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"Have a Heart, Buy a Heart", Goes Over the Top - \$100,000+

By Don Brugger

It was related to this reporter on Sunday evening, February 14th, that the "Have a Heart, Buy a Heart" Campaign had gone over the \$100,000 originally set by the Masons of this area.

When the Masonic Fraternity originally pledged to support the Ronald McDonald House in 1988, it was hoped that they could reach that goal. Now, finally after 5 years of hawking hearts in the local Malls, this goal has been realized.

The goal

It's been a long time since the first effort was launched in the Spring of 1988. That year the Masters and Wardens, under the leadership of W... John Keller and W.. Gary Burke, had hoped to raise \$10,000. After the campaign got underway, support was so good that they raised their sights to \$15,000. The response since then has been variable. A yearly average of over \$20,000, however, is something that we Masons should be proud of.

According to Bonnie Vahey, of the Ronald McDonald House Staff, over 800 families have been served by the house since its completion. Among these were families from 8 foreign countries, 22 states and 49 counties of New York State. The cost of operating the physical plant at 333 Westmoreland Drive is approximately \$300,000 per year.

No time to slack off

The job is not over. The Ronald McDonald House still needs support to continue the very important service that it provides to our extended Community. Many Masons volunteer their time to do at the house those various chores which need doing, but more help is needed.

With respect to the financial aspect of our involvement, it may require the development of some new and inovative techniques to ontinue our support. This philanthropy should, however, not

Grand Master to Speak at Masonic **Grand Ball**



By Don Brugger

On March 27th the Monroe Masters and Wardens will hold their 31st Annual Grand Ball. The event will be held at the Gateway Inn, 4853 W. Henrietta Road. The Grand Master, M.·.W.·. Sheldon K. Blankwill be in attendance and we are promised that he will be the only speaker for the evening.

Menu

The menu will consist of a choice of Top Sirloin of Beef, Boujolais, Chicken French and Sole French. Asocial hour at 6:30 will preceed a 7:30 dinner. The cost per person will be \$17.50.

Dancing

Entertainment for the evening will be furnished by Bruce Childs and his orchestra who will play

be abandoned. This project has presented Masonry with an unparalleled opportunity to make a real impression in the Commu-

conversation compatible music for your dancing and commiserating pleasure.

Take note

The deadline for reservations and ticket monies is March 15th. Lodges are encouraged to reserve tables if they so desire. The tickets will have a special stub for group seating preference.

Press Release

No. 5

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET AT 212TH ANNUAL COMM-UNICATION IN ROCHESTER INVITES ALL BRETHREN AND THEIR LADIES.

May 3, 1993 is the first day of our 212th Annual Communication. Mark your calendar and plan now to attend the GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET.

Information available

Information is available from your District Deputy and this committee about special "Tours of Rochester...the Cultural Center of Upstate New York". Don't miss this great opportunity for your lady to join in visiting many places of cultural importance.

(Editor's note)

We understand that Frost Ridge Camp Grounds, just south of the Thruway off Rte. 19 is offering a 20% discount to Masonic campers during Convention week (716-594-2304 or 716-768-9730).

Memorabilia

The Convention Committee will precede a 7:30 dinner. The commemorate this important event. You'll be able to buy pins, patches, mugs, and other items that will commemorate this historic Grand Lodge Event!

Stay overnight

Housing for this event is an important concern. The Holiday Inn-Genesee Plaza, (716) 546-6400 and the Hyatt Hotel and Resort, (800) 233-1234 await your reservation calls. If it is only Continued on page 4

Michael Israel Earns **B.S.A.** Eagle Scout Award

By Merilyn Israel

Michael S. Israel was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Rank on January 10, 1993, along with two other colleagues, Todd M. Hinz and Whitney L. Swarts. They are members of Troop 77 which is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Rochester.

Michael's project was to help organize magazines at the Brighton Library. He is a member of Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay. At the present time he holds the office of Junior Steward and Orator. He enjoys being the correspondent to the Masonic Times from his Chapter. 12



(Left to right) Whitney Swarts, Michael Israel's Presenter - Jason Swarts, Michael Israel, Todd Hinz; at the Eagle Court of Honor, First Baptist Church of Rochester (Photo courtesy Merilyn Israel)

R...W.. Mathew L. Gingold Gets Silver BeaverAward

On January 25th the Otetiana Council honored seven adult volunteers with the prestigious Silver Beaver Award. This is the highest award given by the Boy Scouts of America. One of the honorees was our own R..W.. Mat Gingold who has a long history of labor and support of the

The awards were presented by Gabe Dalmath and Donna Dedee of WHECTV-10 at the Otetiana Council's Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner held at the Marriott/Thruway.

We at the Masonic Times all join in applauding Mat for his contributions in Community Service as well as in the Craft. Mat is one of the volunteers who help us get the Times out to you each month. (Courtesy, "Smoke Signals", O.C.B.S.A.)



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York Rite News

bring the 69th Shrine Circus to the Rochester area at low family prices. Over 20,000 people will be entertained at our Matinee performances free of charge, courtesy of our Circus Daddies program. Damascus Temple is also donating 1,000 tickets to Camp Good Days and Special

It's Circus America, an all new edition, "Up on America", a sparkling family entertainment spectacle produced by Ed Mingley

Damascus Temple is proud to productions. The show features the World's greatest circus attractions including America's newest circus star, Mr. William Vos, commanding 15 rare white tigers. Other attractions will be Dee and Don Wilson and their performing sea lions, Riccardo and Sandra Expana, the first family of the flying trapeze, Cindy Heriott aerial artist, Carmen Hall and her African Baboons, the Weldies uncaged dancing bears, ten of the World's largest performing elephants, clowns, acrobats, com-

edy acts and much, much more.

Showtimes are, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are Thursday, Friday and Sundayat 1:00 p.m., Saturday at noon. All seats are reserved at low family prices of \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$9.00. Thursday and Friday matinee prices are \$6.00. Tickets are on sale at Ticket Master outlets and the Rochester War Memorial now.

For information, call Charles Frear, circus chairman at 671Second class postage PAID at Rochester, New York

Editor's Corner

Subscriptions

It appears that there might be some misunderstanding about the requirements and/or classification of subscribers to this publication. Therefore, perhaps a word or two in the way of clarification would be useful.

There are three catagories under which subscribers to the Times are delineated. The primary subscriber rate for the individual is \$7.00 per year (10 issues).

Active Group

This group pays \$4.00 per year per member (10 issues). To qualify for this group rate all members of the group must be identified as subscribers. If there are those who choose not to receive a copy, please notify the Times office when responding to the annual billing (the cost to the Lodge is still \$4.00 per year for that member, however). The primary advantage of the "Active " group status is the ability to submit monthly columns, general news features, pictures and advertisements of special events at no extra cost (always based on the availablility of space).

Static Group

The rate for this group is (\$4.00) per member per year, but it must have a minimum of 5 members. A Static group may be formed by the members of any body (Chapter, Lodge, Council, etc.). The disadvantage of this group status is that any copy submitted for publication will be billed at our advertising rate of \$10.00 per column inch. For example a full coloumn (16 inches) would cost \$160 per issue.

Concordant Body Group

All members of Concordant Bodies who belong to subscribing Lodges are billed to that body at \$.75 each. This entitles the body to all Active Group subscriber privileges. Also, when Lodges pay for widows who belong to subscriber OES bodies, the rate is \$.75 each for all those who qualify in this way.

Just merely removing a name from the subscription roster does not save any money for the group. In fact removing a name may create some difficulty by causing that Brother to be removed from the rolls of a Concordant Body.

Masonry at its best

The following is a contribution by R..W..Vern Goodrich. It was written in response to recent instances of the unaffiliation of

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long time members of the Fraternity.

Members of Lodges in their 70', 80's and 90's are being unaffiliated for non-payment of dues. Many of these members have been in the Craft for 40, 50 and 60 years or more. When Lodges are questioned why they have unaffiliated these members, the response is often, "We think they have the money" or "we did not hear from him" or some other invalid excuse.

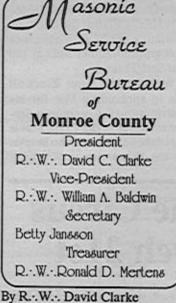
Unless a member declares in writing that he wishes to sever his connection with Masonry (demit) every effort should be made to contact the member to find out why he doesn't respond. Even if the member requests a demit, some effort should be made to find out why he desires to quit.

"I believe it is not consistent with the fundamental concepts of Freemasonry to unaffiliate a Brother who has been a member for many, many years. Brothers, search your hearts and make everyeffort to keep these members."

George Washington Memorial The George Washington National Memorial in Alexandria Virginia is in trouble. They are running at a \$115,000 deficit each year. This situation exists because the income from the Endowment Fund, Grand Lodges, appendant bodies and from use, do not balance the \$700,000 per year cost of running the building. The MSA short talk bulletin (February) carries more information on the Memorial. One point is significant. If each Grand Lodge would levy a \$.15 per-capita tax, for this purpose, there would be more than enough money for the job. Although some of the Grand Lodges in the U.S. have legislation in process, none of them have a tax in place.

Praise

In a recent exchange of correspondence with the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Rainer, the Times received a plug. Quoting from the Doctor's note "God Bless you in your work. It must be a gigantic job to put together the monthly issue of the Masonit times. From the way the Brethren have accepted its publication, you should feel justly proud of the part you have in making each issue possible. You are doing an excellent job as I see it".



Know your Bureau

The record of good deeds of the Masonic Service Bureau are viewed with pride by all Masons! The record of our Service Bureau from 1817 to 1993 has enhanced this belief and is a story worth telling. In the coming months, this author will endeavor to tell that story.

Records clearly trace the establishment of the Bureau to the year 1817. This is the date which appears on the Service Bureau Seal.

One would assume that the lessons of mutual assistance, cooperation and organization learned by the Lodges from the hardships imposed by the War of 1812, encouraged the practice of mutual welfare toward all Brothers. It is an historical fact that a deep depression followed the war, and with the burning of Buffalo by the indians in 1813, many opportunities for service surfaced in those perilous times.

Founders

In this month's article I have taken excerpts from a report to the directors by President Barton Baker in 1954. He called this report "An Encyclopedia of Activities". In his opening remarks he enumerates the accomplishments of the Bureau, and I quote; "Your annual membership dues along with contributions enables the Masonic Service Bureau to do countless works of Brotherhood and Charity which no single Lodge or even group of Lodges could provide. The Bureau acts as a clearing house for Masonic relief and information for all Masonic Families and assists in many Community-wide projects. Your cooperation by sharing in the work of the Bureau through financial help and through committee aid in scores of projects has made the Bureau unsurpassed as a leader in worthwhile endeavors. Our Bureau has proved to the world that Masonry, as a way of life, means devotion to the common cause of Brotherhood.

Achievements

The 1954 bulletin then lists the activities that the Bureau performed during this time period. Some of these are listed as follows;

"Achievement awards have been presented on several occasions in colorful ceremonies for Masons who have rendered unique service."

"Annual variety show of the Bureau furnishes full value to every patron and advertiser and also enables the Bureau to entertain the underpriveleged of the Community at a Saturday Matinee every January. Masters of Ceremony included Mort Nusbaum, Ed Meath and many other top flight entertainers."

"Cemetery plots for indigent Masons are administered at Mt. Hope Cemetery for many Lodges participating in this project."

"Council of Churches Women cooperated in entertainment for foreign students and senior citizens."

"Domestic relations problems, when necessary, are referred to qualified agencies."

"James A. Hard Post, Masonic War Veterans, was assisted in its founding by the Bureau, which in turn cooperates closely with the Bureau on Veterans affairs."

Next month in this column we will continue to develop the history of the Bureau. Keep reading and be informed.

Community Service Committee

By Harold Bollotin, Chrmn.

On Saturday, February 6th, our committee participated in the fund raising "Just One" campaign.

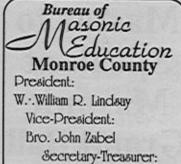
Volunteer participation

Harold Bollotin - Valley-Simes/Service Bureau, Sylvia Bollotin - Daughters of the Nile, Mary Wright - Service Bureau/ Daughters of the Nile, Cortland Young, and Donald Brown - Valley-Simes, Mathew Gingold - Valley-Simes/Service Bureau, Paul Robertson - John A. Robertson, Doris Robertson -Eastern Star, Gary Burke - Valley Simes/Service Bureau.

Mysincere appreciation to the above for their cooperation and general support regarding this most worth while project.

Volunteers needed

If anyone is interested in joining with us at future community service events, or would like to become a member of this committee, please call me at 342-5865. Also, if anyone has any suggestions, ideas or leads of possible future community service opportunities, your input would be most welcome.



By W.. William R. Lindsay

Leadership Course

W.: Herbert Spencer

At our February 11 meeting, we had the opportunity to review the results of the Grand Lodge Leadership Course offered in January. Sixteen Masons completed the course and were presented with the highly regarded pin and certificate. It is a credit to the Masons of the Monroe area that so many have put the time and energy into participating in the course and completing it.

Thank you

Hats off to R. W. Bros. Lou DiJames and Bob Sanford for organizing, recruiting and offering the course. Special notes top the efforts of Bro. John Zabel who has completely redeveloped the teaching materials for the second part of the course. His work is an example of the excellence which is possible when talented, motivated, and committed people are provided with opportunity

New school

The second part of our discussion focussed on the need to develop and implement a School of Lodge Administration. The need for such an offering was identified at the Fall seminars. A number of younger Brothers who are going into line, made it very clear that they would be interested in a course which would give them guidance as they prepared for additional leadership responsibilities.

Review proposal

At our next meeting we intend to review the draft of a proposal for such a "school", give it shape through a brainstorming session, and get it on the calendar in a timely fashion. Any Brother who would like to give input to this effort is encouraged to call any of the officers, or drop me a line with your thoughts. Better yet, join us at our next meeting, which will be held in the TCC Library.

Long Distance Learning Lab

I had the opportunity in my workplace to see new technology go "on line". It is called a Long Distance Learning Lab and consists of a classroom set up with TV cameras focussed on the audience, the students, and on a materials display area (computer, overhead, chalk board, graphic display). Using fiber optic lines,

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the classroom is connected to other classrooms in other schools. It becomes possible when the network is turned on, to teach a class, or hold a conference, in which the participants from all the sites can look at each other and talk to each other almost as naturally as if they were in the same room together. A teacher at my school can be teaching and interacting with students in their classrooms at other schools.

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I mention this technology because it has the potential for transforming education as well as many other institutions. It can alter our lives as the car, airplane, phone, TV, PC did in other eras. It is surprisingly inexpensive. Whoever in the Masonic world picks up the ball on such things, better go right to work on this one.

We are willing

The Bureau of Masonic Education exists for the purpose of serving the interest of the Lodges and Brethren. We would be very willing to visit Lodges and do presentations about our programs, invite Lodges to the Downtown Masonic Temple to tour the Library, or work with officers to plan educational programs. If you have an interest, speak to one of the officers or members of the Bureau. Better yet, come to one of our meetings. The next one is March 27th at 9:00a.m., Downtown Masonic Temple. Note these other dates: May 19-Entry Level Course and September 29-Continuing Education Course."

Masonic Inter - Lodge Fellowship Committee District Chairmen

District Chairmen
1st Monroe
Neil Laundry 964-2135
2nd Monroe
Glenn A. Hedges 586-0238

By W.. Neil E. Laundry

We have scheduled a Downtown Temple meeting for 2:00 p.m. on April 25th, 1993, for the purpose of finalizing the committee's plans for 1993/94. If you are the representative to the Inter-Lodge Fellowship Committee from your Lodge, or the Master of a Lodge having no rep, Continued on page 3

Masonic Inter - Lodge Fellowship Committee

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we hope that you will make every effort to attend this important meeting. Since we are limiting the number of Committee Meetings to three per year, it is really key that all of our Lodges be represented.

Super deal

We are offering "An Evening with the Harlem Globe Trotters" on March 23, 1993. The booking office at the War Memorial reports that regular tickets will sell for \$13.00 and \$10.00. Inter-Lodge Fellowship will be offering tickets at the group rate of \$10.00 and \$8.00. Once again super rates and this super event looks like the perfect opportunity for getting the kids and grandkids out for a terrific show.

Think Spring

June 6, 1993 is the date of our Annual Inter-Lodge Golf Tournament. We're hoping that the Masters of the Monroe Districts' Lodges will promote this event in addition to, or in conjunction with, individual Lodge outings. What a great chance to set up an annual challenge cup with that Lodge across town!

Winter beauty

Glenn has already made bus arrangements for a December 4, 1993 visit to the Niagara Falls Festival of Lights with a day excursion, including shopping and lunch at the Galleria Mall, a leisurely visit to the Rainbow Mall and of course, the beauty of the illuminated Falls at night.

We're already planning a 1994 Rochester Americans Nite at the Community War Memorial for a year from now!

Your help appreciated

Our special thanks go to the Masters of Lodges who were so helpful in preparing a current list of Lodge Representatives to this committee. We would really appreciate your help in keeping those reps up to date and active. We have limited our meetings to three per year and one hour in duration. With your help, we'll truly be able to promote Inter-Lodge Fellowship in the Monroes! Remember-April 25th at 2:00 p.m.

Don't Miss.....

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The Clown Princes

Harlem

of Basketball

7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23, 1993

Rochester Community War Memorial

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Interlodge Fellowship Committee

(in action)

Come on out, Bring the kids! the Grandkids!

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Of the State of New York **Community Service** Committee

> District Chairman W.. Arthur Mason

Community Service Committee

By W.: Art Mason

Following the "Have a Heart" Campaign is difficult to do. It has been such a wonderful vehicle for community involvement that it is almost irreplaceable. However, there are a number of things that Lodges can do separately or together which can continue to show our light and make a differ-

Child I.D. Program

During a recent visit to one of our county's Lodges, some ideas and inquiries were presented. First, some Masons wondered if the Sheriff's Department ran a Child I.D. Program like we are trying to do. The answer is NO. They used to, but it was discontinued. Second, how much would the videotapes cost if a Lodge were to run a Child I.D. Program. The answer is "FREE" initially, and below wholesale if hundreds are required.

Join us

On March 8th, at 7:30 p.m., ERAC (152 West Commercial Street), will host a presentation by Bro. Jack Hughes of Buffalo. Bro. Hughes has been the Erie County coordinator for their Child I.D. Program and has had tremendous success. Since October of last year the 3 Erie Districts have videotaped over 750

He will give a talk on the "proper" way to get a program organized and tell attendees how they have overcome the "gliches" which have come up. Jack will also tell us how much the Community has supported this concept and how Lodges are gaining a sense of unity from it.

Other projects

If the Child I.D. Program is not for your Lodge-look around and see what you can do. Adopta-Highway or Adopt-a-Park are two recent ideas which have merit. Try something, it may

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Masonic Grand Lodge Of the State of New York Fellowship Committee

By R.: W.: Jay McCullough

This writer is a member of the GL Fellowship Committee. The chairman is, and has been for many years, R..W.. John R. Prout. Committee members have some oversight respecting fellowship activity in assigned Districts. Mine are the First Monroe and Niagara-Orleans.

District activities

We have activities under the Chairmanship of District people, assigned by their respective District Deputies. Brother Neil Laundry (who works in concert with W... Glenn Hedges in the Second Monroe), represents the First. I am working with R.:. W.:. James E. Sullivan, Niagara-Orleans District Deputy, as well.

Districts have annual Euchre events for all Lodges, N-O has the Bud Gillings Memorial Bowling Tournament in March with Masons from all over invited. There are District Golf Tournaments, as well.

In the Monroes, there is a Masonic Bowling League and a Golf Tournament (see the ad in the January issue of the Masonic Times which tells of the one for June 5, 1993 at Salmon Creek Country Club in Spencerport for members of Masonic organizations, their friends and family members) which is scheduled annually through the District Chairmen. (Contact Brother Neil Laundry 716-964-2135 for de-

State activities

The State Committee sponsors a Bowling Tournament (ad is in both the Niagara-Orleans District Masonic News and the Masonic Times for the 44th annual event in March in Elmira Heights); a Golf Tournament (scheduled for a Buffalo course in June this year - watch Masonic newspaper ads) and a Fishing Derby.

Issue awards

Committee members have been provided with certificates, suitable for framing, to be issued to those who have made strong contributions to interlodge, district and inter-district fellowship activities. District chairmen are ready to request them in the name of a Lodge or Masonic group so either get to them or your Dis-trict Deputy or staff officer if you know of a worthy recipient. When I get the word, the certificates will be distributed for a proper place and time.

Other events

Successful organized activity areas can be, besides those mentioned: softball, hunting, choral and glee clubs, rod and gun clubs, chess and card tournaments, hobby clubs, campers clubs (and we have a fine one right now in the National Camping Travelers, Inc., Genesee Valley Chapter (the Secretary is W... Russ Holmes 716-594-2462), sponsorship of Little Leagues and other youth leagues, as well as spectator events (how about a joint venture between the 3 districts, joining with the Eries, to attend a game at Pilot Field between Buf-falo and Rochester? This was done once in recent years, the Rochester area Masons chartering a bus). Of course, there are many other activities to be considered for the renewal of the spirit of Masonry through a coming together of the many organizations and groups" of men and Masons, and their families and friends.

Grand Lodge

There will be a Fellowship Committee booth at the Grand Lodge Communication in Rochester in May. If you have display items or handouts for the booth for a Masonic audience, let your District fellowship chairman knowso we can get on the agenda of the state chairman.

Masonic Grand Lodge Of the State of New York Leadership Services Committee

By R. . W .. Jay McCullough Who and what

There are 18 members of the Grand Lodge Leadership Service Committee, under the chairmanship of R.: W.: Larry Hammel, Jr. of Bayside, N.Y. One third of the membership is from the Monroe Districts, including R..W.. A. Wayne Engbrecht, W.: Richard C. Friedman, W.: Ted Honea, R.·.W.·. Jay McCullough, W.·. Bill Lindsay.

Projects

Up to this time, committee members have worked on specific tasks. R..W.. George Peter completed job descriptions for all key Grand Lodge committees and for leader roles in this committee. He has also written articles for the "LEADER" Newsletter relating to the Correspondence Course, which he has "mothered" for many years. R.:.W.:.'s David Flight and Merril Storie were writers of articles for the "LEADER" as well. R..W.. George Beers, from the Eries, was the primary force behind a Staff Officer's Manual. W.: Rich Friedman had been

a correspondent for the committee when it was inaugurated and continues to be a guiding light with emphasis on his interests in the Leadership Development

Course.

Want a topical Masonic program?

The semi-annual meeting of the Philalethes Society in Rochester last Fall was video-taped. Those who would like can get copies for Lodge programs, pre senting the lectures of Rev. Forrest D. Haggard on "the Clergy and the Craft" or Wallace McClecd on "Freemasonry and Religion". Then there's Allen E. Roberts on "Developing Life-Long Master Masons" and our own Rich Friedman on F.U.E.L. for the 90s". Contact Rich at 271-2775 or by FAX at 271-8916 for particulars on the tape.

A new Officer Training Manual

Ted Honea is working on improvements in the manual with a goal to make it the best possible training manual and reference guide from any Grand Lodge.

Our own yellow pages

Come September of this year, the committee hopes to have in place a "Masonic Yellow Pages" to include: speakers and their preferred topics, a listing of their private professions and trades and other services available.

Each District is being encouraged to develop its own list of speakers. The Monroes have a skeleton one that has been published in the Masonic Times during 1992 and is being revised for an upcoming issue. This will be incorporated in the state "pages".

