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R:W: Sheldon K. Blank Elected Deputy Grand Master

1st and 2nd Monroe Masonic Districts
Appointments Are Made

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A report on the proceedings at the 209th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York will be found on Page 2.

Two Sovereign Grand Commanders, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Receive Distinguished Achievement Award

**Grand
Steward
Of the State of
New York**



R:W: Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.

**Grand
Sword Bearer
Of the State of
New York**



R:W: George W. Simon

R:W: Bro. Spiegel was born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1929, and was raised in Lodge Fort Pitt, Pittsburgh, PA, in 1959. He became a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge in 1980, and was elected Worshipful Master in 1988. He is a member of Valley of Rochester A.A.S.R., Damascus Temple of the Shrine, Tall Cedars, Irondequoit Chapter O.E.S., in which he serves as Patron, and also serves as President of the Rochester High Twelve and Chairman of the Bureau of Masonic Education.

In private life, Bro. Spiegel is married to the former Elaine Ball, of Sodus, NY and the couple have five children, John, Cathy, Diane, Deborah and Curtis, and 4 grandchildren.

The couple are members of the United Church of Christ, Webster, NY and Bro. Spiegel serves on the Board of Trustees, having been Chairman of the Deacons in 1982.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1948 to 1951, earning the Good Conduct and Korean Service Occupation Medals.

He is a former employee of Xerox Corporation, retiring after 23 years as Manager of Engineering.

He lists his hobbies as Travel and Photography.

R:W: Bro. Simon was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, in 1933, and was raised in Churchville Lodge No. 667 in 1970, serving as Worshipful Master both in 1975 and 1985. He is a member of Rochester Consistory, and is Patron of Nola Chapter, O.E.S.

In private life, Bro. Simon has been employed at Eastman Kodak Co. for the past 9 years as Job Superintendent (Construction Supervisor). He is married to the former Lula Rogan, of Danford Lake, Quebec, Canada, and the couple have two children, Bonny Jean Crigger and Stephen, and two grandchildren. They are members of Trinity Episcopal Church, Greece.

Bro. Simon is active in the Sally Edelman Cancer Research Foundation, and is a member of the North Star Gun Club, as well as the National Heating and Air Conditioning Association.

He lists his hobbies as Fishing, Hunting, Golf and Travel.



This is the Highest Honor Bestowed by Grand Lodge of New York

Left to Right-M:W: Raymond C. Ellis, Past Grand Master, Ill: Francis G. Paul, 33^o Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient Scottish Rite of Free Masonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, Ill: C. Frederick Kleinknecht, 33^o Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America M:W: Roswell T. Swits, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, Who Made the Award Presentation, and R:W: Richard P. Thomas, Grand Master Elect, who was installed the Following day as M:W: Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Masonic Service Bureau To Make Scholarship and Charitable Awards June 20

President, R:W: Paul R. Gleason, Jr. will
Host a Luncheon for the recipients
At The Depot Restaurant, Pittsford, N.Y.

Reservations are \$10.00 each - order from Masonic Service Bureau. DEADLINE JUNE 10, 1990.

This second annual community charities and scholarship presentations luncheon, is sponsored by the Bureau in behalf of the metropolitan Monroe area Freemasons and ladies organizations. R:W: Norman H. SELKE is General Chairman.

Charities Committee Chairman R:W: John THIBAUT has arranged the invitation of representatives from the 20 groups and agencies that are recognized this year. Over \$9,000 is being distributed.

Scholarships Committee Chairman R:W: David C. CLARKE and committee members are attending selective area high school awards functions to formally present scholarships to ten students. Scholarship distribution this year is \$10,000. Those students able to attend will be recognized among our guests at the Luncheon.

All area Masons and ladies should call the Service Bureau

(473- 4351) to reserve, or stop by at 875 Main Street East. This is open to spouses and family members as well.

Applying this years Service Bureau theme "Caring is Everything", all who are able should plan now to be present as we honor and recognize those who are deeply involved in caring for their fellow human beings. Don't pass up this opportunity to demonstrate how Masons feel about one of their basic tenets.

Scholarship Awards 1990-1991

The Masonic Service Bureau has awarded ten scholarships of \$1000 each to nine high school seniors and one college freshman, a second year recipient. This is the fifth year that the Bureau has awarded scholarships under this program and brings the total number of scholarships awarded to forty-nine.

The Scholarship Committee screened thirty-seven individual requests from twenty-one different high schools in Monroe County.

After many hours of developing solid criteria for selection, ten finalists were singled out as outstanding.

The recipients for the 1990-1991 academic year are:
Kathleen Margaret Daly-Oberlin College
John Anthony Hughes III-Cornell University
Jessica Lee Warner-Columbia University
Sabrina Ann Petrelli-SUNY at

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**Grand Lodge
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Appointed Grand Lodge Officers

District Deputy Grand Master Of the First Monroe District



R:W: Stephen R. Whittaker

R:W: Bro. Whittaker was born in Providence, RI in 1946, and became a member of Seneca Lodge in 1976; he was originally raised by Frank R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797 in 1967 as a courtesy to St. Andrews Lodge No. 39 of Rhode Island.

He served as Worshipful Master of Seneca Lodge in 1985, and since then has been active in a number of Youth Committees, both of Grand Lodge and in the Monroe Districts.

He is a member of Valley of Rochester A.A.S.R., Damascus Temple of the Shrine, Hamilton Chapter No. 62 R.A.M., the Philaethes Society, DeMolay Alumni Association, and the N.Y. College SRICF. He has served,

and is serving in numerous other Masonic-related organizations.

In private life, Bro. Whittaker is married to the former Ann Newton, of Rochester, NY, and the couple have two children, Laura and Michael. They belong to St. Lukes Episcopal Church, Fairport, of which Bro. Whittaker is a former Vestry member.

R:W: Bro. Whittaker served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970, including service in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for Achievement.

Bro. Whittaker is employed by Monroe Litho Inc., as Manager of Finishing Services.

He lists his hobbies as Woodworking, sailing, and family history.

tension, through the use of inter-luken II, and Grand Master Ray Ellis, Dean of Grand Masters, practically guaranteed that within a year, those suffering from hypertension would be able to live an easier life, thanks to Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of New York.

Following an announcement that the L.E.A.F. Campaign had realized \$4,200,000.00, a number of contributors approached the East, resulting in a final figure of over \$5,000,000.00 being raised. A number of amendments to the constitution were submitted, and considered by Grand Lodge, of which the following are of the most interest to the Brethren. The others pertained to rules of order, the responsible officers for handling certain funds, and the responsibilities and authority of Masonic War Veterans.

1. Your correspondent had the pleasure and distinction of being the successful sponsor of an amendment, permitting the minutes of a Lodge meeting, which at present must be read at the end of the meeting, to be held over, at the Master's discretion, to the following stated communication. This amendment received its first reading, without dissension.

2. There was a second reading of the amendment allowing the Grand Master, at the conclusion of Grand Lodge, to announce that the following year's annual communication be held starting on any one of the first ten days in May, instead of first Tuesday as at present. By receiving the second reading, this now becomes Masonic Law in New York State.

3. There was the first reading of an amendment to withdraw recognition from both the Shrine and Grotto, this being done with the full sanction and approval of the imperial potentate and the Grand Monarch.

4. There was the first reading of an amendment to raise the per capita dues by \$1.00 per year, which is passed again next year, will become effective starting in 1992. (Sorry, that is \$1.00 per year for 5 years).

5. An amendment to Section 508, relative to Masonic work on a Sunday with particular reference to open installations (public), was held over for further study.

Unanimous approval was given to an amendment to Section 757 handbook of Masonic Law, permitting Masonic Temples to rent their premises to any licensed organization recognized by the State of New York for the operation of Bingo games, providing that no Masonic Lodge or any of its members actually participate in the game, and that there is no direct income from Bingo. The amendment does not apply to other forms of gambling.

With some exceptions, the ritual changes as recommended by the custodians of the work, of which your Worshipful Master is a member, were approved by Grand Lodge, and all changes will be incorporated into the new set of ritual books which Grand Lodge hopes to have ready by late summer for distribution.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign, which ends at the end of May, has already raised nearly \$2,500,000.00

The following Grand Line were elected:

Grand Master:

District Deputy Grand Master Of the Second Monroe District



R:W: Paul W. Spillane

R:W: Bro. Spillane was born in Depew, NY in 1938 and raised in Column Lodge, Trenton, NJ on February 8, 1971, and affiliated with Union Star Lodge No. 320 in 1982. He was elected Senior Warden in 1984, and Master in 1985, serving a second term as Senior Warden in 1987, and again as Master in 1988. He is a member of A.A.S.R. Valley of Rochester, Damascus Temple of the Shrine, and was President of Director Staff of Crescent Temple, NJ. Since 1984, Bro. Spillane has been active both in his Lodge and in the District in a number of Committees.

In private life, he is the President of Tech-Mark Inc., Mendon, NY, and is married to the former Nancy Simpson, of Buffalo, NY; the couple have three children, Debbie, Mike and Tammy, and were formerly members of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Levittown, PA of which Bro. Spillane was President for five years.

He served in the U.S. Navy, and Jersey National Guard.

He has been a member of the Boy Scouts of America for the last 40 years, holding a number of Senior

offices, and is holder of the Explorer Silver Award as an Eagle Scout. He is also a member of the Mendon Volunteer Fire Department, has served as Fire Commissioner, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Mendon Conservation League.

His son, Michael, was Master of Union Star Lodge in 1987.

Among his hobbies, R:W: Bro. Spillane lists hunting, fishing, and trap and skeet shooting.

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Grand Lodge



**Annual
Communication
Proceedings
May 1-2, 1990**

By R:W: Maurice Solomon,
Worshipful Master,
Flower City Lodge No. 910

Proceedings opened with the
traditional reception by the Grand

Master and Deputy Grand Master of all visiting dignitaries, including representatives of ladies organizations and youth groups.

After the non-masonic visitors had retired, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master, who made an official welcome to the representatives of 20 Grand jurisdictions, with most interest focused on the Grand Master of Hawaii, the newest Grand Lodge, to whom the Grand Master presented the Charles H. Johnson Medal. In reply, the Grand Master of Hawaii, M:W: William H. McKee, Jr., speaking on behalf of all visitors, made a presentation to Grand Master Swits. There was an interesting and impressive report on the work of the medical research laboratory in Utica, with particular emphasis on the recently publicized advanced in the treatment of hyper-

**The L.E.A.F.
Program
Is A Success**

Travels With . . .



R:W: Ronald D. Mertens

Junior Grand Warden

I shall begin by outlining some of my activities from mid-April through the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

On Wednesday, April 18, it was my privilege to preside at a Dedication Ceremony at Medina Lodge No. 336 in the Niagara-Ontario District. I was accompanied by W: Steve Whittaker, who acted as Grand Marshal, and assisted by R:W: John Snell, DDGM, R:W: Paul O'Neill, PJGW, R:W: Richard Loeffert, GS, R:W: Ronald Bower, PDDGM, and R:W: Elmer Walter, PGSB. These Brethren acted as Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Grand Stewards. Medina Lodge has a facility that they can be proud of and they have worked hard to achieve what they have. On Saturday, April 21, it was off to Utica with W: Steve Whittaker and R:W: Robert Zolezer from the Second Erie for a Camp Turk Committee meeting, and then to Clio Lodge in Hilton for the Masters and Wardens meeting.

The following morning I attended and was the speaker at the Annual Breakfast and Service of Eagle Lodge No. 618 in Honeoye. It was almost like being at home when you consider the Master is

R:W: Everett Vail and the Senior Warden is W: George Horning. In addition a contingent from Churchville, consisting of R:W: Earl Steffen, R:W: Charles Daycock, W: Steve Daycock, W: George Simon, W: Bob Simons and W: Norman Vail, were also present.

On Tuesday, April 24, I participated in a Third Degree at Monroe Lodge No. 173 with the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team and the following night returned to the same place for the School of Ritual Comedy of Errors. Seriously, it was a fun night as well as a chance for Brethren to learn about the

right and wrong way to do things. On Thursday, April 26, R:W: Bill Zufall and I attended the 13th Annual Brotherhood Dinner of the Masons and Knights of Columbus in Buffalo. This was enjoyed by 700 members of the two organizations and we heard an interesting and enjoyable talk by Mark Kelso of the Buffalo Bills. This young man (26) had a message pertaining to life, family and community involvement that all of us should pay close attention to.

On Saturday, April 28, Barbara and I attended the Annual Convocation of the Constellation of Junior Stars at Watson Homestead in Painted Post. It was a pleasure to see these fine young ladies as they reached the end of a year of fun and hard work and started on another year of the same. The Installation of Officers was conducted by Most Worthy Janet Johnson, Grand Matron, O.E.S. and Most Worthy Adelbert Hall, Grand Patron, O.E.S. The next day it was off to New York for the final step of our two year journey. Most of the activities of Grand Lodge will be reported elsewhere in this paper. Barbara and I did manage a trip to the Statue of Liberty on Monday, yes I walked all the way up the stairs and back down, some shopping, and dinner on Sunday and Wednesday nights with W: Steve Whittaker and R:W: Bill Russell.

This brings my two years as Junior Grand Warden to an end. It has been a fantastic, interesting and exciting experience. We have met many people and made many new friends. We have been fortunate in being able to travel in and out of New York State.

We have attended many interesting, exciting, informative and educational programs and events. It would be impossible for me to thank everyone who has helped in so many ways. Barbara and I owe a great deal to many people. I particularly thank all of you who have commented favorably about this column. Our lives will obviously be somewhat different in the coming months. However, I certainly expect to be involved and active in several areas.

In closing let me say that I have enjoyed the last two years. Yes, there have been some low moments and there have been some regrets. I regret not having enough time to have done more and I regret the sacrifices by my family. Barbara has given of her time, energy and patience more than I can ever give back. I did not spend as much time with our children as I should have and would liked to have done. Hopefully, we will compensate for some of that in the coming months. However, as I said at the beginning, the whole experience has been tremendous and enjoyable. I do not know if I accomplished all that was expected or if I performed satisfactorily. That is for others to judge and determine. I have my own feelings regarding my involvement, accomplishments and actions. While the opinions of others are important, and do mean something to me, so does my own opinion of myself, and I can leave the office knowing I gave it my best.

Barbara has asked for the chance to share some final thoughts so I close again with a big THANK YOU!



Dear Friends,
When we were at Grand Lodge last week, someone came over to me and asked, "Is this the 'Barbara' of 'Barbara and I'?" I realized that he was referring to the articles written for the MONROE MASONIC NEWS. Some day I plan to read those again so I can find out where all we've been.

We've been to all corners of New York State, to the Grand Lodge of Washington, DC, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; we've travelled with the Grand Master on his visits to New York Masons in Florida, and in Lake Placid; we've represented the Grand Master on the New York State Mason Cruise. We've been invited to Blue Lodge and Concordant Body functions all over the state.

We've helped celebrate cornerstone layings, dedications, presentations, honors and ceremonies of all kinds - each one holds a special spot in our hearts.

We've made new friends on every visit; we've renewed old friendships; we've lost some dear and beloved friends. We've been loved and supported by so many very special friends. You have tolerated us, travelled with us, let us complain when

necessary, listened while our enthusiasm overwhelmed us, supported projects with your time, talents, gifts, and presence, "escaped" with us to a quiet dinner hour, took care of our house and dog when we had to be away, rejoiced with us and cried with us, and still you are there for us.

It was indeed a great honor for Ron to be elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden for the State of New York and a privilege for me to travel with him. Of course, we all know that 26 years of love for the Craft and lots of dedicated hours preceded that election. We hope that we have represented Monroe Districts in a way that lets the rest of the State know that we all try to practice the valued lessons of the Lodge and of the Star.

I would like to join Ron in saying "Thank You" to each and every one of you for your support, encouragement, love, and for all the good things that have happened to all of us in the past two years. May God bless you and may you feel His presence as you continue to live in His Light.

Barbara Mertens

EDITOR Wanted

The Monroe Masonic NEWS is seeking an Editor to replace Brother Paul Rogers, who has announced his retirement effective May, 1991.

Any Member of the Masonic family interested should contact:

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Seneca Lodge No. 797



2nd & 4th Tuesdays

5:30 P.M.

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

Brethren,

Grand Lodge has completed and we now have a new Grand Line of Officers to lead us for the next two years. Our most hearty congratulations to our new Grand Master M:W: Richard P. Thomas and his staff who were elected and installed on May 2. On a more local level, our Lodge's and my personal congratulations are extended to W: Brother Steve Whittaker who has been appointed our new District Deputy Grand Master for the First Monroe District. The honor is fitting tribute for one who has labored so hard and with such dedication to our Craft.

Seneca Lodge's congratulations are also extended to our two newest Brothers who were raised as Master Masons at our May meeting-Brothers Steve and Tim Sadwick. The second section of the Degree was put on by the 1989 Master's Degree Team-who did an outstanding job led by W: Brother Rich Friedman in the East and W: Brother Wayne Embrecht in the West. Our sincere thank you to all who attended and participated to make the evening the success that it was.

Another excellent Ladies Night was enjoyed by the Brothers and Ladies of Seneca Lodge at the Century Club. Our thanks are again extended to our Brother Junior Warden Mike Gochle and his Fellowcraft Club staff for organizing such a memorable evening.

Our June 11 meeting will be Awards Night when, in addition to several special awards, we will have the opportunity to recognize those Brothers who have given long years of service to the Craft. Lodge will open for business at 6 PM sharp and will close prior to dinner at 7. The Awards will be presented at open Lodge following dinner. Family and friends are invited.

The Seneca Lodge calendar for the Summer months is again packed with opportunities for fun and fellowship. Bro. Senior Deacon Bob Crystal is hosting our Family Summer picnic on July 21 at his cottage on Canandaigua Lake. This will be followed by an Old Time Clam Bake on August 25 at Webster Park.

There comes a time when labors are finished and these labors have been completed in a more than outstanding manner that the words of praise of "Well done good and faithful servant, well done" hardly seem sufficient. None the less, we extend these words of congratulations and thanks to our now Past Grand Master M:W: Roswell T. Switts, his Grand Line staff, and the

Scholarship Awards 1990-1991

- Genesco
- Susan Patricia Hubbard-University of Rochester
- Carrie Marie Marlin-Rochester Institute of Technology
- Stephen P. Holleran-Rochester Institute of Technology (second year recipient)
- Timothy Hoover-Undecided
- Laurie J. Ferguson-Undecided
- Michelle Lynn Lourette-Undecided

Seven Monroe County High Schools were represented among the ten finalists, Gates-Chili Central High, West Irondequoit High, Fairport High, Edison Tech, East High, Our Lady of Mercy, and Hilton Central High School.

The committee awarded the recipients their scholarships based on their academic achievements, general character, financial needs, and involvement in extracurricular activities with community, school, and volunteer services. This year's thirty-seven applicants were all worthy students, all capable of earning a successful Degree in their field of endeavor. The committee was very willing and proud to have a part in sending the students on their way to becoming the life blood of the greatest nation on earth.

The ten finalists will be rewarded further with a luncheon as guests of the Bureau on June 20, 1990 at the Depot Restaurant.

Members of the Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship Committee, Erna-Jean Walker, Ruth Freeman, Stephen Whittaker, Gail Clarke (acting for James Gisleson) and Dave Clarke, chairperson, deserve a well done and thank you.

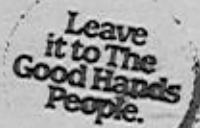
Deputy Officers of the First Monroe District who have been diligent to their duties and contributed in major ways to the successes that Seneca and other Lodges have had over the last year.

Fraternally,
Jack VanElzakker
Master

- Trestleboard
- June 11 Awards Night-Dinner at 7:15 followed by open session-Business at 6:00 PM
- July 21 Family Summer Picnic-Canandaigua Lake
- August 25 Lodge Clam Bake
- September 11 Lodge Meeting

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Towpath



Lodge No. 163

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Brethren,

New York City is still the only place to hold Grand Lodge. Its an exciting place to visit, and break read with your fellow

Brothers. Of course the price of read is just a tad more than you would pay in downtown Brockport.

