(s).

Also, if a Lodge wants to sell the CDs as a fundraiser for their Lodge, Howie has offered to give the Lodge \$5.00 for EACH CD sold. TO participate in this offer CONTACT Howie DIRECT at [cdamron1@aol.com](mailto:cdamron1@aol.com)

to ensure the discount is made – the discount is NOT AVAILABLE IN ONLINE ORDERS.

If you need assistance, please contact me or M.: W.: Don.

W.: Wayne D. Schermerhorn, Master



Hamilton #79  
By W.: Jeremy “Jay” Krajewski, Master  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
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Amsterdam #84  
By R.:W.: Vincent Bialobok, Master  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
labvsb@capital.net



Fish House #298  
By W.: Todd Payne Master  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

As this newsletter is hitting the press, all of us at Fish House are awaiting springtime!! Fish House is remaining busy as we are in the process of putting an additional candidate through the degrees. We had a petition come in recently, and rather than have the candidate wait, we are doing the degrees again this year. We did the 1st degree on February 20th, will be putting on the degree of Fellowcraft on March 19, and Master Mason degree will be on June 4. Anyone who has a brother that has missed a degree, you are welcome to attend ours.

On April 2, we will be holding an awards night. We have a couple new 50 year members we will be honoring. This meeting will be open to family and friends. Anyone interested in attending, the evening will open at 6:30 with appetizers and cocktails, and the ceremony will begin at 7:30.

We hope to see you at one of our lodge sponsored evenings, or out and about at one of yours. Think Spring!!

Fraternally

W.: Todd Payne Master



Fort Plain #433  
By R.: W.: David Montanye, Master  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

On May 20th, 2007 the lodge installed the following officers for the year 2007-2008: R.: W.: David Montanye - Master, Bro. Christopher Hanley - Sr. Warden, R.: W.: Robert Parkinson - Jr. Warden, R.: W.: Roger Swartz - Treasurer, R.: W.: Keith M. Veitch - Secretary, R.: W.: Robert Mabie -3 yr. Trustee, R.: W.: Edward Smith - Sr. Deacon, Bro. Zachery Miller - Jr. Deacon, Bro.

Owen Dievendorf - Chaplain, Bro. John Tooker - Tiler, W.: Philip Hanley - Marshall, Bro. Steven Smith - S.M.C.

Currently, the lodge still meets at the Masonic Temple on Mohawk Street. Although the owner would like to sell the building, he would like us to stay and take care of the building until a sale is imminent. Our mortgage is coming up in June and we may be looking for a new home. The lodge has been in discussions with Hamilton, St. Johnsville and Fultonville lodges regarding a merger, as these lodges are also experiencing financial and membership difficulties.

On February 26th, we will be confirming a first degree on 2 candidates at Canajoharie Lodge, due to the cold weather. Recently, Bro. John Tooker fell on the ice, breaking his hip and fracturing his shoulder. After surgery at Albany Med., he is now a rehabilitation patient at Sunnyview in Schenectady.

Fraternally Yours,  
R.: W.: David Montanye, Master



Fultonville #531

By W.: Michael Krajewski, Master  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays Canajoharie Temple  
Phone (518) 922-8712

Brothers,

Just a little note to let you know that Fultonville Lodge's Pancake Breakfasts are still being held every third Saturday of every Month from 8 to 11 am, and are doing very well. I would like to thank the Brothers in our District who have supported us.

We are still meeting at Canajoharie Temple every first and third Wednesdays of the Month at 7:30 pm.

Any Brother who needs assistance to come to a communication or in need of help, please get in touch with one of the Officers of our Lodge, we will be more than happy to assist you.

Fraternally Yours,  
W.: Michael Krajewski

Kennyetto Lodge No. 599  
W.: Richard L Gugenberger Master  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
Phone (518) 883-8448  
www.newyorkmasons.org

Brothers of Kennyetto Lodge,

Brother's , Since our last news letter we have lost two Brothers, R.: W.: Robert C. Pickering and Brother Charles W. Olendorf Jr. both Brother's laid down their working tool's on January 24,2008 after over 50 year's each of service to the craft. The Brother's were honored with a Masonic Funeral Service's and the Widows were presented Widows Pin's. They both will be greatly missed.

