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Monroe Masons make Masonic history

Ten lesson correspondence course in a day !!



The Grand Lodge Leadership Correspondence Course grads were still able to stand and take nourishment at the end of a dedicated study day!

By Brother Neil E. Laundry

Instead of back and forth mailings of lessons, responses to questions, tests and quizzes, and receiving the correct answers before proceeding to the next segment, how about taking a correspondence course in a discussion group or seminar setting?

Roundtable learning

The seminar approach was the brainchild of R. W. A. Wayne Engbrecht, President of the Bureau of Masonic Education of Monroe County. Wayne proposed the concept to R. W. George Peter, the "father" of the Grand Lodge Leadership Development Course. George was elated with this idea for innovation in the course presentation and happy to help gain the endorsements necessary to proceed.

One day equals ten lessons!

They devised a format which allowed the primary content of each of the course's ten lessons to be presented in a single day. This meant that the Course, which usually takes anywhere from several weeks to several months to complete (sections and lessons mailed to and from the Peter address), would be completed by a large group in a single day.

Convention Survival, 1991 Style!

If you made it to the Grand Lecturer's Convention, you know what became of Hiram! If you didn't, attend Lodge when a 3° is being dramatized so you can be revitalized in your Masonry and the Hiram Legend.

For some 120 brothers, the mystery is resolved! Inspector Bond came to Rochester in late October as promised in the October issue of the Times. He instructed in his inimitable and entertaining fashion.

This annual Grand Lecturer's Convention at the Downtown Rochester Temple saw the largest attendance in these Districts in the past several years.

We'll report in detail in a column next month. □

**Don't forget -
Vote on the 5th!!**

Learn about your Craft

The course is basically designed to improve a participant's knowledge of Masonry and to familiarize him with Masonic reference texts for future applications. It relies heavily on the "Officer's Training Guide, Masonic Executive Manual; the Book of Constitutions and Masonic Law in the State of New York, and the "Monitor". Lessons cover such topics as "Know your Product", "Know your Duty", "Planning and Organization Skills", "Oral Skills", and "Written Communication". Also included are "Program Planning", the "Structure of Grand Lodge" and the "Charity of Freemasonry".



Course "father" R. W. George Peter at the far left, class master R. W. A. Wayne Engbrecht and on right, AGL and course instructor W. Richard C. Friedman.

Who would do this?

George Peter joined Wayne Engbrecht, Rich Friedman and Ted Honea as Program Presenters. Table Moderators were appointed and were in charge of monitoring student progress and fielding questions at the tables. Paul Spillane, Charlie Spiegel, Scott Seltzer, John Zabel, Bill Lindsay and Ray Kneppar, all alumni of the course, filled those slots.

There were 250 graduates

Of the 100,000 plus Masons in New York State, there have been just under 1,000 who enrolled in the Course. Of these, only about 250 could call themselves "graduates" as of the beginning of September.

There were 57 people at the downtown Temple in Rochester this September day. They came from 9 of the 65 Masonic Districts in the State, the seminar having

been publicized with an invitation to all who wanted to enroll. Of those who attended, 47 were students and 9 were graduate table moderators and instructors.

New enrollees from the Monroes numbered 11 from the First District and 12 from the Second. Previous enrollees were 3 from the First and 4 from the Second. On this day alone, 30 Brothers from the Monroes were awarded handsome certificates acknowledging completion of the course!

There were 17 Brothers from the surrounding Districts who were added to the alumni list this day. These attendees plan to take their experience home with them and either duplicate it in their Districts or improve upon it with variations they have already developed. For example, the Genesee-Wyoming District is considering a split program where in one-half of the course will be presented in a day, and the balance in another day a month or two later.

47 new graduates!

All who "graduated" are not only among the few elite who have gained "further light in Masonry" in this form, but they are pioneers at either auditing or taking part in this pilot program.

Three BuEd courses in Monroes

The Bureau of Education in Monroe County added this pro-

Jacob H. Vogel 100 on September 23, 1991!



Standing from left to right (rear): Paul Spillane, Merch Merritt, Elwyn Worden, Charles Simpson, Frank Jansson, Don Kreck, Doug Spencer, David Foster and John Foster. From left (front): Harold Bollotin, honoree Jake Vogel, Tom Paglia and Harry Kittredge.

By W. Harold Bollotin

Brother Vogel is a very spry centenarian who enjoyed the fan-

fare on the Sunday before his birthday. He resides at the Penfield

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tunities of lay brethren and officers alike.

Some strategies used

When this course of action was established, the Bureau decided to subsidize it to some extent to help defray the cost for students. This was also to offer an enrollment inducement. Course materials were provided, but there will be some who will want to purchase their own copies of the Book of Constitutions and the like. Lunch was also offered as part of the enrollment package.

Plans are already in the works to refine and expand the program to make it available to many more of our Brethren across the State. The Monroe Districts are pleased to recognize the fine efforts, and results produced by R. W. Wayne Engbrecht and R. W. George Peter, and their staff of educational assistants!

State standings on enrollment

Districts across the State with the largest enrollments to date are:

| DISTRICT | ENROLLED |
|----------------------|----------|
| Second Monroe | 109 |
| Manhattans* | 108 |
| First Monroe | 66 |
| First Queens | 61 |
| Second Onondaga | 42 |
| Suffolk | 33 |
| First Onondaga | 29 |
| Wayne | 12 |
| Ontario/Seneca/Yates | 31 |
| Cayuga/Tompkins | 14 |

*includes all ten Districts

Of these, the First Monroe District has the highest percentage of graduates at 57%.

The Monroes are proud to be in the vanguard of Districts in the State when it comes to innovative ways to help the Brethren increase their light in Masonry or improve their Masonic knowledge.

Want to enroll?

If you have not taken this course and wish to do so on your own, contact Grand Lodge at 1-800-3MASON4 for enrollment application information, or write the Grand Secretary's office at 71 West 23rd Street, New York, N. Y. 10010-4149. □



From left seated, Brother John Zabel, R. W. Paul Spillane and R. W. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., handle course registrations.

program as one of three courses they offer to local Masons. They have an Entry Level program for newly raised brethren and a Journey-

man or advanced program, as well. This pilot program represents the Bureau's Leadership program to round out the educational oppor-

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EDITORIAL

No Candidates Names

On occasion, columns will be sent for publication which contain the names of candidates for the various degrees. We must omit the names from the paper because Masonic Law of the State of New York (Section XI, para. 800) prohibits giving the names of candidates for degrees, other than in sealed envelopes properly addressed and marked "strictly personal", or in person.

Summonses should be sealed

While we're referring to Masonic Law, those who send correspondence to summon their members should review their Masonic Law handbook. Section XII, para 1003 for example, declares it illegal to use unsealed envelopes or postcards to summon members. The Times is therefore restricted from publishing summonses, since it is an "open" publication.

Room set-up

When you are permitted to use lodge rooms at the downtown Rochester Masonic Temple, remember that you may find furnishings arranged differently than your group would desire them.

Be prepared to appoint someone to arrive early to check and re-arrange the room to your specifications. There is no paid staff available to set-up lodge rooms for each organization that owns, rents or is otherwise provided space.

MASONRY IS...

Masonry is the oldest fraternal order in the world at 6000 years of recorded history with a 3000 year tradition.

Masonry is the prototype for most modern fraternal societies and service organizations.

Brothers join together in lodges to reinforce their efforts to maintain high moral principles as good citizens, to teach and practice ideals of kindness, honesty, decency, fairness, courtesy, understanding and concern. They practice patriotism and learn how

to shape their lives in accordance with the best practices of civilized society. They uphold the belief of a "brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of a Supreme Being". If a man has the desire to promote the virtues of integrity, exemplify his practice of good citizenship, to come together with other men of the same mind and for a kindred fellowship, what better place than in a lodge of his peers, practicing, seeking and striving for the same?

Friendship, morality and brotherly love are the bottom line.

Men gain membership through their own free will. Members let those of their non-Masonic friends, who have the characteristics of a Mason, know of a Mason's zeal. They help those friends gain admittance to the Craft when, and only when, they have elected to seek out or be curious about the Craft.

Masons are proud of their heritage and of their part in the perpetuation of this honorable institution.

Staff changes

If you look at the "masthead" in this issue, you may note that W.: Art Harmer has moved from the Circulation Department to the Advertising Department. He has been succeeded in the former by R.: W.: A. John Tjhou. After all, John does get around!! (in his capacity as Regional Asst. Grand Lecturer).

Our feature on the "Masonic Quiz Game" concludes with the last 10 questions in the December issue of the Times. We hope there have been some among our readers who have learned from it and increased their light in Masonry.

Starting with the January issue, we expect start a running article featuring the Temple buildings within our subscriber Districts. Should any reader have some brief historical or anecdotal information on the various Temples (or Halls, if you prefer), we hope you will be willing to share it with our readership.

the demands have increased and so has the cost of wheelchair transportation. This, compounded with the fact that fewer people are making individual donations, makes our assistance even more vital.

Therefore, Ed Oleksiak, Staff Advisor, has contacted us and asked for our help again.

Please! Encourage your lodge to participate! This is what Masonry is about -- "helping your fellow man."

Contributions should be mailed directly to:

E. J. Oleksiak
MCH Patient Transportation Fund
435 East Henrietta Road,
Rochester, NY 14620.

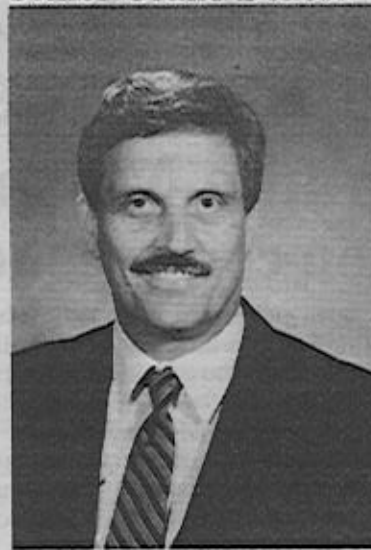
Since I am moving to the great State of Tennessee in the first half of 1992, would some brother step forward to be the coordinator with the Hospital to succeed me, so this activity does not die for lack of promotion? Please feel free to get in touch with me at anytime. Very little time is required on your part.

Sum it up

And to sum it all up Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward the wicked, help for the weak, trust in the strong, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all,

R.: W.: Gary A. Henningsen

Senior Grand Deacon



§ SPEAKER AT MONROE'S JOINT INVESTITURE SERVICE DECEMBER 23, 1991

By R.: W.: Ronald Mertens
The Joint Investiture Service of the Monroe Districts will be held on Monday, December 23rd, 1991. We have the honor of hosting R.: W.: Gary A. Henningsen. He resides on Staten Island and is a member of the 3rd Kings in Brooklyn.

Notice that for the first time in a long period, the Service precedes the holiday week. Most often recently, it has fallen between Christmas and New Year's Day.

This event is open to all Masters, Masters-elect and past Masters.

Those who escort their new lodge Masters should consider getting Lodge approval to have the new Master's picture appear in the Lodge logo for news articles in the Masonic Times during the year 1992. Editorial staff will be present to take the photos, so it's only necessary for the Lodge representative to bring money! (\$10.00 will suffice and is to defray the cost of creating a newsprint ready photo).

Masonic Readers Forum

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We welcome letters to the Masonic Reader Forum. All letters must be signed and include the writer's phone number for confirmation. We do not print letters of endorsement. Neither do we print anonymous letters.

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Dear Editor:
I clip articles and copy and distribute them to Brothers and friends. To identify with the appropriate issue of the paper, you would make it more convenient for me if you would put the month at the top of the page with the page number.

Brother Fred Holderle
Ask and ye shall receive! Note we've adopted your suggestion.
Ed. □

reverence and love for God.
These and many other answers can be applied to the questions your friends will ask. Speak up. What do we have to hide-save that which pertains to our esoteric Work?
Freemasonry is a *Way of Life!*
(reprinted from the *Scottish Rite Bulletin, Williamsport, Pa.*)

Directory Booster Ads

By R.: W.: H. Fritz Friedrich
As Chairman of the Directory Committee, I invite you to join the Masonic Service Bureau Directory Boosters Club. The annual Directory of Officers and Committees serves all Monroe County Masonic Lodges, related men's and women's organizations, and concordant bodies.

Booster Club Ad's

To help meet the cost of publishing the 1992 Directory, a Boosters' Club roster will be included. This is an opportunity for individuals, lodges, units, groups, etc., to publicize names of individuals or organizations in the roster ads. You could say, "Compliments of . . .", "In memory of . . .", "Best Wishes from . . .", or something original.

You can get a single booster ad (one page wide by about 3/4 inch) for \$10.00.
Become a booster today! Fill in the application and mail, with your check, no later than December 14, 1991.

Booster Ad Application

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If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Directory, please call me at 586-0201. □

Don't forget - - Vote on the 5th

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By R.: W.: David C. Clarke
The Rochester Consistory will celebrate Family Life with a program on Thursday Evening November 7, 1991 at 7:30 P.M. in Cathedral Hall.
The program will be under the direction of David Clarke and William Baldwin. Please mark your calendars now so you can attend this very worthwhile program.

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Jacob H. Vogel

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Nursing Home. W. Harold Bollotin saw that this event was well publicized in print and on radio and television.



Party host Harold Bollotin stands with honoree Jake Vogel who proudly wears his Grotto fez.

Brother Vogel was raised in Germania Lodge #722 in 1914. He received his 32° in the Valley of Rochester in 1920, and was honored with the Meritorious Service Award in 1975. The candidate classes in the Fall of 1988 and the Spring of 1989 were named in his honor. Brother Vogel became a Prophet in Lalla Rookh Grotto, MOVPER, in 1936 and a Shriner in Damascus Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S in 1920.

Guests at the party

Representatives of each Masonic body of which Jake is a member were at the party to present him letters and certificates from both local and national branches, recognizing this milestone.

The Lodge

Past Masters Douglas Spencer, Donald Kreck and David Foster as well as Secretary Brother John Foster presented a cake and Lodge certificate.

Grand Lodge

R. W. Ronald Mertens, past Jr. Grand Warden, and R. W. Paul Spillane, District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Monroe District, jointly presented Jake with a personal letter from Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, M. W. Richard P. Thomas.

Grotto

Monarch Merch Merritt presented letters and certificates, including those from Grand Monarch of the Supreme Council of Grotto, William Bodle.

Scottish Rite

First Lt. Commander Charles Simpson, MSA, and his wife Effie; Master of Wardrobe Frank Jansson, MSA, and his wife Betty



Germania Lodge representatives, standing left to right are: Doug Spencer, Don Kreck, David Foster and John Foster.

and daughter Gail; Hospitaler Tom Paglia, MSA, and his wife Cora, and Sovereign Prince Harold Bollotin, represented the Consistory as well as Ill. Francis G. Paul, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Shrine

Outer Guard of the Divan Paul W. Spillane made presentations from the Illustrious Potentate of Damascus Temple and the Imperial Potentate of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America. Jake also received recognition from Shriners Hospitals

for Crippled Children.

The White House

Congratulatory cards were presented to Jake from President and Mrs. Bush.

Jake's family acknowledges Thelma and Bob Flynn, daughter and son-in-law, sent written appreciation to W. Bollotin for all his efforts. They remarked on how pleased and proud Jake had been, recognizing Harold as his very special friend, and a good Mason! They wished their grateful appreciation to be printed to give thanks to all Masons who made this a big event in their lives. □

WHO'S WHO?

Here are your 1991-1992 Grand Lodge officers, committee men, representatives and lecturer's

By R. W. Jay McCullough

The Official Roster of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and Register of Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions, as well as the Assistant Grand Lecturer List, is published annually.

As a ready reference, here are those from our area and the capacity in which they serve Grand Lodge. Clip and save.

- R. W. R. Kenneth Crawford, 1976-78 Sr. Grand Warden
- R. W. Ronald D. Mertens, 1988-90 Jr. Grand Warden
- Ellsworth A. VanGraafeiland, Commission of Appeals
- R. W. Robert H. Hebner, 1990-92 DDGM, Genesee-Wyoming
- R. W. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., 1991-92 DDGM, 1st Monroe
- R. W. Paul W. Spillane, 1990-92 DDGM, 2nd Monroe
- R. W. A. Wayne Engbrecht, 1991-1992 GD Ceremonies

- R. W. Robert G. Seils, 1990-92 GD Ceremonies
- R. W. George Simon, 1990-92 Grand Sword Bearer
- R. W. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., Grand Chaplain
- R. W. Robert C. Hathaway, Grand Chaplain
- Committees

Those who serve on several of the committees parallel those who serve at the pleasure of District Deputy Grand Masters as District Committee Chairmen. The latter have been identified in DDGM columns in previous issues of the Times.

- Awards
- R. W. Donald F. Leisten, Benevolence
- R. W. Arnold W. Frear, (Area Chairman)
- R. W. Kenneth E. Buckland, Blood Donor Program
- R. W. Lawrence K. Canfield, Camp Turk
- W. Robert C. Green Jr., Charters
- R. W. Ronald D. Mertens, Charters
- R. W. Myron L. Dox, Communications
- R. W. Luther I. Webster (Emeritus)
- Communications
- R. W. Robert C. Pettit, Custodians of the Work
- R. W. Maurice Solomon, Regional Assistant Grand Lecturers
- R. W. A. John Tijou (Western) Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention
- R. W. Robert E. Rudman, Endowments
- R. W. William Dworkin
- R. W. Gerald J. Glaser
- R. W. Roger E. Lowry
- R. W. William H. Russell, Finance
- R. W. Frederick A. Stahl, General
- John F. Morgan, Genesee-Wyoming District
- Ralph E. Schneckenburger
- R. W. John S. Stockholm, Law Enforcement
- R. W. Albert E. Goldman, Leadership Services

- R. W. A. Wayne Engbrecht
- W. Richard C. Friedman
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- R. W. Thomas M. Paglia, Youth
- Donald B. Ferguson
- R. W. Mathew L. Gingold
- R. W. Stephen R. Whittaker, Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges
- R. W. James B. Scobell, Arizona
- R. W. Paul J. Rogers, Missouri
- R. W. Robert L. Anderson, North Carolina
- R. W. Frank J. Horton, Ohio
- R. W. Edward Jennings, Tasmania
- Assistant Grand Lecturers
- W. Douglas J. Kelly, Genesee-Wyoming District
- W. Richard C. Friedman, First Monroe District
- W. Terry W. Wihlen, Second Monroe District

This offer will expire December 31, 1991.

At that time, the program will be reviewed to determine the possible need to continue the Tops Tape-Saver program past this deadline.

Start today

Get your Lodge or Chapter out on the road to accomplishing the worthwhile goal of collecting tapes to be redeemed by your Service Bureau!

What will the Bureau do then

Redeem the tapes (you need a sizeable tape total such as a minimum of \$20,000) to buy new equipment to loan, such as walkers, wheelchairs, crutches and other handicap aids.

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Tops cash register tapes can be turned into extra dollars for our non-profit organization!

Here's How It Works

Simply start collecting Tops register tapes. Once you have them properly added and bundled up, mail or bring them in to the Service Bureau office. For every \$300 worth of tapes we turn in, our organization will receive \$1.00 in cash toward our non-profit objectives.

How Cash Is Awarded

Tapes will be bundled in groups of approximately \$1,000 per bundle. The total used while adding is the one the customer actually paid, including tax. After Tops accounting evaluation, the Service Bureau will be sent a check in the amount of value on the register tapes (at \$1.00 for every \$300.00 in tapes). □

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TESTIMONIAL

Wednesday Evening, November 20, 1991

Honoring

R. W. Paul J. Rogers
Editor, Monroe Masonic News, 1983-1991

The Party House
677 Behan Road

Social Hour (Cash Bar) 6:00 P.M.
Dinner 7:00 P.M.

