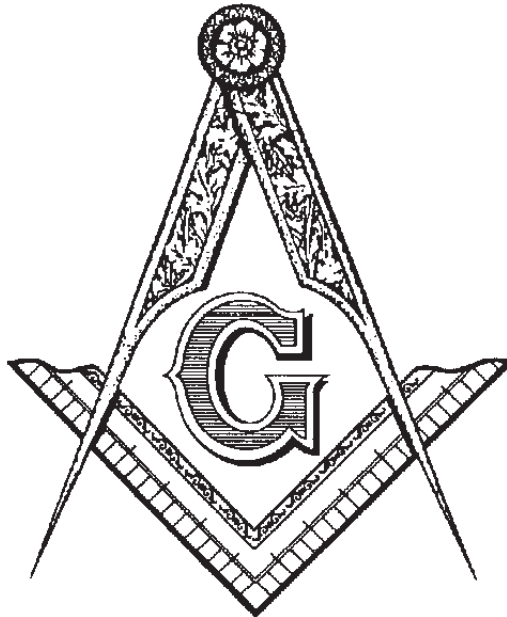


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# • A View From The East •

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



Greetings My Brothers,

I'm back, for those of you who are not aware of the happenings within our district in the last few weeks I have been asked to return as your District Deputy for the ensuing term by the Grand Master Most Worshipful Neal Bidnick. Unfortunately Warren Vaughn, the brother who was elected to the office of District Deputy has stepped down due to personal reasons. I am happy to report that my first e-mail to all our newly elected and installed Masters was received with a resounding vote of confidence and know that our district will move forward.

Our new Grand Master is a very progressive man with very high ideals. His Trestleboard for his two-year term includes putting our Grand Jurisdiction on the fast track of society by utilizing the Internet Highway. GM Bidnick was instrumental in developing the new secretary portal know as MORI. Be sure to check the Grand lodge web site routinely. Grand Lodge as we have known it in the past will be just that, in the past. I encourage all brothers to watch and listen for more exciting news and announcements in the near future.

Fraternally, Skip  
DDGM



## Fulton Montgomery Masonic Charities

W.: Jeffrey Lanfear, President

The Fulton Montgomery Masonic Charities will be again having our 2nd annual Golf Tournament on June 16th at the Fox Run Golf Course in Johnstown. The price for a foursome will be the same as last year \$260. This is our largest fundraiser for the year and as you know the funds help support the Scholarship fund, the Child ID at the Fonda Fair, the Benevolence Fund and even the newsletter operating costs . Their will be a shotgun start at noon with refreshments at the turn including beer soda hotdogs and hamburgs. The dinner following the golf tournament will be at the Dorn's Pavilion next door to the golf course. It will be a steak roast, included in the price of the golf \$65. per person or if not golfing the price will be \$18.00 per person with tickets being sold before by contacting Bob Lindholm in Canajoharie at 673-5470, also the golfing applications should be sent to Bob.

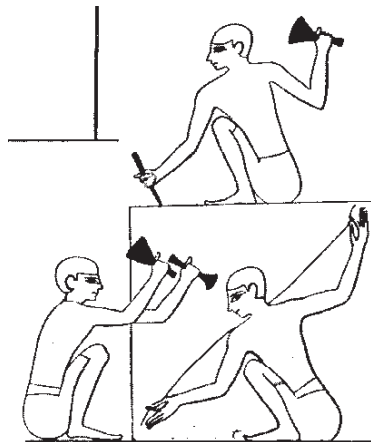
The new Masters of the lodges should pick their 2 representatives for the Fulton Montgomery Masonic Charities and have them present at the election meeting at Amsterdam lodge on June 19th for the election of officers meeting at 7 PM .

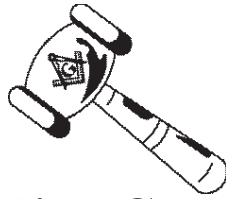
I would like to thank everyone from the district for your support since we reestablished the Fulton Montgomery Masonic Charities and got it up and running again and made it a viable 501c3 entity. With scholarships to the schools for seniors with a relative in the fraternity to the child ID program at the Fonda fair and other locations throughout the district to special fundraisers for the needy we have been very busy.

Again I would like to thank you for your help.

