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Masonic History Is In The Making

Historic Meeting Held in Buffalo, N.Y. Grand Master Roswell T. Swits Meets With Grand Master Of Prince Hall

By R:W: Maurice Solomon

Two Grand Masters Break Bread

BUFFALO, N.Y. - In a move without precedent in modern times, Most Worshipful Roswell T. Swits, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, attended and sat down to dinner with the Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masons, Most Worshipful Solomon Wallace. The occasion was a Fellowship Dinner, arranged and co-sponsored by Perseverance Lodge No. 948, F. & A.M., and Paramount Lodge No. 73, F. & A.M. (Prince Hall), and the site of this momentous event was the Cavalier Restaurant in Amherst (Buffalo) on the evening of November 30, 1989.

Dinner Sold Out

The dinner, which was sold out well in advance, was attended by a capacity crowd of 250 Masons and their wives, almost evenly divided between the two jurisdictions, and it is hoped that this will be the first of what may well become an annual event, since a date has already been set for 1990. Among the distinguished guests present were: R:W: Ronald D. Mertens, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, R:W: William Fischer, D.D.G.M. First Erie District, R:W: Joseph Peeples, D.D.G.M. District No. 7A (Prince Hall), W: Marshall Lipman, Master of Perseverance Lodge No. 948, W: Wilferd Lucas, Master of Paramount Lodge, the Hon. Kevin Dillon, District Attorney, Erie County, who was the guest speaker for the evening, and George Arthur, President of the Buffalo City Council. The Master of Ceremonies was R:W: Kenneth E. Graber of Perseverance Lodge, currently Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

A Mini-Summit

Both Grand Master Swits and Grand Master Wallace took advantage of the occasion to hold a brief "mini-summit", which was obviously to get to know each other, "breaking the ice" so to speak, and confer on an informal basis, thus setting the stage for a cordial relationship. The evening's program started on a rather spectacular note, with George Arthur, City Council President, making a few remarks appropriate to the historic importance of the occasion, and then presenting both Grand Masters with mementos of the evening, in the form of commemorative plaques, together with a miniature buffalo mounted on a stand.

Erie County D.A. Speaks

In his speech, Mr. Dillon, Erie County D.A., dwelt mainly on the crisis which exists today in our communities, caused by the addiction to drugs and alcohol, and wondered whether or not in our efforts to resolve the problem, we

The Hand of Brotherhood and Friendship



M:W: Roswell T. Swits, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York extends the Hand of Friendship and Brotherhood to Grand Master Solomon Wallace of Prince Hall Masons.

were going about it in the right way, and questioned whether the government should be willing to spend more money on counselling and remedial treatment.

Short Speeches

In their speeches which followed, both Grand Masters kept their remarks to a minimum, and dispensing with protocol, Grand Master Swits spoke first, followed by Grand Master Wallace. Both acknowledged that this was merely the beginning, and we were reminded that while we could not visit each other's Lodges, just so long as we believed in the same principles and beliefs, namely the Holy Bible and the existence of a Supreme Being, we could be very hopeful that time, patience and perseverance, which we are taught accomplishes all things, may yet, one day soon, provide a resolution of our various differences.

Interview with

Grand Master Wallace

Since the Prince Hall jurisdiction is unfamiliar to us, I took the opportunity, in the presence of Grand Master Swits, to conduct a brief interview with Grand Master Wallace. Officially, he is Most Worshipful Solomon Wallace, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York State and Jurisdiction, an area which covers not only New York, but also a number of locations in South America and the Caribbean, among them Guyana, Barbados, St. Martins, Dominique and St. Lucia. Grand Master Wallace, whom I found to be a most interesting and personable gentleman, is serving his seventh term as Grand Master and his jurisdiction embraces 110 Lodges divided into 9 Districts, with a membership in the region of 12,000. As in our jurisdiction, the Grand Master appoints all his District Deputies. Grand Master Wallace has visited every Lodge

in New York State, and, on the average, tries to visit all the Lodges outside the State every two years, which has to be a formidable accomplishment, and surely indicates many long hours of devoted service to his jurisdiction and the Fraternity in general. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge was chartered in 1845, and meets annually in New York City in June.

Further Progress Will Be Made

Grand Master Roswell Swits has expressed his great pleasure and satisfaction with outcome of the evening's program, and is extremely confident that further progress will be made in cementing a relationship. Indeed, many Masons present at the dinner were openly comparing the proceedings to the tearing down of the "Berlin Wall". Is it too much to hope for? Is it too soon, or will it be sooner than is thought possible? Time will tell.

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R:W: Paul R. Gleason Elected President of The Service Bureau

The Masonic Service Bureau, at its meeting on December 13th, elected R:W: Paul R. Gleason, Jr., President for 1990, and R:W: Lawrence K. Canfield, Vice-President. Mrs. Betty Jansson was re-elected Secretary, and R:W: Robert C. Pettit was re-elected Treasurer.

In addition to those four individuals, the Board of Directors will consist of R:W: William A. Baldwin, W: Earl C. Branch, W: David C. Clarke, Mrs. Ruth Freeman, W: H.A. "Fritz" Friedrich, W: Cyrus Kloner, W: Roderick Meier, Mrs. Marion Neuert, W: James B. Scobell, W: Norman H. Selke, W: Jack Thibaut and W: Stephen R. Whitaker.

The Monroe Prince Hall Connection Prince Hall Masons Invited To Attend Monroe District Masonic Grand Ball

By R:W: Jay McCullough

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Black Freemasonry began in the United States with Prince Hall, a leather dresser by trade, and 14 other free Blacks in Lodge No. 441, Irish Constitution, attached to the 38th Regiment of Foot, British Army. They were garrisoned at Castle Williams (now Fort Independence) at Boston Harbor, Massachusetts. The date was March 6, 1775. Also, a warrant was issued for African Lodge No. 459 by the Grand Lodge of England on September 29, 1784.

In Monroe County, Prince Hall Masonry continues in the 145 members of Eureka Lodge No. 36, F. & A.M., (Prince Hall Affiliated). That membership refers to us as "non-Prince Hall", in preference to using the harsher sounding "clandestine". They assemble at 1020 S. Plymouth Street in Rochester, and as so many other bodies, are in hopes of establishing a proper temple setting.

On November 1, 1989, after contacting W: George Pritchett, Jr., Master of Eureka Lodge, several Masons met at his home. The New York Grand Lodge contingent was D.D.G.M. R:W: Jay McCullough, Masonic Grand Ball Chairman W: Robert Green, and 1989 S:W: President, Bro. Bruce Chilton. There were 8 in the Prince Hall group, including D.D.G.M. R:W: Lawrence H. Cresswell, 7th Masonic District "B", S:W: Delmar Morris, J:W: James F. Haynes and 4 others, officers and past-masters.

The primary purpose of this gathering was to extend a formal invitation to Eureka Lodge brethren, their ladies and friends to join us in celebration at the Monroe Districts' Annual Masonic Grand Ball on March 31st at the Burgandy Basin Inn. Brother Chilton invited the leadership of Eureka Lodge to consider taking blocks of time in the Ronald McDonald House solicitation in February. The management of the Wilmore Malls (Greece Town, Eastview and Marketplace) has again responded positively to the use of space for booths as they do for so many worthy causes.

Before this informal meeting concluded, the leadership of Eureka Lodge invited us to their 64th Annual Thanksgiving Ball on November 22, 1989. About 30 brothers and ladies from the First and Second Monroe Districts were among over 200 guests in attendance (including those arriving after other events). Junior Grand Warden R:W: Ronald Mertens and Barbara, D.D.G.M. R:W: Lawrence Dunn, Staff Officers R:W: Frank Granata and R:W: Donald Bruggar and Grand Rep-

**Monroe Districts
Masonic
Grand Ball
Saturday
March 31, 1990**

resentative R:W: James Gisleson as well as Masters and Wardens Association President W: Terry Wihlen and Jo, Association Secretary W: Richard Friedman and Leslie, Seneca Lodge S:W: Jack VanElzakker, Monroe Lodge S:W: Zack Lee, W: Robert Hebner and Brother Derek E. VanHouten were among those representing several area Lodges.

D.D.G.M. R:W: Jay McCullough and Joane were invited to join the group at the head table and the Deputy was asked to make brief remarks. In addition to expressing thanks on behalf of the "non-Prince Hall" group, he remarked that this type of event fit the intent of our Grand Master, M:W: Roswell T. Swits, with regard to the Craft taking the lead in efforts to eradicate bigotry, prejudice and racism. He concluded that "our bodies have long professed the 'brotherhood of mankind' but are long overdue in practicing that brotherhood".

We look forward to the occasions when we may be able to continue promoting our basic tenets of friendship, morality and brotherly love, not only this manner but directly within our own Lodges and Masonic groups.

R:W: Lawrence W. Dunn

District Deputy Grand Master

For the Second Monroe District



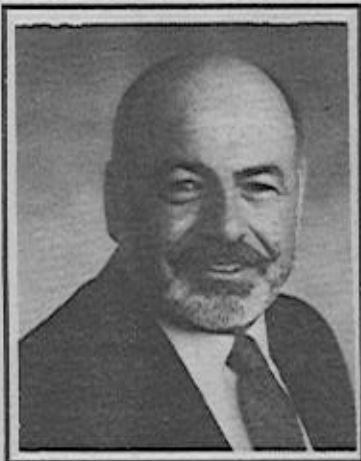
Congratulations 1990 Masters.

You 1990 Masters have received a wonderful honor. The office of Worshipful Master in Freemasonry is different from any other fraternal organization's presiding office in the world. No other elected fraternal presiding officers has the authority, fidelity, respect, and trust that is yours this year. But always remember...along with the office comes a very great responsibility to those who elected you. If you sincerely do your very best, then your year will be a successful one. I also wish to congratulate all of the other elected and appointed officers of the Second Monroe District. May you have a successful and rewarding year. One of the responsibilities that a Master has is to be sure his Lodge is represented in the District's different committees by appointing Lodge Chairmen. Sometimes this can be difficult for a small Lodge, but necessary. This year the Bureau of Masonic Education is being restructured under the leadership of Wor. Bro. Bob Hebner. While this restructuring is in progress, the education of your new members will basically be in the hands of your Lodge Education Chairman. It is imperative that the Second Monroe District Education Chairman, Wor. Bro. Joe Privitera (392-5583) be informed who you have chosen as your Lodge Education Chairman. Remember, an uneducated Mason is a member of our fraternity who has been cheated out of Masonic light.

Good news, talking with Wor. Bro. Steve Whittaker, he informs me that there has been a substantial increase in candidates for the DeMolay Chapter in Rochester. That does not excuse you and me from the task of helping the order of the DeMolay prosper in this area. Each Lodge will be receiving a poster with information and referral cards. Be sure the poster is placed in a visible area of your Temple. Remember, the Widow's Luncheon is Saturday, 24 February 1990. R:W: Don Brugger has been saying at his Official Visits how the Widows of our departed Brethren gave the fraternity hours of their husbands lives while they were with us, and through the Widow's program, we can repay part of that debt to them.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon you and yours.

Grand Sword Bearer



R:W: Franklin G. Granata

We have now entered the last decade of the Twentieth Century. This may also be the first day of the rest of our lives! How are we as Masons going to begin to prepare for an event, which most of us will see once, and then only with the graciousness of the Great Architect. To assist us in preparing, the Grand Lodge Education Department has provided us with some of the greatest educational and training materials ever produced in the history of Free Masonry. Many individuals and Lodges are taking advantage of these materials, so they may be enlightened men and Masons, when the Twenty First Century arrives. The entry level 1,2,3,4, program has been very successful for those Lodges who have candidates, but it can't work if there are "NO NEW CANDIDATES".

During this past

December, Joanne and I attended several Masonic holiday functions, after each we seem to draw the same conclusions: each group seems to have a desperate need for new members, each felt Masonry wasn't getting its fair share of good publicity, much of the non Masonic discussion was about retirement and grandchildren, Florida and Rochester Winters, and most were tired of carrying the load and rightly so, since these are the Ten Percent of every organization that do Ninety Percent of the work. The overall factor common to all, and the cure to all, is membership.

Membership is the key—it is the first day of the rest of Free Masonry's life. Without it there will be no 21st Century. Many Masonic families are dying, not of the body, but of the mind and traditions. Generations of Masons and tradition are being lost, because sons and grandsons will be lost to the Craft. Why? Are we not setting the same examples for our children as were set for us. Are we ashamed of what we believe in, or Are we selfish and don't want to share our love for the fraternity. We may be our own worst enemy—reflect, share, think and ask. Remember, from the Northeast Corner to the hot sands of the desert, it must begin with a Blue Lodge Application, and we can't educate a non-member.

If you keep on saying things are going to be bad, you have a good chance of being a prophet

Author Isaac Bashevis Singer.

Grand Director of Ceremonies



R:W: Donald J. Brugger

I was asked not too long ago to give a few words at the Incoming Junior Warden's get acquainted party. In looking for something sage to say to these Brothers, who were just embarking on the final phase of their leadership experience, I was at a loss to come up with what I thought would be a solid, yet brief message on this rather important occasion. I finally took my cue from the person who had invited me to speak, and started my presentation with "a few words". The words chosen were; plan, communicate, question, educate, innovation, Masters and Wardens, and Grand Lodge. Just four verbs and

three nouns; for those who like specifics. Later in the evening, one of the attendees suggested that it might be useful to have the presentation written down. So, I have attempted in this month's article to duplicate that message. At this time, when the new Masters are taking the reins of their Lodges, it seems appropriate. The need for planning cannot be stressed enough. We are lost without it. In fact, its need is so obvious that it seems stupid to mention it, however, we still see the lack of adequate planning in our Lodges. It is usually the small details that fall through the cracks. This happens in part because of the lack of communication; not passing down that information gained by previous experience to those who will have to do the job next. Junior Warden to Senior Deacon, Senior Warden to Junior Warden, and Master to Senior Warden.

Which leads us into the next word; communicate. Nothing is more important in the leadership role than this simple advice. There can be no action without communication. There can be nothing accomplished unless each member of the Lodge management team uses this simple tool. How many times have you seen things get completely fouled up, because someone did not know what was expected of him? How many times has an important presentation or part of the Ritual been poorly or unimpressively done, because a Brother did not know he

was supposed to do it? Question, there are no dumb questions, only stupid answers. Very seldom is information volunteered, you have to ask for it. You will never know unless you ask; sound familiar? In addition, don't be satisfied with one answer, ask at least two sources. While going up through the line you have to continually ask questions; don't be shy! If you don't question, people will think you know what you're doing; when you really don't. By all means, question yourself. Ask yourself: am I doing enough, how can I do it better, how can I be a more effective leader? Remember, in those words so often quoted by Manny Dick, "if it is to be, it's up to me".

Educate; the prime reason for and duty of the Lodge is Education. The philosophy, history, and genius of Freemasonry must be passed on to be effective. It is the means by which the virtues of the craft will be transmitted beyond our time. Education is the means by which the newly raised Brother is married to the fraternity. The more he knows, the more he will seek to know. Use all the materials available from Grand Lodge as well as that available locally to the best advantage.

Is innovation the cardinal sin in Masonry? Its true that the Master cannot change the Landmarks of the Craft, however, there can be new and innovative ways to get things done, and new ways to present programs and events that will keep the Brothers interested and involved in the Lodge.

The next word or rather words is Masters and Wardens. No single organization is more valuable to the Warden or Master. It is here that most of the innovation is spawned. It is here where notes can be compared and new ideas tried. The Master's and Warden's Association is also where you

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R:W: F. Jay McCullough



District Deputy Grand Master

For the First Monroe District

The 1989 Masters of our Lodges are now numbered among that illustrious band of Past Masters. We salute those in the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts who have conscientiously applied their time, talents, and from their treasure to the ideals and principles of this our Masonic Order. There are those who have toiled in the Masters and Wardens Association for the betterment of the whole Masonic family in these Districts, and served on District committees, to the same end. They have proven to be true Leaders in the Craft, and I thank them for not only the effort but for the long range results that will derive from their example! It is our hope they will continue to be active, not only in their own Lodges, but in the Past Master's Club of the Monroes, and on District Committees, so they can be available to others who would wish to take advantage of their seasoned leadership.

We also congratulate the 1990 Masters on their preferment and the Brothers who elected them. Their yearly trestleboards are being activated and some exciting programs can be found across the several Lodges of the District. We all should regularly review the monthly Calendar and Masonic Activities columns in this newspaper to find those that fit our available time. Let's attend them, not only to show strength and support, but more importantly, for the enhancement of our own Masonic knowledge and experience. The current local Grand Lodge officers continue to promote Masonic Education in all the ways that we can. I strongly encourage enrollment in the Masonic Library and Museum lending service reading courses. The only cost is return postage at low library rates. There are several numbered courses with books on basic Masonic subjects with which we should all be familiar. Try Number 3—the BRIEF COURSE—where the Library will send you six books consecutively over a period of several months. If you're a newly elected Jr. Warden, take Number 6—which consists of ten books to assist the elected Lodge officer. See your Lodge Secretary or Education Committee Chairman for an application. Those somewhat more energetic might ask for the enrollment form for the Leadership Correspondence Course. You don't have to be an officer or aspirant to a chair. It's a great confidence builder for all Brethren and I endorse it wholeheartedly. For those who make them, any one of these could be listed among your New Year's Resolutions for 1990! May you continue to merit the blessings of the Great Architect, and I'll be looking forward to visiting with you wherever Masons congregate.

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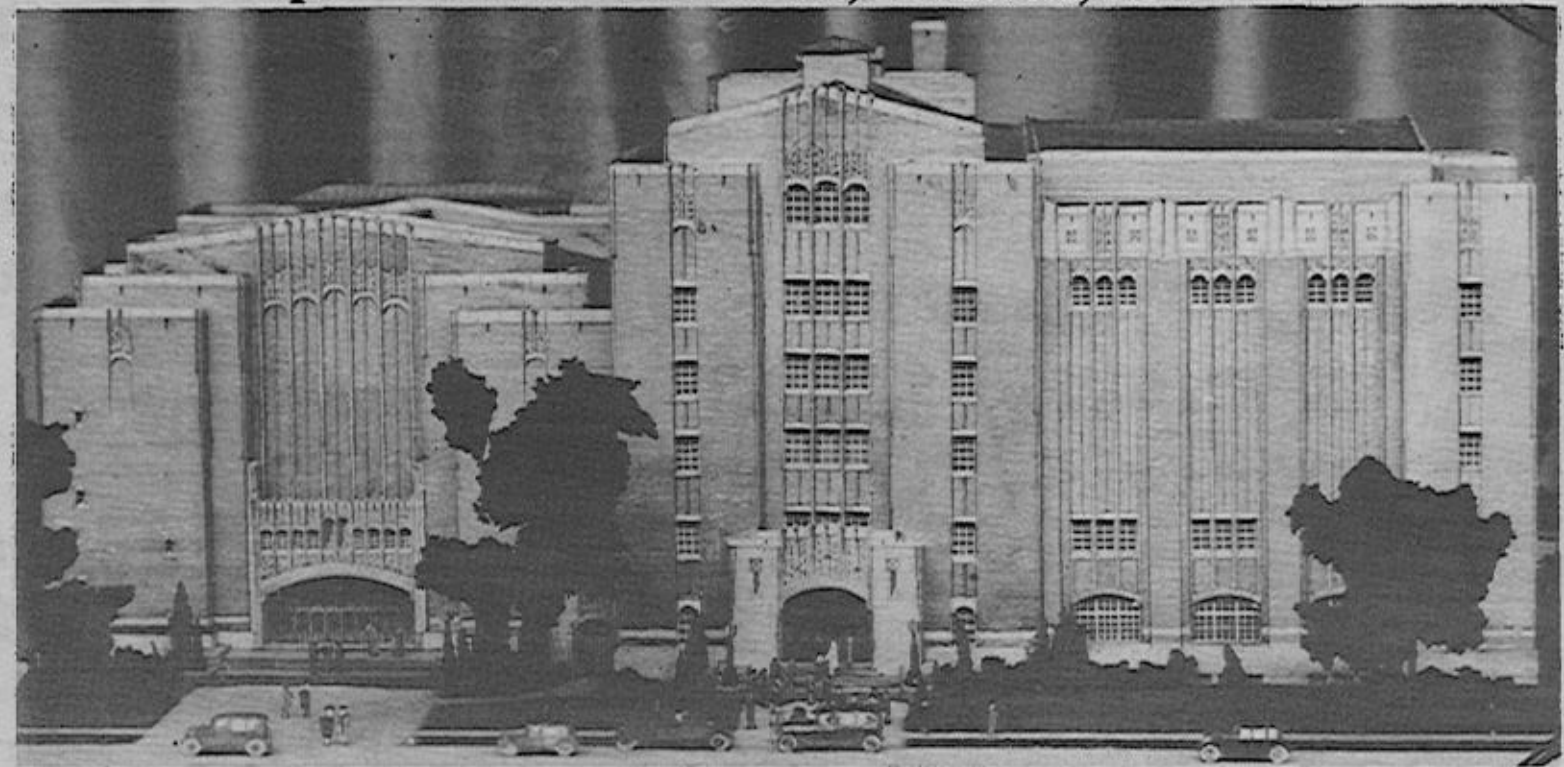
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Greetings and Happy New Year!!
 I hope you all had a joyous holiday. Hard to believe that 1990 is here already. Before you know it, it will be the 21st century. But, back to 1990.