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District Deputy Grand Master
Genesee - Wyoming District



By R. W. Robert Hebner

There was a chain. It had a big hook on one end, many links in the middle and a large ring on the other end. It seems that the Big Hook decided that because he was at the head of this chain he was the most important member. When the ring at the other end heard this he was aghast, for he knew that if the Big Hook didn't have him to latch on to, they really could not work together.

Upset Links

Now all of the links in between were upset because they felt that they were being cheated out of their rightful recognition. However, they had no idea as to how to handle the situation.

So Big Hook went on bragging and Round Ring went on working with him, even though he was not too happy about it.

Brave Link

Then one day the Littlest Link in the chain had a bright idea. "If I let go in the middle of a very important job, both Big Hook and Round Ring will be unable to do any good," he thought to himself. That is what he decided to do...and that is what he did!

Right at the crucial time Littlest Link just plain let go. The whole chain parted. Big Hook no longer could do his job, Round Ring was of no value and all of the complaining he did was to no avail. For, you see, Littlest Link really proved that he was just as important to that chain as any of the other parts.

Fraternal Chain

The reason for this parable, my brothers, is to show you that the smallest and weakest link in our Fraternal Chain is the one we must care for the most. Our "Chain Gang" cannot survive if we do not pay attention to all of

our members. There should be no Big Hook or Round Ring in our fraternity. Only one continuous chain of many links that all work together and pull together to achieve goals. Together.

Working Together

In this respect I would like to commend the brothers of Genesee-Wyoming District. You have proven that you all belong to a fine "Chain Gang". You have been given challenges and all worked together to meet them. Our work is not over, however, so we must not let up. Please don't let yourself become "Littlest Link" and cause our chain to part; nor become "Big Hook" or "Round Ring" and think you are the most important member of the Chain.

"It just ain't so!!!" □

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



W. John W. Bater Master
548-7770

W. Stuart P. Lamboin, Secretary
494-1360

12 South Lake Ave.
Bergen, N.Y. 14416

1st and 3rd Thursday

By W. John W. Bater

R. W. Robert H. Hebner, District Deputy Grand Master of the Genesee-Wyoming District, at his official visit and homecoming, gave a very inspirational message from the Grand Master and

Grand Director Of Ceremonies Of the Grand Lodge Of New York



R. W. Robert G. Scils

By R. W. Robert G. Scils

Here it is the first of November already. I would guess the Masters are getting ready to retire from their positions and let the new Masters take charge of their lodges. I know that it will be an exciting year for all of the new Masters as it was a special year in my life.

Planning for Year

I have written a letter to each of the new Masters elect in the Genesee-Wyoming District regarding taking the time to plan for a successful and active year. It is important that we do this so that we can make our lodge flourish with excitement. I would suggest that in your planning that you would not have just a plain old business meeting, which I find to be boring and think that this is one of the reasons that we may be losing attendance. If we plan for more programs that are available thru Grand Lodge and in your local areas for speakers and entertainment, this should help increase lodge attendance. This would get the interest of some of the brothers and maybe they would like to attend the lodge to see what is going on. Maybe you

relating to his own projects, as well. It will be a challenge for both myself and S. W. Donald Hargrave to get these programs carried out successfully. The programs include:

- Increased membership
- Camp Turk
- Interesting meetings
- Drug and alcohol program
- Masonic education
- Brotherhood fund
- Maintaining membership

A delicious dinner was served by Hesperus Chapter O.E.S. Thank you, ladies!

First Degree

On November 7th, we will be conferring the first degree on four candidates with W. Van Hulburt in the East. Dinner will precede this meeting at 6:30 p.m. Let's have a good attendance for the send off of these men. Practice date will be announced by phone contacts!!

Move-up

November 21st will be move-up night with S. W. Donald Hargrave in the East. He and his subordinate officers will be in charge of the program for the

Brotherhood Fund & Dues

Now is the time to contribute to the Brotherhood Fund. J. W. John Jessop is chairman of this year's drive. Envelopes and information will be enclosed with dues notices.

Annual special project

Our special project will be November 30th, at the Bergen Fire

could try to have more programs open to the public so they can see we are alive and well. I feel this would be a great help to the Fraternity.

Leadership Course

In September I attended the Leadership Correspondence Course given at the Masonic Temple. This was a great day for 8 Brothers from the Genesee-Wyoming District. I found this to be one of the best courses that I have taken in some time, being very informative on Masonic history and other facts about Masonry. I would recommend this course for anyone going through the chairs and also to anyone that would like to improve their knowledge on Masonry. It will also make you use the Officers Training Guide which is filled with information on running a lodge and Masonic history. The course information can be found in the pamphlet "So You Want To Be A Leader". It is a course that you take at home at your own pace and the cost is only \$16.00. This was the first time this course was given in a one day session and I personally think it was one of the best days spent by those who took this course.

Seminar

By the time you receive this letter I hope that we have been to the October 26th Seminar. I know that the classes that I took by these people when I was in Utica were real interesting and they helped me in what I am doing for the lodge. I feel that it won't only help you in the lodge but it will also help you in your own personal life. The Grand Master said he would like to have at least 4 members from each lodge attend this seminar.

Masters and Wardens

Congratulations to the Masters and Wardens Association in the Genesee-Wyoming District for doing a fine job. This is a program that I started up again in the district last year, and it is beneficial to each of the members. It is for your benefit that this program was reinstated. The Masters and Wardens is for friendship and fun for all in the district. Without this we would not know what the district is doing and we would have a lot of conflict with our programming. I would like for each lodge to at least send one member from their lodge for these meetings. You will know what is going on and enjoy the fun. You will find more about our last meeting elsewhere in the Masonic Times.

In January I will be enclosing a list of my visits so that the new Masters will be aware of when I will be at their respective lodge.

Until next time I wish you all well. □

WARSAW LODGE No. 549



F. & A.M.

W. Richard C. Benn, Master
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W. Allen L. Capwell, Secretary
786-8989

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Masonic Temple
75 South Main St.
Warsaw, N.Y. 14569

By W. Richard C. Benn

As I mentioned in last month's Hall. Tickets are a must, so see a member for them. Brother John Jessop is chairman and he can use help for this event. □

November 1991

column, we presented the DeWitt Clinton Award to the local fire department rescue squad. Several members of the squad were in attendance at our regular communication. This is only their second expression of appreciation in many years of service to the community. They were overjoyed to receive this attention and we are certainly proud and honored to have been able to present the Award. We also added a small monetary stipend to further show our appreciation for a job well done.

Degree conferrals

On Tuesday, October 15th, we conferred the first degree on three candidates. J. W. Cliff Drum was in the East. Since one brother already had the degree conferred upon him earlier, we will have four candidates for the Fellowcraft Degree on November 5th. S. W. George Taylor will confer the degree upon them.

Finally, we have a Fellowcraft in waiting for the Master Mason degree, so I will confer the degree on a class of five brothers on December 3rd. As this is the largest class we will have had in several years, it would be nice if we could have the support of a large attendance at these communications. It certainly would create a great impression for these new brothers, and might even renew the interest of some of our older brothers.

The Brotherhood Fund is in distress. We are at the bottom of the list in our District in contributions and in the number of brothers contributing. I am aware that everyone has their hands in our pockets, but for the cost of a Sunday brunch, we could again claim our rightful place on the list. We are, after all, one of the largest lodges in the District, and should certainly make a better showing than we have been doing lately. Our Brotherhood Fund Chairman is W. Jerry Jones, 5667 Mungers Mills Road, Silver Springs, N. Y. 14550, or contributions can be sent to me, W. Richard C. Benn, Box 33, Wyoming, N. Y. 14591 (don't use the titles on the envelopes, please).

Dues are due

Dues notices will be coming along shortly. In accordance with the increase in Grand Lodge assessments, and the consequent change in our by-laws, dues this year will be \$40.50. This increase is necessary to offset the increase in the cost of doing business in both the Grand Lodge and our own Lodge. We are also in line with what most lodges find they have to assess members in this day and age.

See you next month. □

West Star Lodge No. 413 F. & A.M.

W. Shawn L. Wright, Master
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R. W. Kenneth E. Kohlhagen,
Secretary
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1st & 3rd Mondays

2473 Route 20A
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

By W. Shawn L. Wright

The Lodge exterior has been repainted. It really looks sharp. The Lodge hasn't looked that good in years. Many townspeople have approached me and commented favorably on the new look. I would like to commend Brothers Mel Parmerter, Bill Geitner and Bob Hawkins on a job well done. We could still use some donations to

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defray the cost. Get your donations to Bill Geitner or Mel Parmerter as soon as possible.

50 years

As I reported in the last issue of the Times, the Lodge presented W.: Edwin Francis with his 50 year pin. R.: W.: Robert Hebner, R.: W.: Robert Seils, R.: W.: Ken Kohlagen, W.: Bill Geitner, Brother Glenn Cramer and myself ventured to Ed's residence to present the pin and certificate. It was Lodge night and Ed decided to join us at Lodge. Ed doesn't get around very good but we helped him up the stairs and he really enjoyed himself. I think we enjoyed having him at Lodge even more!

DDGM Visit

The District Deputy made his official visit in September. He stated the Grand Master was very pleased with West Star. He stated that we had excelled in many areas but there was room for improvement in our efforts for the Brotherhood Fund.

Leadership Course

On September 21, Glenn and I along with six others from the District, attended a one day course in Rochester that covered the ten lessons of the Grand Lodge Masonic Correspondence Course. It was time well spent. I wished I had taken the course five years ago. I was really enthused with the course and advise everybody to take it. There are plans to have a similar class for our District! We will run the class doing five lessons one day, then the other five lessons a couple of months later. Be ready to get your application in to participate in this special program.

October activity

On the 4th we held the District fish fry at Warsaw. It was delicious and well attended as usual. It was a sell-out and very profitable for the District Council of Masonic Activities.

October 7th's meeting found that Brothers Howard Smith, Harold Raut and Alton Nevinger were in the hospital. Cards were sent. Plans were finalized for the Chicken Bar-B-Q and the upcoming first degree. After the meeting, Brother Glenn Cramer gave a very interesting video program on Camp Turk.

Petitions coming in!

Two more petitions were read and moved to committee.

November plans

There will be no communication at West Star #413 on November 4th. All brothers are encouraged to attend the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Perry Lodge instead. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and reservations are required. The work for the night will be the second section of the third degree, starting at 7:30 p.m.

On November 16th, there will be a meeting of the Masters and Wardens Association of the District. This will be a dinner meeting. All Master Masons and their ladies are invited to attend. The Warsaw O.E.S. Chapter will be providing a Turkey dinner with all the trimmings for \$5 a plate. Dinner will be around 6:00 p.m. Sherrie will have a program for the ladies after dinner. Let me know if you plan to attend so I can get a head count to the O.E.S.

On November 18th, we will have a Bring a Friend/Rusty Mason Night at the Lodge. This will be a fun and casual evening. We

Masters & Wardens Association

GENESEE - WYOMING DISTRICT

W.: Shawn L. Wright

Pres. 716-535-7637

W.: Glenn Cramer

V. Pres. 716-535-7507

W.: Daniel N. Evans,

Sec./Treas. 716-492-2807

By W.: Shawn L. Wright

The next meeting of the Association will be Saturday, November 16, 1991, at Warsaw Lodge. The ladies are cordially invited to attend. The Warsaw O.E.S. will be serving a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for \$5 at approximately 6:00 p.m. Please give me the courtesy of informing me if you will be unable to attend. It is easier for a few people to contact me by phone or letter than have me contact everybody. I need a head count by November 7th, so please let me know.

September meeting features

We had a spaghetti, meatball and italian sausage dinner served by Varysburg Lodge -- is everybody who came able to still sit up, even if they can't take nourishment yet?!! The birthday cake dessert was to honor R.: W.: Robert Seils birthday.

Eight of the twelve lodges were represented. Perry, Castile, Arcade and Java Village were absent. Total attendance was 22; thirteen men and nine women.

Under sickness and distress, it was reported that several brothers had passed away over the summer and several were reported sick and on their way to recovery.

The Treasurer reported that seven lodges have yet to pay the M&W Association ten dollar assessment. Please check to see if your lodge has done so. Secretary/Treasurer W.: Dan Evans reported that he had established a non-profit checking account for the Association and deposited \$50 in lodge assessments and \$20 in membership assessments, minus \$2 in service charges and an \$11.60 postage bill, leaving a balance of \$56.40. He is looking into moving the account to a bank that doesn't charge non-profit accounts a service charge.

Trestleboard activities

Lodge trestleboards were read and a listing of activities appears in the Masonic Activities and Calendar columns on the last page of this issue of the paper. Please notify me directly of any lodge activities or special programs you are having so I can help get the word out.

will have a TV and the appropriate refreshments to watch and support the Buffalo Bills "squish the fish".

On November 19th, it's our Lodge's turn to host the Masonic Bingo Night at the Batavia VA Hospital. I'll need some volunteers to help me out.

Home from Desert Storm

You'll be interested to know that Brother Thane Wright has returned home to Varysburg. His homecoming celebration was held on October 20th at the Chicken Bar-B-Q. Brother Wright will be putting on a program for the Lodge at a future date about his duty in the Persian Gulf in the near future.

As you can see, there is much going on in the Lodge. Hope to see you soon. Look to the calendar and activities logs on the last page of the paper for our Trestleboard events. □

Bring a Friend nights

Many lodges are having Brother Bring a Friend Nights. It was mentioned that anyone who has a prospective candidate in mind should feel free to take him to a lodge that is holding one of these programs. It is more impressive for a prospective candidate if he participates in a well-attended program. Feel free to contact the Master of the lodge that is having such a night and tell him you are bringing some guests. The Association will be sponsoring a District-wide Bring a Friend program early in 1992 (after the Superbowl!).

Leadership course

Eight brothers attended the one day Grand Lodge Leadership Correspondence Course in Rochester on Saturday, September 21st. The 10 lesson course, normally taken one at a time in your own home environment, was taken in a group setting. As a participant, I was really enthused. I wish I had taken it 5 years ago. The District is making plans to give the course in two one-day sessions spaced a month or two apart. Every Master Mason is encouraged to take this course.

Participate in the Times

I've said it before and I'll say it again: if your lodge is not participating in the Masonic Times, your members are really missing out! Communication is so important in Freemasonry today. As a Master or Warden, you owe it to all of your members (not just the active ones) to keep them all advised of what's happening in your lodge and district and those about us. Your members pay dues and they deserve to be kept informed. An informed lodge is a strong lodge. The more informed the members are, the more they participate. The Masonic Times costs forty cents an issue. In terms of funds and work necessary to put your own trestleboard out, you can't beat the Masonic Times. Not to mention the fact that your article is seen by over 6000 Masons. I am a busy man so I can't see spending my time stuffing envelopes when I can send one copy to the Masonic Times for publication. When your lodge makes the investment, they won't regret it. If you or your lodge are skeptical, I have a solution. If you or any of your members join the Masters and Wardens Association, you will be eligible to get the Masonic Times at a rate of \$4 a year. Please talk it over with your officers and members, and let me know. I want to get things rolling by the first of the year.

(Ed. note: this writer and his wardens have paid the subscriptions to initiate their Lodge's participation in the Times. We are certainly pleased with the endorsement and the actions of these officers!)

This meeting of the Association also promoted attendance by four members from each lodge at the Regional Leadership Seminar on October 26th at ECC and MCC. Next month, we'll report on how close we were to that goal.

Reminders for 1992

Get your lodge stations and places survey to the DDGM as soon as possible. Next year's masters should have their 1992 activities outline to R.: W.: Bob Seils by November 15th.

Lodge Chairmen are needed for the following committees: Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention, Leadership Services, Membership Development, Masonic Education and Camp Turk. Please have these selected and appointed as soon as possible and have them ready

when the respective District chairman contacts you. □

The Custodians Corner



R.: W.: Maurice Solomon

By R.: W.: Maurice Solomon

I get questions! Here are some, with answers, no less!!

Q: I noticed recently that after the presentation of "Grand Honors", there is no longer the tendency to applaud, which seems to have been the practice for many years. Can you explain this?

A: You are correct. At the Grand Lodge proceedings of 1988, the Custodians of the Work recommended that Grand Honors should be used only when the installation is behind tiled doors, and that applause be used at public installations. There was some discussion on the floor of Grand Lodge, and it was finally agreed by Grand Lodge that Grand Honors be permitted at Public Installations, since there is nothing esoteric in this, and Grand Honors is considered to be a form of Masonic applause; it was further agreed that applause after Grand Honors be discouraged, and this is the practice today, as you have pointed out in your question.

Q: Forgive me if I appear confused. In the Historical Lecture of the Third Degree, on page 5-19, the first four and a half pages are printed in bold lettering, with the remainder, starting on page 5-23, in regular type. Is there a reason for this, and I would appreciate your explanation.

A: Your confusion is understandable, but is rather easily explained, considering you have discovered one of the errors in the printing of the Book. If you will refer to Book 4, page 4-64, you will see the instructions drawn up by the Custodians pertaining to the delivery of the Historical Lecture in the Third Degree, specifically the options that are now available. These instructions should have been printed at the top of page 5-19. They were missed when the books were printed, leading to some confusion, such as in your case. All the errors that were made in the printing, and remarkably there were very few, considering the mammoth task involved, will

be corrected and circulated to the lodges in the not too distant future. The bold type is explained in the instructions. □

IF WE START THE NEW LODGE YEAR IN MAY

What will happen in the Changeover Term?

As many of you know, the most recent Grand Lodge Communication saw the passage on first reading of an amendment to the Constitutions which provides for a change in the Lodge year to coincide with the Grand Lodge year.

If given final approval at the May 1992 Communication, it would provide for elections to be held at the first stated communication of the Lodge following the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in May. The installation is to be held no later than June 30th of each year, beginning in 1993.

To clarify a misunderstanding on the part of some Brothers, there is no set procedure for determining who will be Master during the extra five months covering the period from January 1992 and May 1993.

Here are the options:

1. A Lodge may elect a Master to serve from January 1992 (re-electing him in December 1992) until May-June 1993, when the new Master will be elected for the ensuing year.

2. A Lodge may elect a Master to serve from January 1992 (re-electing him in December 1992) until May-June 1993, but while he would remain in office until that time, others could fill in for any or all of the five months between January 1993 and May-June 1993.

3. A Lodge may elect a Master in January 1993 to serve only until May-June 1993, when new annual elections would be held. (This Master could be a Past Master serving a short term.)

4. A Lodge may elect a Master in January 1993 and re-elect him in May-June 1993 for the ensuing year.

Assuming that this Constitutional Change is approved in May 1992, Lodges should review their By-laws with a view to the changes for electing and installing 1993 officers.

(reprinted from the Grand Lodge Leader, September 1991)

Cornerstone Ceremony

The Grand Lodge of Texas leveled a Cornerstone at the Shrine Burns Institute in Galveston, Texas on October 26th.

Harmony Lodge #6 was the host Lodge. The Cornerstone Ceremony was open to the public. The Grand Lodge of Texas is making a conscious effort to show support for Shrine Masons!

Did You Know?

Brother Hubert Horatio Humphrey was a member of Cataract Lodge No. 2, Minneapolis, Minn., having been entered on Nov. 13, passed on Dec. 7 and raised on Dec. 18, all in 1946.

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R. W. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.



Objectives for a
Good Life

District Deputy Grand Master For the First Monroe District

By R. W. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.
In this busy hub-bub life, we need to take a look at our life's objectives;

1. Why are we here?
2. The importance of forgiveness
3. What do we want?
4. How to use mistakes

Why are we here?

We need to understand the meaning of life. Life's purpose has three parts;

Doing--Human beings are busy creatures. We do far more than simple survival would require. This suggests that we thrive on doing. All this Doing leads to--

Learning--The more we do, the more we learn--and the more we learn, the more we do. It's a continuing cycle. But it would quickly become tedious without the third element--

Enjoying--Some people complain about being on a treadmill. Others pay large sums of money for the privilege of going to a gym and running on one.

Attitudes

Joy can exist no matter what else is going on in your life. There are lessons to be learned even from confusion and pain, and learning is enjoyable.