Get your thoughts-ideas included

The committee meets again in Utica on Saturday, March 27th. Should any reader desire to have input on projects and topics identified here, contact any one of the committee members named. All are eager for your ideas and support, with an eye toward making all the improvements they can in the workings of this Grand Lodge

Respite Cares!

"Respite cares!" is looking for volunteers to help families caring for someone at home with Alzheimer's or other related dementia, traumatic brain injury or developmental disability. Caregivers need time away and just a few hours a week would be so helpful and rewarding, both for you and for the family. If interested, please call 262-2190 to volunteer.

If you would like to include a speaker on the above subject as a Lodge program, you can make arrangements at the same number, 262-2190.

Want to get it in Print or on the Air?

By R. .. W. . F. J. McCullough

The Arts for Greater Rochester has issued its 7th edition of the pamphlet "Media Guide". It is a goldmine of publicity etiquette (the dos and don'ts), publicity tools on news release production, a press kit, photos, broadcast coverage and the like. It provides publications, radio and television stations, their addresses and the names of the media unit.

This media index makes it easy to identify those media units around the greater Rochester Community to which you could offer articles, stories, events invitations and the like for the Fraternal organizations that you rep-

Every communications and publicity chairman should have this handy tool in his or her possesion at all times. It gives a positive answer to the question "How can we get this on the air-or in print?".

Each publicity chairman should get their Fraternal unit to "foot the bill" and purchase this guide (\$15.00 for this years edition for non-members of the AGR) or buy one with your own funds. You won't regret it. Send a check to:

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DSA

The highlight of the Grand Master's Banquet will be the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to our good Brother, W.: Norm Crosby, Past Master of a Lodge in Massachusetts. Let's all plan to be present to provide an "Empire State Welcome" to this very dedicated member of our Craft.

Seating

At the Banquet, you may choose to make up a table from your group of Past Masters, members of your Purple Club, Grand Lodge Committee Members, and so forth. Seating is ten per table. Tickets are available through your District Deputy. Further ticket information is available from W.. Bob Green at (716) 425-7276 or Fax at (716) 425-7054.

Convention information

For further information, contact the Grand Lodge Convention Committee through R. .. W ... Ronald D. Mertens, Chairman, 518 Merchants Road, Rochester, NY 14609-6506 or call (716) 482-0994. (Courtesy R...W.. Steve Whittaker)

Bro. Calvin C. **Tripp Receives** Dedicated Service Award

By W.. Neil E. Laundry On January 16th, a small group from Monroe Lodge No. 173, including W.: Howard W. Bale, and representatives of the current officers and Past Masters traveled to the Batavia Veterans Hospital to present Bro. Calvin C. Tripp with the Grand Master's letter proclaiming Cal as the recipient of the Grand Lodge of New York's most prestigious

award to a Master Mason, the

Dedicated Service Award. The

following Masonic biography, ex-

cerpted from the Lodge's recom-

mendation, reflects a career in Masonry that truly exemplifies all that is best in our Fraternity.

Affiliated in 1950

Born in 1925, Bro. Calvin C. Tripp was raised in Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 on November 10, 1948. On April 12, 1950, he affiliated with Monroe Lodge where he has been a contributing leader and active force for over forty years. He served Monroe Lodge No. 173 as Worshipful Master in

Helped children

During the 1950's, he took the initiative to continue the presentation of Lodge musicals and theatricals. He organized and conducted Christmas parties for Brockport children. The popularity of these parties grew until they became large enough that they had to be held in the Village theater. Over 700 children were treated to Santa, gifts, and theater entertainment during those years when Cal was event chair-

Sports events

At about this time, Cal organized a Lodge bowling team that traveled throughout the State to tournament events. He established a Masonic bowling league being primarily responsible for getting the twelve teams together. In addition to the bowling activities, he also organized several golf tournaments and helped re-establish the practice of sponsoring rotating Euchre parties. There, Lodges, mostly from the west side of Monroe County, competed for prizes and honors. A modified form of this series continues today. Cal's efforts in instituting and organizing these activities helped create Monroe Lodge's early reputation as one of the leaders in the area of Inter-lodge Fellowship.

He established the annual Monroe Lodge Communion and Breakfast Services, which rotated among village churches. He was also instrumental in arranging the programs which featured speakers from a broad spectrum of professions.

Team work

Cal was a member of the Monroe Lodge Degree Team (cast of 32) which traveled throughout the Western New York area (Gasport, Dunkirk, Java Village, etc.). There were over two dozen such trips during the fifties. The furthest was to a Sister Lodge in Havelock, Ontario. He also served from 1950 through the end of the 80's as a regular member of the Lodge installation team, often presiding as Installing Mas-

Business man

He was one of the chief negotiators in establishing the rental property in the Brockport Temple as a regular source of revenue. In order to determine competitive rates, Cal researched the local rental structure. He gathered extensive information and carefully analyzed the rental cost per sq. foot of other Main Street properties. Through these efforts, the Lodge was allowed to better utilize one of its primary assets as a major resource.

Liked to cook

Throughout the years, Cal has been a consistent participant in the organization and preparation of Lodge steak roasts, corned beef and cabbage dinners, and other regularly scheduled Lodge dinners. He has served as cook and often as program chairman for both fundraisers and regular Lodge functions.

Safety rodeos

Bro. Tripp has been an organizer and station captain for many of the annual Monroe Lodge Bicycle Rodeos held for area youth since 1969. The Safety Rodeos have brought Monroe Lodge cudos from Grand Lodge for outstanding Community service and youth programs and have received Statewide recognition through the Empire State Mlason.

Lodge Trustee

Cal has served the Lodge as Trustee or Chairman of the Trustees during both the 1980's and 1990's. His current term will expire in December of 1993. As Trustee, he has been responsible for the acquisition and presentation of bids on major projects such as re-roofing. He has, however, not been above rolling up his sleeves and attacking the more pedestrian tasks of painting stripes in the back parking lot or digging holes and installing pipe barriers to protect our air conditioners from car bumpers.

In 1967, he assisted creator George Sage in hanging the large stainless square and compasses which still adorn the west face of the Brockport Masonic Temple.

Shop skills

During 1987, several hundred hours each were spent by several Brothers, including Cal, in refurbishing an area of the second floor of the Temple to create a finished Club Room. In addition the on-site labor, he volunteered his considerable wookworking and shop skills to strip, refinish, and restore much of the furniture, and many of the accessories and antiquities of the Lodge. Among the items restored through Cal's labors were several antique pool room highchairs and the antique brass shaded lamps which are now displayed over the pool and billiard

Community involvement

Active in the Community, Cal was a multi-term elected member of the Brockport Central Schools School Board where he held the office of President during successive terms. Also active in regional educational offices, he was recognized on July 19, 1988, upon reelection to a fourth full year as President of the Monroe-Orleans Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Bro. Tripp has also been a vestryman in the Brockport Episcopal Church where he has served in many capacities over several decades.

The Brothers of Monroe Lodge No. 173 and the Grand Lodge of the State of New York salute Bro. Calvin C. Tripp for his service and dedication to the

From the Grand Chaplain's Station

Grand Lodge, DEAM, State of New York



Ides of March

Eligius G. Rainer

When the Month of March arrives, history buffs think of a noted death. It occured on the Ides of March, March 15th, 44 B.C. It was the day when Julius Caesar uttered those memorable words, "Et tu Brute?", as he faced with horror and disbelief, his close friend, Marcus Julius Brutus, one of the conspirators, about to assasinate him. When the dagger ended Caesar's life, all ended except the memory of his

This historical event brings to mind an outstanding leader in Masonic tradition, who also suffered an untimely death at the hands of conspirators. His name was Hiram, one of five Hirams recorded in the bible. He is distinguished from the others by the appendage "Abif", which means in Hebrew, "Father of him". In no way does this imply that he was the Father of Hiram, the King of Tyre, because the scriptures in I Kings 7:14 clearly state that his father was a man of Tyre and his mother was a widow from the tribe of Naphtali. There is no ev dence of royal lineage.

According to the Talmud, the interpreter of Jewish Civil and eclesiastical law, the name "Abif" means Master. This title is more in keeping with the abilities of Hiram. The scriptures in Kings 7: 14 tell us that he was a man of great wisdom and understanding and most clever in his work on all types of brass. It was he, whom Hiram, King of Tyre sent to Jerusalem in 1012 B.C. to work for King Solomon and to be Solomon's Grand Master of all the workmen and his chief architect in erecting his Temple.

Work ethic

Hiram Abif's dedication is evident from his work ethic. The records of his officers were always examined with the most scrupulus exactness. At the opening of the day, when the sun was rising in the East, it was his cus-

tom, before the beginning of labor, to enter the Temple and to offer prayers to Jehovah for his blessing upon the day's work. In like manner, he went to the Temple when the sun was setting in the West. He felt that, after the workmen returned to their homes, it was his duty to thank the Great Architect of the Universe for his harmonious protection during the day. At high twelve, when the workmen were called from labor to refreshment, Hiram Abif, again, entered the Temple. This time it was to inspect the work and to draw new designs on the trestle-board, if such were needed; at all times consecrating his duties with solemn prayer.

Cope stone

When the Temple was nearly completed, the workmen were ready to celebrate "Cope Stone". This stone was the topmost stone of the building, which, when placed, signified that the building was completed. The workmen's joy, however, was turned into deep concern, when they learned that Hiram Abif had not returned from his usual high twelve tour. They wondered if harm had befallen him. Very soon, they learned the truth. They were horrified that some of their workmen had so debased themselves, before killing their Grand Master, as to attempt to extort from him the secrets of his profession.

At first, the conspirators buried Hiram's body beneath the rubbish of the Temple, later moving it to another location, leaving a sprig of evergreen to mark the place of the grave. Sometime afterwards, workmen from the Temple, in search of the body, discovered the grave. Together, with King Solomon, they raised the body, and left for all generations of Masons to recall the words of Job, who wrote: "though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (19:26). They then, buried the body properly near the Temple, since burial in the Temple was forbidden by Jewish

It will be of interest to note, that an early Masonic tradition in England, had Hiram Abif buried in the Temple. Such was only natural for Englishmen, because all great men in England were buried in Westminster Abbey, a noted place of worship. But, we all know that, for Hiram Abilf, a noted place of worship, such as the Temple, was by Jewish law,

The legacy

Masonic tradition goes on further to tell us, that over the grave of Hiram Abif was erected a monument, depicting a broken column to signify that a great personage had fallen. Nearby is a weeping virgin, holding in her hand a sprig of evergreen, the symbol of immortality. In her left hand, she holds an urn, a reminder of the words of the Holy Scriptures:"Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return" (Gen. 3:19). Before her, is the Book of Life, recalling the words of Scripture:"I will not blot his name out of the Book of Life" (Rev. 5:13). Behind her stands Father Time, holding a scythe, to impress upon all the words of the Scriptures: "It is appointed unto men once to die" (Hebrews 9:27). All this is to alert each Mason to the trust given him in the North East Corner of the Lodge, ever to walk and act as an upright man and Mason before God and man.

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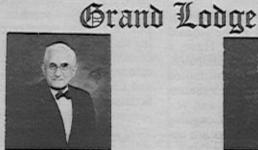
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R. .. W. . Thomas M. Paglia REPRESENTATIVE



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Veterans Service Committee

VAMC Canandaigua, NY

By R...W... Thomas Paglia

The week of February 5th thru the 12th, 1993, saw a great deal of activity at the Medical Center in Canandaigua, NY, and throughout the country. Every day a program was given to help cheer up the Veterans and to help celebrate National Salute to the Veterans Week. The opening day was started by many dignitaries with short speeches and then on to the various areas for cake and refreshments.

Forgotten heroes

No one really knows the loneliness that these veterans who fought for their country go thru while they are being treated. Many never have any visitors except the volunteers, even their families have forgotten them. It is a shame that these veterans are treated like this. They have given up a good portion of their lives so that we can enjoy our freedom.

Joy and smiles

If each Lodge would take one Sunday in which the Masonic volunteers visit the Medical Center, just think of the joy and smiles these veterans would get. It only takes from 1:00 p.m. until about 3:00 p.m. to make a visit, one Sunday afternoon a month, once a year is all they would have to do.

Brunch?

us at the Canandaigua Lodge for brunch, from 8:30 a.m. til noon. We are usually there about 11 a.m., so why not join us, bring your wife and anyone else and enjoy the great fellowship.

Let us not forget our obligation to give a helping hand to another human being when in time of need.

From the

Grand Chaplain's Station

Continued from page 4

Although Hiram Abif's death and its consequences do not appear in the Bible, yet, Masons did institute a tradition, which, prior to 1700, it is said, was passed on to attentive ears from instructive tongues, without the benefit of the written word. Their intention was to keep ever fresh the underlying message of consecrated commitment to service, derived from the life of Hiram Abif. In the case of Julius Caesar, whose life ended at the hands of conspirators, there was only a commitment to conquest. Whereas in Hiram Abif's case, when his life ended, also by conspirators, he left a legacy to every Mason: that each, in his own life time, has a sacred trust to preserve, even unto death.





VA Volunteer Service

By W.: Harold Bollotin

On January 6, 1993, we made our regular ward visit, and I thank the 6 volunteers who participated. They were: R.: W .: Tom Paglia-Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge, Masonic Service Bureau and Masonic War Veterans. Cora Paglia, OES and Daughters of Nile. W .: Harold Bollotin-Vallcy-Simes Lodge, Masonic Service Bureau and Masonic War Vets.Sylvia Bollotin-Daughters of the Nile. R...W .. Paul

Robertson, John Robertson Lodge. Doric Robertson, Monroe Chapter, OES.

Also present, representing If they would like, they can join other affiliations, were: Paul Israel, Jewish War Vets and Rose Israel, JWV Auxiliary.

Our next regular ward visit to the Canandaigua Veterans Medical Center will be on Sunday afternoon, March 14, 1993. We shall meet, as usual, in the Volunteer Lounge located in Bldg. 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Breakfast

Prior to the visit to the Center, some of us partake of an enjoyable breakfast at the Canandaigua Masonic Temple. it is a great delight for a knife and fork Mason. The Temple is located just off South Main Street, behind the Ontario Courthouse Building, an impressive structure with a large dome.

Best wishes

We welcome a new Masonic volunteer, Bro. Richard Hilliard of Ontario Lodge.

We are sorry to learn that two of our regular volunteers, R..W.. Harry Kennedy and Bro. Joseph Wehner have been, or are now, hospitalized. We extend our best wishes for their speedy recovery.

Help wanted

As always, we need more volunteers to join us. Our ranks have been dwindling due to illness and other factors. If anyone is interested, or would like information, please call R.W. Tom Paglia, GL Rep. for Veterans



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"Masonry bids you do your best in that which lies nearest to you". These sage words of wisdom from the 2nd Degree urge each of us to decide our priorities, and then do our BEST to achieve excellence. Should we expect any less for our ritualistic endeavors?

Many candidates

It is gratifying to see how many Lodges are doing Degrees on large groups of candidates. We owe it to these men who have invested their time, money and spirit in Masonry to bring them into the Craft in an impressive and meaningful way

Our task as YOUR AGL's is to assist in any way possible in this noble endeavor.

Schools of Ritual

In doing this it is necessary for us to provide you with learning and growth opportunities. We call them, Schools of Ritual, Investiture Ceremonies and Grand Lecturers Conventions. The following are the dates for these events for the coming year:

Wed., March 31st-3°-Wakan-

Fri., May 21st-Joint Investiture-Downtown

Wed., May 26th-Open/Close/ Ballot-TBA

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The Chancellor Robert R.

Wed. Sept. 29th-1°-TBA tion-Downtown

There will be a dinner preceding the Joint Investiture and the Grand Lecturers Convention which the AAGLs will organize.

Mark your calendar now!

will be a Degree Fest in the Spring of 1994. Plan now to participate!

Please strive for the best you can be when rendering ritual work. To some degree, none of us realizes what an impact good work has on our candidates and new Brothers.

When we take the time to "impress upon the mind wise and serious truths" we build a culture within our Lodges which forces our members to focus on higher thoughts, and greater achieve-

Wed. Oct. 27th-GL's Conven-

Distant early warning - there

Good ritual work inspires the new Brother, making him feel good and proud about his decision to join the Craft. By rendering good work, we show our own pride and zeal for our ancient and honorable institution.

ments.

When we create a CRAFTS-MAN instead of a MEMBER we insure that he will work dutifully with us on this great and epic journey we call Freemasonry. "

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scale points to the purchase of "load" funds. In most cases, the average opcrating expense of a "no-load" fund is about 1.25%, and the average Good work operating expense of a "load" fund is about 0.6%.

Now, what does this mean? Well, the main purpose of an investment is a mutual fund is long term, say 20 to 30 years, and if this is so, let us examine this phase of

Assuming that you invest \$10,000 in each, the operating expense of each type is respectively \$1,250 vs. \$600, all else being equal, and therefore there is a savings of \$650 in each 10 year period, and if there is a sales charge of 6% in the "load" fund, there is a savings of \$50 in the first period, and \$650 in each succeeding pe-

If you are in for trading purposes, you can trade free, but remember that the long term investor is also in there. If things go bad, the short termer is selling and these funds must be paid out in 5 business days, which may result in the liquidation of shares that the fund does not wish to sell, because the price of the shares are lower than when they were paid for when purchased, resulting in a loss to the long term investor. This is not as bad with the "load" fund because salesmen are selling their fund every day, and this money can be utilized to replace the liquidated funds, or at least, a good portion of it, resulting in a lower loss to the "load" investor.

Another good reason for using the "load" way is that you have the services of a representative, whereas with the "no-load" you must do everything yourself, which is OK if you are an "expert" and do not need anyone's advice and assistance.

There are many other good arguments in favor of the "load" funds, and if anyone is interested, please give me a call.

Wanda's Peaches Spaghetti Dinner Webster Temple

Friday March 5th 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. \$5.00 (under 12 \$3.00) Sponsored by the Order of the EASTERN STAR TO SUPPORT 1994 Charities

Familiar participants

Among the featured speakers of the day will be: Dr. Sion M. Honea, Director of the Monroe Masonic Library of Rochester,

Service, at 227-2046. Your call will be most welcome; he will be very happy to hear from you. It is not required that you must be a Veteran, and ladies are also wel-

Grant B. Romer, Conservator and Curator of University Education at the Geroge Eastman House International Museum of Photography; Ms. Kathleen Haley, Assistant Librarian at the Livingston Masonic Library and Museum; and Mr. William D. Moore, director of the Livingston Masonic Library and Museum's Utica Branch, which is located on the campus of the Masonic Home. Conference is free This conference is free and

open to all individuals who are interested in Masonic libraries and museums in New York State. Accomodations on the campus are available to those who would like to stay overnight either before or after the conference. For more information, or to make reservations, please contact William D. Moore, Director, Livingston Masonic Library and Museum, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, New York, 10010-4171. "

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Dedicated Masons We need more of them!

District Deputy Grand Master For the First Monroe District

The focus of my message this month is on those men who have carned the highest recognition that a Lodge can bestow on one of it's members, the Dedicated Service Award. This award is given to those Brothers who continue to support their Lodge year after year, with their presence, time and talent, without necessarily holding office. These are Brothers who serve as role models; the Brothers who inspire and motivate others to emulate examples of true Masonic dedication.

Selection process

The recommendations from the Master of the Lodge are first closely scrutinized by the District Deputy and the District Grand Lodge Team. The District Team's recommendations are then forwarded to R..W.: Paul Fritsch and his Grand Lodge Committee for approval. The Grand Master is deeply concerned with this award. Approval at this level is not a rubber stamp, as this award is not meaningful if recipients do not meet a consistently high level of qualification. It is not sufficient that the Brother has been tiler for 25 years, and merely attends many meetings. The fact that a Brother has supported the District or Community endeavors are considered, but only as an addition to the support the Brother gives his Lodge.

This year I have the pleasure to announce that two Brothers from the First Monroe District have been approved to receive this prestigious award, Calvin Tripp from Monroe Lodge No. 173, and Paul Israel from Flower City Lodge No. 910.

Faithful workman

Bro. Calvin Tripp was raised in Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 on November 10, 1948, and affiliated with Monroe Lodge in 1950. Cal has been a contributor to Monroe Lodge for these past 40 years. He was the spark plug behind the Lodge's interlodge events for many years, organizing the bowling league, sponsoring golf tournaments, and Euchre parties. He helped establish the Monroe Lodge Communion and Breakfast Services.

In the Lodge, he was an active member of the Lodge Degree Team, a team which traveled of-

Cars

ten during the fifties, and has been the Installing Master on numerous occasions. He has been a Lodge Trustee for many years, and one of the faithful workmen who rolled up his sleeves, whenever a task needed doing.

In addition to many more Lodge activities, Cal found time to serve as President of the Brockport Board of Education and as President of the Monroe-Orleans Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Always ready to serve

Paul Israel has been an active member of Flower City Lodge for 23 years. He is one of the principals of the Fellowcraft Club, and ever ready to serve on the various degrees, in many capacities. Whenever a need in Lodge arises, Paul was always there to serve Flower City Lodge. He is presently the Lodge Hospitality Chairman, visiting the sick and shut-ins.

Paul is the drive behind the Lodge's participation in the "Have a Heart, Buy a Heart" campaign, along with his wife, Rose. They also lead the Lodge involvement in the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. Paul and Rose are regular volunteers in the

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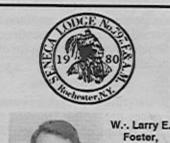
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As you can see, we do in fact, have two deserving Brothers as the newest members of this elite group, Brothers chosen to wear the Purple of the Dedicated Service Award.

Paul will be receiving his award in Flower City Lodge on Thursday evening, March 11. Due to extremely poor health, Cal will be receiving his in the hospital from the Master and officers of Monroe Lodge. May the Great Architect be with both of these fine Masons.



Master (H)223-6833 (O)423-6601 Second Tuesday 6:00 P.M.

W... Michael S. Goehle , Sec. (H)597-6754, (O)223-1000 Webster Masonic Temple 30 Orchard St. Webster, N.Y. 14580

By W.. Larry E. Foster

For all of you loyal readers, I'll bet that you can't wait for this month's prediction! But Iaskyou, was I correct? Didn't everything happen as I predicted?

Euchre Champ

I did have one complaint about last month's article. An old country boy felt that I had maligned his good name when I reported that there was a note of suspicion among some within the Craft as to his full disclosure of finer points of Euchre. He and even his wife have both assured me that he shared everything that he knows. Iwas hopeful that those who said he couldn't teach what he didn't know were wrong. Is there a Brother out there who will volunteer to teach Bob the finer strategic points of the game?

Thank you

Two new Brothers are on their way, having completed the First Degree. Many thanks to the Brothers on the sidelines for their support and of course to the Officers for their fine first effort. As you know we have another opportunity this month to improve by polishing those rough edges now that the butterflies are behind us. All in all, it was an effort that I am proud of because I know we all gave our best. Thank you!

Third Degree

On April 13th, there will be a momentous event at Seneca Lodge. The Past Masters, under the direction of R..W.. Don Scrivens will present both the 1st and 2nd sections of the Third Degree. This is everyones opportunity to see this Degree portrayed by some of the finest ritualists in the area. Don't sit at home.

Bring a guest

Bring a friend from another Lodge and share your Seneca PRIDE. Revitalize your Masonic commitments and share the Brotherhood on a night that will be special to all who participate. Don't forget to make your dinner reservations with Bob Franzen (235-1782) or Gary Stein (544-1658).

