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"He hath made everything beautiful in his time." Ecclesiastes 3:11

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Did You Know?

Ark Lodge No. 33 Geneva, New York Will Build A New Masonic Temple

My Brothers, With seventy memorable years in the old Geneva Masonic Temple behind us, we move on to the future, to new horizons and new beginnings.

We are in the process of purchasing a good piece of land, and laying plans on the Trestleboard for a new temple. The building will be more efficient in energy and usability. Also more accessible with adequate parking and dining facilities, and most important, a place where all Geneva Masonic groups will be welcome to meet and enjoy.

The project will, no doubt, be costly and somewhat prolonged, but good things do not come cheap and take time. We need time to plan, time to build, time to grow, and time for fellowship.

Exciting, to say the least, as we enter a new era of Freemasonry in Geneva. You can all be a part of it, my Brothers. I hope to see all who are able in any way, meeting together and working in the quarries of Freemasonry.

You will notice our new meeting place is in the parish hall of St. Peter's Church on Genesee Street in Geneva. I look forward to greeting you on April 6. Fraternally,
Charles A. Rouse, Jr.
Worshipful Master
32 Sherrill Street
Geneva, New York 14456
(315)789-5194

Where The Geneva Masonic Organizations Will Be Meeting...

- Ark Lodge 33: St. Peter's Church, Rankine Hall, Genesee cor Lewis Strs.
- Geneva Lodge 965: George H. Wright Building, 553 Exchange St., Geneva.
- Geneva Chapter 36 RAM: Wright Building.
- Geneva Commandery 29 KT: Penn Yan Masonic Temple
- Geneva Chapter, Order of Eastern Star: Seneca Falls Masonic Temple.
- Queen Christina Court, Order of Amaranth: Phelps Masonic Temple
- White Shrine: Penn Yan Masonic Temple.

The Grand Lodge DeWitt Clinton Community Service Award to Geneva Eagle Scout Derek Radthe. His reply:

Gentlemen (of Ark Lodge), I would like to thank you once again for the DeWitt Clinton Masonic Award for Community Service, and the savings bond. This award has special meaning for me because my great grandfather, Rev. Thomas Williams, was a Mason for over 60 years.
Sincerely...
Derek Radthe

W. Jack P. Starr (Geneva Lodge 965), Mayor of the City of Geneva, conducts a half-hour call-in program, "Ask the Mayor," between

6:30 and 7:30 Monday evenings over WGVA 1240 on your dial. Give him a call!

The most Lodges...Texas 957, NY 825, Ill 713, Ohio 666, Cal 586, Pa 548, Ind 541, Mo 512, Mich 472, Ga 460. The fewest Lodges...Alaska 14, Del 31, Utah 31, DC 33, Nevada 43.

Our Worshipful Master was presented the gavel of authority by W. Frank L. Milliken, Jr., Thrice Potent Master of Corning Consistory, Scottish Rite. Bro. Rouse is a member of that Rite.

Lest we forget! The Masonic Temple of Geneva with its Greek Revival Architecture was placed on the list of "Buildings of Merit" in 1965.

W. Greg vom Scheidt (Ark 1979) is chairman of the newly organized Past Masters Association of Ark Lodge...purpose being to support the Lodge, the Master, and the Officers.

Question of the Month: What were some memorable events over the past seventy years in the Geneva Masonic Temple and area Freemasonry?

All fraternal groups meeting in our Geneva Temple have had their share of unusual historic moments. I can only relate historically to those I have observed over the last 37 years. The earlier 33 years are described from written records. The period 1918-1988 has been divided into time frames for easier presentation. This review touches on both the highs and the lows.
1918-1928

This was a time of fraternal prosperity and growth, not only locally but throughout New York State. The Greek Revival Building (former Dutch Reformed Church) was acquired in 1917 by the Geneva Temple Corporation. By 1918 it had been remodeled for Masonic usage, and an addition built on the west side of the building. The Brothers were very proud of this beautiful four columned edifice, their second ownership of property as a temple since the beginning of Freemasonry in Geneva in 1807.

The temple was dedicated and cornerstone laid August 31, 1918 by Grand Master William S. Farmer of Syracuse. Ark Lodge Master was W. William E. Loftus, Sr. The Lodge membership was 461.

The day was rainy, but this did not stop the large crowd of well-wishers from attending the outside and inside ceremonies. Seven Masonically related organizations moved in as the first occupants: Ark Lodge 33 F&AM, Geneva Chapter 36 RAM, Geneva Commandery 29 KT, Geneva Chapter 82 OES, Queen Christina Court 13 OA, and Umarkan Grotto 21 MOVPER.

We may infer that a need existed for a second Masonic Lodge in Geneva. On May 6, 1920, Geneva Lodge 965 F&AM was granted a charter to work by the same Grand Master. Thirty-one charter members came from Ark and
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EAST ROCHESTER LODGE No. 1020 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Informal Meeting May 24th

Brethren: By the time you read this, the renovations to the "new" dining room should be complete. As of this writing the fire suppression and sprinkler systems, the connecting door, and the new overhead lights have been installed. The old wallpaper has been stripped off the east wall and the west wall, and the ceiling is being painted. Gordon Hoag is doing a beautiful job and the result will be a very attractive and comfortable dining room.

We are not going to have a formal business meeting on May 24. Instead, we are going to rent and show "The Man Who Would Be King." The movie is based on a story by Rudyard Kipling, who was a Mason, and contains numerous references to Freemasonry. I am encouraging our newer members to attend, both for the opportunity to discuss Masonry in an informal atmosphere, and for the opportunity to socialize with your Brothers without feeling overwhelmed by the "old guys." Leave the coat and tie at home and enjoy an evening of couch potatoing. We will start at 7:30 P.M.

Don't forget the free steak dinner and sportshirt night on June 14, our last meeting before the summer break.
Fraternally,
Pat McNenny
Master

CLIO LODGE No. 779 1st and 3rd Tuesdays



HELP!!! We Need Outside Painters

Brethren: We are now experiencing the end of winter, and thinking ahead of our summer activity, and so is Clio Lodge. We have a few projects that we would like to see the Craft enjoy as much as a few of us do. We will need help painting the exterior of the Lodge, and also the building of a shed to store a lawn-mower. I am sure we could turn in to operative Masons, with a little encouragement, such as a cook-out and some refreshments to help us along in our work.

A sixty-year pin has been found at Clio Lodge. Should any Brother know of the person who lost it, please contact him or the Secretary of Clio Lodge at 392-2006. I am sure the

First Place Winner

Craig Mertens Wins Award For Grand Lodge Totten Essay Contest

"Coping With Life's Difficulties" was the title for the Frank Totten Essay Contest for the spring of 1988 which was sponsored by the Grand Lodge Committee of Youth. After receiving all copies, all identification is removed from the essay, copies are made, and distributed to the subcommittee responsible for grading these narratives. The first prize is a check for \$1000.00 and will be presented to Mr. Craig Mertens of 518 Merchants Road, Rochester, on the first day of Grand Lodge at its Opening Ceremonies in Niagara Falls. He is a Senior at East High School, an Eagle Scout, and the youngest child of Ronald and Barbara Mertens. His winning essay is printed for your thoughts.

Coping With Life's Difficulties

There is no doubt that the youth of today are growing up in one of the most trying times in history. The pressures put upon them by school and society can, at times, seem almost unbearable. But these are difficulties that can be dealt with in a positive manner.

It is unfortunate that many people turn to drugs or alcohol in an attempt to deal with their problems. This inevitably creates more problems than it solves. I have seen some of my friends look for help in a bottle, but no one ever found any answers to their problems through such action. Other people, in the depths of depression and frustration, believe suicide is the only way out. The ultimate cry for help and compassion, suicide cannot be treated - only prevented.

Fortunately there are other, healthier, alternatives for solving the problems of life. My experiences have shown that just talking to someone about a problem can help. In a world of

owner would be grateful to have it returned.

April 23 was our Annual Ox-Roast. I wish to express my gratitude to all who made this a great success, and also the ladies of Leah Chapter for their participation and support.

During the month of April we raised three Brothers to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. They are Bro. Lawrence Stephany, Bro. Jerry Brown, and Bro. Larry Justice. Congratulations on behalf of the Officers and Brethren of Clio Lodge, and may you attain as much enjoyment from Masonry as we have.

May 17 will be Past Masters Night. The Secretary will be in contact with you to see how many will be in attendance to receive the Past Masters certificate. Also that evening, 40 and 60-year pins will be presented to those Brethren who have stood for Freemasonry for so many years. A hearty congratulations to you. Dinner will be served at 6:30 that evening. Please make your reservations with Bro. Dana Aucter at 621-6493 after 4:00 P.M.

Clio Lodge is sponsoring a Little League Baseball team this year. They are young boys from the Hilton Recreation Center. So come out and cheer for your team this year, Brethren.
Fraternally,
Tom Goodford
Master



Craig Mertens

drive-thru windows and automatic tellers, human contact can sometimes be forgotten about. What most people need is someone to listen to them while they talk about their problems, whether it is chemistry homework or their parents' divorce. An understanding ear can sometimes make all the difference in the world. The Center for Youth Services and Threshold give kids a place to go to learn how to deal with and talk about their problems.

Nobody can survive in today's world alone. Parents and children need to be open with each other. I am fortunate to have a family I can talk to and a group of friends that are very close. If people are willing to talk about their troubles, as well as listen to those of others, life's difficulties become much easier to face.

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1st Monroe

**District Deputy
Grand Master**

R.W. Gerald J. Glaser

Shortly after this paper comes out and this column is read, the new regime of the purple will take the reins of the Monroe County Districts.

To these new leaders, the greatest success is desired and wished for. It is my sincere hope that they do better than we did, just as it is hoped that Masonic history will record that we improved upon our predecessors.

Any further comments are expected to be made at the Retiring Officers Dinner.

In this last column as reigning District Deputy, I have one request to make.

You all know that our Masonic Temple is in serious financial difficulties due to immediate cash flow problems and accounts payable.

There are about 4,000 Masons in the county, and if you have any feelings at all, and any charity in your hearts, you are urged to send a contribution to the Temple Civic Center of Rochester as soon as possible.

If you do, it will have a great impact on our staying power in this trying situation.

Please! Please! Please!
Finally, Grand Master Singer is right, as usual. In our travels, we see everywhere where Masonry is on the upswing, and lots of Masons are being created. The concordant bodies are taking in Masons who desire further light. The craft is getting more attention in the media.

Let us make sure that we keep on moving in this forward direction.

With only good wishes to you and our fantastic fraternity, I am
Sincerely and Fraternaly,

2nd Monroe

**District Deputy
Grand Master**

R.W. Lawrence F. Geith



It's Great To Be A Mason

Brethren and Ladies, Thank You for a Wonderful Year:

All Good Things Eventually Come To An End - Very shortly my term as DDGM will come to an end, which leaves me with mixed emotions. I have enjoyed this past year very much, and it has been a joy working with R.W.'s Jerry, Fritz, and Paul, and with the wives, Betty, Jean, Doris, and my better half, Gladys, which is our Monroe Districts Family. Much was accomplished this year, although it took good planning, co-operation, and work from the Brethren and all the 1987-1988 Grand Lodge Officers and their wives.

An old saying: "Make new friends and keep the old, some are silver and the others are gold." It has been great to meet and work with many of my friends whom I have known over the years, and it has also been great to meet and work with so many new friends whom I came in contact with throughout the year.

Looking over the past months brings back memories of the many accomplishments and enjoyments. Official Visits to the Lodges, Installation of Officers, Special Awards given to many Brothers in the Craft, Recognitions given to non-Masons, and especially the co-operation of everyone in making the "Have a Heart - Buy a Heart" project such a huge success.

Our Staff Officers worked very hard on the Correspondence Course and the new approach to the Officers Training Seminar and the Orientation Session. Thanks, Paul and Fritz, for a job well done and your enthusiasm in keeping Masonry growing and on the move.

"All Work and No Play" - No such thing! The many enjoyable events which were well-attended were The Golf Tournament, Canal Boat Trip, Red Wing Baseball, Festival of Lights, Utica Christmas Visit, Dinner Theater, Amerk Hockey, Euchre Tournaments, Winter Party, Grand Ball, Picnics, Parties, etc. Who Said Masons Don't Have Fun!!!

In the past few years, Masonry has grown with enthusiasm and excitement, and I believe it will continue to move onward and upward under the able direction of our incoming Grand Lodge Officers and the continuing support of all the Brethren.

I want to say thank you to everyone for their support and co-operation in making this past year one of the most enjoyable and happiest I have had in my years in Masonry.

An extra special Thanks to my wonderful wife, Gladys, and my entire family for being so patient during a very busy year. I Love You All.

Thanks to Genesee Falls Lodge for giving me the opportunity to represent our District as DDGM. It has been a year I will never forget.

In conclusion, Brethren, strive to continually move forward, always attempt to accomplish your goals, keep Masonry in your heart, and show it to the world. It's Great to be a Mason!

God Bless.
Fraternaly,

**A.G.L.'s Inaugrate
New Teaching School**

School of Ritual

To: The Grand Lodge Officers,
Worshipful Masters, Lodge Officers,
Brethren of the Two Monroe Districts

Brethren,
In response to several requests, we are pleased to announce the formation of a new teaching school.

Its sole purpose is to assist all Line Officers, and any interested Brethren, concerned with memorizing the Middle Chamber Lecture prior to its proper presentation within their respective Lodges.

This lecture, when delivered at the proper pace, coupled with adequate expressions and emphasis, is the highlight of our Second Degree.

For those concerned - it is your school. You, as presenter, and your Lodge, especially the new Fellowcrafts, will gain from your effort. We stand ready to help you attain that goal.

The first meeting, hosted by Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Road, Rochester, will be held on Friday, May 20, 1988, at 7:30 P.M.
Fraternaly,

Assistant Grand Lecturers

R.W. William Russell, R.W. A. John Tijou

Grand Steward



R.W. Fritz Friedrich

**Thanks
For The
Memories**

.....Of your kindly Lodge invites/ the ritual and Degree delights/ The beef and chicken feasts that lead to seats in the East/ oh thank you so much.....

This theme song parody partially acknowledges my appreciation to the Officers, Brethren, and the Ladies for their hospitality, and sharing their thoughts, plans, and dinners, as well as their problems and successes.

Monroe County Masons are known state-wide for their fraternal participation and humanitarian action this past year. The Ronald McDonald House proceedings have given us the impetus

of a Lodge in London, England. If the Brother concerned will call me at home, 271-5435, I now have the necessary information that I have obtained from the English Lodge concerned.

**CUSTODIANS
CORNER**



By R.W. Maurice Solomon
Custodians of the Work

An Appeal:

Some months ago, a Brother showed R.W. Bro. Pettit and me some regalia belonging to a Past Master

that can continue for years - providing Freemasonry with high visibility and community acceptance.

It has been a great year. We are pleased that the Lodge Officers were motivated to partake in the various leadership training courses, workshops, and seminars. They are setting a good example for the junior and prospective Officers.

Further refinements in the Masonic education process will be cultivated by the new Grand Lodge Officers.

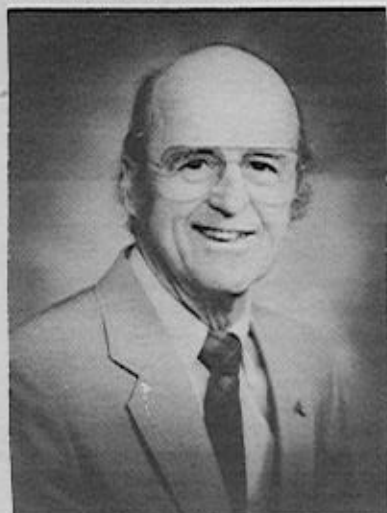
The bottom line is the survival, the prospering, and the lifetime enjoyment of Freemasonry.

To accomplish this goal, a willing commitment or sincere dedication is needed not only by the Officers, but also by all the Brethren. Masonry is a cooperative venture. Roll up your sleeves and get on with the work.

As we bow out, next year's DDGM's and Staff Officers are waiting in the wings. As they come to stage center, welcome them, work with them - they need you and you need them.

The fleeting year has run its course. It's been fun.
Thanks for the memories!

**Grand
Sword Bearer**



R.W. Paul A. Robertson

**Friendship
Morality
Brotherly Love**

In just a few more days we will have the "changing of the guard" when the Grand Master appoints the new Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year.

This completes a very
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Grand Sword Bearer



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memorable year for me -- so many good things have happened!

For the past two years our Grand Master, M.W. Robert C. Singer, has literally worked like a beaver, 24 hours a day, to inspire us to think positively, to think big and build, to make Masonry a productive, progressive, healthy Fraternity in New York State.

His indomitable spirit has captivated the imagination of all who have listened to him or read his messages. Under his leadership our Craft has been jet-propelled as an instrument of service to all mankind. He has indeed earned our heartfelt gratitude.

If our Grand Master were a candidate for President, I can assure you he would get my vote!

It has been my privilege to work with three fine Grand Lodge Officers - R.W. Lawrence Geith of the Second Monroe District, and R.W. Gerald Glaser and R.W. Fritz Friedrich of the First Monroe. We have worked together as a team endeavoring to achieve the goals set by our Grand Master.

Let's take a look at some of those achievements:

1. The Number One achievement which did more to unite and involve us in Community Service, in a Big way, was raising \$21,000 for the Ronald McDonald House. It was super! All who participated can feel justly proud of what was accomplished. It took three energetic and dedicated Brother Masons - Wor. Brothers John Keller, Gary Burke, and Steve Daycock - to set the Craft at work on this most worthwhile project which doubled the anticipated goal.

2. Many Lodges raised more new Brothers.

3. The Bureau of Masonic Education conducted an Officers Training Workshop and an Orientation Program.

4. Over 80 Brethren enrolled in the Grand Lodge Correspondence Course and many borrowed books from the Grand Lodge Library.

5. Brethren who were raised only two or three years ago are admirably reciting the Middle Chamber Lecture.

6. Under the leadership of R.W. Harry Kennedy, many Brethren and their Ladies visited the Masonic Home and Research Laboratory in Utica last December.

7. On the second Sunday of each month, R.W. Tom Paglia, assisted

by dedicated Brethren and their Ladies, held Ward Parties at the VA Hospital in Canandaigua.

8. Over 300 Ladies attended the Second Annual Widows Luncheon last February. Grand Master Singer presented pins and certificates to many of the widows. R.W. Larry Canfield was chairman.

9. The Q&A pamphlets, together with the slide-sound show, "Brotherhood and Service - The Masons," have been instrumental in attracting more good men to Freemasonry.

10. Let's not forget the 200th Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution which was celebrated on September 17, 1987. Weren't we proud to say that 13 of the signers were Brother Masons!

11. Under the leadership of W.B. Steve Whittaker, R.W. Jim Gisleson, and the assistance of Charlotte Corinthian Lodge, a new Order of DeMolay Chapter is being formed.