Our attitudes in life play a major role. You need to ask yourself the following:

Do I focus on the good things in my life or just the bad things? If you focus on the good things, your life is enjoyable. If you focus just on the bad things, your life is miserable. We all need to look at the miracles in our life and be thankful for them. Where would we be without oxygen for example? We don't realize what a wonderful miracle that is. We have never been without it.

You can have anything you want in life, but not everything you want. You have to give up some things you want less for those things you want more. You can't get what you want unless you know what it is, and you won't figure out what it is unless you're willing to accept it.

How to Use Mistakes

If you avoid mistakes, you avoid accomplishing anything. Without failure there is no experimentation--no learning--no growth. We need to make excellence, not perfection our goal.

Forgiving

Nursing a grievance may make us feel righteous, but it doesn't make us feel happy. Forgiving and forgetting makes you available for Giving and for Getting. When we judge others, we also judge ourselves for being judgemental. Deep down we know that we are inhibiting our own happiness.

Your Life

The summary statement for all of this should be--try to live your life the way you and those around you can most benefit from it and receive pleasure and profit thereby.

I am looking forward to meeting all the Brethren during Official Visits this year. I am anxious to witness all the renewed enthusiasm going on in our Districts. It's great to know that Masonry is alive and well in the Monroe Districts. Let's all strive to keep that spirit and enthusiasm alive. □

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Don't Forget - -
Vote on the 5th!

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Of the Grand Lodge
Of the State of New York



R. W. A. Wayne Engbrecht

The Quest for Brotherhood Excellence

By R. W. A. Wayne Engbrecht
The dictionary defines **Brotherhood** as the quality of being brotherly; fellowship; an association of men united for a common purpose, a fraternity.

Excellence is something in which a person excels or surpassing a level or virtue.

Building Character

Add the two together, **Brotherhood Excellence** and we have one of the main ingredients in Masonry which makes us strong and one of the greatest fraternities in the world. But for each of us to reach the "Quest for Brotherhood Excellence", we must first strive to stretch forth our hand to all brothers and make them feel accepted, wanted, and treated like a true and faithful brother. If a person or brother errs, let's not focus on it like a defect, but focus on the things gone right and on enhancing value to the brother. This helps to build character in one another and facilitates brotherly love.

Seminar

Your Grand Lodge officers were very pleased at the attendee response from the Leadership Seminar held September 21st at the downtown Temple. We had 57 in total attendance with 30 new graduates from the Monroes. "Hats Off" to you brothers who sat on hard chairs for 7 hours to complete the 10 lesson program.

Leadership

The Thomas Team II is bringing the Grand Master's challenging message with the theme "Leadership With Impact" toward the revival of our beloved Craft. In a very caring and vibrant way, we are demonstrating good leadership with enthusiasm to motivate our lodge leaders to do the same. In addition to our official visits, we are providing several management tools to help your lodge leaders become the best lodges in New York State. The books: Yellow informational booklets; Blue 20-meeting set-up with all the attached corresponding service letters; copies of the OTG/MEM; Master communications and activity schedule; Motivational Seminar leadership course; Bureau of Masonic Education courses; and enhanced service to fill any need or request for help.

Are we excited-you bet we are and we will continue to be. Why because we want you, whether you are a lodge officer or a brother, to have a successful and productive year. □

MONROE

Lodge No. 173

W. T. F. Rauber
Master
964-2593



W. James P. Branigan, Secretary
964-3676

2nd & 4th Tuesday

7:30 P.M.

67 Main Street
Brockport, N.Y. 14420

By J. W. Howard Bale

In the inimitable words of "Scooter" Rizzuto, "Holy Cow!" Monroe No. 173 has so much going on that it's tough to tell the players without a scorecard. Maybe we'd better warm-up on some old news.

Garage Sale Report

The lodge held a Garage Sale the last week in July. Thanks to Jim and Terry Wilkins for the use of their place on LaDue Road as headquarters. (Special thanks to Terry for those great lunches!) Contributions of sale items were received from Bros. George Brege, Mel Mosher, Jay McCullough, Jerry Werner, Neil Laundry, Jim Wilkins, and Grant Adams. (Grant came up with some really popular items of furniture and antique tools which accounted for nearly half our profit. Thanks again, brother, for the extra effort.) Bros. Howie Bale, Mel Mosher, and Jim Wilkins put in many hours. They picked up items, set up tables and displays, held down the fort, and helped with the break down after the sale. Thanks to the efforts of all, Chairperson Neil Laundry could present \$307.00 in sale proceeds to the Lodge. (We hear that the sales continue to grow as Bro. Wilkins keeps cornering folks and selling items out of the garage). We plan another sale for late Spring of '92. Start saving items now and remember us when Spring clean-up comes around. Contact Bro. Laundry for pick-up and storage.

Lodge Projects

We all owe a big hand to the Trustees for the literally hundreds of hours that they put in over the past Summer. Many of our major projects are now completed and the lodge and rental properties look super. A good many of those hours were logged by Bros. Werner and Brege. Without their exemplary service we could not keep up with the many needs of the lodge property. Additional thanks to Bro. Ken Parment, MM1 (SW), USN, a member of Lake Cit Lodge No. 172 in Oswego, who is stationed at the Reserve Center in Rochester. Bro. Parment visited lodge several times in the Springtime, volunteered to help with some of the restoration and repair chores. He ended up spending a good part of the Summer donating his time and labor to painting, scraping, etc. The lodge has been repainted and windows and doors reglazed, fire escape has been repaired and lines painted in rear for parking. Nice job done by those brothers who gave up many hours of their free time to enhance the interior and exterior of our lodge. Many thanks to those who served the lodge so well.

Corned Beef and Cabbage

November 2nd is the date for our next Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. As usual, W. Mel

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Doverspike is chairing the project. Neil Laundry is in charge of staffing the kitchen for preparation, serving, and clean up. Please be ready to lend a hand on Friday evening, the 1st, and Saturday afternoon and evening, the 2nd. Many hands make...etc., etc.

Looking Ahead

Remember the Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, January 17, 1992. Calling lists will be distributed at the December 10, 1991 meeting. See Mel Doverspike for further information.

The question of installing a chairlift has received some recent attention. It appears we may get the go ahead on this project soon. Bro. Cal Tripp is in the process of checking out possible installations and prices.

Sickness and Distress

Several brothers have been ill or disabled during the past few months. We hope that Bros. Bob Culhane, Cal Tripp, and Lew Price are better soon. (Lew, congratulations on your recent retirement!) Our prayers and best wishes also go out to W. Tom Rauber's daughter who has been hospitalized in Philadelphia. Howie Bale was back with us at the September meeting and thanked everyone for their cards and calls during his recent recovery.

Death has once more reduced our ranks with the passing of W. Ken Hovey (Aug.) and Bro. Tony Jordan (Sept.) R. W. Robert Rudman conducted W. Hovey's Memorial Service, which was well attended.

Dues

Lodge dues are again due for 1992. New books have come in for those who ordered them and they are quite nice.

There are a lot of lodge activities happening over the next few weeks. Come on out and get involved. We look forward to seeing you. □

Flower City Lodge No. 910

W. Herbert Hirsch, Master
266-2390
R. W. Philip Averbach,
Secretary 458-1817

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

By W. Herbert R. Hirsch

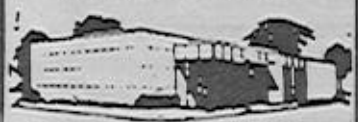
As this year approaches its' end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of Flower City Lodge for their support. The officers, for the most part, have been there before, and it is easy and not too uncommon for old warriors to carry their spears out of habit alone. Fortunately, ours have demonstrated the enthusiasm and optimism that belies their experience. The new members we have raised promise better days ahead, and some of the veteran sideliners are showing a renewed interest. We will all benefit from this, especially our Senior Warden, R. W. Gerry Glaser. This is particularly fitting, since Gerry is the one most responsible for the renewal.

Please give your attention to the Masonic Activities and Calendar found on the back page of the Masonic Times.

All brothers of Flower City Lodge in good standing are guests of the lodge at dinners which precede Stated or Special Communications. □

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FAIRPORT

Lodge No. 476

W.: John Lindsay, Master
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W.: George R. Bracht, Secretary
383-1947

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

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

By W.: John Lindsay
"Why should I become a Mason?" How would you answer this question?

Fraternity

You might want to begin by telling him something about the history of our fraternity. Perhaps you would also describe our many Masonic charitable activities and the vast amounts of money we donate each year to help others. Maybe you would talk about the many national leaders and world figures who have been Masons. You might also say something about the enjoyable times Masons have when they get together.

These are the ways most of us would attempt to answer the "Why should I become a Mason?" question. Even though we might stumble a bit for just the right words, we would really try to do our best.

What is Necessary?

Unfortunately, the question reflects a problem - a rather serious problem. Think about this: If it's necessary to tell a man why he should be interested in becoming a Mason, he has totally missed what Masonry is all about!

Character

The fundamental building block in Masonry is a man's character. How a Mason behaves, the way he conducts himself, and the quality of his life and the thought are all answers to the question, "Why should I become a Mason?"

Let's face it. All along life's journey we are drawn to certain people, men we admire, men we feel have done something important with their lives, men who have qualities we want for ourselves. Whether it is in business or in the community, there are those men we admire, men we would like to know if we had the chance.

How We Act

It is said that "word-of-mouth advertising" is the most effective because we can trust the advice a friend or acquaintance gives us. When it comes to Freemasonry, "word-of-mouth advertising" is what causes it to happen! It is what a man sees in us that makes him want to become a Mason.

Something Missing

- But this is only one part of the story. There's another dimension that deserves attention. You and I may take seriously the teachings of Masonic principles in our daily dealings. We may be men of outstanding character. All this is wonderful and certainly worthwhile. It is very important, of course, but it's not everything. Something is still missing.

A major part of our Masonic mission (I consider it an obligation) must be to share the Light of Freemasonry - to let other men know that we are Masons and proud of it. For some reason, too many of us seem to work hard at keeping our Masonic membership a deep, dark secret! Maybe it's because we're afraid someone will ask questions about Masonry which we won't be able to answer!

No need to worry!

Well, there's no need to worry!

Here's an effective way to handle the situation. When a man asks you about Freemasonry, talk about the craft in a way that makes you feel comfortable.

But don't stop there. Go on to say, "There's a great way to find out everything you need to know about the Masonic fraternity. I would like you to meet some of our members. Once you've become acquainted with them, then you tell me what Masonry is all about. You tell me why you would like to become a Mason."

Freemasonry in Action

When all is said and done, it is this "word-of-life advertising" that makes the difference. All of us want to associate with men who are the best, men who are leaders, men who set the pace in the community. This is what draws a man to Masonry. There's nothing better because this is Freemasonry in action! What a nice thing to say by Francis G. Paul, 33 Degree.

Happy Birthday

Because it is your birthday, here's to you, Samuel G. Hallett, Stewart I. Pedersen, Robert W. Vandembush, Carl R. Patterson, Gary W. Gray, David J. O'Hara, Domain N. Bondarow, William G. Eberhardt, Walter J. Clarkson, Donald Swanson, Harvey E. Ulrich, Robert B. Murphy, Steven R. Benedict, Alfred N. Westerman and Raymond T. Ashley. □

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943

R.: W.: Franklin G. Granata, Master 458-1687

Donald G. Moore, Secretary 586-9196

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

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

By Brother Donald Moore

Brother Pat Mammano belongs to several concordant bodies. While not a member of our Lodge (he's in Valley-Simes 109), the brothers ought to know he prefers to work behind the scenes for the Craft and it is my experience that he has not run short on the length of his cabletow at any time in my recollection.

Mason the Mason promoted

Our congratulations to W.: Arthur Mason on his being promoted. We are sure he is deserving of the office and will do it justice. Handling that office as he did his Masonic office as Master of ERAC, we know it is in good hands.

Is he old!!

For those who did not know, our Lodge has the oldest Past District Deputy Grand Master in the two Monroe Districts. R.: W.: Bill Lennox was the DDGM in 1940-1941. He still comes to meetings on a regular basis. He missed one meeting a year and a half ago because he had a bad cold at the time and couldn't get out. Next time you see him, congratulate him on reaching the 51st anniversary of his term as DDGM. If you come to the next meeting, you'll see him there, the good Lord willing!!

Save your register receipts

The Master has asked if you who shop at Wegman's would save your gold colored cash register receipts. He wants to donate them to the East Rochester school system, in the name of the Lodge. It's a good way to keep Masonry in the forefront of doing good deeds in the community. If you can, bring them to Lodge. If you cannot come to Lodge, mail them to: Masonic

Temple, 152 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, N. Y. 14445.

Election of officers

By the time you read this, we will be entering into the Thanksgiving season and shortly thereafter, the election of officers for 1992. Make your plans now to be at Lodge on December 9th, 1991 for this auspicious event. You will also be notified by mail, since summonses are required. There will be a dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. □

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund
By E. Allan Orem, Lodge Chrmn.

Our drive needs you! There are ten categories from which to select the ones you would like to make allocations to. One is the "National Masonic Foundation for Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children", which the Grand Master is emphasizing this year.

So, please climb aboard the "Train of Progress" and help the Masonic Brotherhood Fund be successful in its goal. Members of each Lodge please contact your Lodge Chairman and be sure to make your donations By Check, made payable to: "Masonic Brotherhood Fund" - not to your Lodge. Write the allocations that you desire on the check. It cannot be overemphasized that this is one of the premier causes for which Masonry is known. □

SENECA LODGE No. 797



W.: Raymond Crandall, Master
(H) 334-7720 (O) 422-1797

R.: W.: Donald B. Scrivens,
Secretary 436-8707

Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.

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

By W.: Raymond Crandall

Recently I presided over my last initiation of a Mason in a particularly well executed ceremony. During the degree, I found myself musing briefly over the effect of the proceedings on the sidelines, those members of the lodge we so often overlook. It occurred to me then that the quality of good degree work is no less important to them than it is to the ultimate objective of the work, the initiate, in this case. As we struggle with the issues of what programs to develop in order to make lodge meetings more attractive for our non-attending brethren, we must never underestimate the importance of quality ritual as an attendance incentive. Although the authors of the work we so faithfully perform may not have been technically great grammarians, (much as this author!), they certainly were visionary in terms of expressing those values we as Masons hold dear. Another organization I have been very active in proclaims that "America is returning to those values (they) never left", a slogan quite applicable to our Craft. I would like to think that the continual reaffirmation of those values through our degree work is a contributing component to those pressures responsible for an ap-

parent resurgence in spiritual, family and patriotic values.

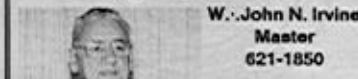
Team Work

I have only been a Mason for a little over 7 years, and had only a superficial knowledge of the Fraternity prior to joining. I vividly recall my initiation by W.: Bill Shafer and his fine team of officers. I knew then that I was in fine company, and would always be proud to be known as one of them, simply because of the quality of that degree work and the feeling that was conveyed with its execution. Whatever we do, we must never allow that part of our Craft to be diluted or diminished in any way. As we struggle to bring Masonry into the 21st Century, we must always remember what made it great to begin with, and continue to express that as best we can at every opportunity.

I have been blessed to have a wonderful team of officers, guided by my trusty Custodian of the Ritual, S.: W.: Mike Goehle, to perform the high quality of ritual Seneca Lodge No. 797 continues to expect and be known for. This most recent first degree was truly a labor of love by all in attendance, and a very special memory for me to cherish. Thank you brethren! □

Wakan-Hubbard

Lodge No. 154



W.: John N. Irvine
Master
621-1850

2nd & 4th
Mondays
=
7:30 P.M.

W.: Frank P. Denton, Secretary
467-4619

Masonic Temple
1822 Penfield Rd.
Penfield, N.Y. 14526

By S.: W.: Wayne McCrossen

Let me begin by thanking all those who helped put on the dinner for the ladies of Irondequoit Chapter, O.E.S., last month. W.: Brian Pursey was the chef and did his usual fine job, and the official dishwashers, W.: Tom Ward and J.: W.: Andy Young broke only 7 dishes during the clean-up operation. Again, my thanks to all.

Official Visit

We had a fine attendance for the Official Visit of our own R.: W.: Charles Spiegel, Jr., D.D.G.M. It is always good to see a full Lodge, especially on such an occasion.

Degrees

More thanks are due to J.: W.: Andy Young and those who assisted in conferring the Second Degree also, and to all those who assisted in presenting the second section of the Third Degree at the Grand Lecturer's Convention, W.: John Rees, Bro. John Zabel and Bro. Rich Brockman.

Anniversaries

My congratulations to Brother George Guy on his completion of 60 years in Masonry, to W.: N. Erwin Gordon for 55 years, Bro. William Embry for 50 years, and Brothers Milt Ashley, Charles Brooks, Emerson Lockard, Donald McDill, Andrew Shields and Raymond Wilson for having been Masons for 25 years.

Master's Ball

Remember the Master's Ball scheduled for November 2nd at the Three Acres Party House. See you there. □

News and Views

By Don Bell
We have had word from Brother Dan Jones informing us

that Brother Russ Braman is now living at 2124 E 25th Place, Yuma AZ 85365. He received his 60 year pin some time ago. Both he and his wife Mae are pushing 90 and would appreciate receiving your cards and letters.

Brother Bill Webster was greeted through a mutual friend (of W.: Frank Denton) who was vacationing in Las Vegas. When Brother Bill arrived at the Hotel on his Honda motorcycle, he was sporting a healthy tan. He and Sharon both think that Vegas is the best.

To receive 55 year Pin

W.: N. Erwin Gordon telephoned W.: Frank Denton while on his way to Springfield, MA to welcome the arrival of his sixth great grandchild. We officers would still like to get together with him to present him with his 55 year Masonic Certificate and Pin.

Going Hunting?

We have heard that Brother Milt Ashley is looking forward to his annual hunting trip. Although he didn't expect to get his deer during muzzle-loading season, he did enjoy the fellowship of his hunting companions.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brother John Waddell of Coronation Lodge, whose daughter was married on October 5th. The event was ably supported by W.: John Rees and W.: John Lawrence. It should be noted that the rendition of the solo by W.: John Rees was notable because it wasn't in Welsh.

We also note that W.: Brian Pursey and wife Monica have been baby-sitting while daughter Nicki is sojourning in Foreign climes.

Euchre Tournament

After not too much deliberation, your euchre tournament committee has opted to support the Webster Lodge Euchre Tournament and Steak Roast on Saturday November 16th. Both men and women are invited. Dinner is at 6:00 PM, cards are at 7:30 PM. The price will be: Dinner \$9.25, Tournament \$5.00. Reservations for dinner are a must. For dinner reservations contact:

Steve Ellia 671-3296
Charlie Moore 872-1094
John Clapp 671-4158
Don Brugger 458-6125.

The cut-off for reservations is November 12th; that's final. The event will be held at the Webster Temple, 30 Orchard Rd., Webster. Take the Webster exit off Route 104, turn left, cross the railroad tracks and then turn right past the traffic light at Kittleberger Florest. See you there. □

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CLIO**LODGE No. 779**

W.: Gary C., Thompson, Master
392-7546
Charles A. Tucker, Secretary
392-2006

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.
287 East Ave.
Hilton, N.Y. 14468

By W.: Art Harmer

Our condolences are extended to the families of W.: Almas Walker and Bro. Donald Everts Jr. W.: Walker was raised in 1929 and served as our Master in 1950. He departed our earthly realm on September 9, 1991. Brother Don was raised in Clio Lodge in 1975. He left our midst on July 6, 1991.

Our sympathy is also extended to Bro. Arthur LaBaie, whose wife Mary passed away August 26, 1991. Mary was a Past Matron of Leah Chapter No. 183, O.E.S.

Landscaping

The fill dirt project in front of the lodge should be complete by the time you read this article. We may be in need of a few rakers to do the finishing touches. The remainder of the fill we needed was provided by and through the courtesy of Rick Lembke of R. & M. Landscaping.