I would like, first of all, to thank the Lodge for the privilege of being elected Master this year. If feel that we are at an exciting part of our existence. Although we did not take in any new members this past year, the rate of loss of members seems to have slowed significantly. We already have a petition for affiliation from a Brother who would like to join with us. A positive start to 1990!

Additionally, through the efforts of our immediate Past Master, Nelson Bertch, with his Pot Luck suppers and other programs, Lodge attendance has risen slightly, reversing the trend. We occasionally see new "old faces" on the sidelines and certainly hope that this will continue.

And, furthermore, although we had an operating loss for the year, by careful management of our funds, we actually just about broke even this year which allowed us to hold the line and not have to raise dues again this year. One of the major reasons for this was our relocation to Fame Temple which saved us a considerable sum.

Although all of this is positive, it does not mean that we can stop or even slow down our efforts. Membership is still shrinking, but not as fast. We need to turn this trend around to get a net gain for the year instead of a net loss. Attendance is up, but it is still a far cry from what it was as little as 5 or 10 years ago. We have managed to keep costs under control, but they continue to go up every year. In short, we still have lots of work to do!

We are fortunate that we have a strong line of officers

again this year. Assisting in operating the Lodge this year are: David Miller - Sr. Warden, Ken Kassel - Jr. Warden, Heinz Gunkle - Treasurer, John Foster - Secretary, Ed Schmit - Sr. Deacon, Bruce Howland - Jr. Deacon, Phil McClure - Steward, Walter Wahl - Tiler, and Bob Cook - Organist. Nelson Bertch will be the installed Chaplain.

We have some more ideas to build on our past improvements and the officers are ready and anxious to keep up our progress. But, it is the same old story again - we cannot do it alone! Your attendance at Lodge is needed, not for the least of reasons, that we would like to renew some old friendships.

The best time for you to do this is at our first meeting on January 2, 1990. The main agenda item that night will be the Installation of Officers. Preceding the meeting will be a Pot Luck Supper. Bring a dish to pass and your place setting. Wives and lady guests are of course invited as well. The ladies devise their own entertainment while the men meet. After the meeting, there will be cake, coffee, etc. It should be a very nice evening and we would love to see you on that night.

Before closing, I would like to send a special thanks to Sharon Bertch and her

helpers who put on that scrumptious holiday FEAST before our December meeting. Everything was just great and all of us who were there had a super dinner. Thanks again!

Want to pass along get well wishes to Brothers Oscar Reber, John Selmyer, and Carl Schmidt who have all been in the hospital recently. We all hope that everything turns out ok! (This reminds me. We depend on you to let us know who are ill or need our support. My number is 244-0194. Please make sure we hear. It means a lot to someone who is under the weather to hear from the Lodge.)

Finally, Happy Birthday to all the Brothers with January birthdays.

See you in Lodge.
 Fraternally,
 David N. Foster
 Master

TRESTLEBOARD

January 2
 Regular Meeting:
 Installation of Officers
 Pot Luck Supper
 preceding

February 6
 Regular Meeting:
 Warm sweater night,
 Pot Luck Supper
 preceding

Saucke Brothers Purchase Main St. Masonic Temple, Auditorium Theater Complex

Formal closing of a purchase offer by Saucke Brothers Construction Company of Rochester has been consummated with the Temple Civic Center and Auditorium Theater Complex, 875 East Main Street.

The Masonic Fraternal organization, which has occupied the building since its erection in 1930, will continue to occupy the third and fourth floors of the building. The Auditorium Theater will continue to operate. The rest of the building is being expanded into business offices.

The purchase price was announced as \$900,000. The Saucke Brothers Company, operated by Bill and Ray Saucke, is involved in general construction and real estate development and has had extensive experience in converting and renovating older buildings. A gradual renovation program is planned for the Temple Civic Center - Auditorium Theater complex.

"We see the acquisition of the complex as an improved and on-going contribution to, and enhancement of, Rochester's downtown business and cultural community," reported John D. Moriarity and Dan Black, building officials representing the Saucke Brothers Company.

"Caring Is Everything"
 Rev. Paul R. Gleason

At the Fellowship Dinner And Mini-Summit, Buffalo, N.Y.



L-R---R:W:Ronald D. Mertens, Junior Grand Warden,(back to camera) keeps a watchful eye as R:W: Maurice Solomon (third from left) engages in conversation with W: Marshall Lipman, Master of Perseverance Lodge, Buffalo, N.Y. with R:W: William Fischer, DDGM, 1st Erie District looking on.



Standing---L-R-Unidentified; R:W: Ronald D. Mertens, Junior Grand Warden; M:W: Roswell T. Swits, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York; M.W. Solomon Wallace, Grand Master (Prince Hall Masons); R:W: William Fischer, DDGM, 1st Erie District.
 Seated---L-R-W: Marshall Lipman, Master, Perseverance Lodge, Buffalo, N.Y.; R.W. Joseph Peeples, DDGM District 7A (Prince Hall Masons); R:W: Kenneth Grabber, Grand Steward, State of New York and Master of Ceremonies; W. Winfred Lucas, Master, Paramount Lodge (Prince Hall Masons).

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Junior Grand Warden

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It is nice to know that some people read of my travels with interest. After failing to submit a column for last month's News, as a result of being very busy and missing the deadline, I received comments from several sources regarding the omission. I shall now endeavor to do double duty and report on my activities from mid-October thru mid-November.

On Wednesday, October 11 I attended the celebration of M:W: Raymond C. Ellis' 70th year as a Mason. This was held at the Fort Hamilton Officers Club in Brooklyn. The evening was a fine tribute to a great man and I consider it an honor to have been present.

The weekend of October 13-15 was reserved for the wedding of our daughter Ellen and Jason Jordan. The joyous celebration was held in the Westminster College Chapel in New Wilmington, PA. As the proud father of the bride, I can report that it was a wonderful weekend and we are happy to have gained another fine son-in-law.

On Monday, October 16 I traveled with R:W: Ronald Kamp, Director of Development for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, to Sylvan Lodge No. 303 in Jamestown for the presentation of some certificates and a program about our L.E.A.F. campaign. The following evening it was a pleasure to have R:W: Brother Kamp make a presentation at my own Lodge, Towpath No. 163.

Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21 I was in Albany for the Hudson-Champlain Region Leadership Seminar after which I made a quick trip to Batavia on Saturday night in order to be in attendance for the reception for the Grand Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow. This was my first visit to a Rainbow Assembly and it was most enjoyable.

The last week of October was spent in Rochester but it was a whirlwind. Barbara and I attended the Monroe District of the Order of the Eastern Star Banquet at Logans on Tuesday the 24th and then I was at our Grand

Lecturers Convention the following evening. Again, I was proud of the work that was exemplified by the Brethren from Monroe No. 173, Ancient Craft No. 943, Oatka No. 759 and Wakan-Hubbard No. 1054. The busy time continued with the big Masonic Weekend. My involvement began with a dinner and meeting on Friday the 27th, continued with the Western Region Leadership Seminar on Saturday morning and the Ronald McDonald House Cornerstone laying ceremony in the afternoon, then Barbara and I attended the reception banquet for Sir Knight Raymond Hagar, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in the State of New York. It was my privilege to represent our Grand Master at this function and help pay tribute to a fine Brother and friend. The weekend continued with the Interfaith Service and Breakfast on Sunday morning and the DeMolay Legion of Honor Conferral on Sunday afternoon. Many people were involved in and responsible for the success of the events for that weekend. Hopefully, I have remembered to thank all of them, but in case I missed someone I thank you all again.

Thursday, November 2, Barbara and I attended the Scottish Rite Family Night program sponsored by the Valley of Rochester. This is the third time we have attended this function and it gets better each year. The entertainment was excellent and I hope this type of program will continue and that more people will attend.

Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4 it was off to Utica for the Mid-State Region Leadership Seminar as well as a few other Committee meetings. Monday, November 6 was the gala celebration to commemorate M:W: Wendell K. Walker's 25 years as Grand Secretary. This was another outstanding event, and again it was a privilege for me to be a part of a tribute to such an outstanding and dedicated man and Mason.

On Wednesday, November 8, I attended the Grand Lecturers Convention for the Genesee-Wyoming District. This was held at the Masonic Temple in LeRoy and was my first visit to this fine building. On Saturday, November 11, Barbara and I traveled to Buffalo early in the morning, and while I attended the Erie Districts Leadership Seminar, Barbara enjoyed a relaxing time and pleasant conversation with Diane Beers, the wife of R:W: George Beers, Grand Sword Bearer. Later in the

day we continued on to Jamestown where we attended the Chautauqua Districts Testimonial Dinner for R:W: Carl Kerr and R:W: Jerome Erickson, the 1988-1989 District Deputy and Grand Sword Bearer. This was a most enjoyable evening and it was my privilege to say a few words about these two hard-working Brethren.

On Monday, November 13, I attended Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 1054 to hear a very enjoyable talk by R:W: Charles C. Kysor, Past Senior Grand Warden. Thursday, November 16 and Saturday, November 18 I attended portions of the Scottish Rite Reunion. On Friday, November 17 I attended the Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Advisory Board meeting and on Saturday, November 18, I attended the Installation of Officers of Fidelity Triangle No. 4 in the afternoon and the Masters and Wardens meeting in the evening.

On Wednesday, November 22, Barbara and I were pleased to be able to attend the Harvest Dinner and Dance held by Eureka Lodge No. 36, Prince Hall Masons. We were unable to be present for the dinner because of attendance at a church service, but enjoyed a few hours of fellowship and dancing later in the evening.

Some time away from Masonic activities was enjoyed with our family for Thanksgiving, however, we did attend the reception for Right Worthy Diana Woodruff, Grand Representative to Missouri on Saturday, November 25 and I traveled to Buffalo on Sunday, November 26 with R:W: Larry Canfield, R:W: John Dense and W: Terry Wihlen for the Erie Districts Hockey Night.

Thursday, November 30, Barbara and I accompanied by R:W: Maurice Solomon and W: Adrian Solomon, traveled to Buffalo to attend the Fellowship Dinner sponsored by Perseverance Lodge No. 948 and Paramount Lodge No. 73 (Prince Hall). This was an historic event with our own M:W: Roswell T. Swits and M:W: Solomon Wallace, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, in attendance. You will find a further report on this event elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday, December 2, I traveled to Albany for a meeting regarding our Masonic Youth Camp at Round Lake (Camp Turk). Fortunately, I was accompanied by W: Steve Whittaker to help keep me awake. On Thursday, December 7, Barbara and I were pleased to be at the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night. It was my privilege and pleasure to participate in this program and to help honor many of our hard working and dedicated Brethren. This is an excellent program and deserves more wide spread support.

Thus ends the summary of the major activities of the last two months. In case you wonder what I did in my spare time (besides work), it included things like attend my Lodge and participate in a Second and Third Degree, attend Fame Lodge No. 945 with the Damascus Shrine Past Masters for a Third Degree, finally bowl a few times in the Masonic League, attend Eastern Star, High 12, Council, Service Bureau and various other meetings, and most recently enjoy the

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can get consolation and help. It is here where traditions are started and broken. The developments in the past two years attest to that. Finally there is Grand Lodge, the culmination of the Master's year. Here the success of the pilgrimage is determined by how well it is planned. That bit of planning is done at the Master's and Warden's meetings. It is at Grand Lodge that the Master gets a chance to represent his Lodge in a meaningful way. It is unfortunate, however, that the timing is not more in keeping with the Master's year. So, here I have attempted to lay down a guide to those who are, or soon will be, leaders of the Craft. It is not all inclusive, nor do I pretend expertise in this area. Its just a list of elements that, I believe, should be kept in mind; perhaps you can add a couple of your own. All the best To the 1990 Masters; good luck in the coming year. GO GET EM!

holiday parties of the 1971 and 1974 Masters.

Yes, it has been a busy two months; yes, it will continue to be busy; yes, I get very tired sometimes; yes, Barbara losses track of me once in a while; BUT we wouldn't think of doing it any other way because it is still enjoyable and a wonderful experience.

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Well here we are in the holiday season. I hope everyone's wishes come true.

We had a very successful fish fry which gave the trust fund a needed boost. The participation was excellent. The Eastern Star helped by working the bumps out and the Brothers all chipped in. Since the fish fry was so successful, we hope to do it again next year.

Our Euchre Tournament was in full swing. The only negative was the bad weather, but we still had a good turn out. Jack Butler cleaned house and won. Some of the rest of us were there strictly for the entertainment value.

Since this will be my last bulletin, I would like to thank everyone who had made my year so enjoyable and successful as Master. Our usual projects went well, such as the breakfast and barbeque. The special projects, such as the parking lot, planting in front and fish fry had strong support which made them easier to accomplish. I would like to give a special thanks to the officer's who helped ease the load and were always there when needed.

In closing I hope everyone has had a good holiday season. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Fraternally,
David H. Gibney

Trestleboard
January 4
Installation of Officers

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Dear Brothers,

First of all I would like to thank you for your faith and trust in allowing me to become the Master of your Lodge. I came from Buffalo four years ago after having been a line officer in Harmonies Lodge #699 and was in search of a Lodge to affiliate with. I visited a few Lodges in the Monroe and was as yet undecided, when I ran into my old buddy (UGLY) or Ron Albright as you Brothers know him, who I did not even realize was a Mason. Ron obviously invited me to a meeting at Webster Lodge. I have never felt more welcome at any place since. After the meeting I went down to the Fellowcraft Room and played Euchre and asked if I could possibly affiliate with this wonderful Lodge. Brothers, the rest is history. So much for my Masonic background.

I would like to wish you and yours a very happy holiday season and a Happy New Year. The month of December is always a busy one. On Dec. 6, 1989, we opened and closed Lodge and went down to the Temple to watch our Brother Elmer Anderson receive recognition from the Scottish Rite for outstanding performance to his Lodge. Elmer certainly deserved this award. Congratulations Elmer on a job well done. We also had the sad duty of reporting that we had lost our Brother Ralph Martin who this year had received his 60 year pin. W. Charles White attended the Memorial Services Friday evening and gave condolences to the family on our behalf. Thank you W. Brother Charly.

On December 5, 1989, our Worshipful Master Wayne Engbrecht lost his mother to the Great Architect of the Universe. I would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to you W. Brother Wayne on your loss.

On December 14, 1989, we had a nice dinner and get together at the Lodge for the Past Masters, Sr. & Jr. Warden. It was a fun night and was very enlightening and entertaining. My thanks to W. Brother Tom Pellet Jr.

On December 15, 1989, we were in force for our annual Fellowcraft dinner and railroad election. The meal was fantastic and the engineers were on hand to make the elections as fair as usual. It was decided that being W. Wayne Engbrecht's birthday that he should be the 1990 President. (sounds fair to me) Jack Levy did a great job in 1989 and for that we thank you Jack. W. Brother Wayne also now has a tee-shirt that will probably take our crazy shirt award in June. (you deserve it buddy).

On December 21, 1989, we had our annual meeting and elections. I was elected to serve as Master of Webster Lodge for 1990. For those of you who are not aware of this, I am also President of the Masters & Wardens Association of Monroe County. Webster Lodge has had an Officer in the Masters & Wardens in 1989, 1990, and 1991. W. Wayne is Treas. of the 1989s, and Mark Fenton is Vice President of

the 1991s. This Brothers, is something that no other Lodge in either District can brag about. It shows a total commitment to Masonry in our Lodge by our line officers. Our Lodge has an incredible reputation in the Monroes. This is no accident. This is the result of a lot of commitment by a lot of our Brothers. My goals in 1990 are not to continue this, but to improve this. Masonic Promotion in our community is my theme. I will be kicking this off with a public installation on Jan. 6, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. I am encouraging you to bring your spouses, relatives, or friends. There will be snacks provided and beverages available in the Fellowcraft Room afterwards. This is a chance to show non Masons what we are all about.

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Widows' Luncheon

For the Monroe Districts

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Logan's Party House

February 24, 1990

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Lunch at Noon

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Monroe County Hospital Transportation Fund

Many thanks to all who responded so charitably to this Fund. As a result of the generosity of the many organizations, all the patients, who so desired, were able to spend the holiday with their families. There were more requests this year as the patients were made aware that the funds were available, thanks to our efforts. Doesn't it give you a nice feeling to know that you helped do this marvelous deed?

As Program Administrator, I would personally like to thank each and every participant. I do not have the final tally of how much we raised, but let me assure you it was more than the program has ever achieved.

If it were possible to grant sainthood, every contributor would now carry that title. But then, isn't that what our organizations are all about? Thank you, again, all of you.

Fraternally,
R. H. Hebner

A few dates to mark down:

Jan. 18, 1990: Budget Meeting with Euchre lessons to follow, provided by your 1989 & 1990 Masters.

Jan. 27, 1990: Steak Dinner and Euchre Tournament (RSVP to Jr. Warden Ron Hollander)

Feb. 1, 1990: BRING A FRIEND NIGHT

Feb. 10, 1990: Marketplace Mall 11:00 am till 8 pm to support the 1990 HAVE A HEART BUY A HEART Campaign which is a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House.

Feb. 15: 1st Degree

FORMAL

Feb. 24: Widows Luncheon Logans Party House R.W. Ron McTarnaghan Chairman.

Mar. 10: LADIES NIGHT Country House Restaurant RSVP to the Jr. Warden

DETAILS on these and other events will be in our first mailing.

I would like to close by expressing my deepest thanks to Worshipful Wayne Engbrecht, (on the Lodge and my own behalf) for his guidance in 1989 that I will surely feel in my personal and Masonic life for decades to come. W. Wayne is to myself and many others Masonry. I do not know a more involved, dedicated, educated, or caring Brother than W. Wayne Engbrecht. The organization, activities, and communication that was shown by our Master in 1989 will be an accomplishment to emulate for years to come. As I stated earlier Brothers, our success is no accident. If I may steal a phrase from the City of Rochester "TOGETHER WE CAN".

Fraternally,
Bruce D. Chilton
Master-Elect

A man had just completed making out his income tax form. With a weary sigh, he turned to his wife and said, "Honey your all I have left after taxes."

Reggie Thornley

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2nd & 4th Wednesdays
7:30 P.M.

5 Browns Ave.
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Brethren,

It's amazing how fast a year of your life can go by. It seems like such a short time ago I was installed as Master of Oatka Lodge and now I sit on the sidelines and watch my successor in my place. Reflecting back on 1989 as Master, it has been an interesting and exciting year. It has left me with only fond memories. I could never explain the pride that I have for the right to have been titled Worshipful Master. It was been an experience I will never forget. I would like to thank my Brothers for nominating me for the Scottish Rite's, "Dedicated Service Award". It was such an honor to have the Grand Master of all Masons of New York State present me with this award. My last official act of Master was to escort Wor. Br. John Horn to the East in Cathedral Hall downtown to receive the same award as this year's recipient. Congratulations to you John.

Thank you Rt. Wor. Larry Dunn for having me present you with your Purple Apron at the Presentation Dinner. All of the other Grand Lodge Officers had their Aprons presented to them by other Right Worshipfuls. I felt honored that out of all the others you had to choose from you picked me.

To Wor. Br. Bill Scheerens (Dad). When no one else was there for a work



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January 17, 1990

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detail or help with a Lodge function, you were always there as you have been all my life. I thank you from the bottom of the heart you and your better half gave me.

A Master cannot run a Lodge by himself, and I couldn't have run our Lodge by myself. Without my officers I couldn't run ours. They were invaluable to me as I know they will be to Wor. Br. Larry Scheerens. Thanks guys, you are the greatest.