April 1st the lodge will reopen after a 3 month closing due to high fuel cost's, stated communications on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's 7:30 pm.

On April 12th there will be a pancake partner's breakfast at the lodge with the Broadalbin/Perth Music Boosters club. Come down and enjoy John's famous pancakes, and a good time 7:30 till 11:00 am.

April 20th 9:00 am will be The Fulton/ Montgomery Masonic District's Men's Communion Church Service at The North Hampton United Methodist Church in Fish house R.: W.: Reverend Brad Broyels officiating. Followed by a breakfast hosted by Kennyetto Lodge . ( call DDGM Skip Swain if you plan to attend so we can get a head count at (518) 863-4694) Wifes and Significant other are welcome.

Watch for future fund raisers thru this coming spring and summer.

Brother Steve Spark's continues to heal at home after his accident in late January, he's doing fine and his spirit's are high as he look's forward to his recovery. Feel free to call him at home (774-8348) he'll be happy to hear from you.

A short reminder from W.: J.P. Sira check your due's card and make sure you have a current one, if you don't you know what to do to get one.

Also if any Brother out there is in sickness or distress or anyone knows of a brother in need PLEASE let us know, after all we are Brothers.

Fraternally

W.: Richard L Gugenberger, Master



St. Johnsville #611  
By W.: David Mosher Master  
**1st & 3rd Thursdays**

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## • In Memoriam •

Alvin G. Tompson St. Johnsville # 611

W.: Norman G. Barrett

Lawrence W. Castler

Perston Simons

Richard J. Sponable

Bro. Robert Rounds, Fultonville #53

Bro. Walter C. Coolman, Welcome Lodge

Bro. Harold Banta

W.: Bro. Durant M. Friday St. Patrick's #4

Harold Wilber Banta

Bro. Alvin V. Hichens, St. Patrick's #4

from his sons Jack & Tom

from his Family

from his wife Jean

from his wife Beatice

from his wife Shirley

from his wife Elaine

from W.: Bob &

Bonnie Dietrick

from his wife Norma

from his wife Margaret

from Unknown in Maine

from his wife Edith

Remember a Brother. A \$10 contribution to the newsletter will keep their name in this column for 4 issues. Any Brother may be honored.



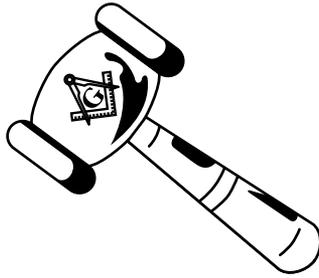
ompliments of:

John C. Swengle Fort Plain #433

Dr. William S. Muehleck

R.W. Janet M. Bronk Matron Chapter #208 O.E.S.

Help the Newsletter! A personal contribution of \$10 or more will help



## Traveling Gavel 2008

\_\_\_\_\_ Thus far, as of our last District Deputy meeting, the total points for the year received for each lodge attending District Deputy and M&O meetings are as follows;

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| St Patrick's #4    | 229 points |
| Hamilton #79       | 94 points  |
| Amsterdam #84      | 162 points |
| Fish House #298    | 47 points  |
| Fort Plain #433    | 181 points |
| Fultonville #531   | 96 points  |
| Kennyetto #599     | 115 points |
| St Johnsville #611 | 66 points  |

Respectively Submitted,  
R.: W.: David Saltsman,



## Child ID

Brothers

The following is a list of the upcoming CHILD ID sessions we have scheduled for the next 7 months;

- 1) Fort Plain Fire Department - May 15 to 17 2008
- 2) Mayfield Bannertown Fair - August 20 to 23 2008
- 3) Fonda Fair - August 26 to September 2 2008
- 4) Balloon Festival Lake George - September 12 to 14 2008

Help and man power with these is always needed so we may produce a proper session.

I will have a training session for those of you who would like to learn or just freshen your skills before our session gets going . Please contact me if you can help or need the training.

Remember this is what we as Masons do for our Communities and Children.