A success

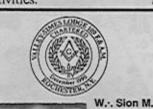
Seneca Lodge once again was well represented at the Ronald McDonald House, "Have a Heart-Buy a Heart" campaign. Thanks to all who contributed their time to make this a success and to Bro. Bob Crystal and W ... Mike Goehle for their ongoing leadership. Your efforts are appreciated and duly recognized.

Luncheon

A thank you goes also to W ... Robert Green for his efforts in support of the Widow's Luncheon on February 27th. This event is a small gesture by Masons to remember these cherished members of our Masonic family.

Plan ahead

Let me remind you once again. St. Andrews will be in Rochester for our bi-annual gathering on May 21st and 22nd. Mark your calendar and plan to join in the festivities.





Honea, Maste H 288-5513 0 274-1375 2nd Tuesday 7:30 P.M.

W.. Richard Snyder, Secretary 342-2419 (Office 586-4624) Masonic Temple **875 Main Street East** Rochester, N.Y. 14605-2789

By W.: Ted Honea Two new Brothers

On February 9th we raised two new Brothers, Craig Ketter and Curtis Streetman. Bro. Ketter is a very promising graduate student in piano at Eastman School of Music. Unfortunately, he broke his wrist in early January and was still in a partial cast. He came through the Degree without further damage.

Bro. Streetman is a recent graduate of Eastman School. You may remember him from the June Strawberry Festival when he sang for us. He is now based in New York City, where he is already enjoying very considerable success. In fact, we had to postpone the Degree in order for him to fly in from Hong Kong, where he was performing and making a

The Lodge welcomes these two new Brothers, who by all appearances, were very pleased and satisfied finally to be raised after several delays.

1st Degree in March

We also have two petitions in the pipeline and, pending favorable investigation reports, we will confer the 1st Degree on March 23. The Junior Warden, Ed Schmitt, will preside in the East.

Old news

The interest in the shearing of the Master and Wardens seems to have spread beyond the confines of the Lodge. The Secretary is going (I'm not) to try to get together a "pictorial essay" for the Masonic Times, hopefully in this

Distinguished Brothers

Two of our Brothers have received recognition for their service to the Boy Scouts of

R.·.W.·. Mat Gingold received the Silver Beaver Award from the

BSA. It is the highest award that the organization presents. Bro. Belt received an award recognizing his 60 years (that's right, 60) of service in the BSA. The certificate was signed by the President and Chief Executive of the Boy

Help!

In further news, the Secretary had a note from Bro. Renner out in Colorado. He recollected being a kid back in Rochester and playing with Lawrence McConnell, whose address he has lost. Maybe someone out there

New for widows

The Lodge warmly acknowledges your strong support for the Brotherhood Fund. 60% of you have made contributions. This is outstanding and we are grateful for your kind indication of sup-

The Secretary has asked me to tell you that you will all begin to receive the Empire State Mason soon. He has placed your subscriptions. If you don't get it, let

Obituaries

I regret to inform you of the passing of two Brothers: Charles V. Crandall, January 20, 1993 and Roy "Jack" Slack on February 2,

March meeting

We will have something a little special in March. Our program will be a silent film accompanied by Philip Carli, the house accompanist for the Dryden Theater. We will have dinner before Lodge at 5:30 p.m. at the Maplewood. Please turn in reservations to myself or Dick Snyder, 586-4624. We had a good crowd for dinner before the 3rd Degree, let's keep it up.

Fellowcraft

In March, the Fellowcraft Club will meet at my house, 502, Cedarwood Terrace. My phone has been changed, but it is listed, 288-5513. The President, Herb Spencer, promises us an interesting program.

Dues

Dues are coming in at a pretty good rate, but we would really like to make an effort this year to catch up on things. If you haven't yet mailed yours in, please do so as soon as you can.

Visitors

The Lodge has had some interesting visitors lately, a real international cast. At the January meeting, Brother Fernando Laires joined us. Bro. Laires is a concert pianist living in Rochester now, but spends most of his time travelling on performing engagements and teaching at Catholic University in Washing-

At the 3rd Degree, we were pleased to have two visitors. Bro. Sven Sveinungsun from Oslo, Norway, who happened to be in town on business. Also present was Rev. Bro. Cyril Roberts, Chaplain at Eastman School, who was raised in Baghdad Lodge (in Baghdad!) in 1949 when he was chaplain to the British Em-

It seems you never know who you'll run into at Lodge anymore.

A Reflection

After being Master and KS for the 3rd Degree, I have come to wonder why we say we're giving the candidate the "3rd Degree". I felt like I got it! I still haven't recovered.

Valley-Simes Lodge Starts Year With Clean Faces

By W.: Richard Snyder

It all started at a dinner get together before a Lodge meeting. The conversation was amiable, about the Lodge, and future happenings. Most of the people around the table were Lodge Officers or Past Masters. The food had not been served yet, and every now and then a moment of silence would fill the air.

What's he hiding?

It was during one of these moments when the question was directed towards Grant Romer, the Lodge's SW, "have you always had a full beard?". His reply, "yep, always". "You mean that your wife or child doesn't know what you look like beneath it?" Again the reply, "yep, that's right". Silent speculation immediately charged the atmosphere. "Hm, I wonder what he's hiding under it?". A big scar, dimple, or who knows. As he is a tall man, what some would consider lanky, it's not likely a double chin.

Did you ever ..?

Again the silence as all eyes started around the table. It was as if we were seeing each other for the first time, and there he was, "Ted" Honea, Master of the Lodge, sitting there behind a mustache. The only other person with hair on his face! Grinning somewhat, he said, "yes, I have had it for several years".

The conversation then sort of drifted to who had, or had not, at one time or another, sported hair on their lip or chin. Even cheeks and ears, but not eyebrows, was mentioned during our dining. A few more comments and yours truly said, "Grant, what would it take to get you to shave your beard?".

Name your price

"Well, money could probably make me do it," with a smile. "Oh, how much?" "A lot", he replied. "One hundred dollars?". "No," he answered. "Two hundred, two fifty?" I asked. "That should do it", again with a smile.

Philanthropic Fund

Now our Master, being a "good old boy" from Oklahoma, was not to be outdone. He jumped right in and said, "I'll shave my 'stache' for two fifty also, and we will put the money into the Lodge's Philanthropic Fund, as it is a little low."

The Lodge's Philanthropic Fund is maintained by donations that the Lodge uses to help its Brothers who may be having trouble keeping their Masonic commitment current. It was agreed that this was a great idea, and that the deadline should be the Annual Communication or installation. Five months in any event.

Rules given

During the Lodge meeting that evening, the Master announced the contest to the Brothers present, but changed the rules in that his mustache would take the first \$250.00. He also said that he would construct a box so no one would know how much was in it, and that it would be passed at each Communication until the time arrived to open it. At the following Communication, the box was passed around.

Another entry

The Blue Box, as it came to be called, started to resist the money going into it, and frankly, \$500.00







in small bills seemed to be a lot more than the box could handle. At times emotion was high, especially when a donation arrived by mail that guaranteed Ted's mustache was gone. Grant, feeling now a little out numbered, remarked that "the ante should be raised another \$250.00 and the JW, Ed Schmitt, should be made to put up his mustache and goatee." Not sure if Ed agreed at that time, but everyone else did for him.

Handsomer?

The time finally arrived. All the Lodge Brothers were sent a notice. The DDGM, R.·.W.·. Paul Moore was present, and the barber was standing by, clippers and razors at the ready. The box was passed for the last time. Now there being no doubt about Ted's mustache, it was gone in a flash! Funny, but he looked years younger, and some were heard to comment "handsomer". I'm not too sure about that yet. Maybe if he had less eyebrows!

Counting continued

The sought after sum of \$500.00 was announced by R.·.W.·. Paul Gleason. Grant Romer sat down, gave that smile, and announced that we only get the beard, and not the mustache, as that was what the agreement called for. No argument there, but we still wondered what was waiting underneath. Now, shaving a beard off is not like getting your first haircut when you join the Marines. It has to be done with care and finesse, which is exactly what the barber, Louis Begnini used. Starting with the neck, then the jowls, next the chin, stopping each time for us to see what could have been. Moving finally to a straight razor until there sat the new Grant Romer. A not too bad looking fellow, with a big smile on his face. Big enough for a round of applause. "Hm, no scar, no dimple, even has lips..hmm."

Another big smile

The counting by now had finished, and it was announced that Ed Schmitt should approach the seat of honor. That he had lost by a hair, or was it forty cents. Never







the less, the job was done, but it appeared as if his goatee was growing back faster than it was coming off. Again, the big smile, and a comment, "My wife has never seen me without hair on my face."

Summing up

The willingness of these three Brothers to give up what they have had for years so that their Masonic Lodge Brothers could remain in the Craft should not be taken lightly. The cheerfulness in which it was done, and the encouragement on their part to give to attain the goal are what Masonry is all about. Brotherhood, but with a little fun. The same must be said for all those who dug deeper into their pockets. Thank you, my Brothers.

Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154



W.-Andrew Young Master H 482-2788 • 2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30 P.M.

W.:Theodore J.Snyder, Secretary 467-0165 1822 Penfield Rd. Penfield, N.Y. 14526

By W.: Andrew P. Young

Last month, JW John Zabel
did a fine job in the East conferring the Second Degree. I will be
in the East to confer the 3rd Degree on March 22nd and I hope to
see a full Lodge at that time. This
meeting will be preceded by a
chicken and biscuits dinner prepared as only the ladies of
Irondequoit Chapter can prepare
a meal.

Coming events

At our first March meeting on the 8th, the Tartan Square Club will exemplify the First Degree as done in Scottish Masonry. This is always an entertaining and informative program, and something that all the Brothers can enjoy.

Remember April 17th is our

Ladies Night. Keep the date open.

News and Views By Bro. Don Bell

Most of our Brothers and their family members appear to be hale and hearty this month. However, we do know that W.. Joe Dimino is home and doing well. W. . Jack Wood has a broken foot, Bro. Jim Sapporito has had an operation on his foot and is now home and recovering. Bro. Howard Fischer is reportedly ill. Bro. Schultz is doing well. Bro. George Goodman's wife Thelma has been ill and is improving. Ruth Bulau broke her foot and is coming along okay. W.: John Rees is almost recovered from CCC (You can ask him what this

At this writing, R.:W.: Lou DiJames and Barbara are visiting in Florida to see their new grand-daughter. R.:W.: Wayne Slack has his 1951 Buick all torn apart but hopes to have it back together by 2015, if he hasn't lost any parts. Bro. Pat Torre is keeping himself in excellent shape these days by his attendance at the Spa.

means). W.: Frank Denton is

scheduled for back surgery this

It was nice to see W... John Lawrence back in Lodge after an extended visit to Florida. He and Nessie visited there to see their new granddaughter. It was also good to see W... Dick Ludeke in Lodge recently.

Other news

We understand that Bro. Carl Busack is planning on getting married in June. Congratulations Carl.

Our Brother and Doctor J.R. Cecil Holden will be visiting in April. He will be installed as Senior Warden of Probity Lodge (our Sister Lodge in England) on March 16th.

Bro. Steve Teugeman reports that about 72% of our Lodge Brothers have contributed to the Brotherhood Fund campaign. He encourages us all to contribute to this worthy cause.

Our Secretary, W.. Ted Snyder, wants to remind us that "Dues are Due". He also asks that if you move, or change telephone numbers, please let him know. "

Flower City Lodge No. 910



W.-. Gordon T. Dodge, Master 334-3660

2nd Thursday 7:30 P.M.

R.·. W.·. Philip Averbach, Secretary 458-1817

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

By W.: Gordon Dodge

On March 11th I would like to see a larger than usual turnout as we award the Grand Lodge's "Dedicated Service Award" to Brother Paul Israel. A number of his Lodge Brothers have informed me that they will have some interesting things to say about Paul and why he is deserving of this prestigious award. So let's all make an effort to attend Lodge that night. The DDGM of the First Monroe, R.: W .: Paul Moore, will be with us that evening and assist in the ceremony.

Good news

Fortunately, there is no sickness or distress to report this

month. Please call the Master at 334-3660 if you hear of anyone in need of our aid or sympathy.

Visiting

The Fellowcraft will be visiting a Lodge on March 4th. That Lodge does not know we are coming, so have pity on the JW if there are not enough refreshments to go around. It's all in good fun. If you want to go with us, call the Master at 334-3660 and he'll give you all the info you'll need.

Campaign helpers

February found some of the Lodge's hard workers helping out at the local malls in the annual "Have a Heart Buy a Heart" campaign for the local Ronald McDonald House. A most noteworthy cause and we were there for the fifth year in a row. Good job, guys and ladies.

Degree work

By the time you read this we should have received some petitions from a number of men who wish to join our Lodge--so we will have Degree work starting in April. If you have not been given a part by the Master, please volunteer. Many hands make light work.

See you in Lodge.

CLIO LODGE No. 779



W. Karl Brandt, Master 247-8970 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 P.M.

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W.: Arthur Mason, Master H 671-8283 O 454-3224

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

R.-. W.-. Leon R. Perkins, Secretary 924-5657

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

By W. Art Mason Class of ten

The fruits of our labors and the Brother Bring a Friend Program continue to show. At our last meeting 10 petitions for membership were taken by our Secretary and the Investigation Committees are now in action. Hopefully, all ten men will meet the standard and be voted on in our next meeting. What a tribute to all you Brothers who continue to help our Lodge grow!

Special communication

Due to the size of the incoming class, I have set up the following schedule of meetings and rehearsals to accommodate 2 classes of candidates:

Mar. 1 - Class B-1st Degree Mar. 15 - Rehearsal-2nd Degree

Mar. 22 - Class A-2nd Degree Mar. 29 - Class B-2nd Degree Apr. 19 - Rehearsal-3rd Degree

Apr. 24 - Degree Fest at ERAC for both classes. Details will be forthcoming. If you have any questions they can be directed to myself, W.:. Rich Friedman or W.: Pat McNenny.

Thanks to all who came

The Frank Horton Dinner/ Ladies Night on February 6th was a smashing success! Due to the hard work and dedication of several Brothers, (particularly Bro. Don Moore, DSA) a good time was had by all 100 plus attendees. R.·W.· Horton was truly touched by the awards and comments presented by the Grand Line and other guests.

Child I.D. Program

As if we did not have enough on our trestleboard, on March 8th ERAC is honored to host a presentation by Bro. Jack Hughes of Parish Lodge 292 in Buffalo on the Child I.D. Program. Bro. Hughes and the Erie Districts have had tremendous success videotaping children and thereby raising Masonry's visibility and identity in their Community. Please plan to attend. I am sure the presentation will be both informative and inspirational.

Letters coming

My apologies to our out of town Brothers who are, I'm sure, anxiously awaiting a letter from me. The good news is the letter and accompanying copy of our ERAC Installation Brochure are ready to be mailed. The bad news is we are waiting for the new Lodge envelopes to arrive. Look for the mail soon.



MONROE

Lodge No. 173



W. Howard W. Bale, Master 589-5765 2nd & 4th Tuesday 7:30 P.M.

W.: James P. Branigan, Secretary 964-3676 67 Main Street Brockport, N.Y. 14420

By W.: Howard W. Bale

February was a month that included such events as the Widows Luncheon and our regular Spring Blood Drive.

Our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be on the 13th of March (\$7.00 for adults and \$3,50 for children 8 and under). For dinner reservations call Bro. Mel Doverspike or Bro. Neil Laundry at 964-2135.

A special dinner for the Eastern Star and Widows, as well as our Annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo, are also in the planning stages.

By-laws

Our By-laws have been completed thanks to Bros. Laundry and Hazel. Copies will be posted and mailed to all members for their inspection.

Awards

We have decided on a candidate to receive the DeWitt Clinton Award, but, as the details are yet to be finalized, we will save the actual announcement for a later time.

Our recipient for the Dedicated Service Award is Bro. Cal Tripp. We are very proud that Cal has received this award. He certainly deserves it. Congratulations, Bro. Cal.

Best wishes

Bro. James Wilkins has been under the weather and we wish him a speedy recovery. Hope to see you back soon, Jim.

We also send our best wishes to our sojourner from Oswego, Ken Parent, who is soon to be leaving for Italy for service on one of our Navy's Sub-tenders. Good luck in your new assignment, Ken!

Bro. George Brege has the casts off those wrists and is already complaining about his therapy, so it sounds like he's about back to normal. (The dishes are waiting, George! Hurry back!)

Sadness

On a more solemn note, our Lodge has been saddened as we have had to drape our altar for four Brothers in the past month. A Memorial Service for our most recent Brother, Donald R. Quinn, was held in January.

That's it for this month. Hope to see a large turnout at the first meeting in March. Until then, good luck, God bless you all and good-bye!

Widows Luncheon

The Annual Widows Luncheon is fast approaching, but as of this date, only 2 ladies have signed up. If you know of anyone we may have missed or someone who may need a ride, contact R.·W.· Alex Arthur A.S.A.P. ¤

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538



W.: Ronald Hollander, Master 426-0741

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

Stolan Ellia, Secretary 671-3296 Webster Temple 30 Orchard St. Webster, N.Y. 14580

By W.. Ron Hollander

Mortgage

At our January 21st meeting it was decided that we would pay off the mortgage on 30 Orchard Street. W.: W. Scott Hollander did a good job of getting together all the facts and presenting them to the Lodge. This was only possible due to the foresight of our Brothers in the developing of an Endowment Fund.

A big thanks to Bro. Vance Collom for his hard work of collecting the money and building this up. Vance will still be collecting money for the Endowment Fund. There are still plenty of bricks for purchase.

First Degree

We had our First Degree on February 4th. Bro. Greg Brown was in the East and did a good job in the initiating of 3 Brothers. Those of you that were there for this saw a Lantern Lecture performed by Bro. Bill Edwards that was superb.

Second Degree

Our Second Degree will be on March 4th. W.: Mark Fenton will be in the East, while our JW will still be golfing down South.

Steak roast and Euchre

We will again be having another famous Steak Roast and Euchre Tournament at Webster Lodge on March 13th. This tournament is open to friends and family; even members of other Lodges are invited to learn how to play the Webster way. Reservations can be made with W.: Bruce Chilton, W.: Mark Fenton, or W.: Steve Ellia. Even if you do not play Euchre, plan to attend the dinner.

Date change

The date for the Third Degree is changed from March 18th to April 15th.

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



M. Barker, Master H 594-2995 O 722-0800 2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30 p. m.

W. James

W.: Bradley T. Goodridge, Secretary H 426-3134 O 275-6829 133 South Union St. Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

By W... James Barker

A successful night

Our "Bring a Friend Night" was a huge success with 17 Brothers and 14 guests attending. Many thanks to the committee and Brothers who participated. We received 5 new petitions for the Spring Class.

Information sharing

W.. Gordie Dodge and W.. Ron Morthorst of Lalla Rookh Grotto were our guest speakers at our February 8th Communication. It was a fine presentation and provided some light to all of us who were "in the dark" as to what Grotto is.

We were also honored with an unofficial visit from our District Deputy R.: W.: Paul Moore. He congratulated the Lodge on the fine results of the "Bring a Friend Night" program and shared some information with us on the upcoming Grand Lodge Session in Rochester.

Large class

By this time, Bro. Ed Means will have conferred the 1st Degree on 7 candidates. We also welcome 2 Brothers to our Lodge by Affiliation, W.: George Burgess, Past Master of his home Lodge in Georgia and Bro. Don Hoppe, Randy Bloechl's Fatherin-law, who comes to us from Churchville Lodge No. 667.

Sickness and distress

W.. Pierce Titter passed away in Massachusetts on February 3, 1993. He was raised in Etolian on April 23, 1945. Bro. John McLain has lost his wife. Our sympathy to their families. Bro. Jim Patterson, (aka Mr. Bass) has suffered a minor stroke and is convalescing at home.

Future leaders

Congratulations to our 3 Brothers who have completed the Masonic Leadership Development Course. Bros. Dick Kessler, Don Kimmel, and Marty Michaels are proudly displaying their new pins.

New Line Officers

Effective February 11th, the following appointments have been made to the Line Officers: S.W. Bro. Edgar Means and J.W. Richard Kessler. These two Brothers will serve in their respective chairs until our election of officers on May 10, 1993.

Veteran

A 40 year service pin will be sent to Bro. Robert Johnston in St. Petersburg, FL. Bro. Johnston was unable to attend our Awards Night due to having by-pass surgery. We send along our best wishes for continued good health to him down South.

Coming events

March 8th will be Move-up Night. Bro. Ed Means will again travel to the East. Bros. John Mattern and Marty Michaels will present a U.F.O. program at 8:30 p.m. which will be open to the public.

Please remember our March 11th Blood Drive at the Ogden Community Center from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are able to make calls or assist in the set-up or tearing down, please call Norm Weinreber at 889-1802.

Hi-Twelve Luncheon meets on March 18th in the Lodge kitchen. W.: Gene Brendel promises plenty of good food and fellowship at an excellent price. The fellowship is always free.

2nd Degree

Bro. Dick Kessler will advance to the East to confer the 2nd Degree on March 22nd. Rehearsal will be March 18th at 7:30 p.m. Please come out and support Dick in his first appearance in Etolian's East.

Ladies Night

Ladies Night will be held at the Masonic Grand Ball on March 27th at the Gateway Inn. Please get your tickets early from Bro. Ed Means so we can reserve the proper number of tables. The price is \$17.50per person.

Euchre anyone

On March 29th, the Interlodge Fellowship Euchre Tournament will be held at Churchville Lodge. The starting time is 7:30 p.m.

New Officers

Our new Color Bearer is Brother Jim Mitchell and the Junior Deacon, Brother Don Darrohn.

Jim was born in Rochester on September 2, 1945. He graduated from Spencerport High School. Jim was employed by A.C. Rochester for 12 years as a mill-wright. He enjoys woodworking and golf in his spare time. Jim and his wife, Virginia have been married 29 years and have 2 sons and 2 grand-children. He was raised in Etolian Lodge in 1991. He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter 3X3.

Bro. Don Darrohn is our new Jr. Deacon. He was born in Kokomo, Indiana on December 18, 1943. Don is a graduate of Irondequoit High School and attended the University of Illinois. A machinist at Eastman Kodak Co. for 28 1/2 years, he spent 16 years at the Colorado complex. Don retired in 1991 and is enjoying ice fishing this Winter. Don and Mickey have been married 29 years and have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. He was raised in Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154 in April 1963 and affiliated with Etolian in 1992.

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476



W. Edward T.Goodrich, Master H 377-8227 O 647-8367 Zind & Affle Mondays 7:30 P.M.

W.-. George R. Bracht, Secretary H 383-1947 O 383-8636

#383-1947 0 383-8636 #7 South Main St. Fairport, N.Y. 14450

By W.: Edward T. Goodrich New face

Fairport Masonic Temple has a new face and we are proud of it. All Masons can take pride in improvements such as this because it serves to increase everyone's awareness of our Fraternity in the Community. This is the result of a major reconstruction effort made necessary by the extremely deteriorated state of our building. When Spring arrives, we hope to see more finishing touches applied, such as the addition of pillars in the entranceway.

Commitment
The work that's been done on our building and future improvements are possible, largely because of the level of commitment which our members have demonstrated when called to help in the past. That strong sense of commitment gave us the confidence we needed to secure a loan of several thousand dollars.

Committee

We have formed a committee to handle the call to help raise funds to reduce that debt. It consists of: R.·W.·John Moll, Chairman, W.· Wayne Beckwith and Bro. Robert Vandenbush. You have heard from them through a letter sent to you last year.