12. Many pins, certificates, DSA aprons, and DeWitt Clinton Awards were presented.

Yes, this has been a very good year for Freemasonry.

In conclusion, I want to thank all the Brethren who have assisted me in the performance of my responsibilities.

I am especially grateful to the Brethren of John A. Robertson Lodge for giving me the opportunity to serve as a Grand Lodge Officer.

And finally, my appreciation to the gal who always gives me so much support with her Love and Understanding - my Lady, Doris.

Yes, Freemasonry is Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love.

Bro. Burl Ives, the great balladeer, was once asked this question: "Of all the great honors and awards that you have received in your long and successful career, what do you hold as the highest?" His reply was: "When they made me a Master Mason."

Bro. Ives will receive the Distinguished Achievement Award on May 3 at the Grand Master's Dinner in Niagara Falls. Yours for More Fellowship And Brotherly Love

FAIRPORT LODGE
No. 476
2nd and 4th Mondays

**Let Us All
Take A Little
Piece of Work**

**Summer Months
Is The Time To
Raise Our Funds**

Well, Brothers, here we are at the jumping off point for the summer. May is a bit of a calm before the storm. There is only one meeting in May due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The program May 9 is my report on

RETIRING GRAND LODGE OFFICERS DINNER

ALL MASTERS HAVE TICKETS

Just a reminder. The dinner for our Retiring Grand Lodge Officers is just around the corner. Don't forget to buy your tickets from your Master.

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Tickets are only available through your blue Lodge. Please set this date aside as a night out for you and your wife. Let's have a good turnout to honor these men who have given so much of their time this past year to help us and Masonry.

Fraternally,
John Dense, Chairman
Retiring Grand Lodge Officers
Dinner

Grand Lodge.

But don't let the apparent tranquility fool you! May is the time we start organizing on major summer activities, specifically, Village Landing Days, the Fourth of July in the Park, and the Annual Blood Drive in August.

Landing Days and the Fourth of July are our major fund raisers. It is the proceeds from these activities that help us keep our dues as modest as they are and allow us to contribute to other worthwhile endeavors.

We will be contacting you to pledge a few hours of your time to support these activities. Please give as freely of your time as possible. The more we each give, the less the burden on others and the greater the fun. I'm sure we can all find a few hours to cook, serve, run, clean-up, set-up, or fulfill one of the million chores that need to be done.

I will not dwell on the Annual Blood Drive. We are all aware of the need for blood, especially during the summer months. We can use a little blood and a little sweat to help the Red Cross.

While May is a time for organizing, April was a time for remembrance.

On April 11 we remember those left behind, the wives of our departed Brothers. Brother John Lindsay, our Senior Deacon, lived up to his advance billing by providing an animated and unique program on his incredible odyssey through Europe, which was enjoyed by all.

Unfortunately, the trip was thirty days long and we ran out of time before we ran out of story.

However, I'm sure Brother John will allow us to impose on him again at some later date.

Brother John, now I thank you for your hard work.

We also remembered those Brothers who were called to the Supreme Architect above. On April 25, we held our annual Memorial Service. W. Dwight Turner and W. Dick Scott did a marvelous job in choreographing this evening.

I also want to thank the ladies of Fairport Chapter #444, O.E.S., for the delicious ham dinner they served us on the 25th. It is a good thing we don't have more dinners - I would never be able to get my weight down.

In closing, I wish to reiterate my appeal for some of your time through June, July, and August. If a few do the work it is burdensome and a source of agitation. However, if we each shouldered some of the load, we can, indeed, have fun but get the work done.

Fraternally,
David H. Mawhiney
Master

Trestleboard
May 9: Grand Lodge
Report

CHARLOTTE-CORINTHIAN
LODGE No. 1088
1st and 3rd Tuesday

Greetings Brethren:

Since our last news letter more improvements have been made to the Lodge. A new light has been installed to better illuminate the outside in front, a new exit sign has been installed, and a new Masonic sign is to be put up to replace the old one. During the summer recess the dining room floors will be refinished and the cement wall outside will be refurbished. Those Brothers who haven't been to Lodge for awhile should start attending and have a look at our Lodge. It's looking good. Thanks to our Board of Trustees.

On April 5, two Brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I thanked the Brothers from the East, but I wish again to express my gratitude to all the Brothers who helped confer the Third Degree on these new Brothers. March 23 saw several of our Lodge Brothers in Scottsville at Oatka Lodge working in the drama section of the Third Degree.

I would like to take this time to do a little advertisement for Masonic Organizations who are looking for a new home. Charlotte Corinthian Lodge has many open dates, with the exception of the first and third Tuesdays, which are our meeting nights, and the second and fourth Mondays, which are the meeting nights of Charlotte Chapter. All inquiries must be made to the Trustees, R.W. Bertram Steene, W. Keith Stambach, W. Joseph Privitera, W. Stanley Allen, and B. Bruce Palmer.

Trestleboard

May 3: Move-Up Night - Master will be at Grand Sessions

May 17: Open Meeting
June 5: Family Picnic at Braddock Park, starting at Noon. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.
June 7: Strawberry Social, Sport Shirt Night. All Ladies are invited.

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From the Grand East

In this, my last message to you as Grand Master, I am compelled to bring up an unpleasant subject that has caused me considerable concern, especially of late - Masonic Funerals. I have received far too many letters from widows and near-relatives of deceased Brethren, each one complaining about the manner in which their request for a Masonic funeral was handled by the Lodge. In several instances, no funeral was held at all, despite a request for one. My Brothers, this must stop!

We must honor the wishes of a widow, and extend our cabletow to its limit where funerals are concerned. Believe me when I say that you would not want to receive a letter such as I did recently, that read in part: "You can imagine our disappointment and disbelief when there was no Masonic service held for (her husband). I can think of no greater insult which your Lodge bestowed upon my husband. I am outraged at the lack of respect shown to him." Frankly, I was outraged, too.

In this case, as with the others, I immediately contacted the District Deputy, and directed him to make contact with the Worshipful Master and with the widow. The usual response, to these inquiries, indicates not so much a willful disobedience to Masonic custom as a simple failure to carry out a Masonic duty. And remember, a few weeks after a death is too late to make amends for a failure to act.

So, Worshipful Masters, let us be sure that you and your Lodge are never involved in one of these incidents. Aside from the serious failure to perform a Masonic obligation, the widow's strong feelings are usually carried beyond the immediate family's anger, and can result in a major local public image problem for the Craft.

Funeral Service Edict

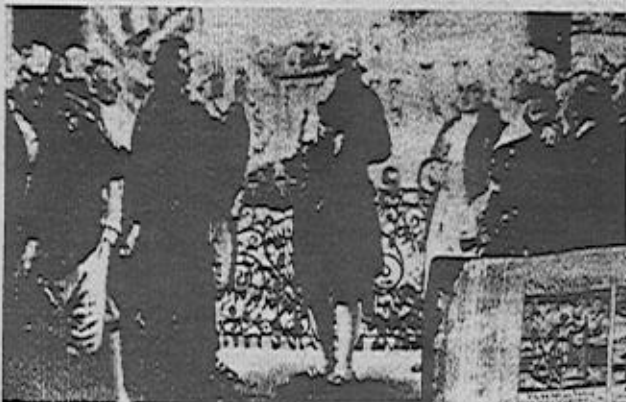
In a separate but related situation, I have just issued my second, and last, edict - mandating the use of a revised Masonic Funeral Service. This culminates many months of work by seven Grand Chaplains, and many years of thought by dedicated Freemasons. To those who may not be familiar with this process, an edict has the full force of Masonic law. Its violation subjects the offender to Masonic discipline. All of this is by way of saying that we are dealing with a serious matter. The proper conduct of an approved Masonic funeral service, as noted above is an important part of our fraternal life.

The Last Word

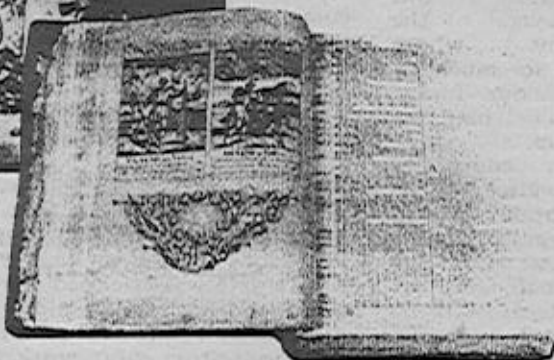
Let us end on a positive note. The most effective Masonic communication is the individual Freemason's good daily behavior, with his family, in his business, in his community. Let us continue to communicate Freemasonry!

To all of you, my gratitude and thanks for helping us in our programs these past two years. Each of you has helped in some way, be it small or large, as it has been a team effort. Your contribution to this effort is deeply appreciated by me. Keep up the good work on behalf of our incoming Grand Master.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Robert Singer
Grand Master



Masons, families and friends are invited to witness the re-enactment of the first inauguration of George Washington as President of the United States. The event will take place at noon, on the steps of Federal Hall, Broad and Wall Streets, as did the actual event 199 years ago.



Pictured at right is the Bible, borrowed from the altar of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, upon which the oath of office was administered by Chancellor Robert R Livingston, then Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.



Spotlight on: The Computer Advisory Committee



The objective of this committee is to provide strategic direction and support for all Grand Lodge Computer projects. The Committee consists of nine members who are engaged at various levels of participation in ongoing projects. This participation includes, project management, programming, and advisory support.

Several projects are currently underway.

1. **Registry/Empire State Mason System** - This is the basic membership record. This current system replaces the old Empire State Mason mailing list and the Lodge Secretaries Annual Return, combining both into one. Programming and data conversion are complete. The 1987 Annual Return was generated by this system. Many thanks are due to the Lodge Secretaries for their concerted effort and assistance in providing membership updates and corrections; also to Committeemen and current Secretaries of their respective Lodges, Right Worshipful Julian Arm and Worshipful August Gabel, who are not only managing the system but are in the process of redesigning the REGISTRY/ESM form. Incidentally, they favor the old color card format.

2. **Brotherhood Fund** - This is a newly-initiated project whereby contributions to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory from the Brotherhood Fund will be expeditiously posted, Thank You letters promptly mailed, and management and statistical reporting made readily available. Thanks are in order to Committeeman Right Worshipful Neal Bidnick for providing the project management and to the Sixth Manhattan District for funding and support.

3. **Grand Lodge/Trustees Accounting System** - This project provides the Grand Lodge and Trustees with a system to automate the financial records of the respective organizations. The Computer Advisory Committee is participating in an advisory role to the Finance Committee and the Accounting Manager, Mrs. Nancy Pura, in our dealings with software vendors so as to insure adhesion to strategic standards.

4. **Masonic Lodge/Secretary System** - In the near future, the Committee will be able to offer a personal system for Lodge Secretaries who are not yet computer literate but wish to use a computer to reduce the drudgery of mundane tasks and to have fun with a new learning experience. This program will maintain the Lodge mailing list, issue dues notices, track payments, Budget to actual tracking of expenses, 25-, 50- and 60-year awards, dates and present Annual Return data for corroboration with the Grand Lodge Annual Return. Documentation is currently being prepared and will be officially released in the Fall, initially at the Regional Seminars and then probably through Lodge Sales. If requested, a diskette would be made available from Registry, containing the entire membership of a Lodge with members addresses for startup purposes, thereby reducing the necessity for data keying.

Once the basic Grand Lodge functions are computerized, future areas of Committee involvement would include providing Lodge Sales with a computer support system, and looking into a modem telephone hook-up with the Registry/ESM system so that selected fields could be updated by Secretaries directly. The possible list is limitless.

RW William R. Haug
Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

X = Grand Master Attending
0 = Deputy Grand Master Attending

MAY		
2-4	XO	207th Annual Grand Lodge Communication, Niagara Falls (Grand Masters' Schedule only below)
7	X	Testimonial Dinner, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, State of NY, Royal Arch Masons Grand Prospect Hall, Brooklyn
9	X	Charles W. Mead Lodge No. 862, Schenectady
12	X	Washington Lodge No. 85, Albany
13-14	X	State-Wide Reunion, AASR, Utica
15-17	X	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Providence
18	X	Fultonville Lodge No. 531
21	X	Masonic Family and Sports Night, Buffalo Bisons Pilot Field, Buffalo
22	X	Erie County Masters and Wardens Association Breakfast, Buffalo
31	X	Erie County - Grand Lodge Announcement Dinner, Buffalo

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GERMANIA LODGE
No. 722
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:
Spring is here, and I hope that the better weather will bring out more Brethren to Lodge. Many of the Snowbirds have returned or are about to from the warmer climes, and we welcome them back, hoping they had a good winter.

I am also looking forward to Grand Lodge which will be held in Niagara Falls this year. I have made all my reservations, gotten confirmation on some, and awaiting confirmation on others. My wife and I are really excited about Grand Lodge, and I'm sure it will live up to my expectations or exceed them.

The Supreme Architect of our universe has seen fit to call one of our Brothers home, and all the members of Germania Lodge #722 F&AM wish to express our sympathy to the family of Milton A. (Bumps) DeLorm.

Congratulations are again in order to Nelson Bertch, our Senior Warden, for being the top winner in the Masonic Fishing Derby. R.W. Larry Geith, 2nd Monroe DDGM, attended our April 27 meeting to present a certificate to our Lodge on Nelson's behalf for winning this contest.

Harold Bollotin, Chairman of the Monroe Masonic Community Service Committee, asked me if he could also attend our April 27 meeting with a proposal for our Lodge.

As you can see, we are trying to make our meetings as meaningful and interesting as possible - now it's up to you - how about letting us count you as one of the Brethren on the sidelines?

Birthday wishes to all who are celebrating this month.

Fraternally,
W.M. Oscar Reber
Germania Lodge #722

Trestleboard
May 7: Bowling Party, Ladies Invited
May 11: Regular Meeting, Report on Grand Lodge



**What Is
The U.C.C. Of E.?**

The Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers, Inc., had its beginning in Chicago, Illinois. Chicago Council No. 1, considered the mother council, was organized in October, 1894, by a group of Masonic Engineers who felt, and rightly so, that by being organized they could help themselves by better education, elevation, and the relief of their necessities.

Other cities had similar groups and organizations, and realizing that in unity there is strength, banded together in 1903 to form the U.C.C. of E., Inc., in Cleveland, Ohio, and articles of incorporation were drawn and a charter issued by the State of Ohio.

A portion of the third article of incorporation read as follows:

"The purpose for which said corporation is formed is for the better education, improvement, and elevation of engineers and craftsmen in the Masonic Fraternity - to bring such members of the craft into closer contact individually, to comfort and relieve the necessities, to promote and maintain the best interests of its membership - intellectually - morally - socially, and materially."

The clear, concise thinking of our forbears in the year 1903, in terms of unity, is of greater importance today and will be much more so in the years to come due to our ever-changing world conditions.

The U.C.C. of E., Inc., is the most democratic organization associated with Masonry. Its membership is composed of Consulting Engineers, Electrical Engineers, Chemical Engineers, Chief Engineers, Master Mechanics, Operating Engineers, and in fact, anyone connected with the Engineering Profession in any degree. All Craftsmen meet on the level for mutual discussion of their problems - Politics and Religion excepted. Many problems have been solved on the council floor because of our

diversified membership which result in help to one another.

The organization or Grand Council is composed of Constituent Councils located in principal cities scattered over the length and breadth of the United States and Canada.

The organization is expanding rapidly, several new councils being in the making at the present time.

The two requirements for membership in the U.C.C. of E., Inc., are, first, that the candidate be a Master Mason in good standing in a regularly constituted lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons or Free and Accepted Masons; second, that he is connected with the Engineering Profession to some degree.

Each constituent council is complete in itself, abiding by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Ritual of the Grand Council.

Councils in the same geographical location are grouped together into Districts. Each District meets once or more a year to discuss and transact business for the betterment of the entire organization, and to elect a District Deputy Grand Worthy Chief. Such actions taken are then taken up at Grand Council Convention for the ratification or rejection by the Grand Body. These District Meetings also become the occasion for social affairs permitting members of various cities to get better acquainted.

A Group Insurance Plan is in effect which is available to any member who desires to protect his income if he becomes sick or has an accident. Another plan provides medical payments for treatment of perilous diseases. Both policies cover loss of life. Due to the nature of our organization, the cost of insurance is extremely low.

At the 1952 Convention held in the City of New York, a Scholarship Fund was established for the benefit of the Sons, Daughters, Grandsons and Granddaughters of members in good standing and for the same grouping of members who were in good standing at the time of their demise.

At the 63rd Annual Convention held in August, 1967, at Providence, R.I., an Endowment fund was created. The Fund was created for a permanent capital fund to provide for the welfare of the U.C.C. of E. This Fund is listed as the Joe Paton Endowment Fund, and only the profits of this fund can be used after the sum of \$25,000.00 has been reached. A committee of five members from the Grand Council was formed to control this fund.

The Grand Council meets in convention once each year - the first week in August - in a city determined by a majority vote of the delegates two years in advance.

Each Constituent Council maintains an Educational Committee in conformity with the aims and objects of the organization. Educational programs are carried out by design, operation, and in conformity with the ideas applicable to the community in which the constituent council is located. Some of these ideas take the form of - Lectures by well qualified authorities - motion pictures pertaining to the manufacture of various

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1st Monroe District

The Eleventh Hour Appeal

"The light at the end of the tunnel is in sight, from the top of the mountain the road to the valley is becoming clearer, the finish line can't be far." All of these cliches have been used time and time again to signal that a campaign is near the finish. Now that our campaign is near completion, it is time to reflect on how well we have done and what needs to be accomplished in our final month.

First, let's take a look at where we are at the eleventh hour in the First Monroe. The following statistics cover a period from June 1987 through the end of March, 1988. It consists of contributions received at Grand Lodge and copies of individual Lodge reports sent to me by Brotherhood Chairmen.

	1987	1988
Total Contributions	\$28,724.50	\$15,641.15
Number of Contributors	915	584
Total # Possible Contributors	2775	2718
Percentage of Contributors		
Average per District Total	33%	21%

From the above table, one can easily understand that we must increase our efforts if we are to accomplish our goal and gain satisfaction that a job has been well done.

A loud "clap" and a sincere thank you must go to our Brothers who have given so generously of their finances. Our Flower City Lodge with contributions from 70% of the Brethren leads the way in supporting their Brothers and supporting Masonic charities. Several other Lodges are near last year's average and need only a little push to exceed their goal. East Rochester, Etolian, and Clio Lodges fit this profile.

Across the state the fraternity is doing very well, having climbed past the half way goal, and is well on the way to surpassing their \$2,000,000 goal set for this year's campaign. As of the end of February, the last data sent from Grand Lodge gave a tally of \$1,171,139 from 29,994 contributors of a possible 129,346, or a 23% response. This percent is slightly above the response of the First Monroe at 21%. The average contribution state wide was \$39 per Brother.