Child ID Chairman

R.: W.: David Saltsman

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**BROTHER HOWIE DAMRON**

32nd Degree Freemason

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### **Youth Committee**

By: W.: Michael Krajewski

518-922-8712

Brothers,

Time and Meeting Places of DeMolay and Triangles:

St.Andrews Chapter DeMolay – Every first and third Thursdays 7:30 pm at Amsterdam Temple.

Onistagrawa Triangles #215 – Every first and third Sundays 1 pm at Amsterdam Temple.

St.Andrews Chapter has had many things going on throughout the present Master Counselors term. The Chapter has had a few fund raisers, two Initiations which totaled nine new members and had a lot of fun at Winterfest held in Queensbury.

On March 15th, the Chapter celebrated their 85th anniversary.

St.Andrews is the oldest, continually running Chapter in New York State.

The current Master Counselor at the time of this letter is Joshua A. Krajewski.

In the Capital District there are two active Triangles, Onistagrawa in Amsterdam and Fides in Greenwich. This past October saw their biannual state convention and both chapters attended representing their own classic movie, Peter Pan and Annie. The girls worked on ritual, participated in a talent contest, and enjoyed the company of members from around the state. It is at this time that they said goodbye to Miss Stephanie Pelham

as Junior Adviser and Mr. Joseph Pesefski as Senior Advisor for the Capitol District. This term they have welcomed Ms Ellen Tryon as Senior and Miss Kelly Walker as Junior. In February the Triangles came together, to initiate a new member for Fides. For the next few months they will be working on preparation for their District convention set for September 13. Not only do they enjoy coming together for the sake of fun and planning but also for ritual. Over this past year they have come together more than ever to demonstrate how well they blend during a meeting. The Beloved Queen Elect for this term is Lynn A. Tryon to whom I thank for the above information.

Brothers, I am honored to report on these two fine groups. Being involved with them is a much pleasurable experience, for which I am thankful for.

These are two groups that we as Masons sponsor, but there are many other groups that we should support. Scouting is a great example of that. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts should be applauded for the great work that they do.

Please Brothers, support the Youth. Believe me, you won't be sorry. DON'T FORGET, OUR YOUTH IS OUR FUTURE, AND WE AS MASONSON CAN HELP MOLD BOTH.

Fraternally  
W.∴Michael Krajewski



Onistagrawa Triangle #215

Brother Masons,

The organization of Triangles is a Masonic youth group for girls between the ages of 10-21. The organization is based in New York, with many local chapters across the state. Its main purpose is to promote a more perfect understanding of God, respect for your home and country, build friendships, encourage charity to others, and respect for yourself and education. We also try to be active

members of our community, and to show respect to elders and all religious practices. Proudly, this group always invites its member to join in fraternal companionship and friendship in a welcoming environment.

Onistagrawa Triangle # 215 is located in Amsterdam, New York. We have many active members, a group of dedicated advisors, and of course many friend within the community that give us their support. We always enjoy seeing members of our Masonic family around the area at events. In the past we have worked to raise money for such charities as The American Breast Cancer Foundation, St.Judes Children's Hospital, Hospice, Angel Names, the National Kidney Foundation, and Montgomery County DARE program. Serving and hosting dinners, candle sales and performing degree work are some of the ways we fund raise and stay active. Onistagrawa not only gives its members the opportunity to work on projects but also to have fun. Some fun activites that give us the chance to laugh, form bonds and just be young girls are talent show performances, board game days and team/group building activities.

We meet on the first and third Sundays of the month at Amsterdam Temple at 1pm. If you are interested in learning more or visiting us you can contact our Junior Deputy, Nicole Morrone, at NMorrone@gmail.com.

Nicole Morrone



St. Andrews Chapter  
DeMolay  
Master Counselor Joshua Krajewski

Dear Brothers and Friends;

St. Andrews Chapter currently resides at the Amsterdam Masonic

Temple and has been there since it was moved from Schenectady in 1996.

St. Andrews Chapter was the 500th DeMolay Chapter to be chartered internationally and the fourth to be chartered in the State of New York. It is the only chapter of those four which has been continually operating since its inception, which took place on March 7th, 1923. St. Andrews Chapter was founded by and has been continually sponsored by The Sigma Lodge of Perfection; A.A.O.S.R (Ancient & Accepted Order of the Scottish-Rite) since its inception in 1923.

