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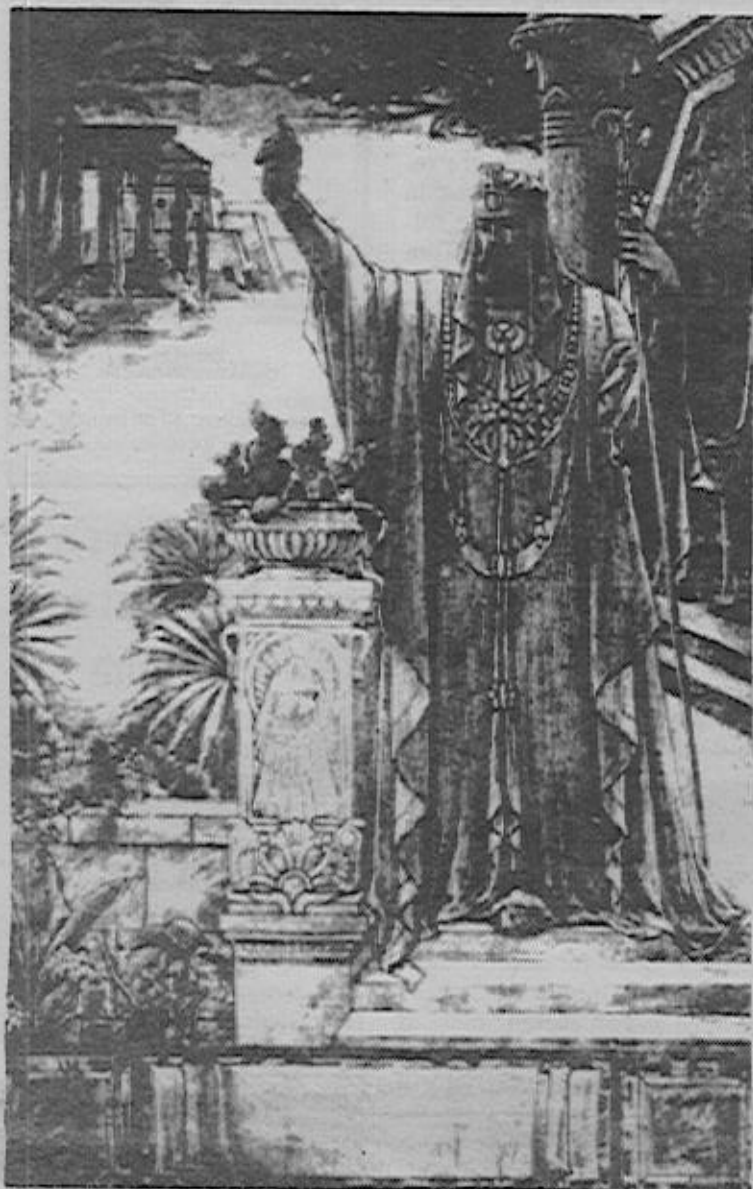
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Masonic Researchers Support Stained Glass Census



Tiffany Stained Glass of King Solomon in the Tompkins Chapel at Utica, NY.

Livingston Masonic Library Receives Grant from Philalethes Society

The Livingston Masonic Library received a \$500.00 grant from the Philalethes Society to support the New York Census of Masonic Stained Glass. The Philalethes Society is the oldest and most influential Masonic research society in North America. "The Executive Board of the Philalethes Society is convinced your research on Masonic stained glass windows will be of value for future generations," wrote Allen

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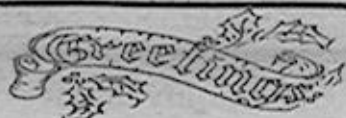
R. W. Larry Canfield Appointed to Grand Lodge Committee Chairmanship



R. W. Lawrence K. Canfield has been appointed by M. W. Gary Henningsen to head the Grand Lodge Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention. This State Committee was previously chaired by W. Carl F. Rymki, III, who will now act in an advisory capacity.

This Committee has jurisdiction over 18 regions in the State. Our local District Committee handles only a part of one region.

We wish R. W. Brother Canfield the best in his new position. □



R. W. Patrick McNenny Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Arizona

By Jean Brugger

Symbolic Lodge

R. W. Patrick J. S. McNenny has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Arizona. He was raised in Tahattawan Lodge, Littleton, Massachusetts and later affiliated with East Rochester Lodge No. 1020 (now ERAC No. 943) in which he served as Master 1981, 1983 and 1988. He



(left to right) R. W.'s Louis DiJames, Paul Moore, Patrick McNenny, and W. Paul Rogers.

was the Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman in 1982-83 and from 1985-86, the District Chairman.

Concordant Bodies

R. W. Brother McNenny joined the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. in 1983. He served as Thrice Potent Master of Rochester Lodge of Perfection in 1991-92 and is currently 2nd Lt. Commander of Rochester Consistory.

At the annual meeting of the Supreme Council, 33° N.M.J., held in Boston this year, he was elected to receive the 33°. He will receive this high honor in Cleveland in 1994. You can find Pat actively participating in the Degrees as Director of the 14° and taking part in others.

He is a member of Damascus Temple's Past Master's Degree Team and also a member of the

"Great News"

Did you know?

According to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, our Service Bureau is unique. Not just in New York State, but perhaps in the entire Nation. That's a very broad and important statement; one of which each of you can be proud.

But, do you really know what your Seervice Bureau does?

Scholarships: Provides approximately \$10,000 in scholarships every year to local high school seniors. Most of our scholarships do not require a Masonic affiliation.

Special Grants: Provides in excess of \$10,000 each year to support Community programs for the needy, such as meals, aid to senior programs, clothing, etc.

Loan Closet: Loans free of charge, home care equipment to any person in need, such as wheelchairs, crutches, canes and walkers. We have over a thousand items in stock. There is, on average, activity in our loan closet every day.

Special Functions: We sponsor the following annual District-wide programs:

1. A Widow's Luncheon
2. An Interfaith Service and Breakfast, where an award to a non-Masonic individual for Distinguished Community Service is presented.

Masonic Times: We publish a monthly (10 months per year) tabloid size newspaper of approximately 24 pages. (We do our own typesetting and layout for this).

Community Service: We provide:

1. Visitations and gifts to VA Hospitals and entertainment at nursing homes.
2. Support drives for Ronald MacDonald Home Away from Home program.
3. Personnel for other charitable organizations.
4. Personnel for blood drive programs, both organizers and donors.
5. Support youth camp programs and other youth programs.

Officers' Directory: We publish a District-wide Masonic Directory of all mens' and ladies' organizations and their top officers.

Library: We maintain an extensive library of books and articles related to or written by Masons. We also have video equipment and tapes and Masonic artifacts.

Management: We manage the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester, New York.

Other Support: We also provide space and support for educational programs at our facilities.

Miscellaneous: We provide additional support for many organizations such as composing and printing programs, printing mailing labels, letters and other material. □

Ceremonial Cast.

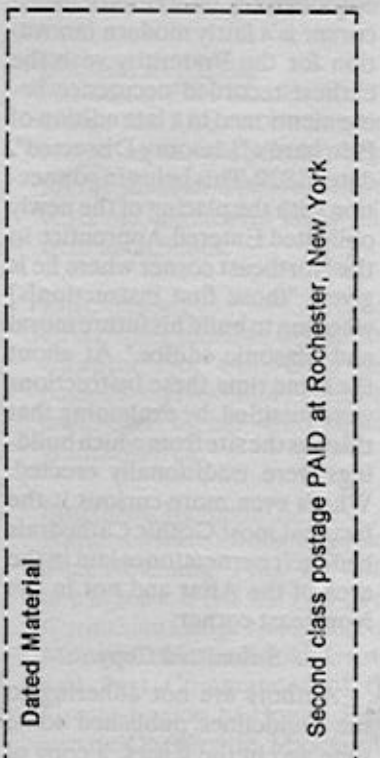
In the High Twelve Club he served as President for 1988-89 and was a member of the Advisory Council, Order of DeMolay.

Personal

R. W. McNenny graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1954, and received his MS in Applied and Mathematical Statistics at RIT in 1977, where he is currently employed in the Center for Quality and Applied Statistics.

R. W. Brother McNenny is active in the Community and has served as Republican Committeeman from 1984 to the present.

He and his wife, Grace, have three children, Patrick, Jr., Morgan and Kate. □



Editor's Corner

Widows

We would like to state one more time the subscription policy for widows, just for clarification.

When a Brother passes away, his widow is entitled to receive the remaining issues of the *Times*, for that year. If the widow desires to receive the remaining issues that year, it becomes the responsibility of the Lodge Secretary to let the *Times* know by sending in a change of address form noting the change in name. This is necessitated by the fact that we must remove the deceased Brother's name from our roster.

If the Lodge or an individual is desirous of continuing the widow's subscription, through the Lodge at the group rate of \$4.00 per year, the Secretary should retain the widow's name on the Lodge roster when it is sent to him for annual corrections in the Fall.

I hope this will clarify the matter. If there are any questions, please call the office.

Authors, please note!

This publication is read by many non-Masons all over the United States and abroad. Bearing that in mind, I would caution you to be careful not to include things in your articles that would denigrate the Fraternity. Reports of any conduct that would be construed as unethical, un-American, unpatriotic (i.e. un-Masonic) or just plain dumb, even though included to be entertaining or humorous, should be avoided. It will save this Editor the time it takes to remove them.

Cornerstones

There seems to be a plethora of material written recently on cornerstones. Some of it is really interesting. A new book on Cornerstones "Cornerstones of Freedom: A Masonic Tradition", written by Dr. S. Brent Morris is available through the Supreme Council 33°, (Scottish Rite Southern, Masonic Jurisdiction), 1733 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009-3199. It was published in conjunction with the bicentennial of the cornerstone laying of the U.S. Capital building in Washington in September of 1793.

There is also an interesting article on cornerstones in the October issue of the *Philalethes Magazine*, taken from Chapter 7 of Dr. Morrison's book. According to this article, the laying of cornerstones in the Northeast corner is a fairly modern innovation of the Fraternity with the earliest recorded occurrence being mentioned in a late edition of Pritchard's "Masonry Dissected", dated 1829. This being in connection with the placing of the newly obligated Entered Apprentice in the Northeast corner where he is given, "those first instruction[s] whereon to build his future moral and Masonic edifice." At about the same time these instructions were justified by explaining that this was the site from which buildings were traditionally erected. What's even more curious is the fact that most Gothic Cathedrals had their cornerstones laid in the area of the Altar and not in the Northeast corner.

Submitted Copy

Authors are not adhering to the Guidelines published some time ago in the *Times*, a copy of

which was sent to each Master. In order to make the setting of copy as accurate as possible, please submit copy (articles) on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, typed in mixed case, double spaced with one inch margins. This will save time in deciphering your message. Please keep the submitted copy down to two pages. Thanks! ☐

Errata

We are sorry if we may have caused some confusion in the lead article of the November issue. In the article on the election of M. Wthy. Wanda Williams as Grand Matron for the State of New York, the picture included, without caption, was of Wanda and M. Wthy. Albert Parshall, Grand Patron, and not her husband, David Williams. ☐

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Farewell

Hello again! Let me begin this final column with thanks so justly deserved by so many. It has been my pleasure for the past two years to work with many wonderfully dedicated people in our Service Bureau. For two years these hard working volunteers have served diligently to reach the lofty goal set forth by this President. I am very proud to congratulate them for reaching the top.

Accomplishments

The few paragraphs allowed me for this column will never permit a complete review of the long list of our volunteers' accomplishments, however, let me to try my best! Our Home Care Equipment, Maintenance/Repair Committee, successfully established a computerized program for logistics control. This will save the Bureau hundreds of dollars in misplaced and lost items.

The Scholarship and Charities Committees dispensed in grants 23 youth scholarships as well as thousands of dollars to support Community programs. These programs include meals and clothing to the needy, aid to Senior Citizens and support for youth groups.

The Special Functions Committee successfully prepared for and carried out several social functions, including the ever popular Widow's Luncheon and the Interfaith Service and Breakfast at which the District Community Service Award was presented to a prominent citizen selected by the Awards Committee.

The Directory Committee completed its task successfully and published a new Directory with a modified format.

The Library Committee took the initiative and developed a wonderful place to browse through both Masonic and non-Masonic publications while giving you the chance to complete

your Masonic research or satisfy your curiosity.

One of the areas where I am most proud is our Community Service and Veteran Service Committee record. Under the leadership of its chairpersons, the committees provided entertainment programs for many hospitals, nursing homes, as well as entertainment for handicapped and disabled adults and children throughout the City and County. The Committees inaugurated a Christmas morning visit to the Pediatric Wards at Strong and General Hospitals. Throughout the year they promoted visits to the Veterans Hospital in Canandaigua where the veterans were entertained on an on-going basis. Participation in many civic drives for funds were top priority for the Committees such as the Annual White Dove Christmas Sale for Friends of Strong, Al Sigl Center promotions, as well as other organizational fund raising drives.

Finally, the Focus Sub-Committee of the Long Range Planning Committee has developed a Mission Statement which successfully describes a comprehensive route for the Service Bureau to follow.

The mission of the Bureau is more important now than ever before. It must continue to serve in the future, but it will need the help of all of us with both volunteer and monetary support. The new President is capable of carrying on the work, but must have support. The gauntlet has been thrown down. It is now up to the members of the Bureau to grasp this opportunity to continue the work.

Thank you for your support one and all. ☐

Community Service

By W. Harold Bollotin
Since the last report the following activities transpired:

October 17, 1993-Al Sigl Center 16K Walk, for the benefit of the Al Sigl Center and the Easter Seal Society. Yours truly was the only volunteer representing the Bureau. It was just as well, as it rained all morning, dampening the event (no joke intended). The volunteers would not have been expected to work under such inclement conditions. Instead, the adults and children were entertained indoors. The Staff was very appreciative, and a nice letter of acknowledgement was received by the Bureau, thanking us for our participation.

October 31, 1993-Al Sigl Center Halloween Party and Open House. Prof. Korne performed his Stage Magic Act which was well received. We had a total of ten volunteers participating including myself, R. W.'s David C. Clarke, Thomas Paglia, and Paul Robertson, W. John Bryce, Cora Paglia, Doris Robertson, and 3 members of my Magic Societies.

Again, the Staff of the Center was very appreciative, and sent a nice letter of acknowledgement, thanking us for our appearance.

Future event

What: Friends of Strong Memorial Hospital Fund Raiser to benefit the Volunteer Department of the entire hospital, and for various projects that all contribute to direct patient care.

How: By the sale of paper Dove Decorations.

Where: Irondequoit Mall, on the ground floor adjacent to the fountain, between Penney's and McCurdy's.

Date: Sunday afternoon, December 5, 1993.

Time: 12 noon to 6:00 p.m.

The entire afternoon has been set aside exclusively as "Masonic Day". Brothers and Sisters are needed as volunteers, to man the booth in staggered shifts for one hour, two, or more. This will be our second participation; last year's event was a success. It is requested that volunteers wear Masonic caps and lapel badges.

We need help! Please call me at 342-5865, if you are able to volunteer.

VAVS

Events at the Center are reported elsewhere in this issue, in the Veterans Service article, following the article of R. W. Tom Paglia. ☐

Masonic Inter-Lodge Fellowship Committee

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Glenn A. Hedges 586-0238

By Neil Laundry

Festival of Lights

If you have made reservations for the Festival of Lights trip, check previous editions of the *Masonic Times* for needed information. One point that wasn't covered was an evening meal. If you wish to get something to eat before leaving the Falls, you will be on your own. It is NOT included in the cover price.

March event

We are planning a 1994 Rochester Americans Nite at the Community War Memorial for this coming March.

Bus trip

Since this is the year for the changing of the guard at St. John's Day, we'll be scheduling a couple of bus loads to Utica for the festivities. Be sure to keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet and reserve a spot right away. We expect a sell-out.

Activities

We hope you're participating in and enjoying the activities that we're planning for you. We also hope that you'll provide us with input concerning additional events you'd like to see scheduled. The more advice we receive, the better we're able to provide the best in Masonic Fellowship! ☐

Bureau of Masonic Education

Monroe County

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By William R. Lindsay, President
We are still getting positive comments about the School of Lodge Administration No. 2, a good sign that our program was on target. Again, my thanks to all the presenters, and to people like John Dudley, who worked behind the scenes getting materials, and Bruce Chilton, who taped our pro-

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Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah

from the
Times Staff

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grams. Our next session date is tentative, but we are trying to get Joel Weiss, Captain of the S.W.A.T. Team. Joel is serving as Master of his Lodge, and is a dynamic presenter who can teach us all a lot about communications. Be sure to watch for the date of SLA No.3.

Famous Masons

I just received my copy of the *Empire State Mason*, a quarterly publication of our Grand Lodge, of which we can all be proud. It contained an announcement that the 1994 calendar will feature famous Freemasons, and prominently displayed a picture of Douglas MacArthur. I am proud that we can claim such men as part of the Fraternity; their works are monuments to the principles of our Craft.

We are blessed

We need also to celebrate the lives of Freemasons who are toiling on behalf of friendship, morality, and brotherly love. In the Monroes we are blessed with many

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Monroe County**

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prominent Freemasons, and if it were up to me to make a calendar of men I know who are this very day enriching the lives of us as Masons, and improving our Community as well, my calendar would include these 24 people (2 per month)-Dan Emerson, Herb Spencer, John Zabel, Bill Zufall, Lou DiJames, Bruce Chilton, Andre Evans, Paul Moore, Dave Francis, Art Mason, Bob Sanford, Claude Hyatt, Joe Privitera, Ron Mertens, Don Brugger, Terry Wihlen, Jay McCullough, Vern Goodrich, Ken Milner, Rich Friedman, Ted Honea, Morrie Solomon, Scott Seltzer and Larry Canfield. They are selected because they have each helped me, or enriched my life, in a memorable way. My list could be much longer and I hope to have the opportunity to name all the Masons I admire.