Last but not least, I have to thank my wife Nancy, and my children, Julie, Terry, and Amy. Whenever there was a Lodge function, they were always there before hand to help me prepare for it. When there was a work party, they were there with me, and on nights that I was not home because of a Masonic function, they forgave me for the time lost with them. You can't ask for better than that, you are the best.

My Brothers, come on out to Lodge and help support you new Master and his Officers for 1990. His name is Wor. Br. Larry Scheerens. I have inside information that he's a good guy. There are two petitions for membership and a First Degree will be held on Jan 24th. So our new line Officers already have their work cut out for them.

See you in Lodge. Bye for now, may God be with you always.
Fraternally,
Glen Scheerens
Master 1989

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND



Brethren,
Fame Lodge is now entering its 73rd year as a fraternal organization in Monroe County. I mention this with the hope that members and/or relatives of past members might loan or donate to the Lodge any items of past history that could be of interest as we make plans to celebrate 75 years of service in 1992.

Now for more immediate news and requests.

In 1989, Fame Temple has had a real face lift, both inside and out. Come and see for yourself.

There is a very good possibility that the Telephone Committee will contact every member with a personal invitation to lengthen their cable to reach all the way to 4275 Culver Road. Our next stated communication will be January 9, 1990 with a dinner at 6:30 followed by the Installation of Officers at 7:30. Please call Ron Allocco 334-0963, Mike Eeckhout 352-9578, or Len Johnson 544-4656 with your dinner reservations no later than January 3. Come pick up your copy of the 1990 trestleboard.

Lets start out the 1990's with the habit of attending **YOUR LODGE** twice a month.

Fraternally,
Leonard W. Johnson
Senior Warden

**Union Star
Lodge
No. 320
2nd Monday
7:30 P.M.
3 North Main St.
Honeoye Falls, N.Y.
14472**

Brethren:
Normally this would be my last letter to appear in the Masonic News, as we have elections in December. However, it looks like I'm going to be Master again for one more year. As many of my colleagues would say, it has been a year of learning! It's been a year of setting goals, of achieving some, and of failing or not accomplishing others. As Master, I had the opportunity of meeting many other Masters and Masons, an opportunity to see what works and what doesn't work in other Lodges, and the chance to establish wonderful friendships.

I want to thank all of you Brothers from Union Star Lodge for your cooperation, your friendship and the trust that you've put in me to be Master of your Lodge. I thank all our Grand Lodge Officers for the assistance I've received from them. Special thanks also to all my friends from Masters and Wardens for their help and friendship. I'll miss you guys!

I'd also like to say that I've had mixed emotions about being Master a second time. Sometimes I can only think of all the work, the

MASONIC ACTIVITIES 1990

A few additional events have been added to this month's listing. Please submit any dates for events to R.W. John Dense at 288-2990

- Jan. 13 Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay, Initiation At Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge
- Jan. 14 Grand Master Swits meets with Florida brothers in Sarasota, FL
- Jan. 16 Grand Master Swits meets with Florida Brothers in Fort Lauderdale
- Jan. 17-27 33rd Empire State Mason Cruise
- Jan. 27 Masters-Wardens 875 Main Street East, Rochester
- Jan. 29 Purple Club
- Jan. 30 Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes Society, Annual Feast at Bosdyks
- Jan. 31 Metropolitan Police-Fire Square Club, Election of Officers at Maplewood Inn
- Feb. 2-11 Have-A-Heart... Buy-A-Heart Campaign, Eastview — Greecetown — Marketplace Malls Shrine Circus
- Feb. 14-18 Totton Essay Contest Deadline
- Feb. 15 Doric Council Cryptic Degree Festival
- Feb. 17 Widows Luncheon - Logans
- Feb. 24 Royal Arch Masons Grand Chapter Convocation, Albany, N.Y.
- March 2-4 Masters and Wardens party
- March 3 York Rite College of Knighting
- March 10 Scottish Rite 4th and 14th Degrees
- March 15 Feast of the Paschal Lamb
- March 29 Purple Club
- March 30 Masonic Grand Ball - Burgundy Basin Inn
- March 31 Grand Master will attend
- April 1 Empire State Mason Photo Contest DEADLINE
- April 18 Cryptic Masons Grand Lecturers Convention
- April 19 Scottish Rite 16th Degree
- April 28 Police - Fire Square Club Ladies Night at Maplewood Inn
- April 28-29 Constellation of Junior Stars, Annual Convocation At Painted Post, N.Y.
- May 1-2 Grand Lodge 209th Annual Communication New York, N.Y.
- May 3 Scottish Rite 17th and 18th Degrees
- May 5 Scottish Rite 24th and 32nd Degrees
- May 5 Scottish Rite Banquet
- June 21 Purple Club
- June 22-24 Saint John's Day - Utica, N.Y.
- Aug. 24 Scottish Rite Outing
- Aug. 24-26 Grand Council - Cryptic Masons - Batavia, N.Y.
- Aug. 28 Metropolitan Police - Fire Square Club, Steak and Chicken Bar-B-Q --- Barnard Exempts Purple Club
- Sept. 7 Testimonial Dinner for M:W: Roswell T. Swits at Albany Hilton
- Oct. 5 O.E.S. Grand Chapter at Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- Oct. 16-18 Scottish Rite Ladies Night
- Oct. 26 Reception for Robert Cook, Grand Commander, Knights Templar
- Oct. 27 Scottish Rite Family Night
- Nov. 1 Grand Master's Ball - Flushing Meadows, N.Y.
- Nov. 2 Scottish Rite Awards Night
- Dec. 6

1991

- Sept. 20-22 Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery Knights Templar

responsibilities, the one more year of writing letters, etc... On the other hand, I'm pleased to get the opportunity to set some new goals, to try and finish some of the unfinished business, the meeting of new people, the chance to make new friendships and the chance to make our Lodge grow. Thank you all!

Now, what's happening in our Lodge. First of all, some sad news. Last month a dearly beloved member of our Lodge, Brother Leon "Ward" Parrish was called to join the Supreme Architect. Brother Parrish was born in the year 1900. He was initiated 2/15/22, passed 3/16/22 and raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on 4/5/22. A few years ago Ward received his 65 year pin. Brother Ward always had a keen interest in Masonry. Indeed, even at his age, he seldom missed a meeting. Last year he donated a speaker system to our Lodge because he had a hard time hearing what was going on. We had a Masonic Service for Brother Ward, and at our last meeting our altar was draped in black. A minute of silence was

observed and a page of the minutes set aside in memory of our beloved Brother. Rest in peace Brother Ward, you're sadly missed by all of us.

R.W. Lawrence W. Dunn, District Deputy Grand Master of the 2nd Monroe District, visited our Lodge last month. I want to thank Larry for his visit and for his wise words of advice concerning some Lodge matters.

Talks and efforts are also underway to do some repairing and decorating in our Lodge.

News has it that we can expect some applications for membership. As all of you can see, things are looking up for Union Star Lodge!

Hope to see all of you for the installation of new officers at our January meeting. Dinner at 6:30 - call 624-1365 or 624-1881 for reservations.

Fraternally,
Joseph J. Cotteleer

Trestleboard
January 8
Dinner at
6:30 PM
Installation of New Officers at
7:30 PM

**Charlotte-
Corinthian
Lodge No. 1088
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.
+
4550 Lake Ave.
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The Holidays are nearly past, the New Year is upon us, and again it is time for new Masters to be installed, with new ideas, new enthusiasm, new and big expectations. And that is as it should be, a new beginning. But what of us going out of office? to me, it is not a time of depression or the end of a "career".

This is the beginning of a new and different task, that of assisting the new Master in training newer officers, helping mold the junior officers in the traditions of the Lodge, by helping a junior officer memorize the ritual, coaching and encouraging them on higher standards of excellence.

It is also time to move on to different types of jobs whereby you can travel to other Lodges in your District to benefit the craft with your knowledge and enthusiasm. There are plenty of committees that need help. True, most of them do not lead to a purple apron but the fraternity needs workers in this area. I, for one, accepted a multi-year assignment to the Benevolence Committee for the Masonic Home which allows me to travel to all Lodges in the 2nd Monroe and possibly some in the 1st Monroe, to enlighten Brothers on the Masonic Home and its many and varied benefits. This is only one avenue of travel.

There are always the concordant bodies that need help; pick one you are interested in and work for it never forgetting that your Blue Lodge comes first. I am sure you will be most welcome. One very useful organization is the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team. It provides a very much needed service to any Blue Lodge in the area that asks in offering the 3rd Degree. Think about some of these ideas. There is no need to hit the old rocking chair, with the phrase, "I have done my part, now it is your turn."

As this is my last article as Master, I wish to thank all the officers and Past Masters of Charlotte-Corinthian for all their support and aid, and I wish for a most rewarding year for the 1990 Masters and Officers. Thank you all.

My wife, Jo, joins me in wishing all of you a happy

holiday season and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Gone, but hopefully, not forgotten!

Fraternally,
W. Don Carlile
Master

Brethren,

As you read this article I will have already been installed as your Worshipful Master for 1990. I have always been very proud to be a member of this great Masonic Fraternity and even more proud of my Lodge, Charlotte-Corinthian. The years have passed so rapidly, that it doesn't seem possible I have been a member 32 years. We have had in our Lodge some outstanding leadership and as your Master for 1990 I certainly hope and pray that it will continue to be this way. The officers are very capable men and I feel they are interested in keeping the high standards and ideals of this Lodge.

In being the Master for this new decade, I will try very hard to increase membership and at the same time increase attendance. To see old faces and new on the side lines it is always a pleasant sight. Our Lodge Brothers need a purpose to attend meetings and I want to define what a purpose is, welcoming them first, give them something to do, they call this participation. We must make our Brothers feel as though they are part of the activities of the Lodge.

My trestleboard for the year will have some interesting programs. Please give your Lodge your support as the officers put many hours of study and planning into these programs.

Already I have sent to each member a program. If you would like to be a part of any of these programs, please feel free to call me at 426-1501.

I thank you for electing me as your Worshipful Master and I am looking forward with a great deal of enthusiasm to greet and meet the Brothers of Charlotte-Corinthian. Together our Lodge will always be the finest in the Monroe District.

I would like to thank R.W. Myron Dox for being my Installing Officer and W. Donald Carlile for being my Installing Marshal.

Our next meeting will be January 16 with a program by our Senior Deacon, Clifford Short.

See you in Lodge. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Fraternally,
W. Charles W. Simpson
Master-Elect

No smile is so beautiful as the one that struggles through tears.

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Supreme Council Increases Funds For Scholarships

The Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, A.A.S.R., has increased the annual funds available for the Leon M. Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship program. Scottish Rite Masons have historically been dedicated to the importance of quality education in a free society and this increase in funding is another indication of our Masonic commitment. New York State's assignment of Leon M. Abbott Scholarship funds will increase to \$18,000.00 for the school year 1989-1990, according to Ill: Harold L. Aldrich, 33 Degree, State Chairman. Scholarships are available to children and grandchildren of Scottish Rite members. Students who are members of Masonically related organizations, (DeMolay Rainbow, Triangle, Jobs Daughters), also qualify for these scholarships. Scholarship applications may be obtained from the Secretary of the Valley of Rochester, Ill: Robert P. Zabel, 33 Degree, 875 East Main Street, Rochester, New York 14605. All applications should be completed as comprehensively as possible and should be returned to the office early in March to comply with scheduled deadlines.

31 Symbolic Lodge Brothers Are Honored

The 4th Annual Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite Awards Night was held on December 7, 1989 under the Chairmanship of Bro. Gerald J. Glaser, 32 Degree MSA. There were over 200 in attendance which included spouses, families and friends. Each recipient was nominated by his Lodge, and an officer from each participated as the guest's escort. The Symbolic Lodge Officers are commended for entering the nominations of those Brothers who have labored in behalf of the Craft and for recognizing their dedication. Lodges from outside Monroe and its surrounding counties were very evident, extending from Attica to Canandaigua and East to Geneva, as well as towns and villages in between. It is the hope of the Valley of Rochester that this annual event will grow in number of honorees and prestige of the award. The Awards were presented by R:W: Ronald D. Mertens, 32 Degree, Junior Grand Warden, and Ill: Harold F. Dates, 33 Degree Active for the State of New York. Ill: James B. Scobell, 33 Degree, presented each Brother with a photo of the presentation as a memento of the affair. Symbolic Lodge Service Award Recipients for 1989 are:

RECIPIENTS

Paul Abbey
Towpath Lodge #163

Mitchell G. Abraham
Ark Lodge #133

Elmer G. Anderson
Webster Lodge #538

Howard F. Barnard
Eagle Lodge #619

Kenneth R. Bishop
Geneva Lodge #965

Donald Calkins
Penfield Union Lodge #514

Robert B. Deckard
Valley Lodge #109
Frederick L. Gifford
Garoga Lodge #300

Jack E. Grover
Craftsman Lodge #969

Llewellyn W. Harrison
Macedon Lodge #665

John Horn
Oatka Lodge #759

Douglas Hunt
Fame Lodge #945

James McNeese
Monroe Lodge #173

James Paddock
Rushville Lodge #377

Leo H. Pancoast
Churchville Lodge #667

Richard L. Parker
Fayette Lodge #539

Philip E. Reed
Warsaw Lodge #549

Albert Ricketson
John Hodge Lodge #815

Dennison J. Ripley
Union Star Lodge #320

From the Desk of: The Commander in Chief, Ill. Myron L. Dox, 33°

Brethren:
The start of something new most times brings wishes for success. As we start a new decade, it would be nice if each of us renewed our commitment to the principals of our great Masonic Fraternity. We should be looking forward to the next Century and asking ourselves if we are doing our part for the evolution of our Fraternity. To the new Masters and the Heads of other Masonic related bodies, the Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester, extends their best wishes and commitment to help bring success to your plans, and maybe together we can promote ourselves and our respective bodies.

I'm happy to report that with the assistance of R:W: Ron Mertens, Junior Grand Warden, 32 Degree, and Ill: Harold Dates, 33 Degree, Active for the State of New York, Masons honored Masons. The Scottish Rite Awards Nite on Dec. 7th helped the Lodges in Monroe County and adjacent counties recognize those Brothers that their respective Lodges chose for this honor. In the past, we have had the Grand Master present to assist, but due to prior commitments he was unable to attend. As you know, we in the area were honored in 1988 by the selection of R:W: Ron Mertens as Junior Grand Warden in the State of New York, and as his term is ending, it was our good fortune to have him assisting in this year's program. Also a special thank you to R:W: Gerald Glaser, 32 Degree MS, for chairing this important event.

The trestleboard shows the next event requesting your presence to be an all bodies business meeting on Jan. 18, 1990. Also asking

Paul H. Rogers
Ancient Craft Lodge #943

Robert F. Sanford
Henrietta Lodge #526

Charles W. Schultz
Walworth Lodge #254

Richard Snyder
Frank L. Simes Lodge #990

Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.
Wakan-Hubbard Lodge #1054

George N. Stanton, Sr.
Canandaigua Lodge #294

Donn Stevens
Clio Lodge #779

Robert A. Traub
John Robertson Lodge #1032

Derek E. VanHouten
Seneca Lodge #797

Nick Vlahos
Charlotte-Corinthian #1088

Walter E. Wahl
Germania Lodge #722

John E. Woolston
Livonia Lodge #778

for your help, we are now accepting petitions for the Spring Class, which will start on March 15, 1990.

The officers and I hope you and your family had a safe Happy Holiday Season and wish you the best of everything in 1990.

Fraternally,

Mathew Gingold Hospitaler

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Llewellyn Weekes-107 Orland Rd., (Irondequoit) 467-8161.
Carl R. Doell-35 Pearson Ln. (Greece) 227-6798
Oscar H. Reber-324 Lakeshore Dr, Hilton, 392-2641

"Long Term" Sick and Shut-Ins

Rocky Ardino - 79 Lemoyne Ave. (Charlotte Area) 865-2954
Francis K. Bartow - 118 Hickory Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572
Ted Davis - Jewish Home for the Aged
Charles Ferner - Brightonian Nursing Home
Roy Forschler - Hill Haven Nursing Home
John Fotch - 57 Daley Blvd. (Irondequoit) 266-2290
Horace Freeman - 837 Shoemaker Rd. (Webster) 671-1987
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William Melvin - Westgate Nursing Home
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Edward Miller - Rochester Friendly Home
Walter Miller - 90 Eagle Ridge Circle (Irondequoit) 544-8551
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In Memoriam

Roy G. Allison
George W. Cowd
William H. Holloway
Robert F. Lauffenburger
Edward J. Moore
Emil Muller
Michael W. Neal
Samuel Scoll
Robert C. Silverthorn
Lawrence Sterling
Harold E. Weiser
Frank D. Wollschlegler

To the families and friends of these departed Brethren, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Scottish Rite Degrees

Northern Masonic Jurisdiction January 1990

The following Valleys have scheduled degree exemplifications on the dates specified. Members of the Rite who are traveling in the course of business or pleasure are encouraged to witness the work of the other Valleys. Examinations are not required for admission to the meetings of other Valleys. A visiting member gains entrance upon presentation of a current card and, in some instances, by also displaying his membership patent or certificate.

State and Valley	Date
<u>MAINE</u>	
Portland	12
Augusta	22
<u>Massachusetts</u>	
Lowell	5
Southeastern, Ma.	29
<u>RHODE ISLAND</u>	
Providence	24
<u>NEW YORK</u>	
Utica	4-19
<u>DELAWARE</u>	
Wilmington	27

MICHIGAN
Detroit (Trenton) 27
Dates shown above are based upon advance information received from local Valleys. Prospective visitors may wish to verify dates with the Secretary of the Body to be visited before making definite plans. Also, a number of Valleys are in the process of changing meeting sites or experimenting with new locations for Degree work.

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MEMBERSHIP We Are NOT Doing Our Job

Once again the appeal for membership. So much depends on it, the future of Scottish Rite and its ability to continue its fine charitable work, the continued progress and not declining roll of members that we have been seeing, the hope that an answer will be found to solve the existing problems. The importance of membership is seen in the constitution of the Supreme Council.

In our area, the percentage of Masons not belonging to a concordant body is very high compared to other parts of the country. This means there is a large reservoir to draw on. It also means we are not doing our job. If we could just find the secret to turn it around, how easy it would be, so until that time let us all continue with our efforts to sign up a new member. It's not going to be easy, but history shows that success does not come without hardships. Remember, after something fails, everyone knows how it might have been saved.

Some People Have All The LUCK

Our Commander-in-Chief, Ill: Myron L. Dox, 33 Degree, is beginning to get envious of Bob and June Forest as they wallow around in sunshine while he is here slipping and sliding in our Winter snow and slush.

Ladies Organizations

NEWS

Order of the Eastern Star

Nola Chapter No. 368

Dear Members,

We would like to thank W: Sara Stephens and W: Merle Drake for a very nice year. We realize the responsibility it is when there are so few to help. It has not only been a successful year, but a "fun" year.

The Chapter send their sympathy to S: Ora Combs on the death of her husband Wm. Combs. Remember our S: Ora in your prayers.

Our get well wishes to W: Mabel Gruendike, W: Zim Sage, W: Mary Shakeshaft, R:W: Lucile Mason. I hope this New Year will bring us all better health.

We enjoyed hearing from W: Alta Smith, but were sorry to hear her Mother S: Helen Kishlar is in a home and not good at all. We are looking forward to seeing you this year, Alta.

Congratulations are in order for R:W: Bill Baxter who retired as of Dec. 1st from the U.S. Post Office Dept. We wish you many years of leisure.

W: Eleanor and B. Steve Gascon held a lovely open

house Nov. 19th for her father, B: Ray Volk, on his 85th birthday. Nola Chapter not only wish you many more birthdays, but thank B: Ray for his loyalty to our Chapter these many years.

There will be no meeting Jan. 2nd due to the holiday. We will have Installation of Officers Jan. 16th. There will be practice on Jan. 14th at 2:00 P.M. The Committee will be S: Diane Drake and R:W: Susan Huff.

If you have any correspondence this Year, you can write to our Secretary, Mrs. Carol Wynings, 76 Helmar Dr., Spencerport, NY 14559, or the Worthy Matron W: Mrs. Sherry Hart, 20 W. Buffalo St., Churchville, NY 14428.

This New Year we hope to reach new goals. We hope more members will come to Chapter, recruit new members, more local communication, volunteers for calling committee. These and other goals must be met in order to continue on.

Blessed are the people who take time to understand, Who always can be counted on to lend a helping hand...

Blessed are the people who have faith in God above,

For they Bless others every day with kindness and with Love.

May this be our New Year's Prayer.