We did our best voting on the various issues. The proposed changes in the ritual did not come about, except for minor changes in some wording. None of the ritual has been deleted. While you are reading this article ladies night is history, and if you didn't attend home on you. Our Third Degree held earlier this day was successful. Thanks to our Brothers of Towpath Lodge who were superb. Special thanks to W. Less Andrews of Wakan-Hubbard and his assembled group, who did a magnificent job on the second session.

Our Canadian guests stated that they had real nice time, and are looking forward to us visiting them on the other side of the pond later this year.

As you are aware our June 5th meeting will not be held, as it is in conflict with R.W. Ron Mertens dinner party. We will have our last meeting on June 19, 6:30 for our hot dog roast. 7:30 business meeting. Sport shirts and slacks are lodge attire this evening.

Towpath Lodge is making a good showing at the schools of ritual, we are only one behind Charlotte Corinthian. There is one school left this year. Think about it this summer. The "banner" can be ours.

Our 2nd annual picnic is coming up July 15th a Sunday. Powder Mill Park "BINGO" will be played. I haven't received any calls yet regarding my request of something about the house or barn that can be used as a prize. If anything is kicking around, call me for pick up. Dan Emerson 334-7730.

Please call Andy Patterson 586-9016 or Bill Lindsay 621-3573 for picnic information.

Please have a very nice and safe summer, remember to buckle up.

Fraternally,
Dan Emerson

TRESTLEBOARD

June 5
R.W: Ron Mertens special evening. Call W. Terry Wihlen 461-1368
June 19
Business Meeting
June 30
Pilot Field Buffalo
Baseball-Larry Geith, 328-5580
July 15
Picnic Powder Mill Park
Call Andy Paterson, 586-9016 or Bill Lindsay, 621-3573

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

REMEMBER !!!

Friday, June 1, 1990
The Bureau of Masonic Education
Is Presenting
"Continuing Education Course"

With emphasis on Masonic Law and History for all Brothers and Lodge Officers who wish further education in Masonic Light and Knowledge

Friday, June 1, 1990
Meeting.....7:30 to 9:30 PM
Dinner..... 6:30 PM

Doric Hall, Masonic Temple
The program consists of brief mini-lectures with focus on audience participation

Origin of Masonic Philosophy
Bro. Ted Honca
Summary of the Morgan Affair

R.W. Bill Zufall
Philaethes Society
Articles of Interest
R.W. Jay McCullough
Masonic Law
W. Rich Friedman
Masonic Literature
Bro. Ted Honca
Film on "Quiet Fraternity"
R.W. Bill Baldwin
Summary Wrap Up and Discussion
With Refreshments
W. Joe Privitera and W. Herb Spencer

Dinner Preceding Course
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Ladies of the Caldron

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W. Herb Spencer (h) 271-8577
(w) 427-9999

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Chairman

W. Joe Privitera (h) 392-5583
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Monroe District's 1st Annual Masonic Family Picnic

Sponsored by:

Masters & Wardens Association,
Masonic Interlodge Fellowship

Sunday, August 19, 1990

Damascus Shrine Temple

979 Bay Road, Webster, New York

Noon to 6:00 P.M.

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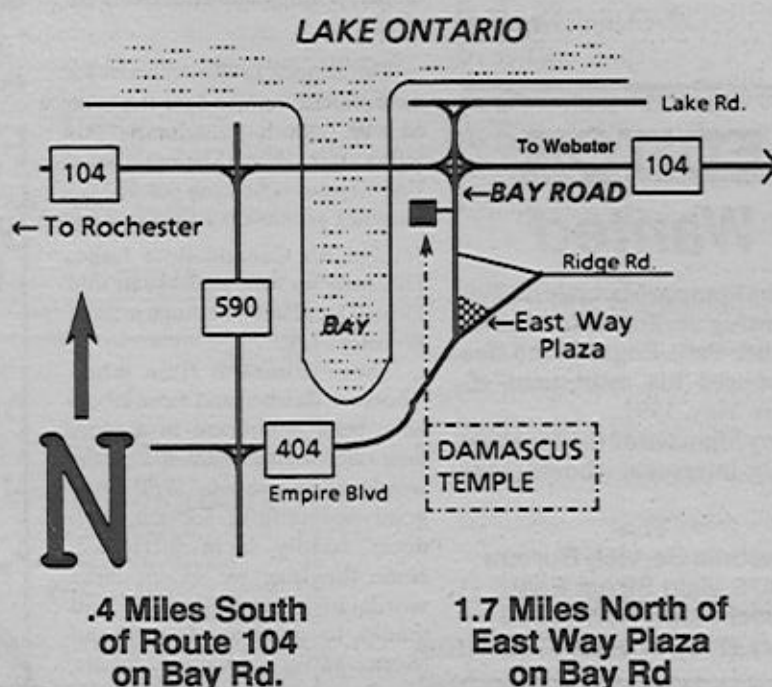
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Monroe Lodge 173, Receives "Hearts and Hands" Award From Grand Lodge of New York



R.W: F. Jay McCullough, District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Monroe District, presents the "Hearts and Hands" Award to W: Zack Austin Lee, Master of Monroe Lodge No. 173.

Constellation Lodge No. 404

1st and 3rd Thursdays

Masonic Temple, Main St.
Perry, New York

Brethren:

It's hard to believe May is here already. The past four months have been very busy as Master!

I have just returned from the 209th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in New York City, what an experience! The restorations completed at Grand Lodge are beyond words, what a magnificent building.

It was an honor to represent Constellation Lodge #404 and meet such fine people from around the state.

At night the "Country People" from the Genesee-Wyoming District took to the streets of New York City. What a change from Perry. After two and a half days of the "Big Apple" it was nice to be able to board the airplane and head for home. I want to say "thank you" to all the Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, and ladies who traveled in our group to the "Big Apple". Let's do it again!

On a more sober note, I just returned home from a Masonic Funeral Service for a departed Brother. Worshipful Steven Tomlinson passed away on Saturday, May 5, 1990. At the age of 40! A very tragic loss for his family, the community, and our Lodge! I can only say that we are thankful for having known and worked with Steve, we will deeply miss him. We send our deepest and most sincere sympathy to his family!

It looks like a busy schedule before breaking for summer. I look forward to seeing you at

The Brothers of Monroe Lodge were the recipients of a "Heart and Hands" Award, presented at their first regular Communication in May, by District Deputy Grand Master, R.W.. F. Jay McCullough. R.W.. McCullough acted on behalf of Committee on Community Service District Chairman Angelo DiCataldo.

The award is presented by the Grand Lodge Committee on Community Service to Masonic organizations for exemplary contributions to the local community. The award to Monroe is one of only eleven to be presented in the State this year. Among the items cited in this honor were the organization and participation in annual Blood Donor Drives sponsored by the Lodge, the establishment of annual scholarships awarded to local high school students, and the conducting of an annual Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Program for elementary students.

W..Master Zack Austin Lee received the award, but pointed to the outstanding dedication of the individual Lodge members in supporting the local programs and particularly those programs designed to promote the welfare, safety, and education of our children.

Monroe Lodge #173 wishes to thank Brother DiCataldo, his Committee, and the Grand Lodge Committee on Community Service for their recognition of the Lodge's efforts in this area.

Lodge in the near future.
Fraternally,
W: John F. Cook
Master

Trestleboard
June 7
60Year Pin Presentation-Bro. Bob Patrick-"Open Meeting"
June 17
56th Annual Father's Day Breakfast-Letchworth State Park Lower Falls-All Welcome Serving at 6:30 a.m.
June 21
Stated Communication
"Casual Dress"

Monroe Lodge 173

R.W. Charles C. Kysor, to Be Guest Speaker at our 140th Anniversary Banquet On June 16th

Monroe Lodge #173, Brockport, NY, will be celebrating its 140th Anniversary with a banquet and awards ceremony on June 16th, 1990. It is the sincere hope of the brothers that you will honor us with your presence in celebration of this most important piece of Monroe #173 history. We will be holding the dinner in Shannon Hall at the Brockport First Baptist Church, the same location as the original inaugural. We wish very much to do all in our power to lend to this event an aura of import commensurate with its historical value. Your presence would most certainly help cement the Masonic importance of the occasion in the eyes of our community as well as those of our brother Lodges in and around the Monroe Districts.

The following is a page from our Lodge History, as prepared by R.W. F. Jay McCullough. It provides a beautifully clear reminiscence of Monroe's 100th Anniversary celebration:

The 100th anniversary of the Lodge was celebrated on June 27 1950. Many Masonic dignitaries attended the ceremony and there was a reception for Grand Master Richard A. ROWLANDS who officiated. Over 300 were in attendance. The event was presided over by then Master George HAMIL. George was also the Mayor of Brockport for many years, and insurance company owner and was a long tenured Trustee of the Lodge. ROWLANDS received a certificate of election as an Honorary member of the Lodge. The banquet was held in Shannon Hall in the First Baptist Church. Past Grand Master William F. STRANG was also in attendance. There were 10 present and past District deputies, 19 Masters from various Western New York Districts, and 16 from the two Monroe Districts. In addition, there were 56 visiting Brethren present. Part of the ceremonies was the presentation of 50 year awards to 13 of the Lodge Brethren. Additional folding chairs had been purchased for the event and for later Lodge use.

We plan, once again, to make a Monroe #173 Anniversary Celebration an occasion which will earn the whole-hearted support of the current and past Lodge, District, and Grand Lodge officers. To that end, we have sought out and obtained R.W. Charles C. Kysor as our keynote speaker. The past Senior Grand Warden is well known in this area and is widely regarded as one of the premier Masonic speakers in the State. We are honored by his acceptance and feel sure that his presence will truly make this evening an evening to remember.

In addition, to R.W. Kysor's presentation, we will be honoring this year's D.S.A. and Gold Honor Award recipients from Monroe, eight 50 year members, one 60 year member, and three new "Life" members. Our own R.W. Bob Rudman, past Grand Sword Bearer, will emcee the festivities.

The past support of both local and Grand Lodge representation is well illustrated in the excerpt from our History. We would be delighted if the Brothers at the

150th Anniversary, in the year 2000, could look back at the digest's account of this celebration and see that Monroe had once again warranted the warm consideration and fellowship of your valued presence.

Monroe Lodge #173 140th Anniversary Banquet and Awards Ceremony
Masons, Families, Guests
Saturday, June 16, 1990
6:30 P.M. Reception and hors d'overes

7:15 P.M. Buffet Dinner
8:15 P.M. Program

Shannon Hall, First Baptist Church of Brockport (where the first inaugural was held in 1850 and the hundredth anniversary was held in 1950.

\$12.00 per ticket

(Please call 964-2135 to preregister. There will be no ticket sales at the door. All reservations must be in by June 2, 1990.

We are limited by space so please call early if you plan to attend. We have seating for only 225.

MONROE

Lodge
No. 173
2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

67 Main St.
Brockport, N.Y.
14420

Well, here we are at the final issue of the newsletter before the summer respite. We're amazed that a year has passed since R.W. McCullough began his tenure as D.D.G.M. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have a Brother in possession of so many fine attributes representing Monroe #173 throughout the Monroe Districts and across the State. R.W. Jay, you've done your Brothers proud! Congratulations on a job well done!

The past month and a half have been busy ones around Brockport. The Shrine Past Masters' Degree Team visited us on April 24th for the conferring of the Degree of Master Mason. The following evening found the Lodge Rooms filled to overflowing with representatives from around the Monroes attending the School of Ritual. The innovative format for the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. (So was the specially decorated cake celebrating W. Master Zack Lee's year as Master in Monroe's 140th Anniversary year. The cake was a surprise provided by Jr. Warden James McNeese. Nice touch, Jim!)

This year's Consistory Reunion had a strong Monroe #173 representation with six Brothers taking part in the dramatization of the 24th Degree on May 5th. Bros. Clark, Friedman, Laundry, Lee, McCullough, and Patton all participated.

Several important items were presented at the May Communication. Monroe Lodge #173 has been designated a Benefactor in the L.E.A.F. Campaign for the Masonic Laboratory. This designation was conferred by a joint proclamation issued by M.W. Ros-

well T. Swits and M.W. Emanuel Kreisel. R.W. McCullough presented the accompanying certificate to our Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Bro. Mel Mosher, with directions that it be framed and hung for prominent display. A second award was received by Monroe for Visible Contributions to Community Service. This award also represents Grand Lodge recognition and is one of only a very limited number presented across the State. Mentioned as factors considered in Monroe's selection where participation and sponsoring of local blood drives, scholarships for graduating high school seniors, and the Annual Bike Rodeo.

The Trustees reported on bids for the roofing job and requested volunteers to help with the installation of pipe covering in the basement and security posts behind the building. (The request was made by an extremely youthful and robust W. Bro. Cal Tripp) W. Bro. Mel Doverspike also placed a request for help on two dinners to be held on June 9th for the York Rite College and on June 29th for the Purple Club. If it's at all possible, get in touch regarding helping out on these activities. Most of our services and scheduled events cost money. If we don't get out to work on projects to save money (the Trustees' request) or to raise money (as per Bro. Doverspike's), then we short change ourselves by limiting the programs with which we can be involved. And Brothers, those programs and the fun and satisfaction of being able to put them on are a large part of what we're all about. If you ARE a Mason, then BE a Mason!

Plans continue for the 140th Anniversary Banquet. Invitations are out and we're looking forward to a great response from all of our Brothers. If you'd like to attend the June 16th celebration, but have not received an invite or ticket information, please call 964-2135 and leave a message. We are very pleased to announce that we have confirmation that R.W. Charles Kysor has accepted our invitation to be our keynote speaker. The past Senior Grand Warden has become well-known as one of the premier Masonic speakers in the State. We are sincerely honored that he has consented to share this most important event in our Masonic History with us. We hope, with equal sincerity, that you will see your way clear to honor us with your welcome presence. Tickets are \$12.00 by reservation only.

Fraternally,
Bro. Neil E. Laundry

TRESTLEBOARD

June 2
Annual Bike Rodeo (Set-up Fri. June 1st)

June 12
Regular Communication, Semi-annual Reports

June 22, 23, 24
St. Johns' Day at Utica

June 30
Masonic Nite at Pilot Field

August 18
Monroe #173 Steak Roast (Rudman's)

August 19
1st Annual Masonic Family Picnic. Pick up tickets from the Master or Sr. Warden.

Communicate

Masonic Medical Research Laboratory Presents Special Recognition To Monroe Lodge 173



R.W. Ronald P. Kamp, Director of Development and Communications for The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory Second from Left--Presents Special Recognition to Monroe Lodge from the Laboratory as Brother Mel. Mosher, Left, W: Zack Lee, Master of Monroe Lodge Third from Left and W: Rich. Freidman, Far Left look on.

Gift from the L.E.A.F. Drive



Brother Mel. Mosher, Left and W: Rich. Freidman, Far Right present R.W. Ronald P. Kamp, (Center) - donation for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, from The Monroe Lodge, L.E.A.F. Drive.

The Brothers of Monroe Lodge #173 were honored at their March 13th Communication by the presence of Brother Ronald P. Kamp, Director of Development for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, Utica, New York.

Brother Kamp's visit was to present the Lodge with certificates designating Monroe as the recipient of two Gold Leaves on the Living Tree of Humanity in Utica. The purpose of the presentation was to recognize the Lodge for donations to the L.E.A.F. drive in the name of the Brothers on Monroe Lodge #173 in its 140th year and in the name of the Wood-Quackenbush family's Memorial Fund. Each of the donations represented sums of \$2,000 or more.

Also on hand for the event was W.. Rich Freidman, District L.E.A.F. Chairman. Freidman joined Brother Mel Mosher, Monroe's Brotherhood Fund Chairman, in the ceremonial presentation of the donations and receipt of the letters of appreciation. Brother Kamp also presented photos of the inscribed leaves to W.. Master Zack Austin Lee. The photos are now on proud display in the Lodge Rooms.

Lee also received a gold "Living Tree of Humanity" pin which he in turn presented to Brother Mosher for his devoted efforts in making this year's fund drive such an overwhelming success. A second pin will be forthcoming and will become a Lodge heirloom to be placed in the

possession of each sitting Master for the duration of his term.

The Brothers of Monroe Lodge #173 extend their warmest thanks to Brother Kamp for his kind words and efforts in acknowledging these contributions. The Brothers in turn acknowledge the diligent efforts of our own W.. Freidman and Brother Mosher. Without the local and District leadership of Masons such as these, many of our best intended gestures would fall far short of their true potential. A hearty well done to all involved.

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Cyrene Commandery

No. 39

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At our Annual Conclave held on April 27th 1990 the following Officers were elected for the year 1990-1991:

Eminent Commander
SK David Lathers, PC
Generalissimo
SK Ernest A. Stelianou, PC-
Zone Comm.
Captain General
SK Lawrence Dunn, PC
Recorder
SK Frederick S. Holderle, PC
Treasurer
SK Stanley V. Peterson, PC
Sr. Warden
SK Arnold Palmer
Jr. Warden
SK Chris Starr
Trustee-3 years
SK Wayne Slack, PC
Trustee-2 years
SK Gordon C. Mosher, PC

These elected Officers plus the appointed officers were installed on May 18th 1990 in Canandaigua Masonic Temple, Canandaigua, NY at 8 PM.

This year we will have one conclave in June on the 8th here in the

Masonic Temple, Rochester, NY at 8 PM. Planning for summer activities and fall program. The Schicker Club will also meet that night.

Our Jr. Past Em. Comm. wishes to thank all for their support at the Official Inspection of our Commandery held on April 27th 1990. Wishes all a happy summer and drive carefully. Wayne Slack will support the activities coming up during the year coming up. Needs everyone's support.

We have one death to report at this time. PC Robert E. DuBert, Sr., died at his home in Florida on April 16th 1990. He was a Past

Ionic Chapter No. 210

Royal Arch Masons

4th Tuesday

Our Ex. High Priest, Michael Adamus, Jr., wishes to thank all for their support at the Official visit of District Deputy, Arnold Palmer at our meeting on May 22, 1990. It was very well attended and everyone was informed of what to expect from him. Thanks to all.

We are planning on having a meeting in June this year. It will be on June 16, 1990 at the Masonic Temple here in Rochester, New York, at 7:30 PM. We will plan our picnic for summertime at this meeting.

We have one death to report at

Standard Bearer
S.K. Darryl W. Griffing
Sword Bearer
S.K. Harold Gruschow
Warden
S.K. Arthur Miller
Sentinel
S.K. Arthur Havill

It is a pleasure to serve you as Commander again for the ensuing year. I hope to plan interesting functions to get more Sir Knights and their ladies out together.

There will be a family picnic on Sunday, August 5th at the home of Bob and Jean Cook, 65 Dunbarton Dr. More details to be announced later.

The Annual Grand Conclave will be September 21, 22 & 23, 1990 at the Holidome, Henrietta, NY.

On Saturday, Sept. 22 the Zone 11 drill team competition will take place and we will try to take first place again.

Happy Birthday to all the Sir Knights who are celebrating in June, July & August. Have a safe summer.

Fraternally,
George Bundoc
Eminent Commander

Comm. of Cyrene Commandery. He leaves his wife, Gerania, 2 sons, 3 daughters and 1 sister. All Services were held in Florida. We will miss him and condolences were sent to the family.

Our first fall conclave will be on Sept. 14th 1990. 7:30 PM here in the Masonic Temple, Rochester, NY. Have a good summer and be seeing you.

Fraternally

Jr. Past Comm
Wayne Slack
PC Roy E. Huff
Reporter

this time. Ex. Comp. Robert E. DuBert, Sr., died at his home in Florida on April 16, 1990. He leaves his wife, Gerania, 2 sons, 3 daughters and 1 sister. All services were down in Florida. He was a member of our Chapter, and retired for 7 years in Florida. I saw him a couple of years ago and that was the least time. We all miss him and condolences were sent to the family.