Think positive

I would invite each of you to make a similar list for yourself; it's a positive way to take stock of your growing values and beliefs. Reflection is, after all, education's most important tool and I assure you that such an activity will cause you to think back and reflect. Meaning (education's chief product) can only be derived from reflection.

Important dates

- December 8th - BME Executive Committee, TCC Library, 7:30 p.m.
 - January 15, 1994 - Leadership Training Course: Session 1, Etolian Lodge.
 - January 29, 1994 - Leadership Training Course: Session 2, Fairport Lodge.
 - March 26, 1994 - 3° Fest TCC.
- Finally, I wish each of you a pleasant Holiday Season. □

**Masonic
Grand Lodge
of the State of New York**

**Drug and
Alcohol Abuse
Prevention
Committee**

**Chairman
R. W. Lawrence Canfield**

By R. W. Lawrence Canfield
This is the second in a continuing series of articles on Substance Abuse. This month we will look at some of the warning signs and steps that can be taken when substance abuse is suspected. We will confine our discussion to adolescents. Here are some of the most frequent signs a person can look for in a child's behavior patterns.

1. A DROP IN GRADES: This could be a slow decrease in the past six months to a year, or sudden decrease.
2. SWITCHING FRIENDS: Are you seeing a different set of friends around the house? More friends that you object to? Not meeting any friends?
3. EMOTIONAL HIGHS AND LOWS: Easily upset, emotional state changes rapidly, doesn't seem as happy as she/he used to?
4. DEFIANCE TO RULES AND REGULATIONS: Push-

ing limits around the house, missing curfews?

5. BECOMING MORE SECRETIVE: Not sharing any, or little, of their personal problems?
6. LOSS OF INITIATIVE: Less energy, sleeping more than usual?
7. WITHDRAWING FROM FAMILY FUNCTIONS: Camping trips, church, family get-togethers, meals?
8. CHANGE IN PHYSICAL HYGIENE: Becoming more sloppy, wearing same clothes frequently?
9. NOT INFORMING YOU OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Open houses, times to meet teachers, suspensions, warnings?
10. MANY EXCUSES FOR STAYING OUT LATE: Not coming home on time, not coming home at all, constant excuses?

Seek help

Spotting any of these behaviors may be a serious concern. However, understanding adolescent behavior can be confusing. Before coming to any conclusions, consult your School Counselor, a Drug/Alcohol Counselor or another knowledgeable professional.

Next month we will discuss adult issues around substance abuse, signs and possible treatment options. We would also be interested in learning about any programs that are working in different Lodges in and outside of the Monroe Districts. If you have a program, please contact any of the Brothers listed below.

Opportunities

In November the Committee for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention assisted the SOBER Barn Project, a safe haven for kids in Brighton, to raise funds at Eastview Mall. The effort was successful.

From December 6th to December 10th, we will be in Marketplace Mall. The focus will be to give a "sober smile" for Christmas. Letters were sent to all Masters asking for their support and help during this week. We would again like to remind you to come out and help make a difference.

Lodge presentations

If your Lodge is interested in starting the Grand Lodge Drug Free School Zone Program or any other related program, we would be glad to come to your Lodge and give a presentation, not only on the Grand Lodge effort, but other related issues. If you would like to arrange a program, you can contact any one of the following Committee members:

- Bob Rudman 225-4206
- Larry Canfield W-477-2682
H-315-524-8729
- D. Scott Seltzer 436-0264
- George Huther 872-4855 □

**Financial Planning
Solutions**

By R. W. Gerald J. Glaser

[This is a continuing series of discussions on 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]

Everyone in this world is looking for some way to become rich! Unfortunately, the majority of these folks have no qualms about taking advantage of the gullibility and greed of a large number of people. There is an old saying on Wall Street that goes as follows-

"On Wall Street, a bull can make money, and on Wall Street, a bear can make money, but on Wall Street, a pig always loses."

One real good way to make money on Wall Street is to invest in low price stocks, and I am not writing about the so called penny stocks. They, in my opinion, fall into the saying above. I am writing about stocks which are \$5 or less.

From an article that I have read, it stated that if on January 1, 1941 (that is before Pearl Harbor), you had invested \$1,000 in the stocks of the Standard & Poor 500, in 1993, now, your portfolio, excluding taxes and reinvesting the dividends, would be worth about \$401,500. Not bad, eh?

However, if you had invested the same (or different) \$1,000 into smaller companies, your portfolio would now be worth over \$2.5 million, and the advantage of smaller company stocks has been like this since the earliest records dating back to 1925!

CONCLUSION-A serious investor who works at it can definitely outperform the institutions and the popular stock market averages!! There are more advantages discussed in the article, which space does not allow, but the idea, which I have written about previously, is the same.

In my opinion, the strategy is simple enough. □

**Interfaith
Breakfast**

By Linda Zahn

Highlights of the 55th Annual Interfaith Breakfast were the presentations of the President's Award by R. W. David C. Clarke to W. Harold Bollotin and the Distinguished Community Service Award to Dorothy Steele, Co-founder of Cephias. Dorothy was the main speaker.

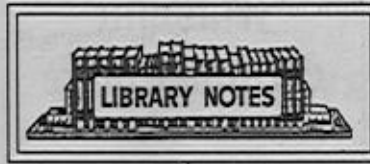


W. Robert Zahn presenting the plaque to Mrs. Dorothy Steele.

After relating the reason for founding Cephias and giving us a brief, up to date history of its work, she turned the program over to John Mulligan, a 26 year old ex-offender who was released to Cephias in February of 1993. He is now a student at SUNY Brockport enrolled in a 4 year degree program in Social Work. He related his story of how Cephias helped him see that he was just like the rest of the people in the world, only he made the wrong choice. I only wish more of you had been there - it was a very moving experience, which is what I had promised you.

The Service, just before the Breakfast, saw members of the Knights of Columbus, Prince Hall Masons and Eastern Star, as well as members of the Service Bureau, participating. The Meditation was given by Rabbi Paul Z. Saiger - excellent and very thought provoking.

While attendance was lower than hoped for, those of us at both events were given much food for thought, but did raise the question - should this event be dropped? I, for one, say NO - how do you feel? Let your Service Bureau representative know. If you don't know who your rep. is, take the time to find out. □



**Stained Glass
Census**

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E. Roberts, the Executive Secretary of the Philalethes Society and a noted Masonic author. Similarly, Wallace McLeod, the President of the Society stated, "You have the support of the oldest, largest, and most successful Masonic research body in America."

The New York Census of Masonic Stained Glass, which is being conducted by the Livingston Masonic Library in conjunction with the Census of Stained Glass Windows in America, is currently documenting the many examples of Masonic stained glass which appear in churches, Masonic Temples, and Mausoleums throughout the State. Kane Lodge No. 454 of New York City, for example, commissioned the famous studio of Louis Comfort Tiffany to produce a stained glass portrait of King Solomon for the Tompkins Memorial Chapel in Utica. The design of that window accompanies this article. The Library hopes that the Census will culminate in an exhibition and publication featuring New York's overlooked Masonic stained glass heritage.

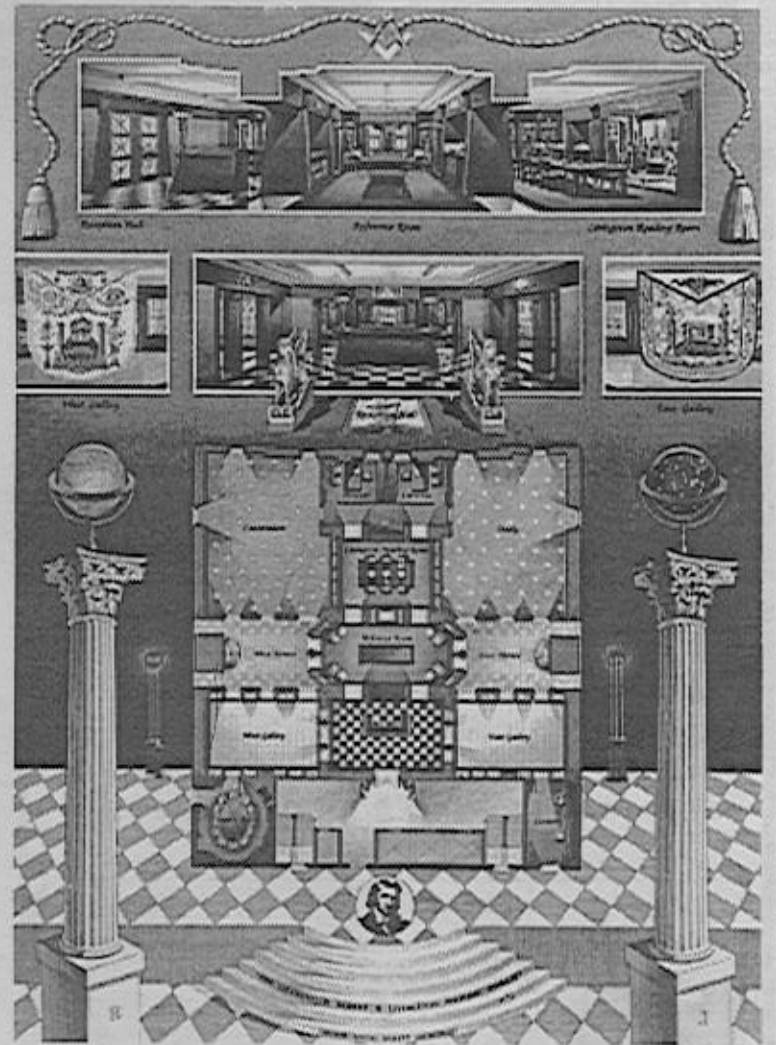
Any information concerning Masonic stained glass would be greatly appreciated. If you can help to locate such windows, would like to volunteer to help with the project, or would like to make a financial donation to support the undertaking, please contact William D. Moore, Director, Livingston Masonic Library, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010-4171 or call (212)-741-4505. □

**The Livingston
Masonic Library's
New Home**

The staff and trustees of the Livingston Masonic Library have been working hard to prepare for the Library's move to the new quarters. The accompanying architect's rendering conveys both the proposed floor plan of the library facility and its physical design. Butler Rogers Baskett, Architects, the designers of the new space have created an exciting and innovative space that will be both visually attractive and provide an appropriate state-of-the-art environment for the storage of the Library's collections. Inspired by a number of the great monuments of Masonic architecture including John Russell Pope's Scottish Rite House of the Temple in the nation's capital, the architects have envisioned an Egyptian-influenced classical design for the new library facility.

As well as being visually attractive, the modernized facility will provide a secure, environmentally controlled space for the preservation of the Masonic heritage. The new library facility will ensure that posterity will continue to learn from and enjoy the legacy of our Masonic forefathers.

The Livingston Masonic Library needs your help in accomplishing the transition to our new and improved space. There are many opportunities to name parts of the new library space. Tax deductible donations to assist with the expenses incurred by the move may be made through the Brotherhood Fund. For more information on how you can help to preserve the Masonic heritage, please contact William D. Moore, Director, Livingston Masonic Library, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010-4171, or call (212) 741-4505. □



Architect's rendering of the floor plan for the new library home.

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Area 15 Historian

We are making history!

Our Masonic heritage is rich and impressive. Most of us know something about the distant past of the Fraternity. But, for the sake of newer Brothers and potential members, we can do a better job of promoting the great influence of Freemasonry in world and American history.

Area 15 encompasses Wayne, Livingston and the Monroe Districts. Within that Area, we have an objective of collecting historical information and ideas for using that information. One suggestion in the action file is to prepare a pictorial of Freemasonry in New York State. Each Lodge should want to be represented in such a project.

Lodge historians needed

Lodge historians in Area 15 are requested to forward to me copies of whatever historical information they have. Pictures are very useful. If they send me Annual Historical Reports they develop, I'll forward them to Grand Historian R. W. George Peter.

Lodge Masters please note: if you haven't appointed someone to collect historical data, or to be your Lodge historian, you are encouraged to do so. It's so important to preserve the many high points of activity in your Lodge as you and your membership cause them to come about.

Send Lodge Historian name, address and phone number to: F.J. McCullough, 56 Kirkgate Drive, Spencerport, NY 14559. □

Thank you

We thank all who helped in our "Share" project and all who helped us in many ways this year.

Best wishes for a bright and beautiful Holiday Season. □

Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of New York Brotherhood Committee

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By Bro. Don Bell

Special Achievement Award

Each year, the Masonic Brotherhood Fund District Chairman, in conjunction with the DDGM,



(left to right) R. W. Louis DiJames, Bro.'s Don Bell, John Clapp, R. W. Paul A. Moore.



(left to right) W. Grant Romer, W. Don Brown, Bro. Don Bell.

is empowered to select deserving Lodge Chairmen for a "Special Achievement Award". For the 1992-93 Brotherhood Fund Campaign, two Lodge Chairmen from the 1st Monroe District were selected to receive these certificates. They were W. Don Brown, Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109 and Bro. John Clapp, SW of Webster Lodge No. 538.

W. Don Brown was able to raise the ratio of contributors from 21% to 57% and Bro. John Clapp from 29% to 37% from last year to this year.

The efforts these Brothers put forth to coordinate the donations made to the Brotherhood Fund Campaign, made it a successful venture for the 1st Monroe Districts. Congratulations, Brothers. □

By W. David W. Jones

The Holiday Season we are entering will bring an amazing increase in the number of charitable appeals, many of them worthy of your support. Please remember the Brotherhood Fund relies solely on your generosity.

The Brotherhood Fund is your representative in supporting the Masonic Home in Utica, the Medical Research Laboratory, Veteran's Hospital programs, Masonic Youth, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention programs.

Proud accomplishment

Next to the running of Grand Lodge itself, the Brotherhood Fund is the biggest undertaking of our Fraternity, raising well over one million dollars in financial aid for these programs last year alone! This one million dollars was not raised by soliciting large contributions from wealthy Brothers and big corporations, but by the \$10.00, \$20.00 and \$30.00 donations from Brothers like you. You all should be proud of such an accomplishment.

Help keep up the good work

The work continues, as does the need for your participation. A big THANK YOU to those of you who have already contributed to the Fund. To those who haven't, please join us in keeping the good works of our Masonic Philanthropies active and a benefit to all humanity.

Holiday reminder

When you hear the sounds of the Holidays, let them serve as a reminder of the great work your Masonic Fraternity is engaged in on your behalf for all mankind. Send your Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman your contribution today.

Happy Holidays! □

Grand Lodge

Veterans Service Committee

R. W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA REPRESENTATIVE



VA Medical Center Needs Santa's Helpers

The VA Medical Center needs the following items: **Bed Socks, Wheelchair Bags, and Lap Robes.** The VA Medical Center thanks you in advance for your help. Make as many of these items as you can. For disposition, contact Thomas Paglia, Grand Lodge Representative.

Lap Robes can be made of bright sateen or other cotton material for Summer use or from woolen material of double thickness for

Winter use. The size of the finished robe should be 36" X 45".

Bed socks can be made from light colored, patterned or striped outing flannel. Sometimes white flannel is cheaper to use for the liner. Use 1/2" tape for ties. Finished measurements should be - foot 14", ankle to sole 10".

Cut four pieces of material for each pair of socks,

two outside pieces and two linings. To make: fold each piece at the center back, matching edges. Beginning at the back of the heel, stitch each piece 1/2" from the edge all around the foot and up the instep, leaving seams of outside pieces open 4" from the top tape opening. Fold back open edges of the seam on the outside piece 1/2" and stitch 1/4" from the folded edge. Turn outside pieces inside out. Place linings inside, matching seams and top edges. Turn in top edge of each piece 1/2" and stitch together close to edge. Stitch again 1/2" from first stitching, forming casing for the tape. Run tape through casing, 1 yard to each sock. Fasten securely at the back of sock. Stitch ends of tapes so they won't unravel.

Wheelchair Bag Wheelchair bags are attached to wheelchairs to hold cigarettes, billfold, or other personal items, also can be used for walkers. Bags may be of canvas or any heavy type material. Finished size is 7" X 12". Two 1" X 12" straps are attached on each side at the top. The straps are made of a double thickness of material, the same as used for the pocket. Make seams on the inside of both sides and at the top of the pocket. Attach snap fasteners to straps and top of pouch. Velcro may be used instead of snap fasteners.

By W. Harold Bollotin

On November 7, 1993, a special visit was made to the Canandaigua VA Medical Center, sponsored by Grand Lodge, under the direction of R. W. Tom Paglia, Representative of the Grand Lodge Committee on Veterans Service. The Grand Lodge provided gifts of toiletry articles. These gifts were distributed along with ice cream, cookies and candies, provided by the Masonic Service Bureau, to Wards 9A and 9B.

We were pleased by the great turnout of volunteers; the largest number we have seen in a long time. The 19 people who participated are pictured on this page. Not pictured are R. W. David Clarke, President of the Service Bureau, and Roger Becker, Chief of Voluntary Services at the VA. We all had a great time and were well received by the patients.

Familiar face

A special visit was made to George McCullough, a patient on Ward 9B. He is the uncle of R. W. F. Jay McCullough. A group of us, including R. W. Jay, of course, spent additional time with him. He certainly enjoyed our visit.

DeMolay

We welcomed the presence of the DeMolay boys, under the di-

rection of W. Michael Staub, and we hope that they will join us again in the future.

This visit was very rewarding, and a success due entirely to the planning, organization, and the hard work of R. W. Tom Paglia, who directs all our visits. He genuinely deserves an accolade for his faithful service.

Future events

Tuesday afternoon, December 7th, will be the Annual Holiday Gift Wrap Session, in Building 5 Auditorium, at 1:30 p.m. The time involved is 2 to 3 hours. Come join us, it's a great deal of fun and a most worthy undertaking.

Sunday afternoon, December 19th is the Annual Holiday Gift Distribution. We meet in Building 5 Auditorium at 12:30 p.m., for about 3 hours. Prior to the visit, breakfast will be served at the Canandaigua Masonic Temple until 12 noon.