Since the race is still to be won, every Brother who has not contributed to his drive must search his own heart and support the campaign with whatever he can afford to give, large or small. All helps! Ben Franklin once was quoted as saying, "The most acceptable service to God - is to do good to his fellow man."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every Brother who has given so freely and offer my sincere hope that all Brothers who have waited for the last moment will dash off a contribution to their Brotherhood Chairman and be counted among those Brothers who can truly be honored with the Biblical quote, "Well done good and faithful servant!"

W. David Clarke
First Monroe
Brotherhood Chairman

products and engineering equipment - weekly classes provided with competent teachers and the foundation of technical libraries.

Employment Committees are a definite part of each council. The record established by the Employment Committees of the various councils has been almost beyond belief.

An Entertainment Committee is outstanding in most of the councils. As the name implies, this committee has charge of all the social events that are indulged in over the period of a normal year. Annual picnics and dinners are part of the life of each council.

Among some of the other activities indulged in is the establishment of Ceremonial Degree Teams covering our own ritual and built around this thought - "The Dignity Of Labor."

Councils having such degree teams are permitted to put on this "drama" in "tiled" Blue Lodges, for the edification and pleasure of all Master Masons, provided it meets with approval of the local jurisdiction.

Our Wives and Daughters have an auxiliary organization of their own with councils in most of the cities wherein our councils are located. They operate under their own Constitution and By-Laws and in most instances meet on the same night and in the same building as the men. After the meetings, they join with the men in various social affairs. This gives husband and wife an

opportunity to enjoy an evening out together.

The Ladies' Council also holds a Grand Convention in conjunction with the Men's Grand Council, making a pleasant way for a family to spend its vacation.

On March 26 the U.C.C. of E. welcomed Brother Engineers P. Rogers, L. Tucza, R. Meier, S. Seltzer, J. Tijou, D. Walker, R. Crotinger, P. Utz, and V. Goodrich.

The next initiation will be in June. All petitions must be submitted no later than June 3.

As the gears of time turn with no apparent wear, in the Months of April and May, some Brothers recognize their Birthday:

- 4/7 Bro. M. Zona
- 4/19 Bro. H. Chapin
- 4/30 Bro. D. Walker
- 5/24 Bro. P. Utz
- 5/28 Bro. L. Tucza
- 5/31 Bro. J. Dudley
- 5/31 Bro. J. Zona

It was announced that Brother Engineer Paul Rogers noted his birthday on 3/26 but declined to let us know what year. Although he could not recall the fall of the Roman Empire, he does know who our President was in 1957.

Brother Harry Chapin is 90 years young as of April 19 and will be at our next meeting.

Fraternally,
Michael Zona
Trestleboard

Next Communication
May 7 at 1:00 P.M.; time and place to be announced in the usual manner.

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UNION STAR LODGE
No. 320
2nd Monday

Our Second Degree was a success due to the efforts of our Officers and our Junior Warden, W. Gordon Macaulay, who occupied the East. I would like to personally thank the Brethren from Henrietta Lodge for their assistance in the Degree, especially W. Larry Miller, who did a superb job on the second section, and W. Lloyd Weston assisting as a conductor, and R.W. Chick Becker for serving as Chaplain (while our permanent Chaplain, W. Jackson Valley, was sunning himself in Florida) and a welcome surprise of Roger McCaughey who occupied the organ, which has only been played twice since 1983.

Our Third Degree will be on May 9, dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. I would like to open Lodge at 6:00 P.M. so that we can get right into the Degree at 7:30 P.M. Please call my office at 624-3840 for reservations. I would appreciate if all the Past Masters and local Brethren would attend this Degree and welcome our new Brethren.

Fraternally,
W. Paul Spillane
Master

Trestleboard
May 5: Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.

ETOLIAN LODGE
No. 479
2nd and 4th Mondays

**Toronto Visit
Great Success
For Installation**

The month of March did see Brothers Richard Cordari, Gary Means, and Richard Rollo receive more light in Masonry as will April.

Our annual visit to Toronto for the Installation of the Master and his Officers was a great success, with six Officers and five Past Masters crossing the border.

Greetings from Toronto are now being relayed to Etolian members and friends. W. Bro. Hans Sanders informs me that Stanley Lodge is planning a Gala Event for our 41st visit on October 17, so please set this date aside and help me show our gratitude.

My special thanks to Wor. Bro. Jim Stuewe for his excellent chauffeuring as we made it from Point A to Point B and back to Point A in good time. Brothers Dennis Hoffman and Garnet Rollo proved once more their mastery of the game of Euchre as Brothers Ruel Lovett and Harold Ketchum soon learned.

May 9: Open Lodge 6:00 P.M.; Dinner 6:30 P.M.; Degree 7:30 P.M.

Our sympathy goes to the families of Brothers Emil Schwarz and Reginald McFee who have passed to that eternal place in the heavens on March 17, 1988 and April 6, 1988.

Our get-well wishes go out to Brothers Russ Ashman, Ed Prevost, Dick Owens, and John McLian. Fraternally Yours,
Master Norman Rollo
Trestleboard
May 3-6: Grand Session, Niagara Falls
May 9: Move-Up Night, Tiler Wor. Ed. Gillott
May 23: Chicken Pot Pie Dinner

HENRIETTA LODGE
No. 526
1863  1988
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Ham Dinner:

**Open To The
Public On
May 7th**

Brethren:

Our regular communication on April 12 was highlighted by the presentation of two "Life Memberships" to Brothers Charles F. Doty and Warner W. Zornow. Brothers William A. Kuhls and Stanley R. Emerson were not available to attend the presentation but will receive their certificates in the near future. In addition, a 50-Year Membership Certificate and Pin were presented to Worshipful Howard I. Wilde. Worshipful Brother Wilde is a Past Master of Henrietta Lodge, presiding as Master in 1944. I sincerely want to congratulate all the recipients of the awards once again and hope that they continue to have many wonderful years as active Masons and that they come back again and again to visit the Lodge and their Brothers. We all hope and trust you will be able to collect more of these awards in the coming years. The meeting was open for the wives to attend and witness the presentation of the awards. It added a lot to the evening to have our ladies present and enjoy part of the evening with us.

The meeting was preceded by a delicious swiss steak dinner prepared and served by the "Dirty Napkin" Club from Northfield Lodge #426. This was led by Linda Zahn who did a wonderful job. Thanks a lot, Linda. I appreciate you doing this for me. There were approximately 50 people in attendance, and everyone enjoyed the meal. The dinner was open to wives and family, which added greatly to the atmosphere of the evening. Brother Harry Holcombe was present with 7 other members in his party. It was Harry's 97th Birthday, and he has been in Masonry 63+ years. Congratulations, and once again, Happy Birthday to you, Harry. We all were happy to help you celebrate this special occasion.

Henrietta Lodge hosted the second School of Ritual for 1988. The subject was

the Second Degree. Henrietta officers performed very well from the Beginning to the Obligation, where East Rochester Lodge #1020 completed the Obligation to the End of the first section of the Fellowcraft Degree. A special "Job Well Done" to my Senior Warden, Gary Mastrella, who was in the East for the evening. Thank you to all who participated in the Degree work and all those who helped with setup, cleanup, and refreshments for the evening.

Congratulations to those Brothers of Henrietta Lodge who celebrate their natural Birthday during the month of May. This includes Brothers Charles B. Grimm, Harold W. Gruschow, Alfred M. Rodgers, and William Van Hall. Also, Congratulations to those who celebrate their Masonic Birthday when they were raised. This includes Brothers George W. Barker, William C. Cobb, Eric H. Hurrell, Norman J. Johnstone, Albert E. Lingard, Gary P. Mastrella, Robert D. McHargue, Donald A. Miller, Lawrence C. Miller, Lawrence A. Miller, Stuart A. Oakley, David C. Place, George M. Plumb, James E. Rauber, Michael P. Rauber, Warren H. Reeve, Alfred M. Rodgers, Kenneth J. Seen, Paul A. Snell, Harold Stenzel, and Louis C. Timm. Congratulations to all of you, Birthday Brethren, and many happy returns.

On April 11, 1988, W. Larry Miller gave a splendid rendition of the Middle Chamber Lecture at Union Star #320 in Honeoye Falls. Br. Roger McCaughey also rendered his services at the organ to enhance the performance of the Degree. Thank you to both of you hard working Brothers sharing your time and talents for others to benefit.

April 16 was the Masonic Grand Ball held at the Rochester Plaza. Your Lodge was represented by the Master and Wardens along with their wives. We had a wonderful evening with delicious and plentiful food and drink, enjoyable music and dancing, along with limited "short" speeches. The attendance was down somewhat from last year's ball, however. This was probably due to "bad experiences," numerous and long-winded comments. Hopefully we have learned our lesson and can now enjoy more evenings with our Ladies in Masonic friendship and brotherly love as they were meant to be enjoyed.

As was mentioned last month, Henrietta Lodge will be sponsoring a Garage and Baked Goods Sale during July. Plans are for it to be held from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Friday and Saturday and from 12:00 noon until 5:00 P.M. on Sunday of that scheduled

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weekend. We are soliciting all the donations and Help we can obtain from our members and others who wish to participate. Please call me at 334-5824 or Paul Josephson at 334-7353 for either donations and/or to volunteer your services. This will be our major fund raiser for the Lodge other than the Fellowcraft Ham Dinners. Please start collecting those "Oldies but Goodies" articles for our sale which you would like to donate and help contribute to the Lodge.

My Brothers, contributions to the Brotherhood Fund have still not been good through the month of April. I am asking once again that you consider others less fortunate and to send in a few dollars to really help those in need. Dig deep into your pockets; skip a meal and donate the cost of it as a contribution. You will feel better for it in more ways than one, believe me. It doesn't matter how much; it matters just that you gave to help support your Brothers.

By the time this article has been printed and received by the membership, I will most probably be on my way to Grand Lodge as your representative. I am looking forward to the experience and participating in many "firsts" this Grand Lodge session will be offering while in Niagara Falls, New York. I will be reporting my experiences to you in my next article. I am honored and privileged to represent my Lodge in this official Masonic event for the year.

May 7, 1988 (Saturday evening) Henrietta Fellowcraft will sponsor a Ham Dinner served family style (as always) from 4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Adults \$4.50, and Children 12 or under \$2.50. The Public is invited. Bring your friends and neighbors out for a delicious meal at a low cost. This is always a great event and you don't go away hungry. (If you do, it's your own fault.) Good Food, Good Fellowship, and a Good Time. Tickets may be obtained at the door or from any member of Henrietta Fellowcraft Club. Fraternally,
Ted L. Diehl
Master

Trestleboard
May 2: Fellowcraft Meeting
May 7: Ham Dinner at Lodge, sponsored by Fellowcraft Club
May 9: Regular Meeting (Report on Grand Lodge at Niagara Falls)
May 16: Fellowcraft Meeting
May 23: Regular Meeting (Program to be determined.)
May 30: Fellowcraft Worknight
June 6: Fellowcraft Steak Roast, 6:00 P.M. (Bring a dish to pass.)

Masonic Coordinating Committee

1988 - 1989

A few additional events have been added to this month's listing. Please submit any dates for events to the Masonic Service Bureau Office or contact R.W. John Dense at 288-2990.

- May 2 Grand Master's Dinner, Niagara Falls, NY
 - May 3-4 Grand Lodge - Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 - May 8 Canandaigua V.A. Visit
 - May 9 Shrine PM Degree Team at Honeoye Falls
 - May 11 O.E.S. Grand Matron's Visit
 - May 19 Scottish Rite Elections and Installation
 - May 21 Masters and Wardens - Northfield Lodge
 - May 26 Inter-Lodge Fellowship, Red Wing Night
 - May 26 PM Supper Club
 - May 31 Retiring Grand Lodge Officers Dinner - Webster Golf Club
 - June 3 Interlodge Fellowship Boat Cruise
 - June 3 O.E.S. District Deputy Grand Matron - Homecoming
 - June 4 Inter Lodge Fellowship: Golf Tournament
 - June 11 Genesee York Rite College
 - June 12 Homecoming for M.E. Hal Miller
 - June 17 O.E.S. - District Grand Lecturer Homecoming
 - June 18-19 St. John's Day - Utica
 - July 8-10 Council of Deliberation, AASR - Pines
 - July 23 O.E.S. Oriskany Pilgrimage
 - Aug. 13 Grotto Stag and Doe Roast
 - Aug. 20 Police and Fire Sq. Club Steak Roast
 - Aug. 25-27 Grand Council Cryptic Masons - Albany
 - Aug. 26 Scottish Rite Outing
 - Sep. 5 Tall Cedars - Muscular Dystrophy Telethon
 - Sep. 10 Genesee York Rite College
 - Sep. 11 Canandaigua V.A. Visit
 - Sep. 16-18 Grand Commandery, K.T. - Niagara Falls
 - Sep. 23 O.E.S. Associate Grand Sentinel Homecoming
 - Sep. 23 School of Ritual - Wakan-Hubbard Lodge
 - Sep. 24 Masters and Wardens - Wakan-Hubbard Lodge
 - Sep. 25-29 Supreme Council, AASR
 - Oct. 7 Apron Presentation - Burgundy Basin Inn
 - Oct. 9 Canandaigua V.A. Visit
 - Oct. 11-13 O.E.S. Grand Chapter, Niagara Falls
 - Oct. 21 Scottish Rite Ladies Nite
 - Oct. 22 Masters and Wardens - Churchville Lodge
 - Oct. 25 O.E.S. District Banquet
 - Oct. 26 Grand Lodge Convention
 - Oct. 30 Interfaith Service and Breakfast
 - Nov. 3 Scottish Rite Family Night
 - Nov. 5 Grotto Monarchs Ball
 - Nov. 13 Canandaigua V.A. Visit
 - Nov. 17-19 Scottish Rite Reunion
 - Nov. 19 Masters and Wardens, Webster Lodge
 - Nov. 29 Orientation Seminar
 - Dec. 1 Scottish Rite Awards Night
 - Dec. 3 Inter Lodge Fellowship - Festival of Lights
 - Dec. 28 Joint Investiture
 - Feb. 25, 1989 Widows Luncheon at Logan's
 - Apr. 15, 1989 Reception for Grand High Priest - Royal Arch Masons
 - May 20, 1989 Lodge # 797 - 100th Anniversary and 75th Anniversary of Visitation of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, GRC - Grand Master in Attendance, Woodcliff Lodge
- Fraternally,
R.W. John Dense
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FLOWER CITY LODGE
No. 910
2nd Tuesday

**April Meeting
Great Success**

Greetings Brethren:
Our April meeting exceeded all expectations. Those Brothers and friends who attended received a special treat. W. Bro. Russell Herner put on a very interesting presentation. Questions from the floor were thought-provoking and interesting.

I am preparing for Grand Lodge at this time. Any Brother wishing to attend may do so this year. The only requirement is a paid up dues card. Plan to attend.

We were co-hosts with Frank L. Simes on April 22 for the School of Ritual. Thanks to the fine work of our Officers, we kept up the tradition of performing our ritual in grand style. A big thank you to W. Bro. David Averbach as Senior Warden, Bro. Richard Friedman as Junior Warden, and W. Bro. Gordon Dodge for the key role of Sr. Deacon.

On May 31 there will be a dinner for the Retiring Grand Lodge Officers. This will mark the end of a great year. Most notable is the work of our own R.W. Gerald Glaser. Gerry has been tireless in his efforts to better our fraternity. He has inspired and motivated us to do more than we ourselves thought we could. We all owe Gerry a tribute of thanks for his unselfish efforts. Plan now to attend this dinner.

In June the Fellowcraft Club will hold its Annual Steak Roast. Contact Bro. Gordon Dodge and lend a hand.

Fraternally,
John T. Keller
Master

Trestleboard
May 3-4: Grand Lodge, Niagara Falls. Everyone Invited! Paid up dues card gets you in.
May 10: Regular Meeting; exemplification of the Second Degree
May 31: Dinner for Retiring Grand Lodge Officers, Webster Country Club, Roast Beef Dinner, \$13, tickets from either Phil Averbach or myself.
June: Fellowcraft Club Steak Roast
July: Lodge Picnic



The Way It Was!

Left to Right: M.E. Harold R. Miller, Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons in New York State, with R.W. Myron L. Dox, Past DDGM of the First Monroe District; R.W. Frederick A. Stahl, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies; R.W. John T. Skalny, Past DDGM of the Second Monroe District.

**The Year Was
1974**

By R.W. John Skalny

M.E. Harold R. Miller, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York and his wife, Kay, spent a busy and enjoyable afternoon in Lake Worth, Florida, on Monday, February 22, 1988.

A nice group of Masons residing in Florida were in attendance on the Gulf Stream Temple, where M.E. Hal spoke enthusiastically about Masonry in general and the future. Brother Ronald J. Bertie and his wife accompanied M.E. Hal.

It was rare indeed when 3 1974 Rt. Worshipfuls could meet with M.E. Hal Miller many miles from home base, Rochester.

During 1974 M.E. Hal was Master of Seneca Lodge #920. When R.W. Myron L. Dox was DDGM of the First Monroe District, R.W. Frederick A. Stahl was Grand Director of Ceremonies and R.W. John Skalny was DDGM of the Second Monroe District.

Many pleasant memories of the Masonic Year, 1974, were discussed, especially the participation in the 193rd Annual Communication on May 7, 8, and 9 in New York City.

M.E. Hal was the Chairman on Arrangements of all the 1974 Masters and their wives while in the Big Apple. What a job he did!

Our speaker at the Grand Master's Dinner to the Late Most Worshipful Lloyd S. Cochran was the then Vice President and Brother Gerald R. Ford, Jr.

President Ford was presented the Masonic Distinguished Achievement Medal at the dinner. Accompanying the honored guest from Washington, D.C., to New York City was Congressman and R.W. Frank Horton.

From R.W. Hal's remarks the audience gathered he has covered thousands of

miles in many states spreading the positive about "Masonry in Work."

**Past Masters
Degree Team**
Merle

The Degree at Valley Lodge was done in great style, with a goodly number of members out. Thanks to all@jusatoff;

The schedule has changed some:

- 5/9: Honeoye Falls Dinner
 - 5/12: Genesee Falls Dinner
 - 5/19: Bergen Dinner
 - 5/24: Monroe Lodge Dinner
- Duane Manchester has had surgery at Park Ridge Hospital and should be home by the second week of April. Send a card to cheer him up.

**FAME LODGE
No. 945**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren:

The turning of the seasons is regularly heralded by northbound flights of creatures heading toward their ancestral summer feeding grounds. So to is it with Fame Lodge where the coming of spring means the return of the fabled Rochester Sunbird. In a more serious vein, a hearty welcome to all of you who wintered in the Southland. I hope to see you all at Lodge in the near future.