Craft Show

We would like to encourage our brothers, their wives and friends, to attend the Clio Craft Show and Sale on Saturday, November 2, 1991. It will be held at the Hilton Firemen's Exempt Club, 135 South Avenue (Route 259) in Hilton between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Your support would be greatly appreciated. The Exempt Club will have food and beverages available.

Blood Drive

I have been informed that the Red Cross Blood Drive held at lodge on October 7th netted 30 pints. This is a respectable showing. Thanks to all who helped in making this project a success.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our next communication on November 5th will be an open meeting. However, our November 19th communication will commence with the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the opening of lodge at 7:30 p.m. Our evening program will feature the official visit of R.:W.: Charles Spiegel, D.D.G.M. Dinner reservations will be in order.

From the Secretary's Desk

Best returns to Bro. Don Stevens and Bro. Charles Worboys on their recent birthdays. We refuse to mention any numbers.

**DID YOU GET SOME HILTON APPLE-FEST CHILI?**

Members of Clio Lodge and Leah Chapter, O.E.S. were in charge of the "Masonic Chili Booth" at the 2 day Apple-Fest. From the left are W.: Lee Hendershot ('67), Mary Hall, Chapter Conductress and Bev. Thompson, Chapter Historian and wife of the Lodge Master (the chili had been marinating for a couple of days at the Temple so you know it was special!)

Dues

Brothers who may in arrears in their dues are reminded that another annual meeting is upon us. For the good of your lodge, please make an effort to bring your dues up to date. Also, I am prepared to accept 1992 dues at

the present time.

Please inform your lodge secretary in the event you are moving or plan to move, so all records may be updated and kept current.

Don't forget our Brotherhood Fund.

if you missed it this time around, look for it again next Fall!

Dinners

We will have a speaker for the first meeting of November which will also be our Memorial Service. Please join us if you have the opportunity. We will be having dinner before our meetings, so come and enjoy the fellowship. To turn in a reservation for dinner please call R.:W.: Dave Clarke at 889-9134 or W.: Don Brown at 442-1169 by November 5.



W.: Thomas J. Belt, Master
225-9694 (Office 722-5701)

W.: Richard Snyder, Secretary
342-2419 (Office 586-4624)

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

By W.: Thomas J. Belt

The highlight of the October meeting was awards night. R.:W.: Fred Stahl, 40 years and W.: Bob Hummel, 50 years received recognition for their years of service, but their wives received the awards. I thanked their wives for their years of support of the Fraternity. I requested both of the brothers to speak for a moment about the lodge and the year they joined the lodge. W.: Hummel has been a long standing and active member of Valley Lodge and R.:W.: Stahl was raised in Simes Lodge. Grand Honors were given to the brothers thanking them for their work.

Awards at Home

I contacted most of the other brothers who were to receive awards and were unable to attend the meeting. We will be calling on them and present the awards to them at home. For the brothers out of State we will be sending your award to you. I will be writing to you about them in the next news article and give you an update of how they are and what they have been doing recently.

Steak Roast

Looking to the past I want to thank Bro. Grant Romer and all the brothers who assisted him with the steak roast. We had close to 50 members and their guests join us for a cool but sunny afternoon at Webster Park. I have received a number of comments from the brothers who attended, all of which have been very complimentary. I am sure that Bro. Ted Honea is planning to repeat this event next year, so

tradition continued on October 19, when a mock Masonic trial was held to entertain and inform those in attendance. Afterwards, the brothers enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared and served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. □

**WEBSTER
Lodge No. 538**

W.: Mark Fenton, Master
265-3907 (Office 461-8127)
Stolan Ellia, Secretary
671-3296

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

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

By W.: Mark V. Fenton

Those of you who attended the Ionic Lodge (Hamilton, Ontario) visitation on Sept. 21 enjoyed a great day with good friends. To those of you who missed it, I know you will want to plan on traveling to Hamilton next year. Consideration is being given to expanding the program to include our wives, or significant others. Sounds like a good idea to me. I will look forward to the suggestions of next year's leaders. They may be directed to Bro. Ron.

Many Thanks

By the time you read this several events will be history - the Chicken Barbecue (thanks to W.: Bruce for the great job) - the Grand Lecturer's Convention (thanks to all the Webster Brothers who participated in the Drama section of the Third Degree) and the Leadership Seminar (thanks to R.:W.: Wayne and his team for a great job).

Future Events

November and December promise to be busy months. Please note the following events and plan to attend as many meetings as you can. November 7th is "Bring a Friend Night." I hope that you have used the Memory Jogger handed out by R.:W.: Charles Spiegel at the Official Visitation and enclosed in the lodge mailing you received a couple of weeks ago. We have 60 more attendees at the dinner, with no one paying. Only you can make it happen. You still have time to get your reservation in. Remember, if you bring a guest, his meal is free and so is yours.

November 14 is Fellowcraft. November 16 is the Steak Roast and Euchre Tournament. Have you marked your calendar to make certain that you do not miss this one? Have you asked your friends? Don't play Euchre? Come to the dinner anyway. You won't get a better meal anywhere for the price (\$9.50). Have you called John Clapp to volunteer to help in the preparation of the food or with the Tournament? If not, why not call him now. Fundraisers can be a lot of fun if you have enough volunteers or it can be work for a few - and that's not fair. Your lodge needs your support.

November 21 is Move Up Night. Come on out and encourage next years officers as they conduct the business of the lodge for the first time. Plan to stay for the fellowship that follows. (By the way, does anyone play Bridge? Bro. John Clapp and I would love to take you on!)

Sickness and Distress

I know you will want to join me in remembering two of our

brothers who passed away since my last news letter - H. Kenneth Hayward, on August 19 and Charles H. Braun on September 26. Resolutions of Respect were read, spread upon the minutes of the communication and sent to the families of our departed brothers.

I understand that Bro. Lee Pellett, who is at the Friendly Home has had some problems. You might send a card or drop in to see him. Bro. Howard Close, who is at the Fairport Baptist Church, is up and about and would appreciate seeing some of his Webster brothers.

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Scott Anthony, 11-4; Dan VanDorn, 11-8; Ray David Rockcastle, 11-10; Ralph Hewitt, 11-11; Dennis Pilato, 11-12; Dave Williams, 11-12; Scott Hill, 11-12; Francis Pellett, 11-13; Steve Ellia, 11-14; Don Pickney, 11-15; Bob Martin, 11-18; Wayne Abrams, 11-25; John Willis, 11-25; Hank Libra, 11-29; and Walter Schattner, 11-29. If there are any errors, omissions, call W.: Steve.

Reminder

If you have not paid your 1991 dues, contact W.: Steve. Contact Bro. Vance Collom for the Endowment Fund and Bro. Greg Brown for the Brotherhood Fund. □

**FINANCIAL
PLANNING
SOLUTIONS**

By R.:W.: Gerald J. Glaser

This is the first in a series of discussions of possible solutions to the problems encountered by financial planners.

Should the reader have any questions or desire further information, please call the writer at (716)381-3340.

A big problem today is what to do with certificates of deposit that are coming due and are giving a top present return of about 6.5 percent taxable.

This type of investment is fully taxable, so if the investor is in the 32 percent bracket, his net return after taxes is about 4.4%, and after considering inflation, is much less.

One very attractive alternative, and a pretty safe one, is to invest in a New York State Tax Exempt Bond Mutual Fund. The current rate of return on several of these are about 6.5% tax free, and simple arithmetic shows this to be an increase in return of over 47%.

To give an example, let us say that you, the reader, have a \$100,000 C.D. coming due. If you roll it at the above mentioned net return rate of 4.4%, you would receive \$4,400 per year over the life of this investment.

Should you put the same amount into a tax exempt bond fund paying 6.5%, you would receive \$6,500 per year, or \$2,100 more.

Looking at the situation another way, you need only to invest \$67,693 to receive \$4,400, a savings of \$32,307, which you could utilize for other purposes. You could also invest it all and receive \$6,500 instead of \$4,400.

More next issue. □

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We Need Action!!

District Deputy Grand Master For the Second Monroe District

By R. W. Paul Spillane

R. W. George Simon and I have completed six of our Official Visits. We thank all the lodges thus far for their hospitality and warm welcome.

Attendance

I am personally concerned for the lack of attendance, especially at our official visits. This brings us to one of the concerns of our Grand Master M. W. Richard P. Thomas. Lodge programs - too many business meetings are being scheduled and not enough programs. Our Grand Master has tasked the District Deputy to obtain a copy of the lodge meeting notice and to encourage the Masters and officers to provide interesting meetings for their members.

If we don't provide program meetings, members stop coming to lodge. When they stop coming, how can they promote our Craft to another potential brother?

Loss of Members

Loss due to death or demit cannot be controlled. Loss due to unaffiliations is controllable by all the brethren. In 1989, 2300 members were dropped for non-payment of dues. In 1990, 1426 brothers were dropped. This number would have been 2126 but our Grand Master requested that every Secretary send him a list of every member that was going to be dropped for non-payment of dues. This correspondence resulted in saving 700 members.

Grand Master's Letter

I share the following letter that the Grand Master sends to our brothers who may be dropped:

"Dear Brother:

As the Grand Master but more important as a fellow Brother I need your opinion on a very important matter. I have just been

told that you either have been, or soon will be, sent a letter from your Lodge saying you may be dropped from the Craft (unaffiliated) for non-payment of dues.

When someone drops out of the Craft, I must ask myself why. I must ask myself, where has Freemasonry failed?

In truth, only you can tell me why you may be deciding that Freemasonry no longer parallels your hopes, goals for a better fraternal world of service to your brothers, friends and community. It is only you who can tell me how we can work to make the Craft more fulfilling for you and our Brother's needs. I need your input because every Masonic brother is personally important to me."

Constitutions

Under Sec. 367 of the Book of Constitutions it is the Master's responsibility to appoint an investigating committee to investigate as to the reason for why a Brother will be dropped for non-payment of dues. Brethren, we all should assist the Masters because we may know some reason why a brother may be dropped. In a case of a real hardship the lodge should vote to remit dues and the District Deputy should be asked to certify the need and report to the Registry that Grand Lodge dues should also be remitted. The 2nd Monroe dropped 46 in 1990. I am hoping that this number is lower in 1991. Remember, a member saved is a member gained. □

there will be an opportunity for the children to have breakfast with Santa. This event will be open to the public, and snap shots of your child or grandchild will be available at no charge. Watch for more information.

Calendars

1992 Calendars are now available from either the Master or the Secretary, the cost is \$3.00, or \$4.00 by mail. This is a picture calendar depicting all of the lodge buildings in both the Masonic Districts together with the Masonic Body and the time that each meet. The following article by Bro. Daniel Walker describes how these came into being.

Attending Meetings

As the cold weather is now upon us, we understand that certain difficulties arise in coming to lodge. When the calling committee contacts you for dinner reservations or to inform you of upcoming events, tell them if you desire a ride to lodge. There are a lot of members who would enjoy car-pooling.

Dues

The dues notices for all bodies will soon be arriving, please sub-

Grand Sword Bearer

Of the Grand Lodge
Of the State of New York



R. W. George Simon

Thank You

Just two words like "thank you" and oh, what joy they can bring to one's heart!

They can brighten your day. They can make you feel needed and wanted. All too many times, things go unnoticed which should not. Everyone needs a pick-me-up, a pat on the back, a kind word. How can this be done? Simply by stating two words - thank you.

Some find saying "thank you" the hardest words to say (after "I love you"). Some expect a "thank you" for every little thing they do and some do not care if they hear it or not. These are two words that can change a person's way of thinking. Thanks can be used as gratitude for things that have been received or done, as an expression of gratitude to God before or af-

ter a meal. Two little words, but oh, how wonderful they can sound!

Thanksgiving

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving, to give thanks for the bountiful harvest that we have received over the past year. I know that traditionally it is for the crops harvested from the fields, but it should also be for many, many more things that touch our lives, each and every day.

More reasons to say thank you

We say "thank you" to the brothers who went forth and brought new brothers into the Fraternity, and to those who work diligently in their lodges; to those who visit and comfort the sick, also the one's who work for all of the charities and in community service; to the brothers who take their time to come to all of the training classes and programs intended for the education of Masons in our community, so they can enjoy their Craft more completely. Most of all, a big "thank you" to the ones behind the scenes, to our ladies for their support, and, I am sure, we would all admit to being lost without them!

How many times a day do you say "thank you"? Think about it for a moment or two. Now, how many times has someone said "thank you" to you? How did it make you feel afterwards?

Money-gifts not enough

It is not necessary to give monetary or other tangible gifts to make a person feel good, and wanted. Sure-they are nice, but you can always spend the money, or break or lose the gift. But, once you are given a "thank you", it is yours forever.

And so my brothers, I say to you all, Happy Thanksgiving and Thank You, for reading this column! □

over, but it is! I would like at this time to thank all the officers and members who served on committees, and the ladies for all the dinners, both of which helped to make this a great year for everyone.

Move-up

Our next meeting on November 5th is Move-up Night. It will be preceded by a pot-luck dinner, so bring a dish to pass and your own table service. As always, the ladies are invited to dinner.

Elections and reports

December 3rd is reserved for our annual reports and election of officers, preceded by a turkey dinner being prepared by the Eastern Star. Everyone (including the ladies) is invited at a cost of \$2.00 per person. At that price, reservations are a must and may be made by calling me (Nelson Bertch) at 671-4792 by November 16th.

Don't assume I know you're coming. Call 671-4792!! Let's get out and give our support to the newly elected officers, now and for the year 1992! □

Union Star Lodge No. 320

§
R. W. Kenneth E. Buckland, Master
624-1308 (Office 588-3922)
R. W. Paul Spillane, Secretary
624-3877 (Office 624-3840)

§
2nd Monday
7:30 P.M.

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

By W. Kenneth Buckland
October has been a very busy month for me and our lodge. We had our regular meeting, a special communication for the 1st

GERMANIA Lodge No. 722

W. Nelson Bertch, Master
671-4792
W. John H. Foster, Secretary
467-1677

1st Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

4275 Culver Rd.
Rochester, N.Y. 14622

By W. Nelson F. Bertch
Greetings all! It's hard to believe my year as Master is about

degree, Grand Lodge Officers Retiring Dinner and Apron Presentation and Ladies Night with area lodges. We postponed the DeWitt Clinton presentation. This will be scheduled at a later date and will be presented along with area awards.

Degree Thanks

Many thanks to Bro. William Finch for sitting in the East for the 1st degree and to W. Joe Cotteleer for conferring the 2nd degree. Thanks also go to all the brothers that assisted and took part in these degrees.

Future Dates

November 11th will be the Official Visit of our own lodge brother, R. W. Paul Spillane, D.D.G.M. Let's show our support for the Craft and our brother by your attendance that evening.

December 2nd will be a third degree on our two new brothers. Please mark the date on your calendars. We will also be having our annual communication on December 9th.

We Need Help

Brothers, a lodge cannot run without officers. WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL AT 624-1308, AND I CAN GIVE YOU DETAILS. □

Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

W. Keith Stambach, Master
865-7416
C. William Flemming, Secretary
723-0083

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

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7:30 P.M.

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4550 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14612

By W. Keith Stambach

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce that our Lodge has won the Attendance Banner for the School of Ritual again this year. On September 30th at Clío Lodge we had 30 brothers in attendance including all of the officers. This shows why Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge has maintained the consistency of excellent ritual over the years. It fills me with pride for our lodge to see how we support not only the A.G.L.s in our District, but also how many of our brothers are active on District Committees and in the many concordant bodies in our area. It is thanks to all of you that our lodge has not wavered in vitality and we continue to be a leading force in Masonry.

2nd Degree

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248-5218

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Thursdays

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7:30 P.M.

17 Church Street,
Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

By W. J. Michael Zona

November the 21st will be our move-up night and a special program is being arranged by the Senior Warden. On December 7th we will have our Christmas party, and sometime around that date

Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

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Past Masters of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge will have conferred the 2nd Degree on our new brother. The chairs were filled as follows: W.: Dave Jones, Master; W.: Charles Simpson, Sr. Warden; W.: Donald Fox, Jr. Warden; W.: Keith Stambach, Sr. Deacon; W.: Donald Carlile, Sr. M.C.; W.: George Bundoc, Jr. M.C.; W.: Floyd Bedoar, Steward; W.: Joseph Privitera, Marshal; R.: W.: Duane Manchester, Chaplain. Working Tools were presented by W.: Floyd Bedoar, Q&A by Brothers Mike Staub and Harry "Buz" Privitera. Our Past Masters have been doing this degree for many years and it is a pleasure to see them out in force and still doing fine Ritual.

The Ed Hilfiker Past Masters Club met on September 24th at Forest Hills Restaurant and there were twelve for dinner. We had a fine evening of sociability and as outgoing Master, I was a guest. I can no longer say "I never got a dinner."

November Meetings

Our next communication on November 5th will be for the purpose of approving the lodge budget for 1992. Please plan on attending so you may have a voice in how the dues will be structured and how your money will be spent. Some items in the overhead have increased drastically and you should be informed of what they are.

Dues notices will be sent as soon as the budget is approved. On November 19th, we will confer the 3°. Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m., followed by a stuffed porkchop dinner at 6:30 p.m. The 3° will start promptly at 7:30 p.m., and when concluded, we will conduct business.

Please make your reservations for dinner. Call Brother Cliff Short at 225-0464, Brother Jim Thomsen at 865-7181 or Brother Frank Jansson at 227-6132 no later than November 19th.

Sickness and distress

Sorry to hear Brother Frank Jansson is suffering with a serious back problem. We all wish him a speedy recovery, and want you to know Frank, that we need you back in Lodge! ☐

Craftsman Lodge No. 969

W.: David K. King, Master
621-8096
W.: Robert F. Ogden, Secretary
385-1422

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Masonic Temple
875 Main Street East
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By Robert F. Ogden

We had a good attendance at our recent 1st degree presentation. As usual, W.: Dave King did an excellent job. W.: King is

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planning two dinner meetings—one on 12-3 for our 3rd degree presentation and one on 12-17 for our Annual Communication. Let's have a good turn-out for both. There will be a 3rd degree rehearsal on November 12th and a regular communication on November 19th. Second and third degrees are scheduled for November 5th and December 3rd respectively.

Sickness and Distress

As Bro. Ide volunteers weekly at the Parkridge Hospital, he is in touch with Bro. Cass regularly—his condition remains poor. Widow Eleanor Hall in California reports she continues to receive compliments on her Widow's Pin, especially from the Grand Master of California. R.: W.: Joe Martin's sister is under the weather in St. John's—our best wishes for her recovery.

Happy Birthday


Many happy returns to our brethren with birthdays in November: Joe Crociata, Bill Evert, Chuck Gorka, Don Kramb, George Lloyd, Jim Locklin, Bill Mallo, Tom O'Reilly, Jim Spencer, Chester Strassner, and Cliff White.

Fellowcraft Dinner

Bro. Grover recently announced that January 14, 1992 will be our annual Fellowcraft dinner meeting at the Maplewood Inn.

Any brother in need of aid or assistance, please contact our hospitaler, W.: Volney Frankel at 244-1644. ☐

**Henrietta
Lodge
No. 526**

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W.: Paul B. Josephson, Master
334-7353
W.: Robert F. Sanford, Secretary
292-6383

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

769 Erie Station Rd.
West Henrietta, N.Y. 14586

By W.: Paul Josephson

It is my sad duty to report the death of W.: Eldred L. Kuehler. He had been a member of Henrietta Lodge for 61 years and he will be missed by all.

Degrees

On October 22nd we had our First Degree with W.: Ted Diehl in the East. As usual he and his degree team did a fine job. The Second Degree will be on November 26th. This will be a busy meeting because we will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by the presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Award by R.: W.: Paul Spillane, D.D.G.M. This award will be presented to Kris Torellotte, a Viet Nam vet who was one of the founders of the Operation Welcome Home. It was because of his drive that so many of our loved ones who served in Desert Storm received the welcome they deserved. After the presentation, we will be exemplifying the Second Degree with Bro. Norm Johnstone in the East. So all of you who want a full meeting of fun and games, this is the meeting to make. For dinner reservations please call Paul Josephson at 334-7353 or Norm Johnstone at 533-1274.