Need contributions

To those of you who have not contributed in the past, we extend the opportunity to share your support in this venture of pride. Please send your contribu-

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R...W... Joseph J. Privitera



Looking into

District Deputy Grand Master For the Second Monroe District

In 1980 there were 31 Lodges in the Monroe Districts. Today there are 21. Every Lodge in the Second Monroe District has reported a net loss in membership for 1992. Lodges are consolidating because of low membership. So the questions: Will your Lodge exist seven years from now? If it does, what will the membership be? What will be the average age? What kind of leadership will it have? What can we do to reverse the downward spiral in membership?

Investigate programs

Grand Lodge has provided us with several programs to increase membership. The vehicle that has showed the best results, for the Lodges that have tried it, is the "Brother Bring a Friend Night" program. The purpose of this program is to expose qualified men to Masonry, its history, its commitment to the community, Masonic literature, the Degree System, and perhaps most important - Masonic feliowship and fun.

Good results

ERAC Lodge has been using this program successfully for the past several years. The most recent "Bring a Friend Night" at ERAC Lodge resulted in TEN petitions. Etolian recently held the program and received seven petitions. The program works! It can work for your Lodge!

Hope is not a method

A Lodge can sit back and hope but simply hoping that membership will increase and doing nothing else is not the method that will work.

A paraphrased line from the Second Degree Charge: "No Lodge can become a place of prosperous growth whose Brothers care little and do less for its advancement." The assistance to make this and other membership programs a reality is readily available. All a Lodge has to do is try the program and success is sure to follow.

Utilize programs available

Therefore, if you want your Lodge to exist when the year 2000 rolls around, it will be up to your

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Lodge No. 476

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tions to: John A. Moll, 2 Arrowhead Way N., Fairport, NY 14450.

Future events

During the month of March, the following events are planned: Monday, March 8th, a series of lectures on Masonic topics by your Lodge officers. Monday, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. will be a 2nd Degree.

Lodge leadership and YOU to take advantage of the "Brother Bring a Friend Night" and other programs to increase membership. The alternative is do nothing and allow your Lodge to join the ranks of those Lodges that only exist in our memories and nowhere else.

Grand Steward

Of the Grand Lodge Of the State of New York



R.·.W.. Robert F. Sanford

Be Well Informed

By this time, the Lodges should have started their Spring class of candidates. Do all of your officers know their ritual so that you can make a good impression on your candidates? This is very important, especially on the First Degree. If you do have candidates

this Spring be sure you show the LSOME video before the 1st Degree and after each Degree. If you need it, the Masonic Library on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple has a TV/video player that can be rented for the nominal fee of \$10.00. Call Ted Honea, or call the Masonic Service Bureau weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and noon for details.

Bring a friend

If you do not have any candidates, why not try a Bring a Friend Night? Have your Lodge members supply the names of men they would recommend to be Brothers.

Officers Taining Guide

Worshipful Master, do you use the "Officers Training Guide"? It has a wealth of information that you can use. If you don't have one, ask your secretary to get one for you. A well informed Master will be a better Master. The same goes for the rest of your officers.

Lodge No. 163 V.: Raymond Kneppar, Master H 385-4447 0385-6470 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 P.M. R. . W .. Lawrence F. Geith, Secretary 328-5580 East Rochester Temple 152 Commercial St. West E. Rochester, NY 14445

By W.: Raymond Kneppar

1st Degree

Our 1st Degree was the most powerful and moving ceremony I have ever experienced. All Brothers that participated performed exceptionally well. The 4 candidates deeply enjoyed the experience along with many visitors and Lodge Brothers.

Brotherhood

Since having discussions with many Brothers that cannot come to Lodge meetings, I feel it is necessary to share my thoughts on the subject. Masonry is most fascinating to me because it has as much to offer or as little to offer as the case may be. If a Brother has many hours to give and expresses a desire to volunteer as a leader, Masonry has room for this individual. At the same time, if another Brother is very busy or too frail to participate, he is also very much needed by our Fraternity. What I am trying to say to many of our Brothers that we don't see in Lodge is, just their membership is needed support and please continue being proud to be a Mason.

Thank you

Thank you very much W .:. William Lindsay and Bro. Sol Phillips for the enlightening conversation and tour of our Downtown Masonic Library. I would like to also express my appreciation to the Brothers who participated in the meeting. We all learned a great deal. A quick "Hello" to my Uncle Arthur (Flower City Lodge) in Ohio who I understand reads this article ever since I became Master. Thank you to R...W.. Bill Zufall, Bros. Sol Phillips and Carl Uttrup for helping out with the "Have a Heart-Buy a Heart" fund drive at Marketplace Mall. Thank you W .. Bill Lindsay and Bro. Bob Belcher who worked at Irondequoit Mall.

Programming

March is a full month with three meetings scheduled plus a rehearsal. March 2nd will be a quick business meeting and then an educational video will be played. Our 3rd Degree and dinner will be on March 16th. Please call in your reservations to Craig Covert at 865-2920 (evenings).

Please don't forget the officers meeting on March 23rd. I hope to see most of our Past Masters at this meeting so that they can help us plan the 1994 program schedule.

I have only 24 reservations for the Grand Ball on March 27th. If you want tickets, please call me at 385-6470. I promise that this will be the gala event of the year.

Everyone should start deciding who they want to invite to our "Brother, Bring a Friend Night". This will take place May 11th.

Volunteer

Towpath Lodge still needs Brothers to volunteer to perform home visits and drive Brothers to our meetings. So far we have one Brother who gets driven to meetings and one Brother who is scheduled for a home visit. There is probably a need for about 15 more volunteers. Please continue to generously give to our Brotherhood Fund. Your support is truly needed.

Let's hear from you.

If anyone has communications they would like to have read in Lodge, just send them to our Secretary. We enjoy hearing our Brother's letters from all around the country.



National Camping Travelers, Inc.

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No. 46
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By Harry Hopkins

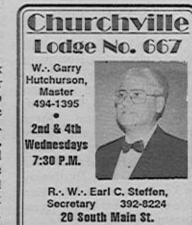
National Camping Travelers is an organization of Master Masons and their families. There are Chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Our Chapter

Genesee Valley Chapter has weekend campouts each month from May through October and get-togethers during the Winter months. The first 1993 campout will be at Genesee Country Campgrounds, Caledonia, NY, May 14-16.

Join us

Master Masons and their families are invited to join with us and enjoy the fellowship. For more information contact Harry Hopkins, 16535 Banner Beach, Kendall, NY 24476 or phone him at 659-2236.



By Garry Hutchurson

Brethren, we've had an exciting January with many good things happening in Lodge. First, was our Installation on January 13th, which went very well. All of our 1992 line returned for the next 6 months for the new change of June to June.

Churchville, N.Y. 14428

Second Degree

On January 27th, we had a Second Degree with Jon Deacon in the East and R.·.W. Everett Vail giving the Middle Chamber Lecture. Jon Deacon did the dinner which was as delicious as ever. We had about twenty visitors from different Lodges for the Degree. It was nice to see the Lodge room full.

February meeting

We had a Sojourner dinner on February 10th. We were treated to a wonderful chicken parmesan dinner cooked by resident chef, Jon Deacon. Our speaker was W.: Sion Honea from Valley-Simes. He gave a wonderful presentation of the Masonic Library. The Lodge was full of Sojourners from a Canadian Lodge (Rose 500) all the way from Pultneyville. Dave Jones reported to us on the Brotherhood Fund.

Recognition

R.·W.· Earl Steffan received the "Master Mason Appreciation Award" from the Lodge. This award began last year to recognize special Brothers in our Lodge. Earl has dedicated many years with us and we couldn't think of anyone more deserving.

Candidates

We have two candidates waiting for their Third Degree and a Spring class of four ready for their First. For those that haven't been able to attend lately, come see us. We are doing well and would like to see you.

Have a Heart-Buy a Heart

On February 12th, we were in the Marketplace Mall for the "Have a Heart-Buy a Heart" campaign. This is a great charity and we should all appreciate what it does for the community.

Hope to see you in Lodge soon.

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John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032 Chartered 1924

W. Richard G. Gundry, Master (H) 377-1102 (O) 223-7410





By W.: Richard G. Gundry

On Monday, February 8th at Marketplace Mall, Robertson Lodge brought in \$478 with another \$500 donation from the Fairport Lion's Club. Thank you: R...W... Paul and Doris Robertson, W.: Al and Nancy Cannon, W .. Harry and Ethel Ellender, W.: Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Bro. Ken Duttinger, Bro. Lee Caldarelli and Bro. Ken Skidmore for your time for a great program.

Brotherhood Fund

Brothers, please remember the Brotherhood Fund. We are below last year's numbers. If you can, please support this program, for one day, we may need it ourselves Contact Bro. NormGauch.

A busy Master

By R. .. W. . Paul A. Robertson

Our Worshipful Master, Rich Gundry, is a very busy man. He and his pretty wife, Julie, operate a beauty salon in Fairport and he is also a teacher of beauty culture which frequently takes him out of town. He has also been on TV. Now there is a very busy guy, yet he 'makes time' to serve John A. Robertson Lodge. If each one of us would pitch in and help Rich by doing 'just one little thing' our Lodge would flourish. Nothing happens until you, me or another guy makes it happen! Let's ALL pitch in and MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN. YOU MIGHT SAY: "What can I do? How can I help?" Here's how:

1. We need COMMUNICA-TION! How about calling just ONE Brother ONCE during the year? That's easy, isn't it? That's showing Brotherly Love. Call me at 266-3074 and say "I'll be happy to call one Brother"---even if I can't go to Lodge.

2. How about a Pot Luck Supper? We have at least 2 expert chefs in our Lodge. You could bring a tossed salad, I'll bring a jug of wine, somebody else can bakea cake or a pie or some cookies. We'll get some steaks, Haggis, and entertainment and really have a ball! OK? Call me!

3. Here's something else. Doris and I toured England and Scotland last September and had a whale of a time. Would you like us to tell you about our trip? Call

4. Another thought. Retirees, their wives and friends could have breakfast, lunch or dinner together at a favorite restaurant or someone's home. Wouldn't that be fun? We could communicate.

5. How about being an officer of the Lodge? Here's a chance to be a part of the team and enjoy it. Call me!

Have you taken a trip or had an interesting experience that you'd like to tell us about? We're all ears---like Ross Perot! Call

I look at it this way--Now is the time to DO IT and have a lot of fun. DO IT by calling me!

"What have we been doing?"

You might ask, "doesn't the Lodge do anything?" Well, I'll tell you. The Lodge was represented at the Annual Sale of Chocolate Dollars at Irondequoit Mall on Feb. 6th to raise money for the Al Sigl Center. It was also represented at the Ronald McDonald House Have a Heart-Buy a Heart campaign at Marketplace Mall on Feb. 8th.

The Lodge has invited and will host a lot of our Ladies at the annual Widow's Luncheon on Feb. 27th at Logan's Party House.

On the second Sunday of each month the Brothers and their ladies of our Lodge have a delicious breakfast together in the dining room of the Canandaigua Masonic Temple. All you can eat for \$3.50. After breakfast, we bring a 'touch of love' to those residing at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital. What a beautiful way to begin the Lord's Day one Sunday a month! Will you join us this month? Call me!

Traveling?

Many of our Brethren live beyond the Greater Rochester area such as Alaska, Indiana, Hawaii, Trinidad, Florida, etc.. How about sending us a card or note? W.: Rich Gundry (who has a loud voice) will read it at our next meeting and you'll get an official "thank you" for doing it.

Looking forward

This is "LOOK FORWARD TO" time. The Worshipful Master says to "Look forward to" the ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT in the Spring, STRAWBERRY SOCIAL in June, and the STEAK ROAST during the Sum-

Past events

We have had great steak roasts at Bro. Lee Caldarelli's and Bro. Joe Wehner's in the past. Remember the food and games?

Now Nowit is 1993! Let's take turns. How about inviting us to your home or cottage this year? Everyone pitches in and helps. Call me!

This is a pretty good starter don't you think? NOW, as the automobile salesman on TV says, "Pick up the phone and call me".

Need assistance

Is there anyone who is ill or in need of assistance? Let us know.

Card received

A card was received from W ... Chris Starr. He wants to be remembered to everyone. He would like to hear from you at Box

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By W.: Larry Blazey

Just a few notes this month to remember. Please send in your dues if you haven't already done

Also a reminder to send in your Brotherhood Fund contribution to Bro. Carmen Valleri.



Chartered 1917

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

Leon VanHueben, Secretary 647-9603 4275 Culver Rd.

Rochester, N.Y. 14622

By W.: Dean F. Marsaw

Our January meeting preceded by a poor mans dinner of beef stew was a great success. There were 19 side-liners. I haven't seen that large an attendance in quite some time. I am confident that with the program I have put together for this year and the help of the telephone committee, we will experience an increase in the attendance as the year progresses.

I have made a commitment that every member will be called before each meeting.

Post meeting

No matter what kind of card game you play, we have the cards to play it. So call your partners and get them out. I would also entertain ideas from the non card playing members for post meeting entertainment. I will do all in my power to keep the meetings short so you can enjoy good fellowship together.

Euchre tournament

Speaking of cards, we are going to have a Euchre tournament after our October 26th meeting. Brother Howard Topel is the Chairman for this event. Give him a call if you are interested (663-7681). You can practice after every meeting until then.

Rides and meetings

If you need a ride to attend a meeting, let your caller know and he will make arrangements for you. The March 9th meeting will be preceded by a poor man's dinner of Baked Beans and Hot Dogs, 6:30 p.m. sharp, \$5.00. The speaker will be Brother Chuck Miller (old time Gramophone music and demonstration). The March 23rd meeting will feature a Ham Dinner by Culver Chapter, 6:30 p.m. sharp, speaker Mike Fantigrossi (Arson Investigation.).

Comfort extended

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Brother Duane F. Flowerdale on January 28, 1993. Brother Duane was raised May 28, 1946. He was a 47 year member. Brother Edward T. Linton also passed away on January 19, 1993. Brother Linton was raised on May 8, 1948 and was a 46 year member. The officers and members extend their sympathy to the wives and families of these departed Brothers.

Thank yous

I would like to thank the members that volunteered their time to represent Fame Lodge for the "Have a Heart Buy a Heart" program. It was a great showing and I was very honored by your support of the program.

Brotherhood Fund

Don't forget to send in your contributions to the Brotherhood Fund. If you don't have a valid dues card in your wallet, please make arrangements to put one there. Thank you. Check your Smoke detectors, they save lives.

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 14812

By W.. Clifford H. Short

Greetings from the East. I hope everyone is weathering the cold temperatures in good health. Spring is almost upon us, and with that comes a full trestleboard of activities.

Old Business

Our 1st Degree went very well in January. Sr. Warden Neil Laundry did a great job in the East. My thanks to all who participated and attended.

Youth Nite February 2nd was Youth Nite, with DeMolay, Triangle, and Youth to Youth groups in attendance. It's gratifying to see our young men and women involved in such worthwhile, beneficial clubs and activities. I'd like to thank everyone who turned out that night, especially since it was not the best of weather and a school night. I'd like to extend my personal thanks to Mrs. Edner and Mrs. Blair for coordinating the Youth to Youth program. I believe everyone who attended and enjoyed their very moving program.

Thank you

The Have a Heart-Buy a Heart program reached our goal this year with the help of all who volunteered. My sincere thanks to all who gave of their time to a very worthwhile cause, especially the DeMolay boys who helped in Charlotte-Corinthian's booth on February 9th.

3rd Degree

March 16th is the date of our 3rd Degree. Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m. A Spaghetti Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The Degree will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. Reservations for dinner can be made by calling JW Buzz Gorman, 723-1018 or Bro. Dave Rainey, 426-3862. No reservations will be accepted after Saturday, March 14th. Remember, if you make a reservation and don't come to dinner, the Lodge still must pay for that reservation. You will be asked to pay the Lodge back for the dinner.

Family brunch

The family brunch at Braddocks Bay State Park is scheduled for March 21st. Reservations can be made by contacting JW Buzz Gorman, 723-1018 or W.: CliffShort, 225-0464. I am sure that he could use volunteers to help with the arrangements. The price is \$4.00 per person.

Bring a friend

We will be suspending the business meeting on April 6th in favor of "Bring a Friend Night". Now is the time to spread that cement of Brotherhood and invite a friend to come and learn more about the Fraternity. A Masonic video will be shown, along with discussions on the presence of Masonry in today's society, where it's been and where it's going. More information on this night will be in next month's

Hope to see you in Lodge! "

Union Star Lodge No. 320

W... Dennison Ripley 624-1218 2nd

Monday



7:30 P.M. R.. W.. Paul Spillane, Secretary 624-3877 (Office 624-3840)

3 North Main St. Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

By W.. Dennison Ripley

We had our First Degree February 8th with our SW Terry Hatch in the East. I would like to thank all the Officers for the excellent job they did. Thanks also to R. . W .. Rodney Rittenhouse for presenting the Lecture in the Second Half. Bro. John Walker played the organ throughout the Degree-thanks again, John.

Second Degree

Our Second Degree will be March 8th. Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m., dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree will start at 7:30 p.m. Bro. Craig Emmons will be in the East. Call in your dinner reservations to Craig Emmons at 346-2719, Terry Hatch at 582-1485 or Bud Ripley at 624-1218.

From the East

By Bro. Terry Hatch

I would like to thank the many Brothers for signing up for the "Have a Heart-Buy a Heart" Campaign. Your response was very much appreciated.

Fellowcraft

Many thanks to Bro. James Terhune for the fine job on refinishing our dining room floor, it looks beautiful. Bro. Jim donated himself and his crew to do the job. Work is progressing on our Fellowcraft Room. With just two work parties we have accomplished a lot. We will meet the Sunday morning after Lodge at 9:00 a.m. to rehearse opening and closing Lodge, as our term is only six months. A short work party will follow.

Grand Ball

Don't forget the Grand Ball at the Gateway Inn, 4853 West Henrietta Road. Bro. Terry Hatch has the tickets, call him at

By Bro. David Steindl-Rast Thanks

We open the month of March by saying thank You!! Thanks to all who participated in the "Have a Heart, Buy a Heart" program. Thanks to R.·W.· Raymond Beardsley for his fine talk on the "Morgan Affair". Thank you to Brother Fred Hull and W.· John Williams for their excellent work in the Widows Luncheon. Thank you Brother Sr. Warden, for filling in for the Master while he was out of state.

Sickness and distress

Please remember Brother John Moriarity in your prayers. He has taken ill again.

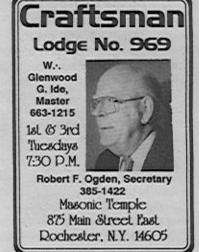
Brother Al Miller has had surgery for a hiatal hernia and is scheduled for knee surgery when he recovers. If you have a spare moment, give a call or pay a visit to see if he's making out O.K.

Honorary member night

March 4th is the date we will present R.·.W.· Paul Spillane and R.·.W.· George Simon their Honorary Membership Certificates. Dinner will be served before the meeting. This is a very important night. We should have excellent attendance to pay tribute to these fine Masons.

Thought for the month

"...just as the eye perceives light and the ear sound, the heart is the organ for meaning." "



By Robert F. Ogden

We are expecting a good turnout February 16th when R.·W.·. Joseph Privitera, DDGM, awards two 50 year pins and certificates to Bros. John H. Smith and Joseph S. Roe, and a 25 year pin and certificate to Bro. Kenneth W. Mertz. W.·. Glen Ide, accompanied by Bro. Robert Ogden, will present a 25 year award and certificate to Bro. Richard W. Schimpf and a 50 year pin and certificate to Bro. Charles C. Sanford in their homes.

Ladies Night

Please be sure to obtain your Ladies Night (Grand Ball) tickets to be held March 27th, as soon as possible. Call Bro. Jack Grover at 247-3007 no later than March 8th for reservations.

We have it!

The "Traveling Gavel" is still in our possession and is available to any Lodge who attends Craftsman's meetings with a minimum of 7 members seated prior to Lodge opening at 7:30 p.m.

Condolences

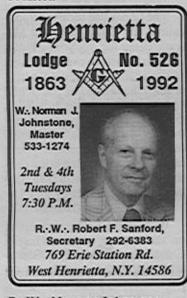
Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Robert Thompson and his family in the passing of his father on February 6th.

Remember

Brethren-several dues are still outstanding, so please mail your checks promptly. Please support the Masonic Brotherhood Fund by mailing your check to me.

Happy Birthday

Birthday greetings to our Brothers born in February: Roy Cluff, Harold Impson, Ernie Kennedy, John Walker, Ed Welton, Ken Goodrich and Fred Scuffert.



By W.-. Norman Johnstone

Programs

An informative and educational program on wills, trusts, and recent changes, was presented by our attorney Brother, Dean Fero at the February 9th meeting. It was indeed interesting and enlightening. Those of you who missed the program and the fellowship and good food afterwards, will have to see Bro. Dean in his office to get the same information. On behalf of all, thanks again for the presentation and the one-on-one questions and answers after the program.

At our next program meeting on March 9th, R.:W.. Gerald Glaser will provide another educational and informative talk on the subject of Financial Planning, a "must" for young and old alike.

Bring a Friend Night

Our Bring a Friend program proved to be interesting not only to prospective members, but to everyone. Many thanks to W.-. Paul Josephson and our Jr. Warden, Bro. Joe Bourcy for their planning. Thanks also go to Bro. Bill Van Hall and the others for the kitchen and food organization. Twas one of our best yet.

Fellowcraft

The Fellowcraft Club met at Denny's for an excellent dinner and meeting where much planning and companionship provided for too short an evening.

Masonic Service Bureau

I had occasion to visit the Masonic Service Bureau this past month and talked with R.·.W.·. Robert Pettit. Some of what he told me made me even more proud to be a Mason. The list of charitable things that the Bureau does goes on and on. I'm sure that at least some of the groups supported are close to your heart and would surprise you.

One of the most surprising

facts is that 100% of our donated dollars goes for charitable use. (I don't know of any other charitable organization that can claim this.) All Service Bureau overhead is voluntary or is supported by assessment from dues.

Special Days/Birthdays

A special congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrated birthdays in February: Bro. Bill Samar, Feb. 5 - Bro. Gil (Skip) Gilbert, Feb. 6 - Bro. Porter Clark, Feb. 9 - Bro. Dennis Coons, Feb. 14 - Bro. Larry Millerd, Feb. 20 - Bro. Franklin White, Feb. 22 - Bro. Harry Newton, Feb. 27 - Bro. Roy Miller and Bro. Les Moore.

Grand Ball

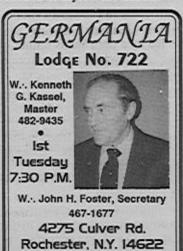
Time is drawing nigh for the Grand Ball on March 27 at the Gateway Inn/Banquet Hall, 4853 West Henrietta Rd. Only \$17.50 per person. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss it! You may purchase tickets from either our Sr. Warden, Larry Millerd (334-5755) or myself (533-1274).

Have a Heart-Buy a Heart

As usual, all of us who participated in raising money for the Ronald McDonald House at Marketplace Mall had a fun time. A special thank you to all who participated.

Widows Luncheon

Let us not forget the widows of our departed Brethren. We can show our remembrance by attending the Luncheon at Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Rd. Call W.-. Ted Diehl for information and Sr. Warden, Larry Millerd or myself for tickets.



By W.: Kenneth Kassel

Meet your new Brothers

On February 2nd, under the leadership of R.·W.· Donald Krech, the 1st Degree was conferred on 2 Brothers. We would like you to meet them on March 2nd when they take their next step. W.· Douglas Spencer will confer the 2nd Degree.