Companion Harold Bollotin, a member of our Chapter, was presented The Gold Honor Award Certificate at Valley Lodge #109 meeting on May 7, 1990. It was presented to him by Frederick S. Holderle, Past Governor of Genesee York Rite College #25. He was very surprised and delighted to receive it. This Gold Honor Award has been presented in recognition of outstanding service in York Rite Masonry by the York Rite Sovereign Collage of North America. We issue these Gold Honor Awards to Masonic Members each year. This year Genesee Rite College #25 had 7 such Awards. We are looking for new ones for our College year of 1990-1991. Maybe you will be next.

As this is the last Monroe Masonic News for the summer time, I wish all a very happy and safe summer and we'll be seeing you at the picnic. Our first meeting in the Fall will be on September 25, 1990 at the Masonic Temple in Rochester, New York, at 7:30 PM.

On June 13, 1990 some of us are taking our candidates down to the Masonic Temple in Bath where the Royal Arch Degree is being conferred. It will be at 7:30 PM and anyone wishing to go should contact our Ex. High Priest at 467-9884. Don't drive there alone but go with someone. Much better.

Fraternally,
Michael Adamus, Jr.
High Priest
PHP Roy E. Huff
Reporter

Hamilton Chapter

No. 62

Royal
Arch
Masons2nd & 4th
Thursdays

Chartered in 1819

Companions:
The first half of my term as High Priest is about over. It has



Grand Commandery Knights Templar Of the State of New York

The 1990 Conclave of the New York State Grand Commandery will be held September 22-24, 1990. It will be at the Holiday Inn/Rochester South, 1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, New York 14623 (Southeast corner of Jefferson Road and East Henrietta Road).

A summary of activities are listed below:

Friday, September 22, 1990
(1) Registration - 9 AM to 5 PM
(2) Opening of the Annual Conclave - 1:30 PM
(3) Friday evening dinner with the Ladies
German Oktoberfest
Authentic German meal prepared by a European chef
German entertainment - Reber Family
Dancing to a German band - Edelweig Trio

Doric Council

No. 19

CRYPTIC
MASONS3rd
Wednesday

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The Installation of our new Officers for the year 1990-1991 took place on May 16, 1990. The new Ill. Master is Lawrence Dunn and he announced the schedule of activities for the coming year. As this has to be in before our meeting we will have all the names of the Officers in the September issue of the Monroe Masonic News.

On May 19, 1990, your Council exemplified the Royal, Select and Super Excellent Degrees. Donuts and registration at 8:30 AM and the Royal and Select will follow. Lunch at 12 noon. The Super Excellent was put on in the afternoon. Ill. Companion Ed Walker was the Degree Director for the Royal and

Genesee York Rite College No. 25 Rochester, New York Chartered July 14, 1962

Our Annual meeting of our College will be held on June 9, 1990 at the Masonic Temple in Brockport, New York at 3 PM. Reading of reports and elections and instal-

been a pleasant six months. The cooperation that I have received from most of the Officers and Companions has been outstanding. The majority have supported me to the fullest. I can't thank Comp. John Zona enough for the time and effort he has put forth in doing our dinners and lunches which have been thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On June 14th we will be holding our annual picnic at Powder Horn Lodge, Powder Mill Park. Comp. King and Scribe, Hugh Robertson and Larry Dunn, are in charge of this event. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table

Saturday, September 23, 1990
Breakfast
Conclave reopens - 9:30 AM
Ladies program - Bus trip to Strong Museum to see the world famous dolls
Ladies luncheon at Holidome - 12:30 PM
Men's luncheon at Holidome - 12:30 PM

Installation of Grand Commandery Officers - 3:30 PM
Social hour (cash bar) - 6 PM
Banquet - 7:15 PM
Sunday September 24, 1990
Church Services - 8 AM
Breakfast - 9:30 AM
For reservations contact Gordon C. Mosher at 594-2716

This is the climax of our Grand Commanders year of Service. Sir Knight Raymond C. Hager Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York had a wonderful time in his travels with his wife Vi, and thanks everyone for all their support they gave him. Let's all come out and be with him at this time.
Fraternally,
Ronald J. Bertie
Publicity Chairman
Roy E. Huff
Reporter

Select Degree. R.E. Companion Stanley V. Peterson was the Degree Director for the Super Excellent Degree. This was the first time that Doric Council has exemplified the Super Excellent Degree in over six years. We were honored to have present our Current M.I. Grand Master Earl J. Hino, Jr.

We have one death to report at this time. Companion Robert E. DuBert, Sr., entered into eternal rest on April 16, 1990 at his home in Florida. He was a Life Member of the Council. We will miss his presence with us as most of us knew him and his family very well when they were up here. Cards of sympathy were sent to the family. Our Jr. Past Ill. Master Ronald J. Bertie thanks everyone for their support during his year of service. He wishes all the new Officers the best of luck in the coming year. This is our last meeting in the year so our next one will be September 18, 1990. All have a safe summer and a very good one and we will see you all soon.
Fraternally,
Ronald J. Bertie Jr.
Past Ill. Master
PIM Roy E. Huff
Reporter

lations of Officers for the year 1990-1991. Grand Governor Calvin G. Bond will be the Installing Officer. This will be an open installation so the ladies are invited to attend. Tuxedo required for the Officers.

Our newly elected Pre-Eminent Governor will be C. Raymond Hager, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York. His year will be up in September, so let's all come out for

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service. The meat and beverages will be provided. The Lodge will be open by 3 P.M. for those of you who can get out early. We will be eating at 6:30. Reservations are not required, but it would be helpful if you would call so that we have enough hots and hamburgs. Please call either Comp. Larry Dunn at 594-8033 or E. Bob Zahn at 381-3032.

Our summer event has been scheduled. If you haven't received a letter explaining the details, please call me at 381-3032.

My wife Linda and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.
Fraternally, E. Bob Zahn

Monroe Commandery

No. 12

Knights
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Fridays

Chartered in 1827



Greetings Sir Knights:
The New Officers for Monroe Commandery No. 12 for 1990-1991 are as follows:

Commander
S.K. George Bundoc
Generalissimo
S.K. Garnet Rollo
Captain General
S.K. Robert Deckard
Senior Warden
S.K. Grant Romer
Junior Warden
S.K. Richard Rollo
Prelate
S.K. Hugh Robertson
Treasurer
S.K. Ralph Biggar
Recorder
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No. 25
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 this meeting and give him your support. As this has to be in before then, the list of Officers and activities will be in the Monroe Masonic News in September. We will dinner with the ladies after the meeting right in the Masonic Temple and it will be put on by the Brockport Lodge.
 You will receive your regular letter before then, with the request for reservations for dinner. Replies should be returned to me at least by May 30, 1990.

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America will have a meeting in Baltimore, Maryland on July 25-28, 1990. Past Governor Wm. C. Jones of our College will receive the Order of the Purple Cross. Some of our members are going to be in attendance.

See you all on June 9, 1990 in Brockport.
 Fraternally,
 E. Wm. Whittaker
 Pre-Em. Gov.
 P Gov. Roy E. Huff
 Reporter

Order of
Judas
Maccabeus

On June 24, 1990 your Assemblage will host Genesee Assemblage Annual Steak Roast. The time is Sunday May 24, at 2:30 PM. The location is Elaine and Ronald Bertie's house: 79 Jefreelind Drive, Rochester, New York 14616. Bring a dish to pass, folding chairs and your bathing suit, and also your table service. Chef John Tijou will be cooking your steaks to your order. We are privileged to have a Chef such as John Tijou as our Head Chef. Contact either Ron Bertie at 477-4056, or John Tijou at 288-7697 for reservations (for steaks).

Valiant Prince Ronald Mertens has completed his term of Office as Jr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. He and his wife traveled many miles. We can be very proud of Valiant Prince Ronald Mertens.

Valiant Companion John Waldock is currently at St. Johns Home and would like to have visitors.

Your Officers are planning our next meeting and events for the coming year.

Fraternally,
 Ronald J. Bertie, Commander
 VP Roy E. Huff, Reporter

NO Paper
July & August

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September Issue
Deadline is
August 12

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

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| June 2 | Canal Boat Trip - Interlodge Fellowship |
| June 5 | Home Coming for R:W: Ron Mertens |
| June 9 | Interlodge Fellowship Golf Tournament |
| June 11 | O.E.S. District Grand Lecturer Home Coming |
| June 13 | GROTTO Outdoor Picnic Meeting |
| June 16 | 55 Allive Program |
| June 22-24 | Saint John's Day - Utica, N.Y. |
| June 23 | 55 Allive Program |
| June 26 | O.E.S. District Deputy Grand Matron Homecoming |
| June 29 | Purple Club Meeting @ Monroe Lodge, Brockport |
| June 30 | Red Wing Baseball at Pilot Field In Buffalo |
| July 8-28 | Camp Turk - Masonic Youth Camp |
| July 14 | Grotto at Finger Lakes Racetrack |
| | Boys Camping Session |
| | O.E.S. - Oriskany Pilgrimage |
| July 28 | |
| July 29 to | |
| Aug. 18 | Camp Turk - Masonic Youth Camp |
| Aug. 14 | Grotto Golf Tournament |
| | Girls Camping Session |
| Aug. 17-18 | Grand Lodge Officers Leadership Training |
| Aug. 19 | Masonic Family Picnic at the Mosque-Bay Rd. |
| 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 | Apron Presentation Dinner |
| Sept. 14 | School of Ritual |
| Sept. 17 | Annual Conclave Grand Commandery of N.Y. - - -
Holadome |
| Sept. 21-23 | O.E.S. Grand Historian Homecoming |
| Sept. 22 | O.E.S. Associate Grand Warder Homecoming |
| Sept. 26 | Past Master's Supper Club |
| Sept. 28 | Hudson-Champlain Regional Seminars |
| Oct. 6 | O.E.S. Grand Chapter at Nlagara Falls, N.Y. |
| Oct. 16-18 | Mid-State Region Seminars |
| Oct. 20 | Past master's Supper Club |
| Oct. 23 | Grand Lecturer's Convention |
| Oct. 24 | Scottish Rite Ladies Night |
| Oct. 26 | |
| Oct. 27 | Reception for Robert Cook, Grand Commander,
Knights Templar |
| Oct. 27 | Western Region Seminars |
| Oct. 28 | Interfaith Service and Breakfast |
| Oct. 30 | O.E.S. District Banquet |
| Nov. 1 | Scottish Rite Family Night |
| Nov. 2 | Grand Master's Ball - Flushing Meadows, N.Y. |
| Nov. 3 | Metropolitan Region Seminars |
| Nov. 3 | Zone 11 Knight Templar Pilgrimage |
| Nov. 29 | Second Annual Masonic Fellowship Dinner
Buffalo, N.Y. |
| Dec. 6 | Scottish Rite Awards Night |
| Dec. 27 | Joint Investiture Service |
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| Sept. 20-22 | Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery
Knights Templar |

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Lodge No. 910
2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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All the relevant news pertaining to the Lodge Activities and future plans will be contained in the Master's letter which will be mailed at the end of May, and may very well be in your hands by the time you get this newspaper.

Your attention is specifically directed to the June meeting, which we are calling Awards Night, for which we are having a specially catered full-course Dinner, and also our Fellowcraft Steak Roast a week later.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

We mourn the passing of Brother Joseph Shuman, who was formerly very active with our Fellowcraft Degree Team. We extend heartfelt condolences to his family.

CONGRATULATIONS

To R.W. Philip Averbach and Irene, on the birth of a Grandson on April 29 - Adam Michael Marlowe; and also the forthcoming Bas Mitzvah of their Granddaughter, Robyn Best, at Temple Brith Kodesh.

To R.W. Gerald Glaser and Betty, on the Bar Mitzvah of their Grandson, Adam Ira Dinga, in Aurora, Colorado.

To Brother Marv Weisbond and Lorraine, on their first Grandchild, Jackline Lynn - a very healthy 9 lbs. production.

Trestleboard

June 12
 Awards Night-Widows Program. Full course dinner

June 19
 Fellowcraft Steak Roast, Henrietta Town Park For reservations, call either Phil Averbach at 458-1817, or Maurice Solomon at 271-5435. See

letter for full details and price.



My sincere thanks to Culver Chapter for serving a very delicious roast beef dinner to approximately fifty people, consisting of Lodge members and their ladies, and also several friends from the Irondequoit Police Department. The lilac color scheme was very appropriate.

Following a very short business meeting, the ladies and friends of I.P.D. convened to the Lodge room at which time W. Bro. "Rocky" Verstrete, Master of Ceremonies for the evening, spoke of the many accomplishments of the honoree. The DeWitt Clinton Award was then presented to Sgt. Judy Rossi by R.W. Lawrence Dunn, D.D.G.M. of the Second Monroe District. Refreshments were then served by W. Bro. Michael Bell, Steward of Fame Lodge.

The sympathy of the Lodge has been extended to the family of Bro. Harold G. Franz. A Masonic funeral service was held on Monday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. with W. Bro. Clarence Verstrete as Chaplain.

At the May 22 meeting, we heard the Grand Lodge report given by W. Bro. Robert Hebner, proxy for Fame Lodge.

Fame Lodge recognized three Brothers for 25 years, seven for forty years, and one for fifty years.

Remember just one meeting on June 12, Crazy Sport Shirt Night. Again, the ladies are invited.

Officers please remember to keep Tuesdays available for rehearsals. Our Degrees will start in September.

Trestleboard
 June 12
 Strawberry and Crazy Sport Shirt Night
 June 23, 24
 St. John's Day, Utica

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1st and 3rd Thursday

Brethren:

Having just returned from Grand Lodge in the "BIG APPLE," it's nice to be back home in a small town again! Don't get me wrong, I most certainly did enjoy New York City and Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge is a place which has to be seen to appreciate, having been told many times of its beauty, it wasn't until I had the opportunity to see it for myself that I could begin to understand what I had been told of it.

I would also have to say that the Genesee-Wyoming District had an outstanding attendance with 10 of the 12 Lodges in the District having their Masters or another representative present for this 209th Annual Grand Lodge Communication. Following is a list of those who were among our group, attending the 209th Grand Lodge Communication:

R:W: Dr. Eligius G. Rainer-OLIVE BRANCH #39-LeRoy

W: Eugene Simmons-MOUNT VERNON #263-Java Village

W: David Beardsley-OAKLAND #379-Castile

W: John Cook-CONSTELLATION #404-Perry

W: Shawn Wright-WEST STAR #413-Varysburg

R:W: John Stockholm-ATTICA #462-Attica

*District Deputy Grand Master for Genesee-Wyoming

R:W: Judson French-BATAVIA #475-Batavia

*Grand Lodge Committee on Endowments

W: Paul Royce, Jr.-WARSAW #549-Warsaw

W: Edwin Seils-HESPERUS #837-Bergen

W: Elliot Pritchard-EAGLE VALLEY #1161-Bliss

New York City definitely is like they say it is, a city that NEVER sleeps. The only reason that I know this, is that there were a couple of times throughout the night that the noise from the street below (14 floors down) woke me from a sound sleep! This was because being from the COUNTRY, I like to sleep with the window open instead of having an air conditioner on, if the weather allows it.

The Hotel that we stayed at, the EDISON HOTEL, is located in the heart of the theater District and on any given night one can find all kinds of activity. To top it off, staying at the EDISON, we were within three blocks of TIMES SQUARE and the center of Manhattan. I didn't have the desire to travel north of the hotel to take in Central Park nor did I have any desire to try the SUBWAY system while there. On Tuesday afternoon, after we left Grand Lodge,

several of us decided to take in the sights and chose the Empire State Building. If you haven't had the opportunity to see this structure and get a good view of the BIG APPLE, I might suggest that you take a trip to the top and have a look around the city of New York.

I have not gone into detail on any of the issues discussed at Grand Lodge, as I gave this report at the meeting on May 3rd, when I returned. This is one of the reasons that we ask your attendance at our Regular Meetings. Without your attendance, we are less likely to be able to achieve our goals. Please give some thought to attending a meeting just once in awhile, you might be pleased at what you see, but only you'll know by attending our next meeting.

On Saturday May 12th, we held our annual Chicken B.B.Q. at Hesperus Lodge. We again had another BEAUTIFUL day (weatherwise) with the rain holding off until we had served all 300 dinners and were able to get everything cleaned up. As I had stated in the last issue of the Monroe Masonic News, anyone who had NOT gotten a ticket for this B.B.Q. would have to take their chances at the door. I didn't say that just for the sake of saying it, we served some 300 in about 1 hour and 15 minutes, beginning at 4:30 P.M. sharp and ending at about 5:45 P.M. Again we apologize to those who stopped and were unable to get a dinner, but we had to limit it to a total of 300 dinners so that we could continue to maintain our quality and consistency.

Many thanks to all of those who helped to make this annual event another success. The following people deserve a hand for all of their work and support in helping make this another successful year:

W: Harris "COKE" Busmire - Cooking

Marge Busmire - Kitchen, salads and inside serving

W: Bob and Shirl Seils; W: Bob Whalen; Bro. Val Burns; Bro. John Bater; R:W: Holden Miller; Bro. Don Kunego; Todd Kunego; W: Stuart Lambein; Bro. Don Strine and wife; W: Ed Seils and Janice

Group from Genesee-Wyoming District At Newark Airport ready to return home



(daughter) and too many more to list.

Our next and final meeting for the 1st section of 1990 is on June 7th. Be sure to be here for this one, as this is our CASUAL DRESS meeting and it will be followed by our annual Strawberry Festival. This is always a well attended meeting, so if you are planning on joining us for this last meeting before summer recess, PLEASE call Don Hargrave after 7:00 P.M. at 548-2589 to let him know you plan on attending, so that he can plan on having an ample supply of Strawberries for everyone to enjoy.

One final note to ALL members in good standing at HESPERUS, we will be having our ANNUAL STEAK ROAST on Saturday, July 14th beginning at 4:30 P.M. It will again be held at the home of R:W: Robert MacVean, so plan on spending a couple of hours socializing and enjoying yourself. This is one of the BEST attended functions of our Lodge, so it is imperative that you call Hody or Helen Miller at 225-2204 NO LATER THAN July 7th to make reservations for this event. If you DO NOT call and make reservations by July 7th, you WON'T have any meat to eat, as we MUST have an accurate count in order to purchase the necessary amount of

steaks. The following are invited to attend, paid members, their wives or guests. Again, PLEASE be sure to contact Hody or Helen Miller to ensure that you have reservations for this steak roast. It is also asked that you provide a dish to pass, a plate and silverware to eat with. Paper plates and plastic flatware will be available for those who forget, but it certainly helps if you bring these items with you. For further information on the Steak Roast, contact the Millers at 225-2204.

Word has it that we were the winners of the last Euchre Tournament held on Monday April 30th at Spencerport. Congratulations to R:W: Robert MacVean and his partner W: Ken Barons for having top score in both games and points. The next Euchre Tournament will be hosted by Hesperus on Monday, October 29th. We're looking forward to seeing all of you there for the next Tournament and we'd also like to welcome back the members of Monroe Lodge (Brockport) who joined us at Spencerport.

Fraternally,
W: Edwin R. Seils

Trestleboard
June 7
Casual Dress-Regular Meeting-
Strawberry Fest
July 14

Annual Steak Roast (Hesperus Members, wives and/or guests ONLY) - NO CHILDREN PLEASE!

September 20

Welcome Back From The Summer Recess -Reg Meeting
HAVE A SAFE & FUN SUMMER

Left to Right

W: Elliott Pritchard

R:W: John Stockholm

W: Paul Royce

W: Edwin Seils

R:W: Judson French

W: Shawn Wright

W: Dave Beardsley

W: John Cook

W: Eugene Simmons

R:W: Eligius Rainer (not available)

**John A. Robertson
Lodge
No. 1032
1st & 3rd Mondays
7:45 P.M.**

Masonic Temple
875 Main St., East
Rochester, N.Y.
14605-2789

Dear Brethren,

It's nice to see good weather again, and in two short months our summer break comes. I was unable to attend Grand Lodge this year due to my work, so as soon as I get the information I will let you know.