Ham Dinner

The Ham Dinner will be Saturday, November 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. As usual our Fellowcraft

Club needs your support, so please show up to help serve or just to have a fine dinner. ☐

**Towpath
Lodge No. 163**

W.: William R. Lindsay, Master
621-3573 (O 621-3605)
R.: W.: Lawrence F. Geith, Secretary
328-5580



1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Northfield Temple
17 Church Street
Pittsford, N.Y. 14334

W.: William R. Lindsay

It seemed not so very long ago that I wrote my first article for the Masonic paper as Master of the Lodge, and here we are down to the next to last article that I will be writing in that capacity. The year has been full of exciting and wonderful events which have given all of us the opportunity to benefit and extend on the level in friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

Working Together

Whenever programs and activities have gone well for our lodge, I can inevitably point to a number of brothers who have pitched in with their time and effort to ensure the success of a project. The list of brothers in that respect is so long that adequate space does not exist to mention them all.

I am talking, however, about the likes of Bill Ackroyd who steps forward whenever we need a chair filled or a prayer; Al Perkins who makes it to lodge faithfully despite the hardship of his work schedule; or Craig Covert and David Hockenberry who have worked diligently on their own time to "clean out the locker"; the Abbays (Paul and Richard) who step forward whenever a job needs to be done, BUCK and Carl Mason whose ritual work we can all be proud of; Ken Meyer who takes personal responsibility for our candidates; Ed Hoak whose colorful socks, kind words, and wisdom we all enjoy. This is only a partial list of why it feels good to be a Towpath brother and Master of this Lodge.

Awards

This past month we put on the first degree with R.: W.: Bill Zufall in the East. At our next meeting we had Official Visit with R.: W.: Paul Spillane, DDGM and R.: W.: George Simon, Grand Sword Bearer sharing with us the Grand Master's message. It was a distinct pleasure to welcome them to our Lodge and to have them participate in the awarding of 50 year pins to long time Brothers Art Loomis, Bill Beldue, Harry DeWitt and Bill Bloss. Other brothers receiving service awards who could not be there were August Kuhn, William Lutz, Howard Protz, Robert Scott, Lloyd Wood, and Marvin Dye (65 years). They represent over 500 years of service to Masonry and our commu-

nicities. I am very proud to be associated with such fine men!

Masonic Activities

In addition, our Lodge had the opportunity to hear the president of the International Philaethes Society, participate in the Grand Lecturer's Convention, the Regional Leadership Seminar, and travel to Buffalo for the 3rd annual Fellowship Dinner (PHM). Truly a busy, diverse and exciting month.

November

Our November shapes up just as interesting. In addition to our 2nd degree on the 5th, with Bro. Andy Peterson in the East, we have our second "Bring A Friend Night" on the 12th, put on by our Fellowcraft Club. I ask each brother to give the names of guests to our secretary so that invitations can be issued. I also welcome brothers from other lodges to join us who would like to see how the program works. Just make a reservation with Brother Ray Kneppar (385-4447).

DeWitt Clinton Award

On the 19th we will be giving the DeWitt Clinton Award to Sr. Wanda Hess of the Northwest Hearing and Speech Center. Sr. Wanda began with a dream and a donated garage, and has built it into a two site care program which provides services to the hearing and speech impaired, stroke victims, and screening for young children with learning difficulties. What makes her program particularly unique is that she had reached out to the poor and needy in our community, assuring that care and services are available to those who might lack the resources through the ordinary care network.

This dinner and program are open to all Masons, their families, friends, and is an opportunity to learn about a unique program in our community and meet a person whose work is truly inspirational. I encourage brothers to get their reservations in to Ray Kneppar as soon as possible.

Tape Program

Last month I mentioned the Wegman's gold tape program (which supports the purchase of educational equipment in our schools). To those of you who have collected the register tapes and turned them in to me, or given them to children in your neighborhood, I thank you. The program does run through the end of November and I encourage each of you to keep participating. If you don't know what to do with your tapes, send them to me and I will turn them in to the students at Olympia High School where I work. No tape is too small to lack importance or value. Kind of like thoughtful actions toward others.

Address Changes

One other item, Brother Secretary requests that when you change your address, please let him know so that he can keep your Masonic Times arriving on a regular basis.

In closing, let me urge all brothers to attend our November meetings. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and reservations can be made by contacting Brother Ray Kneppar (385-4447). Anybody needing a ride should let Brother Ray know when they call in their dinner reservation.

Lastly, we like to hear from all our brothers. If you can't come to a meeting, drop us a line and let us know how you are doing; sharing your correspondence in lodge is a highlight of every meeting.

Send your prayers and good wishes to Bro. Willard Crawford (Warsaw Lodge) who is recovering from major surgery. ☐

John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032

Chartered, 1924



W.: Chris Starr, Master
Res. 232-7165 = Work 454-1598
Mobil 732-6813
W.: L. Edward Walker, Secretary
647-2382

1st & 3rd Mondays
7:45 P.M.

Masonic Temple
875 Main Street East
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By W.: Chris Starr

It saddens me to write this column. I am sorely disappointed with the proceedings of the last two meetings of our Lodge. I feel I have worked very hard as your Master this year. Many have expressed their happiness and gratitude for my efforts to make John A. Robertson Lodge informative, fun and up-to-date. One of the most important goals this year was to change, update and distribute Lodge bylaws. This hasn't been done for almost 30 years.

Bylaw proposals

At the last two meetings, I have, in good faith, attempted to follow present bylaw guidelines to make the improvements. I feel I have been blocked from doing so. Copies had been provided to all elected and appointed officers, as well as all past masters. I received copies back with recommended changes which were entered into the master draft revision. The prescribed steps were followed (reading repetition in Lodge and written copies provided at proper intervals). Bickering, with constant repetitive argumentation which are very untypical of Masonic communications, seemed to be the order of the day at the past two meetings. All centered on the bylaw proposals. This was particularly embarrassing at the second of these meetings, because this was also the District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit.

Values

I have been rethinking my value to my Lodge and to Masonry. From the very beginning of my time in the Craft, I have loved Masonry and gave her my undivided attention. It hurts me to say that if I could resign my position, I would without hesitation.

Future meetings

There are those who feel a Master should be directed and controlled, and make no waves. Lacking support from the rest of the Lodge and others whom I hoped would provide it, I have resigned myself to keep what harmony I can, to saying nothing further, by word or in print, during the balance of my term in office, that can be considered critical of Lodge proceedings. I have abandoned the balance of my program (trestleboard). Meetings are adjusted to one per month as required by bylaws, meaning we will only meet on November 4 and December 2 during the rest of this calendar year. ☐

Churchville
Lodge No. 667
 +
 R. W. Donald F. Leisten, Master
 352-1103
 R. W. Earl C. Steffen, Secretary
 392-8224
 +
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
7:30 P.M.
 20 South Main St.
 Churchville, N.Y. 14428

By W. Donald F. Leisten
 Your attendance is requested on November 11th for the third reading of the by-law changes. Since these changes effect all of us I hope you will take the time to attend this important communication. If passed, these changes will go into effect immediately. Also on this evening we will confer the Third Degree upon our candidate. Lodge will open at 5:30 p.m. for the first section after which Nola Chapter will serve dinner. Reservations are a must and can be made by contacting me at 352-1103.

Fund Raiser

This year your lodge will be selling citrus fruit as a fund raiser. R. W. Everett Vail has taken charge of the project and would appreciate your co-operation in this venture. Give him a call for more information or your order at 889-4650. The drive closes on November 26th, so contact him soon.

Congratulations

W. Rod Meier received his Red Hat from the Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester. Making the presentation was R. W. George Simon, Grand Sword Bearer. Also in attendance and receiving his Red Hat was R. W. Tom Paglia. These are given for their hard work and many hours of devotion to the Craft, and accompany their Meritorious Service Awards.

There will be no communication on November 25th since it will be Thanksgiving eve. We have much to be thankful for, so remember those who are less fortunate as best you can. □

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759
 W. James D. Schoerens,
 Master 377-1742
 R. W. Lawrence W. Dunn,
 Secretary 594-8033
 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
 7:30 P.M.
 5 Browns Ave.
 Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

By W. Jim Scheerens
 To the brothers of O-At-Ka Lodge, it is very satisfying to see the increasing number of members that are attending. Hopefully this is a trend that will continue and build.

First Degree

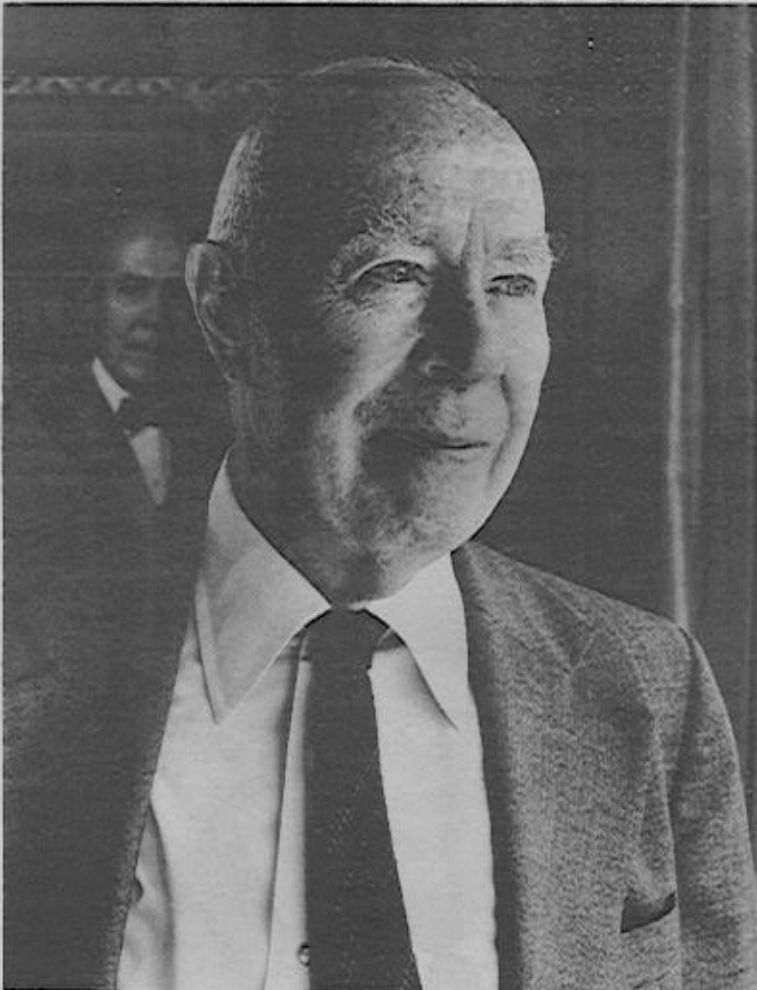
We have several new candidates and have decided to re-schedule the first degree until after the first of the year due to conflicts in the candidates' schedules.

Our newer members who have taken over some of the positions in the line have been doing a fine job and I commend them for their efforts.

Dinners

Our chicken B-B-Q originally scheduled for October 13, has been postponed until Spring due to heavy competition in our area. We have decided to hold a dinner instead and have this during the Winter months of January or February. Let's plan to attend

"VISION FOR TOMORROW"



by M. W. Raymond C. Ellis

Today we are living in an age of flux and upheaval - frightening in its possibilities. It is quite evident that civilization is balanced on the thin knife edge of possible destruction; that mankind holds in its hands a power so great that it could turn this speck of dust we call Earth into a blackened cinder whirling endlessly through the depths of interstellar space: unwept, unhonored and unsung.

Life is a series of problems

We hear on every hand - especially from those on the "mourners' bench", plaintive laments about our problems. But this always has been so. The fact of the matter is we have always had problems. Life itself is a series of problems - of challenges to be met - obstacles to be overcome - of problems to be solved. Arnold Toynbee concluded his monumental work on history with statement that "civilizations survive only as long as they respond successfully to challenges." We have challenges today and the time to meet them always is now.

Time for examination

It is quite evident that the time has come when we should and help out. Our last fund-raiser was a huge success, so let's turn out and volunteer. Call Larry Blazey at 889-3854 or Ernie Lawton at 226-6102.

Dues

Please remember to send in your dues if you have not already done so for 1991. Keep your lodge strong by paying your dues. Remember...O-At-Ka Lodge exists for YOU. Our lodge is the "FUN" Lodge and we encourage all our members and friends from other lodges to come out and enjoy some of what Masonry is all about. □

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reassess and reexamine our customs, our traditions and our practices. It is a basic fact that no organization ever stands still. It will either go forward or backward. But in order to progress there must be an increase of knowledge. Before knowledge may be increased, there must first be a sense of doubt, which, in turn, leads to a spirit of inquiry. Certain it is that as long as men are perfectly satisfied with their own opinions, they will never examine the basis on which they are built. Hence doubt and inquiry must intervene - and perhaps skepticism, which is an abomination to the indolent because it imposes on them the fatigue of inquiry. Knowledge comes only at the price of great labor and therefore of great sacrifice.

Time to make changes

In this day and age it seems startlingly clear that our fraternity should change some of its practices, customs and traditions. Those who do not change, at best are out of step; at worst, out of existence.

For example, we have long had the custom not to encourage, not to invite, not to nudge anyone to become a member of our fraternity. It is my understanding that our English brethren have no such tradition or practice. Time and again I have had the experience of asking someone in their 50's or 60's why they never became a member of our Craft. Invariably, the answer has been; "Nobody ever asked me." We assume that the general public is acquainted with our traditions and customs. The cold, hard fact is this: it just is not so. And this tradition of not encouraging anyone to become a Mason is not a landmark but only a tradition. Neither Pound nor Mackey list it as a landmark. This tradition, in my judgment, has become encrusted with the barnacles of antiquity and is a definite major liability to the Craft.

Communications with public

Then there is the matter of communications with the public. Most Grand Lodges have none, and among the few that have, they are woefully inadequate. We must get before the non-Masonic world so they will know who we are, what we are, and what we do.

It is encouraging to note that

our Sovereign Grand Commander and also several of our Grand Lodges are doing something about it.

Charities

For example, the Sovereign Grand Commander has appointed a committee, headed by Ill. John H. VanGordon, 33°, Active Emeritus Member, to the herculean task of assembling data from our 50 Grand Lodges to determine just what the Craft does annually in the area of charitable contributions. The data as of now is incomplete, but from what they have assembled, it is my guess we are contributing a minimum of \$1 million, a day!

And when all of the facts are in, it will exceed \$500 million a year! This information should be of great advantage to the Craft when disseminated to the public.

Threats to survival

Today the challenges with which our fraternity and country are confronted are frightening and awe-inspiring and they are both from without and from within. Grave as they may be that threaten from without, they are minor compared to those that threaten us from within.

Apathy! Indifference! Complacency!

These are the great American crimes!

I do not underestimate the dangers from without, but I am convinced that no power from without can beat us. We can only beat ourselves. Sometimes I think we're working overtime to do it.

My fears

I am afraid of Americans who become indifferent to the decay of national ideals - who have become so accustomed to every form of political chicanery, graft and corruption that these are accepted with little protest as a normal part of our life.

I am afraid of Americans who are indifferent to the tender, loving care meted out by many of our courts. I am beginning to think the time has come when we should take the handcuffs off the police and put them back on the criminals where they belong.

I am afraid of Americans who are indifferent to the use of the ballot. By half a vote per election district, President Eisenhower carried the State of Kentucky.

There are many who can recall the election night when Charles Evens Hughes went to bed thinking that he had been elected President of the United States. Then in the small hours of the morning, late returns came from Humboldt County in northern California. California went Democratic and Woodrow Wilson was President of the United States. It's a shame and disgrace to our country that at the last presidential election, only somewhere between 57-58% of the electorate took the trouble to cross the road and scratch a ballot or pull a lever.

I am afraid of Americans who ought to and do know better, who give lip service to the fight against inflation; who espouse policies of fiscal idiocy and sell their children and grandchildren down the river for personal profit.

I am afraid of Americans who have forgotten that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance - that we will be the land of the free only as long as we are the home of the brave.

I am afraid of Americans who put first things last and last things first; who put gold before God, pleasure before happiness, and leisure before work. This is the road to ruin. No nation is ever greater than its spiritual concepts.

Technology without intellectual honesty will fall; production without morality will sink of its own weight into the ground. It is about time for every Mason and every American to stand up and be counted and to defend and protect those landmarks responsible for our greatness as a nation and as a Craft.

Standing here in the present, we hear posterity calling to us from the depths of the future - to live that their day and age will be better because we lived and served. Voltaire, a member of Seven Sisters Lodge in Paris, defined history as "the tread of wooden shoes going up the stairs and the slither of silk coming down again."

But I'm optimistic!

I am optimistic about our Craft. I believe the tide has begun to turn. If we listen with open ears, we may hear the faint tread of wooden shoes again starting up the stairs; and if we look up, we will see a faint swelling of the buds on the uppermost branches of the trees. Every now and then there is a rift in the clouds, through which the sunlight blazes in all its glory.

I like to think of our fraternity today as an armored knight, snatched from the Age of Chivalry, moving steadily, if still slowly forward with lance set and visor down.

There is a great message in these few lines written centuries ago in the Sanskrit: Look to this day, for it is life - the very life of life! In its brief span lie all the verities and realities of our existence: the bliss of thought, the splendor of beauty, the glory of action. For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow only a vision; but today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope; Look well therefore, to this day! □

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From the Desk of: The Commander in Chief



Ill. James B. Scobell, 33°

Thanks for
program planning

I want to thank co-chairmen Brothers Gordon J. Ball and Harold Bolotin for the excellent program honoring the past Presiding Officers of the Rochester Consistory. Those in attendance enjoyed the evening.

Our Ladies Night Dinner-Dance was well attended and the ladies gifts were a great hit.

The Family Life Week Program will be held on November 7th. I want to thank Brothers William A. Baldwin and David C. Clarke and their wives for undertaking this event on short notice.

Reminder

Our Fall Reunion begins on November 21st and we are in need

of many more petitions. All candidates have to take all of the scheduled degrees to become 32° Masons.

Hino to speak

Mark your calendar for December 5th! It is the evening of our Annual Awards Night honoring Blue Lodge Brothers. Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, R. W. Ill. Earl J. Hino, Jr., 33°, is the guest speaker of the evening. The chairman is Brother John E. Zabel.

In closing, I would like to wish all of our brothers and their families a healthy and happy Thanksgiving. □

The 4th part of the evening (and the most scrumptious part!) will take place in the 3rd floor dining room at the Rochester Temple. Here, we will repeat last year's Make Your Own Sundae spectacular. Lowcal will be featured for those on low cholesterol diets. Sorry, just as last year, kids eat first!

The entire evening will conclude sharply at 9:00 p.m., so that the young ones (and perhaps some of the older ones!) can be taken home for rest, and where applicable, made ready for school the next day. The evening is entirely free! If you don't attend and tighten your family ties, then you truly have nothing to complain about.

See you on Thursday, November 7th, Cathedral Hall, 4th floor, Masonic Temple on east Main Street, 7:00 p.m. sharp.

Come one -- come all!! □

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Not every father is able to leave his son a big estate made up of lands, mortgages and bonds, but any father can bequeath to his children an estate worth infinitely more... one for which they will rise up to call his name blessed.

He can leave an honorable name, a good reputation, the memory of a Godly life and a record of fair dealing. He can teach his son to have a profound respect for a fact, deep reverence for character, a thirst for knowledge and a willingness to work.

If any youth has all this, he will not need any money that may be willed to him; if he does not have this, no money left him will do him much good. Anonymous (from the Scottish Rite News, Peoria, Ill.)