This chapter has survived the Great Depression and a world war, while still maintaining its status as a premiere character and leadership building organization for the Mohawk Valley. Throughout these eighty-five years St. Andrews Chapter has been directly involved with numerous community events, fundraising events, and public ceremonies for which it has earned much acclaim. Not only do the members of this chapter participate in activities as part of due course of the chapter, but participate in similar activities as average citizens as well. It is these efforts which have allowed the organization to prosper throughout these many years both in Schenectady and in Amsterdam as well.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month throughout the year, at the Amsterdam Masonic Temple, 7:30 pm. The members of St. Andrews appreciate all the support the Masonic community gives us.

Hope to see you at a meeting soon.

Fraternally,  
MC – Joshua Krajewski

Chapter Chairman – Dad Roger Pelham  
Chapter Advisor – Dad James Simpson  
Advisor – Dad William Cernik  
Advisor – Dad Ellsworth Simpson  
Advisor – Mom Marie Wiley  
Advisor – Mom Catherine Krajewski  
Advisor – Dad Michael Krajewski

# Order of the Eastern Star



ST. Monica, Juanita, Mohawk Valley, Cayadutta Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star recently elected and installed the following officers to serve the year 2008.

Matron: Marie Valachovic, Patron: Dan Malmberg, Associate Matron: Myrtle Dermott, Associate Patron: Daniel Dermott, Conductress: Eleanor Cast, Associate Conductress: Julie Miranda, Secretary: Dot Malmberg, Treasure: Jeannette Miller, Trustees: Robert Shell, Hunter Cole-Hatcher and J. Robert Barr, Marshal: Helen LaFountain, Assistant Marshal: Eloise White, Color Bearers: Ruth Miller and Olive Taylor, Chaplain: Virginia Kietzman,

Star Points - Adah – Ellen Tryon, Ruth – Barbra Streeter, Esther – June Barr, Martha – Arlene Macek, Electa – Charlotte Coons, Warder – Janet May, Sentinel – Warren May. OES next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2008. Our district leaders are District Deputy Grand Matron, Jeanette Miller, from our chapter and District Grand Lecturer, Leland Barnes, from the Dolgeville chapter. Myrtle Demotte, from our chapter, is the Grand Representative from the state of North Dakota. Our district leaders will be making an official visit to our chapter on May 13, 2008. We would like to have a full chapter room for this special occasion. Members, please try to attend. Anyone wishing to become a member, or wish to know more about the Order of the Eastern Star, please contact any member or call 762-1051.

The Order of the Eastern Star is a fraternal organization of both women and men. Members have high moral standards based on charity, truth, and loving kindness. NYS membership is open to women 18 years and older as well as Master Masons. A belief in a Supreme Being is required. The basic teaching is in charity, helping one another, and human kindness. We support our campus in Oriskany, which includes assistant living and nursing home care for OES members. We support a day care service for the staff member's children. The Broadalbin Chapter 487 meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month September through May at 7pm. A prospective member can contact our Matron Rosemary Kolacki, (518) 883-3809 for an application and further information. Dear Brothers,

The defamtion of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund can be sumed up in three words "People helping People". When you think of those three words it means so much to each of us. A donation of any amount would be greatly appreciated to any of the

## Masonic Brotherhood Fund

programs that I have listed below.

This year a donation of \$100.00 or more, you will receive a serial numbered crystal sculpture. A picture of this sculpture is on the back of the donation envelope. The donation of \$ 100.00 or more can be given in a one lump sum or given in installments over the Masonic year. The money can also be distributed in any amounts to any of the following programs. These programs are on the inside cover of the donation envelope.

- 1.) Allocation by the Grand Master
- 2.) Masonic Medical Research Laboratory 3.) Masonic Care Community
- 4.) Military Outreach Program
- 5.) Masonic Youth Programs
- 6.) Drugs & Alcohol Prevention
- 7.) Livingston Library Operating Budget 8.) NY Masonic Child ill Program
- 9.) Masonic Benevolence Operating Budget 10.) Camp Turk Operating Budget 11.) MSAT
- 12.) Blood Donor Program
- 14.) Masonic Benevolence Fund 15.) De Molay
- 16.) Camp Turk
- 17.) Libraries & Museums

A donation of \$500.00 or more you will receive a New York Masonic pocket watch, chain, and knife. Your initials will be engraved on the back of the pocket watch. A picture of the watch, chain, knife, and initials can be seen on the back of the donation envelope. The \$500.00 or more donations must be given to the Masonic Benevolence Endowment Fund (14) and in a one lump sum.