On May 7, we had a dinner and regular meeting and also a presentation on the Masonic Home, by W. Don Carlisle. It was also move up night, and Brother Chris Starr did an excellent job in the East.

We still have some Brothers under the weather: Brother Al Cranston is home and recovering from surgery and Brother Ron McGreggar is still in the hospital. Also, Brother Sam Grover and his wife, Anna, are down with viral colds.

Some good news to report. W. Bro. Harold Bollotin, honorary member of John Robertson, received the Gold Honor Award by the York Right Sovereign of North America for outstanding service to Masonry.

As Master of John Robertson Lodge, thank you for all that you do to support this institution!

Brethren, please support your Lodge by sending in your dues. We have about 150 members and only half have responded. Contact W. Ed Walker if you have any questions. Also, our Brotherhood & L.E.A.F. program is coming to a close. As you know, our Lodge is non-profit and every penny is accounted for, so if you have a donation, you can see where it goes to support a good cause.

My Brethren, I wish you and all your family well, especially those of you far away. Have an enjoyable summer, and I hope to see you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
W. Richard G. Gundry

TRESTLEBOARD

June 2

Boat Ride

June 4

Sport Shirt Night,
dinner, strawberry festival

SUPPORT THE
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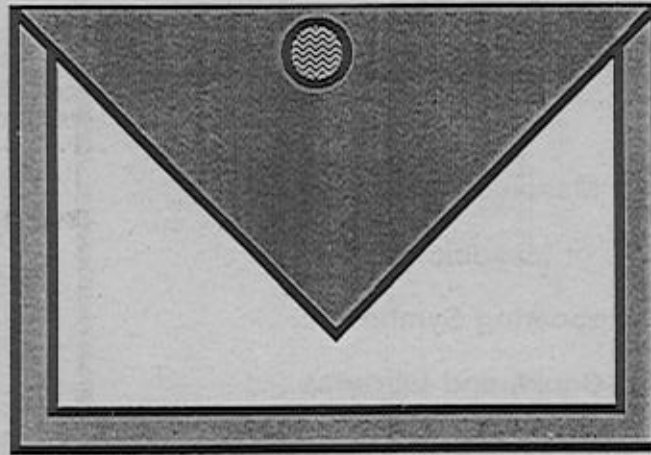
Apron Presentation Dinner

September 14, 1990

Burgundy Basin Inn

Social
Hour
6:00 p.m.

Buffet
Dinner
7:00 p.m.



Donation

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Speaker: M:W: Richard P. Thomas, Grand Master of Masons,
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Frank L. Simes

Lodge

No. 990

2nd
Tuesday

7:45 P.M.

Masonic Temple
875 Main St. East
Rochester, N.Y.
14605-2789



The Lodge's meeting on May 8 was a particularly enjoyable occasion. It was also a very busy night. In the absence of the WM the SW was in the east, for the first time. The high point of the evening was the presentation of a special award from the Lodge to R:W: Brother Fred Stahl.

The award to Fred took place in a special ceremony following the closing of Lodge and was attended by a group of 38 Brothers and ladies. Fred was "roasted" by three speakers, although no one could quite get up the heart to say anything really "bad."

R:W: Bob Anderson spoke of his long association with Fred beginning when they were growing up together and telling a variety of amusing personal and Masonic anecdotes. R:W: Mike Dox related experiences and stories about his collaboration with Fred as the District officers in 1973/74. R:W: Chick Becker, a surprise speaker, expressed his great appreciation of, and esteem for our Brother.

Our immediate past JGW, R:W: Ron Mertens recounted events from his own long-standing friendship with Fred and also noted his many contributions to Freemasonry. The SW in the east presented Brother Fred with a special plaque on behalf of the Lodge and expressed his own appreciation and esteem.

It was a particularly fortuitous and pleasant surprise that W: Cliff Jennings, who just happened to be passing through Rochester on his way from Florida to Canada, attending the meeting. It was Brother Cliff who first placed Fred in line. The ceremony concluded with refreshments, including cake and do-it-yourself ice cream sundaes.

Earlier in the evening Brother Fred, representing the York Rite College, had presented an award from the College to Brother Ted Honea in recognition of his efforts in the Craft, especially in connection with education and the Masonic Library.

Brother Ted, the Monroe Masonic Librarian, then announced that the Library will be moving into a new location during the summer. He asked for volunteers to perform a service project building shelves for the library. The work will take place sometime during the summer. Those who can help, please contact W: Don Brown, 442-1169.

The Lodge's next meeting will be on June 12, which will be Awards Night. Recipients will be Brother Leonard Karweick, 50 years; W: Gary Lind and Brother Wesley Warren, 25 years. The dinner for the evening will be with Flower City Lodge. The cost is \$11.95, and reservations must be placed or canceled by Monday June 4. Ladies, as always, are invited. Dinner will be at 6:30 and Lodge opens at 7:30.

It deserves a special note that, to date, all but 15 Brothers have paid their 1990 dues! This is outstanding, and we hope to see the

R:W: Frederick A. Stahl Is Honored



Left-S:W: Ted. Honea presenting Award to R:W: Fred. Stahl, Right

The Toasters



Left to Right--R:W; Robert Anderson, R:W: Chick Becker R:W: Fred Stahl, who received the Award, R:W: Myron L. Dox, R:W: Ronald Mertens.

remaining ones soon.

The June Fellowcraft meeting will be at Brother Fred Stahl's house in Victor on June 19. Please bring a dish to pass and your lady. Hot dogs will be the main course. Fraternally,
Ted Honea, SW

Trestleboard

June 5
Ron Mertens Homecoming
June 12
Awards Night, Officers in Tux
June 19
Fellowcraft at Fred Stahl's

CLIO

Lodge

No. 779

1 & 3rd Tuesdays

7:30 P.M.

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287 East Ave
Hilton, N.Y. 14468

Brothers, this will be my last media communication with you before our summer recess, and there are several items I would like to bring to your attention.

You may have already heard the Ox Roast was very successful, netting the Lodge about \$1,500.00. My personal thanks to each and every Brother who helped in any way to insure its success. A special thank you to our Jr. Warden Bro. Bud Camp, whose chairmanship of this 25th annual event was certainly most commendable.

The Craft Sale held on the weekend of May 5 and 6 was also

what I would term a success. With our limited table space and the high cost of the necessary advertising, our net approached \$250.00, but not bad for our initial venture. The Brothers Charlie, Tucker and Worboys, as co-chairmen did a super job, and the food dispensed by the girls from Leah Chapter was outstanding.

On May 10th our sidewalk replacement got underway and should be all completed by the time this article goes to press.

After a rather inauspicious beginning, my year so far has been very favorable and rewarding. As we approach the half-way mark, may I remind you of several items on the trestleboard.

On Tuesday evening June 5th a brief program of questions pertaining to the American Flag will be presented. (June 14th being Flag Day). Lodge will open at 7:30 PM for the regular order of business.

By all means, **DON'T MISS** Tuesday evening June 19th. We have two Brothers in waiting for the 3rd Degree, and I have asked the Shrine Degree team to confer and exemplify this Degree. They have graciously consented, and I am told they do nothing short of a professional job. Lodge will open at 6:00 PM and immediately recess for our annual picnic supper at 6:30 PM. We will furnish meat and beverages. Brothers who plan to attend are asked to bring a dish to pass. Dress for officers and members will be informal, sport shirts and slacks. This should be an excellent evening at Lodge, and will officially conclude the first half of 1990.

Our Clio Lodge-Leah Chapter family picnic will be held on Sunday, July 22nd. The place will be

A Special Award



Left to Right--W: Robert Stear, Master of Frank L. Simes Lodge presenting Award to R:W: George Stear, Right.

Parma Town Park directly behind the Parma Town Hall at 1300 Hilton-Parma Corners Rd. Return reservation cards will be mailed prior to the picnic, and as in previous years, each family will be asked to bring a dish to pass.

May each and everyone of you and your families enjoy a safe, enjoyable and pleasant summer season.

Fraternally,
W. Art Harmer
Master

TRESTLEBOARD

June 5
Flag Day program. Lodge opens

at 7:30 P.M.

June 19

Picnic Supper followed by Shrine Degree Team presentation of the 3rd Degree. Lodge open at 6:00 P.M. Picnic 6:30 P.M. Degree commences at 7:30 P.M.

July 22
Clio Lodge-Leah Chapter family picnic. Parma Town Park. Noon

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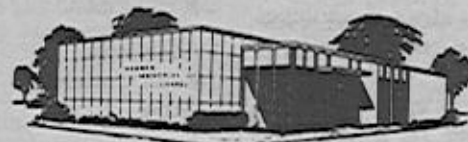
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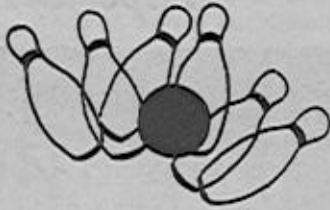
Robert Shaver
James Aiello



770 EAST MAIN STREET

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1990



NEW YORK STATE

Masonic Mixed Bowling Tournament

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Empire Lanes - 2400 Empire Blvd.

Webster, N.Y. 14580

(716) 671-2556

Saturday, October 6, 1990 12:00 & 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 7, 1990 12:00 & 3:00 p.m.

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*Banquet will follow bowling:*

*Saturday, October 6, 1990*

**Party Room--Empire Lanes, 2400 Empire Blvd.**

**Cocktail hour 6:00 p.m. --- Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

**Awards 8:00 p.m.**

Events are as follows:

Team \$40.00 \$10.00 per person

Doubles \$20.00 \$10.00 per person

Singles \$10.00 \$10.00 per person

All event award

Fee \$8.00 \$2.00 per person

(Total per person to bowl in Tournament \$32.00)

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NOTE: On a four (4) person team event, only Two (2) of the persons bowling must be a member of either Eastern Star or a Mason.

The other two do not have to be members.

i.e. If a husband is a Mason and his wife is not in Eastern Star, she would be eligible to Bowl in the Tournament as her husband is a Mason.

*For more information and registration forms, Please contact the following:*

Scott Seltzer (Tracey)  
950 West Linden Ave.  
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445  
(716) 385-3199

Glenn Hedges (Carol)  
105 Garfield St.  
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445  
(716) 586-0238

25 Years of Friendship and Fellowship

## Union Star Lodge

No. 326

2nd Monday

7:30 P.M.

3 North Main St.  
Honeoye Falls, N.Y.  
14472

Brethren,

Once again I was caught by the deadline of the Masonic News, which is the 12th day of the month. With our meetings being on the second Monday, this brings us either very close to the 12th or just past it. It has been suggested that I write the letters before hand, but I have a hard enough time writing about facts, let alone about things that are yet to take place! My apologies to all.

So to bring us up to date, April 9th we had our 1st Degree with R.W. Ken Buckland in the East. Once again Ken did a fine job. On May 14th we will have our 2nd Degree with William Finch in the

East. On June 11th we will have our 3rd Degree. There will be a dinner before the Degree.

Tuesday May 8th we had our first 3rd Degree in Henrietta. As you'll recall, our Lodge together with Henrietta and Oatka Lodge have formed a 3rd Degree team. Everything went extremely well. I'd like to commend the people from Henrietta Lodge for all the time, work and manpower they provided for this event. I also want to thank W. Paul Spillane for the part he did and W. Dennison Ripley, W. Richard Dye, Ralph Kennedy, Terry Hatch and Art Sheelee for being there to help us. I also urge some more members of our Lodge to volunteer to take part of this team and also to urge all of you to come help us with our 3rd Degree in June.

For dinner reservations please call Bill Finch.

Fraternally,  
Joseph Cotteleer  
Master

Trestleboard  
June 11  
Dinner-6:30  
3rd Degree-7:30

## Masonic Mid Century Group

On May 6, 1990 this group of Past Masters, wives, and widows 20 in all met at Oak Hill Country Club for Brunch under the supervision of P.M. Archie Clarke, Ethel Braund, Secretary and P.M. Clayton Ess long time Treasurer. A great time for reminiscing through out the day.

The group meets 3 times a year. I thought you might remember this faithful Masonic group of 40 years.

Original Members:

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| J. Braund *   | L. Peters    |
| J. Cooper     | E. Dow *     |
| A. Steffen    | L. McConnell |
| S. Peterson   | J. Martin    |
| I. DeKramer * | R. Jordan *  |
| S. O'Dell *   | R. DuVall *  |
| H. Kennedy    | R. Heiligman |
| L. Kilmer *   | J. Wood      |
| C. Ess        | N. Dampier * |
| H. Marsh *    | G. Hamil *   |
| J. McClair *  | C. Case *    |
| H. Chapin *   | C. Kase *    |
| J. Osborne    | A. Clarke    |
| J. Pitman     | P. Clark     |
| A. Walker     | H. Palmer *  |

\* Deceased

Advisers: O. Kelly, W. Larson, E. Purten, C.H. Holt  
Fraternally,  
R.W. Harry H. Kennedy  
1st President of the Club

## Valley Lodge No. 109

7:30 P.M.

1st & 3rd Mondays

Masonic Temple  
875 Main St. East  
Rochester, N.Y.  
14605-2789

It was great to see so many Past Masters at Past Masters Night on May 7th. RW Jay McCullough was there to monitor those Past Masters in Chairs with speaking parts. He was prepared to catch errors in the closing ritual. Any Master caught in an error would have been demoted to Junior Deacon, and the others would move up one Chair. However, he refrained from doing so as it was getting late. We will try it again and plan a shorter program.

In a surprise presentation ceremony, W. Harold Bollotin was awarded a certificate, pin and card of the Gold Honor Award for "Outstanding Service To Masonry". This was presented by W. Frederick Holderle in his capacity as Past Governor of the Genesee York Rite College No. 25. Candidates in a five-county area are evaluated, and final approval is made in Detroit. Only a few awards are given each year. We are all proud of you, Harold, and I, for one, know that you have earned it.

While on awards, at the annual dinner for volunteers to the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital, Harold Bollotin received his certificate for one hundred hours of service, and I received mine for three hundred hours.

The April 16th Lodge Meeting was also a Summoned Meeting. The only major change from the proposed By-Laws as mailed was to make it mandatory for the Treasurer to be bonded. This change was proposed by W. Bill Babcock, and approved. The



## Lalla Rookh GROTTO

By Gordon Dodge

On May 8th the Lalla Rookh Grotto Band presented a concert at the Monroe Home and Infirmary on Westfall Road for the ambulatory patients, after which we hosted an "ice cream social". Everyone was smiling and that's what it's all about, isn't it? To bring a little cheer into someone's life. This was just one of the many concerts our fine Band puts on at local hospitals, nursing homes, etc. A fine job, fellows!

May also brought us a successful and memorable night on the 16th as we initiated a new class of Prophets into the Grotto. The Cast did a remarkable job in presenting the drama of our ceremony and I'm sure our new Prophets were duly impressed. The refreshments that followed on the 16th were a little different than usual as our Marshal, Mike Bell, put on a Creole dish of Jambalaya which as delicious. He also prepared a fine dessert. Will he soon be cooking for the Star?

Under sickness and distress it's been reported that Milt Lowe has been in and out of the hospital and is doing fine at home. Also, Past Monarch Bill Hartwig's wife Rose had some angina problems while in Florida and is in the hospital down there as we go to press. The MCO of the Caldron, June-Gudgel

Nash, went into the hospital on May 24th for a knee replacement. The aunt of Past Monarch Bob Young's wife, Ruth, passed away on May 4th. Cards or calls would be appreciated.

On a more cheerful note, Prophet Ben Daly (84 years young this month) was recently profiled in the Democrat & Chronicle newspapers in the Sunday "Upstate" section. It chronicled his life and some of his achievements in "short form". Congratulations, Ben.

Our Stag and Doe outing this year will be at Finger Lakes Racetrack on July 14th at 11:30 with eating at noon. Only \$12.00 per person for parking, program entrance, chicken sit-down dinner, tax and gratuity. How about that! Call Kenny Milner at 334-1351 or Mike Bell at 244-7024.

Our JUNE MEETING DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED. Due to the National Convention, the June meeting will be on the 13th at Powderhorn Cabin in Powdermill Park. Starting time will be 2:00 PM. See you there.

Also, if you are a golfer see the notice below for the Grotto Golf Tournament on August 18, 1990. Open to all Masons and guests.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

### Special Notice:

## Golf Tournament

Sat. August 18, 1990 --- Noon

Braemar Country Club

(OPEN TO ALL MASONS & GUESTS)

**Calloway Rules - Refreshments at turn Awards**

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Cost: \$14.00 per person (Includes Cart)

Limited to First 40 Reservations

By August 2, 1990

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Lalla Rookh Grotto

Masonic Temple

875 Main Street East

Rochester, New York 14605

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Grotto Golf Tournament

August 18, 1990

Braemar Country Club

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Frank L. Simes Lodge then had its Summoned Meeting. They agreed to the above change, and proposed some others which do not change the sense of the By-Laws, but perhaps cause them to read a little better. We are making progress toward the consolidation of the two Lodges.

There are some good events forthcoming:  
Fraternally,  
W. Courtland W. Young  
716-381-7995  
June 1

Bureau of Masonic Education. This promises to be a good session

June 4

Lodge Meeting

June 18

Ladies Night. Strawberry Festival. Ladies dinner free

August 19

Masons Family Picnic--First Annual. Damascus Temple. For all Masonic bodies, their families and friends

August 26

Tri-Lodge Steak Roast

# Scottish Rite News

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

Charles Spiegel, Editor

## Attention !!!

The Membership Committee has received special permission from the Deputy of the State of New York.

We can offer the Initiation at \$100.00 for the 1990-1991 Class in an effort to increase our membership more rapidly.

Please be sure to make all your Masonic friends aware of this special offering so they can take advantage of it.

Ill: R. Kenneth Crawford, 33

## 1990 Class Spring Reunion

We extend a hearty welcome to the following Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret who were present for the conferral of the 32 Degree on May 5, 1990:

Joseph E. Bourcy III  
M. Donald Darrohn III  
Jon V. Deacon  
Dennis D. Dreeseon  
Eric Dreeseon  
John W. Foster  
Allen B. Fowler  
Charles O. Hancock  
Ronald L. Kilmer  
Howard R. Kyper  
Dean F. Marsaw  
James C. Murch  
E. Robertson North  
David W. Parish  
Stephen J. Wicbeld  
Eugene M. Wilk

Officers selected from this Class are Bro. John W. Foster, Secretary and Bro. David W. Parish, Treasurer.

It is our sincere hope that all of you will enjoy your membership in the Valley of Rochester and will take an active part in the work of the Scottish Rite.

Everyone knows that new members are the life-line of an active and growing Valley. We wish to thank every member who sponsored a candidate. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## Annual Scottish Rite Banquet Held

The Annual Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet was held at the Gateway Banquet and Conference Center on West Henrietta Road on Saturday, May 5th. The Class Sponsor, Ill: R. Kenneth Crawford, 33rd Degree, and his wife Bobbie were present as were 13 of the 28 new members. Total attendance at the dinner was 120.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Active for the State were present

We were especially fortunate this year to have the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill: Francis G. Paul, 33rd Degree, and Mrs. Paul with us, as well as Ill: Bruce Widger, 33rd Degree, Active for the State of New York, and his lady. Both of these Illustrious Brothers addressed the group and their remarks were well received.