Fraternally Yours,

W.: Jeff Lanfear, President





## Traveling Gavel 2005-6

The results are in and our congratulations go to St. Patrick's Lodge #4 for their outstanding participation and winning of the Traveling Gavel Award for the Masonic Year. A certificate of accomplishment was awarded at the last District Deputy Visitation. A perpetual plaque, created by R.:W.:Clayton Swain and R.:W.:David Saltsman was also presented to this year's winner with the name of last years winner, Kennyetto Lodge #599 also inscribed,. This newly crated plaque will be passed to each consecutive years winner to be displayed for a year and then passed to the next winner for their safe keeping and display. The following list details how each lodge did in the competition while attending District Deputy and M&O meetings;

St Patrick's #4	574 points
Hamilton #79	284 points
Amsterdam #84	475 points
Fish House #298	310 points
Fort Plain #433	443 points
Fultonville #531	445points
Kennyetto #599	488 points
St Johnsville #611	297 points

Congratulations to all the lodges for coming out and supporting your district.

Respectively Submitted,  
R.:W.:David Saltsman, Chairperson  
R.:W.: Clayton Swain DDGM



• **In Memoriam** •

Bro. Preston H. Simons	<i>from his wife Beatrice</i>
Bro. Alvin V. Hichens, St. Patrick's #4	<i>from his wife Edith</i>
Richard J. Sponable	<i>from his wife Shirley</i>
Bro. Harold Banta	<i>from his wife Norma</i>
Bro. Harold J. Harington, Fish House #298	<i>from his wife Dotty</i>
Bro. Dr. Robert Kemp	<i>from Bro. Dick Gugenberger</i>
Bro. Bill Tanner	<i>from Bro. Dick Gugenberger</i>
Bro. E. O. Christmas	<i>from Bro. Gary Harington</i>
Bro George Harington	<i>from Bro. Gary Harington</i>
Rev. Bro. Newton Perrins	<i>from Bro. Elsworth Simpson</i>
Bro. Ernest D. Mugglin	<i>from Bro. Elsworth Simpson</i>
Bro. Harold E. Lake	<i>from Bro. Churchill S. Lake</i>
Bro. William V. Hovey, Fultonville #531	<i>from his wife Jeannette</i>
Bro. Lawrence W. Castler	<i>from his wife Jean</i>

*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:**

Brother Royal P. Taylor Amsterdam # 84  
Mrs. Norma Banta

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

R.:W.: Robert H. Parkinson and W.: Philip E. Hanley wish to thank W.: Hunter L. Cole-Hatcher for the certificate and the recognition that he has bestowed on us for the care and friendship that we had provided to our late brother Rob Roy Boyd. Rob Roy was a brother that is greatly missed by our lodge and his many brothers and friends in the community.

The following list is the men of the district who are willing to travel and help at a third degree if needed. If there are any more names to be added to this list please send them to me and I will see they are added and the new lists distributed. Skip

THIRD DEGREE DRAMA TEAM—FULTON-MONTGOMERY DISTRICT

HIRAM ABIFF

Jacque Mosher Sr.	St Johnsville Lodge	568-7473
Sisto Surento	Amsterdam Lodge	843-2114
Keith Veitch	Fort Plain Lodge	993-3853
Dave Dickey	Fish House	863-2791
John Kilmer	St Johnsville	

KING SOLOMON

Bill Johnson	Amsterdam Lodge	
Fred Bietter	Fish House	863-6697

HIRAM KING OF TIER

Jacque Mosher Sr.	St Johnsville Lodge	568-7473
Richard Cronin	Fish House	725-7704

1st RUFFIAN

Clayton Swain	Fish House Lodge	863-4694
Al Graham	Fish House	863-2986
David Mosheer	St Johnsville	673-8045

2nd RUFFIAN

Jerry Caukins	Amsterdam Lodge	
Dave Montayne	Hamilton Lodge	673-3884
Norman Richardson	Fish House	863-2321
Todd Payne	Fish House	863-4067

3rd RUFFIAN

Jerry Caukins	Amsterdam Lodge	
Donald Robinson	Fish House	661-5628

1st CRAFTSMAN

Bill Clizbe	Kennyetto Lodge	883-8646
Robert Lindholm	Hamilton Lodge	673-5470
Warren Hyde	Fish House	863-6979

2nd CRAFTSMAN

Jeff Lanfear	Amsterdam Lodge	853-3574
Dave Montayne	Hamilton Lodge	673-3884
Sisto Surento	Amsterdam Lodge	843-2114
Warren Hyde	Fish House	863-6979

3rd CRAFTSMAN

William Vaughn	St Patrick's Lodge	661-6532
Todd Payne	Fish House	863-4967
Glynn Hawley	Fish House	863-6406
Warren Hyde	Fish House	863-6979

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Clayton Swain	Fish House Lodge	863-4694
Fred Bietter	Fish House	863-6697

SECRETARY

Keith Veitch	Fort Plain Lodge	993-3853
Sisto Surento	Amsterdam Lodge	843-2114
Clayton Swain	Fish House Lodge	863-4694
William Farber	St Johnsville	568-5527
Lee Smith	Fultonville	922-5843

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## • Lodge News •

### St. Patrick's #4

*By W.: William R. Dorn, Master*

#### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

Greetings. This has been a terrific year for St. Patrick's Lodge # 4;

All Officers and several members attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fish House Lodge # 298 last Oct. AS a result, W.: Wm. R. Dorn was presented the coveted "POTTS" award at Grand Lodge session.