Fraternally,
W. Avis Theis

Irondequoit Chapter No. 572

Meetings:
1st and 3rd Monday

Well, we have come to a close of another year and starting a new one. Worthy Matron Gail Stone and Worthy Patron Charles Spiegel will be retiring knowing they have had a year of achievements to be proud of.

We have brought in four new members, Gail Hueston, Leonard Latta, Delores Carr and Hildegard DiJames. The two great bazaars this year were successful thanks to all the members who made items and worked in the malls. We have chaired many delicious dinners for Wakan Hubbard Lodge this year with many more to come next year.

LET'S GO VISITING

Our Mother's Recognition Dinner was held to honor the mothers of the Chapter and was a huge success. The Chapter Picnic held this Summer was attended by members and their families and enjoyed by all. The annual Birthday Banquet held this Fall was a great event. In 1990 we will be celebrating our 75th Birthday and it will be a festive occasion.

To celebrate the Holiday Season, the Matron and Patron's Project was to send a basket to a needy family which was done this year. A package was also sent to the Eastern Star Home in Oriskany from the members for their December 10th party, which was greatly appreciated.

On December 4th, election of officers for the ensuing year took place. Initiation will take place January 15th, 1990 at Fame Lodge on Culver Road. Congratulations to the newly elected officers. May their year be as productive and successful as the past year.

Fraternally,
Barbara DiJames
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Brother Alfred K. Miller

Fairport Lodge No. 476

Brother Alfred K. Miller, Receives Highest N. Y. Military Decoration, Conspicuous Service Cross

The highest military decoration given by the State of New York, the Conspicuous Service Cross, is to be awarded to Alfred K. Miller, Fairport resident, on Thursday, December 14, at 7:30 P.M. at the Perinton Memorial Post 8495, Veterans of Foreign Wars Headquarters, 300 Macedon Center Road, Fairport. Robert L. King, Assemblyman of the 130th Assembly District will make the presentation on behalf of the Governor by whom the award has been authorized.

In addition to having served honorably, criterion for receiving the Conspicuous Service Cross includes having earned an individual commendation citation awarded for combat duty on foreign soil. Mr. Miller holds the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star together with other medals.

Mr. Miller served five years in the U.S. Army during WWII. Following two years duty at Fort Niagara, he was a cadetman to the 87th Infantry Division in Mississippi, and was with that unit on Tennessee maneuvers and in South Carolina. That division was broken up to furnish replacements to overseas units, and he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, just after D-Day in France. For heroic action in northern France, this battalion was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Silver Star by the Present of the Provisional Government of the French Republic. After the surrender of Germany, he transferred to the Adjutant Generals Department and completed his service in that branch. He was in the European Theater for 18 months.

Mr. Miller is retired from the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District where he was a teacher of instrumental music. He holds a B.S. Ed. Degree from

Fredonia State and an M.A. from Columbia University. Since retirement, both he and Mrs. Miller have been active in patriotic organizations and have traveled widely. He is a member of the Perinton Memorial Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion, and is active in Fairport Lodge #476 F. & A. M., the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. Their son, Rodney, an Air Force Veteran, lives nearby with his wife and two sons. The Miller's have many interests including genealogy.

Scottish Rite NEWS

Hospitaler

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John A. Thompson - 117 Stromboli Dr., Islamorada, Fl. 33036
Arthur Fontaine - Genesee Hospital

Jake Vogel, 32 MS - Penfield Nursing Home
Alfred E. Vragel, 32 MS - Episcopal Church Home
Donald A. West, 32 MS - 9560 Big Tree Rd. (Hemlock) 1-367-2419

Please visit or make a phone call to the above brothers when possible.

MSA Club Holds Annual Christmas Dinner Party

The MSA Club had their Annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 1st at Rick's Prime Rib on Howard Road. There were 46 in attendance and everyone enjoyed the fine food and entertainment provided by Jerry Argetsinger, Magician. The Planning Committee should be complimented for a job well done.

Shrine



Lunch Club

In October, the Lunch Club voted to give a \$300 donation to the Erie Hospital for a Child Mannequin for their training program. P.P. Charles Frear, one of our representatives to the Hospital, presented the check to them in the name of the Lunch Club at their Monthly meeting in November.

The Officers are very happy to see our attendance improving. We are now averaging around 35. We hope this will continue with even more attending in the year of 1990.

Our Christmas Luncheon on December 18, 1989 was a great success thanks to all who attended, and a big thanks to the Committee. We had better than One Hundred in attendance. We were so happy that so many of our Ladies honored us with their presence. We were also happy with the arrival of SANTA (Stan Allen) who had gifts for the ladies.

Fraternally,
Frank Jansson

SHRINE LUNCH CLUB * * *

* JANUARY SCHEDULE

January 1

New Years - No Meeting

January 8

Election & Installation

Officers

January 15

Historic Masons in

Stamps

Illustrated talk by Wor.

Bro. L. Edward A. Walker

President

Rochester Masonic Stamp

Club

January 22

Grass Roots Court

Talk by Judge Melvin

L. Olver

Chili Town Court

January 29

Safety is Everybody's

Business

Illustrated talk by

Philip Randazzo

Executive Secretary

Rochester Safety Council

Frederic S. Holderle

January Program Chairman

Warm Welcome To Fall Reunion Class

Valley of Rochester Honors
Ill. R. Kenneth Crawford 33
Class of 1989

We want to recognize and welcome all the members of the Ill: R. Kenneth Crawford, 33 Degree Class from the Fall Reunion held last month:

William A. Baldwin
Howard W. Bale
Donald C. Bell
William G. Coleman
Ernest H. Day
Thomas C. Foote
Dale F. Gelder
Roman R. Kukurudza
Donald A. Rose
Paul F. Soltzick
James R. Swan
Donald A. Walzer

Officers selected from this class are: President - William A. Baldwin, Orator - Donald A. Rose.

If you know any of these Brothers, invite them to come with you to our next Stated Meeting on Thursday, January 18, 1990 at 7:30 P.M.

Henrietta
Lodge
No. 526
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2nd & 4th Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.
769 Erie Station Rd.
West Henrietta, N.Y. 14586

Brethren:
As this New Year enfolds upon us, we your new officers of Henrietta Lodge, wish all our Lodge Brothers, their families, and our Masonic widows, a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

As your elected Master for the upcoming year, I will strive to make 1990 one that is filled with: Dedication to the Craft, a positive attitude, and Inspiration by means of delegations. Yet, I am only one and our success will depend on the cooperation and help of each and every officer and brother of our Lodge. Please, take that time to, not only read this Monroe Masonic News, but inquire as to what your Lodge can do for you! Do you have a problem in getting to our meetings? - Call upon your officers and we will make arrangements in picking you up. Have you forgotten the "Word"? - Please do not let this hold you back. We are here to "give" as well as "receive"! Do you have "better" things to do? - You're reading this correspondence, so you must care about your Craft. Come and share your experience(s) and we will make you "better" for it! Do you have a "handicap" that does not allow you access to the 2nd floor? - We will be meeting on the 1st floor from January thru March, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, throughout the Winter season! If none of the above apply, then please get involved in any way that you can. Your Lodge will be "better" for it.

On February 24th, we will once again be hosting the widows of our departed Brothers, at a luncheon at Logan's Party House, on Scottsville Road. This is one event when our Masonic widows are acknowledged for their past and present participation within Masonry.

1990 will be the third consecutive year when Masonry, in the Monroe Districts, has been involved in participating in the Ronald McDonald House "Have A Heart Buy - A Heart" campaign. Henrietta Lodge's day will be on Monday, February 5th. Please note of that date, since we will need all the support possible for this rewarding event.

Towpath
Lodge No. 163
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Northfield Temple
17 Church St
Pittsford, N.Y. 14334

Formerly
Yonondio Lodge 163
Genesee Falls Lodge 507
Zetland Lodge 951

Brethren,
I hope you and your families all had a wonderful and safe Holiday. Please

Your officers for 1990 are:
Paul Josephson, **Senior Warden**, (He's losing weight by the day; My main man!).
William Staples, **Junior Warden**, (A Past Master and 33rd Degree Mason).
Robert Sanford, **Secretary**, ("Time Blue" to his duties; Past Master and our collision expert!).
Roy Lloyd, Jr., **Treasurer**, (Keep us in the "black" or watch your back! Past Master).

Norm Johnstone, **Senior Deacon**, (Back in "line" and raring to go!).
John Bell, **Junior Deacon**, (A sincere and caring Brother).

Wolfgang Meier-Rottman, **Senior Stewart**, (Our newest Brother and our biggest!).

Ronald Morthorst, **Junior Stewart**, (Past Master 1989 and still going; Historian for Lodge).

Richard Bull, **Chaplain**, (May his blessings make our year a successful one; Past Master).

John Lindsay, Sr., **Marshall**, (May he escort us into a new and exciting decade!).

Lloyd Weston, **Tiler**, (Three-time Master and still kicking!).

Roger McCaughey, **Organist**, (Music in his middle name).

Lawrence Mellard, **Officer At Large**, (not an official office, but one that makes all the difference in the world!; Our ritualist, Senior Plumber and Past Master).

Congratulations to those Brothers of Henrietta Lodge who celebrate their natural Birthdays during the month of January: This includes Brothers: William Cole, Leslie Moore, Jr., Donald Purcell, Russell Vane, William Woodhead, and Charles Zornow. Also, congratulations to those of you who celebrate your Masonic Birthday, the date of your raising, for the month of January. This includes Brothers: Porter Clark, William Cole, Roy Miller, Ronald Morthorst, Paul Rogers, and James Tulloch.

Again, we the officers of Henrietta Lodge, urge you to give of your time and support in making 1990 a rewarding and successful year. **Fraternally,**

Gary P. Mastrella
Master

Trestleboard
January 2
Fellowcraft Club
(Election of Officers)

January 9
Business Meeting
(Speaker from H&R Block)

January 16
Fellowcraft Club

January 23
Business Meeting
(Eastern Star Officers- their Trestleboard for 1990)

accept my wish to everyone for the best in the New Year.

January 16th will be my final time to open Lodge, on that night we will be installing our new Master, W: Daniel Emerson. I know all the Brothers will come out and give him the support that you have given me during my term.

At this time, I would like to thank all of you for the loyal support you gave to me as Master of Towpath Lodge. As some of you know, it has been a challenging year due to the consolidation and tying up all the loose ends. We are definitely on the right track in making this a very successful and strong Lodge.

Churchville
Lodge No. 667
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
8:00 P.M.
20 South Main St
Churchville, N.Y. 14428

Time has run out on my year as Master and a wonderful, albeit sometimes a trying year, but as with all such things the next generation must take it's turn at the reins and we are fortunate to have W: Bill Baxter in the wings awaiting his turn as Master. Congratulations to W: Brother Bill on his retirement effective Dec. 1st and wish he and his lovely wife Sue the very best in this new phase of their lives. I know that he will serve the Lodge well in 1990, and I sincerely hope you will give him at least as much support as I experienced in 1989.

My sincere thanks to all of this year's officers, and especially the sideliners who so often helped fill in when needed; particularly Bro. Ray Volk who helped at almost every meeting in one position or another at a moments notice. A special thanks too, to R:W: Earl Steffen and R:W: Ev Vail who have so faithfully served as Secretary and Treasurer respectively during so many years, and thus a real backbone of our Lodge.

To complete this history of recent events, the annual Official Visit was the night before Thanksgiving and I really want to thank my wife

A big "thank you" to all who responded with "Yes, I will be happy to help" when called upon. Not only did you help your Lodge and Lodge members but as a two fold benefit we gained friends and expanded our fellowship.

As I'm sitting here writing my last news article, my one big fear of being Master still exist. I wish I had the eloquence of some to properly convey to each and everyone of you all the positive aspects of this past year. I'm a man of few words still, but again I want to thank you all and tell you how much I have enjoyed working with you. You have given me wonderful support. We have made many upward strides as the new Towpath Lodge #163, and you have helped me mature and grow in the spirit of true Masonry.

In review of what has happened since my last news article; November 21st was our Official Visit from R:W: Lawrence Dunn, District Deputy Grand Master, 2nd Monroe, and R:W: Donald Brugger, Grand Director of Ceremonies. On this occasion several Brothers received their pins for service to the fraternity. Many of those were 50 and 60 year service pins. Congratulations to all on their great accomplishment. The Fall class of Brothers were raised to the Degree of Master Mason on December 5th. I would like to welcome and introduce them to you: Bro. Craig A. Covert, Bro. Raymond J. Knepper, Bro. Carl F. Mason, Bro. Carl F. Mason III, and Bro. Edward L. Handbach Jr. On Thursday, December 7th, at the Downtown Masonic Temple, it was my honor to escort Bro. Paul Abbey to the 4th Annual Symbolic Lodge Service Award Night given

Doris, daughter-in-law Diane and mother Onnolee for the super help extended for the dinner that preceded. The dinner must have been pretty good as the fourteen that had dinner cleaned up 12 lbs. of meatloaf and almost 15 lbs. of potatoes. It's too bad that this year's Grand Lodge Officers were unable to join us for dinner, but four of last year's officers were there again as they were so many times this past year, and I felt very good about that. Note that it was also a good meeting following the meal.

On Dec. 3rd approx. 35 Brothers and friends met at the Riga Congregational Church for our annual Communion Service followed by Breakfast at the Lodge rooms. Rev. Bob Brandenstein performed the Service and I believe most left the Church feeling rejuvenated in their Faith, and then after a wonderful breakfast served by Nola Chapter #368, we were privileged to have W: Rich Friedman, companion Master of Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 deliver an excellent historical message concerning the life of M:W: Andrew Jackson. My sincere thanks to all who participated, attended or helped in any way.

I want to take a special moment to thank Sister Anita Drake who with her many helpers was my link to Nola Chapter this year for all the many meals they served for us for many varied occasions. We sometimes take these services for granted, but they take a lot of time, effort, and dedication to come off well as each meal indeed did. Thanks to all Sisters who helped in any way.

by the Rochester Scottish Rite. Congratulations Paul on your award, and thank you for all your effort.

It is again with sadness that I have to report to you the loss of three Brothers who have been called home by the Great Architect of the Universe; Bro. Donald H. MacNab (Zetland) on November 5th, 1989, Bro. Walter A. Close (Genesee Falls) on November 23, 1989, and R:W: Harold E. Weiser (Yonondio) on December 6, 1989. Our sympathies and condolences are extended to their families.

Let us not forget the Brotherhood Fund/Leaf. All of you have received your "Leaf Notes" from our Brotherhood Fund Chairman. Help support the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, it has earned a reputation as one of the finest biomedical research institutes of its size world wide. Today our

My sincere congratulations to W: Leo Pancoast who received the annual Scottish Rite award on Dec. 7th which is "Recognition of Dedication, Service, and Continuous Support of a member to his Symbolic Lodge". This was a very well attended event and I was very proud to accompany W: Brother Leo to the East to receive his Certificate from Ill: Harold F. Dates, 33 Degree Active, and R:W: Ronald D. Mertens, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Finally may I wish each of you a sincere "Happy Holidays" with the hope of a prosperous New Year in 1990. God Bless each of you in all that you do.

Fraternally,
Charles E. Daycock
Master

Trestleboard
December 27
Joint Investiture
Service
Rochester Temple

January 9
Annual Masonic Corp.
Meeting
Lodge Rooms
8:00 P.M.

January 10
Installation of Officers
Dinner at
6:30 P.M.
Meeting at
7:30 P.M.

January 17
Practice for First
Degree
7:00 P.M.

January 24
First Degree
Bro. Floyd Gridley
7:30 P.M.

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In closing, I would like to thank my family for all the wonderful support they have given to me, especially my wife, Jo-Carroll.

Fraternally,
Terry W. Wihlen
Master

Trestleboard
January 2
No Meeting
January 9
Officers Meeting

January 16
Installation of Officers
Open Lodge
6:00 PM
Dinner 6:30
Tuxedo

February 6
Regular Meeting
Program T.B.A.

If each Lodge had to pay for the maintenance of its deserving elderly folks at a private facility, it wouldn't be as good as our Home in Utica and it would cost YOU a considerable sum of money each year. Why not count your Blessings for our Home . . . and give just a small part of the amount you save to the Brotherhood Fund TODAY! Send it to your Lodge Chairman.

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Frank Vito Presented DeWitt Clinton Award



Left to Right--Mrs. Frank (Eileen) Vito, Mr. Frank Vito and W: Angelo DiCataldo, Master of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge 1054 Who presented the DeWitt Clinton Award at the Masters Ball.

By Brother Joseph C. Cimino

Mr. Frank Vito, a Physical Education instructor with the Greece School District, was presented with the DeWitt Clinton Award at the Master's Ball of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 1054 held at the Wildwood Country Club on November 10th, in recognition of his outstanding record of service to the community, especially with the physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped.

With School District 12 years

Mr. Vito has been with the Greece School District for twelve years, for the most part instructing and working with the handicapped. During the same period he has spent five years assisting with the Police Outreach Program counseling our youth, three years with the Family Service of Rochester working with families and troubled youth and eleven years working with children of the adapted Physical Education Program.

Coached Special Olympics

In addition to these activities, Mr. Vito has given time over a period of eleven years coaching and working with the New York State Special Olympics, including the recent State Games held on the campus of Rochester Institute of Technology.

Grand Lodge Award

The DeWitt Clinton Award is given by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in recognition of outstanding community service by non-Masonic organizations or individuals reflecting their concern for the well-being of mankind, and Wakan-Hubbard Lodge was proud to be able to present this award to Mr. Vito on behalf of Grand Lodge.

In addition to presenting this award to Mr. Vito, W: John Lawrence was presented with a plaque by the Master, W: Angelo DiCataldo, as a token of appreciation for his devoted services to the Lodge.

the dates.

We'll kick off the month of January with the Investiture of Incoming Officers on Jan. 9, 1990. This cornerstone activity will be preceded by a dinner. We're looking forward to this opportunity to put some faces to the names of some of those Brothers whose names are always popping up in those "Do you remember when..." stories, but whom many of the more recent members have yet to have the pleasure of meeting. Come on out and join in the celebration!

For several months past, there has been talk in this column about Monroe putting on its own Third Degree. Due to certain complications and logistical difficulties, we were unable to complete this work in December. We WILL, however, be conferring the Degree on January 23, 1990. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. All Brothers should take note that the Lodge will be opened at 6:00 p.m. with all officers in their respective chairs or at their stations. Once again, if we haven't had the opportunity to share in your presence for awhile, now's the time to jump in and grab a part in the Degree. We have plenty of parts in need of a willing Brother.

There are several other key dates coming up. The Master requests that you take due notice there of. January 13, 1990 will be the date for the DeMolay Investiture Ceremony. The 2:00 p.m. event is open to all Master Masons. It will be hosted by Charlotte-Corinthian 1088.

Tickets for the Grand Ball are on sale through Master Zack (As in Jack) Lee. If you wish to purchase tickets, don't hold off 'til the last minute. There will be no tickets sold at the door. The Date of the Ball is March 31, 1990.

W. Brother Lee has already reserved our dates for the Have-A-Heart Fund Drive. Monroe #173 will be working Feb. 3rd and 10th from 11 a.m. until... at Greece Town Mall. Make sure that you set aside some time for this responsibility. Eureka Lodge #36, Prince Hall Masons has been invited to share this endeavor with Monroe. Let's take this opportunity to show our support for this most worthwhile cause.

And now before this month's Profile Of A Brother, a note about this series: R.W. McCullough has asked me to put out a request for biographical materials from our Brothers out there in the wilds of Florida,

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Arizona, West Brockport, etc. We'd really love for you to take the time to drop us a line and provide us with some of the same sort of info that we've been passing along about other out-of-town Brothers. It would do our fraternal hearts good to hear from y'all and, on top of that, it'll be a lot of fun!

PROFILE OF A BROTHER

This month we get the opportunity to feature Spencer C. HINDS who has been a member of Monroe 173 since July of 1940. He and his wife now reside in Williamsburg, MI. They retired in 1979 from the electronic equipment (industrial) business. Spencer was one of four who founded the business in 1948. They employed about 250 people servicing a world wide market, and the business consumed nearly all of Spencer's active time. With two other founding partners, they sold the business to Midland-Ross and retired to other pursuits. For example, Spencer has become active in the Cherryland High Twelve in Traverse City and serves as the Club Secretary. We are proud that he has maintained membership in our Lodge and is nearing his 50th anniversary in Masonry. Spencer and his wife are also nearing their 50th wedding anniversary. They have 3 married children. In communications with us, Brother Hinds and his wife have invited local Brothers to call anytime they are in the vicinity of 9869 Kay-Ray Road, Williamsburg (phone 616-938-2226) because they would love to have visitors from "home".