Class President presents gift

The Class President, William Baldwin, 32nd Degree, presented Ill: Brother Crawford with a gift from the class and the Class Ora-

## Mathew Gingold Hospitaler

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425 Hague St, (Rochester)  
Elman Cowell  
Wayne County Nursing Home  
7376 Route 31,  
Lyons, N.Y. 14489  
Ted Davis-Jewish Home for the Aged  
Charles Ferner-Brightonian Nursing Home  
Roy Forschler-Hill Haven Nursing Home  
Paul Fritsch-16 Cottonwood Ln. (Pittsford) 248-2198  
James Gisleson, 2154 Brace Rd. RD 2 (Victor, N.Y. 14564)  
Lou Goronkin, Jewish Home for the Aged  
J. Edward Gosch-62 Woodridge Ct.#2 (Irondequoit) 342-8593  
Thomas Keenan-3724 Stalker Rd (Macedon, N.Y.) 377-5098  
Leonard Karweick  
Saint Ann's Nursing Home  
Edward King-6293 Summer Sky Ln., Lake Worth, Fl. 33463  
Edward Linnker-923 Bison Trail Las Cruces, N.M. 88001  
William Melvin-Westgate Nursing Home  
Carl L. Miller-RD 5 Box 101 Punxsutawney, Pa. 15767  
Hal. Miller-  
33 Quinn Rd. (Henrietta) 334-2225  
Maurice Purvin-Jewish Home for the Aged  
Walter Smith-167 Barmount Dr. (Greece) 225-9423  
Jake Vogel-Penfield Nursing Home  
Alfred Vragel-  
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tor, Donald Rose, 32nd Degree, spoke briefly to those present.

### Music and Entertainment

The Ray Melville Trio provided music both before and during the dinner, and entertainment after the dinner was by the Sanger Choir.

### Chairman for the Banquet

Our congratulations to Charles W. Simpson, 32nd Degree, M.S., for his excellent work as Chairman of the banquet.

## Elected Commander-In-Chief Valley of Rochester, New York Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite



Ill: James B. Scobell, 33°

## 1990-1991 Presiding Officers of the Valley of Rochester, N.Y. Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

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## Masons Who Have Made A Difference

The headline read:  
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John 15:13

With these words the Fort Worth, (Texas) Star-Telegram on October 22, 1989, paid tribute to the memory of Robert Read. Brother Read was a Fellowcraft Mason taking his Degrees in Polytechnic Lodge #925, Fort Worth, Texas.

Tragically, on October 14, 1989, Brother Read, a restaurant manager, was killed by a trio of robbers. During a hold-up of the restaurant he managed, the police were responding to the alarm. Realizing this, the robbers threatened to take several women employees as hostages. Pleading with the robbers to take him instead, Brother Read was forced into the get-away car.

During the attempted get-away, the robbers shot and killed Brother Read. The criminals were apprehended and now in jail awaiting trial.

Brother Read was the first Fellowcraft Mason in Texas to receive a Masonic graveside service. His Brethren mourn his tragic death, but remember him as the kind of man who cared! What greater memory could he be given?

Please watch for the June issue of the Scottish Rite Journal (Southern Jurisdiction) for a more complete story about Brother Robert Read.

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**Masters & Wardens Association**

The meeting was called to order by our Treasurer, W. Gary Mastrella. President W. Bruce Chilton and Vice President W. Les Andrews both had previous commitments. W. Bill Baxter gave the invocation.

The Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were then welcomed and are listed as follows:

- RW Ronald Mertens
- RW Jay McCullough
- RW Larry Dunn
- RW Bob Cameron

W. Gary then thanked Clio for the fine dinner, which was their famous OX ROAST, and also for the use of the Lodge.

John Lindsay, President of the 1991 group, was then welcomed and asked to speak. B. John announced that there would be a public installation of the 1991 Officers on Jan. 5, 1991. They also have been selling a super lapel pin in the shape of Monroe county for four dollars.

Bruce Turner, President of the 1992 group was then welcomed.

RW Bob Dibble, advisor for the 1990s and W. Gary Burke advisor for the 1991s were both welcomed.

RW Ron Mertens gave some advice to the 1990 Masters in regards to the Grand Lodge trip. First, beware of the three W's: your Wallet, Whiskey and Women. Try and be aware of the proposed ritual changes and discuss them with your peers on the way down on the train and after you arrive. He expects the changes to be presented as groups for voting. There will be a first reading of the proposal to increase the amount of dues for Grand Lodge by a dollar. Also there is a proposal to allow Grand Lodge to meet any time in the first ten days in May. At this time there is just one candidate for Deputy Grand Master.

Ron encouraged all, including the ladies, to tour the Grand Lodge building. Ladies are also welcome to attend the open installation of the new Grand Lodge Officers on Wednesday. If you (the Masters) have never attended a Grand Masters dinner, Ron feels you should do so on Tuesday. It was announced that the Grand Lodge session for 1991 will again be in New York City.

RW Ron then closed by thanking the Masters and Wardens and the two Monroe Districts for the support they have given him in the past two years while he has been Junior Grand Warden.

At this point W. Gary thanked RW Ron and the other Grand Lodge officers present were congratulated for a fine year.

W. Gary read a letter that was sent to the Masters and Wardens Association from the Ronald McDonald House thanking them and all Masons for their efforts for the third year. Over \$21,000.00 was raised this year bringing the three

year total to over \$75,000.00 which makes our fraternity the second largest contributor. Our continuing efforts will go towards operating expenses which will be \$175,000.00 per year.

A thank you note was read from W. Terry Wihlen for the basket of fruit that was sent by the Masters and Wardens Association, while he was in the hospital in New York while he was visiting his son.

Fliers were available for the FIRST ANNUAL MASONIC FAMILY PICNIC scheduled for August 19, 1990 to be held at the Damascus Temple which the Shrine has donated. Twenty tickets were passed out to each Lodge. The tickets are marked with the following dollar amounts: \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. If you sell a child's ticket, please circle the \$3.00 amount or it will be taken as an adult ticket.

If you were unable to attend and can't make the meeting in May, contact W. Gary Mastrella at 334-3130.

There will be a dinner on June 5, 1990 at the Wishing Well Restaurant in honor of RW Ron Mertens retirement from the Grand line. The Past Grand Master will be present and Ladies are welcome. The cost is \$15.00 per ticket. Business suits are acceptable dress. Contact W. Terry Wihlen by June 1st for reservations.

The Grand Retirement dinner will be May 29.

W. Gary Burke reported that the Interlodge Fellowship Committee had met the previous night and now has the following events scheduled.

- May 20 Lighthouse a Gorge Walk - SOLD OUT
- June 2 Canal Trip - some room left on upper deck
- June 9 Golf Tournament at the Deerfield Country Club
- June 30 Baseball IN Buffalo. A bus will leave Marketplace Mall at 4:30 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 for two. The fee includes bus fare, admission, and snacks.
- July 21 Grand Lodge visit to Camp Turk
- August 19 First Annual MASONIC FAMILY Picnic

W. Bill Baxter reported on how well he thought that the Grand Ball went. They met some fine people and the dinner was excellent and well served. Our sincere thanks to W. Bob Green and his committee for the fine job. W. Court Young second these observations.

Attendance:  
 Junior Wardens 4  
 Senior Wardens 8  
 Masters 15

Treasurers Report:  
 \$308.08---General Fund  
 \$85.00---Camp Turk Fund

There was some confusion as to the location of the next meeting which has since been cleared up. The meeting will be on May 19, 1990 at the Wakan-Hubbard Lodge in Penfield. The dinner will be spaghetti and meatballs and the price as yet undetermined, will be under \$6.00. The dinner will be at 6:30 pm and the meeting at 7:30 pm. A reservation made is a reservation paid. Have your calling committee chairman call W. Les Andrews with your names by May 15.

Although some people feel that Masters and Wardens should not have a formal program there are

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Greetings to all from Wegman Road and Grand Lodge in N.Y.C. As most of you know, I have just returned from Grand Lodge sessions, what a trip! There were 34 of us that went down on Amtrak together on Sunday, April 29, at 6:15 am (the train was an hour late so it was 7:15 when we boarded) and arrived in NY about 2:00 pm. Our hotel was only about 4 blocks from the station so it didn't take long to get there and get settled in. That night several of us went to see Cat on a Hot Tin Roof starring Kathleen Turner, Polly Holliday and Charles Durning. On Monday some of us went to The Statue of Liberty, unfortunately it was a hazy day so I didn't see much of the city from the ladies crown.

On Tuesday Grand Lodge Meetings began at about 9:00 am with opening of the Lodge then committee reports, at about noon we broke for lunch. I went to the library on the 17th floor to see if I could find some information for our S. Warden, Tom, for his programming next year, the librarian was very helpful, providing me with a book and even an envelope to send it back in. In the afternoon there were more reports including one on the Masonic Research Laboratory. Exciting things are happening there right now, one is that testing of the blood substitute on humans has begun at Syracuse University Medical Center. If the tests go as well as planned and the Patent is approved, this product may be available in about a year. Also in the area of Hypertension, they have found that a single injection of a low dose of interleukin-2, a hormone of the immune system, was found to prevent the development of high blood pressure in laboratory rats and more importantly to normalize blood pressure in animals whose pressure had risen to dangerously high levels. As you can know this could be an extremely important discovery that could eliminate high blood pressure altogether. Hopefully patient testing will begin in less than a year. Later that day the issue of Ritual changes was put before the group, however before anything could be talked about, a past Master got up and started to voice his opinion, an opinion he had put in the form of a letter and passed out that morning. When the Grand Master found out who this man was he promised he would bring him up on Masonic charges because this was the second time he had passed out an unauthorized letter at Grand Lodge sessions. Two years ago at Niagara Falls he did the same thing concerning the proposed changes in the penalties in the obligations.

also those that blame the small attendance figures on the lack of programs. That old saying "Damned if you do and Damned if you don't" comes to mind. So not knowing who is right and not having had a program yet this year we will have one that is my favorite. I have mentioned in the meetings before that every Lodge could benefit from a "Bring A

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That was all the excitement for that day, because the matter was tabled until the next day. We then approved more reports and adjourned for the day.

After the meeting I went to the computer center to get a copy of the Masonic Lodge Secretaries Software and the data that they have in there computer on our Lodge. As of this writing, I haven't had much chance to go through all of the data but what I have looked at is pretty accurate. I thought I might send out forms to all of you to further update the information, so be aware of it.

On Wednesday at Grand Lodge we approved more reports (boring) until finally the changes in the ritual was brought up again. There was quite a bit of discussion about the changes, but no problems like the day before, that Brother never got up to speak (just as well), and the only changes that were made were grammatical. So the changes will be minor. Also the format of the ritual will be changed, instead of having one book with all the ritual in it there will be six in a pocket size packet. We then had election of officers and after lunch the new Grand Line was installed.

That night 7 of us went to Metes game, they played the Reds and won 5 to 0, go Metes.

Thursday at noon we left for the train station and the train left at 1:35, after an enjoyable ride back we arrived in Rochester at about 8:15 without a hitch.

I would like to thank all of you for letting me represent you at Grand Lodge and for the ex-

perience of going to the big city where life is much different and makes me appreciate where we live much more.

Fraternally,  
 Bradley T. Goodridge  
 Master

- Trestleboard
- June 4 Etolian Chapter-Side liners Night-8:00
- June 11 Sports Shirt and Awards Night - 7:30
- June 14 Spencerport Fireman Parade-6:00
- June 18 Combined Picnic-6:00

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# Masonic Youth --News & Activities--

## Rochester Chapter Order of DeMOLAY



Seems like only yesterday when we started the New Year and here we are with Summer just around the corner. We served as Honor Guard for Beloved Queen Amy Lynchs' Installation, and everyone enjoyed the event. The side lines were full and it was good to see the support from the Masonic Community. Afterwards there were refreshments and good fellowship. The Masonic Youth groups represent not only the future of our Masonic Community but the future of our Country. Take some time and invest in tomorrow, support Masonic youth activities.

Our initiatory Degree will be held on the 19th of May in Ken-

more, and hopefully by the time of the next news letter one of the boys will be writing these articles - and I'm sure they will be more interesting, but for the moment I will struggle on. We have four new candidates for the Degree on the 19th and we are always looking for more young men to join our ranks and help make good things happen.

We will visit Kenmore Chapter on the 16th of May for a night of practice, followed by Olympic Night. Looks like we are in for fun and games. Friday May 18th will be our regular meeting, practice makes perfect followed by refreshments.

Our first meeting in June will be election of Officers, followed by miniature golf. Don't forget, Spring Frolic Sports weekend will be June 1-3 at Camp DeMolay. We will have no regular meetings in July and August, but for all those interested we will be attending the DeMolay convention on August 10-12. See you there. That's all for now, but there will be much more to tell you in the July article. Until then remember the future is in our hands. DeMolay makes things happen.

Fraternally,  
Mike Staub  
Chapter Dad

## DeMolay Advisory Board Meeting

### Minutes

Master Masons for Rochester Chapter of DeMolay Advisory Council Chapter meetings: First and Third Fridays of the month at the Charlotte Mason Temple, 4550 Lake Ave at 7:30 PM.

### Advisor Meetings:

Second Thursday of the month at the Masonic Service Bureau Office, 3rd floor, Rochester Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. East 7:30 PM. The following are the minutes of the Advisor meeting of May 11, 1990. Members Present: Les Andrews, Ian Buchanan, Larry Geith, Jerry Glaser, Roger McCaughey, Jay McCullough, Steve Whittaker Chairman Jerry Glaser called the meeting to order at 7:40. Minutes of the April 12, 1990 were approved.

### Sickness and Distress

Jim Gisleson is recuperating at home after another visit to the hospital. A card has been sent by the secretary.

### Communications:

A letter was received from Bob Anderson. He has been following the DeMolay activity in the Masonic News and he spoke of Camp DeMolay. He gave his best regards to the Advisory Board and to the new young men in DeMolay. He also sent a check to cover the Advisors Fee and mailings.

### Old Business

#### -DeMolay Posters:

- If anyone needs posters they should contact Joe Privitera. The remaining posters are stored at Charlotte Mason Temple.

- It has been felt that at the present time the posters have not been successful. A suggestion was made to possibly have a meeting with the principals of high schools in Monroe County to explain pur-

poses of DeMolay. Dave Clark will be called for information and help. Les Andrews will be at the May Masters and Wardens meeting and will emphasize that the posters distributed at the March meeting to suburban Lodges should be placed in locations such as public libraries and high schools.

#### -Baseball tickets:

- Roger McCaughey reported on the baseball tickets at Red Wing Stadium for the DeMolay boys. He said that the tickets are available in groups of four. He will be the contact for tickets.

#### Candy Sale:

- It should be noted that some of the proceeds from the candy sale scheduled for this fall will be used to purchase DeMolay jackets. This should give the boys an incentive to sell the candy.

#### -Flower Talk:

- Lynn Springer, Past District Deputy of the Eastern Star, Monroe District, was called from the meeting to find out the status of Gary Burke's suggestion to have the chapter do the Flower Talk. She said that they decided to wait until this Fall to do the presentation.

#### -Advisors Training

- Contrary to previous discussion, Roger McCaughey is not responsible for this function. A proposal was brought forth for a date, time and place for the training to be held and that it might be done in shorter sessions and in more than one session. The board decided to have Gary Burke bring a training format before the Advisory Board for discussion and decision.

#### New Business

- Steve Whittaker passed out a brochure for Camp Turk.

- Jay McCullough was asked to be Public Relations Man for DeMolay. He accepted.

#### Receipts and Bills

- Jerry Glaser gave the financial report for Ron Mertens:

-Receipts:  
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## Charlotte- Corinthian

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### Brethren

My trip to Grand Lodge was certainly a wonderful and rewarding experience. Visited many interesting places and viewed many educational documents about our great fraternity at the library and museum. One of the most wonderful sights in all New York, is our Grand Lodge facility, which has been all renovated and redecorated. Every room is just simply beautiful, all air conditioned, new carpeting, wood work all professionally done in gold leaf. Surely every Mason should visit this magnificent temple. To all the Brothers of Charlotte Corinthian Lodge, I thank you for allowing me the honor and pleasure of representing you in this Grand Lodge Annual Event. My report to the Lodge will detail the business of this meeting of Grand Lodge.

Our class for the Fall is shaping up and I hope more petitions will be given to other men during our summer recess. To the Brethren of our Lodge I certainly would like to meet you before my year is over. Come out to Lodge, it is a great place to spend an evening of fellowship.

To the family of James Hastings I express my feelings of sympathy in your loss.

The last school of ritual on April 25 was very well attended, and I commend each and every one of you for your loyal support.

I would like to mention at this time the subject of dues. Your Lodge cannot successfully func-

## Charlotte-Corinthian Receives Alter Cloth



Nicholas Valahos presenting Alter Cloth to W: Charles Simpson Master

tion without your financial support. A current dues card in your pocket means you really care about your Lodge, because like any type of organization this source of income pays our commitments, so won't you please send in your dues if you haven't already.

Our coming events for the Lodge are June 3, family picnic, June 5 Sport Shirt Nite and Strawberry Social, bring your lady with you, a short meeting first then strawberry shortcake. Call our Jr. Warden Mike Staub at 342-1947, or Chuck Simpson at 426-1501 on these events.

Other events to keep on your calendar August 25, Tri-Lodge Steak Roast and Masonic family picnic on August 19 at the Shrine Mosque. Charlotte Corinthian will host the School of Ritual on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Our part in the school will be the second section of the 3rd degree.

Our Brothers celebrating birthdays in June are to be congratulated on becoming another year younger.

Happy Birthday:  
James Goodness, John Bridgeman, George Pifer, Robert Scott, Mike Friedman, John Nipe, George Burgess, C. William Flem-

ing, Keith Bower, Richard Benedict, Ed Shaw, Robert W. Judd, Donald Fox, Thomas Auld, Joseph Normand, Henry Van Neil Jr., Arthur Marpin, Jack C. Smitt, Walter Gay, Irving Matthews, Richard Green, Thomas Van Lare, William Baker, Edward L. Cone, Wesley Evans, Vernon Newell, Eugene Gassler Jr., Robert Watson, Bjarne Iversen, William Patrick.

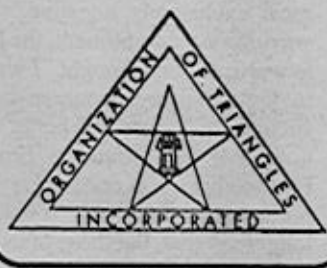
In closing remember only one meeting in June, and then recess. See you in Lodge, bring yourself and another Brother, you will feel good about it.

Fraternally,  
Charles Simpson  
Master  
Trestleboard  
June 3  
Family Picnic  
June 5  
Sport Shirt Nite-Ladies Invited (Strawberry Social)  
August 25  
Tri Lodge Steak Roast  
September 4  
Recognition Nite  
September 11  
Officers Meeting  
September 26  
School of Ritual at Charlotte Corinthian

Lodge. If you need directions just call myself or Mrs. Ferguson.

Fraternally,  
Joy Staub  
Senior Lady in Waiting

## Fidelity Triangle #4



### Dear Readers,

Hello again from Fidelity Triangle #4. Earlier this month we had our Installation of Officers: Amy Lynch went in for her second term as Beloved Queen, Joy Staub became Senior-Lady-in-Waiting, Lauri Ferguson went in as Junior-Lady-in-Waiting, Mary Fisher be-

#### -Bills

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#### Next Meeting

-The next Advisor meeting will be Thursday, June 14, 1990, at the Masonic Service Bureau, 3rd Floor, Rochester Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. East at 7:30 PM.

-The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

#### Fraternally,

Joe Privitera  
Secretary  
DeMolay Advisors

came Guardian and Cynthia Lynch went in as Chaplin. We would like to thank very much the Rochester DeMolay boys for their Honor Guard and the Lockport Triangle girls for helping fill our chairs. A special thank you to Mr. Daddy Miller for attending the Installation. The girls also served dinner to Northfield Lodge and would like to thank them for employing us.

We are planning to serve another dinner on the 19th of May at St. Joseph's. Our first meeting in June will be open for all of you people who would like to take a closer look at what we do. Also, on June 9th we are having a Mary Kay makeover party for any persons interested. One last thing. The girls would like to congratulate Lauri Ferguson, our Junior Advisor, on winning a Triangle Scholarship. She will be attending the University of Rochester. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in our works and helped us even the tiniest ways. If you have any questions about Triangle or anything in this article please call me at 342-1947 or call Mrs. Ferguson at 671-7369. Remember, if you know any girls between the ages of 11 and 21 who are even slightly interested in Triangle, come to our open meeting June 9th at Fame

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## A Masonic Book Review

By *Sion M. (Ted) Honea*  
Masonic Librarian

Mark Carnes, *Secret Ritual and Manhood in Victorian America*. Yale University Press, 1989. \$28.95.