Vote on the 5th

Foster elected Honorary 33° by Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction



At the 179th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 24, 1991, Brother Larry E. Foster, 32°, was elected to receive the 33°.

Brother Foster will receive his 33° at the next meeting of the Supreme Council to be held in Chicago, Illinois in 1992.

Symbolic lodges

Brother Foster was raised a Master Mason in February 1977 at Wood County Lodge No. 112 in Bowling Green, Ohio. He affiliated with Seneca Lodge No. 920 in January of 1980.

Scottish Rite activities

He also joined the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Toledo, Ohio and received the 32° on April 23, 1977. He later affiliated with the Valley of Rochester, New York in September, 1980, serving as Most Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix, 1987-1988. He was elected 2nd Lt. Commander in 1990 and appointed Director of Degree Directors. He has participated in various roles in many of the degrees. He has been Chairman of

the Rochester Consistory Long Range Planning Committee, since its inception in 1990.

Shrine activities

Brother Foster joined the Sesostris Temple Shrine in Lincoln, Nebraska on May 21, 1977 and later associated with Damascus Temple Shrine in 1980 where he has been active in the Patrol, Rod and Gun Club and has served on the Finance Committee.

Education

Brother Foster has earned a B.S. from the University of Nebraska, an M.S. from the University of Illinois, his Ph. D. from the University of Illinois and Ed.D. from George Washington University.

Professional

Employed at Xerox Corporation, he is a Marketing Manager.

Family

Brother Foster is married to the former Cathy J. Housel and they have two children, Tyger Alan and Paige Lee.

We wish Brother Larry E. Foster continued success in his future endeavors. □



AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

What is the Thirty-third Degree?

This is the highest official degree which can only be granted and conferred by the Supreme Council. It cannot be applied for.

Each year at the annual meeting of the Supreme Council, a number of Thirty-second Degree Masons from throughout the Jurisdiction, are elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree because of outstanding service to the Fra-

ternity or for service to others which reflects credit upon the Order.

Nominations for the Thirty-third Degree are made by the Deputies of each of the fifteen States after consultation with their fellow Active Members in each State.

Nominations are then submitted to the entire Active Membership of the Supreme Council for ballot.

Following election, candidates await the next annual meeting when the Degree is conferred in full ceremonial form. □

Degree Dates

Also see

Rehearsal times
and dates at end
of each Degree

Schedule

4°

Secret Master

Thursday 8:00 P.M.

November 21, 1991

The Fourth Degree emphasizes duty, fidelity, integrity and the necessity for secrecy in all confidential relationships.

Directed by Norman H. Selke, 33°

Ceremonial Section

Thrice Potent Master:

Fred Nielsen, 33°

Deputy Master:

Harold E. Metzler, 32° MS

Senior Warden:

James B. Scobell, 33°

Orator:

Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°

Master of Ceremonies:

Myron L. Dox, 33°

Dramatic Section

King Solomon:

Robert P. Zabel, 33°

Adoniram:

Roderick C. Meier, 32° MS

Abda:

Roy S. Demenint, 33°

Zabud:

Lawrence E. Hood, 33°

Zadok:

Norman H. Selke, 33°

Zerbal:

William D. Staples, 33°

Ahishar:

Louis DiJames, 32° MS

Exemplar:

Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.

LEVITES

William A. Baldwin

Donald C. Bell

Robert E. Fisher

Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MS

Alfred K. Miller

Donald A. Rose

Adam Smith

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Rehearsal --Cathedral Hall

Monday, November 4th

7:00 P.M.

14°

Grand Elect Mason
Thursday - Following the 6°
November 21, 1991

In the Scottish Rite, this Degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. As the crowning Degree of the Lodge of Perfection, its essence is the holiness of God and reverence for His Holy Name. God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

Directed by:

Fred Nielsen, 33° & Larry E. Foster

Prologue:

Robert C. Green, Jr.

Thrice Potent Master:

*Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33° or
Patrick J.S. McNenny

Deputy Master:

Robert W. Kennedy

Senior Warden:

Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MS

Junior Warden:

Ronald J. Bertie

Orator:

Myron L. Dox, 33°

Captain of the Guard:

Donald J. Brugger, 32° MS

Inquisitor:

Philip Averbach

Moses:

Robert C. Pettit, 33°

Master of Ceremonies:

Lawrence K. Canfield

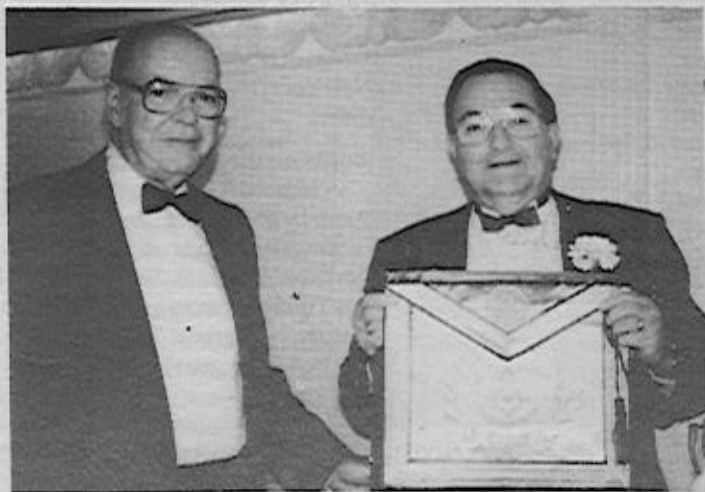
GUARDS

Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MS

John E. Zabel

□

Some came - some went - and some stayed



R.W. Robert P. Zabel on left, presents the apron of District Deputy to R.W. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr. Spiegel's Grand Steward apron is now retired.

This year, the Grand Lodge Officer's Apron Presentation and Retirement Ceremonies, sponsored by the Purple Club of Monroe County, were combined.

This "merger" was largely influenced by the Grand Master's desire to have local Grand Lodge officers remain in office for a second term, if at all possible.

The dinner party took place at D'Andrea's Party House, under the chairmanship of R.W. Donald J. Brugger. His committee consisted of R.W. Lawrence Dunn, R.W. Frank Granata, R.W. Thomas M. Paglia and honorees, the R.W.'s Cameron, Frear and Scrivens.

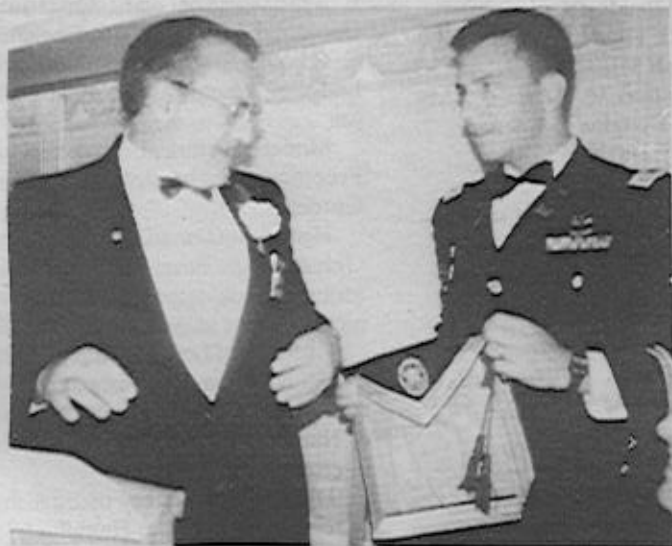
The "came", "stayed" and "went" theme of the evening was set by Purple Club President, and m. c. R.W. Robert E. Rudman. Masonic Service Bureau President and Grand Chaplain R.W. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., led prayer.



R.W. Ronald D. Mertens on left above, congratulates R.W. Stephen R. Whittaker as the latter extends appreciation to those who assisted him during his year as District Deputy Grand Master of the First Monroe District Above right, W. Raymond Crandall, Master of Seneca #797, congratulates R.W. Donald B. Scrivens, as he retires from an active role as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, near the Grand Lodge of New York. R.W. Brother Rudman is in the foreground.



W. John Lindsay of Fairport Lodge, on the left, introduced R.W. Robert F. Cameron, a member of his Lodge, who retired as the active Grand Representative from Japan. Instead of "ah so", his theme is now "sayonara"?



R.W. A. Wayne Engbrecht on left, receives Grand Director of Ceremonies apron from his son, Army Captain and Brother Jeff Engbrecht. Jeff came from his post at West Point to participate in these ceremonies for his father.

They came

Those who "came", received ceremonious presentations of aprons of office which were made available through their respective lodges. They were:

R.W. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master of the First Monroe District;

R.W. A. Wayne Engbrecht, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and,

Grand Representatives - R.W. Paul J. Rogers, of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and R.W. James B. Scobell, of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.



R.W. Robert C. Pettit on left, presents R.W. Paul J. Rogers with his Grand Representative of Missouri apron. How appropriate that he represent the "show me" State!

They went

R.W. Stephen R. Whittaker, District Deputy Grand Master of the First Monroe District and, Grand Representatives -

R.W. Robert F. Cameron, of the Grand Lodge of Japan;

R.W. Arnold W. Frear, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba;

R.W. William H. Russell, of the Grand Lodge of Belgium, and,

R.W. Donald B. Scrivens, of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



R.W. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., on the left congratulates R.W. Arnold W. Frear, who retired from the active role of Grand Representative from Manitoba. The moose can feel safe in their annual migration, again!

They stayed

The ones who remained in office for a second or extended term were:

R.W. Paul W. Spillane, District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Monroe District;

R.W. George Simon, Grand Sword Bearer and,

Grand Representatives - R.W. Robert L. Anderson, of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and,

R.W. Frank J. Horton, of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

While those staying are not pictured in this feature, rest assured they will appear in future articles in the Times! □



R.W. William H. Russell (at dais) responds to remarks from R.W. Stephen R. Whittaker (center) and Master of Seneca #797, W. Raymond Crandall, on his retirement as active Grand Representative from Belgium. Purple Club President R.W. Robert Rudman and his wife Dee are seated in the foreground.



R.W. Norman Selke on left presents R.W. James B. Scobell with his Grand Representative of Arizona apron. (The "Land of Enchantment"?)



The R.W. A. Wayne Engbrecht family, from left: son Michael, son (and Brother) Captain Jeff, Dad Wayne and Mom Ginnv.

Commandery
Council

York Rite NEWS

Royal Arch
Chapter

**Ionic Chapter
No. 210
Royal Arch Masons**
Michael Staub, King
...
4th Tuesday
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**Masonic Temple
875 Main St. East
Rochester, N.Y.
14605**

By W. Mark V. Fenton
Those of you who attended the Ionic Lodge (Hamilton, Ontario) visitation on Sept. 21 enjoyed a great day with good friends. To those of you who missed it, I know you will want to plan on traveling to Hamilton next year. Consideration is being given to expanding the program to include our wives, or significant others. Sounds like a good idea to me. I will look forward to the suggestions of next year's leaders. They may be directed to Bro. Ron.

Many Thanks
By the time you read this several events will be history - the Chicken Barbecue (thanks to W. Bruce for the great job) - the Grand Lecturer's Convention (thanks to all the Webster Brothers who participated in the Drama section of the Third Degree) and the Leadership Seminar (thanks to R. Wayne and his team for a great job).

Future Events
November and December promise to be busy months. Please note the following events and plan to attend as many meetings as you can. November 7th is "Bring a Friend Night." I hope that you have used the Memory Jogger handed out by R. W. Charles Spiegel at the Official Visitation and enclosed in the lodge mailing you received a couple of weeks ago. We have 60 more attendees at the dinner, with no one paying. Only you can make it happen. You still have time to get your reservation in. Remember, if you bring a guest, his meal is free and so is yours.

November 14 is Fellowcraft. November 16 is the Steak Roast and Euchre Tournament. Have you marked your calendar to make certain that you do not miss this one? Have you asked your friends? Don't play Euchre? Come to the dinner anyway. You won't get a better meal anywhere for the price (\$9.50). Have you called John Clapp to volunteer to help in the preparation of the food or with the Tournament? If not, why not call him now. Fund raisers can be a lot of fun if we have enough volunteers or it can be work for a few - and that's not fair. Your lodge needs your support.

November 21 is Move Up Night. Come on out and encourage next years officers as they conduct the business of the lodge for the first time. Plan to stay for the fellowship that follows. (By the way, does anyone play Bridge? Bro. John Clapp and I would love to take you on!)

Sickness and Distress
I know you will want to join me in remembering two of our brothers who passed away since my last news letter - H. Kenneth Hayward, on August 19 and Charles H. Braun on September 26. Resolutions of Respect were read, spread upon the minutes of

the communication and sent to the families of our departed brothers.

I understand that Bro. Lee Pellett, who is at the Friendly Home has had some problems. You might send a card or drop in to see him. Bro. Howard Close, who is at the Fairport Baptist Church, is up and about and would appreciate seeing some of his Webster brothers.

November Birthdays
Happy Birthday to Scott Anthony, 11-4; Dan VanDorn, 11-8; Ray David Rockcastle, 11-10; Ralph Hewitt, 11-11; Dennis Pilato, 11-12; Dave Williams, 11-12; Scott Hill, 11-12; Francis Pellett, 11-13; Steve Ellia, 11-14; Don Pickney, 11-15; Bob Martin, 11-18; Wayne Abrams, 11-25; John Willis, 11-25; Hank Libra, 11-29; and Walter Schattner, 11-29. If there are any errors, omissions, call W. Steve.

Reminder
If you have not paid your 1991 dues, contact W. Steve. Contact Bro. Vance Collom for the Endowment Fund and Bro. Greg Brown for the Brotherhood Fund.

**Monroe Commandery
No. 12
Knights Templar**

Chartered
in 1827



1st & 3rd
Fridays

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

By Commander Norman B. Rollo
Sir Knights:
Many thanks to the Knights and their ladies for their loyal and lengthy hours they put into the Annual Conclave held at the Holiday Inn. Thanks must go first to R.E.G.C. Bob Cook for his fine constructive year as commander. He sure did spread the word of friendship and brotherly love throughout the United States. There are many Commanderies in this Country that now know about Monroe #12!

I am sure that Bob and Jean will have many fond memories of their travels to almost all of the States. Well Done, Bob & Jean.
The registration crew consisted of Ron Brown, Ralph Biggar, George Bundoc, Harold Gruschow, Bob Deckard, James Anthony, Al Miller, Robert Britton, and yours truly. My "sincere thanks to all who made a very difficult job a piece of excellent and joyful work. The cooperation among this group was a unique example of what the Templars stand for. . .

Excellent hospitality!
Thanks and a job very well done" goes to the hospitality room committee Harry Coates and Sharon Bundoc their many long hours. This may have gone unnoticed to some, but sure were appreciated by others who could have not have accomplished such a feat! "SKOL!!" The bakery dept. for the courtesy room must have worked into the wee hours of the morning, putting together such a fine array of baked goods."

Thanks! When the heat was on, you came through! The Craft Table, under direction of Del,

Rollo and helpers Sharon, Anne, Rene, and Denise, spent many hours throughout the year sacrificing their free time to construct such a huge variety of Christmas decor, which will be hanging around for many years to come. I am sure that when they look at their holiday tree, they will have memories . . .

A good show award goes to Ron "Cowboy" Brown, western singer and dancer, for an exciting evening of square dancing and instruction to all volunteers! "Yeyhoo!! Well done, Ron . . .

The festivities ended early Sunday morning with a church parade with about 120 participating. It included Rev. Rainer being driven to church in a Paddy Wagon!

My missing anybody who donated their time to make this Conclave a success is purely accidental and I ask your forgiveness for this grave error.


Again, my thanks and appreciation to all who participated in such a huge undertaking. Without you, it would never have happened.

Upcoming
Dates to remember: Order of the Temple on Nov. 9th. Christmas Toast Dec. 20.

How about trying to make at least one meeting a month?
United we stand divided we disappear. □

**Cyrene Commandery
No. 39
Knights Templar**
(Chartered in 1867)

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2nd & 4th
Fridays
\$
Masonic
Temple



**875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605**

By Ronald J. Bertie, Em. Commander
Our conclave on October 11th was well attended. The ladies had their Schicker Club meeting, also. Many thanks to all for their attendance, it was deeply appreciated.

November
November will be a busy month for Commandery. On the 7th we will have a Ladies Night at Batavia Downs. There will be a buffet dinner at 6:15 p.m., and the races will begin at 7:30 p.m. Contact Stanley V. Peterson for price of tickets and reservations at 586-1932. On Friday, November 8th, we will have a regular conclave in full form. We will also be rehearsing for the orders that will be put on the following day, Saturday November 9th at the Masonic Temple. The day will begin with coffee and donuts at 8:30 a.m. The Orders will begin at 9 a.m. There will be a luncheon at noon time. The Order of the Temple will be complete by 4 p.m. Be sure the candidates know about it.

Future Dates
There will be no conclave on Friday, November 22nd, due to Thanksgiving.

We will be joining Monroe Commandery for the Christmas Toast on Friday, December 20, 1991 More in the next issue.

Send cards to the sick. We wish John Waldo and family and all a happy Thanksgiving. □

**Grand
Commandery
Knights Templar**
State of New York



Sir Knight Robert H. Cook
Past Grand Commander

Knightly Greetings:
The 178th Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York is now history.

It was the culmination of a wonderful year of making new friends throughout New York, the Northeast, and beyond, and renewing old acquaintances.

Lady Jean and I were well received throughout our travels and we wish to thank those who made us feel welcome.

There are those who helped make the 178th Annual Conclave a success. My appreciation goes to the Conclave Committee: General Chairman, S.K. Ronald L. Brown; Chairman, S.K. Norman B. Rollo; Hospitality Chairman, S.K. Harry C. Coates, assisted S.K. George J. Bundoc; and Treasurer, S.K. Ralph A. Biggar.

Of course, the event couldn't have occurred without the assistance of the Ladies Auxiliary, namely: Lady Jean, Lady Delores, Lady Sharon, Lady Renee, Lady Eleanor, Lady Linda, Lady Ann, and Lady Hope.

It was through the efforts of these ladies that \$172.00 was turned over to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as proceeds from the craft table.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the platoon and honor guard from Zone 11 under the direction of the Zone Office Ron Edwards. Your presence was greatly appreciated.

Again, Lady Jean and I thank all who helped us through this memorable year. It is with pride that I admonish all to: Be Positive, Be Enthusiastic, and Be Visible. □

**Hamilton Chapter
NO. 62
Royal Arch Masons**
(Chartered in 1819)



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**2nd & 4th
Thursdays**
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**Masonic Temple
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605**

By Hugh H. Robertson-High Priest
Now that our Canadian visitors have returned home, we can look forward to making plans for Hamilton Chapter. Our one No-

member meeting will be for appointing a Nominating Committee and an Auditors Committee. Reports of committees will also be heard.

Count Your Blessings
Yes, Thanksgiving is not far off. We, in this Country, are so blessed with so much, yet we take little time to give thanks to our good Lord. Take time to thank Him, not only on Thanksgiving, but all year long.

Dues
For any of you who may have overlooked paying your dues; please bring them up to date. Finances are so important for the running of the Chapter. Your help is greatly appreciated.
God bless you all. □

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

By Lawrence Dunn, Pre-Em. Gov.
We do not have a meeting in November. The Pre-Em. Gov., his wife and family wish all a very happy Thanksgiving day. We have a lot to be thankful for to be living in this Country. Problems yes, but they will always be with us.

Fairport Temple
Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 14th at the Masonic Temple in Fairport, N.Y. The meeting will be at 3 p.m. and officers please wear tux. This is the meeting in which we present names from our Masonic order whom we wish to have as members of our Order. Please have them ready at that time. We will meet the ladies at the Green Lantern Inn afterwards.

Reservations for the Batavia Downs on November 7th are to be made with Stanley V. Peterson. We always have a great time there. The only sickness is John H. Waldo and cards would be appreciated. □



**Genesee Valley
Assemblage No. 1**

**MASONIC TEMPLE
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605**

By Ronald J. Bertie, Commander
The Officers of your assemblage have been developing future activities. There have been a lot of expressions for developing new assemblies in the various areas of the U.S. and Canada. R.S. A. John Tijou is working on revising our ritual. This will meet the needs of our order well into the 21st Century.