In March the Lodge put on a Second Degree, with the Middle Chamber Lecture presented by W. Joe Kovac. As ever, Worshipful Brother Joe provided a stirring rendition of this lecture. Joe Sapienza, currently the Senior Warden, presided over the ceremonies. He performed most creditably and capably.

I would again remind you of the importance of the Brotherhood Fund and would urge you to contribute.

Fame Lodge will be in attendance at Ancient Craft's Third Degree on Wednesday, April 20. As our candidate will be raised on that evening, I would hope that a large contingent from our Lodge will be present. W. Bob Lauth has made assurances of the most delicious of Roast Beef Dinners beforehand.

Wishing you all health and happiness.
Michael J. Bell

**MONROE LODGE
No. 173**

Charter Granted 1850

**W. Mel Doverspike
Receives York Rite
Gold Honor Award**

K.C. Campbell, Master

In prehistoric times, cavemen had a custom of beating the ground with clubs and uttering spine-chilling cries. Scientists call this a primitive form of self-expression.

Modern men go through the same ritual. We call it golf!

Ah, Brethren - 'tis the season! Another upstate New York winter is history.

Well, let's see - what transpired in March that you should know about in April, and what's going to happen in May?

First, there may be some of you who never received your March issue of the Monroe Masonic News. All I can tell you is there were quite a few, not the least of which was R.W. Bob Rudman, and he runs it! I heard him grumbling something to the effect that he was going to "fix it!"

March 12 was our Joint Lodge Ladies Night held at the Lodge On The Green. About 200 attended. Monroe #173 hosted twenty. There was Junior Warden Zack Lee with a table of ten, and the rest of us.

March 14, our very own Mary Jane Holmes Chapter #440, OES, held Master Mason Night. The ladies did their usual outstanding job with the dinner finishing with the most fattening pie you ever saw. This year's theme was based on St. Patrick's Day, though some of the Brothers expressed disappointment when Jeanie Brundage didn't give her annual impression of Gilliam, snoring in the South. We had a turnout of eleven Brothers. This wasn't bad, considering Matron Donna Laundry didn't tell us about it. Word leaked through Mel "Maxwell House" Doverspike, and we got on the telephone.

March 15, a meeting was held to formalize the new Fellowcraft Club. Tommy Rauber chaired the meeting. More information will be forthcoming as things firm up. The room is informally in operation, as are the newly refurbished pool tables. Let me set a scene for you concerning the tables. It's just before Lodge, and the Brothers are gathered about. Tom Rauber picks up a cue to shoot one of the very first games. "Duffs" the top of the cue ball - feigns embarrassment. Lodge opens - exit stage left. Lodge is over - Tom is back at the table trying to pick up a game of eight-ball for a couple of bucks. No takers. Tom shrugs, racks 'em, runs off fifteen, puts on his coat, and goes home! What was the name of the movie? "The Hustler?"

March 19 was the semi-annual Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner chaired by Mel Doverspike, with Bob Rudman in the kitchen and lots of assistance from various KP pushers. Ladies from Mary Jane Holmes helped serve. We had a paid attendance of 100, which was down slightly from our previous dinners.

March 22 was the First Degree for three candidates, with Jr. Warden Zack Lee in the East. Nice job, Zack. By the way, you should see Zack in his brand new tux. That's something else returning to Monroe #173, the wearing of the tux.

So much for March, Brethren. I didn't realize it was so busy till I put it on paper.

Slipping into a time warp, we have one more antique to recover that some of you may remember. It's a large couch with a movable back seat that's been out of service and "in hiding" for twenty years or so. Professor, and Brother, Richard Castner from SUNY Brockport identified it as being from the late 19th or early 20th Century. He indicated it appeared to be of Biedermier design or manufacture, which is the European equivalent of Morris and Mission furniture in the United States. It will probably be a month or two before this is restored, and then we won't be able to afford its original leather. The frame is oak.

Professor Castner also tells us that the exposed brick wall in the "dance studio" is in the style known as "Flemish Bond." This is distinguishable by noting that every six rows of bricks in ascending order are laid end to end with the seventh row being the small ends or butts. The use of mortar is very generous. This creates a stronger bond, in the "Low Country Manner." Brother Castner's avocation is antiques, and he is quite knowledgeable.

Still into antiques, W. Jim Wilkins presented the Lodge with a square and compass emblazoned with working tools. We put it into a shadow box that measures about 18" x 12", and installed it on the front of the Masters Podium. Jim found it at an auction. I always envy people who find these treasures at auctions. I find worn-out tools and car seats. Thanks, Jim!

Scottish Rite Night last month was a success in that four Brothers decided to join the A.A.S.R. during the April festival to be held at the Temple. They are "Lou" Brice, Eugene Groves, Neil Laundry, and Jim Wilkins.

W. Jay McCullough has a major part in the 20th Degree. This represents 25% of the total class. Hopefully, the April 12 York Rite Night, will prove equally successful. Also, during the April 12 York Rite Night, our Chaplain of three years and Past Master, W. Melvin Doverspike, received the first annual York Rite "Gold Honor Award." This is an award targeted to an individual who has given outstanding service and dedication to his Lodge and Masonry. The recipient is nominated by the '87 Master. Congratulations, Mel - and well-deserved!

Two dates the Brothers should be aware of for planning purposes:

June 11 - is the Bicycle Rodeo, with details to be announced.

August 20 - is the annual picnic to be held, once again, at "Rudman's by the Lake."

Question: How many coats of polyurethane does it take to seal a dance studio floor? For the answer, see or call W. Jay McCullough!

Trestleboard
May 10: Meeting
May 24: Shrine 3rd Degree Team

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Ark Lodge No. 33 Geneva, New York Will Build A New Masonic Temple

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area Lodges. William E. Loftus, Sr., was the charter Master. This was a major Masonic change on the fraternal scene in Geneva.

Mrs. W.W. Hopkins, great granddaughter of W. Richard Hogarth, presented an oil portrait of Hogarth for the lodge room. He was Master of Ark Lodge for fourteen years and kept the Lodge going during the stormy period 1826-1845.

The Rev. Dr. and Bro. Murray Bartlett, President of Hobart College, served as Ark Lodge Chaplain, 1921, 1922. He was the only 33rd Degree Mason in Geneva Masonic history, and a dedicated Brother.

Rev. Dr. and Rt. Worshipful Joseph Fort Newton, author of *The Builders*, addressed the Geneva Masons June 14, 1926. He had received an honorary degree from Hobart College earlier that day. Newton was the most celebrated Freemason to visit the city of Geneva over the years.

Peak Geneva Masonic Membership was in 1928 with Ark Lodge 668 and Geneva Lodge 207 for a total of 875 Brothers. They used the new temple to the fullest in all compartments of the building from attic to basement. The four bowling lanes were busy every day of the week. Saturday night suppers to hundreds (for sixty cents) were served by the Geneva Masonic Club. The fraternal "smoker" was in style, and fraternalism was running fast. The Club was the social group to belong to in Geneva society.

In other cities, elaborate Masonic Temples were being built and dedicated: Rochester, Ithaca, Syracuse, and Buffalo. Freemasonry was in high gear. On the local scene, R.W. Charles B. Guile, DDGM, was the most active Brother. He personally conducted about one hundred Masonic Prayer Services.

1929-1939

The stock market crash hit in 1929 and plunged upstate communities into severe unemployment and economic recession. The fraternities adapted. Automatic life memberships were discontinued. Many members took demits and NPD's. These were lean years, and lodge secretaries struggled to keep their memberships intact.

(to be continued)

The Editor's Expanded Corner ... The Passing of the Temple

It seems to me the final communication in the old Geneva Masonic Temple will be a longtime memory for many who attended. The old guard of the Ontario Seneca Yates District leadership supported in strength. For them, the event was more than just another meeting. It was a reminder that still another temple was passing out of the fraternity. "The old order changeth, yielding place to new." (Tennyson) The Geneva Freemasons appreciate their fraternal cooperation.

R.W. Charles C. Kysor, Senior Grand Warden, came from Gowanda, Cattaraugus County, to share the concern of our Grand Master, and bring greetings. His remarks focused on the need of all Freemasons to place greater emphasis on the spiritual aspects of our Craft than the physical structures in which

they meet. The three great lights with the obligations of commitment should be our prime concern. Bro. Kysor was accompanied by W. Norman H. Selle of Ellicottville Lodge 307.

The evening program was enjoyed with musical selections by the Lake Effect Harmony Barbershop Quartet. With Jewell Hara at the organ and Bro. A.M. Learned directing a singalong, everyone had a chance to participate. Singing Auld Lang Syne brought more than several misty eyes. Masonic temples do have their personalities, and our Geneva Greek Revival building is no exception.

Clothed with his own 44-year-old lambskin apron, the lodge/district historian tried to do justice to the occasion by reviewing highlights of the seventy year period 1918-1988. Freemasonry in Geneva began in 1807 with the charter of Ark Lodge 160-33. Twenty-five years later in 1832 the Dutch Reformed Church was built corner of William and South Main Streets. The Village of Geneva had three thousand people. The Seneca Turnpike between Utica and Canandaigua, as well as the Erie Canal, were busy. Nine clergymen occupied the pulpit in this church. But with financial woes, the church closed in 1885. The Roman Catholic Churches in Geneva occupied "Old Dutch" as a parish hall and parochial school until the building was purchased by the Geneva Freemasons for \$11,000.

Thousands of Masonic Brothers and Sisters called this historic building their fraternal home. More than 1400 communications were held by each of the two Masonic Lodges, Ark 33 and Geneva 965. Twelve Masonic related organizations met there over the years. At least 130 Worshipful Masters occupied the oriental chair in the East during the 70 years. Many community based groups held a wide variety of activities within its walls. The Masonic Temple on South Main Street was the social center of the Queen City of the Finger Lakes ... a building dedicated to God for 181 years.

The historian closed his remarks by announcing a gift of one thousand dollars to the memory of the late Frank A. LaPointe. He was Ark Lodge Master in 1917, first president of the Geneva Masonic Temple Corporation 1916-1932, and Ark Lodge Honor Roll. This memorial was given by Wor. Bro. and Mrs. Howard C. Fish, Ridgecrest, California, the son-in-law and daughter of Frank LaPointe. A hearty applause followed.

The thoughtfulness of Howard and Jean Fish is very much appreciated. The Master announced this initial donation will serve to establish the New Temple Building Fund. He then rapped his gavel at 10:24 P.M. for the last time, and Freemasonry in the old temple came to an end.

A new era is dawning ... the gates of opportunity are opening ... a better fraternal future awaits. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

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SHRINE LUNCHEON CLUB



May, 1988

Meets every Monday
12:00 noon
Masonic Temple Basement
875 Main Street East

May Chairman: Frank Jansson

May 2: Rochester Association of Performing Arts, Judi Andreano, Director

May 9: Rochester One Stop Travel, Debbie Vollertson

May 16: Bean-Edwardson Piano Service, Rob Edwardson

May 23: Handlers Marketing, Thomas W. Gamble

May 30: No Meeting! Memorial Day

The above speakers are from businesses who rent space in our Temple. I thought this would be a great opportunity for us to learn about them and for them to know that we are grateful to have them as tenants.

Please Note!! The Shrine Club Annual Picnic will be held on June 6 at Braddock State Park. Ladies are invited and asked to bring a dish to pass. Tickets will be available soon, and if you wish further information please contact:

Chapin Blake, Chairman, at 381-2191
or
President William Staples at 248-5286

HESPERUS

Lodge 837

Bergen, N.Y.

First & Third Thursday

Bro. Fred Cook Is Honored By NY Grand Lodge

Dear Brethren:

It's time again for another news update on the Lodge activities. First of all I must apologize to anybody who came out for the Baked Ham Dinner on April 24, which was cancelled because of a conflicting community activity.

April 7 we had our Past Masters Night with W. Richard Sands conducting the Lodge from the East; R.W. Richard Pringle, Senior Warden; R.W. Holden Miller, Junior Warden; R. W. Stuart Lambein, Secretary; W. Ken Barrons, Treasurer; W. Robert Hebner, Organist; W. Harris Busmire, Senior Deacon; R.W. Robert McVean, Chaplain; and myself as Junior Deacon.

R.W. McVean had the honor of presenting Brother Fred Cook with a Fifty-Year Certificate and Pin from Grand Lodge. As a matter of fact, it was fifty years to the day. Brother Cook was raised on April 7, 1938, here at Hesperus Lodge. Congratulations again to Brother Fred Cook. Under Sickmess and Distress:

Again our hearts are touched with sadness. On March 27 Brother John Hart passed away. Brother Hart has been a long time friend to many in our community and a faithful member of Hesperus. His calling by God is also a time of happiness, for eternally he will remain with Him. A Masonic Service was held at the request of his wife, with 18 Brothers present. Our altar is draped in memory of him, and our prayers to the family for his love.

On May 5 we will have a Family Social Night and Open House with a Tureen Supper starting at 6:30 P.M. Every family brings a dish to pass. Following dinner there will be an introduction of the Hesperus Officers and a short seminar about Masonry. We will then move on to the evening's program, S.A.F.E. - Substance Abuse

Free Environment, as part of a district-wide comprehensive plan to provide students with help in dealing with substance abuse and other problems facing young people. They will also present their specific plans to involve the community in this effort. The program consists of a video presentation which will be followed by a panel discussion involving students and adults.

May 19 will be a Third Degree Dinner at 6:30 P.M. The Shrine Past Masters team will conduct the Degree. Let's help support this Brother with a good turnout of Hesperus members, so come on out and give just a few hours of your time for the benefit of the craft.

Following this will be a Temple Association meeting requested by the President, W. Bruce Cooper, to discuss business of the Temple.

Saturday, May 21, will be our Chicken Barbeque starting at 4:00 P.M. Listen: you won't go home hungry here! You get a half chicken that is cooked to perfection, along with potato salad, baked beans, a roll, your choice of chocolate or white milk, and a dixie cup of ice cream for dessert, and all this for \$4.00 a complete dinner!

Action Items: Brethren, our Secretary has requested that I mention that some members have not paid their dues as of yet. Please, let's get them paid up as soon as possible.

As a reminder, George Walker Scholarship Funds will again be available this year. Any son or daughter of a Master Mason in good standing may apply by contacting R.W. Robert McVean, P.O. Box 493, Bergen, NY 14416 (716)494-1177.

Cordially and Fraternally Yours,
W. David R. Loiacano
Master

ROCHESTER LODGE No. 660 2nd Monday

Reunion And Ladies Night June 6th

Robert J. Borden, Jr.
Master

Rochester Lodge was saddened by the sudden death of Right Worshipful Brother Frank W. Fulreader, Past Grand Sword Bearer of the 2nd Monroe District, 1973-1974. The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to his wife, Henrietta, and his son, Frank W. Fulreader, Jr. Because of his wife's condition, no Masonic Service. R.W. Fulreader passed away on April 6, 1988. Brother Anthony P. Zury of Palmetto, Florida, passed away March 30, 1988, of cancer. He leaves a wife, Ida.

We hope by the time you read this we will have conferred the 1st Degree on our candidate who is in the United States Navy on a Mine Sweeper. He should have his leave before he receives his sailing orders. The Degree was on April 25. Because of the short notice, R.W. Donald Leisten will be in the East.

Congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrate their Birthday in May: Harry Langmead, now living in Florida, 5/3; Henry Jacot 5/7; William Fuhrmann 5/17; Wor. Paul Vangellow 5/17; Cornelius Behage D.S.A. 5/20; Wor. Thomas Cocking 5/20; Charles Mambretti 5/22; Henry Nixon will be 100 years old on 5/28; and Percy Klingenberg 5/30.

Rochester Lodge is having a pre-summer Reunion and Ladies Night on Monday, June 6, at the Depot Restaurant, 41 North Main Street, Pittsford. Cocktails 6:30 P.M., and Dinner at 7:30 P.M. For reservations call W.B. Tom Cocking at 436-2810 or George Adams at 244-3068. We hope this type of a dinner meets with the approval of all Lodge members. Friends are invited, so let's get together and make this a Big affair!

I hate to keep bringing this up, but we have a few members who have not paid their 1988 dues, so let's take care of this problem.

George M. Adams
Secretary

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Monroe Masonic Community Service Committee Visits Rochester General, Strong Memorial Hospitals

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Christmas Morning 1987

On Christmas morning, December 25, 1987, we made our customary annual visit to the Pediatric Wards of Rochester General Hospital and Strong Memorial Hospital. We also visited one of the Geriatric Wards at Rochester General.

The turnout of the committee volunteers was gratifying, considering the fact that it was Christmas morning. A total of 13 Brothers arrived, including 5 Shrine-Mason Clowns and a Santa Claus. The visits lasted the entire morning and into early afternoon. The Brothers who participated other than myself as "Professor Korne" from Valley Lodge were

Freddie "Charlie Chaplin" Griesmeier, Germania Lodge; William "Weary" Lafferty, Churchville Lodge; John "Hadji" Bryce, Genesee Falls Lodge (accompanied by his wife, Christine); Thomas "Bubbles" Cocking, Rochester Lodge; Thomas "Telephone Pole Climber" McHugh, Oatka Lodge; Elton "Santa Claus" Bailey, East Rochester Lodge;

Christopher Starr (guitarist and vocalist), John Robertson Lodge; Kenneth Goodrich, Craftsman Lodge; Cecil Sabin, John Robertson Lodge; Ed Zorn (Polaroid Photographer), Etolian Lodge; Roy Bruno, East Rochester Lodge; Easton Kelsey, Fairport Lodge.

A bed-to-bed tour was made of the wards. Each child was given a Polaroid picture posed with Santa. Goodies for the children were not distributed this time in compliance with the request from the Hospital Staff. Neither were gifts distributed, again upon advice from the Staff, inasmuch as the children were already loaded with gifts distributed by families, hospital staff, and other organizations. However, the wonderful Shrine-Mason Clowns performed their antics and made a multitude of balloon animals which literally filled the beds, and "Prof. Korne" performed some of his comedy magical feats. The other volunteers also helped to bring cheer and joy to the children. Chris Starr acted as a strolling troubador, singing Christmas Carols and playing his guitar throughout the halls and rooms.

The children certainly enjoyed our visit, as was evident by the smiles and laughter that resulted. (Unfortunately, some of the children were too ill to enjoy the festivities, and because of their condition some others could not be visited by advice of the Nursing Staff.) The parents who were there were very grateful and enjoyed our visit. They appreciated the beneficial effect it had on the children. In acknowledging their thanks I made it quite clear that we were Masons and that we were there on behalf of all the Masons in Monroe County.