This is a very important book. It is a serious historical and sociological study of fraternal societies, and thus of Freemasonry. It is written by a professional scholar and published by a highly respected university press. Fraternal organizations, usually dismissed impatiently as too trivial for serious study, have perhaps come of age with this book.

To say that this is an important book, and one that I welcome heartily, does not mean that I agree with all its conclusions. In fact, I find myself simultaneously agreeing and disagreeing with much of it. This paradox results from the author's chosen methodology and limitations on his subject.

First, the author's method is that of structural anthropology. In plain language, structuralism holds that the phenomena of human society arise from a deep unconscious level of form-giving "codes" that are innate and inherited in all human beings. One particular branch of this structuralism is especially concerned with cultural "conflicts" or "tensions" as manifested in cultural phenomena and the means of their resolution. This is Carnes' basic method of analysis.

The author has limited his subject almost exclusively to the 19th century. The cultural issues that he sees fraternal as involved with deriving from are specifically those that he attributes to society in that century. There are problems, and I believe basic errors, involved with both the application of this method and this limitation on the subject.

G.S. Kirk, the great scholar of Greek religion and philosophy, has pointed out that the broad universalist theories of analysis, such as structuralism, tend to be applied too freely. Scholars apply the theory before making a thorough examination of whether the subject can meaningfully yield to its application. In other words, they bang square pegs into round analytical holes. And, by George, if you bang hard enough, it fits, QED!

I believe that Carnes does draw some valid conclusions from his subject by means of this method, but they are in some respects forced. Further, they are not the whole picture. This is made clear by the defect of his self-imposed limitation of the subject.

Carnes treats all fraternal organizations as 19th century phenomena. Almost all are. Even the Odd-Fellows, born in the late 18th century, might be justly included, but Freemasonry cannot be. Carnes says that Freemasonry "originated" in the early 1700's (p.22). This is quite false. A long-standing institution was first organized at that time, it was not born then.

All our evidence points to an early 17th century origin of speculative Freemasonry. The ideas in Masonic philosophy are an extension of the earlier Renaissance tradition, and the operative Lodge itself was centuries old at that time. The physicist and theologian Stanley Jaki makes a basic point about historical under-

standing. "Reflection, however brief, on the decisive impact of the embryonic stage on future development should make clear that a cursory or defective approach to origins will necessarily affect the handling of all later stages. Historical processors are no exception to this rule." (Road to Science...p.5)

On numerous occasions I felt that, where Freemasonry was concerned at least, Carnes missed the point. His statement that "the mystery of the Lodge (he means fraternal Lodges in general) must be understood in light of Victorian Society..." cannot stand as complete for the Masonic Lodge. The idea that you can properly understand an institution originating in the 17th century only by means of 19th century society is erroneous. It would be analogous to say that the Galileo can be properly understood only in the light Darwin.

Carnes limits and defines his subject so as to allow himself this erroneous conclusion. First he lopped off a century or so of Masonic history, then he virtually ignored the eighteenth century, a crucial formative period, treating it as a kind of unimportant rudimentary stage. Finally he views 19th-century Freemasonry from a very distorted perspective, yet one that is fairly common.

Carnes views the "higher" Degrees as expressing best the essence of Masonic ideas. The concordant rites are largely 19th-century productions, and it is the virtual 19th-century creation of Albert Pike, the Scottish Rite, to which Carnes most often refers, especially to the 32 Degree, which he calls the summation, the "ne plus ultra" (p.147).

He does this in full knowing that Pike's rite was not accepted until 1863, that the Scottish rite was a small organization until the late 19th century, and that even in 1900 only 125,000 (about 17%) of Masons were members. Nonetheless he uses the evidence of this late and then minor rite as valid for the entire 19th century.

The impression received is that Freemasonry is a homogeneous organization of all the Degrees of the symbolic Lodge, York and Scottish Rites. Further, Carnes most frequently treats all fraternal organizations generically in a lump, without any acknowledgment of their individual characters. This is a typical defect of the structuralist approach, the suppression of individual distinctions.

The suppression of the individual also appears in Carnes' language. He tends to use terms like "Lodge" and "the Lodges" collectively, lumping all fraternal orders together. This vagueness also extends to specifically Masonic contexts, at times creating confusion. He refers to a Grand Lodge of the Royal Arch (p.48), and says that both Mackey and Pike became members of the Grand Lodge, as though there were only one monolithic and authoritative institution (p.49). He also refers to the Knights Templar "Lodge" (p. 83).

This imprecise use of terminology with regard to Masonic bodies can arise from only one of two causes: a sloppy lack of precision, or a curious lack of familiarity with the finer points of this subject mat-

ter, a subject he should have mastered.

Carnes views 19th-century fraternalism as the means by which men unconsciously attempted to subvert "liberal theology, maternal nurture, and Victorian gender roles" (p. 157). In simpler terms, men sought escapism from an oppressive professional, civic and home life in fraternal orders. I believe there is much truth in this, but it is not the whole truth, especially with regard to Freemasonry, and it also has a suspicious similarity to the 20th-century social agenda.

The impression given in his writing is that he is perhaps more nearly interpreting 19th-century fraternalism through 20th-century culture than through its own, that it is the 20th century that governs and forms his analysis. At times it appears that he has already made up his mind on the major points and seeks mainly such evidence as will support them.

Such a predetermined point of view might account for Carnes' sometimes rather startling lack of critical evaluation of his sources. His position on fraternalism and religion is largely formed by adopting the position of fraternalism's opponents of the time. For instance, he concludes that Freemasonry subverts the Christian doctrine of grace by merely accepting the anti-mason Bernard's construal of a prayer from a RA Degree.

A single lapse would be understandable, but it is typical rather than exceptional. This lack of a larger perspective from which to view both fraternalism and other components of society results in a kind of strange claustrophobia of thought.

In reading the book, I actually often felt that the author's views were more narrow and internally determined than even most strictly Masonic writing (which is saying something!). I found myself metaphorically gasping for intellectual air from outside the world of fraternalism and its adversaries. What did disinterested sources say of the fraternities? What did their religious opponents say of the positions taken by the extreme evangelists?

My review has so far been almost exclusively negative. In a way this is a compliment, the book is worth serious thought. I would, in fact, like to encourage books such as this, more and better ones now that the ground is broken. Fraternalism was once a very important part of society. We can no longer say that, but those of us who believe in it should be interested in finding out why it no longer is.

Among Carnes' valuable insights are two that have a direct bearing on fraternal life now. He observes that the impetus for fraternal orders as the "social club" have for men away from the oppressive home is now virtually dead. Family life in the late 20th century is essentially different from the vise-like rigidity that put men to flight as strangers in their homes during the 19th century. The other observation is that for the purpose of charitable service, ritualist fraternities are much less time-efficient than specifically service clubs without ritual.

For Freemasonry especially these are important points, which ties in to why Freemasonry survives, if diminished, while the others are gone. Where are the Knights of Pythias? Where are the Red Men, the Foresters, the Royal Arcanum (who??), even the Odd

Fellows? There are still millions of Freemasons. Why?

The other fraternal orders are essentially 19th-century creations, created for 19th-century needs. Their foundation lay on a specific need for a specific time. When that time passed, they passed with it. As I pointed out, Freemasonry is a 17th-century creation, but was created for a more universal reason, to promulgate an enlightenment conducive to universal brotherhood. This is the point that I said Carnes obscured by obscuring the origin of Freemasonry.

It is specifically those aspects of Freemasonry that it acquired in the 19th century that are now dying, the men's social club and refuge from women and family. What is happening is in fact not an alteration of Freemasonry, but a stripping away of the extrinsic aspects down to its original philosophical core. This has the greatest importance for us, for if we are to revitalize Freemasonry we must do it by revitalizing its original, universal and timeless, agenda of enlightenment as accomplished through ritual and symbolic philosophy. We must not jettison these very things, but study and refurbish them.

In attempting to diminish the importance of the ritual and philosophy we are doing exactly the wrong thing. It was the 19th

century that started the devaluation, and it is that 19th century creation that has failed. Yet, we try to rectify the problem by continuing that same process of destructive devaluation. We are trying to cure the disease by extending it further. We are trying to cure the fraternity of its 19th-century problems by making it more 19th century!

I will cite one quote from the book. In alluding to a previous decline in fraternities during the early part of this century, the author remarks that "aggressive recruitment policies and relaxed standards for a time masked weaknesses..." That has a familiar ring doesn't it? As the sage said, those who do not study history are condemned to relive it.

If you have read so far this, you must be a book lover. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the library will be moving into new, accessible quarters soon. As always, there will be expenses. The library has no budget, no funds, but the Service Bureau is providing shelves and furniture, such as it can at a time when money is tight. If, among all your other charities, you would care to contribute to the library, you could make a donation to the Masonic Service Bureau with an annotation that it is for the library. Thank you.

### North Pole, AK. Lodge No. 16 To Confer Midnight Sun Degree And Picnic Fly-In June 30, 1990 Lodge was constituted March 21, 1989 A first - To Be held at Lakloey Airstrip

Dear Brethren,

North Pole Lodge #16 will be having a Masonic Fly-In the Saturday prior to the Fourth of July - June 30, 1990 - in North Pole, AK. Masons and friends are welcome to visit, sight-see, and go fishing anytime before or after the weekend. Official festivities for the Fly-In will start with a Third Degree on Saturday evening at the airfield. After the Degree, we will have a family picnic. Camping will be available at the airfield and there are numerous hotels located in Fairbanks, approximately nine miles from the Fly-In.

The Fly-In will be held at Lakloey Field in North Pole, AK. Lakloey Field is slightly east of Fairbanks and just inside the Fort Wainwright Army Airfield ATA. The air strip is a 5,000 foot gravel strip. Fuel will be available.

Registration fee will be \$25 per family. This fee will include the Bar-B-Q. Also planned is an assortment of tasty Alaskan wild game.

Plan now to take your Alaskan vacation in North Pole and join with the Brethren of North Pole Lodge #16 for a weekend of fellowship.

For more detailed information, call Keith Herve (907) 488-0243, or Lloyd Triggs (907) 488-2818, or write North Pole Lodge #16, P.O. Box 58496, Fairbanks, AK 99711.

Also, North Pole Lodge was constituted on March 21, 1989, and has pins for sale for \$5.00 each, celebrating that event.

Thanks to Brother Peter Zelazny of East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge #943 - Ed.

### Fairport Lodge No. 476

2nd and 4th Mondays  
7:30 P.M.

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87 South Main St.  
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

Brothers,

On May 1st. and 2nd. I had the honor of representing Fairport Lodge at the Grand Lodge meeting in N.Y. City. Most of the 1990 Masters opted to travel by train and this proved to be quite the experience since most of us had never traveled by train before.

The Grand Lodge report was short but thorough and this proved to be delightful since most of us don't like long reports or speeches. There have been some changes in the ritual. I will be reporting more on this May 14th. Anyone who cannot attend the meeting and

would like a copy of the report, please contact me or the Secretary. I would urge anyone who visits N.Y. City to visit Grand Lodge. It has been renovated and is quite beautiful.

Our best wishes go out to Hugo Winterhalder who has been in the hospital. I knew that everyone wished him a speedy recovery.

Brothers, don't forget Village Days and the 4th of July. Your help will be greatly appreciated. A couple of hours from everyone is all it takes to make a chore seem easy.

At our last meeting in April we had Sgt. Joe Genier of the Sheriff's Department give a talk and slide show on burglary prevention. Was a very enjoyable evening.

Cheery hello and get well to Brother Paul Cairns. Happy retirement to R.W. Roger Scott. Congratulations to Brother Bob Scott graduating from University of Buffalo Medical School. See you in Lodge, Bud

## Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154

7:30 p.m.

2nd & 4th  
Mondays

1822 Penfield Rd.  
Penfield, N.Y. 14526



### Brethren:

I am starting this month's letter on a congratulatory note to my S:W: John Irvine, who, with a mere 24 hours notice, wrote last month's letter for this column, and followed that up by very capable presiding over the meeting in Lodge.

Thanks John, nice job.

Further congratulations are in order for the ladies of Irondequoit Eastern Star, and our Steward Len Latta, who always helps the ladies, put on the many dinners I have asked of them so far this year, there have been eight so far.

Thank you so much, one and all.

It was pleasing to see R:W: Arnie Frear back in Lodge following his long and enjoyable trip, but on the other end of the scale it was sad in a way to see R:W: Don Brugger's year as Grand Junior Master of Ceremonies, come to a close, however, he can surely be proud of both himself and his year and you can rest assured that we in the Lodge are proud of you also, Don.

My trip to Grand Lodge was as rewarding and eventful as all the Past Masters in Lodge assured me it would be. The camaraderie generated among the 1990 Masters of Monroe County is something I shall never forget, of course the other thing I'll never forget is how fast the \$20 bills flew from my pocket book, but it was all so very rewarding and worthwhile, and a great deal of fun.

In closing, I would remind one and all of our upcoming Sport Shirt & Strawberry Shortcake Night, which is June 11th. This also is Move Up Night. Remember, only the gaudiest and gruesome sport shirt ever wins this event. There will be no dinner by Eastern Star that evening, but I'm quite confident that after a double helping of Len Latta's now "famous" strawberry short cake you will find a cooked dinner quite unnecessary. Needless to say, the ladies also are invited, and there will also be prizes for their most daring and gaudiest outfits.

Before closing, good news has just reached my ears in the name of "Charles Spiegel" please refer to Chas as R:W. from here-on. Congratulations to you also Charles.

If you haven't sent your membership dues in to W: Gene Brown for the fellowship steak roast, please do so now. You won't want to miss that event I assure you, and another event not to be missed is the family picnic at Camp Smile, any questions about this should be directed to Andrew Young, our S.D. that will be June 16th. Fraternally,  
W: Less Andrews  
Master

## News and Views

We learned of the passing of Mrs. Eva Corbett, widow of R:W: James Corbett, on the 9th of April. We also learned of the recent death

of Mrs. Le Fevre, wife of W: Ray Le Fevre and that Brother Milton Welscher passed to the Lodge above on April 30th. We send our sincere condolences to each of their families.

Mrs. Shirley Grape, wife of Brother Arnold Grape, is home following a stroke and we understand is progressing well. Mrs. Ruth Sheehy, wife of W. Webb Sheehy, is in the hospital and progressing slowly. Their daughter is here from Spain.

Our sincere congratulations are extended to Bernice and R:W: Fred Nielsen on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary coming up shortly on July 6th. They are still living in the same house and are still the same wonderful couple. Many more years together to you both!!

Have you heard of a Doggy Bag? That's what W: Bob Nichols had at Ladies Nite. Not only that, but Bob and Jean's dog is rather small--makes you wonder doesn't it?!!

Brother Don Bell

### Notice From The Secretary

As of June 30th, we will no longer be using Box 41. Send all correspondence to:

Frank Denton  
138 Timrod Drive  
Rochester, New York 14617

Take Note! If you are delinquent in your dues, you will receive a second notice in late June or early July. Save me the trouble of sending you a second notice by paying your dues promptly.

Fraternally,  
W: Frank Denton  
Secretary

### Trestleboard

June 11  
Move-Up Nite Sport Shirt & Strawberry Shortcake Nite Ladies Invited  
June 16  
Wakan-Hubbard Family Picnic. Camp Smile  
August 11  
Fellowcraft Steak Roast. Also at Camp Smile

## East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943

7:30 P.M.

2nd & 4th Mondays

152 Commercial St. West  
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445

### Dear Brothers,

As we head into the last month and a half of regular meetings before the summer break, I look back at the first half of the year with mixed feelings. There have been many positive accomplishments for which we all can be proud, including the merger, good Degree work, a strong set of junior officers, work completed on the E.R. temple and the presentation of the only DeWitt Clinton Award in the first Monroe District in 1990. As I have said many times before, the credit should go to the many Brothers who have taken the time out of their lives to make these commitments become reality. On the "other side of the coin", I feel I must express some bewilderment and/or disappointment regarding a couple of things. First, despite my repeated calls for contact and input for the new Lodge, very little has

been forthcoming. Second, and especially disappointing, was the turnout of Brothers at our DeWitt Clinton Award the end of April. Although well attended by the community and publicized for over 2 months in all the local media, only a handful of Brothers took the time to show up. It bordered on embarrassing! Perhaps someone can explain how an event that was mentioned in my last 2 communications to you, written up in the local newspapers and shown on community television could be "forgotten" or "not seen"? How short are our cabletows?

Our Second Degree in late April was a well attended and well performed event and was graded a "B" by our Director of Ritual. He has scheduled 3 practices for the Third Degree, which will be performed on June 11th. I expect a good turnout that night as we will raise 2 new Brothers to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. On June 25th, we will have our annual Brother Bring a Friend Night which has been a very popular and productive way of introducing our neighbors, work associates or relatives to the light that can be found in Masonry. Start looking around and see who you can ask to stop by for a night of good food and good fellowship.

A suggestion has been made by R.W.'s Leon Perkins and Gordie Hoag regarding dues. Since many Brothers have not yet paid, and because the dues are now lowered, it has been suggested that Brothers consider 3 possibilities. First, ask for a rebate if you have already sent a check. Second, donate the difference between what you paid last year and this year's dues to the L.E.A.F. Campaign. And last, decide to pay the lower rate now or make your own decision regarding the "extra" amount you would have. Please let R.W. Perkins (716) 924-5657 or Bro. Don Moore (716) 586-9196 know what you would like to do.

My trip to Grand Lodge was an exciting and interesting time, with the proposed changes in the ritual work being the centerpiece of discussion. I will not take the time or space to explain it here, so please look for the review in our new newsletter or study the new ritual books when they come out this fall. The newly renovated Lodge rooms at Grand Lodge are a thing of beauty that must be seen to be fully appreciated. One was more spectacular than the next! If any Brother happens to be in New York City, I strongly urge them to stop by Grand Lodge and take a tour-it is well worth the effort.

A few final thoughts for your consideration: 1. Our Lodge picnic is coming up in mid-August, we hope you will respond when the phone committee calls to give you details. 2. We need candidates if we are to have a fall class so why not start looking now as to who might be a future Brother and 3. Remember the fellowcraft Club is open to all Brothers from the Lodge and it meets the 3rd Monday of the month at the Ridge Pub. Come on out and have a good time! Fraternally,  
Art Mason  
Master

## TRESTLEBOARD

June 11  
Third Degree, Open at 6:15, Dinner 6:30  
June 18  
Fellowcraft Club at Ridge Pub  
June 25  
Brother Bring A Friend Night - 7:30

## NORTHFIELD Lodge

No.  
426

1st & 3rd  
Thursdays  
7:30 P.M.



17 Church St  
Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

Instituted March 1857

### Brethren,

My visit to our Grand Lodge was quite an experience. The Lodge itself is really beautiful and if you ever travel to NYC stop in and take a tour for I know you will be pleased as I was. There were some changes in the ritual work that was proposed by "custodians of the work". These changes will benefit the craft and hopefully shorten the hours of labor on Degree nights. Not all changes were approved and I will give a brief review at our next two meetings. The highlight of the day was attending the installation of our Grand Master Most Worshipful Richard P. Thomas and his grand officers.

I promised a report on our bowling trip last month. Well let me just say that we all had a very good time. Thanks to W: Bill Samar and his wife Ellen for giving us some good eating places.

The fellowcraft club has donated and installed a ceiling fan on the main floor of the Lodge. This will help eliminate some of the smoke problems during our dinners. I also understand the fellowcraft club is going to have the organ repaired, this should make our organist W: Bro Don Smith happy.

On June 1,2,3, is Pittsford Colonial Days which means we will have to set up and operate the sausage stand. Our chairman W. Paul Utz has a sign up sheet for all volunteers. Set up night is May 31, So --- give Paul a call.