Winter Meeting
We will be planning a Winter meeting. The date will be announced in the next issue of the Masonic Times. We hope that all of you will have a very happy Thanksgiving. We have a lot to be thankful for in this Country. □

York Rite NEWS

Doric Council No. 19

Cryptic Masons (Chartered in 1861)

Lawrence W. Dunn, III, Master
L. Edward Walker, Recorder



+
3rd
Wednesdays
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Masonic Temple
875 Main St. East
Rochester, N.Y. 14805

By Hugh H. Robertson, III: Master

Last month our Grand Master paid us a visit. This month our DDGM will be with us for his Official Visit, November 20, 1991. Remember to wear your tux. There will be a dinner-place and time announced later.

Races

Don't forget we go to the races November 7th. A good buffet style dinner is in order. Cyrene Commandery is joining us for this event. You need to be at Batavia Downs by 6:15 p.m. We find some companions have not brought their dues up to date. Please do so as that will greatly help our Council. □



FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

Ronald D. Mertens, President
Richard C. Friedman, Secretary

There were several tables of guests who attended the Chapter program on October 6th at the Rochester Airport Host Hotel. All were pleased with the opportunity to hear from John Mauck Hilliard, our International President. He is a renowned speaker and author, who is completing his second year as Society President.

A totally unexpected pleasure was to have the presentation of Awards of Merit by the President to four members of our Chapter. President Hilliard told us he had gotten the approval of the Executive Board of the Society shortly before leaving home for this event.

The buffet brunch was presented in ample form! And, the room provided gave comfortable surroundings to a group of 70 or 80.

Dates to enter on your calendar

Members of the Finger Lakes Chapter are being encouraged to consider setting aside the 14th of February, 1992, as a date to attend the Annual Philaethes Feast at the Hotel Washington in Washington, D. C. Look for details in your most recent Philaethes magazine, or check with the Chapter Secretary.

Also, for all comers! The Finger Lakes Chapter is honored to have been selected as the host of the 1992 semi-annual Philaethes Feast, scheduled for September 12th!! □

**Don't forget - -
Vote on the 5th**

Hi-Lights

Order of the Eastern Star District of Monroe, State of New York

By Rt. Wthy. James E. Comstock

October marked the change in administration for the Order of the Eastern Star in the several Districts. In ours, retiring District Deputy Grand Matron, Rt. Wthy. Donna Laundry, notes that 1991 was a year of challenges, delights, surprises and rewards. She found that a District Deputy must be an organizer, an initiator, a speaker, an administrator, a middleman, a representative and above all, an efficient user of time.

We believe that Rt. Wthy. Donna did all of these things well. As for rewards, her travels gained her many new friends who helped her to better understand the wide spectrum of care and concern that welds our Order into the wonderful organization it is.

Thanks from retiring officers

Rt. Wthy. Donna expresses her appreciation for the cooperation, support and affection shown to her by the District members. Rt. Wthy. Donald Freeman echos this appreciation. Each of the retiring officers extend best wishes to the 1992 Officers, Rt. Wthy. Karen Leipold and Rt. Wthy. Fred Ambeau, for a wonderful and successful term. They also pledge their continuing support.

Installation of Constellation Officers

The Francis Hitchcock Shea Constellation of Junior Stars installed Ann VanOstrand as Ex-

alted Star in September. Their first project was a booth at the Hilton Applefest, which proved very successful.

Wanda's Peaches

Wanda's Peaches continue to pave the road to the Grand East for Rt. Wthy. Wanda Williams. A very profitable walkathon was chaired by Rt. Wthy. Karen Leipold. Well Done!! All who attended or participated had a great time.

New Projects

Rt. Wthy. Valerie Johnson, Sr. Joy Woodley, and Wthy. Barb Spano are co-chairing our monthly spaghetti dinners. This endeavor is working well and gaining momentum. Plans are in the works for new projects. Each of these will be enjoyable as well as a challenge to the District. Many people are lending their time and talents. If you haven't been participating, you have missed a lot of fun and good fellowship. Join the Team!! You will enjoy it and reap the rewards of fraternal friendship.

Reception and Dinner

Rt. Wthy. Karen Leipold's reception is on November 1st, following the November spaghetti dinner. The perfect evening would be to enjoy the meal at Webster and then make the short drive to East Rochester for the reception. See you there! □

on attending. On this night we are also having a pie auction. I have to say, we have some of the best pie makers around. Do come and enjoy the evening.

A couple of reminders-November 16th meeting is a regular meeting. December 7th is our Annual Meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m., with our Christmas Party following. □

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

By Wthy. Carol Haskins

Fall is here and we have, once again, a busy schedule of meetings. I hope everyone enjoyed their Summer.

Homecoming

On June 15th, Rochester Chapter hosted Rt. Wthy. Diana Woodruff's Homecoming. What a wonderful evening it was at that!! A good time was had by all. We know Rt. Wthy. Diana did a wonderful job as she had a terrific amount of visitors. A great big THANK YOU for all that helped on that committee.

Taking Part

Sr. Claudia is now getting her offices filled for next year. Please keep in mind that we have a limited amount of active members and we all need to do our share to keep Rochester Chapter going. Besides, it's fun to take a different office.

We lost two of our sisters this Fall. Sr. Grace Peterson and Sr. Helen Allen have passed away. Our prayers and thoughts are with their families at this time. They will be missed dearly.

Future Meetings

On November 2nd, Rochester Chapter is having Master Mason Night. This is always a fun evening. All Master Masons are invited. Please call our secretary, Gladys, at 328-5580 if you plan

family members and friends went for the ride. Many thanks go to Sr. Wilda Robinson who was responsible for making the ride such a wonderful day of fellowship.

Madrigal dinner

We will need help at the Madrigal Dinner on December 5-6-7th. Since this is one of our money makers, please call Wthy. Sara, at 594-1774, to offer your help. Plan also to come to our Matrons and Patrons dinner on December 17th.

Happy Thanksgiving

Let us take time to thank the Lord for our richest gift - the people who fill our days with their warmth and kindness. □

Youth Groups

Fidelity Triangle #4



Mary Fisher, Beloved Queen

By Amy Lynch, Past Beloved Queen

While I'm writing this article, I'm packing the necessities for Convention and, if I've forgotten something, please forgive me. I must have accidentally packed it in my clothes!

Please wish us luck at Convention, for we hope to come home with a trophy or certificate stating that we have won in one of the many fields of competition.

We would like to congratulate the new Beloved Queen of Lockport Triangle 128. I'm sorry that we were unable to attend the installation, but we wish her the best of luck in her term.

November 23rd, we will have our installation of officers at 8:00 p.m. at Fame Temple on Culver Road. The reception for our new Jr. Advisor Amy Lynch will be on December 14th at Fame Temple. Both are open meetings, so all are welcome to come and join in the evening's festivities.

Well, it's time again for me to say my piece - - if you know any girls between the ages of 11 and 21, please contact me at 334-7953 for further information about the Triangle.

I know that some of you have read this column, because I've had a few responses. We continue to need you and your support. □

Order of DeMolay



Rochester Chapter

By Master Councilor Jason Staub

Hello, everyone! Unfortunately, winter is coming, but Rochester Chapter DeMolay is still having fun.

In August, we did attend a dance in Kenmore. Thanks to Master Councilor Matt Howard, we were able to spend the night at his house.

September 28th, our DeMolay young men went to Jamestown for a Cherry Creek initiation and installation. Congratulations to our new members Terry Jolly, Brian Cruickshank, and Ken Robinson. A special thanks to our many drivers for making sure that everyone got there and back safely.

October 4th was when Dad Robinson was able to take Clayton

and Jene to Kenmore's Installation of Officers, to help in the event. Our young men did a good job. They were part of a team of Past Master Councilors and State Officers.

Our first meeting this Fall, we decided on who our officers would be and in general, had a good time.

With our newly installed brothers, I'm sure we will continue to have a good time.

WHAT IS DEMOLAY?

Masons, more than any other persons, should be able to answer this question.

It is a fraternal organization for young men between the ages of 13 and 21. It is NOT restricted to sons or relatives of Masons. It was created by a Mason, Frank S. Land, and is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Order of DeMolay is the largest fraternal youth organization in the world. It was founded in 1919 and has grown to encompass thousands of chapters throughout the world.

A chapter in Rochester is located at the Charlotte-Corinthian Masonic Temple in Charlotte. There are currently between 15 and 20 members with an advisory group of Master Masons. The organization promotes love of country, respect for parents, support for public education and belief in God, all hallmarks of the Order. It provides a positive fraternal environment in which young men participate in leadership learning activities. The primary focus is the development of young men to be the future leaders of our society.

Among those with international renown who have been DeMolays are: John Wayne, Walt Disney and Fran Tarkenton; Walter Cronkite and astronaut Frank Borman, NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, Senator Mark Hatfield, CBS News anchorman Dan Rather and many others.

A local chapter is run by its own members. They plan their own activities and learn to develop their leadership skills. To join, a young man must believe in God, be of good character and reputation, and be recommended by two chapter members and a Master Mason.

There are parties, dances, baseball, football and other sports; civic and charitable projects and many other programs in each chapter. A young man joins to have the opportunity to plan group activities, to join in special trips, attend leadership camps, participate in or be a spectator at sports events, and make new friends.

DeMolay is different because its fraternal bond allows members to better understand things that lie ahead of them, and because it prepares them for responsible, adult citizenship.

Membership applications are available at all Masonic lodges in Monroe County, at the Masonic Service Bureau office at 875 East Main Street, and through the adult advisors of the Chapter, who include:

- Gerald J. Glaser,
215 Warren Avenue,
Rochester 14618
- William A. Baldwin,
1236 Strong Road,
Victor 14564
- Ian Buchanan,
147 Holyoke Street,
Rochester 14615
- Gary L. Burke,
58 Bancroft Drive,
Rochester 14616

Purple Club of the Monroe Districts

President:

R. W. Robert Rudman

Vice-President:

R. W. Vernon Goodrich

Secretary:

R. W. John Dense

By R. W. John Dense

All paperwork has been sent to lodges in the Monroe Districts to assure they have sufficient notice and details for submission of names for 1992 Grand Lodge nominations. Our Vice-President chairs the Purple Club Selection Committee.

The Retiring Grand Lodge officer and Apron Presentation program at the end of September was managed in such a way that there will be some seed money available for planning such an event in 1992. The committee and chairman R. W. Donald Brugger were commended for their efforts.

R. W. William Baldwin offered the latest information on the 1992 Widow's Luncheon at Logan's. There is an ad elsewhere in the paper to remind readers to reserve the date at the end of February.

R. W. Robert Rudman raised the subject of attendance at the Masters and Wardens Association functions. Ideas for attendance improvement were that the Purple Club members of the various lodges should monitor the attendance of their own Masters and Wardens; that the Purple Club should serve as an advisory group, that the meetings should have a theme beyond socializing for the evening and that the officers might consider changing their meeting dates to other than Saturday nights when there is minimum Masonic meeting activity.

The Club intends to improve its posture on where smoking is permitted at public events that it hosts.

R. W. A. John Tijou proposed selection of W. Brian Pursey as a member, since he is a Grand Lodge officer in the Grand Lodge of England. He expects to be in the Rochester area for some time. The motion was approved and W. Pursey was elected to membership. □

Youth Groups

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David C. Clarke,
4 Brasser Drive,
Rochester 14624

Bob King,
P.O. Box 522,
Williamson 14589

Ron Mertens,
518 Merchants Road,
Rochester 14609

Joseph J. Privitera,
160 Walker Road,
Hilton 14468

Stephen R. Whittaker,
39 Wincanton Drive,
Fairport 14450

Masons or others reading this column should not hesitate to contact any of those named for further information. Let's work together to make sure that any qualified youth with whom we are acquainted has the opportunity to consider membership. He shouldn't be overlooked because we did not care enough!

(This description of DeMolay is from various promotional publications and local Chapter printed materials. Please clip and save so you can respond knowledgeably should the question ever be asked of you. Ed.) □

Play the Masonic Quiz Game every month

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Answers on
Page 20

Question 81:
Blue Lodges are so called because:

- A Universality is symbolized by the blue clouded canopy, also a symbol of truth
- B Early Masonic costumes were of blue
- C Goose and Gridiron Tavern, meeting place of early London Lodges, was painted blue
- D Referring to the blue in the national flag

Question 82:
The best known Encyclopedia of Freemasonry is:

- A Mackey's
- B Pike's
- C Kenning's
- D McKenzie's

Question 83:
"Tesselated" is an architect's term denoting:

- A Large blocks laid in alternate squares of black and white
- B Inlaid mosaic of small pieces
- C The border around a stone floor
- D Tested and found perfect

Question 84:
The Third Degree as we know it is:

- A About five hundred years old
- B About two hundred years old
- C Ancient beyond knowledge
- D An American addition

Grand Lodge



R. W. Thomas M. Paglia
REPRESENTATIVE



W. Chris Starr
DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE



R. W. Harry H. Kennedy
REPRESENTATIVE

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

By W. Chris Starr

A warm Veterans greeting from your Grand Lodge Veterans Service, and I hope that all of our volunteers are well. Now the news: the Pavilion Project, in which our team leader, R. W. Thomas Paglia, played a vital role, has, as of October, raised over \$41,692 toward its completion. Interior work is underway currently and will be completed by the 1992 picnic season.

Activities

One hundred fifty volunteers attended the annual Volunteer on August 25th, and both the Commanders Day Program and the POW/MIA ceremony on September 21 were successful. The preparations for the Christmas activities at the Veterans Medical Center at Canandaigua are underway. Volunteer service has already ordered the gifts to be distributed to the hospitalized veterans on December 22nd. You won't want

to miss this yearly event! Those of you who are hunters, don't forget the "Deer Hides for Veterans" program. All hides donated provide leather for occupational therapy at day treatment center programs. Fair market value of hides are \$35 and you can claim this as a tax deduction contribution. To donate hides, contact Voluntary Service at 396-3645 or call me at 454-1598.

Volunteer Service

The Veterans Administration Volunteer Service is one of the most changing and progressive programs in the VA, and has undergone many changes in organization, goals and types of programs to meet a variety of patient needs.

We hope to see you at the monthly volunteer visits to the Medical center in Canandaigua, and I hope that you can stay happy and healthy till next month. □

Question 85:
The Cornucopia is the Steward's symbol because:

- A Stewards anciently carried refreshments in the Lodge
- B It is a symbol of plenty
- C It was carried by the King's

Question 86:
The "Prentice Pillar" is:

- A The name of a task given to early apprentices
- B The masterpiece of an early operative Master Mason
- C A fluted pillar in Scotland about which a Masonic legend is told
- D A name for the Warden's column

Question 87:
Masonically, the Master's Piece is:

- A The address given by a newly installed Master
- B The work done by an apprentice to prove his fitness to be a fellow
- C The cornerstone of a building
- D The headstone of an arch

Question 88:
Cornerstones are laid in the Northeast Corner because:

- A The strongest winds blow from the Northeast, and greatest strength must be there to resist.
- B It is the halfway point between darkness of North and light of East thus symbolizing a beginning.
- C First cornerstone ever laid by Masons was laid in the

- Northeast corner.
- D Masonry first came to the United States in the North east part of the country

Question 89:
"The number of Masonic Rites - York Rite, Scottish Rite, American Rite, etc., is approximately:

- A 6
- B 15
- C 27
- D 37

Question 90:
The "Constitution" which claims an antiquity impossible because of internal evidence is:

- A The Harleian
- B The Roberts
- C The Cooke
- D The Regius

ARE YOU RICHER?

You are richer today than you were yesterday:

If you have laughed often, made a new friend today or made steppingstones of stumbling blocks, if you have managed to be cheerful and even if you weary.

-The Ohio Mason



VAMC Canandaigua, NY

By W. Harold Bollotin

Volunteers who visited the Canandaigua VA Hospital in mid-October from the Rochester area included: R. W. Tom Paglia of Charlotte-Corinthian and his wife Cora; W. Harold Bollotin of Valley-Simes and his wife Sylvia; Brother Franklyn Morse of John Robertson and his wife JoAnn, and our friend and faithful volunteer June Moon.

We need more volunteers! Everyone is welcome to join with us - Masons, friends, family or neighbors. Volunteers do not need to be veterans. If you have any interest, or would like further information, telephone R. W. Thomas Paglia at 227-2046, or W. Harold Bollotin at 342-5865.

Hospital visit scheduled

The next visit is Sunday, November 10th at 1:00 p. m., the day before Veteran's Day. Mark your calendars now. Come and join us to spread some cheer to our hospitalized veterans.

We recommend you join us for breakfast at the Canandaigua Temple, located on Main Street at the rear of the Ontario County Courthouse. The price is \$3.50 for all you can eat. See you there! □

"The city of happiness is not found in the north, east, south or west, but is found in the state of mind".

The Masonic fraternity in America has conferred the Master Mason Degree on more than 10 million Americans since 1730.

It is unfortunate that so many citizens in this country are demanding something for nothing. It is even more unfortunate that they are getting it.

(Valley of El Paso, Orient of Texas)

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

By Gordon Dodge



At the September Meeting, Lalla Rookh Grotto Monarch Merch Merritt, center, greets the Deputy Grand Monarch S. Joseph Farrell (from Shedad Grotto, Brockton, Mass.) on the right who is accompanied by his aide Jim Gibson, Past Monarch of the Taleh Grotto of Quincy, Mass.

By Gordon Dodge

A quiet month was observed in October, as we had to cancel our ceremony for a later date. The Monarch and Chief Justice traveled to Buffalo for Zulieka Grotto's Monarch's Ball and to Hindoo Koosh in Hamilton, Canada for their 70th Anniversary celebration.

November Dates

Refer to the Masonic Activities and the November Calendar on the last page of the Masonic Times for upcoming events.

On the Move

Cast Director George Knierim and his crew met at the Masonic Temple to move our backdrops from the Auditorium Theater to Cathedral Hall. A job well done and all items from the first floor stage area in addition to the backdrops have been moved. Special thanks to Gerry Brugger, Frank Voegtle, George Wyatt, Larry Geith, Dick Topel and George Knierim for doing this difficult job.



Cauldron News

By Helen Rose

I greet you for the first time-as Mighty Chosen One-elect!

Oursickness list includes Mary Nuessle, who's condition hasn't changed much. Shirley Ambeau is on the mend, and I haven't any new information on Ann Maas.

Installation of Officers

The year is slipping by fast, and rehearsal for Installation is November 2, 1991 at 9 A.M. in Doric Hall at the downtown Rochester Temple. For those participating, please be on time.

Then on November 9, 1991, we will have Installation of Officers at 8 P.M. in Doric Hall. We would be glad to see all the Prophets that night.

Regular Meeting

Our first regular meeting will be November 14, 1991 at 8 P.M. in

recognized.

Fall Schedules

W.. Rich Friedman, one of our AGL's spoke of the schedule of the School of Ritual for the 1991 season. R..W.. Wayne Engbrecht spoke about the Entry Level Program and the InterLodge Euchre Tournament. He congratulated those members who attended the various functions of the Bureau of Masonic Education. Bro. Scott Seltzer, the new President of the Senior Wardens, announced the schedule of the Brotherhood Committee, of which he is also chairman. The schedule of events reported are of interest to all and he pleads for all representatives to attend the organizational meetings.

Support Schools and Programs

R..W.. Charles Spiegel, DDGM 1st Monroe District, R..W.. Paul Spillane, DDGM 2nd Monroe District, R..W.. George Simon, Grand Sword Bearer, and R..W.. A. Wayne Engbrecht, Grand Director of Ceremonies, all asked for support of the Bureau of Masonic Education, urged all to attend the Leadership Seminars, reminded all Masters to submit names for the DeWitt Clinton Award, and spoke on the topic of proper preparation and planning for a successful lodge program and how to increase attendance.