Our officers and members also attended the monthly DDGM visitations and Masters & Officers monthly meetings and the Lodge received the "TRAVELING GAVEL" award for the year.

One of our members R.: W.: Wallis D. Pickett, received the District "MASON OF THE YEAR" award. R.: W.: Bro. "Wally" was chosen by vote of the Masters of Lodges in our District. CONGRATULATIONS R.: W.: Bro. Wally on this and your reaching "95" this year.

We also extend CONGRATULATIONS to R.: W.: Bro. Wally and Jesse Pickett on their 70th wedding anniversary, August 15, 2006.

The Lodge also assisted in the District Charities "FISH DINNER" fundraiser and continued to hold Lodge dinners in March, April and will hold another on May 26. These are open to the public and will provide funds for running the Lodge.

St. Patrick's Lodge will host the 2nd Annual District Family Picnic, August 19th at Dorn's Grove (next to the Fulco Airport. Last years was a great success and this years promises to be even better. This originated as a picnic for our Lodge members and their families and evolved into an invitation for members of all Fulton-Montgomery Masonic District Lodges to participate.

As you are aware, May is officer election month for the Lodge; our new officers include:

Master W.: William J. Dorn  
Sr. W. W.: Albert L. Bayless, Jr.  
Jr. W. R.: W.: Clayton D. Swain, Jr.  
Secretary W.: Wayne D. Schermerhorn  
Treasurer W.: John B. Morris  
Trustee – 3 year – W.: William R. Dorn



Appointed officers will be announced in the monthly newsletter.

New members have joined and affiliated with St. Patrick's Lodge this year and new member applications have been picked up. The Lodge will be holding Degrees later this year.

W.:M.: William R. Dorn sends his Thanks and Appreciation to ALL those who have made this a great year for St. Patrick's Lodge.

Check our website at [www.newyorkmasons.org](http://www.newyorkmasons.org) which is compliments of M.:W.: Don Chafin, (former Grand Master of Masons in the State of Alaska), now of St. Johnsville Lodge # 611.

W.: Wayne D. Schermerhorn

District Newsletter Lodge Chrm.



**Hamilton #79**

*By W.: Jay Krajewski*

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**



**Amsterdam #84**

*By W.: Thomas Krutz Master*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays**

The new officers of Amsterdam Lodge were installed on May 23rd with Brother Thomas Krutz taking the helm for the ensuing year. Thomas is the son of Past Master Ronald Krutz. The remainder of the officers will be W.: Ronald Krutz as Senior Warden,

W.: Jeffrey Lanfear Junior Warden, W.: Russell Clough Treasurer.

R.: W.: Sisto Surento Secretary, Brother Gogi Gwardschaladse, Senior Deacon, Brother David Waver, Junior Warden.

A special thanks for all the cooperation I received as Master

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throughout my year from all the Brothers, not only in my Lodge but throughout the district. This year seemed to go so fast, it doesn't seem possible that it is over. We took in several new members with one of them starting through the chairs. I'm sure this year will be as exciting. Congratulations to all the Masters and officers coming in this year throughout the district. May you all have as fulfilling a year as I had this year.

W.: Jeffrey Lanfear  
Past Master



**Fish House #298**

*By W.: Sorry I Forgot , Master*



**Fort Plain #433**

*By W.: Dave Montanye , Master*

We would like to thank all the brothers who helped us with the first degree. We put four candidates through their first degree, Tom Dulin, Steve Smith, Zack Miller, and Josh Parkinson. Thanks again for a job well done!

We will be putting on a second degree April 27th, and a third degree the end of may at St. Johnsville Lodge. As my year as Master comes to an end, I would like to thank R.: W.: Ed Smith, W.: Phil Hanley, R.: W.: Dave Montanye, R.: W.: Roger Swartz, Bro. John Tooker, W.: John Dunham for helping with the news letter this year  
R.: W.: Dave Montanye will be the new W.M for 2006. I know he will do a great job.

Thank you Bro. Dave Webb for your generosity.

Master M.: Robert Parkinson





**Fultonville #531**

*By W. Michael Krajewski, Master*

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays**

Dear Brothers:

We've had a very good year, thanks to our outgoing Master, Hunter Cole-Hatchard.