I arranged for television coverage with both Channel

The Committee



**VALLEY LODGE
No. 109
1st and 3rd Mondays**

Dedicated Service Award W. George Francis April 18th

I wish to thank those few, but loyal, Brothers that came out to our April 4 meeting. We enjoyed an excellent presentation on

10 and 13. Regretfully Channel 13 arrived too late to cover our visit. However Channel 10 filmed a good share at Strong Memorial Hospital. But, to my disappointment, only a few seconds appeared on the 6:00 P.M. News, and nothing at 11:00 P.M. And very little mention was made that we were Masons, which I had specifically requested then to do beforehand. The same situation occurred on Christmas day in 1986. My aim in this activity is two-fold: Foremost is to entertain and bring cheer to the child patients, and in doing so to bring the name of Masonry before the general public.

On the Trestleboard I am planning to have the Committee participate in the Strong Children's Miracle Network Telethon in June, and to visit a Nursing Home in which one of our Brothers is a resident.

To close, I want to thank and express my sincere appreciation to all the Shrine-Mason Clowns and all the other Mason volunteers who gave up their Christmas morning to devote their time and energy to this most worthy project. They did a marvelous job and deserve a great deal of credit. I thank them most sincerely in behalf of my Committee in particular, and in behalf of Masonry in general.
Wor. Harold Bolotin,
Chairman

Marquetry. A Tip Of My Hat to W. Herb Spencer and Br. Jack Spencer for their sharing of knowledge and talent with us.

We enjoyed our Ladies Night at the Grand Ball on April 16. We all had a good time and meal.

We also had a special Ladies Night at the Grand Ball on April 18 when they were our guests for the presentation of the Dedicated Service Award to W. George Francis. We all enjoyed a meal by the Ladies of the Lallah Rookh Cauldron. While we had our meeting, the Ladies had an informational session on what work was required to receive this award. A Tip Of My Hat to R.W. Ralph Biggar for providing this information to the Ladies.
Fraternally,
Gary T. Caswell,
Master

Trestleboard
May 2: 6:30 P.M. Dinner, Roast Beef, reservations by April 28. Call Court Young, Jr. Warden, 381-7995. Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Brothers, this is Move-Up Night, as I will be attending Grand Lodge. Come and see your 1989 Line Officers at work. Program: Slide Show on Masonry per request of the Grand Master.
May 16: 6:30 P.M. Dinner, Swiss Steak, reservations by May 12. Call Court Young, Jr. Warden, 381-7995. Business Meeting at 7:30 P.M., Grand Lodge Report. Guest Speaker at 8:30 P.M.: How to Plan Your Travels and Summer Vacation.
May 31: 6:00 P.M. Social Hour. Dinner at 7:00 P.M. at the Webster Golf Club. Brothers and Ladies: You are invited to attend this dinner for the Retiring Grand Lodge Officers (\$13.00 per person). W. Herb Spencer has our tickets, 271-8577. Let's have a good turnout of Brothers to show our Retiring Officers our Thanks.

**ANCIENT
CRAFT
LODGE
No. 943**



1st. and 3rd.
Wednesdays

'89 Masters Confer The 2nd Degree

Congratulations are in order for one of our out of state Brothers. Brother Kermit C. Stubenrod of Colorado Springs, Colorado, won two championships in bowling. Brother Kermit won the City All Events Title, and along with his partner, claimed the Colorado Springs Senior Doubles Championship. It was great hearing from one of our out of state Brothers and his activities. Even though we don't see you in Lodge, we still would like to hear from you.

Also, a special thank you to R.W. Gerald Glaser and the '89 Masters Group for a tremendous job on doing the 2nd Degree in March for our Lodge. R.W. Gerry did a superlative job on his presentation of the Middle Chamber Lecture. If any Lodge wants a lecture put on with energy and feeling, R.W. Gerry is your man. Thanks also to W. Herbert Hirsch of Flower City Lodge for doing the charge.

As you are reading this, I'll be in Niagara Falls for Grand Lodge. May 4 will be Move-up Night with Bro. Richard Friedman in the East. May 18 will be our Widows Night with a dinner at the Sea Breeze Inn. Lodge will be very brief and will open at 6:00 P.M. Dinner will be at 7:00 P.M. Wives and friends are welcome to come for dinner.

W. Al Johnson is feeling under the weather and said to say hello to everybody. Brother Elie Saad is recovering from a kidney transplant. W. Ernie Curtis is progressing slowly on the road to recovery after his surgery, and W. Bernie Noll is feeling better, also.

On April 6, W. Earl Winegardner received his 50-year award from the Lodge. R.W. Gerald Glaser did us the honor of presenting it to Earl. All who were in attendance had a great time. It was also great to see Earl back in Lodge.

Also, Brethren, as promised, we will have a second class this year in the fall. So let's start hitting our ritual books early and be ready for assignments in the upcoming Degrees.

One final note: even though it looks like a full class in the fall, don't be afraid to bring more petitions in to Lodge. The more, the merrier.

Fraternally,
Robert S. Lauth
Master

Trestleboard

May 4: Move-Up Night
May 18: Widows Night,
Dinner, Sea Breeze Inn
P.S. Everybody look in your Empire State Mason for a picture of your Master and R.W. Leon Perkins presenting a tray to M.W. Grand Master Robert C. Singer. The tray was presented on behalf of Brother Walter H. Cross.

**LET'S GO
VISITING**

METROPOLITAN ROCHESTER



**POLICE AND FIRE
SQUARE CLUB**



Brother, Sergeant Eric Hurrell

London Bobby Donates Helmet-Whistle To Metropolitan Police-Fire Square Club



Left to Right, Front: Charles Petersen - Fame Lodge 945, Life Member Eric Hurrell - Henrietta Lodge 526, Donald Lacy - Zetland Lodge 951, Dean Marsaw - Fame Lodge 945. Rear Line: Leonard Gessin - Northfield Lodge 426, Michael Bell, Master - Fame Lodge; 1985 Officers of the Metropolitan Rochester Police and Fire Square Club accepting the helmet and whistle used by retired English Bobby, Sergeant Eric Hurrell.

Brother and Sergeant Hurrell joined the Metropolitan Police in 1930. On the 24th of March, 1930, was posted to "C" Division, Vine St. in the West End of London. After an accident while playing rugby for the Force, was transferred to H.M. Dockyard, Devonport, with the Admiralty Naval Police ... at that time all policing of the Royal Dockyards was dealt with by the Metro Force. In 1936, policing of the Yards was transferred to Retired Royal Marines. Returned to London and was posted to "L" Division, Carter Street Station in Southeast London. Served here throughout the War, in this heavily bombed area. Passed the exam for Sergeant in 1938, and in 1942 promoted and sent to Bow Street Station, "E" Division, once again in the West End. Met a number of U.S.A. service chaps. Posted to Peel House Training School in 1946 when it opened up again to recruits after the War, as Instructor in Physical Education. Remained there until retiring in 1959. Sergeant Hurrell holds the Royal Humane Association's Commendation on Vellum for saving life, and a Commissioners Commendation."

Eric was made a Life Member of the Metropolitan Rochester Police and Fire Square Club in 1986. He is Past Master of Henrietta Lodge #526, and Past Patron of Oatka Chapter #320, Order of the Eastern Star. Eric and his wife, Agnes (Betty), reside at 35A Green Knolls Drive, Rochester.

Camp Good Days and Special Times Project

Brothers:

By this time, you will have received your letter and first book of tickets for the 50/50 fund raising project, to benefit Camp Good Days and Special Times. Returns are starting to come in, and I have more books of tickets which I will be glad to send you, if you give me a call. The more you sell, the better your chances for a free steak dinner for two at our Annual Steak Roast, August 20. Also, a free steak dinner for two will be given to the one who turns in the most cash from their bottle and can returns, for this same project.

You all know what a worthwhile project this is, so please do what you can to help the Club have a part in making life a little happier for these children. I am in the process of obtaining a heavy-duty picnic table from the proceeds of last year's fund raising. Thank you for your cooperation.

I will give you a report on our Ladies Night in the next issue.

Dates to remember: Annual Steak Roast, Barnard Exempt Club, August 20, 1988.

Regular Member and Associated Member applications are available. Call me at 865-0046 any time. Let's build our membership, and let's hear ideas from you as to whether you want more activities throughout the year.

Fraternally,
Dean F. Marsaw
Secretary

**GENESEE FALLS LODGE
No. 507**

2nd Thursday

Scott Abramson Is Chairman, Brotherhood Fund

Brethren:

As I start my May article I would like to make a correction: our Brotherhood Fund Chairman is Scott Abramson. I am sorry that it was wrong in the April Monroe Masonic News. Again I would like to thank all the Brethren who have contributed to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. To all who have not made their contribution yet, please take a moment and make a check out payable to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and mail it to our Lodge Chairman, Bro. Scott Abramson, 492 Augustine Street, Rochester, NY 14613. Thank you for your support of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund.

On April 14 we had a Second Degree with our Junior Warden, W. Fred Birr, in the East. I would like to compliment W. Fred Birr and the Officers for their work.

On Thursday, May 12, there will be a dinner in the third floor dining room at 6:30 P.M. Also, we have invited Adanac Lodge from St. Catharine's, Ontario, Canada, to join us. My Brethren, please come to Lodge and bring a Brother with you, and meet your Brothers and our Brethren from Canada. To make your dinner reservation, please call W. Jay Riggs at 544-1538.

It is an honor and a privilege to report that Craig Mertens, the son of R.W. Ronald Mertens, received 1st Place in the Masonic Totten Essay Contest. Craig Mertens will receive this Award at Grand Lodge in Niagara Falls, New York, which will be held May 2 and 3.

The next Interlodge Fellowship event will be on May 26, which is a Thursday. This will be our annual Masonic Baseball Night at Silver Stadium. The Rochester Red Wings will be playing Nashville. The ticket price is \$3.00 for a reserved seat. Tickets are available by calling R.W. Larry Geith at 328-5580. Also, the Masonic Golf Tournament this year is June 4 at Chili Country Club. The ladies are invited. Price is \$20.00 per person. To rent a golf cart, the cost is \$7.50 per person. For reservations, call Shorty Buchanan at 865-2979.

The Retiring Grand Lodge Officers Dinner will be Tuesday, May 31, at Webster Golf Club, 440 Salt Road, Webster, NY. Social Hour is 6:00 P.M., Dinner is 7:00 P.M. The price is \$13.00 per person, and the ladies are invited. Let's have a nice turnout for our DDGM, R.W. Larry Geith. If you would like to attend this dinner, please see me, W. Jay Riggs, at Lodge or call me at 544-1538.

Then, on Thursday, June

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9, will be our Annual Scholarship Awards Night. This is the night that Genesee Falls Lodge honors our young people in their endeavor to further Masonic Education. This is an open meeting starting at 7:30 P.M. All are invited. Let's all come out and see our young people receive their awards. I know that they will appreciate not only the award, but also the support from Genesee Falls Lodge.

We were saddened to learn that Bro. James J. Ogeltree has been called home by the Supreme Architect of the Universe. The sympathy of the Lodge is extended to the family and friends.

In closing, I would like to name two of our Widows who are in nursing homes. They are Mrs. Ena Brink, who is now in the Cupola Nursing Home, 122 West Avenue, Brockport, NY 14420, and Mrs. Esther Wicks, who is now in the Lakeshore Nursing Home, 425 Beach Avenue, Rochester, NY 14612. I know that a card or a call would be appreciated by these two Widows. If there are any of the Brothers who are in sickness or distress, please let the Lodge know by contacting W. Jay Riggs, 375 Eaton Road, Rochester, NY 14617, or the Secretary, R.W. Larry Geith, 483 Glide Street, Rochester, NY 14606. Phone number is 328-5580.

Fraternally,
W. Jay Riggs, Master

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May 17 Dinner, 6:30 P.M., Adanac Lodge from St. Catharine's, Canada
May 26: Masonic Baseball Night
May 31: Retiring Grand Lodge Officers Dinner
June 3: Interlodge Eric Canal Boat Trip
June 4: Golf Tournament
June 9: Scholarship Award Night

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Fridays

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1867



**Order Of
Judas
Maccabeus**

Your Assemblage was well-represented at the Grand Assemblage meeting in Albany. We discussed many important issues about the direction that your Grand Assemblage will go in the future. The Grand Assemblage of Connecticut has approached the Imperial Shrine regarding how the Order of Judas Maccabeus could be recognized by the Imperial Shrine.

Your local Assemblage will be having several committee meetings on establishing regular meeting schedules. We hope that your Assemblage can meet in several different Masonic Temples in the Western New York State Area.

We now have our official membership cards and a complete set of Jewels for all the Officers. We hope to begin visiting several Blue Lodges in the area and introduce them to the Order of Judas Maccabeus. Your Assemblage has several principal new members including the First Grand Principal of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. We hope to develop a new assemblage in Montreal in the near future.

Our Grand Lecturer will soon be scheduling rehearsals for both the Order of David and Judas Maccabeus. We have a class of approximately 30 candidates awaiting the Orders.

Your Assemblage includes members in Florida, Texas, England, Israel, Ontario, and Quebec. We are the fastest growing Masonic related organization in New York State. Remember to turn in petitions so your candidates can be included in the next class.

Fraternally,
R.S. Ronald J. Bertie,
Commander
Roy E. Huff,
Reporter

DORIC COUNCIL NO. 19

**CRYPTIC
MASONS**

3rd

Wednesday

Chartered In
1861



Companions:

The past year has been very enjoyable, rewarding, and educational for me as Illustrious Master of your Council. Admittedly, I look forward to the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 18, and the completion of my term of office. However, I also leave with certain regrets of tasks not accomplished and expectations not fulfilled.

It was pointed out, both in last month's column and our newsletter, that our year was successful, but that we also have problems to overcome. The greatest of these problems is attendance and involvement by the members. This problem is certainly not unique to Doric Council, nor is it new. But what do we do about it? I personally believe this problem is not just a lack of attendance. In fact, as I look at the names of our membership rolls, I realize that we have a great many dedicated and active Masons. Many of us are active in several Masonic organizations. In my opinion, that is our basic problem. The Mason who belongs to several organizations has more demands on his time than can reasonably and comfortably be met.

This opinion may not be shared by some of you. However, it may make you think. I have always believed my first allegiance should be to my Symbolic Lodge. After that I must select how to appropriate my time to other Masonic, and non-Masonic, organizations in which I choose to become involved. I hope you will endeavor to do the same.

At the present time there is no easy solution for this problem of attendance and involvement. I personally believe that in the coming years we will see more

cooperation between some of our Masonic organizations in the form of combined programs and meetings. I think this will be necessary in order to function effectively. I am hopeful that some of this cooperation can extend to state and national levels. There have been talks by Grand Council and Grand Chapter to pursue such matters, but the place to begin is on the local level.

As I indicated earlier, our May 18 Assembly is our Annual Meeting. There will be a dinner at 6:30 P.M. in the third floor dining room. Please call me prior to May 14 to make reservations. (482-0994 home; 263-5278 office). There will be some special presentations at our meeting at 7:30 P.M. and of course the Election and Installation of your Officers for the ensuing Cryptic Year. I hope you will endeavor to be present and show your support.

Finally, I again remind you of our Grand Council Charity Fund. If you have not yet done so, please send your contributions to our chairman, Lawrence Dunn, 25 Evergreen Drive, Rochester, NY 14624.

Fraternally,
Ron Mertens
Illustrious Master

"You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of Doric Council #19 on May 18, 1988, for Election and Installation of Officers, reading of Reports, and such other business as may come before it. You are required to be present." Ill. Master, Ronald D. Mertens.

It hardly seems possible that our Cryptic year is nearly over. It feels like only a short time ago that I was installed as Illustrious Master, and yet upon reflection, a great many things have taken place in a short span of time. I endeavored to highlight some of our successes in the most recent issue of the Monroe Masonic News, and I shall refer to some of our problems in the May issue.

The issue that disturbs me most is attendance. I hope that we have all heard this same cry from many

sources, and I suspect that many are tired of hearing the same plea for better attendance at meetings.

The other problem I would like to discuss in this newsletter is membership. It amazes me that we do not have more members. Why is it that more Royal Arch Masons are not members of Doric Council? Without new members we will in time cease to exist. Please give this some thought and talk to those Royal Arch members who do not belong to the Council.

The above is just a little bit of information which you should have all received in a letter from the Ill. Master dated April 2, 1988. Be sure and read it as vital information is in it.

The Annual Meeting will be on May 18, 1988, and it will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 P.M. Reservations for the dinner can be made with me by calling 482-0994 at home. Reservations should be made by Friday, May 13, 1988. We have Election and Installation, reports, and some special presentations to be made at that time. Please be present as it is important to all members.

The dues for the Council are coming in, and time is growing short, so if you have not done so, please ASAP, and thanks.

We have no new sickness or deaths to report at this time. Please send cards or pay a visit to them if possible, and thanks.

May 18, 1988, is our last meeting in Council until September 21, 1988. All have a happy summer recess, drive carefully, and we will see you again in September.

Believe that is all for this time, except this saying: "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul...they had all things common." Have a good time till we meet again.

Fraternally,
Ill. Master,
Ronald D. Mertens

PIM Roy E. Huff,
Reporter

**IONIC CHAPTER
No. 210
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
4th Tuesday**

We will have two meetings in May. The first will be May 10, 1988, at which time the by-laws changes will be presented to the members. You should be present to take part and hear

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them. Time is 7:30 P.M., Masonic Temple, Rochester, NY. The second meeting will be May 24, 1988, and that will be the Official Visit by R.E. Donald W. Right, District Deputy of the 27th Capitular District. Come on out and support our Chapter. The meeting on May 10, 1988, will also be a working meeting. Be present and see what that is.

At the Grand Lecturer's meeting in Dansville, NY, on April 12, 1988, there was a very delicious dinner before, and there were 37 members present. Thanks to all who attended.

We will have a summoned meeting on June

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14, 1988, for the purpose of those by-law changes that were read in May. This will be the last meeting until September 13, 1988. More about that later.

We expect to have a picnic this summer and you will be notified where and when it will be. Always nice to get together like that.

We have no new sickness or deaths to report at this time. Please send cards or pay a visit to those who are ill. Thanks.

The dues are very good, but to you who have not contributed as yet, we would like to hear from you ASAP, and thanks.

Believe that is all for now, so have fun until the next time we are together. See you all soon.

Fraternally,
H.P. Donald J. Brugger
PHP Roy E. Huff,
Reporter

MONROE COMMANDERY

No. 12

**KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR**

1st and 3rd

Fridays

Chartered in 1827



Sir Knights:
S.K. Ronald L. Brown of Monroe Commandery No. 12 received the York Rite Mason of the Year Award at the Annual Inspection on

April 15. This award was given in recognition of Ron's outstanding work and was presented by S.K. Richard E. Eades, Pre. Em. Gov. of Genesee York Rite College No. 25. Congratulations, Ron!

There has been a change in date for the Zone 11 Installation of Officers to May 20 at Palmyra Masonic Temple, 7:30 P.M.

(To get maximum attention, it's hard to beat a good, big mistake.)

Announcement:
You are hereby summoned to attend the Conclave on May 6 for the purpose of Election of Officers for 1988-1989 and the dispatch of such business as may come before it.