Our congratulations go to Bro. James McNeese for being selected for special recognition for service to his Symbolic Lodge by receipt of the Scottish Rite's annual award. Jim received this honor at the Open Award Presentation Ceremony on Dec. 7, 1989. He was escorted by W. Zack Lee. Several other Brothers were in attendance. Well done, Jim. You've done us proud!

Well, that's a rap for this month. I'd forgotten how exciting the beginning of a new year of Lodge activities really is. Come on out and join us. I can't wait to say "Hello!"

Fraternally,
Bro. Neil E. Laundry
(On behalf of Bro. Zaque, no...,no...!
On behalf of Worshipful Brother Z. Lee)

Trestleboard
January 9
Installation of Officers
Dinner Meeting

January 13
DeMolay Investiture
Charlotte-Corinthian
2:00 P.M.

January 16
Fellowcraft Club
7:00 P.M.

January 23
Third Degree
Lodge to Open at
6:00
Dinner at
6:30

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We hope that everyone had a great time ringing out the old and that the ringing in of the new didn't really hurt the ol' noggin all that much. (The lampshade looked super!) Anyway, here we go again and the Brothers of Monroe #173 had better tightened those seatbelts, because we're going to be flying for the next couple of months. Master Zack Austin Lee (That's Zack with a "K" as in Jack! Got that?) has lined up an exceptional start to the new year. Make sure that you hold onto this month's newsletter and mark

Masters & Wardens Association

Meeting:
November 18, 1989
Host: Webster Lodge No. 538

The last Masters and Wardens Meeting for 1989 was opened at 7:30 pm by President Terry Wihlen. The meeting followed a fine repast put on by the Webster OES. W: Herb Spencer gave the prayer. The following Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance and recognized: R:W: Ron Mertens, Jay McCullough, Larry Dunn, Don Brugger, Frank Granata, Don Scrivens, Bob Rudman, and Fritz Friedrich. Presidents of the Senior and Junior Wardens Groups, Bruce Chilton and John Lindsay were present as were the advisors of the three groups. W: Marty Zillman, R:W: Bob Dibble and W: Gary Burke. Webster Lodge was thanked for hosting.

Old Business

R:W: Ron Mertens thanked all who participated in Masonic Weekend in the Monroes. Our Leadership Seminar was the best attended in the State. Ron also spoke on the Grand Lodge of Connecticut's recognition of Prince Hall Masonry as being a "regular" form of Masonry and not clandestine.

Grand Ball Chairman W: Bob Green updated us on the Grand Ball to be held on 3/31/90 and tickets were distributed to the Lodges. Returns of unused tickets must be in by 3/26/90 or you eat them.

"Almost" Bruce Chilton encouraged everyone to sign up now for the "Have a Heart" Campaign. Slots are being filled. Each Lodge will receive a mailing on the details shortly.

Gary Mastrella reported that the Masonic Picnic will be held at the Damascus Temple this Summer. Details to follow.

New Business

R:W: Bob Rudman addressed the assemblage in his capacity as Head of the Grand Lodge Officers Selection Committee. Bob spoke on the evolution of the process whereby Worshipful Brothers are selected to be Grand Lodge Officers. All Masters have received the necessary information. The deadline for submitting applications is 12/15/89.

R:W: Jay McCullough informed us that the Prince Hall Masons of Eureka Lodge #36 have been invited to our Grand Ball and to participate in the "Have a Heart" Campaign. In turn, Eureka Lodge extended the invitation for us to join their 64th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Feast which some of us will be attending.

Jay also announced that Jay Stalker is available for Lodge Programs on the Masons in Baseballs Hall of Fame. Contact Pat McNenny if interested.

Our Association voted to send a patient from Monroe Community Hospital home for the holidays.

Secretary and Treasurers Report

The Secretary read several communications from the Home Away From Home Inc.

thanking us for our participation in the Cornerstone Laying and our general involvement in the Ronald McDonald House.

Two communications were read regarding our Camp Turk support and both were appreciative of our help.

The Treasurer reported that we have a total of \$446.36 in the Treasury with \$331.36 in the General Fund and \$185.00 in the Camp Fund.

W: Don Carlile wants to visit each Lodge and discuss the Masonic Home. All Senior Wardens were given information on this.

It was strongly suggested that the Secretaries of the Senior and Junior Wardens collate Installation Dates and send them out to the groups.

Announcements

Seneca Lodge raised over \$300.00 for L.E.A.F. in their Euchre Tournament. More of this activity is needed!

The DeMolay Initiation meeting will be held on 1/13/90. All Masons are welcome at 2 PM at Charlotte-Corinthian.

The Joint Investiture will be held at the Downtown Temple on 1/27/90. More details to follow.

Counts: 1989: 17, 1990: 15, and 1991: 14. A fine turnout!

Next Communication

The next communication will be held at the Downtown Temple on 1/27/90. Hospitality will be held for all groups at the Temple.

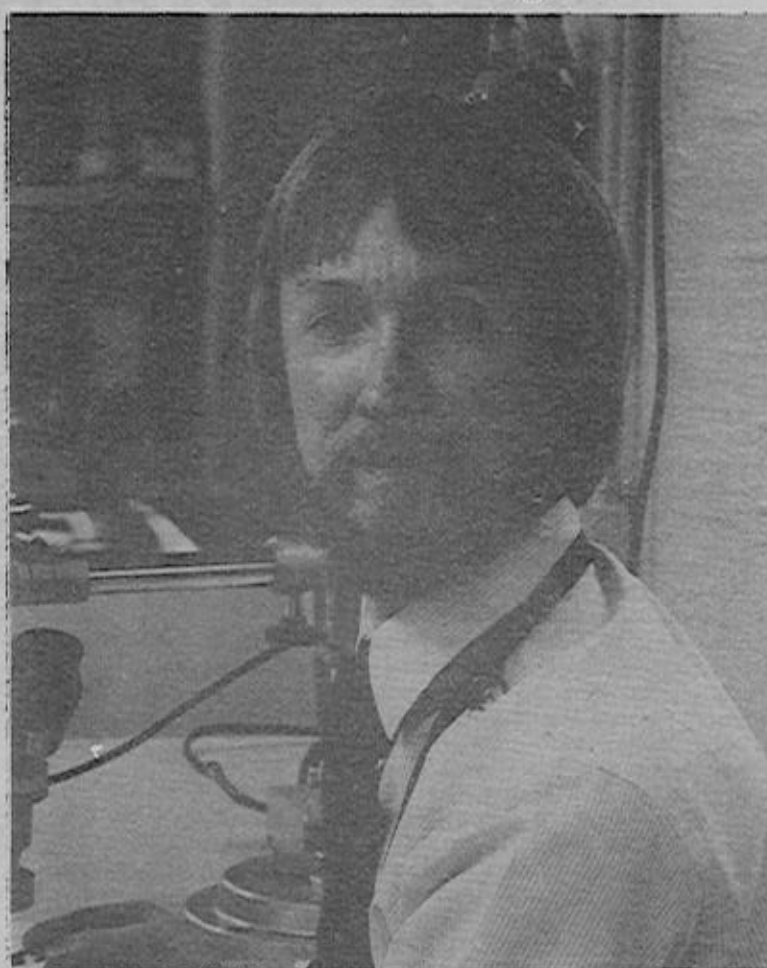
Happy Trails to You

As this represents my last duty as Secretary of the Association, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure serving you this year. I know I speak for all of the 1989 Masters in wishing "Almost" President Bruce Hilton and his merry men the best of luck next year. I can only hope that the experience of Masters and Wardens will be as valuable to all succeeding groups as it was to ours. Lifelong friendships are made in this arena and is perhaps the most important and lasting reward. I know I also speak for all the Groups in thanking our own "Most" Terry Wihlen for his countless hours and devotion to duty. Our respect and admiration for his superb job will stay with us all of our lives. Good Night Mrs. Calabash wherever you are.

Fraternally,
W: Rich Friedman
Secretary

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Brother Grant Romer Receives International Recognition



Grant Romer
Masonic Library Conservator

By Ted. Honea:

When the Masonic Service Bureau appointed Brother Grant Romer as Conservator of Monroe Masonic Heritage last Spring, they knew that he possessed outstanding qualifications for the job. A series of professional achievements has recently emphatically underscored his outstanding merit and brought him international prominence in his field.

Brother Romer is Senior Deacon of Valley Lodge No. 109 and an affiliate of Frank L. Simes Lodge No. 990. In addition, he belongs to many other Masonic bodies, including Rochester Consistory, A.A.S.R., Hamilton Chapter No. 62, R.A.M., Monroe Commandery No. 12, K.T., the Allied Masonic Degrees and the American Lodge of Research. In professional life, he is photograph conservator at the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography. He is also one of a very few practicing daguerreotypists in the world.

The daguerreotype process, invented in France in 1839 by Louis Daguerre, is the earliest photographic technique. In recognition of Brother Romer's special skill and accomplishment in the art, the city of Paris invited him to travel to Paris and produce daguerreotypes in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the invention of photography.

As a result, Brother Romer and a colleague spent two months this Fall in Paris making daguerreotypes. A large selection of their work is now on display in the museum at Paris. Recently the French magazine, *L'Express* (the equivalent of our *TIME Magazine*), published an eight-page article on his work, including numerous reproductions of his daguerreotypes.

The Museum at the George Eastman House also included Brother Romer's work in its current exhibition. The items included in this local exhibit are from among his earlier productions. The photographs again form a part of the museum's own sesquicentennial exhibit.

If this were not enough notoriety for our accomplished Brother, he is also co-author of an article in the December issue of the prestigious journal, *Scientific American*. The article explains the daguerreotype process and its history.

The Masonic Service Bureau offers consultation with Brother Romer to all Masons in Monroe County. His ability extends far beyond photographic techniques to include an extensive knowledge of Masonic artifacts and art works. With the completion of the physical relocation of the Service Bureau and the Masonic Library, the Conservator's office will be located in the Monroe Masonic Library.

The combination of the Monroe Masonic Library and the services of the Monroe Conservator offer Monroe County Masons what is probably a unique educational resource at the local level. The Service Bureau encourages use of these resources and hopes, as scheduling and time permit, to offer organized educational programs that will greatly enhance and stimulate Masonic life and activity in the area.

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Condolences of the Lodge are in order for our W.M. Dana Aucter. W. Bro. Dana was summoned to Florida on December 4th due to the death of his grandmother. Further details are not available at this writing.

On Thursday December 7th our respected Trustee and Organist, Bro. Donn Stevens, was presented an award for Meritorious Service by the Scottish Rite. This award is presented to a Brother recognized by his Lodge for his many contributions to Masonry. In the absence of our Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden accompanied Donn to the ceremony. Congratulations Donn from all of us at Clio.

Printing deadline this month does not allow a report on our annual meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year. However, the Nominating Committee has made the following selections for elective offices: W. Master, Bro. Art Harmer; Sr. Warden, W. Bro. Gary Thompson; Jr. Warden, Bro. Bud Camp; Secretary, Bro. Charles Tucker; Treasurer, Bro. Dave Goodrich; Trustees, R.W. Bro. Dennison Wright, W. Bro. Dana Aucter and Bro. Donn Stevens.

As you will note by our trestleboard, a public installation will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, January 14th at Clio Lodge. Reception in our dining room immediately following installation ceremonies.

While jotting down your Christmas list, why not remember the Masonic Brotherhood (L.E.A.F.) Fund, a most worthwhile gift at this the "giving" season.

Best of Holiday wishes to all from the Brethren of Clio Lodge.

Fraternally,
Bro. Art Harmer
Sr. Warden
Trestleboard
January 2
Regular Communication
W.M. Dana Aucter
7:30 P.M.
January 14
Public Installation & Reception
Clio Lodge
3:00 P.M.
January 16
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Ionic Chapter No. 210 Royal Arch Masons 4th Tuesday

I am really not supposed to be writing this article. But, it gives me an opportunity to wish all of you the best in the coming year and also to thank all the Companions for the honor of serving as their High Priest for the past two years. E: Mike Adamus has accepted the nomination for High Priest for 1990. By the time you read this article, the Annual Meeting, Election and Installation of Officers will already have taken place. The Officers for 1990 will be:

High Priest
E: Micheal Adamus
King
Micheal Staub
Scribe
E: Donald Brugger
Secretary
E: Roy Huff

Treasurer
E. Gordon Mosher
It was a fairly good two years with four new Companions added to the ranks. We are also in good shape financially. This Spring we will be doing the Mark Degree in the Round Robin. The dates for the Degrees will be announced soon.

Doric Council No. 19

CRYPTIC
MASONS

3rd
Wednesday



Chartered in 1861

On December 30th, 1989, your Council literally went to the horses. About 40 companions and their ladies went to Batavia Downs for the evening of watching the races and having a delicious buffet meal in the dining room. We all had a good time and lost some money as usual. R.I. Stanley V. Peterson was in charge and he did a great job. Weather was not to bad for the evening. The 6th race was in our honor and pictures were taken with the winning horse and driver.

Our meeting in December was on the 20th 1989 and plans for our Degrees coming up were discussed. Our next meeting will be on the 17th 1990 of January in the Masonic Temple, Rochester, NY. Rehearsal for the Degrees will be held and they will be

Roy Huff says, "dues are due"; lets stay solvent and send in your checks. The January meeting will be held on the 23rd; only one meeting this Month. We hope to have a rusty Companion Night for that meeting. The Telephone Committee will try to get in touch with each of you and if transportation is a problem, we will try to work that out too. This will be an opportunity for those who cannot make the second Tuesdays of the Month to attend. We will try to have some kind of Program lined up for that night also.

With the help of the Companions, we hope to make this an outstanding year for Ionic Chapter. That means attendance. Try to join us. Don't worry about how long you have been away or whether you will know anyone, we'll fix that. John Waldock's condition has not changed. He is still undergoing therapy at St. John's Home and would appreciate cards and visitors. Companion Jerry Glaser continues to improve and is getting around better. These words of wisdom from Santayana, "Life is not a spectacle or a feast; it is a predicament".

Fraternally,
E. Micheal Adamus
High Priest
E. Donald Brugger
Reporter
E. Roy Huff
Secretary

presented on Candidates on Saturday the 24th of Feb. 1990. The Royal Master and Select Master and also the Super Excellent Degree will be given to the members. R.I. Stanley V. Peterson and Ill. Ed. Walker are the Degree Directors. It will take quite a few for this Degree so if asked please accept Thanks. More about this in the Feb. Issue of the Monroe Masonic News.

Our Ill. Master Ronald J. Bertie and Elaine hope you all had a happy holiday and look forward to the new century. The future of our Council looks very bright and we hope to continue to grow in the future. With your help we will.

Comp. John H. Waldock is doing fairly well but is still in the nursing home and would like to have visitors when you can. A long time member is not doing so good. Cards would be appreciated.

Ill. Ed Walker is still ready to receive your contribution for your dues. We are doing pretty good as of now and many thanks.

Believe that is all for now so have fun.

Fraternally,
Ill. Ronald J. Bertie
Master
Pill. Roy E. Huff
Reporter

Order of Judas Maccabeus

On November 19th, 1989, the Grand Assemblage of the Order of Judas Maccabeus was formed. The Grand Assemblage held its first meeting at the Palmyra Masonic Temple in Palmyra, NY.

The New Grand Line of the Order of Judas Maccabeus of North America is as follows:

M.S. Raymond R. Beardsley
Grand Commander
R.S. Ronald J. Bertie
Dep. Grand Commander
R.S. Cyrus Kloner
Grand Chancellor
R.S. Stanley V. Peterson
Grand Treasurer
R.S. Herbert Hirsch
Grand Recorder
R.S. Harold Miller
Grand Chaplain
R.S. John Tijou
Grand Lecturer

The Grand Assemblage will operate out of Rochester, NY. There will be several new Assemblages started in the coming years.

The following is a sketch of our new Grand Commander, M.S. Raymond R. Beardsley: M.S. Beardsley was born in Bridgeport, Conn. in 1925. He attended public schools in Bridgeport and his College and Graduate Studies were the following:

1. Massachusetts Inst. of Technology B.S. in Electrical Engineering.
2. University of Pittsburg, M.S. program

M.S. Beardsley was employed in engineering and management positions for several Fortune 500 Companies.

In 1953, he married Lila Louise Knight. They had five children, one child Janet died in 1975. Ray is active in church activities, camping, playing the piano, stamp collecting and making wine.

M.S. Raymond Beardsley Masonic History is:
Blue Lodge is Northfield Lodge #426. Master in 1978 and currently is the Secretary.

District Dep. Grand Master 2nd Monroe 1979-80.

Former Pres. of Board of Trustees, Rochester, Masonic Temple.

Concordent bodies:
Hamilton Chapter #62 RAM. HP 1979.

Doric Council #19, Cryptic Masons. Ill. Master 1978-79.

Monroe Commandery #12 KT. Em. Comm. 1977-78.

Genesee York Rite College #25 Pre-Em. Gov. 1978-79.

Allied Masonic Degrees, Master 1981.

Empire State Priory, KYCH

Order of the Purple Cross, Pres. 1982

Buffalo Consistory 32 Degree AASR.

Damascus Temple

He was elected to the Grand Line of Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of NY in 1980. In 1986-87 he was elected and served as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons. He is currently the

Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of the State of New York.

We will have our next meeting on March 25th, 1990 in Palmyra Masonic Temple, Palmyra, NY at 3 PM. The ladies are invited to be there as we are planning to go to the Garlock House for a 5 PM Dinner. Expect to have candidates so the Degree will be presented at this time. More about this in the next Issue.

Hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday and ready for the new year.

Fraternally,
Ronald J. Bertie
Dep. Gr. Comm.
M.S. Roy E. Huff
Reporter

Monroe Commandery

No. 12

Knights
Templar

1st & 3rd
Fridays



Chartered in 1827

ANNUAL SUMMONS-Sir Knights, you are hereby summoned to attend the annual stated conclave of Monroe Commandery No. 12 to be held in Cathedral Hall, Masonic Temple, 875 East Main Street, Rochester, New York on January 5th, 1989 at 7:45 P.M., for the purpose of hearing the Annual Reports and the dispatch of such business as may come before the meeting.
S.K. Darryl W. Griffing
Commander
S.K. Robert H. Cook
Deputy Grand Commander,
Recorder

Our next key event is the Annual Christmas Toast on Friday, December 15th in Cathedral Hall at the Temple, however, since the press deadline for this January Monroe Masonic News issue is December 12th, I will be reporting on the outcome of this event in the February Issue.

In the Holiday Spirit of the Season, I am sure any Sir Knights and their families, that you may know of who have recently experienced illness and distress, would enjoy receiving a Christmas Card or an uplifting note. Please think of them and one in particular, Sir Knight Robert Phelps and his family during this joyous season of the year.

We are saddened to report the death of two Sir Knights of Monroe Commandery. Sir Knight Lawrence Sterling, Knighted November 23, 1974, died November 8, 1989, at age 78. Sir Knight Donald H. Mac Nab, knighted December 1, 1962 and died November 5, 1989 at age 84.

We have a few birthdays for the month of January, which include: George Anderson, William Babcock, Jr., David Cordy, Claudio Malusa, Gerald P. Miller, Robert Phelps. I wish all of you a happy birthday, Sir Knights and may you each be blessed by God, with many more.

Sunday, March 11, 1990 at 3-P.M. will be the date of the next Council Officers meeting at Canandaigua, NY, as set by this group at the

Cyrene Commandery No. 39

Knights
Templar

2nd & 4th
Fridays



Chartered in 1867

Our Annual Conclave for receiving of reports from committees and activities for the year 1989 will be received on January 12th, 1990, Masonic Temple, Rochester, NY at 8 PM. Please have all reports ready. The Schicker Club will also have their meeting that night.

Many thanks to all who were at the Annual Christmas Toast held on Dec. 15th 1989 at the Masonic Temple, Rochester, NY at 8 PM. Monroe Commandery was the Host this year. A good time was had by all.

Our 2nd Conclave on January 26th, 1990 will be full form opening and rehearsal for our Inspection coming up soon. Will let you know the date later on. Come on out and be with us.

Our Recorder S.K. Frederick S. Holderle is still ready and willing to receive your dues. Please ASAP.

Easter this year is the 15th of April 1990 and once again there will be the Annual Sunrise Service. Will keep you posted about that in the next issue of the Monroe Masonic News. Plan now for one week of your vacation to attend. It is well worth it.