To volunteer for either of these events, please call R. W. Tom Paglia at 227-2046.

Sickness

R. W. Paul Robertson and his wife, Doris, were unable to attend, due to Paul's illness. We wish him a speedy recovery. □

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(left to right) R.W. Tom Paglia, R.W. Austin Keith, W. Harold Bollotin, W. Mike Staub, Bro. Kenneth Ratliff, R.W. Joseph Privitera, W. Clifford Short, and W. Courtland Young.
(seated) Cora Paglia and Sylvia Bollotin.



(left to right) W. Michael Staub, DeMolay boys and George Staub.



(left to right) Florence Quigley-Voluntary Service Assistant, Roger Becker-Chief of Voluntary Services, Robin Johnson-Assistant Chief of Voluntary Services.



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Can we afford not to fund Medical Research?

Washington and the Nation are abuzz with talk of health care reform. Annual health care expenditures in the United States are fast approaching the trillion dollar mark. Ever-spiraling costs are taking their toll with government budgets, businesses and individuals being stretched to the limit. On a per capita basis the United States far outspends the nations of the world in providing health care to its people, yet alarming numbers remain uninsured and underserved, and growing numbers of Americans are finding that they cannot afford to purchase the services they need. The inequities and shortfalls that confront us today pale in contrast to what we can expect in the years ahead unless aggressive measures are taken to address the long-term problems facing our health care system.

Cost control strategies, universal coverage blueprints and managed care formulas are being proposed by the administration in a quest to find relief. Regrettably, very little has been voiced about one of the most prudent approaches available to us, limiting disease through research. As a nation we spend close to a trillion dollars a year in doctor's offices, clinics, and hospitals for efforts to diagnose, treat and cure disease. Conversely, we spend a meager 1% of this amount to find ways to prevent disease or to design more cost-effective ways to fight disease. This, in spite of the fact that studies have demon-

strated a \$13 savings for every dollar invested in research.

The achievements and cost-effectiveness of biomedical research are undeniable. Since WWII, a tremendous pool of talent generously supported by Federal funds evolved in this country and throughout the world, producing a steady stream of accomplishments that have benefitted all of humanity.

Antibiotics have dramatically reduced mortality from infectious diseases. The marriage of medical and technological research has brought forth the CAT scanner, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), devices that afford physicians diagnostic accuracy never before possible and more recently video-guided surgery has made possible less invasive medical treatments and cures. Laser beams and radio frequency ablation techniques are today used to vaporize tumors, to destroy parts of the heart that generate troublesome activity, to open up clogged blood vessels and even to destroy brain tumors by remote control. These and similar innovations have not only dramatically diminished pain and suffering but have significantly decreased the cost of restoring our citizens to good health.

New and better drugs are available to deal with a host of diseases ranging from hypertension to cancer and recombinant DNA technology has made it possible to make drugs in large quantities that otherwise would be very scarce or unavailable. Devices known as AICD's, automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillators, are saving thousands of lives. These devices sense the development of ventricular fibrilla-

tion, the cause of sudden death, and automatically shock the heart to restore normal rhythm. Gene therapy holds promise for miraculous cures of congenital and other diseases. The ability to introduce normal genes into the body to replace defective ones has almost limitless application.

Recent studies at many research centers offer unprecedented opportunities for development of major advances in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease. Realization of these goals will herald exciting new milestones, offering new hope as well as significant cost savings for the long term management of many diseases, chronic debilitating diseases in particular.

In a recent poll...98% expressed overwhelming support for medical research.

If continued investment in biomedical research is capable of yielding such extraordinary dividends, why has support of research taken a back seat in our government's deliberations to redesign the future of health care? Why is the impressive infrastructure for biomedical research painstakingly built over the past few decades being allowed to deteriorate, causing basic scientists and clinical researchers to leave the field in search of other more lucrative and more stable pursuits? Most distressing to the future health of Americans is the turning away of our nation's best and brightest students from careers in medical research and the life sciences.

Overriding concerns about our national debt deficit have led to a reduction in funds vital to our nation's health. None can argue against the need to reduce our budget deficit, but is it wise to cut funds that in the long term will secure the future medical and fiscal health of our nation? Without more cost-effective treatments, which can only be brought about through research, health care delivery to an ever-increasing elderly population will soon

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If you are interested, please call one of the following: Florence Quigley - Voluntary Service Assistant, Roger Becker - Chief of Voluntary Services or Robin Johnson - Assistant Chief at (716) 396-3645 or for further information call Thomas Paglia at (716) 227-2046.

Remember these Veterans put their lives, health and welfare on the line when they were needed.

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**Masons in
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What do you see when you look into a mirror? I would hope that your first reply, if you are a Mason, is an upright man and Mason. This was how you stood at the conclusion of your Entered Apprentice Degree. Are you also looking at someone who will be missed when you leave your earthly chores behind? I certainly hope so. I would think that a prime objective in our lives is to be missed when we leave this earth; to die regretted.

Get involved

This same model also applies to our Lodges. If the Lodge you belong to should suddenly cease to exist, what would the effect be on the Community that you belong to? The Community in this example is either a local Community in the case of a suburban Lodge, or the District in the case of the others. What does your Lodge do for the Community? Is your Lodge one of those secret groups who meet in upper chambers and does secret "stuff"?

Belonging to the Community is more than just writing a check to a local charity. Checks are important, and our local fire departments and ambulance squads could not operate without them. We need to know that there is more to Community involvement than writing checks. It is also important to involve the local newspaper when significant checks are given. What I am really alluding to is how much of yourselves do you give to your Community?

Gift of time

Giving of our time is a most precious gift, and an important contribution to a Community. We need to be involved in the blood drives. We need to clean the highways. Thanksgiving and Christmas are particularly distressing times for the needy. The several soup kitchens would welcome a group of Brothers to help

serve meals. By working together, you really get a chance to know your Brother. Think of how good you would feel doing a project like this with your Brothers. Think of the impact on the Community.

Lodge involvement

Volunteer your Lodge to manage a clean-up effort for a local playground. Have the Lodge lead a Community fund-raiser for a family in need, due to an untimely death, large medical bills, or other disasters. Get involved in the Community in more ways than just writing a few checks. Masons do care, and we need to show it. Interweave the Lodge so much into the Community that the Community begins to depend on us. Let every member of your Community be able to recognize the Masons as an important member of the Community.

Happy Holidays!

It certainly is hard to believe that this is the start of the Holiday Season, and the end of another year. How fast they go by! I look forward to sharing the joy of the Holiday Season with each and every one of you. Happy Holidays and a happy and prosperous New Year from Carol, Meredith and myself. □



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Golden Rule

The new year is fast upon us, and, if the old year was any indication, then I am looking forward to it with great anticipation. As I travel around the District, I am seeing Lodges beginning to awaken as if from a deep slumber. A number of new Brothers have been initiated, business meetings are noticeably shorter, programs are generally more acceptable, and the education of the Brotherhood is on the rise.

The attendance at the Schools of Ritual and Lodge Administration were excellent. I was particularly heartened to see the great number of Brothers who attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention, and personally, would like to congratulate all of the Lodges who qualified for the Howard Potts Award. I know that M..W.. Calvin G. Bond was very surprised and that the Grand Master, M..W.. Gary A.

Light the Lamp of Leadership

Grand Lodge Leadership Training Course will be held on January 15, 1994 at Eolian Lodge and on January 29, 1994 at Fairport Lodge. Both sessions are required to complete the course.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts. Sessions will be over at noon.

The cost will be \$16.00 and checks should be made payable to: **Leadership Services Committee**. The deadline is December 31, 1993

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By W.. Gordon T. Dodge

Come on out

It gets harder each month to write this column before events take place, but a little poetic licence goes a long way. This month finds us with a few events, which I hope more members liv-

Henningsen, will be mighty impressed. Again, congratulations.

Reflections

Now that we are waking up, let us look in the mirror and ask ourselves a few questions. What have I done to promote Masonry in the Community lately? Have I acknowledged my Brothers and been sincere with them? Have I shown concern when a Brother was ill or in need of my support? Have I asked after the well being of his family? Have I offered my assistance whenever I could? Have I offered praise to him when it was deserved? The answers to these questions can be very complex OR very simple. When taken in their simplest forms they boil down to the GOLDEN RULE. DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU. Only when we begin to practice these tenets will our Fraternity begin to flourish as a Brotherhood and RE-ATTAIN its former greatness.

Smile

Remember, a friendly handshake, a cheery "Hello", and a pat on the back will go a long way toward membership retention. Membership retention starts with each and every one of us, NOT IN GRAND LODGE SPONSORED PROGRAMS. Let's get back to basics, Brothers. BROTHERHOOD is the name of the game and every one can play. It's easy and addictive. TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Reminder

Remember the Leadership Training Courses on January 15th and 29th. The sign up form is elsewhere in this paper. □

Holiday Party" on December 5th. Please call me at 334-3660 with your reservations.

Next year

Looking ahead to next year-start thinking about who you would like to bring to Lodge on January 13th. On that night, we will host a "Bring a Friend Nite". The guest speaker will be the inimitable, "Rich Friedman" of ERAC.

Read this column again and get those dates down on your calendar NOW! □



W.. Robert E. Crystal, Master
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6:00 P.M.

W.. Michael S. Goehle, Sec.
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By W.. Robert E. Crystal

Who will it be?

Who will be sitting in the East on January 11th? Will it be Frank from 1962 or Frank from 1968? Will it be a "Junior" from '66 or '87? Or will it be Bill from '67 or '73? The Past Masters of Seneca Lodge No. 797 have always crowded into the Southeast corner of the Lodge. The "coaches" corner has sometimes extended past the Junior Warden's station. Well, in January, I hope you'll see Fred Belluscio sitting in an Officer's chair and me sitting to the side cueing him. That's a challenge, R..W.. Uncle Fred!

SOBER Barn

December will be our Lodge's first exposure to the SOBER Barn story. I had asked Bro. George Huther to speak to us over 6 months ago. As a County employee, I've been impressed by the way Bro. George has improved the waiting times for my clients to get into therapy for their substance abuses. I was pleased to hear that the Masons of the Monroes will be behind a youth oriented Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program. I've asked R..W.. Larry Canfield to tell us about it. Between them, we'll be hearing about the presence of our ideals in helping our fellow men and the children of our Community deal with the ever present hazards of alcohol abuse and drug use.

Official Visit

Right Worshipfuls, Paul Moore and Louis DiJames (who was Master of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge in 1978), spoke to us, as they have to all the Lodges in their jurisdiction, about the Grand Master's Message to Masons of New York. They spoke of the basics of Masonry, from the shepherding concept for member retention to the visitation of the sick and the Masonic Funeral. It is every Master's worry that he will be called on to give the Funeral Service, as it is mine. I remember the services for Brothers Jim Hill, III and Ray Whitley. They were for me a solemn celebration of my Brotherhood with the family as well as the Mason. Thank you R..W.. Moore and R..W.. DiJames. We needed to be reminded what the basics are for Masons.

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December meeting

On December 2nd, we will have a Fellowcraft meeting at 7:30 p.m. followed by a rehearsal for the 3rd Degree. On December 9th, we will confer the 3rd Degree. There will be a dinner served at 6:30 p.m., a short business meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m., and the Degree will start promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Official Visit

R..W.. Paul Moore, DDGM, will make his Official Visit to Flower City Lodge on December 16th. I sincerely hope that you are able to be there that night. This is the 3rd Thursday, so please mark your calendar accordingly.

On a social note

On a social note, I hope you read the flyer that was enclosed with my letter mailed to you last month concerning our "Latke/



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A new baby

We are all waiting to see Tom Foote's reason for leaving Lodge meetings without stopping to shoot the breeze the way he used to. I volunteered to baby-sit so Kim can get to her Daughters of the Nile meeting. We hope they bring the baby to the Breakfast with Santa on December 18th.

Santa's Workshop

I hope to see all the children we can get into the downstairs branch of Santa's Workshop at the Webster Masonic Temple on December 18th. This is Derek and Judy's most creative and fun way of giving to our Community. I can't wait to see the looks of wonder and joy on the young faces that morning. I also enjoy watching the faces of the parents. It is a glow I take home with me every December. This party is open to all. Bring a friend or neighbor, you'll never regret it. Above all, don't forget to bring a small gift to put in Santa's bag for your child.

Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays to you all. May the Blessing of Almighty God rest on us and all Masons, their families and friends. May Brotherly Love prevail. □

Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154



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By W. Richard L. Brockmann, Sr.

Good turnout

We had a good turnout for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Not only did we take the Attendance Banner for the 1st Monroe District, but we qualified for the Howard Potts Award for the 5th consecutive year.

December functions

The December Summons Meeting, on the 13th, is a must for all our Brothers. The Lodge budget and finances will be finalized.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 12 at the Lodge Hall from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served. You must bring a gift for your child to be presented by Santa. Please call the Master at 392-3520 with your reservation and the number of children attending by December 9th.

Looking to the future

On January 10th, the meeting will feature "Andrew Jackson in Masonry". This will be presented by W. Richard Friedman, AGL. Please plan to attend.

The ladies will be invited to the January 24th meeting. It will feature a presentation by the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept. called "Street Wise". A dinner will precede the meeting.

Repeat Performance



Back row: (left to right) Brothers Frank Briffa, Sr., Thomas Hueston, M.W., Calvin G. Bond, John E. Zabel and James Saporito, Jr. Front row: (left to right) Brothers Steve Teugeman, W.W., Richard L. Brockmann, Sr., Donald Bell, R.W., Paul A. Moore

Widow's Luncheon

The Widow's Luncheon, of the Monroe Districts, will be held on February 26th at Logan's with a Buffet Dinner being served. Plan now to attend and honor our widows and ladies. You will be contacted by a Lodge committee member after the first of the year.

News and Views

By Don Bell

Telephone message

The Lodge telephone, 351-6530, now contains a message describing our regular meeting nights, and the events our Lodge will hold during the month. It will also tell you the phone numbers of the Master and Secretary.

Sickness and distress

Worshipful Brothers, Gordon Oakes and Don Morgan, are now recovering at home.

We extend our condolences to the family of Bro. Ralph Maibaum on his death.

It was good to see W. Jay Painton in Lodge.

Good turnouts

We had a great turnout for our November 8th meeting. The "Good Time Charlie" program was capably presented by Officer Rocco Demarsico of the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept.

The Master's Ball was full of great food, music and fellowship.

Brotherhood Fund

Bro. Frank Briffa, Chairman, asks that you remember those in need, and contribute to the Brotherhood Fund during this Holiday Season. □

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By W. Stephen Harris

Roast Pork Dinner

November 6th was the date of our Fall Roast Pork Dinner. We served close to 100 people and a goodly number called through the pantry window or took time to stop out in the kitchen and

congratulate the cooks. The kitchen crew was a bit light this time around, but as usual, the Mary Jane Holmes ladies bailed us out and helped with the clean-up, as well as serving. Our chef's caps are off to Brothers Mel Doverspike and Gerry Werner for another great dinner. By the way, the Master prefers peeling potatoes to carrots because the potatoes don't turn my hands orange.

Rehearsal

We held a rehearsal for the 1st Degree on November 4th. There was an excellent turnout and a lot of work accomplished. W. Merle Wallace, Master of Clio Lodge, was a great help as floor director. From watching Merle, it looks like those Schools of Ritual really pay dividends. The 1st Degree was held on November 23rd.

100th Anniversary

At our November 9th Communication, Bro. Vern Johnson encouraged the Lodge to put together and present a pageant of some sort, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Brockport Memorial Tower. We're looking into this as a possible Spring or Summer event. The Lodge was also approached by Bro. Elwood Lawrence to put on a dinner for the Cobblestone Society. It was decided that we would go ahead with this project as partners with Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, O.E.S.

Sympathy

We were sad to hear, on November 5th, of the passing of Mrs. Angie Wilson, widow of our late Bro. Russ Wilson. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family.

Come on out

I, Master of one of the best Lodges in the best Fraternity in the world, sincerely invite each Brother to come out and enjoy an evening at Lodge. We're looking forward to seeing you there! □

Remember!



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By W. Greg Brown

A Great Loss

Webster Lodge was saddened by the sudden loss of Bro. Al Marchner due to a traffic accident. Bro. Al was one of our newer members, raised December 1, 1990. Over 30 Masons, with W. Phil King officiating, participated in a Masonic Memorial Service on November 10th, prior to a Community Memorial Service at Webster Baptist Church. Let us continue to offer our prayers and words of sympathy to Bro. Richard Marchner, and family through these trying times.

2nd Degree & 2nd Place

Bro. John Clapp, SW, was in the East, November 16th to confer the 2nd Degree. We had a good attendance at the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 27th where they exemplified the 2nd Degree.

Our Lodge came in 2nd place in points for the School of Ritual Banner for the 1st Monroe District. Much of the credit for this goes to our active Past Masters who arranged car pools to Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls, for the School of Ritual on October 30th.

Ham - M&W

Webster Lodge hosted the Monroe Masters & Wardens Assoc. meeting, Saturday, November 20th. Bro. Dick Patterson and his kitchen crew did their usual superior job on what seems like our "Annual" Ham Dinner. Thanks again, guys.

Official Visit

Our own R.W. Paul Moore will be bringing us the Grand Master's Message on December 2nd. It will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. We have been proud to see R.W. Moore do so well in this post for the last 2 years. We should fall out en-mass to welcome him for his final Official Visit to his home Lodge. Be there for an exciting evening!

Fellowcraft

W. Mark Fenton took the reins as President of the Fellowcraft Club in November. This organization gets a lot of the behind-the-scenes "real work" done at Webster Temple. I congratulate them for it. Please join us Wednesday, December 8th for a special dinner, club meeting, and 3rd Degree drama rehearsal.

3rd Degree

JW Paul Soltzick will be in the East to raise our new Master Masons on December 16th. Please join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Call your reservations to Bro. Soltzick, 671-8980 by December 13th.