Master was thrilled

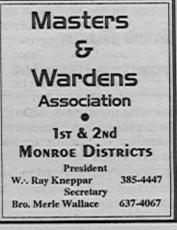
My sincere thanks to the Lodge for the beautiful Past Master's Apron which was presented to me in February. This is the most meaningful recognition I have ever had, or expect to have, for the rest of my life.

A classy act coming

On April 6th, we shall be honored with the presence of the Shrine Degree Team. They will be conducting the 3rd Degree. If you have never seen this group in action, you don't know what you have missed. Help us show appreciation to this great team and give a warm welcome to our new Brothers. Instead of the usual Pot-Luck Supper, we shall have a. Swiss Steak Dinner served by Mae Bauer and her good Sisters. Reservations are required. Call me at 244-2026 or W.. Dave Foster at 244-0194 before April 1st. The



(left to right) W.: Michael Goehle - 1992 Chap., W.: Karl Brandt - 1992 V.P., W.: Scott Seltzer - Pres., W.: Garry Hutchurson, 1992 - Sec., R.: W.: Jay McCullough - Awardee (photo courtesy Scott Seltzer)



By W.-. Garry Hutchurson and Bro. Daniel B. Walker

The last Master's and Warden's meeting for the 1992 Masters was January 30, 1993 at ERAC Lodge in East Rochester. At this time the new 1993 Officers were elected and installed.

Congratulations

A special award was presented to R.·.W.·. F. Jay McCullough at this meeting. This was a newly created award by the 1992 Masters to recognize a Mason who has helped the Masters and Wardens in some way or contributed to their success. It was noted that "Masonry attracts outstanding men who are achievers, and to stand out among them is an achievement in itself to be recognized."

Memories

W.: Garry Hutchurson remembers one time in particular just before the 1992 Grand Ball, for which he was chairman. It was a very snowy evening when Garry realized that he didn't have the programs for the Ball yet. He called R.: W.: Jay, who suggested they meet downtown at the Service Bureau. Not only had Jay done a superb job on the programs, but he took the time on that treacherous night to meet Garry downtown to get the programs to him.

Fitting tribute

R.·W.·. Jay McCullough's quiet direction and his positive support of the 1992 Masters was an inspiration to us all. It was fitting that after a wonderful year of great memories and exciting times, that we end with a recognition of this man.

Best wishes

From all the 1992's and our wives, we wish the Masters and Wardens the best of luck to the future, to the 1993's we hope your year is as exciting and fulfilling as ours was. God Bless.

Lodge will subsidize part of the cost.

Ladies Night coming

Save Saturday, April 17th for a dinner and bowling party at the Red Men's Club, 1001 Lexington Avenue. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. with bowling and cards to follow. Again, please call me to make reservations.

Rochester Forest No. 133 Meets the 4th Thursday Wakan-Hubbard Lodge 1822 Penfield Road Penfield, New York 14526 Donald C. Bell Grand Tall Cedar Robert J. Nichola Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar Angelo DiCataldo Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar Leonard A. Latta, Scribe

Bro. Don Bell, Grand Tall Cedar Thanks to the efforts of Brothers Angelo DiCataldo, Eugene Brown, Carl Busack, Don McDill, Horace Freeman, and Paul Kober, our Ladies Night was a great success.

Many thanks to Bro. Grant Romer for giving us such a great talk following our February 25th meeting.

Junior Deputy night

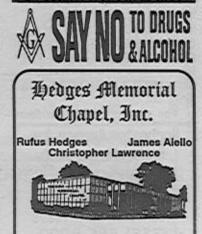
Our next meeting, on March 18th, will be planned and conducted by our Junior Deputy, Angelo DiCataldo. This Brother has been a large contributor to the success we have had during the 1st months of my administration as Grand Tall Cedar. Let's support him with a large turnout for 'his' meeting.

April rehearsal

Our April meeting will be a Do-It-Yourself meeting. That is it will be a rehearsal for the "Royal Court" degree. All parts will be read, and direction conducted, on the floor. This will be an opportunity for you to participate in the building of your Forest's repertoire, as well as a fine opportunity for you to find out how King Solomon got the timber to cover his Temple.

Once again, our Scribe would like to remind those of you who have not paid your dues to please do so.

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Tell All You Are A Mason

District Deputy Grand Master For the Genesee-Wyoming District

I am firmly convinced that there are many men today looking for the tenets we practice in Masonry.

Seek opportunities

This past week a Brother told me that he placed a bumper sticker "2 B 1 ASK 1" on the back of his pick-up. The next day a man stopped him and asked about the bumper sticker, and if he was a Mason. He stated that he had always wanted to be a Mason, but no one had asked him. The Brother said, "See the sticker, to be one, ask one". We Masons have to wake up and now sell Masonry. That is, make opportunities so that people can visit our Masonic Temples, see an open meeting, know that we are involved in the Community.

Positive recognition

The media is picking up on the Drug Free School Zones, and we are getting positive recognition. Newspapers are anxious to get pictures and copy of Drug Free School Zone events.

Make reservations

Hopefully, each Lodge will be

Grand Sword

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able to have one or two tables for the Grand Master's Dinner at the Rochester Convention Center. As soon as you have your tables set, send your reservations and check to me. This is going to be one of the most significant events in New York State this year.

Check your calendar

There are many visitations and meetings for the next two months. R..W.: Keith Granger, Grand Sword Bearer, has a very special presentation for his Official Visits. If you don't attend Lodge, you will lose the excitement of this meeting. R.: W .: Leonard Mason, Assistaant Grand Lecturer, has his seminars on Saturdays.

Brethren, be as generous as you can, and support the Brotherhood Fund. Your contribution is really needed.

These are exciting days for Masonry. There is an increase in membership, and the increase in activity is generating more recognition. So let's tell all we can that we are Masons, tell of the Fraternity, and make it known that to be a Mason, ask a Mason to join. "

When I talked on the phone the other day with Grand Lodge, they stated that they could not give me the total Brethren raised in 1992 or the total membership. All of the Annual Reports of the Lodges have not been turned in by the Secretaries. I hope that all the Lodges in the Genesee/Wyoming District have done so.

New ideas

On my Official Visit, I will be sharing with you some new ideas on programs. We have to try some new programs, but we are in a rut and still keep on using the old ones we have.

Lend your support

Brothers, there is a lot of Degree work going on around the District. Let's get out and make the attendance for these Degrees

Communication

Grand Warden

I received a phone call the other day from R...W.. Sandy Samson, Jr., Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Unfortunately, I was not at home at the time. My wife, Annette, said he just called to say "Hi". When I was at Camp Turk, I got to be friends with Sandy. He told me that he would like to visit the Genesee/Wyoming District this year and participate in one of our programs. I will be speaking to him soon and report back to you in next month's Masonic

Batavia Lodge No. 475 F. & A.M.



W.: Michael L. Klinkbell, Master 344-2194 2nd & 4th

Tuesdays

W.-. Robert F. Dagen etary 548-7148 Secretary Masonic Temple 200 E. Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020

By W.. Michael Klinkbeil

Spring is around the corner

Here's wishing you the best of everything with the advent of Spring upon us. We have survived another Western New York Winter and now set our focus on the pleasantries that "Spring" brings with it. I have had the opportunity to get several committees set up within the Lodge and progress reports will be forthcoming with each edition of the newsletters.

School zone signs

Our ongoing work with the Drug and Alcohol Free School Zone' program is hopefully in it's final stages with the imminent approval of the schools and civil authorities for us to provide the signs to be posted in the vicinities of the local schools. As mentioned previously, we will be soliciting your financial assistance in the purchase of these signs. I am sure that each of you will want to do your part in assisting in the elimination of the potential influence of drugs and alcohol among our youth. A minimum of four signs will be posted at each school at a cost of \$15.00 per sign. Anticipating the approval of the authorities, we will gladly accept your donations for this cause at your earliest convenience.

February events

For the benefit of those who were unable to attend our communications, a couple of events that have happened during the month of February were: Assistant Grand Lecturer's Convention which was held at Hesperus Lodge on Feb. 13th and the Official Visit of R.W. Keith Granger, Grand Sword Bearer, on Feb. 23rd.

Donors needed

The communication on Feb. 23rd was conducted with the Senior Warden presiding. I was unable to attend due to a commitment to an informational meeting on bone marrow transplants'. For those of you who may not know, my son, Jim, is suffering from "acute myelogenous leukemia" and is presently a patient in Strong Memorial Hospital. He is in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant' We are currently setting up a drive to solicit 'bone marrow donors'. There is an individual by the name of Kelly Gere, also a local resident, who is in need of similar treatment for a like disease.

W.: Shawn Wright, president of GW Masters and Wardens, along with Angelica Healthcare Services, where my son is employed, are doing everything possible to make this drive a total success. Financial support along with blood donors is needed. The financial problems only begin with the cost of the bone marrow testing'. The cost to each potential donor is \$45.00 and finding a potential donor requires many individuals. Therefore, you can see the tremendous cost involved.

Annual Widow's Dinner

I would like to take this opportunity to announce the 'Annual Widows Dinner'. It has been changed to May 8th at the Batavia Methodist Church. More information will be given in the next newsletter.

Camp Turk

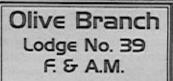
The Lodge has received applications for Camp Turk, the Masonic camp for our young ladies and gentlemen between the ages of 12 and 16. If you know of someone who has a child or grandchild who meets this age requirement, this is a golden opportunity for them to enjoy a few weeks this summer at an excellent youth camp. For more information concerning this camp, you may contact me or the secretary.

Sickness and Distress

We have the sad duty to report on the passing of Bro. Hobart Childs. He was raised on February 25, 1919 and passed away on February 3rd of this year.

I would also like to report on Bro. William Emerson. He is a patient in Strong Memorial Hospital. I am sure he would appreciate your cards and a personal visit in the hospital. It is suggested that you call ahead, if possible, to confirm his visitation hours.

More news next month. Come out to "your communications" and God Bless You All.





W .. E. T. Curtis, Master 948-9523 Fix: 948-8068 Ist & 3rd Wednesdays

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Forbes, Secretary

By W.: Ernest T. Curtis Now that March is here, it won't be a long wait for the arrival of Spring. It will be great to see our "snowbird" Brothers returning from warmer climates.

AGL Convention

On Saturday, February 13th, several of us traveled to Bergen, New York where we had the opportunity to review the work of the second section of the Master Mason Degree. Assistant Grand Lecturer, R..W.: Leonard W. Mason did a great job in helping us to become more proficient in this important ritual.

Canandian Lodge visits LeRoy

W.. Richard Allgood and ten other Brothers of Canada Lodge No. 532 braved the Winter winds and snow to pay us a visit this past month. Friday evening, February 19th, we all went to Bergen and enjoyed an EXCELLENT Prime

Rib dinner prepared by Chef, W ... Don Read at his "Kim's Kitchen" Restaurant just north of Bergen on Rte. 19. Our guests were in town to observe and participate in a festival of the Royal Arch Degrees which was held the following day at the LeRoy Masonic

Official Visit

Circle March 3rd on your calendar. That is the date reserved for us to welcome R..W.. Keith A. Granger, Grand Sword Bearer to LeRoy. I will be proud to see a solid turnout to greet our Grand Lodge Staff Officer properly.

Bring a Friend Night

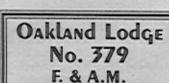
Wednesday, March 17, our regular communication will be open to the public. While we will not be opening on a Degree, we will give our guests a definite flavor of what Lodge is like. We plan to show a video on Masonry to our guests, and a part of the evening will be a discussion of Masonry. We will, of course, be prepared to field any and all questions about the Craft that our guests may have. This is an excellent opportunity to show off your Fraternity. I encourage you to Bring a Friend!

Masonic Anniversaries

March 18, 1953 was quite a night. On that evening 40 years ago, three of our Brothers were raised as Master Masons: Charles L. Boening, Richard R. Boening, and Thomas W. McLernon.

I suppose that Brother Chester W. Clark remembers that evening. After all, he had been raised on the second Wednesday of March 15 years earlier. This March, Brother Chester celebrates 55 years as a Master Mason.

Between these four Brothers we will celebrate 175 years of Masonry during March. Chester, Charles, Richard, and Thomas, your Brothers of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 salute each of you for your years of dedication to the Craft.



Beardsley, Master W:493-2426 H:493-2801 Fax: 493-9942 1st and 3rd

W.. David J.

Tuesdays (JAN/FEb/MAR: 1st Tues only) Smith, Secretary

493-5408 MASONIC TEMPLE

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By W.: David Beardsley

Official Visit

M... W... Keith Granger, Grand Sword Bearer, visited Oakland Lodge No. 379 on February 2nd. He gave a very interesting talk which was appreciated by all. It was also very nice to have the support of District Deputy, R..W.: Robert Nicole.

Fish Frv

We hope everyone marks their calendar for our Fish Fry. It will be held on Good Friday, April

Bowling

Our Masonic Bowling Team will be bowling in Horseheads

Membership Numbers

R.:.W.: Keith A. Granger

The time has come and I am now making my Official Visits around the District. I am communicating membership and progress.

The number of new Brothers

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has been on the upswing for the past three years. In 1989 there were 1,100 new Brothers raised; 1990-1,200; 1991-1,300, but the membership in New York State is falling. In 1989 there were 112,000 Brothers; 1990-108,000; and 1991-102,000. For 1992, Grand Lodge of expecting the total to fall below 100,000.

the very best that we possibly can.

I believe in using the telephone to call Brothers and let them know what is going on. Call them a couple nights just before the Degree or program. Most Brothers will attend if it is within the length of their Cabletow. At times, a Post Card sent as a reminder will help in boosting attendance.

By Bro. David VanSlyke, Communications Chairman

Secretary 494-1360

12 South Lake Ave.

Bergen, N.Y. 14416

Inspiration

"Where there is no vision, the people perish..." Proverbs 29:18 Brothers, the Masons have vision. Through all their activities including the Masonic Home, Childrens Hospital, Drug Free School Zones, fellowship and goodwill, and the list goes on and on. I urge you to participate whenever possible and help keep

Welcome

our vision alive!

We would like to welcome our three new Master Masons who have recently joined our great Fraternity. There was a delicious dinner prepared by the OES and another excellent ceremony put on by the Past Masters Shrine Degree team.

Master's message

Spring is on it's way, and with it brings the thought of membership. A message from R..W.. Robert Nicoll at the beginning of his term as DDGM, challenged each Lodge to increase their membership, with a plaque going to the Lodge with the most new members by the end of May. Hesperus Lodge No. 837 is out after that plaque. We all know at least one person who fits the qualifications, so bring in those petitions!

Masonic Education Committee

Our Masonic Education committee will be in touch with our newest Brothers to help them become acquainted with the Masonic information available. They will have written materials and listings of members to contact to get specific items, dates of activities and committees they may participate in.

They will also discuss proper Masonic etiquette and review things they will need to know for an opening and closing of a Lodge meeting. This will provide them with the "basics" they need to continue their Masonic education and also feel more comfortable in the beginning.

In the works

Our candy sale will be under way shortly, watch for more information. A proposal for a Spring Dinner/Dance at the firehall to raise money for improvements will be discussed.

Streamline

We would like to follow the lead of Attica Lodge and establish a specific time for the committees to meet. It will be 1 hour prior to each regularly scheduled meeting. This 7:00 p.m. time will allow them to discuss and plan activities and events before the Lodge opens. This will help to open promptly at 8:00 and also keep our meeting brief. We are trying to improve our membership, and good fellowship before and after Lodge is an important part. Suggestions for activities

are always welcome. See you

Drug Free School Zones

On January 14th and 27th, 1993, the Byron Bergen Central School and the Byron Town Board passed a resolution to support the Drug Free School Zones, and on February 8th, the Town of Bergen also passed one. Committee Chairman Bro. Keith Denton has worked very hard to put this together and we should all be proud to be part of this major community event.

School assemblies are being planned along with formal sign presentation ceremonies involving the Sheriff's department, NYS Police, political leaders, the news media and guest speakers. Dates and times will be posted as they are scheduled.

Improvement committee

The Building Committee has been hard at work and has already made some great changes. The kitchen looks almost new and was greatly appreciated by the ladies of the Eastern Star at our last dinner. Also, our new pop machine (donated by Ralph Marsocci) worked out really great. Still to come, carpeting, book shelves, entertainment center and more.

Activities

March 18th will be our Irish Stew Night, and the wearing of the Green. There will be a prize for the best showing of the "Green".

Bring a Brother Night

This will be a great night for everyone, the 2nd meeting on March 18th. Everyone will be given a short list of members who have not attended lately and asked to bring at least one, to this meeting. There will be activities, food and a guest speaker for the



R.·.W.·. Kenneth E. Kohlhagen, 585-7511

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1st & 3rd

Mondays

By W.: Glenn L. Cramer Congratulations

The Lodge received a letter of congratulations from the Mayor of Attica for establishing the Drug Free School Zone in the Attica District. The Drug Free School Zone Project has been completed in the Attica and Alexander school districts.

Award

W... Bill Geitner has been appointed chairman of the DeWitt Clinton Award which will be given to the Varysburg Rescue Squad in the near future.

I met with the Wyoming County Building Department concerning the front door of the restaurant. We will be installing a storm door.

Gable End Sunburst

Bro. Ed Hibsch and Fred Stahlhood have retrieved the Gable End Sunburst from the Col. Varys house. We will be installing it later in the year on a pavilion in the park.

Welcome

Bro. Donald String consummated his membership by signing the by-laws. Don has affiliated with West Star from Alden.

February 1st Communication

Bro. Carl Parmeter reported on the Council of Masonic activities meeting in Warsaw. A brief discussion was held on securing jackets with Masonic emblems on the back.

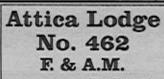
I appointed all committees for the upcoming year. A complete list will be mailed to all members. It was reported that there are problems with the furnace in the restaurant and we may have to replace it.

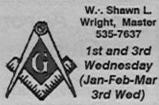
General information

During March, the Lodge will be open at 6:00 p.m. for food, snack, fellowship and card playing. March 1st there will be a 1st Degree.

Brotherhood Fund

Don't forget the Brotherhood Fund. Soon the year will be over and I will be direct mailing to all members on this.





3rd Wed) R...W... Donald Van Son, 591-1390

Secretary Masonic Temple 39 Main Street Attica, N. Y. 14011

By W.: Shawn Wright

65 year pin

On January 20th, R...W... Robert Nicole presented a 65 year pin and certificate to Bro. Arlon Waite at Attica Lodge. Bro. Waite was raised in Attica Lodge No. 462 on February 17, 1926. Bro. Waite is 89 years young and resides at the Genesee County Nursing Home in Batavia. Bro. Waite was very appreciative of his pin and certificate. Many of his friends and relatives were present to honor him. Letters of congratulations were sent by many Brothers also.

New carpeting

The dining room floor has been recovered with a carpet. The work was done by Attica Furni-ture at a cost of \$1,934. They gave the lowest bid and did a great job. A special thank you to all those people and organizations (especially the Eastern Star Chapters) for contributing to this project.

Get those petitions in

The officers are eager to do some Degree work. Hand out some petitions to your qualified friends and relatives. We don't expect 100% but 10% is better than 0%. You have all been sent petitions and Q & A pamphlets for this purpose.

Who am I?

I sent out a letter of introduction to all members of the Lodge. It tells about myself and what I expect from the Lodge. I received many encouraging letters from Brothers I hadn't had the pleasure of meeting. Feel free to write or call me and I will write back.

50 year members

Bro. Howell J. Perry received his 50 year pin and certificate. It was presented to him at his residence in Jasper, Georgia by Pickens Star Lodge No. 220.

Bro. Herman Spencer will be a 50 year member as of March 3, 1993. His pin and certificate have been ordered. The Lodge is waiting to hear from him as to how he wants them presented.

Good wishes to all

A nice note was received from Bro. Walter Meyers, Sr. He said he was 94 years old and doesn't get around too well. He sent a donation to the Brotherhood Fund and wishes all well.

Many notes were read in Lodge from our out of State members.

Memorial

A memorial was held for the Brothers of Attica Lodgewho had passed to the Grand East in 1992. These Brothers were: Glenn Corliss, Richard Middlebrook, Kenneth Middlebrook, Irvin Domes, Richard Fargo, Walter Jensen and Dorson Baker. We lost seven Brothers due to death this year, but none for nonpayment of dues.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

On Saturday, March 13th, at 2 p.m., Attica Lodge will be attending our Grand Lecturer's Convention at Mt. Vernon Lodge. West Star Lodge will also be there. This is a Saturday afternoon meeting and I am looking forward to seeing some members that can't make our regular meetings.

Activities

The District Council of Masonic Activities will be holding a Fish Fry at Warsaw Lodge on Friday, March 26th. Attica Lodge will be responsible for man power and pies. We will be selling chocolate bars again this year. Stock up for Easter and support your Dis-

Triluminar Lodge No. 543 F. & A.M. W... David Allbright



493-5934 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

W.-. Richard Anderson, Sec. 493-2203

Masonic Temple Main Street Pike, N. Y. 14024

By W.. David Allbright

Activities

R.·.W.·. Keith Granger, Grand Sword Bearer, made his Official Visit on February 10th. His message inspires us to seek new ways to generate interest in our Lodge.

Teen Dance

Activities like the Teen Dance held on February 20th, are seen as a means to share common interests with the families of potential members. Future activities may focus on bringing present members together with prospective members. Although we are located in a small rural Community, we recognize that we have not exhausted the supply of possible new members available to us. We will benefit from increased contact with our Community. Our goal is to become a more valuable asset to our Community.

Lending a hand

A member of our local OES Chapter, a friend, neighbor and a tireless volunteer to numerous organizations, is the parent of a child receiving specialized care at the Shrine Hospital in Erie, PA. We are giving her a donation to help with travel expenses. We are also exploring other ways to be of help in this time of need.

First Degree

We had a First Degree for two candidates on February 24th. Information on the Second and Third Degrees to follow.



Warsaw, N.Y. 14569

By W... Allan Carlson

Renovating the Temple During the months of January and February, several Brothers have been busy painting the kitchen, lowering the ceiling, and giving the stove a good cleaning. It really looks good and so different! It all takes money and time. We have raised some of the money through having breakfasts, etc. If there are any of you out there that could help us out, we sure could use a donation. I guarantee it would be put to good

February 20th was our Annual George Washington Dinner Dance. A nice dinner was provided by Centennial Chapter No. 299, OES and Brothers from our Lodge.

use! Send any monies to Allen

Capwell, Secretary. Thanks! We

must keep the building up!

Upcoming events

On March 5th there will be a Fish Fry and the monies netted will continue to be used toward the building fund.

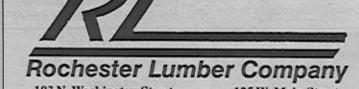
R..W.. Keith Granger, Grand Sword Bearer, will present his message on March 16th.

On March 21st there will be a breakfast at the Masonic Temple. Serving will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, with cooking being done by W.: John Herman. Let's have a good turnout for this.

Distress

On January 19th Bro. Fred Stripp was called to the Grand East. Twenty Brothers attended a funeral service for him in Perry.

Rt. Wthy. Grace Wright also passed away in January.

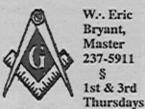


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By W.: Eric Bryant

Thanks

As you know, degree work in Lodge is back in full swing. It was great to see so many people participate once again. A "thank you" to everyone who helped. If you did not get a chance, please call one of the officers.