The new Officers elected and appointed to Fultonville #531 for 2006-07 are as follows.

WM - Michael Krajewski  
SW - Jeremy Krajewski  
JW - Myron Terrell  
Sec - Leon Smith  
Tres - Alan Taylor  
Chap - C. Burton Pierce  
SD - Richard Lais  
JD - Robert Belanger  
SMC - James Simpson  
JMC - Ben Johnson  
Tyler - Hunter Cole-Hatchard  
Trustee - James Simpson

We are having a pancake breakfast on June 15th (Saturday) from 8am - 11am  
We plan on having one every third Saturday.

On July 21st. from 3:30pm -- 7pm. we are having a Brooks Chicken and Ribs BQ.

Any brother who needs a ride, or knows of a brother that is sick or in need of our aid or sympathy, please do not hesitate to call me.

I can be reached at (518) 922-8712.

Congratulations to all newly elected and appointed Officers in the Fulton Montgomery District.

Fraternally,  
W. Michael Krajewski - Master

**Kennyetto Lodge No. 599**  
*W.: Rober E Jackson, Master*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**

My Brothers,

Well another year has come and gone and we are all still here. We have had a wonderful year past and we are ready for more. We can't wait until the beginning of our nest Masonic year to start all over again. I would like to thank all the lodge brothers for there time and help in the past year and a special thanks to W\ Roger Steele for his hard work to make us the lodge we are now. I will not drop he ball and hope that we can work together to do the things that need to be done to keep our lodge in tip top shape.

Let me introduce this years officers:

Master	W.: Robert Jackson
Senior Warden	Bro. Richard Gugenberger
Junior Warden	Bro. Christopher Clizbe
Senior Deacon	Bro. Stephen McGillis
Junior Deacon	Bro. Francesco Bianco
Senior Master of Ceremonies	Bro. John Mahoney
Junior Master of Ceremonies	Bro. James Sweet
Secretary	W.: John Sira
Treasurer	R.: W.: William Clizbe
Marshall	Bro. James Clizbe
Stewards	Bros. Tim Light and William Auty

I hope to see you all at lodge this coming year because we have a lot planned that should be of interest to all.

Fraternally,

W.: Robert E Jackson Master



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



FISHERMAN		
Tony Sala	Amsterdam Lodge	
John Ille	Fish House	863-8329
James Miner	St Johnsville	315-868-6984
Lee Smith	Fultonville	922-5843
SR. DEACON		
David Saltsman	Amsterdam Lodge	843-3445
David Dickey	Fish House	863-2791
CRAFTSMAN (NON SPEAKING PARTS) 9 NEEDED		
Robert Parkinson	Fort Plain Lodge	993-2031
John Sira	Kennyetto Lodge	883-3846
Phil Brown	St Johnsville	568-5130
William Finch	St Johnsville	568-2923
James Liddle	St Johnsville	673-2239
David Mosher	St Johnsville	673-8045
William Farber	St Johnsville	568-5527



## Masonic News Network – June 2006

R. : W. : James Rose

Masonic Home Admission Counselor

MASONS....JOIN US ON ST. JOHN'S WEEKEND

Saturday, June 24, 2006

THE BIGGEST MASONIC EVENT HELD

ON THE CAMPUS OF

THE MASONIC CARE COMMUNITY!

In just a few months, the campus of the Masonic Care Community will transform into a carnival-like atmosphere. Plans are now under way to expand the weekend to make it the most memorable Masonic event that takes place on your campus.

Although the primary purpose for this weekend is the Investiture Service of the newly appointed District Deputies and Staff Officers, it also is an opportunity for the brethren to visit with residents and meet your "new" Grand Master.

The carnival-like atmosphere is a way of bringing families together to enjoy not only a tradition that Masons participate in, but also provides entertainment for the entire family. The air will be filled with musical sounds, kiddie rides and the aroma of great food.

Tour guides will be available to give you a tour of our “new” Wiley Hall and “Health Pavilion”. If you would like to sit back and relax and see our entire campus, join us for our popular “Wagon Campus Tour”. The Chancellor Robert R Livingston Library and Museum will also be open so you can see the Masonic Care Community’s memorabilia and the various items highlighting the Masonic Fraternity. The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory will offer a slide show, research updates and tours of the laboratory every 45 minutes.

While Mom is strolling through the 40 Arts and Craft booths, Dad will have an opportunity to check out the Antique Car Show, located in front of the Chapel. The children will enjoy the FREE kiddy rides, games, clowns and musical entertainment. Families can hop Scotty’s Train Ride, ride through the campus and then have their child video taped by the Masons, free of charge.