On Sunday August 19 the Masters and Wardens are sponsoring a Masonic Picnic. It will be at Damasus Temple in Webster from 12- 6 p.m. The tickets are priced at \$5.00 for adults and Children 4-12 years of age will cost \$3.00. Children 3 and under are free. Let's show our support so this will become a success year after year.

There are 60 people attending our ladies night on May 12 at Maplewood Inn. This is a nice way to show our support for our ladies. Thanks for your support.

Our Secretary R.W. Raymond Beardseely and his wife Lila have become grandparents for the fourth time. Their youngest daughter Linda gave birth to a little girl named Kourtkey Sharon. She weighed 7 pounds and 7 oz. Mother, baby and grandparents are doing well.

The LEAF Campaign is slowing coming to an end our goal is \$2,000. So far we have raised \$1,860, or 93% of our goal. We are only \$140 short of our goal. So if any Brother has not given or who would like to give more please send a check to our Jr. Warden Scott Seltzer.

This is my last report until September. Everyone have a good and safe summer. Remember the Colonial Days. Hope to see everybody at our hot dog and sport shirt night, Strawberry Festival and Lodge Picnic.

What 1990 Master (Webster?) fell asleep when he arrived in the

### Big Apple?

I would like to wish the following Brothers a Happy Birthday:  
June:

David Balcom, Richard Bell, William Czech, John Earls, Hubert Eddy, Edward D. Freida, Charles Graves, James Jenkins, Richard Kurtz, G. Edson Miller, Jack Perigo, James Sheridan and Rocco Zona.

### July:

Leland Aldrich, Charles Briggs, Gerald Havill, Reginald Hutchings, Richard Krager, Thomas Mayberry, Lloyd McConnell, Richard Moore, John Moriarity, George Morris, Anthony Pfeiffer, Richard Russell, David Shepard and Michael Herrmann.

### August:

Charles Aitken, Wiles Converse, Louis Hattler, Harry Kennedy, Paul Koehler, Richard Lear, Ralph Matthews, Richard Matthews, W. Gilmore McKie, Donald Phelps, Robert Ratliff, James Reynolds, Lloyd Stone, Jack Thibaut, Donald Thomas, Robert Zahn.

Fraternally,  
Robert B. Ledsoe  
Master

### Trestleboard

June 1,2,3  
Pittsford Colonial Days  
June 7  
Hot dog night/Sport Shirt night  
June 22  
Strawberry Festival  
July 19  
Lodge Picnic  
August 8 & 9  
Annual Blood Drive  
August 19  
Masonic Family Picnic

## Shrine Lunch Club

Meets every Monday  
12:00 Noon  
Masonic Temple 3rd Floor  
875 Main Street East

### June 4

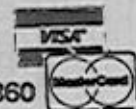
Voice of the Red Wings  
Josh Lewin  
June 11  
Picnic at Braddock Bay Park  
June 18  
Physical Director of all Sports at the U. of R.  
David Ocorr  
June 25  
Sports Writer for the D&C  
Patti Singer

If you would like to make reservations for the picnic, please call Robert Zabel at 671-5457 or Charles Spiegel at 872-0311. Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon.

The months of July and August will be movie months and Charles Spiegel will be Chairman.

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**R:W: Thomas M. Paglia is Honored by Canandaigua Medical Center**



R:W: Thomas M. Paglia at Canandaigua V.A. Medical Awards Banquet held at the Burgundy Inn on 25 April 1990.

Presenting the Award is W: Hyman Klionski (District Field Representative for Congressman Horton).

Holding the flag which was

flown over the capital is Bro. Chris Starr (Jr. Warden-John Robertson Lodge 1032) and W: Hyman Klionski. The presentation was a complete surprise to all that were present at the banquet except Bro. Chris Starr, Mrs. Cora Paglia and Mr. Roger Becker (Chief of Volunteer Services). Who said Cora can't keep a secret.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

April 25, 1990

FRANK HORTON  
TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT  
NEW YORK

Dear Tom:

I am pleased and proud to have the opportunity to participate in the Veterans Administration Awards ceremony this evening honoring the Medical Center volunteers.

You are to be commended for your outstanding loyalty and work as the Grand Lodge Masonic Representative to Veterans Service. I am delighted to present you with this American Flag that was flown over the Capitol on July 4, 1989.

Thank you on behalf of all veterans for your dedication to the cause of helping our nations veterans. Your fine efforts have done a great deal to enhance the quality of life of those you serve, and our appreciation is unlimited.

Keep up the good work. I am proud you are a member of the Masonic Representative to the Community Affairs Committee of the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Frank Horton

Mr. Thomas Paglia  
Masonic Representative  
Community Affairs Committee  
VA Administration, Canandaigua  
c/o Burgundy Basin Inn  
Pittsford, New York 14534

**Awards Program**

Canandaigua Veterans Medical Center Awards Program was held at the Burgundy Inn on 25 April 1990.

A large number of Masons and their family were honored that evening by being presented awards for volunteer services during 1989. Awards were presented as to the number of hours each person had.

100 Hours Certificate:

Mrs. Mollie Giedd, W: Richard Giedd, Bro. Bruce Howland, Mrs. Jane Howland, Miss Atarra Starr, Miss Tianna Starr, Bro. Chris Starr.

300 Hour Certificate:

W: Ernest Lascell, Mrs. Etta Lascell, Bro. Cortland Young, Mrs. June Moon.

500 Hour Certificate:

Mrs. Cora B. Paglia

1000 Hour Pin:

R:W: Thomas M. Paglia

1878 Hours Certificate:

R:W: Harold Speers

1750 Hours Bronze Pin:

R:W: Harry Kennedy, R:W: Austin Keith

There were over 350 people in attendance at the banquet. The theme for the banquet was red, white and blue. Every one was to be dressed in those colors. W: Harold Bolotin arrived as Uncle Sam. A total of 20 Masonic people were present. Each and every volunteer should walk tall and be proud for they have every right to be. They give of their time and energy once a month to bring a little joy and happiness to the patients.

The Masonic Lodges and Brothers have always shown what Masonry is all about by being first to help.

**A Community Outreach Program for the Canandaigua V.A. Medical Center Is now under way and your help is needed to Make it a success.**

This pavilion will benefit the patients at the hospital with an inside and outside type picnic area.

At the present time there is only an outside type pavilion with all sides open to the weather.

This pavilion will be a blessing to the patients when it is either raining or too cold to be outside.

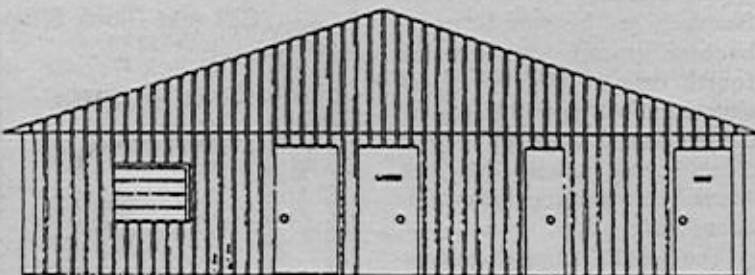
Wheelchair patients have a problem when the weather is not favorable for a picnic and with this pavilion they can have a picnic in any weather.

The cost of the pavilion will be \$48,000 with our own locally based U.S. Navy Seabees doing the labor to augment their skills and the hospital maintenance staff doing the electrical work.

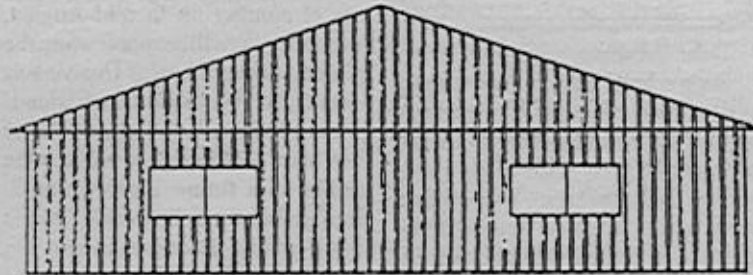
Won't you please help with your donations???????????? Any amount will help. Please make checks payable to:

V.A. Pavilion Fund and send either to R:W: Thomas Paglia, and he and I will present all of the checks at one time or send to: Vavs--135, VA Medical Center, Fort Hill Ave., Canandaigua, NY 14424. Thank you.

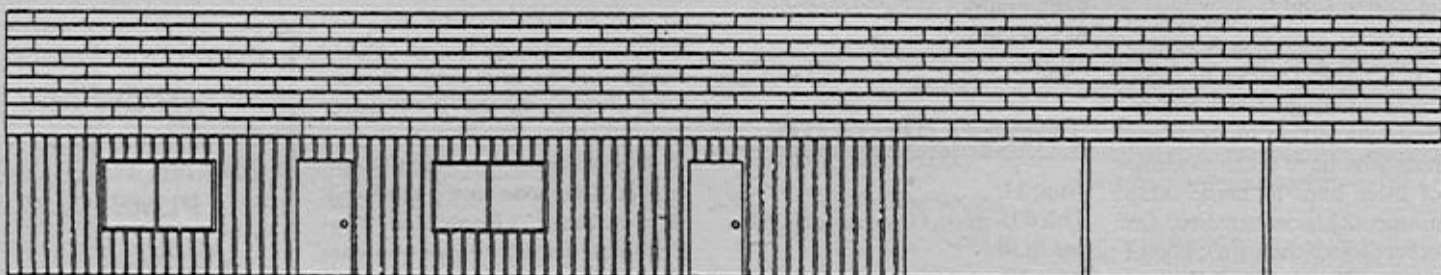
**VAVS Patient Pavilion Project**



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SIDE



## Brother Chris Starr with his Daughters, Tianna and Atarra, Also received awards



Left To Right:  
Bro. Chris Starr, Miss. Tianna Starr, Miss Atarra Starr

## Volunteers were also Honored By the V.A. Medical Center



1st Row:  
R:W: Thomas Paglia, Mrs. Alice Hicks, Mr. James Hicks, Mrs. Cora Paglia, Miss Tianna Starr, Bro. Chris Starr, Miss Atarra Starr  
2nd Row:  
Mrs. Sylvia Bollotin, Mrs. Elizabeth Bishop, Mrs. John Dudley, Mrs. June Moon  
3rd Row:  
W:Hyman Klionski, Mrs. Pearl Klionski, W: Harold Bollotin, W:David Bishop, Dep. Rep John Dudley, R:W: Austin Keith, R:W:Harry Kennedy

# Order of the Eastern Star

## Nola Chapter No. 368

Dear Members,  
It doesn't seem possible that the first half of the year is behind us. We have had good fellowship, fun projects and good weather. All of us will have to give much thought about how we can continue to keep the Chapter going with so few showing any interest.

We hope all of our members who have been on the sick list last winter are feeling better. During the summer vacation let S. Kathleen Skelton or W. M. Sherry Hart know of any news.

We send birthday greetings to S. Marion Beardsley who will be 101 years old July 2nd. Help make S. Marion's day by sending her a card to, Bangs Rd. Churchville, NY 14428.

The pilgrimage to Oriskany will be July 28th.

*Vacation time is here again  
The waiting weeks are done,  
And we take off for unknown parts*

*For a few short weeks of fun,  
The time will go so very fast  
We'll hardly know there here,  
And once again we're waiting for*

*A vacation time next year.*

Have a healthy and happy summer and hope we will see you in the fall. The last meeting is June 5th and our first in the fall is Sept. 18th.

Fraternally,  
W. Avis Theis

ing Brothers who celebrate their Birthday in June, July, and August: Herbert Hammerbeck 6/9; Berthel Johnson 6/10; Simon Feldman will be 94 years old. He is now living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida 6/11; Lowell Chapin 6/11; George Knierim 6/16; Chris Jacobsen 6/20; George Dinchart 6/21; John Conley 6/21; Raymond MacNally 6/23; Wayne Moore 6/25; Milton Asmuth 6/28; Gus Lanasa 7/10; Robert Fertig 7/10; Frank Reynolds 7/20; Wor. Thomas Baird 7/22; Kenneth Hewitt in the Hill Haven Nursing Home 7/26; Willard Baxa, Jr. 7/28; Howard Hauss 8/4; Leon Behnke 8/6; Wor. George Adams 8/12; Earl Bown will be 93 years old. He is living with his Grand son in Palatke, Florida 8/15; William Ford, Jr. 8/16; Frederick Gatehouse 8/18; Robert Williams 8/25 and Wor. Merritt Sweet 8/31. The Masonic Brotherhood and L.E.A.F. Fund is doing better than last year for the Brothers who have not pledged please do so now before you forget. My address is 131 Elmore Road, Rochester, NY 14618.

This will be my last message to the Brothers of Rochester Lodge. Have a wonderful and safe summer, see you at Northfield Lodge. Fraternaly,

George M. Adams  
Secretary

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## Rochester Chapter 314 O.E.S

First and Third Saturday

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8:00 P.M. Room A

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Masonic Temple  
875 Main Street East  
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

### Dear Sisters & Brothers:

It has been a couple of months since our last news letter. Starting now we will be communicating with you through the Monroe Masonic News. The chapter will be having a column in the Monroe Masonic news each month from now on, written by the Matron. I hope this new arrangement will make it easier to keep in touch with those out of town.

The year has been going well so far. We had a very lovely official visit on April 7th. The officers did a wonderful job. The lunch was prepared by W: Betty Jansson and served by Monroe Chapter. On April 21 we had Birthday Night. May 5 we honored Mothers. May 19 will be Memorial Night. All officers wear white. May 20th will be our Birthday Banquet Carol Haskins is in Charge. Reservations must be in by the 12th of May and paid for in advance. There are 3 choices Prime Rib at \$14.75, Stuffed Chicken at \$12.30 or Broiled White Fish at \$11.40. Then on June 2nd is the Past Matrons & Past Patrons Dinner chaired by Sharon McComber Reservations must be in by May 25th. If you are not a Past Matron or Patron be prepared to help Sharon. She needs help with the dinner please call her at 621-3319. Our September meeting will be the tureen supper chaired by Franette Staub. This is September 15 at 6:00 PM. This meeting has been changed from a regular meeting to Ample form Officers be prepared. Don't forget that July 28th is Pilgrimage day at Oriskany. Go and enjoy yourself if you can. The date for the chapter picnic is still to be announced. We will let you know ASAP.

Under Sickness and Distress: Grace Ludeke has been in Rochester General Hospital, with a broken hip after a fall in mid March. We did not find out about it till April. She will be going into Hill Haven Nursing Home on May 9th. I visited the shut-ins and members in nursing homes for the holiday season. On Good Friday Sharon McComber and I visited Grace Ludeke, Ruth Faulkner and Helen Baker. We took them Blue Hyacinths. Then early the following week I visited Louis Gorokin, who is now in the Jewish Home. I took Him a Hardy Mum. I had a very enjoyable visits with all of them. I'm sure they were glad to see me. Alice Faro had pneumonia. She is Fully recovered and was back at our last meeting. Georgianna Coates Still had Double Pneumonia. She is at Home, I hope taking care of herself. Clyde Buck had stomach surgery. He is now Home and is doing fairly well. Thelma Fraser had a slight stroke and is in

Parkridge Hospital as of this writing she is expect to be there another week. I have visited her and she is doing very well. Catherine Strassner will be going into Rochester General on May 10th for surgery. And Last but not least my Father, Thomas W. Heller Sr., is in the Home Hospice program. He is in no pain which is all we can ask. He is getting weaker by the day. Everything that can be done to make him comfortable is being done. Please remember these Sisters and Brothers with cards and prayers.

Please don't forget our projects for the year especially our Bakeless Bake Sale. We haven't heard from everyone on this project yet. Also please get to work on your PIP Projects we have only had one turned in so far or even started. Get together with your partners and get to work it doesn't have to be much but every little bit helps. As for one project that we have finished. As you may have heard the 1990 District Grand Officers decided to raise a mile of pennies for the Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons special project. Each Chapter was asked to help. Rochester Chapter raised a total of \$76.00 which has been turned over to R.W. Helen Davis the District Deputy Grand Matron. And please don't forget to prepare for our fall Bazaar (dates to be announced). It's never too early to start we need all we can get.

Finally, just a note. There will be a homecoming for Ron Mertens who has just completed two years as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge. (Now maybe we'll get to see him at chapter a little.) It will be Tuesday June 5th at the Wishing Well Restaurant. I'm sure if you are interested and contact our Associate Patron Larry Geith who will have more information or can direct to someone who does.

Please if you have a change of address or telephone number let the secretary Gladys Geith know. We would like to know how to get in touch with you. If you are going in the hospital or are ill please let myself or the secretary know. If you are unable to do so ask a friend or relative to give us a call. We do care about all of you and want to know how you are.

Fraternaly,  
Evelyn Ann Heller  
Worthy Matron

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**June 13, 1990**

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## Rochester Lodge No. 660

2nd Monday  
7:30 P.M.  
Northfield Lodge  
17 Church St.  
Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

We received word from the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge that the Merger with Northfield Lodge #426 has been approved. We are waiting for the paper to arrive, I will notify each Member of the Lodge when the Merger will take place. Don't forget Northfield Lodge meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Northfield is a very active Lodge, so let's attend and find out how an active operates.

Rochester Lodge conducted a Funeral Service for Brother Harold E. Mossey who passed away in Clearwater, Florida on April 2, 1990. Brother Harold requested a Masonic Service. He was cremated and the ashes was sent to Rochester to be buried with his wife Agnes. Brother Harold's son lives in Clearwater.

Congratulations to the follow-

**Henrietta Lodge**  
No. 526  
1863  1990  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
7:30 P.M.  
769 Erie Station Rd.  
West Henrietta, N.Y. 14586

Dear Brethren:

The "Big Apple" is now behind me, and I can truthfully say that the experience was eye-opening for my wife, Judy and wallet-opening for me! We enjoyed and learned from this Grand Lodge Summons, together with our 1990 Masters and their wives, but we are all happy to be back among our fellow Brothers and families.

One of the major discussions at Grand Lodge, and the most controversial were the proposed changes in the "ritual" work. I can tell you that the most controversial changes were voted down and that most of the changes that were approved, were in the areas of grammar, and making some of the ritual "optional", instead of "required" work. These changes to the "work" are being printed, as I write this article. This printing of the ritual, alone, is a major change, since there will be (6) six separate booklets enclosed in a wallet-type pouch. The supposed reasoning being that if there are future changes to the ritual, the booklet(s) affected by the change will only have to be printed and replaced with the new revisions. In concerns to the initial cost for these (6) six booklets and wallet, information will be forthcoming when we are notified by Grand Lodge.

Also, the proposal to have 18 year olds eligible to become members, was not approved and this proposal will probably not come up again in the near future.

On Saturday, May 5th the Fellowcraft Club had its first Ham Dinner. The attendance was well received and the "work force" was exceptional to say the least! Thank you Brothers.

The "sublime" Degree of Master Mason was conferred May 8th, with the sidelines well represented by friends of Brother Wolff and by other Lodges.

This Degree was unique in that Henrietta Lodge, together with Union Star Lodge #320 and Oatka Lodge #759 have banded together as a "Degree Team" for the second section of the Third De-

gree. This "Degree Team" was successful in putting on this beautiful drama and I thank all who participated in it. I also thank all those Brothers of Henrietta Lodge who participated in this 3rd Degree. Your ritual was exceptional and your support was "well founded". Our Past Masters dinner on Monday, May 14th and our Past Masters Nite on Tuesday, May 22nd (with W. Harold Gruschow in the "East") were events that I wish we could have more often. It was a thrill to see our past officers show us how to conduct a business meeting with efficiency and dedication.

If you can make our only June meeting, please do so on the 12th when W. William Staples will be in the "East." W. Brother Bill is a 33 Degree Mason who inspires us with his wit and exceptional knowledge of Masonry.

Please support your Henrietta O.E.S. on Wednesday, June 13th when the Eastern Star hosts its Master Mason Nite at 8:00 PM. Our sisters are active and your support will be beneficial to the craft. Our annual Henrietta Lodge Picnic is being held on Tuesday, June 19th in the Lodge dining room, so please come and enjoy the festivities and conversation. Our telephone committee will be contacting you on the details.