Degree work

In March, we will be again occupied with degree work. We will be conferring the 1st Degree at our first meeting and the 3rd Degree at the second. As usual a dinner is being planned. Reservations are a must. Please make them through our Junior War-

Projects

As Spring approaches, several things will need attention, regarding the upkeep of the Lodge building and grounds. The following items are at the head of the list: 1. sidewalks, 2. chimney capping, 3. drainage around the building. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call me.

Fish fry

Look for our annual fish fry in April. It is tentatively scheduled for the April 2nd.



By SK Robert F. Dagen **Busy times**

Echoing the words of our Grand Commander, as stated in the February issue of the "Knight Templar" magazine, "activities are becoming very heetic at this time of the year". Not only are we looking forward to getting out and about, doing our "Springtime chores", but activities in our Commanderies are in full gear as well. Spring generally gives each of us a renewed vitality and a desire to make all things better than last year. This relates to the up-

coming conclaves of the Commandery. We are approaching that time of the year when Inspections are being held. For most of us, tying up loose ends as we look back over our tenure and making a valiant effort to finish tasks we had hoped to accom-

Give your support One of our main goals, is the support of the "Knights Templar Eye Foundation". We are rapidly approaching the end of this year's annual campaign. I would like to ask each of you to take the time to read pages 13-15 of the February issue of the "Knight Templar" and do your part in making this Campaign a success. On page 15 there is a statement printed in bold lettering which I would like to ask your indulgence in repeating as part of this article: REMEMBER, \$10.00 MAY REPRESENT 1/2 TANK OF GASOLINE FOR YOUR AUTOMOBILE, BUT YOUR \$10.00 WITH MANY OTHERS CAN MAKE THE DIF-FERENCE BETWEEN SIGHT AND BLINDNESS. - need I say

Send your individual contributions to our Recorder, SK Capwell and we will, in turn, forward the same to the proper or-

Inspections

Inspections in Zone 12 in March are as follows:

Mar. 1 - Hugh dePayens No.

30. SK Walter Drake Mar. 17 - Tancred No. 80 - SK

C. Richard Trust Mar. 25 - Batavia No. 34 - SK Calvin May

I would like to ask your support in attending these Inspections if at all possible. If you need a ride, give me a call at 548-7148 or call any of the other officers. We will make arrangements for your transportation.

Special evening

Special emphasis is accorded to our own Inspection. We would like to ask you and your lady to start off the evening with a social period at 6:30 p.m. This will be followed by a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner at 7:00 p.m. An Open Inspection for all to observe will be at 8:00 p.m. As always, invitations are in order to members and their ladies, guests and especially your Fraternal Brethren who are currently not members of our "Magnanimous Order".

"Revised Tactics"

A special note to all Sir Knights: copies of the "Revised Tactics*, compiled in sequential order, are available to all who would like a copy. There will be a minimal charge to cover the cost of printing. I would like to take the opportunity to ask each of you a question. Have you ever taken the time to read the "Ritual and Tactics" from start to finish? I must admit that until the compilation of this edition, I personally had never done the aforementioned. It is very interesting and the sequence of events are made to be easily understood. Try it! I think you'll be pleasantly surprised and enjoy the reading. For your personal copy, contact the Recorder and he will see to it that you receive the current edition.

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Future events include a festival of the conferral of the Templary Degrees. They will be held on Saturday, April 24 at Lake Erie Commandery No. 20. The Degrees will get under way at 9:30 a.m. Dinner will be served after the "Order of Malta" and the "Order of the Temple" will commence immediately thereafter. Presently we have three Companions who are desirous of receiving these Degrees and becoming members of Batavia Commandery No. 34. If you know of any others, please inform the Recorder or myself. If you do not have any petitions, let us know and they will be sent to you.

Keep the Commandery informed of anyone who may be listed under sickness or distress. Call the Recorder, myself or drop us a note in the mail. I have no one to report on at this time.

Spring

Enjoy the "Spring" weather, plant those flowers and watch them spring into beautiful splendor. Rake the lawn, get the pool ready, cut the grass and all those other little chores which greet us in the Spring time. God Bless You All.

Purpl∈ Apron Club

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Vice-President R.·.W.·. Leonard W. Mason 492-4198

Secretary/Treasurer R.·.W.·. Sheldon J. Moden 322-7343

By R. . W. . Holden Miller

Money needed

At the Genesce - Wyoming Council of the Masonic Activities Meeting, held at Warsaw Lodge on January 24th, it was revealed that their Treasury was very low in funds.

They will be ordering candy bars for sale again this year. They also have scheduled a Fund Raiser Fish Fry to be held, Friday March 26th at Warsaw. If it's within your cable tow, please put this on your "things to do", calendar. Believe me, they need the

Election returns

The results of the election held that same night were; President-John Jessop, Secretary-Shawn Wright, Treasurer-Robert

Schools

Our AGL, R..W.. Len Mason, will have two visits in March. The Saturday scheduling seems to be working well, therefore, these visits will be on March 13th at Java Village and March 27th at Arcade. The attendance has been good and the officers are receiving the proper education which should help them to improve

Our Grand Lodge Staff Officer, R..W.. Keith Granger has visits scheduled for March 3rd-LeRoy, 8th-Java Village, 16th Warsaw and the 18th Bergen.

Surprise

There was a surprise visitor at our February 4th meeting at Hesperus Lodge, it was R.:.W.: Bob Hebner up from the South.

Looking ahead

Remember, all Lodges must hold their elections immediately after Grand Lodge in May. The Purple Apron Club will hold the Investiture on May 21st in Warsaw. Lodge installations should be scheduled to take place immediately after Memorial Day; the first week in June.

Finally

In conclusion I would like to comfort all the Bills Fans who went through the most horrible displeasure recently (losing three in a row). I guess we expected a win too much. It was harder on the players who will be thinking: if we win the AFL title again next year; can we win the Superbowl or not. It seems that getting motivated will be their biggest concern. Of course the fans will be there to support them as usual.

What does this have to do with Masonry? Perhaps the Grand Chaplain, who is a Bills Fan, can give us his candid opinion on how being both a Bills Fan and a Mason are related. Probably something to do with overcoming ad-

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DISTRICT President W.: Shawn L. Wright 535-7637 Vice President

W.: Carl Fisher 537-9943 Secretary/Treasurer W.:. Glenn Cramer 535-7792

By W. . Shawn Wright

Official Visits and Conventions

March will be a busy month. R..W.. Keith Granger will be making his Official Visits to the Lodges. R.: W.: Leonard Mason will be holding his Official Visits and Conventions on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. this year. This should promote a good turnout and much fellowship. West Star, Mt. Vernon, and Attica Lodges will meet at Java Village on March 13th. Eagle Valley, Arcade, and Triluminar will meet at Arcade on March 27th.

GW Council of Masonic activities

The Genesee-Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities held a meeting on January 24th at Warsaw Lodge. John Jessop was elected President, Shawn Wright, Secretary and Bob Forbes, Treasurer. The Council will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 26th at Warsaw Lodge from 5:00 p.m. until? The committee will be contacting all organizations for commitments of man power and pies. Tickets will be sent to all Lodges to sell.

Candy Sale

The Council will also be having a Chocolate Bar Sale again this year. We sold 1200 bars last year for a profit of \$600.00. We hope to do as well again this year. Stock up for Easter.

District Directory

All officers will be sent a revised District Directory in the near future.

NEW YORK MASONS HELP KIDS... TO DRUGS

LeRoy Lodge History

By W.: Garry Hutchurson

Olive Branch Lodge is rich in history and long on tradition. As I sat in this Lodge watching a Second Degree, I realized this one has the only porch in New York State for a Middle Chamber Lecture. As we watched the Master, we were all taken in by the uniqueness of the night.

On May 20, 1813, a time of peace after the War of 1812, M...W.. Gov. DeWitt Clinton granted a Charter to Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 in Batavia, New York. Ezra Pratt was the first Master, and his grave can be found today at St. Mark's Cemetery in LeRoy, NY. It's first communication took place in the house of William Keyes. It grew and was moved to Bethany, NY in 1821, then moved again to Attica in 1845, and once more to LeRoy two years later in 1847, where it has remained since. In all it's years, it has raised over a thousand Masons, quite a feat for a small Lodge.

Resolute

During the bitter anti-Masonic disturbance, The Morgan Affair, many Lodges closed and turned in their Charters. Olive Branch stayed open, to be the only Lodge West of the Genesee River to continue it's meetings.

During this time, the Lodge was reduced to seven members: Blanchard Powers, Calvin Barross, George Webb, Nathaniel Higgins, Liberty Ludd, James Gardiver and William Mott. Refusing to acquiesce to the pressure, they persevered, and finally other Lodges opened and Masonry grew.

Present building

In 1906, the Church Society, having ceased its meetings, sold the Church to Olive Branch Lodge. After much remodeling, the building was converted to its present state. On May 13, 1961, they celebrated their 180th year.

Help from past

Often Lodges in small towns were the center of attraction. When we do our work and our Degrees, it's like all the past members from the last 170 years are there with us, helping and guiding us along into the 21st Cen-



By Cliff Laundry

1st meeting

The January 4th meeting was opened by Charlie Spiegel with a welcome to the dignitaries present. Paul Spillane, who wished to speak to the assemblage, thanked all the Brothers for the cards and prayers during his recent medical program.

It was announced that Brother Harry Kennedy was in the Rochester General Hospital with a broken hip.

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Michael Bell, Monarch

Patrol Legion Caldron

Monarch's Message

If you are anything like me, for the past month you have been pawing through seed and garden catalogues trying to decide what to order and plant. Visions of snap beans, snow peas, and beefsteak tomatoes dance through my dreams. My palms are itching to hold that Roto-tiller ... and to, hopefully, lovingly and impatiently plant each seed or sprig.

Need participants

Rehearsals for the Spring Ceremonial are set for March 30th and April 19th in Cathedral Hall at 7:30 p.m. The Ceremonial itself will take place on April 21st. We still have some parts to fill, so if you're interested, talk to George Knierim.

Submit applications

Time is starting to run short for National Convention business and planning. Get your trip and function applications in as soon as possible.

Sadness

I'm really going to miss "Pappy" Slack. He was one of those steady regular guys who are the mainstays of all organizations

Once again, if anyone is in illness or distress, or knows of anyone in such circumstances, please call me.

Patrol News

It's not Spring yet -- the snow-

birds are still in the warm South-BUT WE ARE DRILLING ONCE AGAIN!!!

Invitations are arriving

Captain Frank Dean will be leading us once again on Tuesdays at the Culver Road Armory at 7:30 p.m. on March 2nd, 16th and the 30th. We will hold the monthly meeting at 8:00 p.m. on March 30th, after we finish drilling. We have already started to receive invitations to participate in some Firemen's parades, so come on out to drill, have some fun and maybe we can "hit the bricks" again.

All welcome

All Grotto Officers, and anyone interested in marching, are invited to any of our drills, but especially on March 30th, as some nice refreshments will be served after the business meeting.

Sickness and distress

Past Monarch Howie Bullis passed away suddenly in Florida last month and long time Patrolman Ted Hansen is in Strong Memorial Hospital as I write this column. Hope you're home by now and reading this in your easy chair, Ted.

SEE YOU AT DRILL.

Grotto Membership

By Ron Morthorst

We need your petitions turned in now!! Many Masons are coming into the Enchanted Realm. Need a petition? No problemjust call Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 and you'll have one in the mail, as well as assistance in taking care of your Brother.

Remember

Good fellowship starts at Lalla Rookh Grotto and you are part of this fellowship.

The Ceremonial is April 21st.

We are continuing our Anniversary Certificate program in 1993, which gives a \$15.00 deduction off our regular fee of \$50.00

Good time

Be in time to participate in the National Convention right here in Rochester the week of June 13-20, and have a good time! Membership Hot Line is 334-4196 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. "

Caldron News

By Beverly J. Murray, MCO

On January 23, 1993 for Mike Bell, your Special Night was finally here,

With hopes that it may be full of Mystic Memories to hold dear, For you - Mike - are Monarch

As the months move across this land,

for this year.

We will work together - hand

As we meet in life's desert of shifting sand.

Congratulations to your officers and you,

May Allah guide and bless you in all that you do,

This is from Lalla Rookh Caldron and the MCO, too.

Well, this year is picking up speed and is headed to full swing, February 20th is our Birthday Banquet - hope you join us and

And March has it's own entrance and intrigue to bring. We will start our March on the

11th with Past MCO's night, Hope all of you can join us as

we salute you in the lime light. We hope to have some fun as

we try to do everything just right. March 13, is our SMORGAS-BORD - with the heavy work

For there is much to be done as Dentistry for the Handicapped holds our thoughts untold,

As we all pull together and hope that the Smorgasbord tickcts are sold.

Then we have "Prophets Night" to look forward to,

Please bring your "Lady" as they are welcome, too,

For April 29th will be an Open Meeting at 8:00 for all of you.

April 29th is a change of date, For I had to make a few changes to the slate,

Look forward to meeting you and your mate!

The time has come to set the quill aside,

With hopes that love and peace will abide,

As Allah walks with us to be our guide.

Legion of Honor

By Dave Cromwell, Commander Whe you read this article our Installation Dinner at the Ira Jacobsen American Legion Post will be history.

Thanks Frank!

Prophet Jan Lughart has been elected as Executive Officer giving Past Commander Frank Murrer a much deserved rest from executive duty. More about this party next month! There will also be a report on our February 8th regular meeting.

Get in your reservation

Our next meeting will be at the Two M's Restaurant on Jefferson Road at 6:30 p.m. on March 8th. Please call our Executive Officer Jan Lughart by March 1st with reservation at 352-4698.

Distress

Our long time Treasurer and Past Commander, Roy Slack, has passed on after a long illness. He will be missed by all.

Contribute

Please call me at 244-2723 with your personal notes, birthday, anniversaries, etc.



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Election of officers

The annual election of officers was the next item on the agenda. Those proposed by the nominating committee chaired by Stan Allen were announced by Keith Stambach in Stan's absence. All were elected. They are: Bill Dworkin, Pres., Joe Minas - V.P., Keith Stambach - 2nd V.P., Ralph Biggar - Sec., and Art Maupin -Treas. The officers were installed in workmanlike manner by Dick Henderson. The program for the day was a film called "Quest for Life". It was the history of the Scottish Rite from the time it was introduced into the United States up the present.

2nd meeting

At the next meeting on January 11, the 50-50 was won by the "Gold Dust Twins", Harold and Bill Beldue. It couldn't have happened to two more deserving guys. The speaker for the day was the Potentate, Dick Henderson. He told us of his program for the coming year. He also introduced his Ambassadors and aides that were present.

3rd meeting

At the January 18th meeting it

was announced that Fred Holderle's wife had undergone hip surgery and was doing well. It was also noted that Paul Spillane was back in Highland Hospital for further chemotherapy. It was mentioned that Bill Cox was out of the Hospital and is doing nicely. We were told of the passing of Oscar Stenzel, one of our long time members. Oscar was 99 years old when he died. He was active for many years in the Greeters.

The program for this meeting consisted of a movie about the Masonic Fraternity, presented by Charlie Spiegel.

4th meeting

The January 24th meeting was highlighted by a slide show of Ronald Reagan's Inaugural with commentary by the photographer, Don McDill.

Under sickness and distress, it was announced that Paul Spillane was not allowed visitors. Paul has since been released, but will probably be back in by the time you read this for more Chemo. A moment of silence was observed in honor of the passing of Nobles Dr. William MacVay and Edward Linton.

Shrine Circus

The potentates representative, Cy Kloner, reminded us that all Nobles who could help at the Shrine Circus in March should sign up as soon as possible.

Wanda's Peaches

Spaghetti Dinner Webster Temple Friday March 5th 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. \$5.00 (under 12 \$3.00) Sponsored by the Order of the EASTERN STAR TO SUPPORT 1994 Charities



W.. Richard G. Giedd Secretary W.: Robert Sanford

By W.: Ron Morthorst An open invitation to all Past Masters in our area--Come out for a social evening of food and conversation. We meet the 4th Friday of every month (except July, August, December and Holiday weekends) with a speaker at most meetings.

Our meeting place

We are very fortunate to have a group such as this in our midst. If you have not thought about coming to our monthly meeting at the Redman's Club, 1600 Lexington Avenue, ask a fellow Past Master and come together. There is a Social Hour from 6 p.m.to 7 p.m., and then we order dinner off the menu. The meeting is usually over about 9 p.m. even with the speaker.

The next meeting is March 26th. For your personal reservation, call R. . W .. Bob Sanford at

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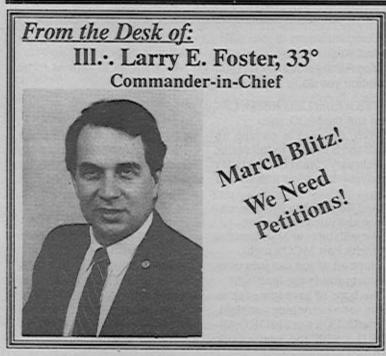
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Consistory Chapter of Rose Croix Scottish Rite NEWS

Council of Princes of Jerusalem Lodge of Perfection Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., Editor



Brothers, this is our last chance to make the III .. James B. Scobell, 33° Class the largest of the last ten years and the benchmark for the future. Everyone has to get on board and do their part. On March 11, at Logan's Party House, the Membership Committee will hold a "Bring a Friend Night". The Fall event was a tremendous success, both for communicating information to potential new members and their wives and also for the Brotherhood that was shared by all.

Get your petitions in

FALL CLASS, don't let me down! I haven't seen petitions from many of you. Remember, each new Class member is going to bring in at least one new member this Spring. I know that several are working hard at bringing in multiple petitions. Let's make the Membership Committee earn those high salaries by putting on our own "March Blitz". You say, "What is a Blitz"? No, it is not a pastry!

Spread the word

Pick a week or several days and commit to yourself that you will see or call non Scottish Rite Masons that you know for one hour each day to discuss Scottish Rite and their potential membership. It requires only a commitment and a relatively small amount of

Need petitions?

If you need petitions or brochures, don't hesitate to call the Scottish Rite Office (271-0715) and they will gladly assist you. Remember, it costs only \$100.00 to become a member of a distinguished group of Brothers and further your light in Masonry. Also remember if we win, I mean WHEN we win, dinner is on the Membership Committee. Let's all "Blitz" in March!

Fairport Choir

If you missed the February meeting, you missed a fine performance by the Fairport High School Choir. They are in preparation for international competition and from my view, will represent the community well. It was a wonderful program and left us all feeling good. Thanks go to the Officers of the Lodge of Perfection for their efforts to make this a memorable evening.

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This degree teaches that each new honor is meant to be a step toward perfection in the moral code; each a development of a particular duty; and that benevolence and charity are necessary virtues of leadership.

Directed by: Donald J. Brugger, 32° MS Narrator:

Richard G. Giedd Junior Warden: William R. Zufall

Rehearsal - Cathedral Hall Mon., March 1 - 7:00 p.m. #

14° **Grand Elect Mason** Thursday - Following the 8°Vig. April 1, 1993

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

Directed by: Patrick J.S. McNenny

Prologue:

Robert C. Green, Jr. Thrice Potent Master:

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

Deputy Master: Robert W. Kennedy

Senior Warden: Thomas M. Paglia, 32°MS Junior Warden:

Ronald J. Bertie, or Orator:

Robert E. Cameron Captain of the Guard: Donald J. Brugger, 32°MS

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Philip Averbach Moses:

Robert C. Pettit, 33° Master of Ceremonies: Lawrence K. Canfield

Guards Louis DiJames, 32°MS Mathew L. Gingold, 32°MS Robert E. Hayes John E. Zabel

*Will take part Rehearsal - Cathedral Hall Thurs., March 1-8:00 p.m. #

Masonic Grand Ball

There is a supply of tickets for the Masonic Grand Ball in the Scottish Rite Office. The date is March 27, 1993 and the cost is \$17.50 per person. Buy your ticket now and support your Symbolic Lodge.

16°

Prince of Jerusalem Friday, April 2, 1993 7:30 P. M.

This Degree teaches loyalty to truth, and fidelity to duty. Directed by:

Lawrence E. Hood, 33° Asst. Director:

Harold E. Metzler, 32° MS

Prologue: Robert E. Blake

Council Chamber in Temple in Jerusalem

Zerubbabel, Sovereign Prince: Ted Honea Joshua, High Priest:

William R. Zufall Seriah, Senior Warden:

Robert E. Cameron

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Thomas C. Foote or *Bruce Horncastle

Grand Chancellor: Donald J. Brugger, 32° MS Solamiel, Master of Ceremo-

nies: Arthur F. Maupin Nehemiah, Master of Entrances: Richard C. Friedman

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Donald A. Rose

*Will take part. Rehearsal - Cathedral Hall Wed., March 10 - 7:00p. m. "

Knight of the East and West Saturday, 9:30 A.M. April 3, 1993

The lessons of this degree are that loyalty to God is man's primary allegiance and temporal governments not founded upon God and His righteousness will inevita-

Directed by: Donald A. Rose

Most Wise Master: Louis DiJames, 32° MS

Senior Warden: Donald P. Fox, 32° MS Junior Warden:

Gary Philpott

Class Marshal:

Leo H. Pancoast, Jr. 32° MS or *Charles C. Spiegel, Jr. Venerable Master:

David C. Clarke Knight Senior Warden:

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

Knight Junior Warden: Myron L. Dox, 33° or *Ronald L. Weber Knight Master of Ceremonies:

William H. Russell *Will take part. Rehearsal - Cathedral Hall

Tues., March 16 - 7:00 p.m. " 18° Knight of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. (following the 17°)

Saturday, April 3, 1993

The lessons taught in this Degree are that man must have a new Temple in his heart where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth and that he must have a new law of love which all men everywhere may understand and practice.

This degree affirms the broad principles of universality and tol-

Directed by:

Donald A. Rose Prologue:

Donald P. Fox, 32° MS

Most Wise Master: Donald J. Brugger, 32° MS

Senior Warden: John E. Zabel Junior Warden: J. Michael Zona

Roderick C. Meier, 32°MS

Master of Ceremonies: Stephen R. Whittaker Captain of the Guard:

Leo H. Pancoast, Jr.,32° MS Assisting Voice:

Louis DiJames, 32° MS

*Will take part.

Rehearsal - Cathedral Hall Tues., March 16 - 8:00 p.m. #

> **Grand Pontiff** Saturday, April 3, 1993 12:30 p.m.

This degree proclaims the spiritual unity of all who believe in God and cherish the hope of immortality, no matter what religious leader they follow or what creed they profess. It is concerned primarily with the perennial conflict between light and darkness, good and evil, God and Satan.

Directed by: John E. Zabel Grand Pontiff Robert W. Kennedy Senior Prelate Donald E. Freeman, Sr.

Junior Prelate Louis DiJames, 32°MS Senior Deacon James Saporito, Jr.

Junior Deacon Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.

Orator Gordon J. Ball

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> ATTENDANT SPIRIT Richard E. Hilliard

Rehearsal - Cathedral Hall Thurs., March 18 - 7:00p.m. "

> **Sublime Prince** Of the Royal Secret Saturday, 2:00 p.m. April 3, 1993

This degree describes the victory of the spiritual over the human in man and the conquest of appetites and passions by moral sense and reason. The Exemplar represents every Freemason eager to serve humanity but caught between selfinterest and the call of duty. Duty often requires sacrifice, sometimes the supreme sacrifice.