If anyone hasn't paid his dues, please contact Bob Cook 473-0393. This is my last column and I'd like to thank everyone for his support.

Fraternally,
George Bundoc,
Em. Comm.
Robert A. Cook,
Attest Recorder

Happy Birthday:
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28 SK Robert L. Taft
31 SK Nelson W. Moore



**Royal Arch
Masons**

The Homecoming for M.E. Hal Miller will be Saturday, June 11, 1988. This will be an event that will be long remembered. The activities will begin at 6:30 P.M. (Social Hour) at the Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. East, Rochester, NY. The evening will be only \$25.00 per couple or \$13.00 per person. The dinner dance will be held in the fabulous sesqui-centennial ball room. Send your reservations to R.E. Stanley V. Peterson, 39 Kenmont Drive, Penfield, NY 14526.

Bring your lady out for a night of fine food and dancing to honor our special guests Hal and Kay Miller.

For additional details contact either R.E. Donald W. Wright or R.E. Ronald J. Bertie.

Fraternally,
R.E. Ronald J. Bertie,
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HAMILTON CHAPTER NO. 62

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Chartered in 1819 2nd and 4th
Thursdays



Companions:

As we enter into the spring of the year we will have two meetings per month.

On April 14, R.E. Don Wright presented the Grand High Priest's program for 1988. On April 26 our King, Ted Diehl, presented a very interesting program about Masonry.

On May 12 Bob Zahn will be in charge of the program for the evening. I know that Bob has worked very hard on his presentation and would enjoy having a good attendance. Come out and support your Officers and Companions.

On May 26 Ted Honea will have charge of the evening's program. Plan to attend Now! I'm sure you will enjoy each of these programs.

Following are some dates to reserve in the coming months.

June 9: Annual Picnic, Powder Mill Park
July 20: Ladies Day on the Spirit of Rochester
October 14 and 15: Canadian Trip
Hope to see you in Chapter.

H.P. Gerald Jones



"SPIRIT OF ROCHESTER"

Reservations can now be made for the previously announced three-hour dinner cruise on Wednesday, July 20, 1988.

This dinner cruise should not be confused with the Interlodge Fellowship Canal Boat Trip on Friday, June 3, 1988. The Hamilton Chapter Dinner Cruise passengers will board the "Spirit of Rochester" at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, July 20, at #18 Petten Street on the west bank of the Genesee River, just south of the Stutson Street Bridge. The ship will get underway at 6:00 P.M. sharp for the three-hour cruise.

The cruise fee, which does not include dinner, is \$16.05 per person (\$32.10 per couple) which will be paid by Hamilton Chapter for its Companions and Ladies.

Dinner will be by individual choice from the ship's menu, which includes a wide range of selections such as Baked Chicken, Baked Ham, Roast Beef, Seafood Newburgh, and prime rib - all of which also include hot pasta or potato, vegetable, salad, dinner rolls, and beverage.

Dinner prices range from \$10.75 to \$21.75 (for the Prime Rib/Seafood Newburgh combination). "Bon Appetit!"

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Genesee York Rite College No. 25

Rochester, N.Y.
Chartered July 14, 1962

The Genesee York Rite College #25 will have their Annual Meeting on June 11, 1988 at the Masonic Temple in Batavia, NY. The time will be 2:00 P.M. We will have Election and Installation of Officers for the 1988-89 year and the reports of activities during

the past year. There will be an early dinner so that you may get back to the Masonic Temple in Rochester for the reception of M.E. Hal Miller who just finished his year as Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York. You will all receive a letter in May with the final arrangements. The Officers will wear tuxes. Remember, this is just to let you know what will take place on the 11th of June. Till the letter arrives, have a good time. See you then.

Fraternally,
Pre-Eminent Gov.,
Richard E. Eades

P.Gov. Roy E. Huff,
Reporter

Dear Brother Rogers:

Visiting many Lodges I continually hear the phrase, "Ride the Goat." Even the Ladies find enjoyment in telling this to the candidates. Whenever I hear the phrase used, I quickly and quietly tell the candidate this is utter nonsense.

While in a department store one day last week, someone recognized my ring as one worn by a Mason, and said, "Oh, I see you rode the goat." I replied, "The only animal I've ever been on was a horse," and I asked what he grounded his information on. He said, "Well, you are a Mason, aren't you?" and then told me he had heard that as part of initiations one must ride a goat.

Would you please reprint this column from last year along with this note!

Many of the serious Masons will appreciate it!
Thank You,
John Zona

Thank You,
John Zona

Ride The GOAT Is A Myth

From whence came the curious belief that in the making of a Mason, the candidate must ride upon the Goat? The idea persists, because unthinking Freemasons tell their friends to "look out for the Goat," and "the Goat will be starved so he'll butt harder," or, "better bring a carrot to feed the Goat."

Mythologically, the Goat played a prominent part. Silenus, the chief of the Satyrs, attendant of Dionysius, was half Goat. The Fauns, also half Goat, were familiars and servants of Pan, the Arcadian god of the shepherds. Pan is represented by a horned, long-eared man with the lower half of his body a Goat. Pan plays a pipe of made of reeds of various lengths, called Pan's Pipes or Syrinx. Pan is supposed to have been of terrifying appearance. Our word "panic" comes from the terror Pan is supposed to have inspired, but mythology makes him, on the whole, a gentle deity with elfin characteristics. Except for scaring the countryside, he is depicted as mischievous rather than dangerous.

The early Christian fathers understood that a world could not be won from Paganism, which had permeated lives for thousands of years, merely by command. It was far simpler to keep the old and transfer parts of it to a new Christian significance, such as Christmas and various harvest festivals, that in ancient days were pagan ceremonies, made Christian, and brought into the church. Gradually gentle Pan evolved into Satan. Thus Satan has Pan's horns and tail, and in early England, what else would Satan ride but the Goat!

It was an old superstition in England and Scotland that a Goat is never seen during an entire 24-hour period, except once a day when he goes out to visit the devil to have his beard combed! Even in this enlightened age, the Goat retains his ancient smirched character. To "be the goat" is to get the worst of an affair. To "get your goat" is to annoy, perturb, or distress. To "separate the sheep from the goats" is no longer a mere act of division as it was in Matthew, but is now a way of expressing that the fit should be separated from the unfit.

When Christianity commenced to rewrite the ancient mythology, gentle

Pan, who harmed no one, became first satanic, and then in the end, Satan himself. In the middle ages, men believed that the evil one took the form of a goat on Earth, which is why Satan grew both horns and a tail!

Two organizations of the early eighteenth century lived short lives and existed wholly to bring ridicule to Freemasonry. The Gormogons began in 1724 and the Scald Miserables held their mock Masonry processions in 1741. The Gormogons published many squibs against Freemasonry, but Masonry still lives and the Gormogons no longer exist. The Scald Miserables paraded in mockery of the Masonic processions of early days. They ridiculed the order and in turn were ridiculed by members of the fraternity in the somewhat brutal give and take of those days.

Those two societies had much to do with the spread of the ideas that the Masonic Fraternity "raised the devil" in its lodges. A print by Hogarth entitled, "The Mystery of Masonry Brought

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to Light by Gormogons," shows a curious goat-like figure walking in the procession in the middle of the picture. It is unlikely that organizations conceived in hatred of the Masonic Fraternity would omit from their guns of ridicule so powerful a weapon as the belief that Masons "raised the devil" and "rode upon the goat."

The responsibility for the Goat idea in the Masonic Initiation today rests squarely on the shoulders of the unthinking Brothers who perpetuate it by attempting to terrify petitioners. When all Freemasons revere our teachings and find in our ceremonies only uplift and inspiration, the Goat will disappear from the lips of those who profess Brotherhood and soon thereafter will vanish from the minds and the literature of those not of the Fraternity.

God speed the day!

Masters & Wardens Association

A big Thanks to Clio Lodge for hosting the April meeting and preparing such a fine Ox for consumption. It is a pleasure to support that Lodge's only major fund raiser of the year.

April 16 was the Second Masonic Grand Ball and was enjoyed by all who attended. It was a pleasure to be a part of the official presentation of the proceeds from the "Have a Heart, Buy a Heart" fund raising project to the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester. We also presented, with the Ronald McDonald House, a plaque to C.L. Kanty Paper Company. Without their donation of the 15,000 red paper hearts, we would not have had anything to sell. Again, Thanks to All who helped in making this project the huge success that it was. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those that worked on the committee for the Grand Ball, Larry Hood and Jean Brugger from Consistory, Gary Caswell from the 88 Masters, and Ron Northorst from the 89 Masters. Our thanks for a well planned and run evening.

At our next meeting on May 21, we will have a presentation on the Masonic Youth Camp. Learn more about what is offered so that if you or your Lodge is approached by a camper or parent, you will be able to answer their questions.

"Masonry was not made to divide men, but to unite them leaving each man free to think his own thoughts and fashion his own system of ultimate truth. All its emphasis rests upon two extremely simple and profound principles - Love of God and Love of Man." (J.F. Newton)

Fraternally,
Gary L. Burke
President

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May 21: Masters and Wardens Assoc., Northfield Lodge, Dinner @6:15 P.M., Roast Beef, \$6.50 with Reservations to John Williams 248-5146 by May 12
May 23: Interlodge Fellowship, Red Wing Baseball Day
May 31: Retiring Grand Lodge Officers Dinner, Webster Golf Club, \$13.00 per person
June 3: Interlodge Fellowship, Canal Boat Trip
June 4: Interlodge Fellowship, Golf Tournament

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Golf Tournament Chili Country Club

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The deadline is May 20 for cancellations. Please make your check payable to Paul A. Robertson and send it to him at the following address: 149 Amerige Park, Rochester, NY 14617. Phone 266-3074.

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LODGE
No. 1054
2nd and 4th Mondays**



**Plan June 4th
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**Will Picnic With
The Children Of
Camp Good Days**

Brethren:

At about the time this reaches you, depending upon the Post Office service in your area, I will be at Grand Lodge in Niagara Falls. As I write this, I am looking forward to this experience, because this is the first time in the history of Grand Lodge that the convention will be held outside of New York City. I particularly look forward to witnessing the presentation to be made to Burl Ives at the Grand Master's Dinner. My thanks to the Lodge for permitting me to represent them at the convention.

At our May 9 meeting we will hear a "Coin Club Talk" by Brother John Zabel, Past President of the Coin Club. We should leave the meeting knowing more about coins and their value.

Following the May 23 meeting we will travel to NYRA, the establishment of Senior Warden Angelo DiCataldo, for a demonstration by

**Inter-Lodge
Fellowship**

Brethren:

The next Interlodge Fellowship event will be Masonic Baseball Night at Silver Stadium on Thursday, May 26, 1988. The Rochester Red Wings will be playing Nashville. This is a new team to play in Rochester as the International League and the American Association play an interlocking schedule this year. As I write this article it looks like we will again have a good baseball team. Let's all come out and see our Red Wings play Nashville. Reserve seats are \$3.00 per person. To get your tickets, see your interlodge representative or call Larry Geith at 328-5580.

On Friday, June 3, 1988, is the Erie Canal boat trip. We will leave from Fairport Packett's Landing. Boarding time is 5:30 P.M. We will depart at 6:00 P.M. We will then travel west on the Erie Canal and through the locks at Clover Street. We will return to Fairport about 9:00 P.M. The cost is \$11.00 per person. A box lunch is \$4.00. Coffee and tea will be provided. To make your reservation call R.W. Paul Robertson at 266-3074. Also, there is a reservation form in the Monroe Masonic News.

Saturday, June 4, 1988, is the annual Masonic Golf Tournament. This year it will be held at Chili Country Club. Starting time is 9:00 A.M. The cost is \$20.00 per person. If you would like to rent a golf cart, the cost is \$7.50 per person, two to a golf cart. To make your reservation, please call Shorty Buchanan at 865-2979. Fraternally,
Jay Riggs

Rochester's World Billiard Champion, Mr. Irving Crane, of the skills and tricks required to master the game of billiards.

Please keep in mind the picnic outing on June 4 at Camp Smile in Webster with the children from Camp Good Days. We hope to make this a memorable experience for all. We need your help to make it happen.

Thanks to all who participated in the conferring of both Third Degrees last month. The work has been excellent, and I am proud to say that I am the Master of Wakan Hubbard Lodge.
W. Charles C. Spiegel
Master

NEWS AND VIEWS

Brethren:

W. Brother Robert Nichols is home recovering from surgery and is progressing well.

W. Brother Eugene Brown has returned home following hospitalization for a heart attack. We understand that he is making good progress. We are also happy to report that his recent eye surgery was very successful.

Brother Frank Roberts is also home following hip surgery and is reported to be doing well.

We are sad to report the passing of our Brother Robert Lockwood on March 24. Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife and family. We also extend our sympathy to Brother Andrew Young and his wife on the passing of her Mother in Scotland recently.

Brother Ray Taylor and his wife, Serina, are leaving for a Florida vacation on May 5. Brother Ray does not plan to take his plumbing tools with him.

We wish Brother Kumar Maharaj all the very best in his new position and with his studies at the University of Rochester.

The flu bug bit several of our Brethren and ladies - at this writing Lillian Rees, Jane Bishop, and Brothers Roy Williams and Charles Kohlmetz are all suffering from its debilitating effects. We wish them all a rapid

recovery.

The visit of our Brethren and their ladies from Coronation Lodge in Weston, Ontario, was again a great success. We congratulate J.W. Les Andrews on the quality of his arrangements. We look forward to our visit to that Lodge in the fall.

On the occasion of the Grand Ball on April 16, we were once again treated to the pleasure of the company of R.W. Stuart McCloud, Grand Marshall of the Grand Lodge. Suffice it to say that the alarm clocks at 537 Merchants Road were all well hidden to forestall untimely interruption of the slumber of your writer.

The regular reporter for this column was unavailable at deadline time, and I was dragooned into service once more. Of course, it's one way to avoid snide comments about yours truly

R.W. A. John Tijou

Trestleboard

May 9: Regular Meeting. Talk by Bro. John Zabel on coins

May 23: Regular Meeting (Short). Billiard Demonstration by Mr.

Irving Crane
June 4: Picnic Outing with children from Camp Good Days

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**SENECA
LODGE
No. 797
3rd
Tuesday**



Master's Message

Brethren:

With spring officially here, we look forward to having our "Snowbird" Brothers back for Lodge and social activities.

On February 27 the Second Annual Widows Luncheon for the combined Monroe Districts was held at Logan's Party House. Once again, an excellent time was had by over 200 ladies in attendance. Each was presented with a widow's pin by Grand Master Robert Singer. Seneca's guests were Myrtle Johnson, Esther Keppler, Virginia Little, Gladys Krause, and Peggy Lewis. On behalf of Seneca Lodge, I would like to thank R.W. Fritz Friedrich and his wife, Jean, for their efforts on the planning committee for this memorable affair. Likewise my thanks to W. Bob Green for heading the Lodge committee, contacting our widows and making arrangements for their attendance.

Congratulations are in order for Ken Crandall, son of Ass't Senior Deacon Ray Crandall, who exhibited at the Science Fair, held in March at Nazareth College. Ken and a fellow student were honored for their project dealing with superconductivity.

Remember to mark May 19 on your calendars, so you and your lady can join us for this year's Annual Ladies Night Affair. Details will be forthcoming in early April for the best Ladies Night yet!

I look forward to seeing you all at Lodge on April 19 when our Senior Warden, Bro. Rich Townsend, will be in the East to raise a Master Mason.

Fraternally,
Wayne W. Hoover
Worshipful Master

Seneca Tidings

It was moving day last month for Bro. Mike and Zona Mihalick. He has departed from his office at Taylor Instrument and is now working for Digital Equipment Co. in Atlanta, GA, in the process industry systems group.

Bro. Bob (Schoony) Schoonmaker was down in Arizona recently in preparation for moving permanently to Green Valley (north of Tucson) in the not too distant future.

Five of our Seneca widows were accompanied by Lodge officers to the Annual Widows Luncheon on February 27. Over 400 were there, and the affair was a great success. 56 invitations were sent out by W. Bob Green, but many of our Seneca ladies live out of town or are not well enough to get out very often. We need current addresses for many of them. Any information on the whereabouts of the widows of our former Seneca Brothers would be much appreciated. Don't assume we have all up to date information.

R.W. Fritz Friedrich did a very fine job in planning and guiding the Lodge Officers Training Workshop on March 19. Over 75 officers from the Monroe Districts Lodges attended and were high in their praise of the things

they learned to help them in their own Lodge operation.

W. Steve Whittaker, former DeMolay Master Councillor, spoke to the Masters and Wardens Association on this Masonic order for boys, 13 to 21. Approximately 50% of all DeMolays become Master Masons when they reach 21 years of age.

Congratulations to Bro. Roy Williams, who has been elected Secretary of the Shrine Horse Patrol.

Also kudos to W. Gil McKie, elected as the new V.P. of the Past Masters Supper Club.

At the March meeting, Bro. Larry Foster was commended for organizing and conducting the Feast of the Paschal Lamb for the Scottish Rite. In acknowledgement, Larry thanked W. Steve Whittaker for his assistance.

Another Scottish Rite activity with extensive participation by Seneca members is the Spring Reunion scheduled for April 7-9. The list for the various Degree ceremonies is impressive.

Jim Scobell (4th and 32nd Degree), Roy Dementint (4th and 32nd Degree), Bill Staples (4th, 16th, and 32nd Degree), Harry Kittredge (16th, 20th, and 32nd Degree), Larry Foster (16th and 32nd Degree), Bob Green (16th Degree), Bill Russell (17th Degree), Steve Whittaker (18th Degree), Dick Durbin and Bob Schoonmaker ((20th and 32nd Degree), Derek VanHouten, Al Vragel, and Roy Williams (all 32nd Degree).

Some of the parts are major ones, and others not so, but all are important in effective presentations of the various Degrees.

Temple Civic Center
W. Paul Vick, our representative on the T.C.C. Board of Trustees, reported to the Lodge on March 15 on what he has found relating to the financial status of the building complex. It is quite discouraging and is having a significant impact on Seneca Lodge's decisions for the future. Here it is.

Dear Brethren:
I have been asked by our Master to provide a brief report concerning the status of the T.C.C. I must underscore the fact that I am new to the Board of Trustees (having only attended two meetings as your representative). As a consequence, I am in the dark with respect to much of the Temple operation. In fact, the more I learn, the more questions are raised in my mind concerning the fiscal management and operation of the T.C.C. I have recently written the President of the Board of Trustees requesting more specific information concerning the Temple's current fiscal state. As I obtain information, I will pass it along to our members.

The following is based on information provided to the Board by the Executive Committee:

1. Board payables as of the February 1988 statement amounted to \$197,037 as compared to payables on December 31 of \$181,175.
2. Current Board receivables as of February 29 are \$13,651 as compared to \$15,775 on December 31, 1987.
3. The current Board cash position on February 28 was \$1,466, compared to \$12,013 on December 31, 1987.
4. The monthly financial statement prepared by the Building Manager shows a two-month deficit

of \$28,170.