St. John’s Day is a great opportunity for family, friends and especially Lodge and District brethren to visit with residents from your Lodge and/or District. Residents enjoy visiting and learning about the news from “back home”.

The highlight of Saturday will be the parade at 3:00 PM, lead by the LaBanda Rosa Marching Band. The parade will bring the Grand Lodge Officers to the Chapel where they will be invested in their office for the next year.

On Sunday morning, at 9:00 AM, prior to service in Tompkins Chapel at 10:30 AM, complimentary breakfast will be served. Reservations for breakfast must be in by June 12th to Angie Caio-la, (315) 798-4768.

While you are in the Utica area, there are other activities to enjoy. Munson Williams Proctor Institute is an internationally recognized fine arts center. It serves diverse audiences through the Museum of Art, the art reference and music libraries, the School of Art and the sponsorship of more than 100 Performing Arts events during the

year. The F.X. Matt Brewing Company offers an interesting tour of their facility. The Children's Museum near the Utica Train Station has "children friendly" displays that will keep the children's attention and interest because they are so unique. The National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown is only 45 minutes away from Utica and would be a great place for the family to visit. If your schedule permits, the local golf courses will be able to accommodate you.

As you can see, the Utica area offers a variety of tourist attractions that can be enjoyed by the entire family. So, plan to attend the Masonic Festival. Take the family out for the entire weekend or a day of fun, food and relaxation. If your family travels in a Motor Home, we will be happy to make arrangements for parking your "Home" on the Masonic Care Community campus. Make no mistake, we want to do everything we can to make you a part of this great Masonic event. Now it's up to you to do your part. Rain or shine – make plans NOW to attend this Masonic event – an event that takes place on your campus each year. If you come, we guarantee you will have a great time!



Parades-Games-Food-Pageantry-Tour and Brotherhood  
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Masonic Care Community Campus  
Utica, New York

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## **From the Editor's Desk**

### **Roger B. Steele**

Borrowed from **The Tanana Valley Masonic News**  
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Fourteen Reasons for Attending Lodge on a Stormy Night  
A Brother being met on a stormy night wading from Lodge and ridiculed for the unnecessary exposure, sent the following 14 reasons for his conduct, says the Michigan Masonic World:

1. Because the by-laws of my lodge and the character of my engagements as a Mason make no exceptions for stormy evenings.
2. Because I expect the Worshipful Master to be there I should be surprised if he were to remain away on account of the storm.
3. Because if his hands should fail through weakness, I should have great reason to blame myself, unless I sustain him by my presence and good wishes.
4. Because by staying away I may lose the instruction which would do me great good.
5. Because my presence is more needed on those evenings when there are but few, than when the lodge is full.
6. Because whatever station I may hold in the lodge, my example must influence others. If I stay away, why not they?
7. Because on any important business, bad weather does not keep me at home.
8. Because among the crowd of pleasure seekers, I see that bad weather does not keep the delicate female from the ball, the party, or the concert.

9. Because among other advantages, stormy evenings will show me what foundation my Masonic attachment is built. It will prove how much I love Masonry. True love never misses an appointment.

10. Because those who absent themselves from lodge because it is too warm, too cold or too stormy, frequently absent themselves on the fairest evenings.

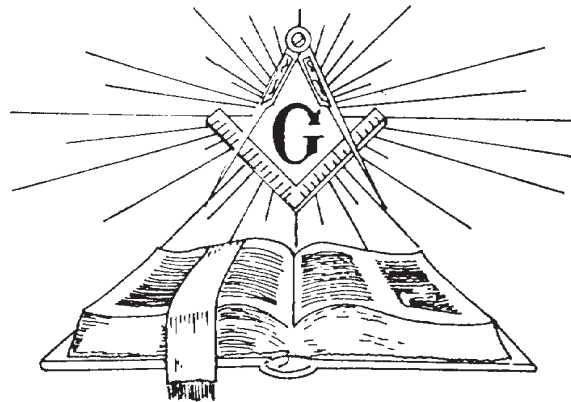
11. Because an avoidable absence from the lodge is an infallible evidence of Masonic coldness

12. Because there is a special promise that where two or three are gathered together in God's name, He will meet with them.

13. Because such yielding of surmountable difficulties prepares for yielding to those merely imaginary, until thousands never enter the lodge, and yet think they have good reasons for such neglect.

14. Because I know not how many more evenings God may give me, and it will be poor plea for the affectionate remembrances which I crave as a Mason, that I slighted my last Masonic - evening on earth.

An article from the Michigan Masonic World reprinted in The Builder Magazine in 1925



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