From the reports that each lodge has sent to me from their lodge chairperson a total of 169 people have given to the brotherhood fund from our district. From the eight lodges in our district there is a total of 757 brothers. It is important to note that these figures are based on information to February 24, 2008 sent to the district chairman. If you have not received any information on the brotherhood fund contact your lodge. Spring will be here soon and the weather will be nice. So let's support our Brotherhood Fund by giving to any of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund programs. Remember the three words "people helping people".

W. J. Dom Brotherhood Chairman

Hiram Union Chapter # 53

Canajoharie, N.Y.

H.P. Keith M Veitch

I would like to remind the companions of Hiram Union, Sacandaga & St. George's Chapter's that we will be doing the R A M degree at Hiram Union Chapter on April 1st at Canajoharie 7:30 PM.

April 23rd, will be doing MMM/PM degree at Sacandaga Chapter, Northville.

And on May 1st MEM. degree at St. George's Rotterdam, Schenectady.

Fraternally yours,

H.P. Keith M Veitch.

Trestle Board – Sacandaga Chapter #116 of the Capitular District #12 2008

January

Date: 1/09/08 Regular Convocation (Meet new officers)

Date: 1/23/08 Regular Convocation (Rehearsal for M.E.M.)

February

Date: 2/07/08 M.E.M. Degree @ St. George's

Date: 2/13/08 Cancelled snow storm

Date: 2/27/08 Regular Convocation (practice opening and closing)

March

Date: 3/6-3/8 Grand Chapter (Anointing of High Priest)

Date: 3/12/08 Regular Convocation (Present Council program)

Date: 3/26/08 Regular Convocation (Rehearsal R.A.M.)

April

Date: 4/01/08 R.A.M Degree @ Hiram Union

Date: 4/03/08 DDGHP visit @ St. George's

Date: 4/09/08 Regular Convocation (Rehearsal M.M. Degree & P.M.Degree)

Date: 4/23/08 Regular Convocation (M.M./ P.M. Degrees)

Date: 4/27/08 6:00pm Sunday Tentative Rehearsal for M.E.M. Degree

May

Date: 5/01/08 M.E.M. Degree @ St. George's

Date: 5/06/08 DDGHP Visit @ Hiram Union

Date: 5/14/08 Regular Convocation (DDGHP Visit) Dinner 5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm

Formal Tux. Or Red Jacket

Date: 5/28/08 Regular Convocation

June

Date: 6/01/08 6:00pm Sunday Tentative Rehearsal for R.A.M. Degree

Date: 6/10/08 R.A.M. Degree @ Sacandaga Chapter #116

Date: 6/18/08 Annual Year End Dinner w/wives (location TBA)

July, August DARK

September

Date: 9/10/08 Regular Convocation (Opening and Dinner)

Date: 9/18/08 Annual York Rite Steak Dinner and Golf

Date: 9/24/08 Regular Convocation (Historical Lecture)

October

Date: 10/08/08 Regular Convocation

Date: 10/22/08 Regular Convocation (Fervency and Zeal Program)

November

Date: 11/12/08 Regular Convocation

Date: 11/26/08 DARK for Thanksgiving

December

Date: 12/10/08 Regular Convocation (Annual Meeting and Election and installation of Officers) Dinner and Formal Attire (Tux. Or Red Jacket)

Date: 12/24/08 DARK for Christmas

A.G.L. official visitation TBA

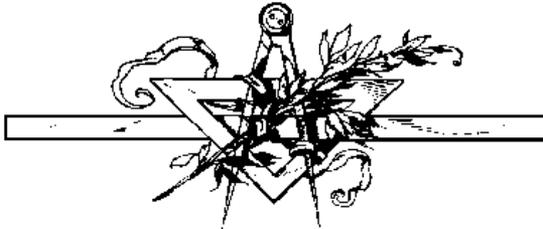
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