Directed by:

Lawrence E. Hood, 33°

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Scottish Rite "Bring a Friend Night"

Where: Logan's Party House, Scottsville Road When: March 11, 1993

Time: Social Hour-6:30 p.m. Dinner-7:30 p.m. Cost: Free if you bring a non - Scottish Rite Brother (This includes your lady and his lady). If the non-member attended the Fall Dinner, there will be a \$7.00 charge for

everyone. If he should sign a petition for Scottish Rite on that night, all monies will be refunded. Reservations: may be made by contacting the Scottish Rite

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Guards Louis DiJames, 32° MS Donald P. Fox, 32° MS Donald E. Freeman, Sr., 32° MS Gerald J. Glaser, 32° MS Leo H. Pancoast, Jr., 32° MS Raymond F. Unger, Jr., 32° MS

Rehearsal - Cathedral Hall

Second Section

Directed by: Donald J. Brugger, 32° MS and Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.

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Scottish Rite Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MS It has come to pass of late, when I give a report on an illness, someone tells me that my information was not correct. I can only give the latest information from what I receive. Every day, hour, minute and seconds, changes occur. That is why it may sound different from what someone else has heard. There are many times, I do not hear of anyone that is ill. How can I make a report?

Jean Brugger and Sue Hofmann of the Scottish Rite office and Barb Goodrich in the Service Bureau keep me informed. It is very important that you report any illnesses to them. They will be in touch with me.

The following Brothers are known to be ill:

Joseph Wehner-has had a stroke. At home, needs to be cheered up.

Paul Spillane-at home, give him a call as he always likes to hear from those he cares about.

James Branigan-gall blådder surgery, needs follow-up tests. Would like to hear from his Lodge Brothers or anyone else who wishes to call.

Grayson Helbing - in Rochester General with a stroke. NEEDS COMPANY! Would like visitors, especially Lodge

Harry H. Kennedy-in the hospital with a broken hip. May go to a nursing home. Please call his wife before visiting.

Arnold W. Frear, 33° - had surgery. Would appreciate cards. "

Personal contact with your Brother is important in membership retention

"We must continue our commitment to Masonic Renewal" was a statement by III .. Francis G. Paul, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, at the Supreme Council Session in Chicago in Sept. 28th.

Brethren, thinkabout that and ask yourself if you have contributed to our Masonic Renewal by introducing good men to our Fraternity and to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry?

Now, look at the other side of our Masonic Renewal--Membership Retention. That's something for which each of us should ask oneself. "Have I contributed some time and effort toward retaining our members in Scottish Rite and

We are losing good and worthy members due to illness, financial problems, disabilities, travel restrictions, lack of interest, etc. But, mainly, we are not practicing something we are taught in Freemasonry: We do not give some of our time for the relief of worthy, distressed Brethren.

When you hear the name of a member you know being read at your Lodge or Scottish Rite meetings, please make note. Then contact that Brother, or have someone contact him, to learn of his situation. Perhaps there is a special need and we can help. By being concerned, we probably can keep him as one of our Brothers in Freemasonry and in Scottish Rite.

Personal contact is the key to our Membership Retention Program--just as it was when each of us was initiated into Freema-

(Courtesy of John T. Gay, Jr., Valley of Reading)

The Strangeness of Masonry

To many, Freemasonry must appear to be very odd. It is not a benevolent society, yet its charities are the largest of all fraternal organizations. These charities are the natural expression of men who have learned the genuine meaning of charity. Masonry does not solicit membership, yet its membership is the largest of any fraternal organizations in the world, states a writer in the "Square & Compass".

Masonry does not claim to be a religion, yet its teachings embrace the fundamental principles of all true religions. It has only a simple dogma, the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Men. It recognizes the right of each Brother to the religion of his choice, while it offers men of various religious affiliations the opportunity to meet as brothers.

Masonry is referred to as a "secret organization". It has modes of recognition which are secret, but our principles are published far and wide. Many thousands of books have been written on the subject of Freemasonry.

The genuine secrets of Masonry are the secrets of the Universe. The acorn grows into the mighty oak, and the entire process is one of secresy and silence. The sun proclaims a new day, and marks the close of another day, and it too is a force of silence and secrecy. (Courtesy of the Valley of Milwaukee)

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FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

Ronald D. Mertens, President H 482-0994 Richard C. Friedman, Secretary H 377-6175 0 271-2775

By R. . W .. Jay McCullough

On January 22nd, a select group from the Chapter were fortunately able to attend the Winter Meeting with dinner at Streb's Steak House in Rochester. The Chapter meetings are held at various points near the outskirts of Rochester to make it easier for members who reside outside the County to attend.

Chapter President, R..W.: Ron Mertens introduced R..W.. Maurice Solomon, who delivered a thought provoking paper on the symbolism of the Third Degree scripture lesson.

Scottish Rite Program Night

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Chapter of Rose Croix presents

THE FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB CEREMONIAL March 25, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. Cathedral Hall, Masonic Temple 875 Main Street East, Rochester, N. Y.

Chapters of Rose Croix observe this beautiful and symbolic celebration of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb as a memorial service, honoring our Brethren who have passed to their eternal reward during the preceding year.

> This is a public ceremonial open to all Masons, their families, relatives and friends.

Dinner preceding the Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

No charge for the widows - All others, \$7.00 RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!! and may be made by contacting the Scottish Rite Office (716)-271-0715.

Annual Meeting

The International Society's Annual Assembly, Feast and Forum were held in Washington, D.C. on Friday, February 19th. John M. Boersma of Canada was this year's lecturer and his topic was titled "Brother Mozart". Boersma was named Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario, Canada in 1988. He has developed a number of spectacular audio visuals over the past ten years, presenting them in the U.S. and Canada.

Our successful Semi-annual

This is not an intent to blow our own horn too obviously, but our members should know that in the December 1992 issue of "The Philalethes", in his column, "The President's Corner", Wallace McLeod, FPS, gave high praise to the program and to the fact that New York Grand Master, M...W.. Sheldon K. Blank, a member of the Society, addressed the attendees at the evening Banquet and attended the daytime sessions. Forrest D. Haggard, Society 1st Vice President, Wallace McLeod, president, and Allen E. Roberts, executive secretary and most prolific author of books on Masonry in our time, spoke on a variety of relevent subjects.

Behind the scenes, Ginny Engbrecht worked very hard in behalf of the members of this Chapter to make our program hard to beat.

Booklet available

Attendees of the Semi-annual

Feast will receive copies of the papers delivered in Rochester very soon. Others may request copies by contacting W.: Terry Wihlen, 461-1368, and for a fee of \$5.00, including shipping and handling, he will place you on the list of intended recipients.

Membership level

Become a Herman Sarachan Patron this year, and as part of that level of membership, you will receive Allen E. Roberts' excellent book, "Freemasonry in American History". Contact W.: Rich Friedman, Secretary, at 271-2775 during the day for further information.

Nominations underway

The Election of Officers is to take place at the April meeting of the Chapter. President Mertens has appointed a committee of Jay McCullough and Bob Pettit to offer names in nomination for the offices of President, Vicepresident, Secretary and Treasurer. Go to them with any thoughts on this.

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Grand Commandery **Knights Templar**

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Ronald J. Bertie GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL 225-6348

Lawrence W. Dunn ZONE Officer 594-8033

By Roy E. Huff, Reporter

The Grand Commandery will hold it's Winter meeting on Thursday, March 4th, 1993 at the Turf Inn, Albany, NY.

March Inspections

There will be several inspections in Zones 11 and 12 during the month of March, and each of the following will have a dinner before the meeting.

March 10-Red Jacket No. 81 March 15-Geneva No. 29 March 25-Batavia No. 24 n

Cyrene Commandery No. 39 Knights Templar

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2nd & 4th Fridays

SK Arnold E. Palmer Commander 458-9762 SK Lawrence W. Dunn 594-8033

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By SK Arnold E. Palmer

I would like to thank the Sir Knights who made it to Monroe Commandery Annual Inspection with SK Walter Drake, Jr., G.Sr. W.as the Inspection Officer. Your help was greatly appreciated.

We had a good turn out for the Official Visit of SK Lawrence W. Dunn, Zone Officer, Zone 11. Our own Annual Inspection with SK C. Richard Trust, G.G. as the Inspection Officer was well attended. Make an effort to attend our next meeting so we can make plans for a ladies night. Zone 11 Inspection schedule:

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

By Roy E. Huff, Reporter

On Monday, January 18, 1993, the Grand Line Officers met at the home of Gerald Glaser. Ronald J. Bertie, who is the current Grand Commander, asked the Grand Line to elect his replacement. There was some discussion and names were proposed for the

Grand Commander elect

The ballot process was completed and Gerald Glaser was elected as the Grand Commander. There will be a meeting of the Order in the near future to install him.

To be announced

The present Commander, Ronald J. Bertie, Past Grand Commanders, Raymond Beardsley and Ralph Biggar, will formally install R. Sov. Gerald Glaser as the new Grand Commander. The date of the installation will be announced in the next issue of the Masonic Times.

Genesee York Rite College No. 25 Rochester, New York

(Chartered July 14, 1962) Ronald J. Bertie 225-6348 Roy E. Huff Pre-Em. Gov.

By Roy E. Huff, Reporter

The next meeting of Genesee York Rite College will be held on Saturday, March 13, 1993. The location will be the Fairport Masonic Temple in Fairport, NY. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. with tux required for the officers. Your College with Niagara Frontier College will exemplify the Order of York. Genesee York Rite College will exemplify

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My Grand Commandery

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Dinner and music

There will be a social hour and dinner after the meeting. The meal will be catered by Sandy LaFluer. Sandy is a professional caterer and serves Eastman Kodak and several major hotel chains. The Pre-Eminent Gov. of Niagara Frontier College will entertain us with his musical instruments. For reservations contact Roy E. Huff at 663-7479 or Ronald J. Bertie at 225-6348.

Sympathy

Although we have no new sickness to report at this time, we do have one death. Dr. William MacVay, age 90, died January 19th, 1993. He joined our College on September 22, 1971 and enjoyed attending when he could. Our sympathy is extended to members of the family and he will be missed by all.

A letter will be out by the end of February with more information and reservation forms.

Doric Council No. 19

Cryptic Masons (Chartered in 1861)

Arnold E. Palmer, III. Master 458-9762 L. Edward Walker, Recorder



3rd Wednesdays

Masonic Temple 875 Main St. East Rochester, N.Y. 14805

By III. Arnold E. Palmer

Degrees

On Wednesday, March 17th, the Select Master Degree will be exemplified. There will be no dinner before the meeting.

Future dates

A Table Council Meeting will be on April 21st. The Cryptic Convention will be held at the Masonic Temple, Bath, New York on April 24th. It starts at 10:30 a.m. and a lunch will be served. May 19th will be our Annual Meeting and Election of

Ritual Convention plus

This year in addition to the Ritual Convention on April 24th, we as a District, are hosting an event for all Masons. Following the Convention and luncheon, provided by the Bath Council, all non Cryptic Masons can join us for the remainder of the day.

The Program

The program will consist of a sharing of methods found to be successful in increasing membership. There will be four speakers, one from each of the four bodies; Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery.

Save the date

This will be an opportunity for us to come in contact with other Masons in the area. It is also rumored that the Grand Master of Cryptic Masons for the State will also be there. Bring a Mason

along, but let your presiding officer know so there will be enough food for everyone.

Thanks

I would like to thank the Companions who made it to the February meeting for the Royal Master Degree. Please make every effort to attend our next meeting!

Hiram Chapter

Vernon L. Goodrich, EHP

Elchard J. Oliver, Secretary

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Masonic Temple

875 Main Street East

Rochester, N.Y. 14605

It is now official! Ionic and

Hamilton Chapters have merged

and now are Hiram Chapter No.

62. Thanks to the members of the

Grand Line that were able to

make it, we understand that both

the Grand High Priest and Grand

Bring in petitions

tant event of the year is "Bring a

Friend Night" on March 11th.

Ladies are invited and there will

be entertainment and, of course,

a pitch for new members. The

non-member's dinner will be free.

David Jones has been working

hard on this event, and hopefully,

we will generate many new mem-

bers. Let's get those petitions in,

Grand Chapter

good turnout for the Grand

Chapter Conclave in Albany,

March 5th and 6th. I am sure that

Linda Zahn will do her usual ex-

cellent job of providing refresh-

ments for our hospitality room.

Need a scholarship?

ship requests-we have two

\$500.00 scholarships available

Ladies Night

Night at the Grand Ball on Satur-

day, March 27th. We have re-

The push is on for our Ladies

through our own Chapter.

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We are looking for scholar-

It looks like we will have a

the Degrees start in April.

Our biggest and most impor-

Master were snowed in.

By Vernon L. Goodrich, EHP

No. 62

2nd & 4th

Thursdays

served tables for the Royal Arch and I hope to have at least 50 attending. This is the first time we have had a Ladies night-let's show our ladies a grand evening.

I have not received any cards or calls from our snowbirds-let's hear from you travelers out there basking in the sun.

3x3 Chapter NO. 333 **Royal Arch Masons**

(Chartered in 1990)

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

George Brege, High Priest William O. Baldwin, Jr. Secretary 352-5664

Masonic Temple 133 S. Union Street Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

By R.E. Ruel R. Lovett

Now that it has been established that I will be the Associate Patron as well as High Priest, we can get on with our work. This may seem like a small point, but it is not. I have used the space in this and my previous article to show that "the ladies that share our lives at home should not be excluded from our Masonic activities, but should be in the forefront of our thoughts".

Ladies Night

If you missed my last article, you probably also missed our Ladies Night at the Edgewood. It was hosted by E. Don Read and Ellie. Dinner was followed by "Wheel of Fortune" with several prizes to the winners. It was an enjoyable evening, especially for the ladies.

Festival

Our Festival was on Saturday, February 20th. It was well received by several candidates. A special thanks to all who participated. A thank you also goes to Comp. L. Edward Walker and E Stoian Ellia of the 27th District for their help. A special welcome to the visiting Canadian Companions who helped make this a "Most Excellent Day".

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Our Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held on March 29th at Western Star Chapter in

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Hiram Chapter No. 62 Bring a friend Night Downtown Masonic Temple

875 East Main Street Rochester, NY

> March 11, 1993 Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment 7:30 p.m.

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Batavia. We will have dinner at Alex's at 6:00p.m. The Convention starts at 8:00p.m. VE Gary Thompson will do the honors, along with RE Hobie Cook. All are welcome.

Off to Albany

Grand Chapter Sessions will be in Albany on March 5th and 6th. A goodly number of Companions have reservations. This is not only a work session, but also serves as excellent entertainment for ourselves and our ladies.

Meetings

Come to Chapter meetings and participate. Or, if you prefer, come and watch as we work at becoming a better Chapter. We welcome visitors from any other Chapter.

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons 27th Capitular District



Rt.Exc.Robert L. Zahn 381-3032

Grand Line Visitation

On February 13th, RE Edward R. Trosin, Deputy Grand High Priest was in Rochester for the Order of the High Priesthood and the consolidation of Hamilton and Ionic Chapters. The new Chapter is called Hiram No. 62. Congratulations to E Harold Bollotin, E Vern Goodrich and E Russ Eager on their elevation to the High Priesthood.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Please put May 12th on your calendar as this is one of the most important events of the year. RE Hobert C. Cook, Grand Lecturer will be here for the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Webster Chapter. More information will be available in the next week or two.

Grand Chapter

For many of us Royal Arch Masons, the month of March means Albany and Grand Chapter. As usual, the 27th Capitular District will be there in full force with each Chapter being represented. All those attending should have received a letter concerning the Hospitality room. If you didn't, please call me. On Thursday evening, there will be a short 27th District Association meeting - ten minutes maximum. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Jonic Chapter No. 210 Royal Arch Masons

Harold Bollotin, High Priest 342-5865

Roy E. Huff, Secretary 663-7479 2nd & 4th Tuesday

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

By EHP Harold Bollotin

Final report

It is on a note of sadness that I am writing this, the final report of Ionic Chapter No. 210, which has passed into history.

Appreciation

My membership in Ionic Chapter has been for me, a most enjoyable and pleasant experience, beginning from the moment I was led through the inner door for the initial Degree in Royal Arch Masonry. I have enjoyed the fellowship, comradeship, and Brotherhood of the Companions of the Chapter from the very beginning.

I want to express my sincere appreciation, and heartfelt thanks to the Past High Priests, Officers and Companions of lonic Chapter for their steadfast support, encouragement and friendship from day one, culminating to my accession to the East as Excellent High Priest.

High Honor

My election to the office of High Priest has been a very distinct and high honor, one of the greatest I have ever received.

New Horizon

On a bright note, I am pleased to report a new dawn is breaking on the Eastern Horizon of Royal Arch Masonry in Rochester. On Saturday, February 13th, at a formal ceremony in Cathedral Hall, the Deputy Grand High Priest conducted the ceremony, consolidating Hamilton and Ionic Chapters. Hiram Chapter, No. 62 has been born

Keep your eyes open

Great things will transpire from the new Chapter and great plans are on the Trestleboard, Watch for the developments in forthcoming issues.

Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92

Everett G. Norris III. Master 343-9522

Kenneth E. Kohlhagen Recorder 591-9598

4th Monday

West Main Street LeRoy, NY 14482

By III. Everett G. Norris

Table Council

On Monday March 22 we will hold our first Table Council meeting. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., at the LeRoy Temple. The menu has not been finalized, but is guaranteed to be good. Everyone is encouraged to bring their wives and guest, as a good time is planned. I would also ask each member to bring a prospec-

tive member or two so we may introduce them to Cryptic Masonry. This will be an informal get together to have a good time and a few surprises. Please call 343-9522 to make your reservations The deadline is March 15th.

Coming up

In the upcoming issues we can look forward to the history of the Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council by charter member R. Ill. Layton Vogel. Be sure to watch for this. It should be worth reading.

RAM Chapters reunited after 125 yrs.

By Don Brugger

On February 13th Hamilton Chapter No. 62 and Ionic Chapter No. 210, Royal Arch Masons, ceased to exist. A new Chapter, Hiram No. 62, was formed by the consolidation of the two. This singular occurance is an ironic twist of fate, because Ionic Chapter was originally an offshoot of Hamilton.

The reason for the consolidation is obvious; there just weren't enough Royal Arch Masons in the area to support the two chapters. The following are brief histories of the Chapters taken from Herman Saracan's book "History of Masonry in Monroe County". In them you will see that both have seen better times.

Hamilton No. 62

Hamilton Chapter of the pre-Morgan days had ceased to work about the year 1830. What little is known of the Chapter before that time does not seem to have been known or could not be found.

About the year 1846, a group of former members of the Chapter held a meeting and voted to request the Grand Chapter that Hamilton Chapter be revived. The petition was granted and the Chapter invested by Joseph Enos, Past Grand King, who installed the new officers.

The petition fee was \$21.00, the affiliation fee was \$3.00, and dues were \$1.00 per year. The affiliation fee was reduced to \$2.00 (1854) and remained at that figure until entirely eliminated in 1927. From 1854 to 1969, the initiation fee was raised from \$30.00 to \$40.00, in 1969 and the Dues eventually were raised to \$11.25 that year.

The meeting place was the Burns Block at the Northeast corner of State and Main Streets, the site of the Crossroads Office building (1970). The Chapter moved in 1858 to the Chappell Block at the Southeast corner of Main and Exchange, now the site of the Wilder Building, and later to the Smith and Perkins Block at 15 Exchange Street, now a parking lot.

From the minutes we glean some interesting items. New regalia was purchased in 1863 and used until replaced in 1864... A visitor in 1864 was the famous midget Tom Thumb...The Chapter participated in the laying of the cornerstone of the Rochester City Hall in 1873, and the Court House in 1894...Membership in 1885 was 578...The Chapter erected and manned a booth at the Masonic Fair in 1902...The Royal Arch Degree according to the new Ritual was conferred for the first time here in 1926...The Order of the High Priesthood was

conferred upon Western New York High Priests for the first time in 1952.

Landmarks

The Chapter celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1894 at a gala affair with nearly 400 in attendance. The Centennial celebration was held at the Masonic Temple in 1919, and began with the unveiling of a bronze plaque with the names of 75 members who had served in the armed forces during World War I. The ceremonies were followed by a banquet in Convention Hall, attended by more than 1000.

The 125th anniversary was celebrated in 1944 with a Sunday morning worship service at the First Presbyterian Church to commemorate the first installation of officers of the Chapter in 1819.

A sesquicentennial celebration was held in 1970 began with a rededication service at the Masonic Temple, conducted by William E. Carr, Grand High Priest. At a banquet held at the Rochester Club, Harold R. Miller was the toastmaster. Monroe Commandery presented the Colors, and Reverend William T. Plews, Grand Chaplain, delivered the invocation. Kenneth Pierce (H.P. 1969), and Richard J. Oliver (H.P. 1970) extended the welcome. The principal speaker was Raymond C. Ellis, Past G.M., who was introduced by Herman A. Sarachan, General

Ionic No. 210

At a meeting of Hamilton Chapter No. 62 in May of 1867, a petition was presented for approval asking the Grand High Priest for dispensation to organize a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Rochester. The new Chapter was to be known as Ionic Chapter. Dispensation was granted in June of 1867. On February 5, of the following year (1868) a charter was granted.

The Chapter met in Consistory Hall until the building was swept by a fire in 1892, fortunately most of the paraphenalia and records were saved. After meeting at the Masonic Temple on Exchange Street for about a year the Chapter returned to the newly refurbished Consistory Hall. The Chapter remained there until a second fire which caused much more damage and forced them to leave and take up residence in the Masonic Temple on Clinton Avenue North. They later moved to the present Temple on East Main

Prosperous years

The Chapter continued to increase and prosper. The year 1914 was a banner year when Arthur Warren (H.P. 1909) was Grand High Priest. A banquet held in his honor was attended by the Grand Chapter Officers and high Priests from 141 Chapters from throughout the State. Fifty candidates were exhaulted that year. The largest number exhaulted was 59 in 1951. The peak in mem-bership was in 1925 when the roster swelled to 555. A centennial celebration was held in 1968 at the Masonic Temple. A rededication service was conducted by George S. Mason, Grand High Priest. The banquet following was attended by Grand Chapter Officers, High Priests and Officers from neighboring chapters and a number of companions and their ladies. Roy E.VanDerlinder, Jr. was the M.C. The welcome was extended by the reining High Priest Gordon Mosher.

The future

Just merging two Chapters is not the medicine for survival. In the words of the new High Priest, Vernon Goodrich, "The consolidation in itself does nothing. We must work hard to build a viable Chapter. This should include an effort to increase membership, faithful attendance at meetings and activities, interesting programs and events that will include the ladies. Only then can we say the consolidation has worked."

Under the leadership of the new High Priest, Vern Goodrich, there have been interesting programs and more are planned for the rest of the year. There is an effort to increase membership spearheaded by the new Membership Committee, chaired by Companion Dave Jones.

So look for these Hiram Chapter members, see what you think. You may want to join them. "

Masonry answers

Once again the Masonic Fraternity has benefited from the vision of John Robinson. It has long been his dream that the Fraternity have a "clearing house" processing information of interest to the Masonic community. This of course has been the objective of the Masonic Service Association for many years, but now, thanks to John Robinson, this service can be greatly expanded.

The controversy with the Southern Baptist Convention's "study" of Freemasonry was just the incentive needed to make the Center for Masonic Information a reality.

After attending several meetings, in which this issue was highlighted, and after discussion with several Grand Lodges, John Robinson, who is now a Brother, became even more convinced of the necessity for such a center. The next questions were "Where should it be located? Should it be an entirely new organization or fit within the framework of an existing organization?".