Brother, Bring-a-Friend

It's not too early to get those prospects lined up for an informal dinner at 6:30 p.m. on January 6th. We plan to have an excellent display and discussion on our Craft. Make a call today! □

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



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By W. Paul H. Rogers

Holiday Season

Jin-gle Bells...Jin-gle Bells! That's right, it's the Holiday Season. Thanksgiving dinner with friends, family and loved ones has come and gone. Time to check those shopping lists and time to pencil all those parties.

Official visit

Our Official Visit on November 8th of R.W. Paul Moore, DDGM 1st Monroe and R.W. Louis DiJames, GSB, was well received. The highlight of the evening, besides R.W. Paul Moore's address, was the presentation of his Apron and Certificate to R.W. Patrick McNenny, as Grand Representative to the State of Arizona. Congratulations Pat! If anyone deserves it, you certainly do. ERAC's list of over-achievers continues to grow!

2nd Degree

A fine 2nd Degree was presented on November 22nd with R.W. Frank Granata in the East. Thanks Frank, and congratulations Fellowcrafts!

Party

Party? Did I say party? Yes, indeed! The one you can't miss Brethren, is ERAC's Holiday Dinner on December 6 at the Country Club Party House in East Rochester! The festivities begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and a sit-down dinner (as compared to a buffet dinner) at 7:30 p.m. The price is only \$15.00 per person. Come and join our Masonic family. I promise you a wonderful time. Tickets may be purchased from Bro. Carl Scarpulla or myself. Give us a jin-gle! Get it?

Annual Meeting

Don't forget, our Annual Meeting will be held on December 13th. A special note to W. John Setley, pull my finger! We miss you. And by all means, Happy Holidays to each and everyone of you. □

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Secretary
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133 South Union St.
Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

By W. Edgar B. Means
Happy Holidays

The Holiday Season is upon us. I hope everyone enjoys their Christmas and the New Year together with their families.

Addition

Brothers: please add the following name and address to your By-Laws Roster:

Robert C. Johnson 5/9/49
1507 Spencerport Rd
Rochester, New York 14606-3523

Phone: 247-5539

Thanks

I would like to thank Arthur Rudig for doing such a great job on the Lantern Lecture and the Charge for the 1st Degree. Thanks, Art, hope your foot surgery went well and you are feeling better.

Hi-Twelve

The Hi-Twelve luncheon will be held on December 16th.

"Bring a Friend Night"

We had 9 Brothers and 3 guests attend our "Bring a Friend Night".

Up-coming events

We will have our Official Visit on December 13th. December 20th is the date of our Christmas Party with the Etolian Chapter, OES at 6:30 p.m. This will be held at the Lodge.

Condolences

Etolian Lodge expresses sympathy to Bro. William Baldwin whose wife, Marilyn, passed away on November 4th. A memorial service was held on November 13th at Spencerport Wesleyan Church.

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District Deputy Grand Master

For the Second Monroe District

392-5583

One of the Grand Master's five key elements in his 1993 message is Public Involvement and Awareness. Most of the Lodges in the Second Monroe District are involved in some type of Community service project. Some Lodges have several Community projects. To make these projects a success, and as a result make the public more aware of who we are and what we stand for, we all must support our Lodge leadership in carrying out these projects. This support can be expressed not only financially, but in time and talent.

Contact the Master of your Lodge to find what Community service projects your Lodge has undertaken. If your Lodge is one of the few that does not have a project and you want to get involved in the Community, there are District service projects we can get involved in. One of these is the SOBER Barn project. The SOBER Barn is a drug and alcohol free environment where youth can go for support, fun activities, special events, and a meeting place to support drug free lifestyles. The Masons of the Monroe Districts will be helping to raise funds for the SOBER Barn at Marketplace Mall, December 6th thru the 10th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program Committee should have an article in this month's *Masonic Times* detailing this activity.

There are other programs we can get involved in such as the "Have a Heart-Buy a Heart" campaign for the Ronald McDonald House held in February, the monthly visits to the VA Hospital in Canandaigua, and many other Community programs supported not only through the Blue Lodge, but by Royal Arch, Scottish Rite, the Grotto, and the Shrine, that are there waiting for us to get involved in. The main ingredient for all this activity is YOU. It is time that we practice what we preach in our Lodge rooms. As the Grand Master says in his message for 1993, "Let us open our doors and let the light shine out."

Potts Award

Congratulations are extended to Churchville, Northfield, Union Star and Charlotte-Corinthian Lodges of the Second Monroe District, and to Wakan-Hubbard Lodge of the First Monroe District for winning the Howard Potts Award at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Oatka Lodge missed the Award by one officer, but also deserves a

pat on the back for the attempt. It is Lodges like these and others that are beginning to turn Masonry around. Is your Lodge going to make that turn around success? The decision is yours.

Best wishes to all for the Holiday Season.

**Grand
Steward**

Of the Grand Lodge
Of the State of New York



R..W.. Robert F. Sanford
292-6393

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Lodges who won the Howard Potts Award for attendance at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. It is nice to see so many Brothers taking an interest in furthering their education in Masonry. I only wish more Lodges had won the Award.

Leadership

I would like to remind all the Brothers about the Leadership Course that is scheduled for January 15th and 29th. The cost is \$16.00 for 10 lessons. If you have not taken the Course, now is your golden opportunity to do so. There is a registration form in the *Masonic Times* or call R..W.. Louis DiJames, 654-8348 or me at 292-6383. Don't forget the deadline is December 31, 1993.

Bring-a-Friend

Several of the Lodges have had a Bring-a-Friend night. If you didn't receive any petitions, don't be discouraged. Keep trying and invite the same men again. You might even try inviting their wives to come along. If you need help with this, call W.. Bruce Chilton.

Seasons Greetings

As the Holiday Season is again upon us, I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and I hope that your next year is happy and prosperous.

GERMANIA

Lodge No. 722

W.. Douglas
C. Spencer,
Master
723-8703

1st
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.



W.. John H. Foster, Secretary
467-1677
4275 Culver Rd.
Rochester, N.Y. 14622

By W.. Douglas C. Spencer
Happy holidays, Brothers!

Another chance

Let me start off with information about our "Bring a Friend" meeting. To our Brothers that did not attend on November 13th, you missed a very informative and positive afternoon. My thanks to Bro. Bob McBride for all his work to make this event possible. I wish more of our Lodge members could have been in attendance, but you will all have a second chance, because another "Bring a Friend" meeting is in the works.

Hope for future

"Bring a Friend" meetings are the only way we as a Lodge will survive. At present count, we have 4 new men who are interested in our Lodge. That does not mean that all will petition for membership, but it is our hope that they will.

We need your ideas

The Fellowcraft Club met again and discussed Lodge Community Service. We have many ideas, but need your input.

Changes

Since the Holidays have been very busy this year, I have decided to hold a Lodge dinner in January. That means a Potluck Supper will precede our December 7th meeting.

From the Secretary

You have all received dues notices. Please return them with your remittance to our Secretary as soon as possible.
See you in Lodge.

O-At-Ka

Lodge No. 759

W.. Ernest
Lawton Jr.,
Master
226-6102
2nd & 4th
Wednesdays
7:30 P.M.



W.. Glenn A. Schoerens
Secretary 889-2017
5 Browns Ave.
Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

By W.. Ernest Lawton

On November 10th, a 2nd Degree was held at Oatka Lodge for three new Brothers. SW Terry Wright as Master, and SD Kevin Fisher, did a fine job in their Degree work. A special thanks to W.. Rich Friedman, AGL, for the Middle Chamber Lecture. Thanks, also, to our own ladies of the Eastern Star for the tasty Turkey Dinner.

Reservations needed

On December 8th we will tentatively be conferring the 3rd Degree. Dinner will be held beforehand at 6:30 p.m. Call me for reservations at 226-6102. For all of the Brothers whom we haven't seen for a while, those dinners alone are worth a trip to Lodge.

Our Christmas Party at the Lodge for all the families is still on December 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Condolences

My Brothers, this part of the letter bears sad news. Our Altar will be draped in black for Past Master John E. Lind. He was called home by the Great Architect on October 3rd, 1993. He was a member for 57 years and Master of Oatka Lodge in 1948. His wife, June, was Matron of the Eastern Star the same year. Our hearts go out to his wife and family.

Craftsman

Lodge No. 969

W.. Thomas
W. Kendig,
Master
265-2624
1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.



Robert F. Ogden, Secretary
385-1422
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

By Robert F. Ogden, Sec.

Our best wishes go out to Bro. Alex Kennedy and W.. Bill Shelby, who presently are at Genesee and Strong Hospitals, respectively. Bro. Jack Grover was an out-patient for foot surgery and is doing nicely at home; a card or phone call would be appreciated.

Dinner

There will be a Sauerkraut and Weiner Dinner in the third floor dining room on December 2nd at 6:30 p.m., with a Lodge meeting following. Considerable interest has resulted in first meetings of the month with dinners and sometimes entertainment—we sure hope it will continue.

Ladies Night

November 13th will be history at press time. Brother Chuck Strickland reports 31 reservations at the Red Men's Club and more are expected.

Community Involvement

Our Master is very interested in taking part with Little League. He also plans on manning booths from December 6th thru the 10th at Marketplace Mall to help raise funds for "Kids at the SOBER Barn"—a program to provide youth a safe haven, away from street and peer pressure. Let's all get behind the Master on this project.

Brotherhood Fund

I'm most pleased to see so many Brothers responding so promptly to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, not solely from the Rochester area, but from out of State as well. Keep up the good work, guys! Thanks again.

Birthdays

Greetings to the Brothers with birthdays falling in November: Joe Crociata, Bill Evert, Chuck Gorka, Glen King, George Lloyd, Roger Locklin, Bill Mallo, Tom O'Reilly, Jim Spencer, Chet Strassner and Cliff White.

December dates

On December 7th, there will be a Dinner Meeting, Fellowcraft on December 14th, and a Regular Stated Communication on December 21st.

John A. Robertson

Lodge No. 1032

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Union Star Lodge No. 320

W.:
Terrance
Hatch,
Master
582-1485



2nd
Monday
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Paul Spillane, Sec.
H 624-3877 O 624-3840
3 North Main St.
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

By W.: Terrance Hatch
Official Visit

The Official Visit of R.: W.: Joseph J. Privitera, DDGM, was at our regular communication on November 8th. His presentation conveyed the goals and wishes of the Grand Master. Also in attendance was R.: W.: Robert Sanford, Grand Steward.

Sickness and Distress

It was reported that our Secretary, R.: W.: Paul Spillane was back in the hospital for tests. He is back at home and we wish him a speedy return to Lodge.

Howard Potts Award

Congratulations to our Lodge members who attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention in October. We had our full line of Officers there, which qualified us for the Howard Potts Award.

Thank you

Thanks to all for the kind words and support for my family following my parents automobile accident last month. They are still in the hospital, but are doing better.

Library talk

For next month's communication, I have asked W.: Ted Honea to come and talk about the Livingston Library. Please join us on December 13th. No dinner will be served that evening, however, there will be sandwiches and snacks following the meeting.

SOBER Barn

Bro. Mark Craib of Northfield Lodge has a presentation on the SOBER Barn, a place where kids can go to socialize in a supervised drug and alcohol free environment. He is ready and willing to take this program to the Lodges.

Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

W.: Clifford
H. Short,
Master
225-0464



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

C. William Flemming, Secretary
723-0083
4550 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14612

By W.: Cliff Short

It seems like just yesterday that I was writing my first article for the Times. It's hard to believe that one person can learn so much and make so many new friends in twelve "short" months.

Good Work

I'd like to thank all the Brethren who took part in the Second Degree in October. I'm sure our new Brothers realize the importance and meaning of the ritual when it is performed so well.

My thanks to the Officers of the Lodge and the Brothers on

the sidelines who attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention in October. I can't thank you enough for the support you have shown for our Lodge and for me during my term as your Master.

Congratulations

I'm proud to announce that our Lodge won the 1993 School of Ritual Attendance Award Banner for the 2nd Monroe District and also the banner for the largest attendance at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Both banners will be proudly displayed in the Lodge for the next twelve months. It's good to see the interest all the Brethren have in the ritual work, for it's the ritual that separates Masons from all the other clubs and fraternities throughout the world. It is the ritual that binds us together.

It will also be my honor to accept the Howard Potts Award at the Grand Lodge Convention in May of 1994. Our officers at Charlotte-Corinthian can be especially proud as this will be the 2nd consecutive year they will be receiving this award.

Special thanks

Thanks also to the Past Masters' Shrine Degree Team for their work in performing the 3rd Degree on November 16th. It was a pleasure to observe the Degree done by such a distinguished group of Brethren.

All the Brethren, friends, and DeMolay boys that visited the Veteran's Hospital on November 7th, deserve thanks, too. A good time was had by all. I am sure that the spirits of the men and women at the hospital were given a great lift by our visit.

New Business

December is another busy month at Lodge. The Grand Lodge Officer's Official Visit is on the agenda for our December 7th Communication. There will be a Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner at 6:30 p.m., preceding the business meeting. Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. The price of the dinner is \$7.00. For reservations call Bro. Dave Rainey, 426-3862, or JW Buzz Gorman, 723-1018 by Friday, December 3rd.

The chubby, white bearded fellow will be visiting the Lodge on December 12th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This is a change from the program. Be sure to mark your calendars. There will be entertainment and refreshments for all.

Blood Drive

The second annual Blood Drive, sponsored by Charlotte-Corinthian, is also scheduled for December. We have renamed the Drive this year and it will now be known as the Martin E. Chauncey Memorial Blood Drive, in memory of Brother Chauncey, who left us earlier this year. Come out and donate a pint in Marty's memory. I'm sure it would make him proud.

Annual Reports

The Annual Reports will be given on December 21st. I will be holding my Master's Report until next May. This will correspond with the end of my tenure in the East.

Table Lodge

Another date to keep in mind is January 4th. We will start the new year off with a Table Lodge. For those who have never attended one, this would be an excellent opportunity. Come out for a truly enjoyable evening with your Brothers. A Stuffed Porkchop Dinner is planned for \$7.00. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling Bro.

Dave Rainey, 426-3862, or JW Buzz Gorman, 723-1018.

Special appeal

Before closing this month, I'd like to take this opportunity to ask each Brother of Charlotte-Corinthian to reflect on their recent dues notification. For those of you who couldn't attend the budget meeting in October, you need to know that the dues increase is not a result of our Lodge spending more money. The overall budget was increased by only 2% to offset the increased cost of taxes and utilities. The other Lodge expenses in actuality have been reduced from last year's spending.

Even though we budget for the entire year, the bills start becoming due in January. I would ask that you remit your dues as soon as financially possible. As more time passes, the Lodge must depend on reserve funds to subsidize unpaid dues, which in turn reduces the Lodge's income. So, the earlier each Brother fulfills his dues commitment, the more stable the Lodge's finances become, and the Lodge then remains financially healthier. Please send your dues in as early as possible.

In closing

I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy, joyous, and safe Holiday Season. This is the time when each of us should reflect on the previous year and be thankful for all that our lives have been blessed with. May the coming year bring so much happiness and joy into your hearts and lives that it overflows into the lives of others. May God bless you and keep you.

Henrietta
Lodge No. 526
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W.: Norman J. Johnstone, Master
533-1274
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Robert F. Sanford,
Secretary 292-6383
769 Erie Station Rd.
West Henrietta, N.Y. 14586

By W.: Norman Johnstone
Greetings

Seasons Greetings, my Brothers, and may the Supreme Architect not only bless you and yours with a happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season, but also with health, strength, ambition, and prosperity for the coming year.

Bring-a-Friend

On November 9th, we had a very interesting and informative program when we integrated our Bring-a-Friend Night with our regular meeting. To enhance the evening, R.: W.: Larry Canfield and Bro. Mark Craib presented some facts, statistics, and what the Masonic Community is doing with regard to Drug and Alcohol Abuse in the Monroes. We know that you're trying to reach as many folks as you can, R.: W.: Brother Larry, but it's unfortunate all young and old alike couldn't hear you and see your presentation. We would all be better for it!

It was also a pleasure to have W.: Bruce Chilton with us to give us ideas and support for the evening. I know we've thanked our Sisters of the Eastern Star for their part played in that memo-

orable evening, but I'd just like to say again and publicly, although belated, "Thank you".

Dues

Dues are due by the end of the calendar year. You should have received your dues notice, along with the Brotherhood Fund envelope. Please submit them as soon as possible. This will save us the cost of mailing a reminder.

Brotherhood Fund

Brethren, I know it's difficult at this time of year, especially when there are so many demands on our time and pocketbook, but won't you please take just a minute or two to open your checkbook and write a check payable to "Masonic Brotherhood Fund". Even if you send in \$1.00, we can have a good representation of the Lodge showing support for this very worthy Fund. This will be significant.

You may specify the way it is allocated (Masonic Home, Medical Research, Benevolence, Grand Master's Allocation, or other options as indicated on the face of the closing flap of the Brotherhood Fund envelope. Your donations are tax deductible.

Special Days/Birthdays

I have an apology to make to Brothers Malcolm Black and John Frost: I'm sorry that I did not include you in the October issue. I did not have your birthdays listed for October. The situation has been corrected and you're entitled to give me several lashes when next we meet.

A special congratulations to the following Brothers who will celebrate the beginning of another year (we won't say which one) of their lives on the following dates:

- Carl French - December 4
- Jack Nau - December 5
- Norman Hurwitz - December 12
- Richard Ash - December 26
- William Goss - December 31

Need a ride?

Remember to give me a call at 533-1274 if you need a ride. I will arrange for it.

F A M E
Lodge No. 945
CHARTERED 1917

W.: Dean F. Marsaw,
Master
865-0046
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-9603
4275 Culver Rd.
ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14622

By W.: Dean Marsaw

Dues Notice

By now, you should have received your dues notice for 1994. This is just a reminder so that you can adjust your budget accordingly, especially if you have not paid your 1993 dues. There are a number of Brothers that are in that situation.