5. Currently, no offers are on the table for purchase of the Temple Civic Center. The Board has retained the services of a realtor in an attempt to increase rental from building use. Members of the Executive Committee have advised the Board that even increased rentals will not offset the growing deficit.

It is my belief that the Temple continues to remain open solely due to the forbearance of the County and City taxing authorities (the Temple owes in excess of \$106,000 in past taxes) and the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (more than \$15,000 is due and payable).

Fraternally,
Paul A. Vick

Trestleboard
May 3,4: Tues. and Wed., Grand Lodge Communication, Niagara Falls, NY
May 17: Tues., Regular Communication. Program: Masonic Charities
May 21: Sat., Ladies Night
June 21: Tues., Awards Night

Birthdays

Easter time celebrates the resurrection, and with springtime renewal a characteristic of this time of year, the Seneca Brethren listed below began their new life 75 or more years ago. Our congratulations to all of them.
5: Sam Connor, 82
13: Dave Russel, 86
16: Lou Higgins, 87
21: Joe Brown, 81
23: Bob McGillicuddy, 77
25: Bill Martin, 79
28: Al Vragel, 81

Reminder

The Junior Warden is still plagued by late cancellations for dinner on Lodge night. He must commit to the caterer for the expected number on Sunday afternoon. The Lodge must pay for no-shows, and billing to those Brothers will follow. Avoid that embarrassment and call Jack VanElzakker at 223-4364 (Home) or 461-8060 (Office) by Saturday at the latest for reservations or cancellations.

Secretary's Corner

I've been ferreting through old Lodge records in preparation for our 1989 celebration of the 100th anniversary for granting the charter to F.R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797 and the 75th of the instituting of Seneca Lodge No. 920. If you have memorabilia relating to either of our predecessor Lodges which would be appropriate to loan for display on the occasion next year, give me a call.

Sickness and Distress:

W. Bill Stables was in the hospital last month to have a carotid (neck) artery cleaned out. The surgery was more extensive than expected, but Bill is now home and gradually working his way back to normal activity.

We were pleased to see Bro. Bruce Gibbs in Lodge again. He had a heart attack a couple months ago and his recovery is progressing, although he says it is slower than he would like.

Bro. Warren Gray, Atlanta, had a prostate operation last November, but there was no malignancy, and he has recovered nicely.

Bro. George Huther was bereaved by the death of his brother, William S. Huther, on March 9. The Lodge has expressed its sympathy to him on the loss.

**FRANK L SIMES
LODGE**

**990
2nd
Tuesday**



**June Is
Awards Month**

I can't believe that it's May. For those that said the year would fly by, you're so right. We are well into the year, and I for one am pleased with what we as a Lodge have accomplished thus far.

April was another busy month. The Grand Ball (Ladies Night) was enjoyed by twenty members and ladies from Simes Lodge. We hosted the School of Ritual on the 22nd, and all who participated did a wonderful job. The regular meeting on the 12th proved interesting, as our Sr. Warden, Don Brown, had a very enjoyable "quiz" on balloting for us. It shows that we are never too old a member to learn something. Thanks, Don, for a fine job! The Fellowcraft Club met at the home of Brother Dave Ogden on the 19th for a fine evening of socializing. Our thanks to Dave for opening up his home to us. The 26th was a short meeting; it was a summoned communication, but as we did the first half of the 3rd Degree at the School of Ritual, we felt it would be a bit too much to do it again as we do not have a candidate going through.

May will be almost as busy. Grand Lodge convenes the 3rd and 4th, and I'll report to the Lodge on this at our May 10 meeting. Also on the 10th, the Jr. Warden will have a program on "Standard of Masonic Conduct." Don't miss this one. May 17 will be Fellowcraft at R.W. Paul Gleason's home.

June will be Awards Month. On June 14 we will honor three twenty-five year members, Vartian Deverian, Curtis Grinnell, and William Scheer. A first for Simes will also be this night. We will be honoring a member of the community with the DeWitt Clinton Award for outstanding service to the community, which exemplifies the ancient Masonic teachings of concern for the well-being of mankind and belief in the Brotherhood of Man. This is one meeting that you, as a member of this Lodge, will not want to miss.

"One thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry." (Carl H. Claudy).
Senior Deacon News:

Make a Difference, Make a Mason! Lodge is off to a good active start this year, but we still don't have any candidates, or any in sight. The world needs our work, but we can't build without stones.

I would like to say something personal for a moment. I asked to be on the Membership Development Committee because I believe in Freemasonry so deeply. When I entered Lodge it made a drastic change in my life for the better. That change was made by a small group of Brothers who came together for the purpose of improving themselves in Masonry and helping others do the same. For the first time in my life I was impressed with how much good a few people can do

just by being there and caring. If so few can do so much, think what more could do! I believe ardently and completely in the efficacy of Freemasonry as a source of good in the world. For that reason I am dedicated to trying to extend our Fraternity to more men. Our membership development program is designed to reach out to our members in order to revitalize our idea of a Masonic Lodge and what we can collectively accomplish together. This is the first real goal. The second is to extend our gift to others. With all our labor joined we can accomplish anything we want.

It looks like some reorganization of the Phone Committee will happen soon. We have discovered that we just don't have the manpower necessary to contact all the Brothers as often as we would like. So, we hope to contact everyone somewhat less frequently, but more regularly.

On another matter: it is fairly common for someone who has become unaffiliated to wish at a later date to rejoin the Lodge. Some are under the impression that, once unaffiliated, they cannot return. This is not the case. Basically, it involves paying the amount owed at the time of unaffiliation, and then being voted or balloted on, depending on how much time has elapsed since unaffiliation (Book of Constitutions Sec. 367). If you know of anyone who would like to reaffiliate, please pass along the information. And remember, think 3,5,7!

Fraternally,
Ted Honea,
Sr. Deacon
442-3143

Trestleboard

May 10: Regular Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. RSVP to Bob Stear 223-5915
May 17: Fellowcraft, R.W. Paul Gleason's
May 20: School of Ritual - Middle Chamber Lecture - Fame Lodge
May 23: Interlodge Fellowship, Red Wing Baseball Day
May 31: Retiring Grand Lodge Officers Dinner, Webster Golf Club
June 3: Interlodge Fellowship Canal Boat Ride
June 4: Interlodge Fellowship Golf Tourney
Just a couple of corrections from last month's article. It's nice to see you're reading these articles. Richard Snyder is a Worshipful and Ed Willis and Charlie Heydt are DSA's. Sorry. Fraternally, Gary Burke Master 865-4940

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CHURCHVILLE LODGE No. 667

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

To Practice Our Culinary Arts May 31

We Will Cook And Serve Dinner To Nola Chapter

As Diane and I prepare for our trip to Grand Lodge in Niagara Falls, it is hard to believe that the year is almost half over and that Lodge will soon be going "dark" for the summer. I look forward to this short but necessary respite as an opportunity to prepare for the balance of my term, as well as an excuse to get together for some fun and social interaction in the guise of the annual Star / Masonic Picnic and the reinstated Steak Roast. I have included the dates for these events in the Trestleboard at the end of this article in order to ensure that everyone has ample time to include them on their summertime social agendas. I would also remind everyone to mark the date of August 16 on your calendars as once again Churchville Lodge will be sponsoring a blood drive for the Red Cross. This year's chairman, R.W. Charlie Daycock, would appreciate all those interested in helping with this year's efforts to give him a call at 293-2400.

The preceding months have been busy, yet gratifying, as the Officers of the Lodge have worked diligently, practicing and brushing up on our Degree skills in hopeful anticipation of candidates in the fall. My thanks and appreciation to those Brothers who gave up their off Wednesdays for practices, as well as to those who have accompanied me to the Schools of Ritual as representatives of Churchville Lodge.

On Wednesday, April 13, the Lodge held a Past Masters Dinner in order to recognize and thank the Past Masters of Churchville Lodge for their past dedication and continued support. Approximately half of the 26 living Past Masters were able to attend and enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by our Jr. Warden, and soon to be 2-time Past Master, W. Bill Baxter.

The next month offers two excellent opportunities to take advantage of the family fun and social fellowship offered by the Inter-Lodge Fellowship Committee through the events of the annual Masonic Baseball Night, Thursday, May 26, and the Canal Boat Trip on Friday, June 3. Please see R.W. Charlie Daycock or myself if you are interested in obtaining tickets for these events. Tickets for the boat ride are limited in quantity and therefore will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Two other dates to remember for this month are May 3 when we will be assisting W. Bill Baxter in preparing a dinner for the Ladies of Nola Chapter and May 31 which will be the date for the Grand Lodge Officers Retirement Dinner at 6:00 P.M. at the Webster Golf Club. Anyone volunteering to assist W. Bill Baxter please see him with your commitment. Those wanting to purchase tickets to the Retirement Dinner please see me at a

Lodge meeting or give me a call at 293-3246.

As of April 10, the Lodges "Senior" Past Master, Ellis (Rick) Erickson (Master 1940) and his wife, Julia, will be moving from Churchville to Warsaw, NY to be closer to their family and grandchild. We wish Rick and Julia the best of luck in their new home and look forward to hearing from them upon what I am sure will be many of their upcoming visits to the "old stomping grounds."

Well, enough for this month. Time to go mow the lawn. Hope to see a good attendance this month and looking forward to a summer filled with fun and friends.

Fraternally,
Steven C. Daycock
Master
Churchville Lodge #667

Trestleboard
May 3: Tues., Nola Chapter Dinner, 5:30 P.M., Set-up and Serve

May 11: Wed., Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Grand Lodge Report

May 25: Wed., Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Sport Shirt Night

May 26: Thurs., Baseball Night, TBA, Silver Stadium

June 3: Fri., Canal Boat Trip, 5:30 P.M., Fairport Landing

June 17: Fri., Steak Roast, 6:00 P.M., Cider Mill Park

July 23: Sat., Star / Masonic Picnic, 2:00 P.M., Cider Mill Park

Aug. 16: Tues., Blood Drive, All Day, Union Church

NORTHFIELD LODGE

No. 426

1st and 3rd
Thursdays

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Change Is Necessary

Complacency does not bring about change, and change is necessary for establishing new pathways needed for any individual or organization to grow into an energetic embodiment. The recent application of the above was the "Have a Heart, Give a Heart" drive for the Ronald McDonald House. Because of this drive, a new momentum has moved many Masonic bodies to join in a continual drive for the funds needed to bring about a permanent Ronald McDonald Home.

A change has occurred in Northfield Lodge with the rebuilding of its support structure and providing the means of utilizing available space by the digging out of the dirt crawl space basement under the Lodge. A costly undertaking, but well worth the price for its future potential. But change must be continual, and with planned direction for it to bear fruitful fulfillment. This can only be accomplished by the dedication of each individual as in the "Have a Heart, Give a Heart" drive which established a new pathway for the growth and fulfillment of the basic Masonic tenets.

However, some things should never change, and they are the application of brotherly love toward the sick and invalid. A shining example of such is by one individual that one cannot help but love and admire. He is the embodiment of what Masonry is all about, and he is named Harry Kennedy. He and his dedicated apprentice, John

WEBSTER LODGE

No. 538

1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brotherhood Fund, Success or Failure? The Difference: US

Brethren,

Four of our new Brothers had the Degree of Fellowcraft conferred on them April 7. My compliments to the Officers and Brothers that took part in the Degree which made this a memorable day for our new Brothers. One thing that made me very proud of our performance that night were the comments from our new Brothers. They were amazed at the preparation and smoothness that the total Degree was carried out in. Just judging by their eagerness to learn the ritual, I feel that there is a challenge brewing in their minds to become involved when they settle in as Master Masons.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of our Brother, Morris Cape, who was called away by the Supreme Architect on March 16, 1988.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to our Brothers, Lee Pellett, and Chalcie Mahoney. Also, I was talking to Eva Anderson at the Webster O.E.S. Master Masons Night. Elmer is feeling better, but was having sciatic nerve problems. If you get a chance, give these Brothers a call or send them a card to let them know we're still thinking of them, even if they can't come to Lodge. It was good to see W. Burt Payne back in Lodge so soon after major surgery. Did you notice the beard? He said he was so bored just lying around that he decided to grow a beard for the excitement of watching it grow.

How stands our 1988 Masonic Brotherhood Fund? Only you can answer that question, since the primary source of support is the Brotherhood, namely you. The Grand Lodge targets are \$2M and 50% participation. The 1988 Fund Drive is drawing to a close. Have we achieved targets? No, but you can make the difference if we do. Big Targets? You're correct! Achievable? Again, only you can make that decision if you can and

Dudley, religiously spend their allotted time with the occupants of the Veterans' Hospital at Canandaigua and are always ready to help in any other manner when needed.

The Lodge was recently honored by the presentation of the Third Degree by the very able Damascus Temple Past Masters Degree Team. A filled to capacity Lodge room and the three newly raised Brothers, Edward Freide, Richard Hutchins, and Robert McDonald, were thrilled by the drama presented. Thank you again for a job well done! Many thanks also to Barbara Spano and her associates for the delicious chicken dinner enjoyed by all.
John Williams
Master

Trestleboard
May 5: Move Up Night (Paul Utz in the East), Spaghetti Dinner, Ladies invited.
May 19: Hot Dog Roast, Sport Shirt Night
May 21: Masters and Wardens, Northfield Lodge
May 26: InterLodge Fellowship, Red Wing Night

if you will. The targets are what we as Masons say what must be done and then diligently do it. There are many choices as to where our donations are directed. Each and every one of them were created out of a need that we as Masons feel must be done for a better tomorrow. If you can see your way clear to support the Brotherhood Fund and choose to do so, do it right now. Make out your donations payable to Masonic Brotherhood Fund and send to A. Wayne Engbrecht, 9 Dortmund Cir., Rochester, NY 14624.

I will be at Grand Lodge from May 2 to May 4, which will be held in Niagara Falls this year. Because it will be held in the Convention Center, an invite was extended to all current Master Masons. If you wish to attend, give me a call and I'll give you the details. If you don't take this opportunity to attend Grand Lodge, take a look at next year's Line on the first Thursday, May 5, and let me know if I'm prejudiced when I say your Line Officers are second to none.

The Grand Lodge Officers Retirement Dinner will be held on May 31 at Webster Golf Course, Social Hour at 6:00 P.M., Roast Beef Dinner at 7:00 P.M. Ladies are invited. Cost is \$13.00 per person. See me or call me at 671-3296 for tickets.

To R.W. Gerald Glaser, R.W. Fritz Friedrich, R.W. Larry Geith, and R.W. Paul Robertson, where did the past year go? You know it flew by so quickly and we realize that we didn't get to say thank you. Leaders you are, motivated you are, dedicated you are! Team Builders you are! Retiring? I'd like to see what your interpretation of retirement is. Quite frankly, based upon our observation and experience - all four would probably flunk a PRE101 course at Retiring. Again, on behalf of the Brotherhood of Webster Lodge, we sincerely and fraternally thank you. Since you are all very well acquainted with Webster Lodge, we'll look for you there. The best of everything to all of you in the future.
Fraternally Yours,
Stoian Ellia
Master

Trestleboard
May 3-4: Grand Lodge @ Niagara Falls
May 5: Move-Up Night 7:30 P.M.
May 12: Fellowcraft, 7:30 P.M.
May 19: Awards Night, Grand Lodge Report, 7:30 P.M.
June 2: Past Masters Night, Dinner, 6:30 P.M.
June 9: Fellowcraft, 7:30 P.M.
June 16: Regular Communication, Hot Dog Roast, Sport Shirt Night, 7:30 P.M.

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OATKA LODGE

No. 759

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Congratulations to our three new Brothers, Michael Lawton, Anthony Wolf, and Terrance Wright. Also, Clifford Short of Charlotte Corinthian Lodge 1088.

The Third Degree was conferred on these four Brothers, March 23, 1988. It was certainly wonderful to have forty-five Brethren present to welcome the new Master Masons. Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to R.W. Bertram Steene, W. Joseph Privitera, and all the Brothers of the Degree Team from Charlotte Corinthian Lodge with their help in the second section of the Third Degree. With their assistance it was a most memorable evening. Thanks to W. Robert Kemp in giving the charge. Also thanks to W. Edward Hologate of Social Lodge 713 from Kendall, NY, for the presentation of the Lecture. And to all of the other Right Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, and Brethren in attendance, a special thanks.

March 24, the DeWitt Clinton Award was presented to the Lions Club of Scottsville, NY. The award was presented by W. Gordon Bell. Once again, thanks, Gordon.

Tentatively, our parking area will become a reality. Br. Jack Miller has stated that he will do the work soon. Our many thanks from all the Brethren for this most generous contribution for his valuable time and expense.

By the time you read this issue, W. Bob Wright and his wife, Dorothy, will have completed their trip to visit their son in Houston, Texas. Hope Bob and Dorothy had a good time.

Keep the date open for June 4 for our "Welcome to Summer" Party. Tickets for this event will be available April 27 at our regular meeting at Lodge. Menu will consist of fruit cup, roast beef, ham, potatoes, vegetables, condiments, rolls, butter, dessert, and coffee. Money for tickets must be in by May 21. No tickets sold at the door. Music for listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by a D.J.

Until the next issue of the Monroe Masonic News, come join us in Lodge for Fellowship and Brotherly Love.
Wilford D. Scheerens
Master

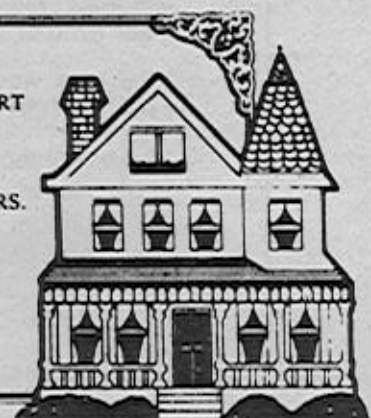
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The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is doing work in these areas and is near a breakthrough in developing a substitute for human blood.

Of the lab's five research areas, its work in finding a blood substitute may be the most exciting. Although the scientists don't call it "instant blood," that's essentially what it is. The substitute is made the same way as freeze dried instant coffee, producing a crystal substance that may have a shelf life of five years.

The substitute, made from red blood cells and starch molecules, is combined with water to activate it. Dr. Lawrence C. Cerny, research director of the blood substitution division, says

Masonic Medical Research Laboratory searching for causes of major diseases

In 1988, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica, New York, will celebrate its 30th anniversary. The laboratory is also an educational institution with ties to Syracuse University, Utica College, the State University's Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, and other medical schools across the country. The scientists share their knowledge through journals, books, and lectures.

viruses, such as hepatitis, are destroyed in the freeze-dry process. If the process is also found to kill the AIDS virus, there is speculation that massive transfusions could wash that virus out of a patient's system.