Under sickness S.K. John H. Waldock is still in the nursing home. Cards or a visit would be appreciated.

Our Em. Commander Wayne Slack and his wife wish all a very good year. Let's all come out and support our Commandery. Really worth it for all of us.

Believe that is all for this time so have a good time till we meet again.

Fraternally,
Em. Comm. Wayne Slack
PC Roy E. Huff
Reporter

December 3rd, 1989 meeting.

The Inspection Date will be April 20th, 1990 for Monroe Commandery #12.

The 1990 Easter Sunrise Service will be held in Washington, DC on the 13th and 14th of April. Our hope is that many Sir Knights from Zone 11 will be able to attend.

Keep your dues coming in to our Recorder, Sir Knight Robert H. Cook, Deputy Grand Commander, at 65 Dunbarton Drive, Rochester, New York 14618.

I personally wish to thank all officers and Sir Knights for their loyalty, support, and participation during 1989 and I know in 1990, we can expect the same from the Sir Knights of Monroe #12 and Zone 11.

My wife Doris and I wish you all Happy Holidays and an especially Happy New Year.

Fraternally,
S.K. Darryl W. Griffing
Em. Commander

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Hamilton Chapter



No. 62
Royal Arch Masons
2nd & 4th Thursdays
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Companions:

This is one of the duties of Excellent High Priest which I detest. I have a difficult time putting down on paper that which I really want to say and make it sound intelligent. If any Companion would like to do this for me it would be most appreciated.

During 1989, Hamilton Chapter was fortunate to have E. Ted Diehl as High Priest. E. Ted and Lady Rosa are to be complimented on a job well done. Some of the outstanding events for 1989 were Paul Stillman's

depiction of Ben Franklin, the RPO concert starring Johnny Mathias and Beaver Chapter's visit during which the Order of the Rose was conferred on the ladies. If you missed any of these you missed something very special.

Within the next few days, you will be receiving a newsletter containing the events planned for the next few months. Please read it, mark the dates on your calendar and keep it nearby for handy reference.

On January 11, 1990, there will be an open installation of the 1990 Officers in Cathedral Hall. It will be done in costume and a reception will follow in third floor dining room. Please plan to attend and show your support to the officers of 1990.

As we start the new decade, Linda and I wish you and your family a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Fraternally,
Comp. Bob Zahn
King

Genesee York Rite College

No. 25
Rochester, New York
Chartered July 14, 1962

The New Year 1990 is here and I hope that all of you and your families have a wonderful and very good year. Best wishes from our Pre-Em. Governor Ed. W. Whittaker and his wife.

Our meeting in December 1989 on the 16th is over and we cannot get what took place until the February Issue. But at the meeting we should have received the names of those who we wish to join with us in the College. They will be notified by the middle of January 1990.

The dues for our College are the same and coming in very well. Many thanks to all for their support.

Our next meeting will be on March 10th 1990 at the Masonic Temple, Rochester, NY. This is the one we take in new members. More about it in the next issue of the Monroe Masonic News. Tux required if you have same. For the Officers.

Comp. Knight John H. Waldock is still in the nursing home doing fair. He needs all your prayers for recovery. Cards or a visit would be deeply appreciated.

Believe that is all for this time. Till we meet again, have fun.

Fraternally,
Ed. W. Whittaker
Pre-Em Gov.
PG Roy E. Huff
Reporter

fine job he did as installing Marshall.

I would like to congratulate the following Brothers who were elected officers for the 1990 year:

Sr. Warden
Bro. J. Michael Zona

Jr. Warden
Bro. D. Scott Seltzer

Secretary
R. W. Raymond Beardsley

Ass't Treasurer
W: Robert B. Phelps

Senior Deacon
Bro. John A. Dudley

Junior Deacon
Bro. Glen P. King

Chaplin
W: Paul F. Utz

Sr. Master of Ceremony
Bro. James P. Weick

Frank L. Simes

Lodge

No. 990

2nd Tuesday

7:45 P.M.

Masonic Temple
875 Main St. East
Rochester, N.Y.
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Dear Brethren:

The December 1989 Annual Communication was an exciting completion of my year as Master. I am very honored to have participated in the Apron Presentation to R:W: Bro. Robert L. Anderson, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near the Grand Lodge of New York. An especially warm thank you is in order to each Brother and visiting Brother in attendance; their presence culminated an extremely active, informative and definitely enjoyable year.

I was humbled to have been nominated and elected to serve as your 1989 Master. The success of our Lodge Trestleboard was directly related to the help and support of our Brothers and we shall continue to prosper with such enthusiasm. Your continued interest and involvement will ensure further inroads in Masonry!

Master Elect, Bro. Bob Stear, has several innovative meetings planned after Installation of Officers. You'll enjoy attending the ceremony and weather permitting, R:W: Bro. George Stear arriving from Florida to be the Installing Master.

Congratulations to W: Dick Snyder for his recognition from the Valley of Rochester Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at their December 7th evening awarding a certificate of appreciation for diligent Symbolic Lodge activities.

R:W: Bill Baldwin continues to entreat your assistance to insure the success of the L.E.A.F./Brotherhood Campaign. Please participate where you are able.

"The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he

Jr. Master of Ceremony
Bro. John D. Moriarity

Sr. Steward
Bro. Mark Willey

Jr. Steward
Bro. Dan Walker

Marshall
Bro. Pierre G. Dube

Organist
W: Donald C. Smith

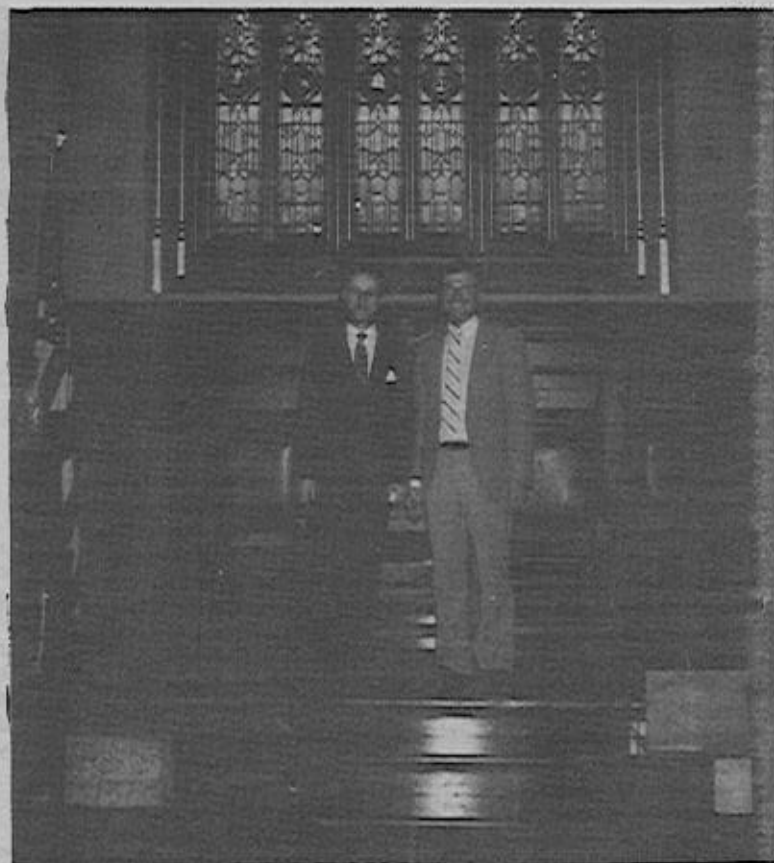
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Bro. John J. Zona

Remember the Ronald McDonald "Have-A-Heart-Buy-A-Heart". This is such a worthy cause, please support it with your time.

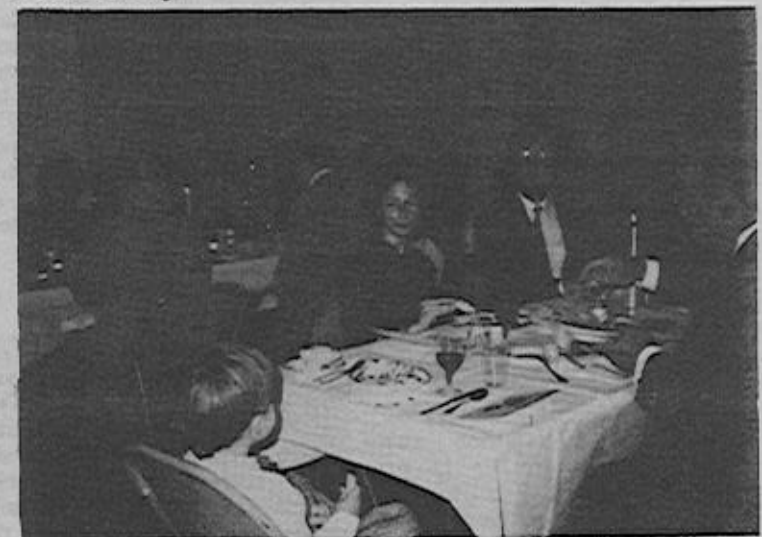
The Grand Ball is scheduled for March 31, at the "Burgundy Basin Inn". I have the tickets and the price is \$19.00/person. The BIG change in the program from the previous years, is that there will only be one speech and that will be given by the Most Worshipful Roswell T. Swits. So lets try and have a good turn out from Northfield Lodge.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

I would like to wish the following Brothers who have Birthdays in January a



Brother Carl Klein, Jr. Deacon and W: Don Brown, Master, attended the American Lodge of Research on October 30 at Masonic Hall in New York City for the presentation of Brother Ted Honea's paper, "Prolegomena to the Study of the Philosophy of Freemasonry."



Brother Grant Romer with guests and friends partaking of the November "Anniversary Banquet" prior to delivering his program on the Clinton Avenue Masonic Temple - circa 1900.

gets for it, but rather what he becomes by it" - American Trivia.
Fraternally,
Donald R. Brown
1989 Master
442-1169

Trestleboard
January 9
Regular Meeting
Dinner (Tux) at 6:30
January 16
Fellowcraft

Happy Birthday. If I have missed any Brother, please give me a call at 248-5455.

Phillip Barnard
Richard Burdett
George Dennis
Donald Delliplane
James Elias
Samuel Humphrey
James Hutchings
Robert Luke
George Matthew
Charles Pembroke
Robert Phelps
Edgar Reed
Hassan Safir
Irvin Schoen
Scott Seltzer
Howard Stanley
David Swan
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Fraternally,
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Master

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Installation and Dinner
January 11
Fellowcraft
January 18
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Totton Essay Contest Topic Will Be Mailed by February 15, 1990

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Steve Whittaker

Chairman Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Totton Essay Contest

The Endowment Fund of the Fifth Manhattan Masonic Association has again given the Grand Lodge Youth Committee the privilege of directing the Frank M. Totton Essay Contest. The title that has been chosen for the upcoming contest is:

"What Can The Masons Do For Today's Youth?"

We realize that this is a very open topic, but it will provide an opportunity for each entrant to express what they believe some of their mission in life to be. The contest is open to any high school senior who is the child or grandchild of a Master Mason and who anticipates entering an institution of higher learning (an accredited college) in the Fall of 1990. Essays are to be a minimum of 150 words and not exceed 300 words in length.

Essays are to be mailed by FEBRUARY 15, 1990 to the Chairman of this committee and are to be accompanied by a letter from the Secretary of the Lodge of which the Father or Grandfather is or was a member. Typing of essays, while recommended, is not required; those submitting hand written essays should make every effort to write clearly so that each essay can be given a proper evaluation.

Here's the prize list: First Prize-\$1000; Second Prize-\$750; Third Prize-\$500; Fourth Prize-\$350; Fifth Prize-\$250; and Sixth Prize-\$150. The first prize winner may be invited to read their essay at the opening session of Grand Lodge in May of 1990.

*Essays not accompanied by the proper endorsement will not be entered. The name and address, and phone number of both the contestant and the Lodge Secretary must be included.

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We urge you to recognize a Brother of your Lodge who has given faithful and outstanding service while working with Youth. This form, together with appropriate endorsements and supportive material, should be sent to the Chairman by February 15, 1990.

Plaques for Programs

The Grand Master has directed that each Lodge and each District is to have at least one youth activity during the year. To encourage your participation, this committee will again award plaques to the Lodges and Districts submitting written reports of the most outstanding youth programs. To be considered, these WRITTEN reports must be in the hands of the Chairman by February 15, 1990. A reporting form is enclosed for your convenience.

Toys for Tots

Following is a set of directions outlining how you might institute a "Toys for Tots" Program. This superb program has achieved great success in the First Manhattan District! You are encouraged to attempt to institute such programs in each of your Lodges and Districts. More information is available upon request.

Camp Turk

The 1990 Camp Season has already been organized. More information about specific dates will be included in a Spring Newsletter. How about one camper from each Lodge? What a great Summer that would be! Slide shows about the camp, promotional folders outlining its program, grounds, etc. and other information is available from this Committee. We are asking each District Deputy to assist in seeing that the Camp Turk Slide Show is shown at least twice in each District in an attempt to improve participation in this outstanding youth project!

Masonic Oriented Youth Groups

Your Lodge or District might also consider showing its support to the young people of Constellation, Rainbow, Triangle, and DeMolay. It's a rewarding investment in tomorrow!

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DeMolay To Have Degrees For New Boys

The Rochester Chapter of the Order of DeMolay will take another step toward becoming a viable organization. On Saturday, January 13th, 1990, at 2:00 PM, the Chapter will hold Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees for seven boys. The Degrees will take place at the Chapter's new home at Charlotte Mason Temple on 4550 Lake Ave. This will be the first time a Degree has been put on at the Chapter in several years. The Degree will be presented by a team under the direction of the State Master Counselor. All Master Masons are welcome to attend.

The following are the minutes of the Advisor meeting of November 17, 1989.

Members Present: Gary Burke, Bob Crystal, Ron Mertins, Roger McCaughey, Joe Privitera, Mike Staub, and Steve Whittaker. Jerry Glaser, Chairman, and Les Andrews could not attend because of illness.

Steve Whittaker, acting Chairman, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the meeting of October 20, 1989 were approved.

Old Business

- Ron Mertins was selected Treasurer of the DeMolay Advisors.

- The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

- A letter of appreciation and thanks has been sent by Gary Burke to the Damascs Temple for their donation of \$500.

Membership

- Steve Whittaker presented the idea of a pad of post cards attached to the DeMolay poster. The card can be removed and sent to get more information about the DeMolay. Payment of \$100 was approved to pay for the pads. A poster will be placed in each Masonic Temple. Ron Mertins will speak to Bill Lindsey about placing the posters in the Greece high schools. We will also try to get them placed in playgrounds, libraries, malls, and other locations in the Charlotte/Greece area where young teenagers congregate. The posters can also be on display at the "Have A Heart,

Give A Heart" campaign. Gary Burke said that the Monroe District Youth Committee has expressed a strong interest in our efforts to publicize DeMolay. They would like to handle getting the posters placed in the proper locations. The contact is Wor. Gordon Neil who is Youth District Chairman. Bob Crystal will speak to Paul Rogers about placing the poster itself in the Monroe Masonic News.

- Gary reported that the ISC and the N.Y. DeMolay do not have any radio or TV spots. The only tape available was made in March, 1988 by Most Wor. Singer explaining the DeMolay team.

- Advisory Council registration forms that were sent in the last mailing are due. The form is to be sent to Gary Burke with the \$5.00 fee.

New Business

- Steve Whittaker displayed tags that can be attached to children's clothing. They would contain the child's identity, blood type and other medical information. The tags can be passed out at the "Have A Heart, Give A Heart" campaign by DeMolay boys.

- Steve Whittaker wanted to express the thanks of the DeMolay Advisors to everyone who participated in the Legion of Honor Degree on October 29.

- Chapter Dad Gary Burke and Mike Staub were upstairs putting on a "GETTING TO KNOW YOU NIGHT". Dan Linstruth, State Master Counselor, Mike Howard, State Senior Counselor, and Mike Longo State Membership Deacon were also present. Petitions from seven boys were turned in. An Initiatory and DeMolay Degree will be put on for these boys on Saturday, January 13 at 2:00 PM at Charlotte Mason Temple.

- Gary Burke has DeMolay hats and pocket calendars. The hats are \$6.00 and the calendars are \$2.00.

- The DeMolay will probably be attending the State Ski-Weekend scheduled for Jan. 26, 27, and 28 at Glen Falls, NY. This is a joint event between Triangle, Rainbow, Constellation, and DeMolay. Transportation must be arranged.

-The next Advisor meeting will be December 15, 1989 at Charlotte Mason Temple, at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally,
Wor. Joe Privitera
Secretary
DeMolay Advisors

Update on DeMolay Chapter

As many of you are aware, it was just over two years ago that a group of dedicated Masons got together and decided that it was time to revitalize the local DeMolay Chapter. They began their work quietly and have not let up.

The Chapter secured a new home at Charlotte Mason Temple under the sponsorship of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge #1088. An appeal was made for interested Masons from all over the Monroe Districts, many able Masons volunteered their time and expertise, some came right from Charlotte-Corinthian while many others came from other Lodges too numerous to mention here. We thank them all for their interest. Several

of these new advisors took an additional step in their training and underwent the "DeMolay Advisor Development" or "DAD" training course that is offered by New York State DeMolay. At the present time, this is a voluntary course, but soon will be mandatory. This is another example of the dedication that these advisors have for this chapter's success.

During this same time a campaign was launched to build a financial base for the new chapter, MANY Lodges and Concordant bodies answered that call and gave as they could. Again, we thank them for that support and hope that it will continue in the future.

We then asked for names, names of young men who were between the ages of 13 & 21, preferable 13, 14 or 15. Young men who would benefit from what DeMolay has to offer and who, have so much to offer DeMolay. We received a few names, from those, we received three petitions for membership. The rebuilding of Rochester Chapter had begun.

During this past Summer, these three young men received the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees at Camp DeMolay, Sodus Point NY. This Fall the Chapter Dad asked the three new members to make a list of all their friends who they would like to see join DeMolay. From those lists a master list was generated, letters of invitation sent to the prospective members and their parents inviting them to a "Get To Know Us Night" on November 17th. The "Get To Know Us Night" program was put on by DeMolay's that included the State Master Counselor, State Senior Counselor and State Deacon for Membership. The chapter received seven new petitions for membership from that one event. The rebuilding takes a further step.

At the same time the Advisory Council has begun a publicity campaign to get the name of DeMolay out into the community. Posters were obtained from the State, they were mounted onto boards so that they would stand up better, return postcards were printed to be attached to the poster so that interested individuals can receive further information concerning DeMolay. With the assistance of the Masonic Youth Committee of the Monroe Districts and the Advisory Council, these posters will be placed in Masonic Temples, schools, libraries, stores, etc. to spread the word of DeMolay.

Best of all, if you want to see DeMolay in action, you'll have the opportunity. As mentioned earlier, we have seven new petitions for membership, they will be receiving their Degrees on Saturday, January 13, 1990. The Degrees will start at 2 P.M. at the Charlotte Mason Temple. Any Master Mason or Senior DeMolay is most heartily invited to attend. See what the youth of today is doing, show your support of our new chapter by your presence. See the rebuilding of DeMolay in Rochester, take an additional step forward.

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Fairport, N.Y. 14450

(See Photo Page 16)

December 4, 1989

Mr. Michael Zona
226 Glenwood Avenue
Rochester, New York 14613

Dear Mr. Zona:

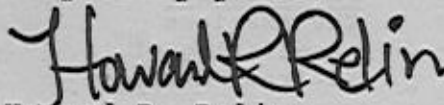
The Monroe County District Attorney's Office is having its fourteenth Annual Distinguished Citizens Award Ceremony on Thursday, December 14, 1989.

We feel that our outstanding conduct and cooperativeness with our office and all law enforcement agencies merits your selection as a recipient of our award, and we ask that you join us at the Appellate Division Courtroom on the fifth floor of the Hall of Justice at 11:00 a.m.

The ceremony will not be a lengthy one and you are cordially invited to join the members of our office for refreshments immediately after the awards are given. We encourage you to bring family and friends as well. Please call Hank Curry at 428-5682 and let him know if you will be able to attend and receive your certificate in person.

Without the outstanding citizen involvement you have demonstrated, our system of justice could not function. I look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

Very truly yours,



Howard R. Relin
Monroe County District Attorney

Brethren:
As your Master for the year 1990, I would like to wish you and yours the very best for the New Year. It doesn't seem possible that just 21 years ago I served as your Master. I will endeavor to do the very best to keep up the great tradition of Fairport Lodge 476. The officers and I have a program made up for the year. Now all I ask is your attendance at Lodge and support.