Congratulations

Congratulations to W.: Don Ferguson and his wife, Linda. Fame Lodge was honored to have been able to submit their names for the "Masonic Family Award" certificate. This was presented to them on November 4th by the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R.

Their work in supporting Masonic youth and their time spent

rebuilding Fidelity Triangle No. 4 over the last 4 years, shows their undivided attention. They, and that of other committed "Moms and Dads", have increased the membership from 4 to 14. They have devoted many Saturdays and nights to make this organization a success. The Fergusons have been involved since 1983, when their daughter, Laurie, joined Triangle.

Linda is the present Junior Deputy of Fidelity Triangle, and W.: Don is on the Grand Lodge Youth Committee. Together, they have devoted hundreds of hours over the past ten years to the Chapter. As well, W.: Don has devoted eighteen years of work to Masonry for his Lodge, which makes them well deserving of the award.

Fifty Year Award

On October 5th, it was my pleasure to visit and present a Fifty Year Pin and Certificate to Bro. David Moore. He was raised on June 6, 1943. Congratulations Bro. David.



W.: Dean Marsaw presenting a 50 year pin and certificate to Bro. David Moore.

Activities

December 14th we will have the reading of Annual reports, which will be short. By popular demand a Poor Man's Dinner consisting of Macaroni and Cheese will be served before the meeting.

At this time I would like to wish all my Brothers and their families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Check your smoke detectors, they save precious lives.

NORTHFIELD
Lodge No. 426
Instituted
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W.: John A. Dudley,
Master
586-6426

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

R.: W.: Raymond R. Beardley,
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17 Church Street
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By W.: John A. Dudley

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Our attendance at the Convention on October 27th was excellent, and because of this, we will be recognized by the District

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District Deputy Grand Master For the Genesee-Wyoming District

The message

M..W.. Gary Henningsen, stated in his address at Utica, NY on June 19, 1993, "Membership development is the most crucial issue we face today. If we are to remain a full-service Grand Lodge, our membership has to increase. We are living in a time of change and Masonry must change its way of operating if it is to grow. Not ritualistic change, but, a change in our outlook, a change in our thought processes, a change in the way we do business. If you know a man who is a person of quality, one who is willing to give of himself, one with whom you would be proud to associate; ask him to join!"

These excerpts were taken from the Fall issue of the "Empire State Mason" Magazine. If you have read it, read it again. If you have not read it, then do it now.

Membership

All members of the Lodges in the Genesee/Wyoming District have heard me ask for new quality members, men of principle, ethics and morality. I feel very strongly that each member of this great Fraternity has the obligation and responsibility to encourage a young man to join us. Even if you are a Snowbird in Florida, Arizona or wherever, write a letter to a young man, explaining how much you enjoy Masonry and why he should join your Lodge. Don't put this issue of the *Masonic Times* down without thinking of that special candidate and write today. No excuses. Do it now!

You Brothers who haven't been coming to Lodge, now is the time to come back. Join in the New Masonry, New Attitudes, New Surroundings and New Excitement.

What's going on

We have introduced more School Districts to Drug Free School Zones. There are more Schools to contact, more work to do, more determination to eliminate drugs in our schools needed. In 1986 the Drug Free School and Communities Act was passed by the U.S. Congress. Also, in 1986, New York State enacted Section 220.44 of the Penal Law, which provides stronger criminal penalties for drug related offenses that occur within 1000 ft. of a school building. The stronger penalties mean a loss of plea bargaining for the drug seller when apprehended as well as having to face a doubling of his sentence if convicted.

In October of 1991 Grand Master Richard P. Thomas accepted a request from Thomas Sobol, Commissioner of Education for New York, to collaborate

in funding the development of a Drug Free School Zone guide, and for the help of the Masons of the State in assisting schools, Communities and law enforcement authorities in establishing Drug Free School Zones.

When the DFSZ is designated, 10 ft signs specifying the zone are placed 1000 feet apart around the property. The signs state that a Drug Free Zone sponsored by the Education Department and the Masons of the State of New York is in effect. After the signs are placed we perform a Masonic Dedication Ceremony which includes an Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Introduction of Dignitaries, an Address and a Closing Benediction.

This program has introduced us to many educators, who have relatives that are Masons and who are ready, when asked, to join us. We are known as a dignified Organization.


Brotherhood Fund

This is the time for all Brethren to send their contributions to the Brotherhood Fund. With the tight economy, the need is critical.

Scholarship Fund

There was a Memorial Scholarship Fund established as a tribute to M..W.. Sheldon K. Blank by Grand Lodge. This will provide scholarships for relatives of Masons to further their education. All District Deputies have joined together to request that each of you contribute \$1.00 to this fund through your Lodge Secretary. This should get the fund off on a firm footing.

Triluminar Lodge
No. 543
F. & A.M.



W.. Charles J. Krauss, Master
567-4529

2nd and 4th
Wednesdays

W.. Richard Anderson, Sec.
493-2203

Main Street
Pike, N. Y. 14024

By W.. Charles Krauss

I'm sorry

Little did I realize how important the articles in the *Masonic Times* are, until the last issue. I went to read it and it said, "not received in time for publication". I apologize!

Activities

Triluminar Lodge has had many activities, one of which was

Recap

Write a letter to, or talk with a prospective candidate. Drug Free School Zone signs cost \$15.00 each - make your check payable to the Brotherhood Fund (tax deductible) and send it to your Lodge Secretary. Send \$1.00 to Grand Lodge for M..W.. Sheldon K. Blank Scholarship Fund; your son, daughter or grandkid may need help someday.

ITS GREAT TO BE A MASON!

Grand Sword Bearer

Of the Grand Lodge
Of the State of New York



R..W.. Keith A. Granger

Table Lodge

Last Spring there was a Table Lodge held in Triluminar Lodge in Pike. You can ask anyone that attended this evening that a good time was had by all. I have not heard of any Lodges planning to have a Table Lodge. Let's hear from you. I am looking forward to coming to one and I will bring 6 to 10 Brothers with me to make it a success. The Lodges that have the large dining rooms have the ideal place for this event.

Degrees

There are many Lodges that are having Degree work. I hope to see the Lodge rooms full. This always makes the Degree so much better, having a large attendance.

Molly

"Molly", the Traveling Trophy, is at Pike, but I think Perry or Bergen Lodges are going to be doing a little traveling before this issue of the *Masonic Times* is out. The Lodges that are not getting out to capture "Molly" are missing out on a good time. This is a good way to get Brothers to visit your Lodge.

an Open Meeting on October 27th at 8:00 p.m. What a tremendous turnout. We may realize two new members from it.

New roof

The new roof is nearing completion and we now have new draperies upstairs and down. Many thanks to R..W.. Keith Granger and his talented sister, Cindy Quackenbush and Kay Swyers. Let's not forget the financial backing of our local Chapter of the O.E.S. Thanks again!

Drug Free School Zone Signs

Thanks also to the combined efforts of Castile, Eagle Valley, and Triluminar Lodges for our Drug Free School Zone signs and the dedication which took place on Friday, October 29th.

"Molly"

The Traveling Trophy, "Molly", has found a comfortable place in Triluminar Lodge.

From the Grand Chaplain's Station

Grand Lodge, F&AM,
State of New York



R..W. and the Rev. Dr.
Eligius J. Rainier

The Spirit of the Holidays

Joy from giving to others is, indeed, the spirit of the holidays. This theme was portrayed, in an intriguing way, by Charles Dickens in his story, "The Christmas Carol". Here Dickens holds everyone's interest by his plot and the personalities involved: The Cratchet family, Tiny Tim, Master Peter, Belinda and Fezziwig. Who could forget the mournful and melancholy Marley, wandering around constantly with his locks, ledgers, account books and their balances? Without the greedy, lonely, grasping and soulless Ebenezer Scrooge, so much needed for the unfolding of the plot, there would not have been a Christmas Carol.

Cleverness

It was Dicken's cleverness which led the self-sufficient and self-centered Scrooge to complete deliverance of himself. He first reminded Scrooge of his youth and what would have been his course of life, had he not made gold his god. Then, he awakened Scrooge's memory regarding the jolly celebration of Christmas, then taking place in the Cratchet home, despite grinding poverty of which Scrooge was the contributing factor.

See the light

But, Scrooge did not see the light until the Spirit of Christmas-to-come led him to a lonely cemetery, where there was a tombstone bearing his name. Scrooge then pleaded that such should not be his fate. Immediately, he awakened from his dream clinging to the bedpost. "Hey, it's later than you think!" This shocking awakening gave birth to a new Scrooge. Immediately, he bought presents for each member of the Cratchet family and provided the Christmas dinner. He felt a special joy in giving.

Inner joy

Although it uses the symbol of the hour glass, Freemasonry does not belabor the significance of "It is later than you think". It takes a more positive approach in line with the conversion of Scrooge. This miser finally gave of himself by gifts to the Cratchet family and visibly manifested his inner joy by dancing around with surprisingly hilarious behavior.

Give of yourself

This rewarding joy, Freemasonry wants its members to feel as they give to their needy fellow Masons and non-Masons. Thus, we find Masons, who give of

11 themselves and volunteer their services to transport a needy person to the doctor's office or to the hospital for treatment, when there is no other way to get there.

Mission of service

I have in mind a Brother Mason, Ill.. Harry E. Tice, 33°, who lives in Fayetteville, Georgia - also a correspondent of mine - he made it his mission of service in life, when he became a Mason, to visit the sick in hospitals and in nursing homes and to cheer the shut-ins confined to their homes. He further sent greeting cards to heighten the spirits of all the sick and shut-ins. Brother Tice continues this work of giving, despite the fact that he is wheelchair bound, and can now make contact only by cards. For his generous service to the needy, this Brother merited the title of "The Sunshine Man". Giving brought him such satisfying joy.

High praise

Masonry, by its charitable deeds, won high praise in the Southern Tier several years ago, when flood waters caused such havoc and destruction among the inhabitants in that area. Time, labor, money, clothing and food were generously given by the Masons of the Southern Tier and by the New York State Grand Lodge to alleviate the distress suffered by the victims of this flood.

A plea for help

Recently, a plea for help was announced by the Masonic Service Assoc., for Masons to come to the aid of the people in the Mid-Western states, whose lives have been severely affected by the floods. The plight of these disaster-stricken people has not fallen on deaf ears. Masons individually and Grand Lodges in particular, are on the scene in bringing relief.

Experience the good feeling

The joy of giving is, truly, the good feeling experienced by those who give of themselves. Its motivation rests upon the tenet of love for one's neighbor constantly stressed by St. John the Evangelist in the Gospel and Epistle and by St. Peter, who wrote: "Cheerfully share with those in need" (1 Peter 4:9) and by Masonry itself by its on-going performances. More than forty million dollars are devoted each year to helping others by scholarships, by the Medical Research Laboratories, by retirement homes and hospitals like those at Utica, New York, by foundations to help the blind, the crippled children and the severely burned.

This joy of giving, so cleverly implied by Charles Dickens in his "Christmas Carol", is nature's reward for fulfilling the Bible's teachings. What gifts are you joyfully giving to the needy and lonely during the holidays?




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W.: R. A. Forbes, Secretary
768-2657
8 West Main Street
LeRoy, N. Y. 14482

By W.: Robert H. Clow
OES Fish Fry

On Friday, December 3rd, the ladies of the Eastern Star are planning a Fish Fry. Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children. They are available from any member, or call the Master at 584-9944. Let's all show up to support this worthy project.

Holiday Dinner and Bazaar

On Saturday, December 11th, we are planning a joint project with the ladies of the Eastern Star. We will be preparing a special Holiday Dinner for the Community and the ladies will have a Holiday Craft Show and Baked Food Sale. Again, watch your mail for committee assignments.

Lodge Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 15th will be the evening of our first Lodge Christmas Party. This will be an Open Meeting night, with our ladies invited. A special program will be presented.

Fifth Wednesday Pot Luck

This time, not only will we be hosting the ladies of the Eastern Star, but we will invite the members of both the Royal Arch and Council to come with their wives. Also, everyone is invited to bring their children, nieces and nephews, and grandchildren. Bring wrapped gifts for your youngsters and Santa Claus will present them.

Third Degree

Our Fall Class will come to a close with the presentation of the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Wednesday, January 5th. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the Degree to follow at 8:00 p.m.

Bring a Friend Night

Our second meeting in January will be an Open Meeting for the purpose of attracting potential new members. So start thinking of young men that you know who would be good potential Masons.

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



W.: Glenn Cramer, Master
535-7507
1st & 3rd Mondays

R.: W.: Kenneth E. Kohlhausen, Secretary
585-7511
2473 Route 20A
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

By W.: Glenn Cramer
October 18

The October 18th Communication was the Official Visit of AGL, W.: Chester MacRae. His purpose was to observe the work of the Officers in the Opening

and Closing Ceremonies of the Lodge. He congratulated the Officers for their fine job.

W.: William Geitner reported that the floor in the restaurant had been reinforced and that there are no safety problems. The Master reported he had done a video taping to air on local Cable Television concerning Drug Free School Zones.

November 1

On November 1st, we held an Open Meeting to honor W.: Darwin Wheeler on his 50 year Masonic membership and acknowledged Brian Adamczyk's becoming an Eagle Scout. The evening started at 5:30 p.m. and dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. The dinner was prepared by W.: Paul Baetzold and his wife, Linda. Paul's daughter, her boyfriend and Hope Larrish helped in the kitchen. The dinner was extremely well organized and delicious. These people deserve a special thank you for all of their efforts.



W.: Glenn L. Cramer congratulating W.: Darwin Wheeler upon receiving his 50 year pin and certificate

After dinner, there was a photographer, Brody Wheeler, who photographed the Past Masters present for their place on the Lodge wall. He took pictures throughout the evening for the Lodge Picture Book. After opening the Lodge, W.: Wheeler was presented with his 50 Year Certificate and Pin by the Master. Brian Adamczyk was presented a Grand Lodge Commendation for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Approximately 50 were in attendance on this special evening.


All the Past Masters were brought to the East in chronological order, recognized, and asked to recall events from their term as Master of West Star Lodge. They were:

- 1949 - W.: Darwin Wheeler
 - 1953 - W.: Arthur Ackler
 - 1956,76,77 - R.: W.: Kenneth Kohlhausen
 - 1961 - W.: Richard Sikes
 - 1964 - R.: W.: Irving Vogel
 - 1978,79 - W.: Merle Robinson
 - 1985,86 - W.: Harold Spink
 - 1987 - W.: Paul Baetzold
 - 1988,89 - W.: Bill Geitner
 - 1990,91 - W.: Shawn Wright
 - 1992,93 - W.: Glenn Cramer
- This was a very memorable evening. W.: Errol Daugherty phoned with regrets. A storm in Utica, NY had caused Niagara Mohawk, his employer, to hold him at work. Errol had been looking forward to the evening.

Warsaw Lodge No. 549

No copy received at press time

Oakland Lodge No. 379 F. & A.M.



W.: David J. Beardsley, Master
O 493-2426
H 493-2801
Fax 493-9942
1st and 3rd Tuesdays (Jan/Feb/Mar: 1st Tues only)

W.: Richard L. Smith, Secretary
493-5408
134 South Main St.
Castile, N.Y. 14427

By W.: D.J. Beardsley
Degree work

Out 1st Degree went well. We had a lot of help from Pike and Perry and we are extremely grateful for their able assistance.

Our 2nd Degree is scheduled for the first Tuesday in December. Arcade is bringing 2 candidates again.

AGL visit

We are also happy to be having our visit from the AGL on that same evening. Once again, that is December 7th, 1993. Please, let's have a good turnout for this one.

Dedication Ceremony

Pike, Bliss, and Castile Lodges had a wonderful Dedication Ceremony in the Letchworth Central School Auditorium in October, on the Drug Free School Zone Program. R.: W.: Robert Nicoll, DDGM, gave an inspiring talk, as did Alan Capwell, Sheriff of Wyoming County. We also heard from Mr. Pagan, Superintendent; Mr. Kelleher, Principal; Mr. Hadley, Staff, and Miss Julia Kautrowski from the Student Body. We all hope and pray that the Drug Free School Zone signs will be a deterrent to drug usage, as well as dealing, possession, etc.

Support needed

I would like to take this time to ask for your support in our Degree work. We can use all the help we can get.

Thanks

Thanks again to Triluminar and Constellation Lodges. See you in Lodge.

Purple Apron Club

Genesee-Wyoming District

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R.: W.: Holden P. Miller
225-2204
- Vice-President
R.: W.: Leonard W. Mason
492-4198
- Secretary/Treasurer
R.: W.: Sheldon J. Moden
322-7343

By R.: W.: Holden Miller
Ladies Day

Our Fall Ladies Dinner was held on Sunday October 17, 1993, at the Lumberyard Restaurant in Perry. Everyone was very pleased with the food and service. Perhaps this has a lot to do with our returning there so often. We had a great turnout and were able to catch a few snowbirds before their return to Florida. We must thank Mrs. Laura Myers for entertaining the women while we met on an important matter; which will be revealed to you in January.

One of the absentees was R.: W.: and Rev. E. Rainer, who was in the Batavia Hospital. His wife advised me, by phone, that he was up and eating and would be discharged shortly. This marked the first Club activity that he has missed and his absence was really felt by all.

Down the road

As we head into Winter, we officially mark the first January without an Installation. Last year, if you remember, we did have a few.

Our District Deputy has some December Official Visits and then it will be time for the new method of Grand Lodge Officer Training to commence. In January we should know who the Grand Master's selections are. The present officers will, of course, assist in any way possible in their training.

Service Bureau Program

At the Rochester Service Bureau Program Night, on October 21st, R.: W.: Ken Kohlhausen announced to the Masters and Council members that since there is no bye-week in January (the championship game on January 23rd thru the Super Bowl) our meeting was moved to Saturday January 22nd. Perhaps this will enable a few more members to attend.

