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## Information - Defined

***Knowledge of specific events or situations that has been gathered or received by communication; intelligence or news. See Synonyms : KNOWLEDGE***

This newsletter is designed to provide information about what is going on in York Rite Masonry throughout the State. With your help, we will be sending these BLASTS of information to everyone we can. Getting the word out as much as possible.

We will be providing you with news of events that will be occurring, those that have occurred, schedules, pictures, anecdotes, short biographies, and IDEAS that may help you in your Chapters and District.

But in order to make this work, we need your help, we need information. Tell us what is going on in your Chapters and Districts. What do you want others to know about? Send it in to us and we will get it out.

So please tell your friends, Companions and Brothers. In our next issue we will have complete details on how you can submit articles, events and also how to subscribe / unsubscribe to this newsletter.

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## St. Johns Day – Saturday, June 21, 2008

Do not forget to check out this and more information at the Grand Chapter Website:

<http://www.ny-royal-arch.org>

**CALLING ALL  
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS  
AND  
ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS**

M..E.. Griffith Jones would like to invite all DDGHPs and AGLs to march with him and the Grand Line in this year's parade.

The dress for the day will be the Red Coat (No Tuxedo).

We want everyone to see a Magnificent Field of Red coming down the road.

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## **Every Man A Penny**

The Grand High Priest asks that as a Royal Arch Mason, who as such receives his wages of one penny a day, to consider donating your day's wages to Royal Arch Charities. A penny a day can go a long way.

The Royal Arch Masons have formed a partnership with the Community, the Nation and the World through our Royal Arch Charities. This partnership provides a wide range of benefits:

1. through scholarships, which is an investment in the future leaders of our community and nation, by providing financial assistance to young people who are continuing their education,
2. through the Royal Arch Medical Research Foundation, whose scientific research helps, not only Royal Arch Masons and their families, but for human family around the world,
3. through the Diseases of the Lung Fund, which helps defer medical expenses of our members who have afflictions of the lung,
4. and through the Grand High Priest's Allocation, which is used for many charitable causes which he feels are worthy.

Please remember your obligations as a Royal Arch Mason, and that although your labors may be finished for the day, and you have been called to receive your wages, there is someone that needs your help and that help could come from Royal Arch Charities.

For the Donation form, please go the Grand Chapter website at:

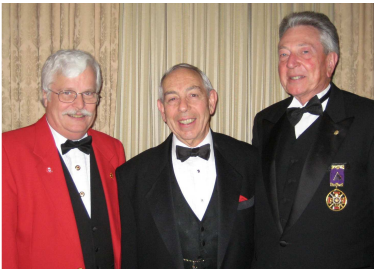
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## **Partners in Masonry**

The Masons of New York State came together at Koenig's Restaurant in Floral Park New York on Sunday, April 6, 2008 to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Aurora-Grata Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite Masons and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freeport Chapter #302, Royal Arch Masons.

It was an afternoon of outstanding dining, delightful music, dancing and fellowship in the finest traditions of our Fraternity. The event was well attended and all agreed that it was a wonderful celebration.



In the picture from left to Right:  
M.:E.: Griffith Jones - GHP, Grand Chapter State of New York, RAM

R.:W.: Robert Stack - Master of Ceremonies

Illustrious Harold Aldrich - 33<sup>o</sup> Active, AASR and Deputy for New York State



In the picture from left to Right:  
Mrs. Carol Jones – First Lady of the Grand Chapter State of New York, RAM  
M.:E.: Griffith Jones - GHP, Grand Chapter State of New York, RAM  
Reverend Juanita Hilsenbeck – First Lady 2005

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## ***Getting to Know Those Who Serve***

R.:E.:Gerald F. Irwin is celebrating his 32nd year as a Mason. He has been married for 31 years to Pat, who is a project leader with GE Global Research, and they have a daughter, Kelly, who is 23 and is a brand new Registered Nurse.



Gerry is an Ordained Elder and an active member of the Knox Reformed Church and is active in the church's music ministry.

Professionally, he has pursued a career in the field of Information Technology for 33 years but is now considering himself semi-retired.

Gerry has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity since 1976, serving as Master of three different Lodges in two different Districts. He has also served as Assistant Grand Lecturer and Grand Steward. He is currently serving as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Benevolence.

Gerry was exalted in Ravena Chapter #312 of the then Tenth District in 1978, which is now part of the newly created Ancient Temple Chapter #5 in Albany, subsequently serving as High Priest, AGL, and DDGHP. He was appointed Grand Master of the Second Veil in 2006 and is currently serving as the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter, State of New York, RAM.

Active in the entire York Rite, he has presided over all of the major bodies and in 1987 was made a member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor (KYCH). He also holds the Order of the Purple Cross and is a past presiding officer of several of the appendant bodies. He has also presided over two Scottish Rite bodies in the Valley of Albany, and holds the Meritorious Service Award presented by the New York State Council of Deliberation.

In what little spare time he has, Gerry enjoys performing music in almost any form. He is a member of Traditional Strings (a traditional music "jam" band), the Knox Town Band (tuba and baritone player), and the up and coming local country and western band, Renee Lussier and BranchWater (playing bass guitar) and would like to play professionally in Nashville soon.

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## ***Grand Lecturer's Schedule***

05/27	Warrensburg Chapter No. 325	14 <sup>th</sup> CD
05/28	Latham Chapter No 168	12 <sup>th</sup> CD
06/05	Gowanda Chapter No 136	32 <sup>nd</sup> CD
06/21	St. Johns Day - Utica, New York	

## *Upcoming Events*

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### **THOMAS SMITH WEBB CHAPTER OF RESEARCH NO. 1798 ROYAL ARCH MASONS, STATE OF NEW YORK**

M..E.. GRIFFITH JONES, III, GRAND HIGH PRIEST

#### **WHERE**

*Saturday, May 31, 2008  
Albany Masonic Hall  
67 Corning Place  
Albany NY 12207-1904*

Dear Companions,

You are cordially invited to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> convocation of the Thomas Smith Webb Chapter of Research, No. 1798.

The Host Chapter will be Ancient Temple Chapter No. 5.

For the transaction of such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before it.

Agenda for the afternoon will be:

11:00 am Open the Chapter and read the 1<sup>st</sup> paper  
12:00 pm Luncheon with presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paper  
1:00 pm Resume work in the Chapter and present the 3<sup>rd</sup> paper  
2:00 pm Close the Chapter

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Presentations of papers will be given by:

1. M..I.. Francis I. Karwowski, current Grand Master, Grand Council, State of New York, Cryptic Mason, will present a paper entitled "Giles Fonda Yates".
2. M..E.. John S. Jones, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, State of New York, Royal Arch Masons, will present a paper entitled "Freemasonry and the York Rite Legends".
3. R..E.. Jeffrey M. Williamson, Grand Scribe, Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter, State of New York, Royal Arch Masons, will present a paper entitled "The Early History and Schism of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York".

A very nice lunch will be prepared by the local Eastern Star Chapter at a reasonable cost of \$10.00 per person. You will pay at the door.

Companions, please note that once RSVP is made, you are duty bound to honor your meal reservation.