On Jan. 8th at the Temple, we will have the pleasure of my Brother, R.W. Jay McCullough D.D.G.M., 1st Monroe District, install me as your Master. R.W. Chick Becker is installing Marshall John Lindsay S.W.; Bruce Turner J.W.; George Bracht, Secy; Bob Cameron Tres., Tom Goodrich S.D., Dennis Dreeson J.D., Rich Hiatt S.M.C., Tim Clark J.M.C., Eric Dreeson & Leon Grasby Stewards; Bob Slominski Tiler and Chick Becker Chaplin are my line officers. Ray Anderson, Tiler.

On this evening there will be a dinner. Get your reservations into John Lindsay. Jan. 22nd W. Steve Whittaker will present us with a youth program.

In Feb., we will be starting a class, so get your petitions in to the Secy. We must continue to grow. See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Bud McCullough

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Interlodge Fellowship Committee

The Interlodge Fellowship Committee and the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester are proud to be co-sponsors of a 55 Alive/Mature Driving course to be held February 24 and March 3, 1990. This program has been developed by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) as a

community service program, designed to increase the older driver's concern for normal age related physical changes in vision, hearing and reaction time as they affect driving, and increase awareness of appropriate techniques for driving in today's complex traffic patterns.

The course is given in two (2) separate sessions over a two-day period. Each class lasts four (4) hours. Attendees MUST attend BOTH days to be awarded a Certificate of Completion.

Upon being awarded the certificate of completion, participants are eligible for a 10% reduction on their collision and liability insurance and also a reduction of points from their record under certain guidelines.

ELIGIBILITY: Persons 50 years of age and over, or the spouse of a course participant (Example: a 40 year old wife may take the course with her 50 year old husband).

COST: \$10.00 per participant.

DATES: February 24 and March 3, 1990 - 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. each day. Coffee, Tea, Juice and Donuts will be provided prior to the start of each class.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Roger McCaughey at 385-2429, Gary Burke at 865-4940, or George Simon at 392-4276.

This class will be limited to the first twenty-four (24) registrations, so enroll early. See registration form elsewhere in this issue. Holiday Season! Anyone in sickness or distress, please contact Jack Grover at

Fairport Lodge No. 476



(From left to right) - Front Row - W: Bud. McCullough, S.W.; W: Wayne Beckwith, Master; W: David Mawhiney, Chaplin; Brother Carl Dattel; - - - Center Row - Brother Bruce Turner; Brother Howard Herman; Brother Eric Dressen; Brother Bob. Slominski; Back Row - Brother Mark Cold; Brother Bryan Alexander; Brother David DeHollander; Brother John Lindsay, J.W.

247-3007 or Bob Ogden at 385-1422.

Fraternally,
Robert F. Ogden

Trestleboard
January 2
Official Visit

January 8
Fellowcraft Annual
Dinner Meeting
Maplewood Inn

January 16
Regular Meeting

surprises are in store on the nights that are marked Stated Communication come to the meeting and find out. some hints, Do you believe in UFO's, come and listen to some experts, how can you become a Shrine clown and can the Past Masters still open and close the Lodge. Come join us and find out for yourself.

I have the sad duty of informing you of the passing of Margret Lessord, the wife of our organist, Wally. Our prayers are with you. Also Inese Barton, who had been at the Masonic Home in Utica.

In closing, I have only one regret, that is that my friend, brother and father is not here with me to share this honor with me. I know he is with me but it isn't quite the same.

Fraternally,
Bradley T. Goodridge
Master

TRESTLEBOARD

January 6
Public Installation
2:00 PM

January 8
Rededication - come and
renew your obligations

January 15
Eastern Star
Installation

January 22
Stated Communication

January 29
Euchre Tournament

February 16
Red Cross Blood Drive

March 10
Ladies Night
Lodge on the Green

Masonic Interlodge Fellowship announces the Annual Comedy Dinner Theatre

"Not By Bed Alone"

February 10, 1990

Ukranian Hall, 1970 Empire Blvd.
6:30-cash bar - 7:30-buffet dinner - 8:45-play
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The course is given in TWO separate sessions over a two-day period. Each class lasts four (4) hours. You MUST attend BOTH days to be awarded a Certificate of Completion. The class is taught by a trained, experienced volunteer instructor. Here are the details of the course:

DATES: February 24 and March 3, 1990.
TIME: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 PM (We start and stop promptly on time)
PLACE: Rochester Masonic Temple - 875 East Main Street

The course fee is \$10.00 for each participant. Please enclose with the enrollment application below a check or money order - Payable to A.A.R.P. Do not send cash. Do NOT make the check payable to the Interlodge Fellowship Committee the Masonic Service Bureau or the instructor.

Enrollment in each class is limited, so please send your enrollment application immediately to the address below. Registration for this class will close when the registered participants reach a total of twenty-four (24) persons.

I am looking forward to meeting with you....

Please mail your enrollment form to: Roger E. McCaughey - Instructor
30 Charter Oaks Drive
Pittsford, New York 14534

Telephone 385-2429

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Please enroll me/ us in the 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING course on February 24 and March 3, 1990. Enclosed is a check/money order, payable to: A.A.R.P. in the amount of \$ _____, which I understand is NON-REFUNDABLE.

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Brethren,
I am pleased to be extending you greetings as the new Master of Etolian, it is an honor and a pleasure to have been elected to serve the Lodge and the craft in this capacity. I would particularly like to thank the Past Masters for their help and support in the past few months and am looking forward to working closely with them in the future. I would like to thank Etolian Chapter #308 Eastern Star for putting on my reception after my installation. Nice job ladies, thank you.

To get things underway I'd like to let all of you to know that I think I have an exciting year planned for the Lodge. The Trestleboard that you have received or will be receiving only reflects part of what is going to be happening in Lodge this year. To find out what

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

By Gordon Dodge

As Lalla Rookh Grotto enters it's 98th year in Rochester, we wish everyone that the new year will bring each of you a happy, healthy and prosperous year. At our December meeting, we elected the following officers for 1990:

Monarch	Kenneth Milner
Chief Justice	G. Merch Merritt
Master of Ceremonies	Gordon Dodge
Treasurer	Fred Ambeau
Secretary	Ernest Wilson
Venerable Prophet	Ted Theodor
Marshall	Michael Bell
Captain of the Guard	Robert Young
Orator	William Hartwig
Steward	Jay Painton
Chaplain	William Wood
Sentinel	Jay Riggs
Representative T.C.C.	Percy Klingenberger

You might notice that some of the above Officers are Past Monarchs who are glad to assist the Grotto once again and we are appreciative of their help and loyalty to LALLA ROOKH. Our new Monarch has some new and exciting plans for the coming year's activities which he will discuss at length after his installation in Cathedral Hall on January 17, 1990 at 8:00 P.M.

Prophet Bob Uderitz is home from the hospital. He has been a hard worker on our Entertainment Committee for many years and we wish him well.

Next month's column will have the Social Functions listed for the year so that you can plan your Grotto year with your fellow prophets.

Fraternally,
Gordon Dodge
Publicity Chairman

Trestleboard
January 17
Installation of Officers
Cathedral Hall
8:00 P.M.

Valley Lodge No. 109

7:30 P.M.
1st & 3rd Mondays
Masonic Temple
875 Main St. East
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14605-2789

As your new Master, I approach this coming year with the positive feeling that this can be a very good year. We can do it together. One thing is certain: I can't do it alone. You have a dedicated group of officers that will try to serve you well. We welcome your comments, suggestions, and/or constructive criticisms. Valley Lodge is a great Lodge and can have a great future if we come to grips with our root problem and do something about it. WE NEED CANDIDATES! Your Past Masters have provided good, interesting programs. Your Lodge has been well managed. But without your help, good programs and good management are not enough. Again, WE NEED CANDIDATES. While we have planned programs for the coming months, any programs can be changed if we could run special events to draw possible new members. We will work on this, and we would appreciate your ideas and help. Grand Lodge has a program of providing pre-prepared advertisements which we can place in our local papers.

Grand Lodge will also pay half the cost. If the Lodge approves, I want to avail ourselves of this opportunity. Grand Lodge reports that the greatest response has been from ads placed in the sports section. In addition to the Democrat & Chronicle, Times Union and Wolfe Publications, you may know of some other appropriate publications. The ads are two columns wide and seven inches deep. Please call me (381-7995) with your suggestions. Best wishes for the New Year. Fraternaly, Court Young

Trestleboard
January 1
No Meeting

January 15
Approve 1990 budget. Awaiting confirmation on speaker on "How To Obtain Proper Exposure For Your Organization"

February 3
VERY IMPORTANT: Valley Lodge to provide volunteers from 11:00 to 2:00 at Greece Town Mall for "Have A Heart-Buy A Heart" campaign. Wives, children, friends (possible candidates) are welcome. Call 381-7995

February 5
First Degree or Entertainment

February 19
Ladies Night
Br. Paul Stillman will present "Byron Scott-Civil War Soldier"

February 24
Widows Luncheon

John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:45 P.M. Masonic Temple 875 Main St., East Rochester, N.Y. 14605-2789

Brethren,
Happy New Year to all and may 1990 be a Healthy, Brotherly and Meaningful Year for you and your families.

I am pinch-hitting for our Worshipful Master, Rich Gundry, who underwent surgery November 30th to correct a malfunction of his right shoulder bone. A 2-inch piece of bone was taken from his hip and fastened to his shoulder. He suffered injuries a few years ago when a 3-wheeler ATV tipped over on him.

This is being written on December 10 with a news deadline of December 12. The Worshipful Master told me today he's feeling much better and looks forward to seeing you all soon.

Thanksgiving night Sally Traub, wife of Bro. Bob Traub, fell on her back steps and suffered two broken ribs. The Lodge presented her and Wor. Bro. Gundry with fruit baskets.

Our Christmas Party on December 4 at the Temple was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. What a happy crowd was there! If you didn't attend, what a wonderful time you missed. And here's who were there:

Skip and Nancy Adams, Les and Sylvia Andrews, Nelson Bertch, Edna Bell, Maurice and Elizabeth Clark, Harold Cochrane and Leona Dosier, Al and Nancy Connon, Charlie Crellin, Steve Cross, Tom and Sally Davis, John and Jan DeBack, Quinton and Sue DeLozer, Warren and Carol Doerrer, Ken and Diane Duttlinger, Marty and Dawn Duttlinger, Harry and Ethel Ellender.

Also Norm and Dorothy Gauch, Jim Gray, John and Jane Henderson, John Irvine, Ron and Evelyn MacGregor, Ed McKee, Elizabeth Millard, Ken and Terri Meyers, Don Napier, the Ed Purdells, Arnie and Cindy Raymond, Ed and Grace Roberts, Paul and Doris Robertson, Harold and Margaret Russell.

Also Cliff and Janie Smith, Jim and Esther Smith, Bud and Jane Stets, the Donn Stevens, Chris Starr and daughters Atarra and Tianna, Tom and Betty Usher and niece, Ed Walker, Joe and Vi Wernham, George Whitwell, George and Ginny Wilkinson, Joe Wehner, Ken and Donna Yanicky, Andy Young.

Alice Nunnold and the Ladies of the Caldron served a delicious Roast Beef Dinner. The Lodge provided a glass of Holiday Cheer. That got us off to a great start!

Wor. Bro. Harry Ellender conducted a short meeting at which all of the Brethren were joyously welcomed. Then we returned to the party for entertainment by Don Napier, Charlie Crellin, John Henderson and the eight Scotsmen.

Don royally entertained us with his rendition of Eddie Cantor and Al Jolson, also tap dancing and Christmas Carols. Bro. John Henderson played several

selections on the bagpipes finishing up with "Amazing Grace". What a treat!

Names were drawn for door prizes and gifts for the Ladies.

Punch was served by Bro. and Ethel Ellender and was complimented by delicious cookies baked by several of our Ladies. That was an evening we shall long remember.

Our next event will be the Installation of Officers on Monday evening, January 15th. It will begin with a delicious dinner at 6:30. Remember to bring your Lady as we always invite our Ladies for dinner.

Bro. Rich Gundry, our very diligent and popular Worshipful Master will serve a second term in the East.

The other senior officers to be installed are: Secretary, Wor. Bro. Ed Walker; Treasurer, RW Bro. Tom Davis; Sr. Warden, Bro. Bill Stark; Jr. Warden, Bro. Chris Starr; Sr. Deacon, Bro. Ken Duttlinger.

The remaining officers will be listed in the Masonic News next month.

Please mark your Kitchen Calendar for upcoming events: Third Degree on February 3rd and JAR Ladies Nite on February 19th at Rick's Prime Rib on Howard Road. You won't want to miss the Special Entertainment planned for that evening and of course the delicious Prime Rib. Bro. Norm Gauch is chairman and promises a very enjoyable evening.

Also plan on a boat ride on the Erie Canal. It is scheduled for Saturday evening, June 2nd.

JAR Honorary Member Wor. Bro. Harold Bollotin (affectionately known as Prof. Korne) is chairman of the Masonic Community Service Committee (Brotherly Love) for the Monroe Districts. The Service Bureau conducts a Ward Party at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital on the second Sunday of each month. Bro. Bollotin needs your help to distribute ice cream and cookies to the War Veterans. Please call him at 342-5865 and tell him you would like to help. Regular helpers at the hospital are our Sr. Deacon Bro. Chris Starr and his two little daughters Atarra Tianna. They are shown in a picture in the September 1989 Masonic News. They received certificates for 50 hours of service. Also shown are Bro. Harold and Sylvia Bollotin for 100 hours.

If you and your Lady do not have one of our nice blue Name Badges please let us know. You will be proud to wear it.

Bro. Bob Traub was one of 62 Masons to receive the Meritorious Service Award at ceremonies in Cathedral Hall last month. Bro. Traub was most deserving to receive this award as he has always been a very faithful and dedicated Brother Mason.

We have long-distance travelers to our Lodge! Bro. Ed and Grace Roberts toured several countries in Europe and went to the grave of Grace's brother in France. He lost his life in World War II. Bro. Ed McKee flew across the Atlantic and had a delightful time in London.

John A. Robertson Lodge is going to have garage sale in the spring at Bro. Ken Duttlinger's house. Please check your attics and basements for anything you would like to contribute. Anna Grover says she already has several items she would like to give. How about

you? You can reach Ken at 225-3248.

It isn't very often that our 87-years-young Chaplin, Bro. Sam Grover and wife Anna miss a meeting. However, Sam wasn't quite up to par for our Christmas Party. They sure were missed!

Bro. Harold Brion, Cindy Raymond and Leona Dosier had operations late last year. Bro. Elwin Smith is bothered with a pinched nerve. Bro. Maurice Clark's sister-in-law passed on in November. Bro. Tom Usher is convalescing following a stroke some time ago.

Happy Birthday to Brothers celebrating this month: Charles Thomas, Russell Ferrey, Ed Walker, Rudy Elliott, Sam Eleoff, Ken Skidmore, Carl Silvio, Oran Kissinger, Al Connon, Bill Miller.

Bro. Norm Gauch, Chairman of this year's Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign, reports that as of December 1st only a little over 20% (33 members) have made a contribution to this worthy project. Since this is the season to remember those Brothers who are less fortunate, he urges those members, who have not responded to our recent appeal, to send their check as soon as possible. If anyone has misplaced the self-addressed envelope provided for you, just give Bro. Norm a call at 272-1368.

Doris, my better half, composed these lines as an opener for our Christmas Party:

*Christmas is Love
Christmas is Friends
Christmas is Happiness
The special kind that
never ends.
Christmas brings us
closer
To all we hold so dear
We wrap our arms around
our Loves
And hold them oh so near.
We give the gifts that
can't be claimed upon
a "money tree"
For Love and friends
and happiness
The precious gifts from
"me to thee".*

And then we closed with these good words:

*"I shall pass through
this world but once
Any good, therefore,
that I can do,
Or any kindness that
I can show
To any human being,
Let me do it now.
Let me not defer it
or neglect it,
For I shall not pass
this way again."*

Let's accelerate our Friendship and Brotherly Love in 1990.

Fraternaly,
Paul Robertson

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Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh. The Temple and the Lodge (1989), Arcade Publishing, \$22.95.

Apart from any consideration of the value of its contents, this is a very unusual book. It is a book on a Masonic subject that is issued by a non-Masonic publisher and is not devoted to scandal or sensationalism. Although there are flaws in the book's treatment of its subject, it is nonetheless a commendable effort.

The book's authors state that they are not Freemasons and have no interest in the Masonic scandals current today. They endeavor to remain objective toward the subject of their research. I would say that they succeed in remaining objective to Freemasonry, but fail to remain objective in pursuing the subject of their book, as I will explain later. First, however, there are some comments in the book's introduction that are worth quoting.

"...the newspapers swoop on each new 'Masonic scandal,' each new allegation of 'Masonic corruption.' Church synods ponder the compatibility of Freemasonry with Christianity... On failing to find a dragon, the commentators seemed to feel less relief than an aggrieved sulkiness at having somehow been cheated."

"Given human nature, it would be surprising if there were not at least some degree of corruption in public and private institutions, and if some of this corruption did not involve Freemasonry. We would argue, however, that such corruption says less about Freemasonry itself than about the ways in which Freemasonry, like any other such structure, can be abused... if Freemasonry did not exist, corruption and favoritism would flourish all the same."

"If an institution can be considered corrupt in any intrinsic sense at all, it can be considered so only if it profits from the corruption of its members. No one has ever suggested that Freemasonry ever gained anything through the transgression of its Brethren. On the contrary... Freemasonry as a whole suffers from such transgressions, as does Christianity from the transgressions of its adherents."

"Why, then, if there has never been any conflict in the past (with the Church), should there be a conflict now? The answer to that question, we would suggest, lies less with Freemasonry than with the attitudes and mentalities of certain contemporary churchmen."

Such comments as these serve to clear the ground before the authors enter upon their subject. Their thesis is that there is a historical and demonstrable descent from the medieval Knights Templars to modern Freemasonry. This descent they maintain is mainly one of tradition, but they also hint at a possible

real institutional descent through the Scottish nobility.

I will not go into the elements of their argument, it is enough to say that the argument fails. It is true that the authors give a great deal of circumstantial evidence, but it is only apparent and not real. The argument of the book suffers from two serious flaws.

First, the reasoning is based on holding superficial similarities to be evidence of substantial relationship. The authors' point of departure is their observation that in a very old cemetery in Scotland both Knight Templar and Masonic symbols appear on the gravestones. At times the symbols are mixed, and the authors feel that there is a historical progression from Templar to Masonic decoration. From this they conclude that there was a corresponding institutional connection between the two.

I am sorry to say that this is simply specious reasoning. I might by the same reasoning argue that my friend who lives in a colonial-style house is therefore the descendent of an original colonist! And since the house vaguely resembles Mt. Vernon, he must also be a descendent of Washington!! The carving on gravestones says nothing about institutional history, only a little something about stone-carvers' techniques and traditions. Unfortunately this is the way the authors use most of the quite considerable factual information in the book.

Second, in order to maintain the theory of the Templar tradition, the authors find it necessary to turn Masonic history upside down. This they do by reversing the order of the development of Masonic Degrees. They presume an unknown and undocumented continuous and prior tradition of Masonic Degrees from medieval chivalric sources that resulted in the French hautes grades, from which our Scottish Rite derives. This development they link to Scottish Jacobite politics in France. The English three Craft Degrees, they say, are an abbreviated corruption of the Scottish system.

All research on Masonic Degrees refutes the authors' theory, so that they must do considerable historical and logical violence in order to maintain it. All the evidence indicates that the Craft Degrees are the original Masonic tradition and that the hautes grades developed later in response to the continental craze for medieval romanticism. These French Lodges were, in fact, probably used for the purposes of Jacobite politics in the early 18th century. It is historically outrageous to assume a tradition for which you have only conjecture and no evidence and then use that assumption to refute a tradition for which there is abundant evidence.

Despite the fact that the main thesis of the book fails, there is a considerable amount of interesting information in its pages. So far as I am able to judge, the authors are factually accurate for the great majority of their information. They simply draw unjustifiable conclusions from their evidence. The book would have been better if they had abandoned their Templar theory.

The chapters in the center of the book are

WE WANT TO HELP! 1st Meeting a Success!

We had our 1st, very successful meeting on Dec. 5th in which we explored ways to provide employment opportunities for Masonic Brothers. What we now need is help and support from those of you that can provide job opportunities for Brothers that are seeking employment.