At that meeting we also learned of the many services provided by the Masonic Service Bureau available to our District. All kinds of medical equipment—wheelchairs, crutches, canes, etc., can be obtained free. They are willing to present a similar informational program at our next Council meeting to inform Genesee/Wyoming Masons of the services that are available to them with perhaps the possibility of a satellite operation in our District sometime in the future.

Masters & Wardens Association

GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

- President
W.: Shawn L. Wright 535-7751
- Vice President
W.: Carl Fisher 537-9943
- Secretary/Treasurer
W.: Glenn Cramer 535-7792

By W.: Shawn Wright
Good Party

A District Halloween Party was held at Attica Lodge on October 29th. This was in conjunction with the Attica's Annual Widows Night and a Buffet dinner, including Chicken and Biscuits, Ham, Rigatoni, and Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut was served.

The evening also included musical entertainment by the Phelps Family and a magic show by R.: W.: Bob Seils. About 60 were present and a good time was had by all.

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Fish Fry

The District Fall Fish Fry held on October 8th at Warsaw Lodge, produced a profit of \$410; about 175 were served.

The District Directories were finally completed and are being distributed to the Lodges and Concordant Bodies in the District.

Masters and Wardens

The Masters and Wardens Association has been dormant lately, that is, they haven't held a meeting in a good long time. This is going to change after the first of the year. We are going to restructure our meeting schedule so that each of the twelve Lodges in the District will be responsible for hosting one meeting. The hosting Lodge will set the time, place and type of meeting agreeable to its members.

I believe this will promote traveling within the District and get every Lodge active in the Association.

Lodge Officers in the District will be receiving more information in the near future.

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitulat District
Rt. Exc.
Kenneth E. Kohlhausen
591-9598

Just a brief update on happenings which you may have missed.

Fall Class

October 16th saw the Fall Class of 6 candidates receive the MM, PM and MEM Degrees at LeRoy Chapter No. 183. We were honored to have 4 Canadian Companions in attendance and were very careful of the new carpeting. Sure looks great!

October meetings

On October 19th, a representative group from the District met for dinner at the Candlelite Restaurant then adjourned to Western Star Chapter No. 35 where RE Dale A. Tynan, Grand Master of the Third Veil spoke to us on several topics relevant to Grand Chapter. A question and answer period brought out several enlightening ideas for future use. RE Tynan also shared with us some of his experiences as a locomotive engineer on the Long Island Railroad.

On October 23rd, the class of 6 were exalted at Western Star Chapter No. 35 with the cast appearing in costume.

Candy Sale

The Royal Arch Scholarship Fund Candy Sale is well under way. Now that December is here, the Election of Officers will be taking place. Advance congratulations to the new and repeat elected Officers. To all, may you have the best Holiday Season ever.

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No. 34
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SK George L. Brege
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Recorder 786-3897
200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

By SK George Brege
KTEF

The 26th Annual Voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign has started and runs through April 30. You've already been alerted with the letter enclosed in your '94 dues notification. This spells out what Batavia No. 34 would like to achieve as a minimum. During the next months, you will be given periodic updates as to our progress in this column.

Eagles

Talking with SK Robert Forbes at our last assembly, I learned that he recently visited with his son stationed at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. While there, he also saw Colonel Terry Moran, AF, who had just received his "Eagles". Bob had been Terry's Scout Master in LeRoy when he received his Eagle Scout Badge.

This sort of says something about small towns, roots, family and perhaps even Masonry, doesn't it? Everything our politicians say we lack today, that has our country in such a moral dilemma. I also gained some insight as to Bob's character. During WWII, he was a 1st Sgt. with the 29th Division. They landed on Omaha Beach "D" Day and were five days "on the sand" before breakout. He was in five campaigns, including the Battle of the Bulge, and was present at the linkup with the Russians at the Elbe River. Bob has a Bronze Star with cluster and credit for 169 days of Infantry Combat on his DD214. That's enough to give any man the "Thousand yard stare". To add insult to injury, he was recalled for Korea. Bob said the only time he got hurt was when he stumbled over a tent rope in the dark and sprained his ankle. He was in the hospital three days. Good thing General Patton didn't catch you in there for that Robert.

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Missed a meeting

Rev. and SK Dr. Rainer missed our first meeting in October. He indicated that was the first Assembly he had missed since being Knighted in November of 1976. That's a lot of Assemblies, Doc., almost two decades worth. Seems there should be a certificate or something for that kind of record.

Welcome back

SK Harry Brown, our Generalissimo has spent a lot of time with surgeons the past 1 1/2 years, but he is back with us and it's good to see him.

Knighted

During the November 6th Pilgrimage, held at the Rochester Downtown Masonic Temple, we gained 2 new members. We have the potential for three more in April.

Keyboard

SK Jimmy Branigan plays for us at every meeting, but did you know that he bought a brand new Yamaha keyboard especially for the Convention in September? If you need music, call Jimmy. Like, "Have a Keyboard Will Travel". You will have to wait until after November 16 though. Right now he's in Ireland again. Sort of makes you wonder what he's carrying over there in his luggage, doesn't it?

Future dates

Don't forget December 9th. It will be our only assembly in December and will be open. It is our Annual Christmas Toast. The program is under the direction of Rev. and SK Dr. Rainer. It will be followed by a dessert reception by the "Ladies of the Temple". Til then - Batavia No. 34 - God and Country.

**Nun-Da-Wa-Ga
Council No. 92**

4th Monday
Michael L. Klinkbeil
Ill. Master
344-2194
Kenneth E. Kohlhagen
Recorder
535-7511
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

By Robert F. Dagen, D.M.

Past Events

Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92 assembled on October 25th and what an evening it was! It began with a dinner at the LB Grand Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. A tribute to our visiting dignitaries; R.I. John P. Nosal, Jr., JGCC, R.I. Donald W. Wright, DDGM of the 8th Cryptic Dist., R.I. E. William Whittaker, GL and V.I.L. Edward Walker, AGL. The food was excellent, as always, and the service very prompt. We were finished by 7:00 p.m., so we had a full hour to relax until the start of the Assembly.

It was decided to confer the "Thrice Illustrious Master" Degree upon the Illustrious Master of the Council No. 92 at this time, as he was not able to attend the Grand Assembly of the Council this past Summer. A Council of Thrice Potent Masters was convened by R.I. John P. Nosal, Jr. and R.I. Donald W. Wright. Their task was accomplished in due time and the regular Council meeting was convened at 8:00 p.m. as scheduled.

After a short business meeting, labor was dispensed with in the Council and labor resumed

for work and instruction on the Degree of Royal Master. This Degree was conferred upon two Companions by I.M. Steve Wing and his Council of Royal Masters. Their work was superb and impressive and a special note of thanks is due to all who participated. Companion Ruel Lovett presented an excellent performance as Grand Master Hiram Abiff. All of the Companions, including our distinguished visitors, were duly impressed.

After the conferral of the Degree, the distinguished visitors were received with each presenting a brief, but interesting message. It should be noted that the newly made Royal Masters were in attendance during the presentations and they too, were impressed with the remarks of the visitors. The Assembly was closed at 10:00 p.m. A lot of work was accomplished and all in attendance left with a great feeling of satisfaction.

On November 22nd, the Select Master Degree was conferred by R.I. Layton Vogel and his team of Select Masters. Once again, a superb conferral was presented.

General information

The history of Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92, written by charter member R.I. Layton Vogel, is now in the possession of the Illustrious Master. This history will be presented in this publication at some future date.

Once again, we were presented with an award for exceeding the minimum participation of the Grand Council Charity Fund. This unofficially is our 6th consecutive year for this award. The award was presented by R.I. Donald Wright, DDGM. For this honor, we are indebted to the untiring efforts of the Charity Committee Chairman, R.I. Layton Vogel, and to all the Companions, a special "Thank You" for a job well done.

It is my sad duty to announce the passing, on November 5th, of Jim Klinkbeil, the son of our Illustrious Master. Our thoughts and prayers are with Illustrious Companion Mike and his family.

God bless you all and have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

**3x3 Chapter
NO. 333**

Royal Arch Masons
(Chartered in 1990)

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William O. Baldwin, Jr. Secretary
352-5664

Masonic Temple
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By R.E. Ruel R. Lovett

Royal Arch Widow's Program

I feel very good as I report on the Royal Arch Widow's Program that we put on for the Brothers, Sisters and Companions. We made a couple of last minute changes in "Players", but everything went off beautifully. It was well received. I am sure we'll be doing this again somewhere in the District. Here's a "Well Done" to the Team, and of course my thanks.

Fund Raiser

Our candy bars will be picked up before you read this. For those

who don't know, we're using them as a Fund Raiser for both our Apron Fund and the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. You are welcome to sell as many as you can and be sure to buy a few for your own family. These are very good candy bars. It is noted also that Etolian Chapter, OES will be selling a few for their own Fund Raiser. Let's try to help them too.

Thank you

Thanks to all who helped with the Mark Master Degree. It went very well and we have three new Companions in our Chapter. I welcome them and invite them to our Chapter meetings. Thank you to all who helped with the PM, MEM, and Royal Arch Degrees. They were well done, thanks to Wyoming, Arcade, and Western Star Chapters.

Scholarship Seals

Companion Jeff Diehl always has a good supply of Royal Arch Scholarship Seals that you can purchase for \$1.00 per sheet. If you buy a sheet at each meeting, you will have given an excellent gift to a child. It may very well be one of the children of our own members. The other Royal Arch Charities are the Masonic Research Lab and the Grand High Priest's Fund. You can designate where your money will go.

Election of Officers

Don't forget the Election of Officers for our Chapter on December 1st. Be a part of the selection of next year's officers. If you want to be a line officer, please make it known ahead of time. Come to Chapter meetings. Watch the progress we are making from the sideline, or take part and make things happen. Your "Involved" Companions welcome your efforts and support.

Thanks for your support

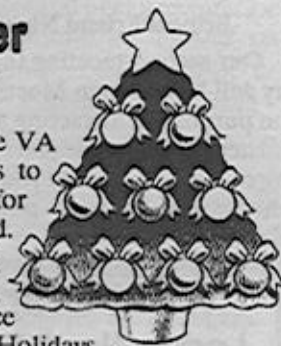
Since it is near the end of the year, I must at this time thank all who supported me during this "Building Year". We have made good strides in the right direction. This coming year will be just as important. We must build on the foundation that has now been established. The incoming High Priest will need your continued support. I wish him well!

The language of friendship is not words, but meaning.

Henry David Thoreau

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Food for Thought

A hundred years from now it will be of little matter what the size of my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a boy.

Fidelity Triangle No. 4

Melissa DuBois
Beloved Queen

2nd & 4th Saturdays

By Amy Lynch

Honey, I'm home!

That's right, we're back from our Bi-Annual Convention in Callicoon, New York.

Congratulations

Our new State Representative is Miss Amy White from the Niagara Erie District. Our new State Director is Mrs. Malania Pettingal. The new Jr. Advisor for the Monroe, Niagara and Erie Districts (that's right, we've merged) is Miss Becky Berndt from Niagara River Triangle. Congratulations to all, and I hope the experience of your term will be as memorable as mine.

Term plans

November 21st was our Installation of Beloved Queen Melissa DuBois and her Officers. Congratulations girls! Melissa's term plans will be done at a later date.

Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me make my term as Jr. Advisor a successful and memorable one. This includes the *Masonic Times* editor, who more than once said "OK", when my article was late. I would also like to thank the Supervisors, Daddies, and girls of Fidelity Triangle.

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Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., Editor

From the Desk of:

Ill. Larry E. Foster, 33°
Commander-in-Chief



Renewal
and
Celebration

Family

The end of the year is a time of renewal and celebration. In November, we celebrated our belief and support for the family which is foremost in each of our lives. The Family Life Week Program was a wonderful success as we shared in the happiness of youth and generations of experience.

November Celebrations

Our Reunion: joining together to portray the degrees which teach the lessons of our Craft to new members and thus renewing our honored rolls, as well as our individual convictions. The message, though from a script, yet spoken by the heart. I welcome and congratulate all our new Scottish Rite Brothers and their families to our family of friendship and love.

Thanksgiving: a time of family celebration for all the blessings which we have been so fortunate to have received. A celebration of the harvest which we too often

**McNenny elected
33°, Honorary
Member of the
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By Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.

At the 182nd Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1994, Brother Patrick J.S. McNenny will receive his 33°.

Brother McNenny was raised a Master Mason in Tahattawan Lodge, Littleton, Mass. on May 24, 1971. He affiliated with East Rochester Lodge in 1975, serving as its Master in 1981, 1983, and 1988. He was the Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman in 1982,

take for granted as we are each distanced in our lives from agriculture and those who nurture the soil on our behalf.

December

December: again a time of renewal and celebration of our faith as we participate in gatherings with family and friends. Our December 2nd meeting is just such an occasion. It is a program featuring the "Back Porch Pickers" at which I hope to see each of you and your family and friends. The end of the year, celebrated on the eve of the new, renewing the calendar, our hope and our resolve to act, live and perpetuate the principles by which we live.

Renewal and Celebration

Yes, the end of the year is one of renewal and celebration. May each of yours be joyous and blessed. Best wishes from Cathy and myself for a glorious Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year. □

1983, becoming the First Monroe District Brotherhood Chairman in 1985, 1986.

Brother McNenny joined Rochester Consistory in 1983 and entered the officer line in 1987. He has been a regular participant in the 14°, 17°, 20° and 32°.

Pat was initiated into Damascus Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. in 1983. He is currently an active member and Past President of the Past Masters Degree Team. In addition, Brother Pat is also a member of the Ceremonial Cast. He was President of the Rochester High Twelve Club in 1988, 1989 and was a member of the Advisory Council of the Order of DeMolay in 1988, 1989.

Education

Brother McNenny is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Md. in 1954. He also earned a MS Degree in Applied Mathematics and Statistics from RIT in 1977.

Professional

Brother McNenny is employed by RIT as Manager of External Programs for Quality and Applied Statistics. Brother Patrick also served his country as a Naval Aviator for ten years.

Family

Brother McNenny is married to the former Grace Helen Unger and they have three children, Patrick, Jr., Morgan and Kate.

We congratulate Brother Patrick J.S. McNenny and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors. □

Scottish Rite Scholarships

By Ill. Robert P. Zabel, 33°

The Scottish Rite Commitment to Education

One of Freemasonry's fundamental principles is a belief in the importance of the educated mind. Freedom, understanding, and Brotherhood are dependent upon our ability to reason effectively. That is why the Masonic Fraternity, and the Scottish Rite in particular, have long been committed to fostering the value of education.

The Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship Program is supported by gifts from members and friends of Scottish Rite Masons to the annual Blue Envelope Appeal.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants for a scholarship must be children or grandchildren of Scottish Rite Masons. Or, they may be members of youth organizations sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity.

An applicant must be a graduate of a public or private secondary/preparatory school. Application forms are available through the Office of the Secretary of the Valley of Rochester. Just call (716)-271-0715 and they will be mailed to you. Completed applications must be returned to this office no later than March 1st.

Amount of Scholarship Aid

Both the number of scholarships granted each year and the actual amount of individual scholarships are dependent upon funds available. It is hoped, however, that individual grants will range from \$500 to \$1,000. The number in any state will be modest inasmuch as fifteen states and 110 Valleys are concerned.

The size of grants will be determined in each state as will eligibility for more than one year of aid and also post graduate University studies. Also to be determined locally is the eligibility of offspring of Scottish Rite members residing out-of-state or in distant areas from the Northern Jurisdiction.

Grants will be paid directly to the educational institution at which a recipient has been accepted and designated for the account of the student. □

Sit Back - Relax Enjoy the Music

By Ronald D. Mertens

The Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester is pleased to sponsor a program of music that will be enjoyed by everyone. On Thursday, December 2nd, at 8:00 p.m., the Backporch Pickers will present an evening of Folk, Country and Bluegrass music that will lift your spirits and start your toes tapping.

What better way to spend an evening prior to the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season? This delightful program of music will be a pleasant change from the mediocre selection of TV. The Backporch Pickers are a local duo who provide an enjoyable variety and selection of music for all.

Bring your friends and family to Cathedral Hall on December 2nd for an evening of fun. Refreshments will be served following the program. □

Sponsor's Responsibility

For every petitioner for the Scottish Rite Degrees there are two Scottish Rite Masons on whom rest a responsibility for the proper training of that petitioner. The two Scottish Rite Masons who sign the petition have a responsibility that does not end with their signature on the petition. If you invite a guest to a gathering at your home, you make sure that he meets all your guests, and is made welcome and comfortable. Isn't the Master Mason whom you recommend to Scottish Rite Freemasonry entitled to the same courtesy? As his sponsor, is it not your duty to take an interest in his progress? It seems to us that it is, and that you should see to it that he fully understands the fine lessons of our Degrees. If you recommend a man to the Scottish Rite, satisfy yourself that he is receiving that for which you recommended him. To do so is but a Masonic courtesy and it is also your duty as a Scottish Rite Mason. Let's all give this matter some serious consideration. It will certainly bring forth good results if you attend the conferring of the Degrees at our Reunions.

Charles A. Lindbergh

Five months after being made a Master Mason, Brother Charles A. Lindbergh, the great aviator, wore the Square and Compasses on his flight jacket, and the "Spirit of St. Louis" bore a Masonic flag from his Lodge on his historic Trans-Atlantic flight in 1927.

Wallace F. Smiley, 32°
(Courtesy Scottish Rite Bodies Bulletin, Valley of Philadelphia) □

What Do I Get Out Of Attending A Reunion?

That's really not a very good question. If you're really interested in your Scottish Rite Valley's operations, you should ask, "What can I contribute to our Reunions?" Number one, be there. Just your presence is rewarding to the cast members doing the work, and is especially rewarding to the Class. I still remember the thrill of going through my first Reunion and seeing dozens of men who I never dreamed were Brother Masons. We all need to set aside these two times during the year to renew our obligations to this part of the largest and greatest Fraternity in the world.