Next Meeting

The next Masters and Wardens Meeting will be at Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard Street, Webster, New York on Saturday, November 23, 1991. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Please call the secretary of your group to make your reservations known. □



By Roger E. McCaughey

For several months we have talked about the possible re-establishment and combining of the James A. Hard Post No. 18 and the Wayne Charter Post No. 12 of the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York. Well, we are now established! The name of the new Post will be the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 and the meeting place will be at the Perinton Memorial VFW Post No. 8495 on Route 31F in Fairport. The dates and times of the meetings will be announced to the membership by newsletter.

Membership Requirements

The most frequently asked question (to our Hotline (716) 385-2429) is: "Do I have to have served in a war, or during a war, to be eligible for membership?" The answer is no; and here are the basic requirements for membership:

1. You must be a member, in good standing, of a Masonic Blue Lodge, recognized by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York;
2. You must be a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces (or one of its Allies); currently on Active Duty; in the Reserves of the Armed Forces of the U.S. or one of its' Allies.

Recent rulings eliminated the



W.. Richard C. Friedman
FIRST MONROE DISTRICT



W.. Terry Wiklen
SECOND MONROE DISTRICT

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS



By W.. Richard C. Friedman
"Care little for the jibes of MEN, but heed the sting of conscience".

These ringing words from the Charge of the First Degree indicate another example of how the ritual of Freemasonry bravely attempts to change the lives of those who would allow themselves to hear it.

Ritual in daily living

In our travels throughout the districts we are saddened that more of our brothers are not striving to incorporate the Meaning of the ritual in their lives. Ritual is not meant only for the lodge room. It's transcendent beauty is supposed to touch us at all times.

We hear ritual mouthed in the lodge room and private piques and grudges in the dining room. We hear a lot of talk about "Masonic" principles and view the same brothers acting totally opposite of their stated beliefs.

We see criticism without the offer of help, ostracism instead of inclusion, blame instead of responsibility, anger instead of forgiveness, self interest instead of altruism, and worst of all, "Brothers" without the faintest notion of "brotherly love".

Perfect system

How are these thoughts and ideas appropriate for an Asst. Grand Lecturer article? For men involved in the instruction of our beautiful ritual, we are constantly reminded of our shortcomings and the need to live up to the perfect system which is Freemasonry. A perfect system within which we "weak, frail mortals" can strive to work our way across the Masters

specific "wartime dates requirements" for eligibility in the Masonic War Veterans.

Dues

Another frequently asked question has been; "How much are the dues, and is there an initiation fee?" Answer: There is a \$4.00 initiation fee; and the dues are \$5.00 per year. Dues paid during the re-establishment period (September 1, 1991 thru December 31, 1991) will be for the 1992 calendar year.

Committee Membership

How can you get an application? Ask anyone on the Membership Committee, or call the Hotline (716) 385-2429 and leave your name, address and telephone number. The Membership Committee is as follows: Arthur Alexander; Gerald "Chick" Becker; Robert Belt; Harold Bollotin; Frank Jansson; Roger E. McCaughey; John Naylor; Wayne H. Slack; James R. Spencer; Charles C. Spiegel Jr.; Paul W. Spillane and Stephen R. Whittaker.

carpet and strive towards the perfect ashlar.

No human being is perfect - but that does not relieve any Mason from the responsibility of constantly working to become a true and faithful Brother.

When you took your Obligation, put on a ring or pin, or if you have a Masonic emblem on your car, you commit yourself to a different mode of conduct than other people less fortunate in the amount of "Light" that they have been exposed to.

Assimilate and act

Let the following words enter your heart as well as your head: "Go out from this evening's ceremonies a loyal Mason, a worthy brother . . . with a new sense of duty and a solemn vow ever to walk and act uprightly."

"Although but one man among many, you cannot escape or shirk your share in this great responsibility . . . your influence passing through and from those whom that circle may surround will reach further than you can conceive."

". . . no words more freighted with the strength of man's very best characteristics, no claim so glistening with the ties of honest affection . . . My Brother."

"You are not to palliate, or aggravate, the offenses of your brethren; but in the decision of every trespass against our rules, you are to judge with candor, admonish with friendship and reprehend with justice."

Acceptance, love and support

One of the geniuses of Freemasonry is that we are forced to accept, love and support men whom we might not choose to associate with except for their being Masons. This exercise in tolerance and understanding is hard. Loving those who it is easy for us to love is not hard. Masonry, in its attempt to make us better men, demands some hard things from us. If we Listen, the reward is being a better man, worker, father, husband and human being.

This genius is clearly stated at the end of the "Old Charges" of a Mason by Dr. Anderson in the mother Grand Lodge Constitutions of 1723. Anderson stated that Masonry could be the centre of the union bringing men together who might otherwise be perpetually at a distance.

It would be easy to fill up the *Masonic Times* for several editions with more of our beautiful Masonic Message. As your Asst. Grand Lecturer's, we will continue to put the Message of Freemasonry in front of you. We can only hope that God grants each of us the wisdom to keep and perform the same. □

Masters & Wardens Association

1st & 2nd MONROE DISTRICTS

W.. John Lindsay,
Pres. 388-0854
W.. Mark Fenton,
V. Pres. 265-3907
W.. Jim Scheerens,
Sec'y 377-1742
W.. Paul Josephson,
Treas. 334-7353

By W.. Jim Scheerens

The second meeting of the Fall season was called to order by the President W.. John Lindsay. The Chaplain W.. Tom Belt gave the benediction and blessing to all present and to those unable to attend. The Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were introduced and then the Advisors for the 1991 Masters, Senior Wardens and Junior Wardens were

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GRAND Tall Cedar



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DONALD C. BELL
JUNIOR DEPUTY GRAND Tall Cedar

LEONARD A. LATTA, Scribe

By John Zabel, Grand Tall Cedar
September saw a very nice day for our annual steak roast. Grand Tall Cedar John Zabel bought sirloins to feed the hungry throng of brothers and their wives. Everyone went away satisfied and not wanting for more food. Unfortunately, Brother Frank Denton was ill that day and could not attend. Brother Frank is usually the grill chef. We all missed him, his wife, and his cooking. After the food was consumed, it was agreed by the brothers present that our steak roast next year will be held at Fellows Road Park in Fairport. This was decided after looking at the price of County Park facilities and the fact that the water pipe at the lodge in Ellison Park was broken.

Trees

Junior Deputy GTC Don Bell reported on the tree committee at our September meeting. He stated that we are on the list at Cornell Extension Service to receive trees next Spring, if we want them. This will allow us to donate and plant trees to replace the trees damaged by the ice storm of March. Our primary location for the trees will be the Penfield Town Parks. This is because we meet at the Penfield Masonic Temple. All the brothers are asked to consider other locations for trees. These are small saplings, but, with proper planting and care, will grow into large healthy trees providing shade for many years to come.

Upcoming events

Upcoming events include our regular meeting in November. Due to conflicts with other bodies, the November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14th at the Penfield Masonic Temple. Dinner will be held at J.G. Crummer's located where the Manhattan Restaurant used to be. The November meeting will be the election of officers for next year. All members of the nominating committee are reminded to keep this in mind and have a slate of officers ready that evening. In December we will have our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14. We are planning something different for this year, so stay tuned for more details.

Dinners

Speaking of dinner, J.G. Crummer's proved to be a good spot for dinner before our meetings. We had dinner there before our September meeting. The food was good and not too expensive. The service was good and should improve as the new help learns the ropes. All the brothers that attended the dinner were pleased. We will continue to have our pre-meeting dinners at J.G. Crummer's for the immediate future.

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By R.W. Thomas M. Paglia
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In Memoriam

August

CASE, Francis M.
Passed away on August 29, 1991. He lived in Geneva and was raised in Ark Lodge where he served as Master in 1960 and 1990. He was a member of the Scottish Rite; Royal Arch; OES and was awarded the DSA. He chaired committees for the Brotherhood Fund and Leadership Committee.

September

BLODGETT, James G.
Passed away suddenly at age 88 on September 21. He was a member of Rushville Masonic Lodge, Damascus Shrine of Rochester and the Jesters. He was predeceased by his wife and is survived by nieces and nephews.

BORATE, Harold W.
He was a member of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and Damascus Temple Shrine. He passed away September 25 and is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren.

FRITSCH, Paul
Passed away September 23 after a long illness. He served 39 years in the military. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426, Scottish Rite and Damascus Temple. He is survived by his wife, son, four daughters and eight grandchildren.

GITELMAN, Jacob
Judge Gitelman was a member of Flower City Lodge No. 910 and passed away September 20. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

HAWKINS, Wilford E. (Snick)
A Past Master of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and a District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Monroe District in 1959, he passed away in Florida on September 20, 1991. He had retired as supervisor in the Payroll Department of Eastman Kodak. He is survived by his wife, sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LENHART, John
A member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and a retired director of corporate safety at Bausch and Lomb, he passed away on September 24, 1991. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, a daughter, three sons and seven grandchildren.

RATCLIFFE, James
A member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154, he passed away on September 27, 1991. He is survived by his wife.

SMITH, Donald K.
A member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154, he passed away September 20, 1991. He was predeceased by his wife and is survived by his sons, daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

THOMSON, Hart D.
A member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, he passed away on September 23, 1991.

YOUNG, Jane Post
Passed away on September 22, 1991. She is the wife of Courtland Young, and is well known from attending many Masonic functions with him. She was active in the Salvation Army, Drug and Alcohol Council, and Rochester General Twig. Besides Courtland, she is survived by children and grandchildren.

October

BANHAM, Frederick H.
A life member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, he passed away October 1, 1991. Predeceased by his wife, he is survived by a daughter and granddaughter.

CASS, Edward J.
A member of Craftsman Lodge No. 969 and a Eastman Kodak retiree, he passed away on October 13, 1991 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son and four grandchildren.

CORDY, David E.
He was a member of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Royal Arch and Knights Templar and was well known as an organist for many Masonic Bodies. He passed away suddenly on October 15, 1991. He is survived by his two sons and two grandchildren.

GABEL, Robert J.
A Past Master of Seneca Lodge No. 797, member of Rochester Consistory; Damascus Temple; Damascus Patrol; Royal Order of Jesters Rochester Court No. 3; Past Masters Degree Team and a charter member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. He passed away on October 11, 1991. He is survived by his wife, daughter and four grandchildren.

HALLICK, Charles F. Jr.
A member of Fairport Lodge No. 476 and Scottish Rite, he passed away on October 9, 1991.

NOBLE, Joseph L.
A member of Seneca Lodge No. 797 for 55 years, he passed away October 4, 1991. He retired from Xerox as Assistant Vice President and was a member of the Board of Governors and president of the Alumni Association of U of R.

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NORTHROP, William A.
He was a 45 year member of Milnor Lodge No. 139. He passed away October 5, 1991 and is survived by his wife, two daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

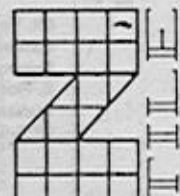
SILL, Henry R.
A member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, he passed away on October 4, 1991.

SPITZ, Ruth E.
Passed away on October 2, 1991. A life member of Oatka Chapter No. 320, she was an R.N. and past president of the Genesee Hospital Nurses Alumni Association. Predeceased by her husband, she is survived by her daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

START, Eleanor C.
Past Matron of Monroe Chapter No. 57 and member of Etolian Chapter No. 308, she passed away October 7, 1991. She is survived by her husband, son, daughter and grandchildren.

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

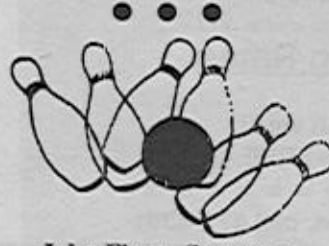
By R.W.: John Dense

(To include events: Call 288-2990)

- Dec. 2 Union Star - 3°
West Star - 2° at 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 3 Warsaw - 3°
Police & Fire Sq Cl./Past President's Dinner at Strobs
- Dec. 4 3x3 Royal Arch Chapter-Spencerport
- Dec. 5 Scottish Rite Awards-Blue Lodge Faithful Service
3rd° Seneca 797 with Webster 538 officiating
- Dec. 7 Grand Lodge Leadership Services Comm.-Aurora
- Dec. 8 Latke Hop (Flower City). Square dance-plg out
Attica Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- Dec. 9 Fairport annual communication
- Dec. 10 Ionic Chapter installation
Flower City elections
Seneca Lodge move-up
- Dec. 11 Masonic Service Bureau-Annual Meeting
Noon Maplewood Inn
- Dec. 14 West Star Christmas Party 4:00 p.m. to ?
Genesee York Rite College at Fairport
- Dec. 16 West Star elections
- Dec. 17 Batavia VA Masonic Bingo (Batavia host) 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 18 School of Ritual-Opening, Closing, Balloting
Grotto - Elections
3x3 Royal Arch Chapter-Installation
Hard Post Officers Install. - Doric Hall, Roch.
- Dec. 19 Canandaigua VA- Distribute gifts
- Dec. 22 Joint investiture
- Dec. 23 Warsaw investiture at 8:00 p.m.
-1992-
- Jan. 11 Ancient Craft public installation, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 30 Purple Club
- Feb. 14 Annual Philaethes Feast-Washington, D. C.
- Feb. 29 Widow's Luncheon - Logan's
- Mar. 5 Scottish Rite
- Mar. 12 Purple Club, Ionic Hall & 3rd fl Dining Room
- Mar. 18-22 Shrine Circus
- Mar. 28 Grand Ball - Logan's
- Apr. 4 Grand Matron's Visit - OES
- Apr. 30 Masonic/KofC - Buffalo
- Jun. 4 Purple Club
- Aug. 15 Metro Police & Fire Square Cl - Steak Roast
- Sep. 12 Semi-Annual Philaethes Feast - Rochester

Masonic Sports Briefs

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

Early in the season, we don't have strong statistics developed yet. One thing we are finding though. We may have to change the league name, or at least one of the team's, to "Al Kerber".

Scratch Series (649), Scratch Game (243), Handicap Series (706) and Handicap Game (262), as well as Average (195), all at the top of the league, belong to All!

Want to join?

He gives all the rest of us a target to aim at for the season. How about some of you who are thinking of joining a league? Want to take a shot at Al? Get in touch with any bowler or the league secretary at anytime.

We have 8 teams at present. In first place early in October is Flower City by a slim total pin count over the Quadrants. Both have 14 points as of this writing (week 2 of 30).

Remember, if you can't participate as a full time bowler, we can use you as a sub. Get in and get a handicap established. Then

Past Master's & Supper Club

By W.: Robert F. Sanford

Our meeting this month will be held at the Red Men's Party House, 1001 Lexington Avenue, on Friday evening, November 15th. (Note that this is a revised date, one week earlier than normal.)

Members are welcome to arrive early (around 6:00 p.m.) for sociability and euchre. There will be those who will teach the euchre if you need instruction! We will order dinner, from the menu, at 7:00 p.m. The staff are very prompt in filling our orders.

A short business meeting will follow dinner, and officers for 1992 will be elected. The meeting will end with a brief talk about the Purple Clubby Supper Club President R.W.: John W. Dense.

If you need a ride, or just wish to make a reservation or talk about the Club, call W.: Robert F. Sanford at 292-6383. □



perhaps, we can all join in the Masonic and other tournaments towards the end of season, in the Spring of 1992, for some good Masonic fellowship. □



By Chapin Blake

- November Program Chairman
- Nov. 4: "Model Railroadng"
- Richard A. Luchterhand
- Nov. 11: "Defensive Driving"
- Roger A. McCaughey
- Nov. 1: "Mariola Cariola Children's Center"
- Paul Scott
- Executive Director
- Nov. 25: "Greater Rochester Cablevision"
- Pete Dobrovitz

Answers to Masonic Quiz Game

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| Question | Answer |
|----------|--------|
| 81 | A |
| 82 | A |
| 83 | B |
| 84 | B |
| 85 | B |
| 86 | C |
| 87 | B |
| 88 | B |
| 89 | D |
| 90 | B |

Vote on the 5th

Calendar November 1991

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | Monroe Commandery 1 Rochester Chptr-DeMolay OES Spaghetti Dinner/ Webster @ 4:30 p.m. OES Reception for Rt.Wthy. Karen Lalpold, E.Roch. @ 8:00 p.m. | 2 Bliss - Auction Clio - Craft Sale Brockport - Corned Beef & Cabbage Rochester Chptr - OES Monarch's Ball - Lalla Rookh Grotto METRO GL REGIONAL SEMINAR |
| 3 Francis Hitchcock Shay Constellation | 4 John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg OES Germania OES Irondequoit RAM Livonia Genesee-Wyoming District Grand Lecturer's Conv. in Perry | 5 Clio-Hilton Germania-Fellowcraft Henrietta - Fellowcraft Warsaw - 2° Charlotte-Corinthian Craftsman Towpath OES Webster OES Monroe OES Fairport ELECTION DAY | 6 Attica - 2° Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto - Nominations RAM 3X3 OES - Peaches Steering | 7 Webster Hesperus-Bergen - 1°/dinner Northfield Constellation - Perry OES Oatka SCOTTISH RITE FAMILY WEEK PROGRAM | 8 Cyrene Commandery MEM - York Rite @ Arcade at 8:00 p.m. OES Reception for Rt.Wthy. Fred Ambeau @ Roch.Temple | 9 Attica-Dinner Lodge + Rebekahs @ 4:30 p.m. |
| 10 | 11 Fairport - move-up Union Star East Roch. Ancient Craft Etollan - 3° Wakan Hubbard Mt. Vernon - Java Village Legion of Honor - 3M's Rest OES Charlotte VETERAN'S DAY | 12 Arcade Fame Henrietta Flower City - dinner @ 6:30 p.m. Craftsman - 3° Rehearsal Seneca - 2° Batavia - 2° Monroe Valley-Simes OES-Leah RAM-Ionic/Webster | 13 Triluminar - Pike Churchville O-At-Ka OES Henrietta OES Culver OES Corinthian SERVICE BUREAU LUNCH ROCHESTER TEMPLE | 14 Eagle Valley Bliss-Jennings Apron Presentation/Dinner 7:30 RAM - Hamilton Commandery - Batavia | 15 Rochester Chptr-DeMolay Commandery - Monroe Past Master's Supper Club-Redman's | 16 Henrietta - Ham Dinner OES - Rochester RAM - York Rite - Batavia at 1:00 p.m. Genesee-WyomingMasters & Wardens at Warsaw at 6:00 p.m. |
| 17 Francis Hitchcock Shay Constellation | 18 John A. Robertson West Star-Varysburg/ Brother Bring a Friend OES - Germania OES - Irondequoit | 19 Oakland - Castle Flower City - Fellowcraft Towpath Craftsman Warsaw Henrietta - Fellowcraft Clio - Thanksgiving Dinner Charlotte-Corinthian Arcade 3°/Dinner OES-Monroe OES-Fairport OES-Webster Batavia VA-Bingo - Patients | 20 Olive Branch-LeRoy Attica Lalla Rookh Grotto RAM 3X3 Doric Council | 21 Webster Northfield Hesperus - move up Constellation - Perry OES - Oatka SCOTTISH RITE RE-UNION | 22 Cyrene Commandery SCOTTISH RITE RE-UNION | 23 SCOTTISH RITE RE-UNION |
| 24 | 25 Mt. Vernon - Java Village Etollan - Official Visit Fairport - 3°/Dinner E. Rochester Anc. Craft Wakan Hubbard OES-Charlotte | 26 Monroe Fame Batavia - 3°/Dinner at 6:30 Henrietta - 2°/DeWitt Cl.Awd RAM - Webster RAM - Ionic OES - Leah | 27 O-At-Ka Churchville Triluminar - Pike OES-Culver OES-Corinthian | 28 THANKSGIVING DAY | 29 | 30 Hesperus - Special Project and Dinner/Dance |