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If you can provide employment or are in need of employment, you should attend our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

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WHERE: Maplewood Inn


WHEN: Tuesday, Jan 2nd at 9:00 am

BRING: Any tools, resumes, etc.

Pat Mammano - 381-7700 or
Jim Craib - 586-0652

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**Wakan - Hubbard
Lodge
No. 1054**



7:30 P.M.

2nd & 4th
Mondays

4275 Culver Road
Rochester, N.Y. 14622

Penfield Union Lodge 154, and Wakan-Hubbard Lodge 1054 have combined their Columns for the January 1990 issue.

Brethren:

I thank you! Those three words alone seem inadequate to convey my feelings at this time. You have elected me Master for 1990 and I shall always be grateful. I pray that I shall prove myself to be 'worthy and well qualified'.

We have upcoming a great year on the trestleboard, and you will note that I have catered heavily toward our brother's ladies. So, ladies, please accept my sincere invitations to join us at the Lodge for our suppers and to enjoy the programs I have arranged for the year. I leave it in your very capable

particularly worthwhile. Chapter Nine on the intellectual milieu surrounding the rise of modern Freemasonry is the best description I have yet come across.

The last chapters on Freemasonry and the American Revolution are also quite interesting. The authors try not to overstate their case, which is the usual pitfall of Masonic literature. Their thesis that Freemasonry was a major contributor to the intellectual climate that produced the revolution deserves more credence and serious attention to scholarly works than it receives.

I do not find that the authors have succeeded in the main thesis of this book. In that respect they have merely added one more "secret society" theory to an already over-worked field. The book's truly redeeming quality is its secondary themes and its compilation of a great deal of interesting information. With that caveat emptor to uncritical reading, I could recommend the book.

hands to insure your gentleman's presence also.

Please note, my brothers, that the officers of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge will be the installing team for the installation of Ansel Shubert as Master of Penfield Union Lodge on January 2nd at Penfield Union Lodge. There will be a dinner preceding the meeting put on by the ladies of Irondequoit Chapter No. 572, O.E.S., and you will be called for your reservations. Please make every effort to be there - we want a banner turn-out.

Thank you once again for bestowing the honor of electing me to be the Master of the greatest Lodge and the finest brethren in Western New York.

Les Andrews, Master-Elect

TRESTLEBOARD

- Jan 2 -
Installation of Penfield Union Officers
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 8 -
Installation of Officers - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 22 -
Business Meeting, Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- Cheese & wine tasting. Ladies invited.

Brethren:

At our summons meeting on October 3rd, Penfield Union Lodge voted to merge with Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, and that Lodge has also voted in favor of this move. The necessary documents have been filed with Grand Lodge and we expect Grand Lodge approval early this year. That explains why the news of the two Lodges appears here together, and why the News and Views reports on the brothers of both Lodges are combined in this issue.

In the interim, the present officers of Penfield Union are happy to report that the cooperation and willingness of the officers and members of Wakan-Hubbard to work with us has been fantastic. The officers of Wakan-Hubbard have volunteered to be the installing team for our installation on January 2 and have arranged for Irondequoit Chapter No. 572, O.E.S., to put on a dinner beforehand. We all remember how fortunate we were for many years to have Brothers like R:W: Fred Wolfe and R:W: Bruce Brainerd so proficient in making our installa-

tions such memorable events for incoming officers.

In 1989, we replaced our roof with a new rubberized roofing that will be maintenance free and guaranteed for many years. At the same time we also contracted for the replacement of the deteriorated wood around the top of the building while maintaining the original architectural design of 1904, and we expect this new wood to last the same eighty-five years that the old wood did.

Your new dues cards will be reaching you shortly if you have already paid your dues. Please keep those dues coming - it makes my work much easier. Christmas gifts were sent to all our widows for whom we had addresses, and if you know of any who did not receive a gift, please send me a note.

We are excited about the plans being formulated for the improvement and beautification of our Temple and the scheduled activities following the merger that will make Masonry so much more meaningful to us and our families.
R:W: Wayne Slack, Secretary

WAKAN-HUBBARD PENFIELD

NEWS AND VIEWS

Contemplating our merger, this is the first combined W-H & P News and Views. Look out all, here we go.

As of this writing, Bro. Willard Knope is in Genesee Hospital with pneumonia. Cards would be appreciated.

Bro. Lew Weekes has had an operation and is progressing slowly.

W: Richard Ludeke is under the weather at home.

We extend our condolences to the family of Bro. Cliff Anderson who passed to the Lodge Above on November 21.

Who almost forgot the Master's dinner? Senior Deacon Wayne McCrossen made it anyway.

Did you know we have a firebug in our midst? W: Frank Denton tried to light a fire in his fireplace and the smoke backed up and caused the Finance Committee to have trouble seeing the cash book. Makes you think.

Always have had trouble remembering R:W: Ralph Kellogg's name, but we have the key now - Corn Flakes. Ralph also said styled haircuts are cheaper in Florida but we wonder how he would know anyway.

Do you have confusion identifying the two Slacks? Long and short, young and not-so-young, handsome and ---? You fill that one in.

Item in newspaper - Wanted. Ladder to fit rear of large motor home. W: Dan Jones reports that a fast growing tree appeared as his wife was directing him to back up. Good story, Dan.

We hear that W: Al Clark does a bit of world travelling. We want to find out more about this.

R:W: Charles Thompson is leaving for his annual vacation in California with his daughter.

Congratulations to Bro. Andy Young and his wife, May, on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Kilroy has appeared again. Marshal Horace Freeman can explain just where he encountered this individual - ask him.

Yours till the eraser burns -
R:W: A. John Tijou

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HESPERUS

Lodge No. 837
12 South Lake Ave.
Bergen, N.Y. 14416
1st and 3rd Thursday

From The East

Seasons greetings from Hesperus Lodge! Hesperus has been especially busy this past month and looks forward to an active agenda in the months to come.

Our annual "MOVE-UP NIGHT" was successful, as officers demonstrated proficiency in the new chairs. It would appear that Hesperus will experience some capable leadership in the years to come.

The annual "15-15 Party" was a huge success and all who attended seem to enjoy themselves. A major portion of the proceeds from that event were used to purchase and deliver well over 100 fruit baskets to the ill, needy and elderly within the community.

The annual election of officers took place on December 21st. The Senior Warden will present his slate of officers for 1990 later in this article. Hesperus is in good hands for 1990! Annual reports were given and oyster stew was enjoyed by all, following the meeting.

I would like to take this time to personally thank the officers and members of Hesperus Lodge for their support and cooperation throughout the year. Traveling through the chairs and eventually serving as Master has been a rewarding and satisfying experience, one that I shall always treasure. I thank you for the opportunity.

Fraternally,
W: Van A. Hulburt
Master 1989

From The West

Seasons greetings from the West. By the time you read this article, Christmas and possibly New Years will have passed. We at Hesperus sincerely hope that your holidays were meaningful and that all is well with our Brethren throughout the country. We also hope that your Christmas was filled with loving memories and your New Year is filled with every joy of the season.

This will be the last time that I'll be writing an article from the West, as my next article will be coming to you from the East.

This year has been something to behold, having assisted our Master in the many activities throughout the year and having had the opportunity to sit in the East for Move-Up Night in November.

I'd like to thank all the Brethren for their help in making my job easier with their suggestions and support. I'd also like to thank the officers as well for taking the time to make the little things count and in helping make this year as successful as it was.

This coming year appears to be both something to look forward to as well as somewhat of a challenge. I assure you that I will do my utmost to continue on with the endeavors of our Past Masters, as well as add something new of my own. I'm asking that ALL the Brethren of Hesperus grace us with their presence at the

Installation of Officers at our January 4th meeting. The Installation of Officers will be officiated by the Genesee-Wyoming Past Masters Degree Team, proceeded by a dinner at 6:30 P.M. I look forward to being able to serve this Lodge and to continue its work in helping not only the Brethren of our Lodge, but also the less fortunate in our community.

Following is a list of NEW Officers for Hesperus Lodge in 1990:

- Master
Edwin R. Seils
- Sr. Warden
John W. Bater
- Jr. Warden
Donald R. Kunego
- Treasurer
W: Kenneth J. Barons
- Secretary
W: Stuart P. Lambein
- Chaplain
W: Robert G. Seils
Sr. Deacon
John A. Jessop
- Jr. Deacon
David G. Liles
- Sr. M of C
Donald R. Strine
- Jr. M of C
John Specht
- Marshall
David H. VanSlyke
- Organist
W: Robert H. Hebner
- Tiler
Gerrard W. Burns
- Assistant to the Secretary
W: Van A. Hulburt

I look forward to serving with the above named Brethren, and would sincerely hope that all the Brethren of Hesperus are able to stop in and congratulate our new officers for 1990.

If you're not presently active, but are still a member of Hesperus, why not take time to set aside just ONE of our meeting nights and plan on joining us at one of our regular meetings.

I realize that many of our Brethren are unable to attend meetings due to transportation, health and other reasons, but PLEASE don't let this stop you from enjoying the brotherly love and friendship of Hesperus Lodge. If you need transportation to one of our meetings, please call W: Stuart Lambein at 494-1360 or Edwin Seils at 225-2629 and we'll arrange transportation if you need it. REMEMBER, we'd like to see all of our brothers at least ONE time throughout the year at one of our meetings or other activities. Why not make plans to join us at your earliest possible convenience?

I'd also like to remind the Brothers that the Brotherhood Fund is still in progress. If you have not yet made your contribution, why not plan on sending it in TODAY, with your dues for 1990.

Also, by this time you should have received your notice for your 1990 dues. If you have not made your remittance, PLEASE do so as soon as possible. I'd also like to remind you that there are several Brethren who still owe dues for 1989, if you're one of those Brethren, we would like to have you also remit those dues along with

SENECA LODGE

No. 797
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

5:30 P.M.

Webster Temple
30 Orchard St.
Webster, N.Y.
14580

Brethren:

Finding a way to start your first Masonic News message to the Lodge is difficult, particularly when you have not yet been elected Master and yet knowing this communication will be published several days after the long awaited event. Since Seneca Lodge has its own regularly published Trestleboard, I will try to keep messages in this present media short and news worthy of Seneca Lodge.

I am very enthusiastic about the way 1990 is shaping up for Seneca Lodge No. 797. It is the tenth anniversary of the merger of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797 and Seneca Lodge No. 920. In celebration of this, monthly reunions are planned by year of initiation or affiliation to bring classes together again for an evening of fellowship. Lodge meeting nights are back to Tuesdays which I am sure is welcomed by many Brethren. Lodge opening will be 6:00 PM rather than 5:30 PM to accommodate the busy work schedules of many. Dinner will remain at 7:00 PM.

Seneca Lodge has always been proud of its officers, and this year is no exception. Brothers Tom Foote and Ed LeStrange are welcomed new additions to the line as Steward and Marshal, as is W: Joe Fisher as Lodge Treasurer. Brothers Stu Walthour and Stan Brown, DSA have been appointed to the new positions of Assistant Tiler and Hospitaler. Brothers Tom Foote and Andy Pacitto are Fellowcraft Club co-chairmen for 1990 and will be working with Brother Junior Warden Mike Goehle to present a social calendar of events in this special Seneca style. Details will be published in our Trestleboard. Please mark your calendars so as not to miss any of these.

There is much that can your dues for 1990.

The following things are scheduled for January (also listed on the back page of this issue). January 4th, Installation of Officers, officiated by the Genesee-Wyoming Past Masters Degree Team, Dinner at 6:30 P.M.; January 18th, 2nd Degree, Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Please mark your calendar for these special events as they're sure to be something that you DON'T want to miss out on. We look forward to seeing you at one of these two IMPORTANT meetings in January 1990.

Fraternally,
Edwin R. Seils
Sr. Warden 1989

Trestleboard
January 4
Installation of Officers
by the Genesee-Wyoming
Past Masters Degree Team
Dinner at
6:30 P.M.

January 18
2nd Degree
Dinner at
6:30 P.M.



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Brethren:

You will be receiving the above cards with your 1990 dues card, if you don't already have them. I am sending two to each member, compliments of the Club, and if you would like more to hand out to friends and family, they are \$1.00 ea. This money will go into a special fund to purchase more. The officers feel that this is a good form of recognition for our Club besides being useful, and might help recruit new members.

History flash-back: In looking back through what few records I have of the history of the Metro Club, I found in the minutes of November 14, 1975 that it was proposed by Bro. Charles McClary, and carried that

and needs to be accomplished in the coming months. Nothing of lasting value will be possible without continued support from each of you. There are many who have put in long hours in the quarries, while others have been content to chip away on a smaller scale. Since each of us must face our obligation to the Lodge in different ways, I will keep my request to each Brother as simple as possible-- during the coming year, would each of you please do just one more thing for Seneca Lodge than you have previously. Just think of what a great year this will make for us all.

Fraternally,
Jack VanElzaker
Master Elect

Trestleboard
January 9
Regular Meeting
6:00 PM
1'st Year Reunion

January 23
Seneca Masonic
Information Night
Webster Temple
7:30 PM

February 8
Have A Heart Campaign
Eastview Mall

February 11
Winter Party

February 13
Regular Meeting
6:00 PM
2'nd Year Reunion

March 31
Grand Ball

May 19
Ladies Night

industrial guards and independent ambulance personnel be allowed to join the Club as long as they belonged to a Masonic Lodge. So, Brethren, if you know anyone in either of these two capacities and feel they would represent the Club in good Brotherhood, contact me for applications, and try to sign them up.

It is with deep regret that I inform you that the father of our member, R.W. Chick Becker has been called home by the Supreme Architect. He would have been 103 years old in November. He was a Life Member of Ontario Fire Co. and of Wayne Masonic Lodge #416, and a member of Fairport Lodge #476. The Metro Club was represented by several members at the memorial service. A donation was made to the Grand Master's L.E.A.F. project from our Special Fund. Also, R.W. Bro. Chick is laid up once again, with a knee operation. Let's get some cards out to cheer him up, as he has really had his troubles these past few months. His address is 19 Deland Pk. B, Fairport 14450. This is what Brotherhood is all about.

Note: Anyone interested in going through line, please contact me. As I have said before, there isn't much work to it. We have a Steak Roast, Ladies Night, Election of Officers, and a project for the year. If we do not have officers, we do not have a Club.

Last but not least...Congratulations to our member, Bro. Andy Meloni on his re-election as Sheriff of Monroe County. Congratulations, also, to Assoc. Member Bro. Bruce Palmer, on his appointment as District Grand Lecturer, Order of the Eastern Star, Monroe District.

Here's wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from the officers of the Club. If you know of someone who is in need of Cheer, please let me know, so we can send some their way.

Trestleboard
January 3
Election of 1990
Officers
at Maplewood Inn

April 28
Ladies Night
at Maplewood Inn

August 28
Annual Steak Roast &
Chicken Barbeque
at Barnard Exempts

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Clio-Reg Communication Craftsman-Official Visit Jermania-Installation, Supper Towpath-No Meeting Henrietta-Fellowcraft Club (Election)	3	4 Constellation (Perry) Installation Northfield- Hesperus-Installation, Dinner 6:30 p.m.	5	6 Jermania-Reg.Meeting, Supper Etolian-Public Installation 2:00 p.m.
7	8 Union Star-Dinner 5:30 p.m. Installation 7:30 p.m. Craftsman-Fellowcraft Dinner Meeting Etolian-Rededication	9 Monroe-Installation & Dinner Towpath-Officers Meeting Churchville-Corp.Meeting 8:00 p.m. Seneca-Meeting, Reunion Henrietta-Business Meeting Frank Simes-Meeting, Dinner	10 Churchville-Installation Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	11 Northfield-Fellowcraft	12	13 Monroe-DeMolay Investiture at Charlotte Corinthian 2:00 p.m.
14 Clio-Installation, Reception 3:00 p.m.	15 Valley-Budget Etolian (Eastern Star) Installation	16 Monroe-Fellowcraft Clio-Recognition Night Craftsman-Meeting Towpath-Installation (tux) Lodge 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Henrietta-Fellowcraft Frank Simes-Fellowcraft	17 Grotto-Installation Churchville-Rehearsal 1st Degree	18 Northfield-Meeting, Program Hesperus-2nd Degree, Dinner	19	20
21	22 Etolian-Statd Communication	23 Monroe-3rd Degree, Lodge 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Henrietta-Business Meeting (Eastern Star)	24 Churchville-1st Degree Seneca-Information Night	25	26	27 Masters & Wardens 875 Main St. E. Rochester
28	29 Etolian-Euchre Tourney	30	31			

Craftsman
Lodge No. 969
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

I have to report to you with sadness the deaths of two Brothers who were called home by the Great Architect of the Universe - Edward Moore and Ralph Truesdale. Sympathies are extended to the immediate members of their families. Had an excellent attendance in conferring the 3rd Degree on Bro. Mark Cole and Dave DeHollander on November 27th at Fairport Lodge. Craftsman was well represented by 26 members, most of which enjoyed a delicious dinner - our Wor. Master, Dave King participated in the

dramatization - Fairport Lodge conferred the 3rd on five Brethren with the first section presented by Fairport's line officers and the second by 1989 Masters. One of the most impressive Degrees I have witnessed-congratulations to all who participated. Thanks goes to Bro. Jack Grover and his efficient telephoning committee for their efforts for such a surprisingly large turnout for the above occasion. Fellowcraft's annual dinner meeting and election of officers will be held at Maplewood Inn on Jan. 8th. Brother Grover recently received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Award in Cathedral Hall - this award is to recognize Brothers who have done an outstanding job in the Blue Lodge. Rt. Wor. Vernon Goodrich escorted Bro. Grover up to the platform - many Craftsman were in attendance. Our Official Visit will be on Jan. 2nd when several

representatives of Grand Lodge will be present. Thanks again, Brethren, for your continued support of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Almost daily I receive donations from the above or designations towards the L.E.A.F. Fund - much better than receiving bills! Just received word from Eleanor Hall in California, widow of Bro. Victor Hall, that she recently underwent surgery and is recovering very nicely. Good news, El. Bro. Hall presented my petition in 1947. Everyone have a Happy Holiday Season! Anyone in sickness or distress, please contact Jack Grover at 247-3007 or Bob Ogden at 385-1422.

Fraternally,
Robert F. Ogden

Trestleboard
January 2
Official Visit

January 8
Fellowcraft Annual
Dinner Meeting
Maplewood Inn
January 16
Regular Meeting

Rochester Lodge
No. 660
2nd Monday
7:30 P.M.

Northfield Lodge
17 Church St.
Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

The Lodge is looking forward with the merger with Northfield Lodge. Our Committee with Rt. Wor. Bro. Donald Leisten, Chairman met with the Northfield Lodge's Committee, and now waiting for their answer.

Our Brother Charles J. Mambretti passed away July 23rd, I am sorry I was not notified. The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to his wife Erma.

I am the Chairman for the Masonic Brotherhood and Leaf for Life Fund. Let's get behind this important drive. Send your checks to your Secretary George Adams, 131 Elmore Road, Rochester, NY 14618. Let us get together and show them Rochester Lodge cares. It does not take any time to write a check.

Bro. Kenneth Hewitt is improving with is artificial leg and taking more steps everyday, keep it up Ken. Frank Reynolds is also improving after his heart

operation. He is now walking on a tread mill. Wor. Bro. Leo French is on a concentrator and his wife Laura has been in the Hospital for over a year. Bro. Harold Mossey on December 7th had a hip replacement operation. He is living with is son Donald and wife Cecilia in Clearwater, Florida. Bro. Frederick Cooper has been in and out of the Hospitals for over a year since his automobile accident. Bro. Charles Adams and wife Dorothea moved from Florida to North Carolina and did not enjoy North Carolina and have moved back to Florida.

Congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrate their Birthday in January: Lester Keuch 1/1; Donald Gates 1/4; Walter Lee 1/7; Stanley Otto 1/8; Wor. James Lickers 1/11; Jack Sharp 1/12; Jesus Ortega, Sr. 1/12; Roy Jensen 1/17; Myron Staples 1/22; Nelson Nelius 1/23 and John Johnston 1/31.

The Finance Committee and Trustees had a meeting at my home, as you know December 3rd was a snowy day. We had over half the Committees show up. The breakfast was prepared by my wife Lucille with the assistance of Betty Sweet.

Don't forget we do not have meetings during January and February unless we have a special summons meeting concerning the merger. To all I wish the best ever for 1990.

Fraternally,
George M. Adams
Secretary

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