I'm beginning to see more articles written about how there is a strong resurgence of Fraternal ties. Well, we've got the greatest and all we need to do is participate and promote it. Getting back to my original question, what can

I contribute? Wow! You can sing in the choir, work in wardrobe, apply makeup, help cast members into and out of costumes, help on stage setting up for a degree, help with lighting and sound, work at the registration desk, be a greeter, repair props and take speaking and non-speaking parts in the various degrees, plus the many other things there are to do.

If you are a signer (first or second) bring your candidate. I'll bet they wonder, "Did I join something good? My gosh, my friend who talked me into this doesn't even attend."

Every degree that is conferred should draw us into the auditorium. Rather than sit in the lounge or some other place while a degree is in progress, make an effort to support our Brothers who are performing by being with the class and support both. Ask yourself, "How long has it been since I saw the other degrees?" We have some great new degrees that I know you will enjoy. The American Indian Degree and the new Abraham Lincoln Degree. You can see we've got everything going for us; so, BE THERE! (Excerpts Scottish Rite Reporter, Valley of Eau Claire) □

Why "Blue" Lodge?

It is well known that Fundamental Masonry consists of three degrees, collectively called the "Blue" Lodge. The question asked is why "Blue"?

Blue, represents the dome of heaven from which comes that which is sought--truth. To a Mason it means friendship and benevolence.

It was held a sacred color among the Jews. To the Chinese it represented the union of the sexes and thus the Fatherhood of God. With the Egyptians it was the color of their principal God. The Hindus garbed their deity in the color.

It was only natural that early Masons adopted it as the appropriate color for their ceremonial garments. Hence, "Blue" Lodge. (Courtesy Scottish Rite Bodies Bulletin, Valley of Philadelphia) □

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MS

Ill. Robert N. Forest, 33° - at home recuperating from surgery. He is enjoying hearing from everyone.

Bro. Paul Spillane - please call and wish him well.

Bro. Hugh H. Robertson - had left knee surgery and is back home. Call him.

Bro. Hal Miller - up and about with his usual smiling face. Give him a shout.

Bro. Henry Chait - at home after suffering a stroke. Would appreciate hearing from you. □

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Lalla Rookh **GROTTO** News

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Michael Bell, Monarch

Monarch's Message

By Michael Bell, Monarch

The Monarch's Ball, which was held on Saturday, November 6th, seems to have been an unqualified success. The food, beverages, music, and good company all blended to make for a very enjoyable evening. It was great to see all the old and new faces.

Reservations

Remember to contact Joe Minas about reservations for the Annual Christmas Dinner. I understand there will be an "attitude adjustment" hour beforehand.

Installation

Next year's Officers will be installed on January 19, 1994, our regular meeting night. It will be a closed Ceremony, and will be followed by sumptuous refreshments.

Watch your language!

I would greatly appreciate all Prophets not going out of their way to remind Gordy Dodge about the fortunes of his beloved Redskins. Accordingly, I direct you all to refrain from the use of any of the following words: putrid, abysmal, nauseating, disgusting, embarrassing, amateurish, malodorous, wretched, rotten, hopeless, sickening or vile. I'm sure Gordy will value your concern.

Band

Convention

The Lalla Rookh Band won second prize in the Convention Competition, but due to the weatherman's goof (predicting rain and not coming through) they were not able to represent Lalla Rookh Grotto on the street.

While our star baritone player, Paul Wood is visiting his son in Texas, Bob Bueg has been playing baritone on the trombone, a pretty good trick.

Christmas dinner

All band members should make an effort to make the December meeting. We will again

be playing dinner music for the Prophets. Our dinner is a 6:00 p.m., come early.

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of a long time member of the Band, Bob Freisner. He will be missed.

Legion of Honor

By David Cromwell, Commdr.

Future events

Our next meeting will be at the Two M's Restaurant on December 13th. Please call Jan Lughart by December 6th with your reservations at 352-4698. Let's get a good turn out for this last meeting of 1993!

Good deal!

Our Installation Dinner will be on January 21, 1994 (Friday evening) at the Forty & Eight. The dinner choices will be Veal Parmesan, Fish, or Pork Chops. The price will be only \$9.50, and if you show your 1994, paid up, Grotto/Legion of Honor dues card, you will receive \$5 off on your dinner. All other dinners will be only \$9.50-what a deal! Don't miss this event! Cards will be sent to you in January for your reservations. Please send them back to Al Falk.

Dues are due

Your 1994 dues are now due in the amount of \$5.00. Send your dues to our Treasurer-Frank Murrer, 40 Brooklea Drive, Rochester, NY 14624. Please send them right in and remember that with a paid up 1994 dues card you will receive a \$5 deduction on your Installation Dinner on January 21, 1994.

Personal notes

On December 26, 1993, Past Monarch Fred Ambeau will celebrate his 83rd birthday. He says he will be only 61, but that is kind of hard to believe, as he has worked for Rochester's major newspaper corporation for 62 years! We all wish you a Happy 83rd Birthday, Fred! Between you and I, you only look about 40. You are just amazing! Please put it on your calendar to call Fred on

December 26th at 647-1607 and wish him a Happy 83rd Birthday!

It has been a great honor being your 1993 Commander. Thank you for all your support, cooperation, and advice!

Please call me at 244-2723 with your personal notes, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for this article.

Until next time....

Patrol News

Were you prepared for this early Winter? I sure wasn't. RG&E must be happy with all the thermostats being turned up.

Thinking of you

Shirley Bishop is still in St. Mary's Hospital and hopefully will get "sprung" this month. You can still send her another card.

Past Monarch Bill Hartwig is at home and not doing too well. Call his wife, Rose, and let her know you are thinking of them.

Familiar face

It was nice to see Louie Heck at the Monarch's Ball in November. He promised me that if the weather is good he'll try to make the monthly meetings.

Hope to see the line officers at our monthly meeting on December 28th.

Best wishes

The Patrol participated as escorts as the Caldron installed their Mighty Chosen One, Dorothy Bartlett, last month. We wish her and her officers a successful year.

Not much else to report, so-- I'll see you at Drill.

Membership

By Ron Morthorst

Membership - to belong, be part of, fellowship. What does it mean to you? Do you like a good time, good fellowship, to break bread with fellow Masons, socialize, play cards, play golf, have a laugh, meet new people?

Join us

Come to Lalla Rookh Grotto, the second oldest Grotto in the realm. We meet only on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 8:00

p.m. on the 4th floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple.

Meetings are open to all Masons. With a current dues card you can enter the Enchanted Realm.

We play, we eat, we have fun in the Realm, while supporting our Dentistry for the Handicapped and M.D. Programs.

Make a commitment to find out why we have a good time at Grotto-call Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 and I'll try to answer your questions.

Master of Ceremonies

Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be held at the Downtown Masonic Temple on December 15th in the third floor dining area.

Refreshments will be served starting at 6:00 p.m., with the traditional dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. by the ladies of Caldron. As usual, the Grotto Band will entertain us with holiday selections before dinner.

Reservations

After the meeting, there will be additional entertainment by one of the local Barbershop Quartets. Hope to see a good turnout of Prophets, but you need a reservation. Call me at 671-1917 by December 8th, so the gals can have enough food for us all. Happy Holidays.

Caldron News

By Dorothy Bartlett, MCO

A new year is just around the corner, but right now it seems as if everyone is busy getting ready for the holidays ahead of time this year.

I cannot be as poetic as my predecessor, but I will do my best to bring you up to date on the news.

Splendid job

Our reception for Supreme Arrah, Merline Bueg, was a lovely one. Jr. PMCO Beverly Murray and her committee did a splendid job in making it so.

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving.

December meetings

The Patrol will have a Christmas Party at Bosdyk's Party House on December 2nd.

December 9th will be a regular meeting and Christmas Party.

The Executive Council will meet December 16th, the place to be announced later.

Birthday Banquet

January 13, and February 10th, 1994, will be regular meetings. February 12th will be the Birthday Banquet and on March 12th we will have our Annual Smorgasbord, providing we do not have a snow storm.

Sickness

Priscilla Rose Hartwig entered the hospital for more surgery on November 4th.

I have had no other illness reported to me at this writing, but I am sure that all the shut-ins would appreciate calls or cards, especially at holiday time.

I will do the best I can as your Mighty Chosen One, and I again thank all my officers and members for your support.

Cast News

By George Knierim, Dir.

Thanks to everyone for your help in October's short form Ceremonial.

I also want to thank Michael Bell, Gordon Dodge, and Robert Smith for their special assistance in repairing the scenery.

Dates to Remember

- Dec. 2nd - Caldron Patrol Christmas Party
- Dec. 9th - Caldron Meeting & Christmas Party
- Dec. 15th - Grotto Meeting & Christmas Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 28th - Patrol Meeting

Attend your Grotto Meeting
Enjoy the fellowship



Continued from page 5

become unmanageable. Cost management strategies alone can help in the short term, but as the baby boomers reach retirement age, availability of quality health care will require much more than an efficient cost management system.

In a recent poll conducted by Research America!, 98% expressed overwhelming support for medical research indicating that it saved lives and improved the quality of life. Nearly three quarters of those surveyed believed that their congressional representatives should support more federal funding for research. This fact notwithstanding, our representatives on the Hill tell us that rarely do people take the time to speak out for broader support of medical research. All too often, we lose

sight of the fact that medical advances have their origin in basic biomedical research. We take for granted the fact that years of painstaking research and thousands of experiments costing millions of dollars are behind the apparently simple treatment received in the doctor's office or the surgical procedure performed in the hospital or clinic.

The remarkable progress of the last few decades was made possible by the farsighted support of biomedical research by the Federal Government channeled through the National Institutes of Health and other Federal agencies. The prospects have never been brighter for medical advancement. The outlook for children born with Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy, congenital heart defects and many other diseases are improving before our eyes. Two out of five individuals surviving a heart attack today would not have survived twenty years ago. With the proper support, the ravages of Cancer and AIDS, the heartbreak of Alzheimer's and Diabetes, and the shock of sudden cardiac death

can be defeated. The savings, both in terms of human suffering and monetary expenditures, are inestimable.

The future health and well being of our children and loved ones is up to us to determine. It is time to raise our voices so that the need for support of biomedical research is heard clearly and loudly by those in a position to make this issue a priority. Our congressional leaders need our help to bring this issue to the forefront.

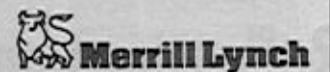
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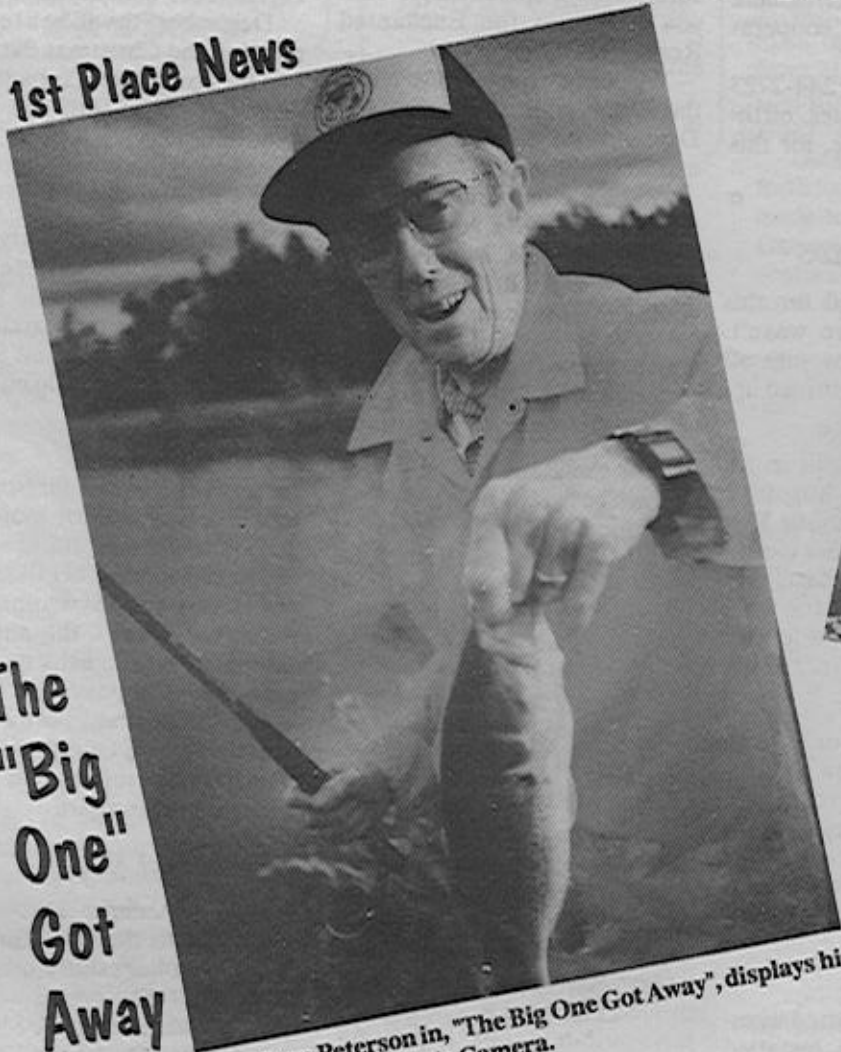
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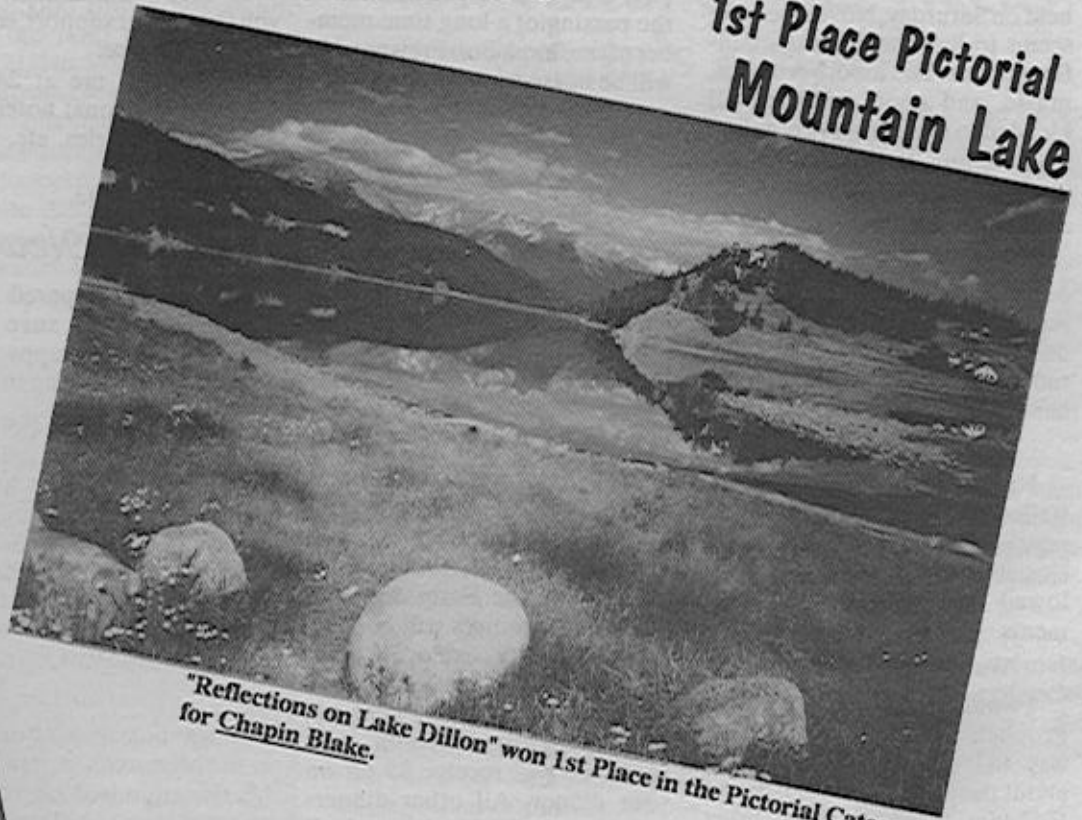
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The "Big One" Got Away

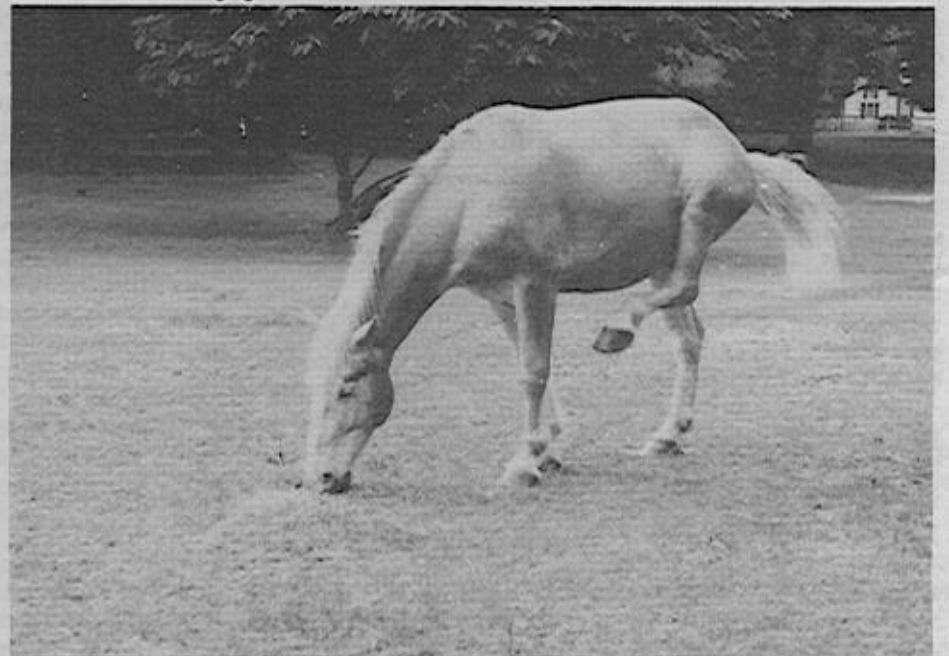
Here, Stan Peterson in, "The Big One Got Away", displays his catch for Linda Zahn's Camera.