Because the blood substitute starts to deteriorate after several hours, it would be used only for emergency purposes. But it could avoid problems with spoilage in blood banks, and would relieve shortages.

The lab's Cardiology Division is studying arrhythmia, abnormal beating of

the heart, which may send a person's heart into a quivering state producing 500 beats per minute. Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, director of research at the laboratory, says identifying different types of arrhythmias will help physicians with diagnosis and treatment.

In the field of hypertension research, the lab pioneered work which led to Inderal, one of the most widely-prescribed drugs for high blood pressure. Dr. Richard Tuttle, head of that division, says that although hypertension is hereditary, it may, in the future, be controlled electronically.

Cancer research conducted by Dr. Malcom B. Baird and his associates shows that many carcinogens are triggered by age. Doses of Vitamin A and certain fish oils may prevent the formation of certain types of cancer. Baird is also working on a theory that coronary artery disease may be a type of tumor formed on the lining of the arteries.

The other area of research at the lab concerns the process of aging. Dr. Harold R. Massie, head of the Gerontology Division, feels that the buildup of certain metals in the blood -- such as cadmium and iron -- may be the cause of some diseases associated with old age. He envisions a time when people will go to the doctor every few years for a "tune-up", to have the toxins cleaned out of their system, thus slowing down the aging process.

Not only does the lab pursue several areas of research,

but it helps train scientists and future scientists. Each summer, its Fellowship program hosts high school, college, and medical school students who observe and participate in ongoing research. Over 100 young scholars have participated in this program.

The lab's Predoctoral Research Training Program is administered with the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. Seven students have earned M.S. or Ph.D. degrees under that program.

In the Postdoctoral Research Training Program, scientists from all over the world come to the lab to study and do research. It is to medical researchers what internship and residency training are to a physician.

Since the scientists at the lab are recognized authorities in their fields, they often act as consultants to the American Heart Association, The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, and other groups. They serve on the editorial boards of scientific journals and belong to national and international committees.

The work of the lab's 30 researchers and six clerical and support personnel is funded mostly by the New York State Masonic Fraternity and government grants.

"Of course, the federal government has been cutting back in that area of medical research, and that's hurt us," said Ronald P. Kamp, Director of Development and Communications. "All of NAEIR's members are feeling the pinch, and we're no different."

Kamp learned of NAEIR through some literature, talked with local organizations who were members, then proposed membership to the lab's board of directors. That was about two years ago.

In that time, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory has received such things as office supplies, syringes, books, tools, maintenance materials, computer software, a \$750.00 digital plotter, and a circulating water bath valued at \$3,000.

The scientists can make graphs and diagrams from their computers, using a digital plotter donated by NAEIR.

"We just finished a summer program in which we had 22 high school and college students at the lab. The office supplies, like pens and markers, came at a most opportune time.

"The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is always looking for new sources of corporate donations, and NAEIR fills many gaps for us with odds and ends that we need.

"Our five senior scientists, maintenance and support staff all go through the NAEIR catalog, filling out their requests, then I consolidate them. Every NAEIR package is like a Christmas present to us," Kamp concluded.

MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE



The MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY is Masonry's "Window to the World". It is not only a Utica institution but an agency of international reputation. It is small in size, broad in scope and worthy of recognition in New York State as it is all over the world.

The Grand Master has urged every Lodge to devote one meeting to the work of the Laboratory. In his Grand Master's address, M.:W.: Singer stated "It is important that our Brethren understand the basic medical research being performed here on the major health problems affecting mankind, the results of which will benefit all."

It's time for the Craft to learn the facts about the Laboratory. The Board of Directors and Director of Development are prepared to present an informative and interesting program on our research.

Please fill out and return the request form below and a representative will be in contact.

This article appeared in the "National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources" -- (NAEIR).

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Executive Director's Page

By Dr. Charles Antzelevitch

The dawn of the New Year brings to a close one of the busiest and most productive years in the Laboratory's history. From both an administrative and scientific perspective, 1987 was a year of progress witnessing a major updating of our physical plant and building facility and a growing momentum in the progress of our scientific research endeavors.

Through the generous contributions of the 3rd Kings Masonic District made in honor of R. W. Max L. Kamiel, we have been able to renovate and update our library facility. The Guy R. Vandermosten Computer Room, made possible through a number of magnanimous gifts by the Gehring family, has also proved extremely valuable to our research scientists. Our most recent project, currently underway, involves the construction of a 2nd story addition to the Royal Arch Masons Wing. We owe a tremendous debt and deep gratitude to our Brothers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York and to Brother Emil Iseli for making this much needed addition a reality. Monies raised by the Ernest Leonardi Charitable Corporation together with the proceeds of the Grand Master's Ball graciously donated by M. W. Robert C. Singer will be used to furnish a Conference Room in the new structure dedicated to the memory of our beloved Grand Master Ernest Leonardi.

On the Scientific front, our Experimental Cardiology program can take pride in the fact that their recent award from the National Institutes of Health was assigned a priority rating among the top 9% in the country. Among the highlights of research conducted in this program over the past year is the demonstration of major differences between the electrical activity of the inside and outside of the heart, a finding that may prove crucial to our understanding of some forms of abnormal heart rhythms—one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. This program has also uncovered some important new findings regarding the action of a drug (quinidine) commonly used to treat abnormal rhythms of the heart. I have been invited to present the results of these studies at two international symposia to be held in Monaco and Venezuela.

Our Cancer program has demonstrated a potential hazard of dietary fish oils—currently in vogue as a means of slowing the progress of cardiovascular disease—in patients taking the anti-cancer drug adriamycin. Our researchers have also recently published findings alerting the medical community that consumption of fish oils in the form of cod liver oil can lead to Vitamin A toxicity. In addition, the Cancer group has shown that benzo(a)pyrene, a common environmental pollutant and a carcinogenic component of cigarette smoke, can contribute to atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, leading to stroke and heart attacks. These studies suggest the interesting possibility that tumor formation in the lining of the arteries may be a primary factor in the development of atherosclerosis. Last but by no means least, the group has demonstrated some interesting new findings with respect to the effect of age on drug metabolism. Dr. Malcolm Baird has been honored with an invitation to present these findings at the Sandoz Lectures in Experimental Gerontology in Basel, Switzerland.

The Hypertension program has embarked on a new frontier with studies suggesting that some forms of high blood pressure may be due to an auto-

immune mechanism. Recent studies by this group have also shown that an alkaloid extracted from a plant native to China and Africa can selectively block the contractions of the uterus which are stimulated by the hormone oxytocin, a finding that may prove of great value in obstetric medicine.

Our Aging research program has found that metal ions such as irons and aluminum accumulate in the body in large amounts as a function of age and that excess dietary consumption of iron or aluminum can significantly accelerate the aging process and lead to a shortened lifespan in Laboratory models.

Finally, our Blood Substitute research program continues to develop an artificial blood substitute using a novel approach in which hemoglobin, the natural oxygen carrying molecule in our red blood cells, is extracted and recomplexed in a starch matrix to yield a product which can be freeze dried and reconstituted by the addition of water. With the current worldwide shortage of whole blood and the growing concern about transmitted diseases such as AIDS and hepatitis from blood transfusions, the development of such a blood substitute has become increasingly more important. Dr. Cerny has recently been awarded a Fogarty International Senior Fellowship by the National Institutes of Health which will support his upcoming trip to Japan to collaborate with his Japanese counterparts in this field.

On the financial front, as indicated by President Getman, 1987 was a good year, one which bodes well for the future of the Laboratory. As some of you may recall, it was only a few short years ago that we witnessed an exodus of some of our finest scientists because of the financial straits that the Laboratory experienced. Thanks to the tremendous outpouring of support and the strong commitment and devotion of our Board of Directors, in particular that of our President, we have seen an almost miraculous turnaround. Although we are not yet out of the woods, the fine scientific talent which currently exists at the Laboratory, both old and new, can look forward to a brighter tomorrow, one which will permit for a more vibrant and productive research environment at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. All of us in turn can look forward to exciting new biomedical discoveries which will help ensure a better quality of life for us and the generations to come.



Editor's Page



By Ronald P. Kamp

Scientific breakthroughs occur everyday in laboratories all over the world, some go unnoticed while others receive much acclaim. Antibiotics, pacemakers, and organ transplants, to name a few, have improved our quality of life. These life saving or health improving advances have become a reality because of basic biomedical research. This is the type of research we conduct at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

BASIC RESEARCH IS NOT GLAMOROUS BUT IT IS THE STARTING POINT FOR ALL MEDICAL ADVANCES. Before the treatment can be created to ease the pain or eradicate the disease, scientists must understand the how and the why. There is no roadmap to follow, each adventure breaks new ground. The more we learn, the less we know.

How different our lives would be if men like Pasteur, Fleming, Salk or Barnard did not ask why. Today pasteurization, penicillin, the Salk vaccine and open heart surgery are important medical advances that are taken for granted.

We can enjoy better health because dedicated scientists are at work at the basic research level. If you or someone you know has had an organ transplant, angioplasty, arthroscopic surgery or a flu vaccine thank research.

Unfortunately, our government is cutting back significantly on support of basic research in favor of supporting projects aimed at finding immediate cures. The government and public at large have not recognized the need to build a foundation of basic research information. Without the foundation building blocks of knowledge will not be available to construct the treatments of tomorrow.

Our country has the most advanced medical research infrastructure in the world and it is beginning to crumble. More money is needed for basic research. These research studies require funding from government, industry, private sector and the general public. Disease cannot be wished away. We cannot turn our backs on this problem. Results being sought in the Laboratory today may be necessary to save your life tomorrow.

Robert C. Singer
Grand Master

Roswell T. Swits
Deputy Grand Master

Appointment Received

Dr. Harold R. Massie was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Aging Association (AGE) and appointed associate editor of Age News at its 17th annual meeting in New York City. AGE is committed to basic research into the aging process and is devoted to the problems of the elderly. Although membership consists of scientists primarily from the United States, other countries are also represented.

Dr. Massie also presented a paper entitled "Changes in taurine concentrations during development and aging of *Drosophila melanogaster*" and Drs. Malcolm Baird and Jane Hough presented a paper entitled "Eye color change: a biomarker for aging in *Drosophila*" at the symposium. Both papers were concerned with biochemical changes in the model aging system of fruit flies. In all, over fifty-three dif-



ferent studies were presented and discussed by scientists.

The purpose of these meetings is to encourage the free and open communication of new and interesting findings regarding how we and other organisms grow old. The American Federation for Aging Research and the Gerontology Society of America are also providing valuable new information concerning the least understood stage of human life. The goal of research oriented groups, including AGE, is to improve the length and quality of life for all humankind.

NEWS

President's Page

By George H. Getman



1987 has been a mighty good one for your Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. As far as the current financial operations are concerned, we have been very much on target. It is true the Laboratory has been hard hit by the expenses arising from several unanticipated problems—the necessity of removing asbestos, major improvements in the electrical system, and payment of extraordinary insurance premiums resulting from delayed billings.

Yet overall high marks should be given to those responsible for maintaining the Laboratory's financial position—chiefly, Executive Director, Dr. Antzelevitch; Comptroller, Irene Siminski; and Treasurer, Paul O'Neill.

You undoubtedly are as interested, as I, in the progress of the capital construction program—the second story of the Royal Arch Wing. Construction commenced this summer, and is progressing on schedule. The addition was enclosed before the Mohawk Valley weather became extreme.

The changes to date have been within bounds and substantial overruns in costs are not anticipated. Construction will be completed this Spring so the final dedication can be slated for St. John's Weekend. This second story of the Royal Arch Wing will add much to the ability of the Laboratory to perform in an outstanding manner.

A very special thanks is owed by the Laboratory to Brother Emil Iseli, who gave \$100,000 in late December towards the project. He and his wife, Lillian, had watched the construction with keen interest from their room at the Masonic Home. His generosity, and indirectly that of his late wife, means so much in assuring the success of the project. He has been an inspiration to all of us at the Laboratory at a time when we were deeply concerned by the problems referred to above.

On behalf of all Masons, I again want to express thanks to immediate past Grand High Priest, M. E. Charles J. Reilly, M. E. Harold R.

Miller, Grand High Priest; R. E. Robert H. Leland, Deputy Grand High Priest; M. E. Stewart C. McCloud and the other Royal Arch Mason Officers and members who have made this addition a reality.

As a Past Treasurer during the Laboratory's most difficult days, I am deeply concerned about assuring long range financial support. Consequently, I am ecstatic that 1987 ended with \$549,351 received from estates and trusts—the second highest amount received by the Lab in its history.

In addition, the Laboratory was advised it will receive one-half of the income from the \$900,000 anonymous gift made to the Masonic Brotherhood Endowment Fund.

It is now graphically clear many more Masons and others throughout our Country comprehend how vital this basic bio-medical research is to assure the future health of all mankind. You may recall the Laboratory's scientists received special recognition this summer through week-long special features in Utica's Gannett newspapers. The spotlight on the Laboratory's outstanding research programs has brought long overdue recognition.

My main concern has been... and will remain... building up the Laboratory's endowment and investment accounts to stabilize and guarantee these research efforts. In other years it has often been painfully difficult to attract top-notch research talent. Young scientists were uncertain whether funds would be available to pay salaries—so they in turn could pay their grocery bills. Your Laboratory... as the result of many big-hearted people... is becoming more financially secure. It in turn, will be in a position to attract more outstanding scientific talent. This inexorably will result in your Laboratory doing an even finer job.

In my judgment, 1987 may well be described by the words of the popular song, "The Best of Times is Now".

Cordially and fraternally,
George H. Getman President

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 SHRINE LUNCH CLUB HENRIETTA Fellowcraft JOHN A. ROBERTSON Reg. Meeting, Move-Up Night, Dinner VALLEY Dinner Move-Up Night	3 GRAND LODGE MEETS AT NIAGARA FALLS, NY CHURCHVILLE serves Dinner to NOLA 368: Mother's Day Dinner	4 GRAND LODGE MEETS AT NIAGARA FALLS, NY ANCIENT CRAFT Move-Up Night	5 GRAND LODGE MEETS AT NIAGARA FALLS, NY UNION STAR Rehearsal WEBSTER Move-Up Night NORTHFIELD Move-Up Night	6 GRAND LODGE MEETS AT NIAGARA FALLS, NY	7 GERMANIA Bowling Party Ladies Invited U.C.C. OF E. Meeting, 1:00 P.M. To Be Announced HENRIETTA Ham Dinner
8 Mother's Day	9 SHRINE LUNCH CLUB ETOLIAN Move-Up Night WAKAN-HUBBARD Reg. Meeting & Program HENRIETTA Reg. Meeting FAIRPORT Grand Lodge Report JOHN A. ROBERTSON Rehearsal, 3rd Deg. Doric Hall UNION STAR Degree, Dinner	10 MONROE Meeting SIMES Meeting, Dinner	11 GERMANIA Reg. Meeting CHURCHVILLE Reg. Meeting	12 NEWS DEADLINE GENESEE FALLS Dinner w/Adnac Lodge WEBSTER Fellowcraft	13	14
15	16 SHRINE LUNCH CLUB HENRIETTA Fellowcraft JOHN A. ROBERTSON Meeting, Degree, Dinner VALLEY Dinner, Meeting, Speaker	17 SENECA Reg. Meeting SIMES Fellowcraft NOLA 368 Memorial Night Recipe Night	18 ANCIENT CRAFT Widows Night Dinner @Sea Breeze Inn	19 WEBSTER Awards Night NORTHFIELD Hot Dog Roast Sport Shirt Night	20 SIMES School of Ritual	21 SENECA Ladies Night NORTHFIELD Masters & Wardens
22	23 SHRINE LUNCH CLUB ETOLIAN Chicken Dinner WAKAN HUBBARD Reg. Meeting (short) HENRIETTA Reg. Meeting SIMES Baseball Day	24 MONROE Shrine Degree Team EAST ROCHESTER Informal Meeting Program	25 CHURCHVILLE Sport Shirt Night	26 GENESEE FALLS Masonic Baseball Night CHURCHVILLE Baseball Night NORTHFIELD Baseball Night	27	28
29	30 SHRINE LUNCH CLUB No Meeting: Memorial Day HENRIETTA Fellowcraft Worknight Memorial Day	31 RETIRING G.L. OFFICERS DINNER GENESEE FALLS WEBSTER SIMES	[Empty Box]			

YONNONDIO LODGE No. 163
1st and 3rd Tuesdays



Brethren:
First off, the First Degree has been rescheduled for May 17, 1988, at 7:30 P.M. May 3, 1988, will be Move-Up Night. The Senior Warden will be in the East. The Master will be in Niagara Falls representing Yonnondio Lodge at Grand

Lodge.
May 10, 1988, will be an Officers' Meeting at Pittsford.
Brothers, I urge you to attend your Lodge and participate in the running of it.
Fraternally,
Frank Kelsey, Master

From The Secretary:
As we draw near to the good weather, our thoughts turn to golf and all the other good things that are associated with nice weather. It is easy to not come out to Lodge. However, in order for your Lodge to be active,

it is necessary for you to attend. The Master and Officers are making an effort to provide an interesting and worthwhile program for you. So please take time and attend Lodge.
We have learned that Brother Carl Utrup is well on the way to 100% after his eye surgery. Doc Mc Vay is doing better. Len Parker would like to see a Brother stop in or call. Let's take time to call or stop in and see a Brother.
Remember, let's get out and support your Lodge.
Fraternally Yours,
R.W. Larry Canfield
Secretary

Trestleboard
May 3: Officers Move-Up Night
May 10: Officers Meeting
May 17: First Degree

ZETLAND LODGE No. 951
2nd Thursdays



Past Masters Supper Club

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President



Thomas M. Paglia, President, 227-2046
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The following are dates and places for our meetings: All meetings start at 7:30 P.M., with Dinners at 6:30 P.M.

- May 27 --- Northfield Lodge --- Reservations, Bob Sanford
- June --- No Meeting
- July 30 --- Splash Party --- Reservations with Gilmore McKie
- August --- No Meeting
- Sept. 23 --- Doud Post --- Reservations, Bob Sanford
- Oct. 28 --- Doud Post --- Reservations, Bob Sanford
- Nov. 11 --- Ladies Night --- Reservations with Gilmore McKie at Place To Be Announced
- Dec. 16 --- Holiday Party --- 84 Grandview Lane, Reservations with Tom Paglia --- Election of Officers

We will try to have guest speakers at the May, September, and October meetings.
The only way these activities can be successful is with your attendance.
The November meeting was moved back because of various conflicts. Thanksgiving is on November 24, Consistory Reunion is on November 18. A number of our Past Masters have parts in the reunion.
Remember: these meeting are held for you. It is the only way contact can be maintained with Past Masters. You started a lifetime of friendship when you became Master of your Lodge. Why not keep that friendship alive?

Fraternally,
Tom Paglia, President

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