If your summer is not complete without fun, food and family activities, mark your calendar for Sunday, August 19th, when the 1st Annual Monroes' "Masonic Family" Picnic will be held at the Damascus Temple; 979 Bay Road; Webster, NY. This will be an event where all Masonic bodies are invited and encouraged to participate! Tickets are available for \$5.00 Adults and \$3.00 Children (4-12 years old) (under 4 free). Come one, Come All to this 1st for the Monroes.

Fraternally,  
Gary P. Mastrella  
Master

### TRESTLEBOARD

June 5  
Fellowcraft Club  
7:30  
June 12  
Junior Warden Nite, W. William Staples in "East", 7:30 PM  
June 13  
Master Mason Nite  
O.E.S. Henrietta Chapter #475,  
8:00 PM  
June 19  
Henrietta Picnic-at Lodge, 6:30 PM  
August 19  
1st Annual Monroes "Masonic Family" Picnic, Damascus Temple;  
12-6PM, Adults \$5.00, children 4-12 years old \$3.00, under 4 are free

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August 28, 1990  
Barnard Exempts

Brethren:

The report on Ladies Night will be in the September issue, with pictures, and also the results for our Special Project. The Cap

Book, Inc.: the national photo listing for children waiting for adoption, is this year's Special Project, and coupon books will be mailed out with the picnic notice. We will

### MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU EMPLOYMENT GROUP

The Masonic Service Bureau, Employment Group has had several successful meetings, whose purpose was to provide employment opportunities for Masonic Brothers.

### TO THE EMPLOYER!

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3. Drafting- Some CAD & DP
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5. Traffic Management- JTPA
6. Bldg. Supt.- JTPA
7. Purchasing- Sales
8. Sales Bldg./Const. Specialties
9. Production Supervisor
10. M.E. - Service of Measure

### TO THE UNEMPLOYED MASON!

Our support group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

WHERE: Maplewood Inn  
WHEN: Tuesday at 9:00 am  
BRING: Any tools, resumes, etc.

**If You are seeking new employment opportunities, come to our next meeting.**

be sponsoring four children, at fifty dollars each, so please try to sell as many books as you can before the Steak Roast, which is August 28. Call me for additional books anytime at 865-0046.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you at the picnic and the Steak Roast. Check your smoke detectors--they save lives.  
Fraternally,  
Dean F. Marsaw  
Executive Secretary

**OATKA Lodge No. 759**  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
7:30 P.M.  
5 Browns Ave.  
Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

First and foremost I would like to thank Brother (Raccoon) Larry Blazey and his lovely wife Tina for the super job they did putting the dinner dance together. Also not to be forgotten, Worshipful Brother Glen Scheerens and his wife Nancy for all they did. A good time was had by all, I hope, because we hopefully are having another party in the Fall. To all those who came out to the party, I would like to say thank you for coming out and supporting our Lodge and also to ask that if everything was not satisfactory, come on out to Lodge and tell us and we will see if we can improve it. I am also happy to report that we posted a small profit that will certainly come in handy.

Next I would like to thank Worshipful Brother Bill Scheerens for being my proxy and going to Grand Lodge for me. He reported that he had a very interesting time there and that he even had a chance to go see the Statue of Liberty. He also reported the ritual was not changed that much, but the new ritual book - or as some know it, the blue book - is no more. The new book is actually a group of smaller books that deal with the different sections of the now obsolete blue book. That way, if something changes a new book will not have to be purchased, instead just a small pamphlet type book. As for the important part, we now have a new Grand Master. His name is The Most Worshipful Richard P. Thomas Grand Master of the State of New York. I am sure that we all wish him luck in his tenure of the office.

Lastly, I would like to tell you that I attended a Third Degree at Henrietta Lodge and that they had a Third Degree that night and that it was the best second section of the Third Degree that I have ever seen. The brothers that made up the team were from Henrietta, Honeoye Falls and Oatka Lodges. Each and every Brother that participated deserves a round of applause. It is also with great pleasure that I report to you that these Brothers will also be doing the second half of our Third Degree on June 13. Please, my Brothers, come out to see them. It will be worth it. They will also be at Union Star Lodge on June 11. Come out with us and see them do their stuff. I guarantee that you will be as impressed as I was. Remember those dates: June 11 and June 13. I look forward to seeing you there. On June 13 there will be a dinner before hand. For reservations please call me at 594-1089. Take care.

Fraternally,  
Larry R. Scheerens  
Master



## Washington and the Society of the Cincinnati

By: Alexander A. Bleimann  
Editor's Note

Frequently the MSA is asked about the connection between Freemasonry and the Society of the Cincinnati. Actually, there is none other than that many prominent military Freemasons (particularly of that time) belonged to both organizations. Probably, a connection is made because of George Washington's influence and membership in both groups.

We would like to express deep appreciation to Bro. Alexander A. Bleimann, PDDGM, Editor of Publications and Fellow of the American Lodge of Research (New York) for this interesting and informative history of the Society of the Cincinnati.

One of the generally unknown associations in American history is that of George Washington's connection and significant relationship with the Society of the Cincinnati.

On June 19, 1783, Washington was elected the first President-General of the Society, the office which he held until his death.

The Society of the Cincinnati was formed on May 10, 1783 by the officers of the victorious American Army at the cantonment near Newburgh, New York.

The principal purposes were to "render permanent the cordial affection subsisting among the officers of our army" who had taken part in the war; and, to be prepared to render assistance to the members of their families who might be in need.

The constitution of the Order, THE INSTITUTION, expressed the purposes thus, and are read at every meeting:

"An incessant attention to preserve inviolate those exalted rights and liberties of human nature for which they have fought and bled, and without which the high rank of a rational being is a curse instead of a blessing.

"An unalterable determination to promote and cherish, between the respective states, that union and national honor so essentially necessary to their happiness and the future dignity of the American Empire.

"To render permanent the cordial affection subsisting among the officers. This spirit will dictate brotherly kindness in all things, and particularly extend to the most substantial acts of beneficence, according to the ability of the society, towards those officers and their families who unfortunately may be under the necessity of receiving it."

Andre de Maricourt, in the magazine, "France-Etats-Unis", also expressed one of the objects of its formation by saying that it "sealed in a solemn manner, and in an hereditary way, the friendships of two peoples."

One of the first acts of the meeting of May 13, 1783, was to extend membership to certain grades of French officers, declaring that the "Society, deeply impressed with a sense of the generous assistance this country has received from France, and desirous of perpetuating the friendships which have been formed, and so happily sub-

sisted, between the officers of the allied forces, in the prosecution of the War, direct that the President-General transmit, as soon as may be, to each of the characters hereafter named, a medal containing the Order of the Society, viz.: His Excellency the Chevalier de la Luzerne Minister Plenipotentiary, His Excellency the Sieur Gerard, late Minister Plenipotentiary, Their Excellencies the Count d'Estaing, the Count de Grasse, the Count de Barras, the Chevalier des Touches, Admirals and Commanders in the Navy, His Excellency the Count de Rochambeau, Commander-in-Chief, and the Generals and Colonels of his army, and acquaint them that the Society does itself the honor to consider them members."

General Washington, who as previously mentioned, was elected the First President of the society, wrote Rochambeau this letter:

TO THE COUNT DE ROCHAMBEAU

Rocky Hill in New Jersey, 29 October 1783

Sir:

The officers of the American Army, in order to perpetuate that mutual friendships which they contracted in the hour of common danger and distress, and for other purposes which are mentioned in the instrument of their association have united together in a society of Friends under the name Cincinnati; and having honored me with the office of president, it becomes a very agreeable part of my duty to inform you that the Society have done themselves the honor to consider you and the generals and officers of the army which you commanded in America as members of the society.

Major L'Enfant, who will have the honor to deliver this letter to you, will execute the Order to the Society in France, amongst which he is directed to present you with one of the first Orders that are made, and likewise with Orders for the other gentlemen of your army, which I take the liberty to request you would present to them in the name of the Society. As soon as the diploma is made out, I will have the honor to transmit it to you.

(Archives of the General Society)

The letter was then transmitted through the Minister of War to King Louis XVI, who promptly on December 18th signified his approval, and the French Order of the Cincinnati was organized on July 4, 1784. Up to that time, the King of France had not allowed his officers to wear any foreign decorations. He immediately, however, made an exception in favor of the insignia of the Society of the Cincinnati. Membership in the Order was so eagerly sought that it soon became one of the most coveted in Europe.

To General Henry Knox belongs the title of founder of the Cincinnati, for it appears from Thomas Jefferson's diary that in a conversation with John Adams as early as 1776, General Knox expressed "a wish for some ribbon to wear in his hat or in his button-hole, to be transmitted to his des-

cendants as a badge and proof that he fought in defense of their liberties."

The original copy of the "Proposals" to form such an order is in Knox's handwriting, and is now among the papers left in the care of the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston, by his grandson, Admiral Henry Knox Thatcher, who served as president of the Massachusetts branch of the Cincinnati.

The State Societies of the Cincinnati were formed on different dates. The General Society of the Cincinnati was established on May 13, 1783, at Newburgh, NY, the cantonment of the American Military forces, by the officers of the victorious American Army.

The name of the Society was selected from that of the illustrious Roman General, Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus, who at the call of country, left his home to lead the armies of Rome to Victory, and when that victory was achieved, returned to his farm, refusing the honors usually accorded victorious leaders returning with their military forces.

One of the interesting facts in connection with the Cincinnati is that the medal or jewel of the Society was designed by Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, of the Continental Corps of Engineers, who later planned the Capitol of this country.

The Society voted that "the bald eagle, carrying the emblems on its breast, be established as the Order of the Society, and that the ideas of Major L'Enfant respecting it and the manner of its being worn by the members...be adopted."

On February 24, 1784, the officers of the French Navy who had been admitted to the Order of the Cincinnati, presented General Washington through his Excellency, the Count d'Estaing, the ranking Naval officer, the Eagle of the Cincinnati richly set in diamonds.

General Washington was so deeply touched by the gift of the Diamond Eagle by the Count d'Estaing, on the part of the officers of the French Navy, that he thenceforth wore this Eagle instead of the one he had purchased.

Thus, the diamond Eagle has been worn by each of the twenty-eight men who have held the office of President-General. It is now held for the Society by three trustees: The President-General, the Secretary-General, and the Treasurer-General; and, is worn on such occasions as the President-General may deem proper.

At the first meeting, General Washington was unanimously chosen President-General, and held that office until his death, when he was succeeded by Major General Alexander Hamilton, who in turn remained President-General until his tragic death.

Among the great leaders of the American Revolution, who became members of the Society besides George Washington were Alexander Hamilton, the Marquis de Lafayette, Henry Knox, Nathanael Greene, Friedrich Von Steuben, Benjamin Lincoln, Charles C. Pinckney, John Paul Jones, Israel Putnam, John Schuyler, Horatio Gates, James Monroe, William Moultrie, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Anthony Wayne, William Sullivan, "Light Horse Harry" Lee, Arthur St. Clair, and many others.

From the early issue of THE NEW YORK DIRECTORY (1786), many members of the Cincinnati are known to have been Freemasons. Those mentioned are George Washington, the Marquis de Lafayette, General Friedrich

## Did You Know?



FORT MCHENRY, MARYLAND, OF "STAR SPANGLED BANNER" FAME, WAS NAMED FOR JAMES MCHENRY, U.S. SECRETARY OF WAR UNDER WASHINGTON.



EDWARD JENNER (1749-1823)

ENGLISH PHYSICIAN, WAS THE DISCOVERER OF VACCINATION. HE OBSERVED THAT MILK-MAIDS WHO HAD COWPOX DID NOT GET SMALLPOX! AFTER EXPERIMENTING, HE ANNOUNCED HIS DISCOVERY IN 1789. JENNER WAS MASTER OF ROYAL FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 270, BERKELEY, ENGLAND, IN 1811-13.

MCHENRY WAS A SURGEON IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND PRIVATE SECRETARY TO WASHINGTON AND LAFAYETTE. HE WAS A MEMBER OF SPIRITUAL LODGE NO. 23 OF BALTIMORE, MD.

AARON ELLIOTT (1781-1811), WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN PHYSICIAN WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER WHEN HE CAME TO MISSOURI FROM CONNECTICUT AND SETTLED NEAR STE. GENEVIEVE. HE WAS ALSO THE FIRST MASTER OF THE "FIRST LODGE WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI" - LODGE LOUISIANA NO. 109, UNDER DISPENSATION FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1808.

MINER'S LODGE NO. 273 GALENA ILL., ALTHOUGH A LODGE OF BUT FIFTY MEMBERS, SUPPLIED FIVE GENERALS TO THE FEDERAL ARMY DURING THE CIVIL WAR. AMONG THEM WERE JOHN A. RAWLINGS, LATER SECRETARY OF WAR, ELY S. PARKER, A SENECA INDIAN, AND WM. R. ROWLEY, ALL OF GENERAL GRANT'S STAFF; ALSO JOHN CORSON SMITH, WHO LATER BECAME GRAND MASTER OF ILLINOIS.



JOHN A. QUITMAN, AT ONE TIME GRAND MASTER OF MISSISSIPPI, COMMANDED A DIVISION OF GENERAL SCOTT'S ARMY IN MEXICO.

WHEN THE CITY OF MEXICO WAS TAKEN HE WAS MADE GOVERNOR OF THAT CITY UNTIL PEACE WAS PROCLAIMED.



GENERAL GEORGE E. PICKETT, WHO COMMANDED THE CONFEDERATE LINES AT GETTYSBURG AND LED THE FINAL ASSAULT, WAS A FREEMASON.

THE FIRST FIELD LODGE, FOLLOWING THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES IN 1783, WAS FORMED IN THE "LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES", COMMANDED BY GENERAL ANTHONY WAYNE, AND IT IS SAID THAT NEARLY ALL OF THE MEMBERS LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE INDIAN WAR.



BRO. THOMAS MCKEAN, SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, WAS PRESIDENT OF DELAWARE AND CHIEF JUSTICE OF PENNSYLVANIA AT THE SAME TIME (1777).

Von Steuben, Chancellor Robert R. Livingston (Grand Master), John Paul Jones, and General Henry Knox.

Although the Society of the Cincinnati is in no way a Masonic body, nor ever was, the Society might well be considered a quasi Masonic organization as most, if not all of the founders, were Freemasons. It is also well known that Freemasonry became active throughout the Colonies im-

mediately after the Grand Lodge of England was instituted in 1717 Freemasonry was brought here by human beings who sought freedom and peace in every facet of life.

Thus, Freemasonry and the Society of the Cincinnati ran a like to each other. Each complementing the other to preserve Liberty, cherish the union of the States, and maintain permanent the cordiality between officers and mutual friends.

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**Webster Lodge**  
Lodge No. 538  
1st & 3rd Thursdays  
7:30 P.M.  
30 Church St  
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Dear Brethren,

Since the last article a multitude of things have happened. The parking lot has been completed. We are very pleased with the job and hope you will come out, on a Lodge night, and drive on it. As I mentioned in the last article the cost was \$7,000.00 and we were able to take the money out of our nest egg and we would like to replace it. If you want to help you can by two different methods. First you may send a check. Second, you can help out on June 1, 2, or 3 at the Fairport Canal Days at which we are setting up our trailer and selling hots and hamburgs and drinks. I am chairing this event and I need help. Please call and we will set up a time slot for you.

I mentioned that we were going to have another sale at the Lodge and we have. As of this writing we have raised over \$200.00. My thanks to Charly Moore who spent countless hours at the sale and to the rest of the guys who helped.

On April 29 at 4:30 am my wife and I got out of bed to go to Grand Lodge. The train was supposed to leave at 6:15 a.m. but didn't pull out until 7:15 a.m. We had a ball!!! To those that say the sole

purpose of the trip is to go to Grand Lodge and come home, I say BULLFEATHERS. A very important part of Masonry was practiced on the train, at the restaurants, and everywhere we went. That was friendship and Brotherly love. We as brothers and spouses became much closer and secured friendships that will last far beyond our year as Master. At Grand Lodge there were few things to report on, but I did make the report in Lodge and I have copies of it in my computer so you can have one if you want to call me.

On May 3 we had our move-up night. I am told that every one that attended did a good job.

May 12 found 23 Brothers down in the fellowcraft room making a decision to purchase a new shed for \$500.00 to house a riding lawn mower being donated by Wes Beard. For those that can't come out too often I think you are probably unaware of how much the fellowcraft really does. The fellowcrafts main functions (as I perceive it) are to put on the second section of the Third Degree and to socialize. But they also do the building maintenance such as painting as the trustees request. They not only provide the manpower but as was the case at the last meeting they reimbursed the trustees for the paint. It has made things much quicker and easier to do than wait for all the approvals at Lodge. As far as the socializing I for one have never seen a group that is more proficient.

On June 7 we will have a family entertainment night with a cook-

out. The meeting itself will be very short so that we don't leave everybody downstairs by themselves. You may come in casual attire as the room will probably be very warm. The evening will start at 6:15 pm. Please RSVP with the Jr. Warden so that we can plan. Our last meeting for the summer will be on June 21. This will be our annual CRAZY SHIRT NIGHT and hot dog roast. The time will be 7:30 pm and the food will be served after the meeting so eat light that night. This years winner will be photographed and the picture will be hung until next year's winner can replace it or be hung by its side.

As this is the last article before September, I will give you the summers dates as well as September's.

July - Nothing Scheduled  
August - Blood Drive

19th Masonic Family Picnic at the Shrine Temple on Bay Rd. (see Master for tickets)

25th Seneca Webster-joint party at Webster Park. This will be a Lobster and Steak Pig out. You will hear details as they develop.

Sept. 6th Corn and Sausage roast Review summer business 6:30 pm

Sept 13 Fellowcraft  
Sept. 20 1st Degree Worshipful Master in the East, formal, 7:30 pm  
Sept 22 Visit Ionic Lodge in Canada

Fraternally,  
W. Bruce D. Chilton  
Master

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Our sympathy goes out to the family of Wor. Bro. Jasper H. Miner who passed away April 25th. A Masonic Service was held the following evening at Corbetts Funeral Home.

Wor. Bro. Rich Friedman of Ancient Craft gave a most comprehensive and informative talk on President and General Andrew Jackson.

Best wishes to Brethren Edward Cass and Harold Straat who are on the sick list. Brother Jack Grover was scheduled for surgery May 10th at Genesee Hospital, but due to complications it was postponed. Wor. Bro. Carl Schacht also was due for surgery but that also has been postponed. We hope you are feeling better by now, Carl.

We attended Monroe Chapter's recent card party followed with a wide selection of delicious desserts and coffee. R.W. Vern Goodrich was presented with a door prize in addition to another table prize for being winners of a euchre foursome with Bro. Glen Ide against Bros. Bob Thompson and Ogden - that's not all! Vern and Glen clobbered the two Bobs (Gee, guys, nice going).

Our annual Lodge picnic is scheduled for August 11th at R.W.

Vern Goodrich's home at 31 Hillrise Drive, Penfield. Thanks again, Barb and Vern, for being such hospitable hosts.

On June 5th Craftsman will join with Monroe Chapter of the Eastern Star for dinner on the third floor of the Temple/Fellas, let's have a real good turnout.

Anyone in distress or in need of assistance, please call Hospitaler Wor. Bro. Volney B. Frankel at 244-1644, or Bro. Jack E. Grover at 247-3007.

Many happy returns to the following Brethren with birthdays in May:

Edgar J. Bastian  
Alfred J. Bowers  
Mark L. Cold  
Herman E. Eggiman  
Duane Franklin  
Charles W. Freida  
William H. Leggett  
Leonard R. Schulmerich  
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Robert F. Ogden-Sec'y

Trestleboard  
June 5  
Reg. Lodge Mtg  
June 12  
Fellowcraft-1st Deg. rehearsal-  
1st floor Temple  
June 19  
Wild Shirt Night