1st Place Pictorial
Mountain Lake



"Reflections on Lake Dillon" won 1st Place in the Pictorial Category for Chapin Blake.

2nd Place Pictorial
Three legged Horse



This picture, "Three Legged Horse", by M. Cathy Helmes took 2nd Place in the Pictorial Category. Cathy waited 20 minutes to get this one just right.

Thank you
The Judges and Staff of the *Masonic Times* would like to thank all those who entered the competition this year. We would also like to congratulate our winners in this, the 1st Annual *Masonic Times* Photo Contest. Thanks go to Angelo DiCataldo, proprietor of NYRA, who donated the handsome plaque.

It is hoped that next year we will have more entries. There were some minor glitches this year and the certificates will be mailed to the winners. We will try to do better next time.

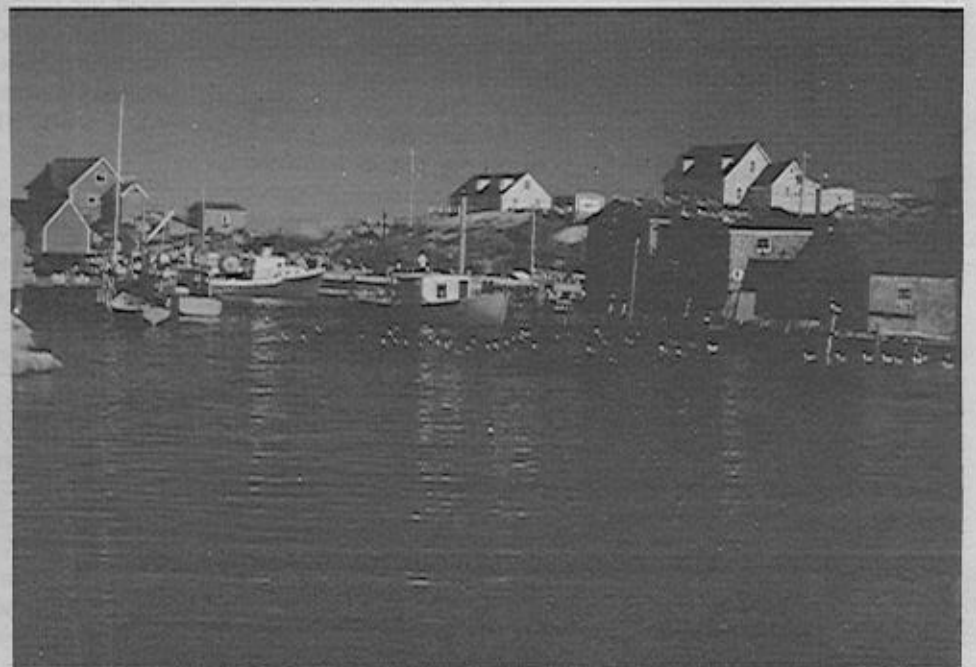


3rd Place Pictorial
Reflections on Lake Dillon



This picture, by Bob Ewart, was originally a transparency. It won 3rd Place in the Pictorial Category. Bob's was the first entry received for the contest.

Honorable Mention Pictorial
Peggy's Cove



Bob Ewart's picture of the much photographed, "Peggy's Cove" in Maine, was given Honorable Mention in the Pictorial Category.

Order of the Eastern Star Thoughts from the Grand Matron



M. Wthy. Wanda V. Williams

Thank you

I can't begin to adequately express my appreciation for the wonderful presentation given to me by Monroe District at Grand Sessions. I would like every member to know how much I appreciate all the effort and love that brought that wonderful gift to our Order.

Each of the many visits we have made throughout the State in the last month has been delightful. The support shown by Monroe District's representation has been very rewarding to me.

Christmas Week

During the week of December 6-11, I will attend Christmas Week at Oriskany. This annual event is conducted by the Grand Line Officers for the residents of the Eastern Star Home.

A job well done.

Once again, I would like to commend our retiring District Officers on a job well done. Also, I would ask your continued support for the incoming officers. Rt. Wthy. Faythe and Rt. Wthy. Stan have drafted a great program for attracting and maintaining membership. Your enthusiastic response to this program will surely enhance the strength of our Order.

Anniversary

1994 is our 125th Anniversary year and I can foresee many opportunities for progress. You have shown what you can do. Let's keep up this enthusiasm to revitalize the Order of the Eastern Star in New York State.

HiLights Order of the Eastern Star DISTRICT OF MONROE, STATE OF NEW YORK

Rt. Wthy. James E. Comstock, Reporter

Strengthen bonds

As we begin our 125th year of service to the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of New York, we must focus on strengthening the charitable, social and fraternal bonds in our Chapters. Rt. Wthy. Faythe Rowell, DDGM, and Rt. Wthy. Stan Seeley, DGL have developed the following four programs which they hope will help all of to become more involved.

First

First and foremost, we need to encourage our new and inactive

members to attend Chapter meetings, fund raisers and social gatherings. We hope to do this with our "ADOPT-A-SISTER/ADOPT-A-BROTHER" program. Big Sisters and Big Brothers, who can assist with ritualistic questions, general concerns or a friendly phone call, will be assigned to each new or inactive member. More communication between Chapter and members is a great way to keep people active.

Second

Secondly, our INCREASED PARTICIPATION/MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM has been designed to promote and stimulate membership participation by building upon the strengths that we already possess. Supporting one another through Chapter and District functions along with visiting surrounding Districts is one way of visibly showing our support for each other. We need to dust off our winning team spirit!

Grand Chaplain

Rt. Wthy. Elaine R. Milner has been appointed Grand Chaplain of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York for the ensuing year. She is a member of Charlotte Chapter where she has held many offices.



Rt. Wthy. Elaine Milner, Grand Chaplain, and her husband, Wthy. Ken.

Third

As always, our veterans are an important part of our work. Rt. Wthy. Stan will be implementing an ADOPT-A-VETERAN Program. It is hoped that every member in our District will participate by taking at least one name of a veteran that they can visit, write or send cards to on special occasions. Let's also keep those lap robes and trachea bibs coming!

Fourth

Lastly, we need to focus our attention on involving ourselves more in the Communities in which we live. Through our COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, we hope to involve each Chapter and member in some tangible way.

Yes, these four programs are lofty ideals. Can we accomplish them? You bet we can! In the very near future, you will be hearing more about these programs from your District Grand Officers and your Worthy Matron so that you, too, can become part of our winning team.

School of Instruction

Our DGL, Rt. Wthy. Stan Seeley, will conduct a School of Instruction on Saturday, January 23rd at the Fairport Masonic Temple, 86 S. Main St. in Fairport. It will begin at 10:00 a.m., break for lunch, and end at 2:00 p.m. Bring your own sandwich, beverage and dessert will be furnished. Parking is available in the vicinity and all are encouraged to attend. This will help you

to prepare for the future and your knowledge will benefit the smooth operation of your Chapter.

Wanda's Peaches

Wanda's Peaches are still hard at work. The next meeting will be at East Rochester Lodge, December 1st at 7:45 p.m. This meeting is very important. Our Peaches merchandise will be available at drastically discounted prices. Much of it will make excellent Holiday gifts. We hope we will have your support at this meeting. We must strive to continue to support our Most Worthy Grand Matron in her reigning year. Attendance and input at Peaches meetings are vital in these next few months.

Fruit Sale

Wthy. Dee Seeley and Wthy. Elsie Gurney have kicked off the Annual Fruit Sale. This has been an excellent fund raiser in past years. We urge you to get behind this project and help make the '94 project the greatest.

Spaghetti Dinners

The Spaghetti Dinners continue to hold sway on the first Friday of each month. The next one will be on December 3rd at Webster Masonic Temple. Please continue to promote this among all of your friends. The quality of these dinners is something you can be proud of.

Just a note

Webster Chapter No. 171, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold an Open Installation of the 1994 Officers on Tuesday, December 28, 1993, at 8:00 p.m. at the Webster Masonic Temple on Orchard Street. Wthy. Donna Hiler and Rt. Wthy. David Williams will be installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Refreshments will be served by Webster Lodge Fellowship after the ceremonies of the evening. Everyone is welcome to join with us.

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By Wthy. Avis Theis

It is near the end of another nice year at Nola. We want to thank our Wthy. Matron Jean Stewart, who put so much time and effort into making sure everyone enjoyed the year, and we did. A thank you to our "silent" Wthy. Patron John Lenzi. We were proud when he broke his silence because of his perfection, both in his work and his interest in the Chapter. Thanks again to you both, your officers, committees, and for just being you.

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Join us

We will honor our Matron and Patron at a dinner at 7:00 p.m., December 15th, at Stone's in Churchville. Call in your reservations at 293-1301 to Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff.

Sympathy

Our Chapter extends their sympathy to Sis. Michelle McCarthy on the death of her father.

Illness

Sis. Kim Morici has been very ill, but is now home. Wthy. Corrine Mayne was back in the hospital and Wthy. Sara Stephens had an operation and is now home. We hope these Sisters are well on the mend. We want to remember our little friend Matthew Prevost and hope he will feel better soon.

Annual Meeting

December 7th we will hold our election and reports. This is our only meeting this month. The Committee is Sis.'s Doris Daycock, Karen DesJardin, Wthy.'s Sherre Albright and Sue Drake.

Order of DeMolay

Gene Knapp, MC
Rochester Chapter
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By Michael Israel, PMC

In October we held four meetings. On November 7th we helped serve at the Interfaith Service and Breakfast. It was exciting to see the Service and Awards Ceremony.

We held our Installation of Officers on October 17th the Officers elected are as follows:
 Master Councilor - Gene Knapp, Sr. Councilor - Michael C. Zona, Jr. Councilor - John Cooper, Chaplain - Clayton T. Beccue, PMC, Sr. Deacon - David Gorall, Jr. Deacon - Josh Hegenroder, Marshal - Jason W. Staub, PRMC, Scribe/Treasurer - Eric Vannaman, Sr. Steward - Jessy Tellinghuisen, Jr. Steward - Peter DuBois, Standard Bearer - Scott Murch, First Preceptor - Andrew Staub, Second Preceptor - Kenneth Stewart, Third Preceptor - Terry Jolly, Forth Preceptor - Robert H. VanWuyckhuys, Fifth Preceptor - Brian Baxter, Sixth Preceptor - Michael Conole II, Seventh Preceptor - Paul Theraviparampil, Orator - Michael S. Israel, PMC and Sentinel - Ray Hill.

Our Chapter Sweetheart is Belinda Cooper and Chapter Sister Holly Gorall.

Michael Israel will be writing the articles for the Times for the ensuing year. If you have any news contact Michael.

We Need Projects

The members of the Rochester Chapter of the Order of DeMolay are looking for various community and/or charitable projects to help them earn points to qualify for their civic merit bars.

Call the Master Councilor from any Masonic or Eastern Star group at anytime!

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In Memoriam

October

Pugsley, Richard M.

Richard passed away October 18, 1993 at the age of 77. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, and Rochester Consistory. Richard is survived by his wife, Ruth, son, and four grandsons.

Breckenridge, J. Elmer

At the age of 96, Elmer died October 24th, and is survived by his wife, Janet. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory, White Shrine of Jerusalem, and Past Grand Royal Patron of the Amaranth.

November

Klick, Milton J.

Milton was a member of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, and Rochester Consistory. He passed away November 2, 1993 and is survived by his wife, Marjorie.

Maibaum, Ralph G.

Ralph died suddenly November 2nd, and is survived by his wife, Wilma. He was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Rochester Consistory, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Barrett, Meredith A.

A Past Matron of Lea Court No. 539, OES, Meredith died November 5th. She is survived by her father, Kenneth Barrett, and many dear friends.

Wilson, Angeline C.

Angeline was a Past Matron of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, OES, and passed away November 5th. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and other family members.

Marchner, Alan J.

Alan was taken suddenly in an automobile accident on Saturday, November 6th, at the age of 37. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538. He leaves his wife, Patty, 2 sons, his mother and father, brothers and sister, and other family members.

Freisner, Robert C.

A member of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Rochester Consistory, Lalla Rookh Grotto, and Damascus Temple, Robert died November 10th. He is survived by his wife, Jeannine, children, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

Harmer, R. Arthur

Art was a Past Master of Clio Lodge No. 779, and at one time served as Circulation Manager for the Masonic Times. He was 64 years old, and leaves many relatives and friends.

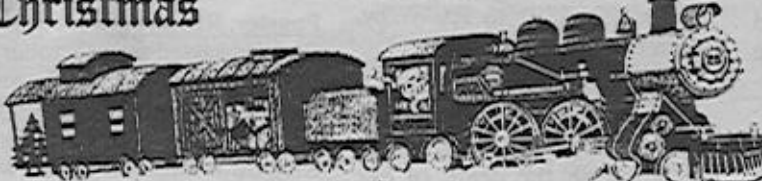
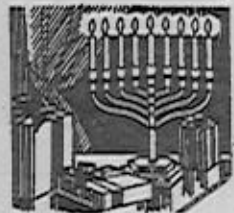




Ellis, Grace P.

Grace was a member of Fairport Chapter No. 444, OES and passed away November 13th. She is survived by her children and grandchildren.

Morrison, Raymond L.

Raymond was 81 when he passed away November 14th. He was a member of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Past Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto and Past Commander of the Grotto Legion of Honor. He is survived by his wife, Marcia, and other relatives.

Calendar December 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas 			1 Olive Branch - LeRoy, 2 nd Attica Churchville 3X3 - RAM Shrine	2 Scottish Rite Program - "Back Porch Pickers" Northfield Hesperus - Bergen Constellation - Perry, Ladies Night Flower City - Fellowcraft Webster - OV O.E.S. - Oatka	3 DeMolay - Rochester Chapter, Degrees Cyrene-Monroe Installation of Officers	4 
5 Francie Hitchcock Shay Constellation DeMolay - St. Ann's Home visit Flower City - Latke Holiday Party	6 John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg ERAC - Holiday Party OES - Irondequoit	7 Charlotte-Corinthian - OV Clio - Hilton Craftsman - Dinner Germania Towpath - E. Rochester - Holiday Party Webster Oakland - Castile - 2 nd (Arcade) Warsaw O.E.S. - Monroe, Nola, Webster	8 Churchville Oatka - 3 rd Triluminar Webster - Fellowcraft Webster - RAM O.E.S. - Culver, Henrietta Hanukkah begins at sundown	9 Flower City 3 rd - Dinner Batavia Commandery Christmas Toast Hiram Chapter - RAM Dinner Caldron	10 	11 Daughters of the Nile Fidelity Triangle Olive Branch, Holiday Dinner & Bazaar Tall Cedars - Holiday Party
12 Wakan-Hubbard Christmas Party Charlotte-Corinthian Christmas Party	13 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - OV Fairport Union Star Wakan-Hubbard OES - Charlotte, Corinthian/ Fellowship Mary Jane Holmes	14 Fame - Dinner Henrietta Monroe Seneca Valley-Gimes Batavia Arcade Craftsman, Fellowcraft Towpath	15 Olive Branch - LeRoy Christmas Party Attica Grotto - Christmas Dinner Doric Council	16 Northfield Hesperus - Bergen Constellation - Perry, 3 rd Webster - 3 rd Flower City - OV Tall Cedars of Lebanon O.E.S. - Oatka	17 DeMolay - Rochester Chapter, Christmas Party, Bring-A-Friend Cyrene-Monroe Comm. Christmas Toast	18 Oatka - Christmas Party Northfield - Christmas Party Seneca - Breakfast with Santa
19 	20 John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg Etolian - Christmas Party O.E.S. - Irondequoit	21 Charlotte-Corinthian Clio Craftsman Towpath - E. Rochester Oakland - Castile Warsaw Batavia - RAM O.E.S. - Monroe, Nola, Webster	22 Oatka Triluminar - Pike	23 	24 Christmas Eve	25 
26 	27 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian Fairport Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council - LeRoy O.E.S. - Mary Jane Holmes	28 Fame Henrietta Monroe-Brockport Batavia Arcade O.E.S. - West Star, Open Installation	29 Olive Branch, Pot Luck Supper	30 	31 	

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 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 5
 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Thur. Dec. 10
R.T.O.S.
 Clark Wilson

Fri. Dec. 17
(Nutcracker-Dress Rehearsal-not open)

Sat. Dec. 18
Nutcracker
 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 19
Nutcracker
 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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- Jan. 5 Bureau of Masonic Ed. Meeting, Library, TCC
 - Jan. 15 Leadership Training Course: Session 1 Etolian-Spencerport, 7:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 29 Leadership Training Course: Session 2 Fairport, 7:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 26 Widow's Luncheon, School of Lodge Administration, Session 3 Downtown Temple 7:00 a.m.
 - Feb. 28
 - Mar. 16-20 Shrine Circus
 - Mar. 24 Feast of the Paschal Lamb, A.A.S.R.
 - Mar. 25 Grand Ball, Gateway Inn (Note change in date)
 - Mar. 26 3rd Fest, Downtown Temple Masonic Grand Ball, Gateway Inn. W. Henrietta Rd.
 - Apr. 7-9 Scottish Rite Reunion
 - Apr. 23 Scottish Rite Banquet, Diplomat Party House
 - May 2-3 Grand Lodge, New York City
 - May 14 Town Meeting, Grand Master, Rochester, NY
 - May 14 Apron Presentation and Retiring Grand Lodge Officer's Dinner
 - Jun. 10-12 Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R., Syracuse, NY
 - Jun. 17-19 St. John's Weekend, Utica, NY
 - Aug. 19 Scottish Rite Outing, Party House
 - Oct. 6 Symbolic Lodge Awards, A.A.S.R.
 - Oct. 14 Scottish Rite Ladies Night
 - Nov. 3 Family Night Program, Scottish Rite
 - Nov. 17-19 Scottish Rite Reunion

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