From this effort came the decision to work through the Masonic Service Association. We are very happy with this decision and most proud to announce the formation of the Center for Masonic Information as a part of the Masonic Service Association.

To help fund this center John Robinson is donating \$5.00 from the sale of each copy of his new book, "A Pilgrim's Path: One Man's Road to the Masonic Temple" sold between now and June 1, 1993.

We hope you will be excited about this new center and will help to support its efforts. The book costs \$11.95 and may be obtained by writing: Masonic Service Assoc., Dept. ME, 8120 Fenton St., Silver Springs, MD 20910-4785.

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20 The Union of 1813



The arms of the United Grand Lodge combined the arms of the Moderns and the Ancients. The border of eight lions was added in 1933 on the completion of Freemasons Hall. Note the similarity of the right side of the crest to that of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York which was one of the few chartered by the Grand Lodge of England.

In addition to the Premier Grand Lodge, there were five other Grand Lodges erected in England during the 18th and 19th Centuries. Listed in order of seniority they were:

1.) The Grand Lodge of York (1725-1790).

2.) The Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Institutions (also called the "Ancient" or "Athol Grand Lodge", 1751-

3.) The Grand Lodge of England South of the River Trent (1779-

4.) The Supreme Grand Lodge of England (1770-1775).

5.) The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Institutions (also called the "Wigan Grand Lodge", 1823-1866).

The second of these grew to be the second largest Masonic authority in England, and it continued to thrive until 1813 when it merged with the Premier Grand Lodge to form the United Grand Lodge of England.

The first record "The Grand Lodge of England According to the Old Institutions," often called the "Ancient Grand Lodge", is dated July 17, 1751. This Grand Lodge was established mostly by Irish Masons living in and about the city of London. These Irish Masons were often refused admittance into the more aristocratic English Lodges.

The division between the two groups was worsened by the fact that the Irish Masons disliked the many differences that existed between the two systems. They accused the English of making changes in the work. To some extent this was true, but the better educated English Masons tended to view Freemasonry as a man made institution and therefore subject to ongoing change. The less educated working class Irish Masons viewed the institution with less understanding and a great deal more awe, and were therefore very suspicious of any changes in what they perceived as "the body of Masonry".

The division between the two groups has incorrectly been described as a schism. Records show, however, that the Founding fathers of the "Ancient Grand Lodge" were never members of Lodges under the older Premier Grand Lodge (moderns).

more imminent. Beginning in 1809, steps were taken to begin the process of effecting a harmonious union between the rival Grand Lodges. In

By 1771 the Ancient Grand Lodge had about 197 Lodges on its rolls as compared to 339 for the Premier Grand Lodge. It was during this period that the other Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland showed there clear support for the more conservative Ancients as evidenced by their installing the Duke of Atholl, already Grand Master of the Ancient Grand Lodge, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of

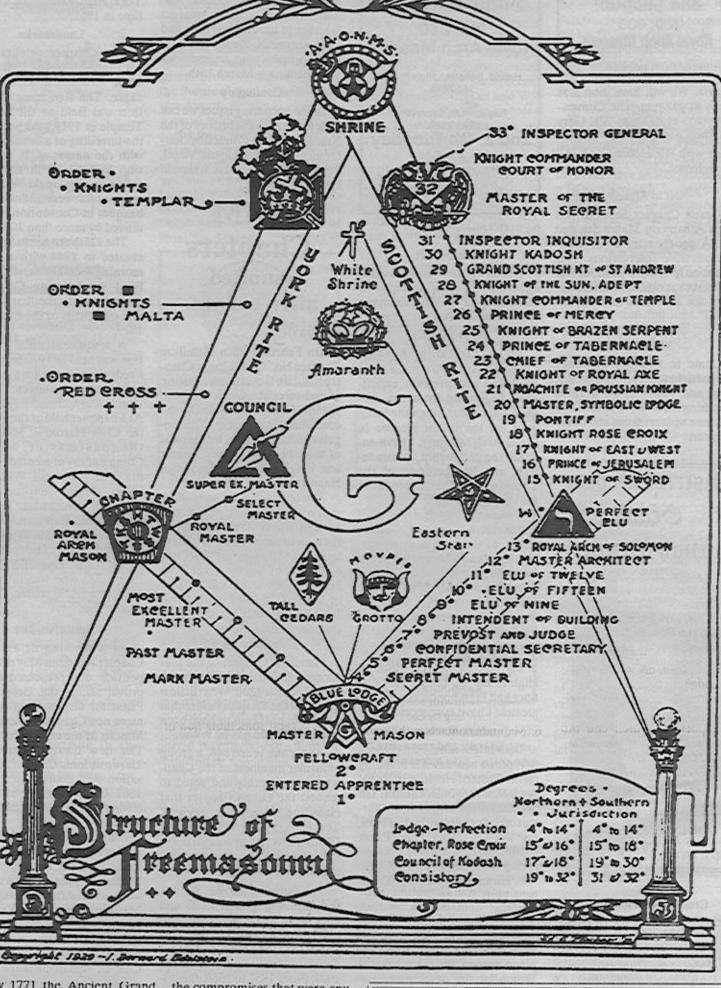
Scotland. By the beginning of the nineteenth century, the Ancient Grand Lodge was a strong and viable organization with 260 Lodges on its rolls, including many military Lodges that had actively spread the influence of the Ancients' style of Masonry throughout the British Colonies. The Premier Grand Lodge, with 387 Lodges, still outnumbered the Ancients by three to two. Dissatisfaction over the divided state of the Craft was a growing concern, and the desire for a union of the two factions became more and

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the compromises that were enumerated in the twenty-one Articles of Union, the Ancients prevailed on almost all points. Chief among these was the actual inclusion of the Holy Royal Arch Degree as a part of the Master Mason's Degree, and the incorporation of the word "Ancient" in the name of the United Grand

With the acceptance of the Union, the process was completed in 1813 with the election and installation of two royal Brothers, sons of King George III, as the Grand Masters of the two Grand Lodges. In that year, Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, accepted the Grand Mastership of the Ancient Grand Lodge for the sole purpose of cooperating with his Brother, Prince Augustus Fredrick, Duke of Sussex, the Grand Master of the Modern Grand Lodge, in the final stages of the union.

On December 27, 1813, Grand Officers and members of the two Grand Lodges were reobligated and entered ceremonies creating the United Grand Lodge of England. (Courtesy AMR, St. Alban's



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R...W.. Robert D. Stack

I Think I'm Slipping Through the Cracks!

The other day, while at work, I received a phone call from a Brother which scared me. As I spoke to him, I realized that he may be the embodiment of many of our Fraternity's and Lodge's troubles.

The conversation

"I called you because we are both pharmacists and I thought you might understand and help me. I am forty years old, my Father and my Grandfather were both Masons. I joined because of this and the prodding of my wife.

It is now 5 months since I was raised, and now I don't know why I joined the Fraternity."

What's it all about?

"I rush from my job to attend the Lodge meetings, only to sit and listen to about 8 old men discuss Lodge business, hear a few reports and then end the meeting. This leaves me feeling rather empty. Is this why I joined the Masons and am taking this time away from something else?"

"I'm not too good at the ritual and remembering. I have enough of a time trying to learn all the laws, rules and regulations of the medical plans. If I was really good, I might have become a man of the cloth."

I suggested that he might take a non-speaking part, such as a steward or conductor, and get to learn some degree work that way. He replied that he was the only brother they had taken in in a couple of years, so it didn't look too promising that way.

What's wrong

He had noticed that when he took his Fellowcraft Degree in another Lodge, the Brothers who were his age, were involved, they seemed to have a good time, and enjoy each others company and comradeship.

I told him he might want to affiliate with this Lodge, if he felt this way. "I didn't know I could go to another Lodge or visit other Lodges elsewhere." He replied, "no one told me anything about that. I thought this was the only place I could go".

"The Master put me on the publicity committee to get new members, but I don't know enough about the Masons to answer questions, nor am I sure my feelings are positive enough to

get them to join."

"I asked my proposer, what is Masonry? He said, it was a philosophy. Is that it?" True, but that's just part of the degrees taught to me, but what else?"

What's lacking

No one ever mentioned brotherly love, charity, love of man, community service, a helping hand to those around us and the other organizations within Masonry that do so much?

What is going wrong? Lack of leadership and understanding, no follow-up to his three degrees? No exposure to what we do as a National or World wide Frater-

What we can't afford

Do we initiate members, only to lose them because we don't know how to nurture and keep

During a time when we must not only grow to survive and maintain our Craft, we need not only to obtain active members, but learn to keep and involve them. This takes thought and

We cannot afford to lose any Brother through "mismanagement" and neglect. Our life and future depend on him!

Talking to this Brother scared me. What would you and your Lodge do to save him from "falling through the cracks"?



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10 tips for Healthy Aging

- 1. Eat a balanced diet.
- Exercise regularly.
- 3. Get regular check-ups.
- 4. Don't smoke. It's never too late to quit.
- Practice safety habits at home to prevent falls and fractures. Always wear your seatbelt
- when traveling by car. Maintain contacts with family and friends, and stay active through work, recreation and community.
- 7. Avoid overexposure to the sun and the cold.
- 8. If you drink, moderation is the key. When you drink, let someone else drive.
- Keep personal and financial records in order to simplify budgeting and investing. Plan long term housing and finan-
- Keep a positive attitude toward life. Do things that make you happy.

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Two Dozen Pointers for Promoting **Participation**

Whether heading a meeting or trying to get a brainstorming session off the ground, a team leader often meets with a less than enthusiastic crowd. They may be uninterested, distracted, previously punished, or just plain shy, but here are some pointers for encouraging a group to come alive and participate:

1. Ask the group for help. Let them know that you don't have all the answers and welcome questions and comments.

2. Participate actively yourself. You can't expect others to do all the work for you. Introduce your ideas with phrases such as, "How about..."

3. Listen reflectively and then restate. Pay attention to what people say and then reword what they just said preceded with a phrase such as, "You're saying..."

This ensures that you don't misinterpret anyone's input and sug-

4. Record ideas. Write the ideas on a board or flip chart so that good ideas don't get lost in

5. Accept all ideas without being judgemental. Nothing will shut your group up faster than to tell someone that their idea isn't worth considering or failing to write the idea down.

6. Move toward the person who is speaking. Body language means a lot. When you take a few steps toward the person who is speaking, that gesture illustrates your interest and willingness to give the floor to that person.

7. Reinforce group participation. For example, make remarks such as, "This is a good list". or "This is the first time I've heard some of these."

8. Use first names. This makes the meeting more personable. If you have a hard time remembering names and are working with an unfamiliar group, try using name cards placed in front of each person in the group. Challenge yourself and try to learn each per-

9. Use humor. There is no better ice breaker than a good laugh. If you're not good at tickling funny bones, at least smile a

Move off center stage. Staring at a fixed object will put anyone to sleep eventually. Add a level of physical activity to the room. Walk around. Gesture. Sit on the table.

11. Relinquish control. Let others in the group take center stage occasionally.

12. Acknowledge risk taking and reinforce it. It's not easy to try or suggest something new or different. Let the person know that you appreciate it.

13. Maintain a subtle control to keep the group on track. You don't have to be an authoritarian, but when the conversation strays to the subjects like the latest television movie, use your leadership role to subtly get back to the meeting subject at hand. Most people won't participate for long in a meeting that turns into a

14. Thank any person who adds to the discussion even if you don't chart their comment. You can even make a comment such as, "Thankyou. That clarifies this point," and indicate a point already listed.

15. Ask a respondent, "Is it okay if we say this?" This is helpful when you feel that a response needs a little rewording or shaping. By asking the respondent's opinion about the rewording you don't invalidate the comment.

16. Don't be overly strict with interpretations and answers. All answers and responses don't have to be right out of the textbook. If you're teaching or instructing, it's getting the concept across that counts. Remember shaping!

17. Make your objectives and your directives clear. State the purpose of the meeting or discussion whenever possible so that participants can join in early on.

18. Foster group interaction by leaving your structured teaching once in awhile. If your agenda is so strict that you can't handle any asides or ad-libs, you need to loosen up!

19. Be sincere when you reinforce. Monotone and by-rote R+ is obvious and not R+ at all.

20. Take risks yourself. Even if you say something dumb, it will make others realize that you aren't infallible.

21. Develop an interest and knowledge of the group so that you are able to joke with them. The more you get to know the individuals in the group, the more skilled you are at getting in on inside-the-group jokes and anecdotes. Be careful at first. Center jokes on yourself, not other people.

22. Set up an R+ session at the end of the meeting. Set aside a little time for social reinforcement whenever possible at the end of the meeting. Talk about what the group did well during the meeting.

23. Get individuals to help out. Believe it or not, simply asking a group member to help you move a chart encourages participation.

24. Ask open-ended questions. Ask questions that can't be answered with a yes or no. Ask someone to complete a sentence that you started. Present a situation and ask for solutions.

Try some or all of these pointers and you'll probably soon be recognized as a leader with a special knack for eliciting positive group participation in meetings, seminars or any gathering where teamwork is essential.

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So, What Do Masons Do?

A brief look at Masonic Philanthropy*



How many times have you heard that question from your friends, or from your own family

members? It's probably one of the most frequently asked questions by the media, who often struggle with ways to accurately describe Freemasonry to the pub-

Perhaps one of the easiest ways to depict what Masons do is to look at our philanthropies. After all, Masonic charity is one way of showing that our great teachings of morality and philosophy are at work in concrete activities. For example, our Masonic Philanthropy in 1990, the latest year for which we have data compiled shows...

Public Hospitals, Clinics, etc. \$257,425,036 Masonic Homes, Hospitals 221,829,354 Medical Research

21,605,277 4% Community Support 13,426,386 Scholarships & Youth

5,881,120 Museums and Public Bldgs. 3,784,286 TOTAL \$524,951,562 100%

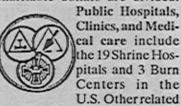
This total of half a billion dollars means that each day in the U.S., our fraternity gives away \$1.4 million and over 58% of the money doesn't go to Masons; most goes

to the American public.

Masonic philanthropy represents one of the largest private enterprise charitable efforts in the world. It should be kept in mind that the figures shown here only account for the charitable work which is done by the formally organized and public Masonicactivities. It doesn't include the several millions of dollars that represent the quiet, often anonymous acts of charity that individual Masons perform each and every day. In addition to money, if one could place a value on the volunteer time that individual Masons give to untold thousands

of civic and charitable endeavors,

the sum would be beyond comprehension. Here's how our charitable dollars are divided:



facilities include the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, nearly 100 Scottish Rite Centers for Childhood Speech and Language Disorders, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota, and the Grotto Dentistry for the Handicapped. The philosophy behind all these programs is simple - If a patient can be helped, the services are provided - cost is never a consideration.



Masonic >Homes, Hospitals, and Orphanages represent our oldest philanthropy. Care and support

for our widows and orphans began in Kentucky in 1816 and now include facilities in 39 states. Services are generally provided to Masons and their relatives, although a few states will sponsor persons unrelated to Masons.

Medical Research sponsored by Masonry ranges from Foundation providing funding for research to completely equipped laboratories. Examples include the Scottish Rite's Research in Schizophrenia, the Kansas Masonic Oncology Center, Royal Arch auditory research program, the Cryptic Masons arteriosclerosis research, the Masonic Medical Research lab in Utica, NY and the Indianapolis Scottish Rite geriatric research program at the Indiana Medical School. In all these, the Masonic Charity is devoted (resolving) to health problems.

Did You Know?

Elvis was not a Mason but we thought the following comments from the November-December 1992 "Philatelic Freemason" were worth repeating:

"Due to the ensuing issue of "Rock-n-roll" stamps, no doubt there are many questioning the Masonic affiliation, if any, of Elvis Presley. While the "King" was not a Mason, one producer closely associated with Elvis was a Brother.

Hal Brent Wallis was born in Chicago, Illinois, September 14, 1898, and died in Rancho Mirage, California, October 5, 1986. He became a theater manager in 1922 and joined Warner Bros. in the same year, rising to head of production by 1928. He became an independent producer in 1960. Hal Wallis produced nine movies starring Elvis.

Brother Wallis was a member of Prudence Lodge No. 958, Chicago, and the Hollywood "233"

Volunteer Help Wanted

We need a group of dedicated Masons willing to spend a few evening hours keeping our Masonic Library open on a regular basis.

Call Ted Honea at 442-3143 and leave a message if you are available and willing.





Leonard Gessin, Gen. Chairman 1-229-5470 Dean F. Marsaw, Exec. Secretary 865-0046

By Dean F. Marsaw

Just a few short lines to let you know that the officers and trustees met to discuss the future of the Club. We have decided to eliminate the offices of Marshal, Vice-President and President. The reason for this move was: we cannot get members to come forward and take these positions.

New office

We aregoing with the idea of a General Chairman this year and voted Leonard Gessin to this office. Dean F. Marsaw will stay on as Executive Secretary at least one more year with Charlie Petersen as treasurer.

Leonard Gessin will appoint a committee for the Ladies Night and the steak roast. Leonard will head up all decisions with the help of Dean.

If you are interested in being on one or both committees, contact Leonard at 1-229-5470.

Dues are due

There are still quite a few of you that owe your dues. Please try to pay them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dates

The Ladies Day will be held at Bosdyk's, April 18, 1993. Munchies-2:00 p.m., Dinner-3:00 p.m. (Note: dinner changed from 3:30p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

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Masonic Lab Receives Award From the NIH

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, has been selected by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to receive the Shannon Award. The Award, named in honor of Dr. James A. Shannon, a former director of the National Institutes of Health, was recently established to provide support for research projects that have been approved by scientific peer review and designated as high priority but which cannot be funded in full because of the current severe shortage of federal funds for biomedical research. The award is in the amount of \$100,000 to cover a period of 24 months.

This award will permit Dr. Antzelevitch and his Experimental Cardiology research team to continue their research into distinctions between the electrical properties of different parts of the heart and the response of these different regions to drugs. This work is revolutionizing our understanding of the function of the heart in health and disease and has won the group wide international recognition in recent months.

Masonic Lab Researcher Captures First Place

Da-Wei Liu, M.S., Research Associate at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, was selected as the First Place Winner of the Young Investigator Award Competition of the North American Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology. Liu competed with scientists and physicians from the United States, Canada and Mexico for the coveted award.

His study, co-authored by Drs. Charles Antzelevitch and Gary Gintant, Director and Assistant Director of the Research Institute, deals with differences in the electrical activity of the individual cells from different parts of the heart.

Recent work by Antzelevitch's Experimental Cardiology team has shown major distinctions between the inside and outside muscle of the heart and a unique population of cells in the middle of the wall of the heart (M cells). The different cell types have been shown to display major distinctions in their electrical activity and in the way that they respond to a wide variety of drugs.

Liu's project involved isolation of cardiac myocytes (single heart cells) from discrete layers within the wall of the heart and measurement of electrical currents carried by potassium ions

across the cellular membranes of these cells. He showed that cells isolated from the outside muscle of the heart contained much more of a current known as the transient outward current. His study also demonstrated that M cells isolated from the mid-wall show a unique behavior similar to that described in tissues isolated from this region of the heart. Knowledge of the existence of prominent heterogeneities in the electrophysiology of cells spanning the ventricular wall should advance our understanding of the ionic bases for cetain deflections (Jand Uwaves) in the electrocardiogram (ECG) as well as improve our understanding of the complex factors contributing to the development of cardiac arrhythmias abnormal rhythms of the heart). (Courtesy of Science)

Hi-Lights

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

By Rt. Wthy. James E. Comstock

By Rt Wthy, James E. Comstock Membership

Rt. Wthy. Sue Ann Goosens, District Deputy Grand Matron, has begun her travels through the District. She brings an urgent message to all members from our Grand Matron, Most Worthy Elizabeth Portman, regarding membership in our order. Our M. Wthy. Grand Matron urges all members to do their utmost to encourage new members. She asks that we increase our participation in community events, making the Order more visible. An active, participating, and friendly organization will attract people, who would like to belong to such a group.



Rt. Wthy. Sue Ann Goosens, District Deputy Grand Matron, Monroe Districts.

Open Door Mission

Rt. Wthy. Sue asks that we remember that the Open Door Mission project will be ongoing in 1993. Please continue to collect canned goods, paper products, health care items and clothing. A good way to acquire some of these items are during "Buy one, get one free" promotions. Your Worthy Matron will collect these items and turn them over to Rt. Wthy. Sue at their monthly Matron's meetings.

School of Instruction

The School of Instruction, conducted by Rt. Wthy. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., District Grand Lecturerwas well attended. It was noted that several new faces were in attendance. This bodes well for 1993.

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Red carpet ready

Rt. Wthy. Bernice Nielsen, Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, received a very nice letter from Rt. Wthy. Geneva Blanton, who is her counterpart in the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, which she shared with Wanda's Peaches on February 3rd. Rt. Wthy. Geneva felt that there were not enough words to express her pleasure with the manner in which she was entertained at Grand Sessions. The "Royal Carpet" will be out for Rt. Wthy. Bernice when she travels to Mississippi, for their Grand Sessions.

Projects

Wanda's Peaches met at East Rochester on February 3rd. The fruit sale was reported as a huge success and great enthusiasm was shown for the upcoming projects. Their next meeting is on March 3rd at Charlotte Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m. Come and join the excitement.

We eat again

The Spaghetti Dinner on February 5th was well attended. This project will be a major player in our quest for 1994. The next dinner is on Friday, March 5th (at Webster, of course). The many regulars that have been attracted will confirm a fine feast. Invite your friends and enjoy this outing with us.

Back from Florida

Rt. Wthy. Wanda and Rt. Wthy. Dave Williams have returned from their Florida hiatus, looking very fit and well rested. She looks forward to visiting with each of you in the coming weeks.

Order of the Eastern Star Thoughts from the Assoc. Grand Matron

Rt. Wthy. Wanda V. Williams

By Rt. Wthy. Wanda V. Williams

During our brief stay in Florida, we were pleased to have the opportunity to visit with many members from Monroe District who live and/or vacation there.

March 1993 Fellowship

We attended each of the Masonic Dinners, held annually for New York State Masons and their families. In Tampa, 1,200 were in attendance. A tornado warning had an effect on the Lake Worth gathering, yet 550 staunch souls enjoyed the fellowship there.

It was our pleasure to talk with M.·W.· Sheldon K. Blank, Grand Master and R.·W.· Gary Henningsen, Deputy Grand Master and many others of the official Masonic family.

Grand Lodge

The Grand Master is very pleased that the Grand Lodge sessions are to be held in Rochester on May 3,4,5, 1993. He informed us that his Testimonial Dinner on May 3rd will be open to the public. It would be nice to see a good representation of Eastern Star members at this special event. Reservations are a must and may be made with Rt. Wthy. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., District Grand Lecturer.

Official Visits

Our Grand Matron, M. Wthy. Elizabeth Portman began her Official Visits on February 26th. As I travel throughout the State of New York with her, my thoughts will be with you and I will visit with you at every opportunity. Let's all pull together to make 1993 a great year.

Rochester Chapter No. 314

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Secretary 328-5580 First Saturday 8:00 P.M. 875 East Main Street Rochester, N. Y. 14605

By Wthy. Barbara Mertens

As I write this, it is bitterly cold. That's the way it was Saturday, February 6th, the day of our Official Visit. Despite the 0° temperature outside, inside our Chapter room was warm and wonderful. Rt. Wthy. Sue Goossens and Rt. Wthy. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr. were greeted by 60 members in attendance. We welcome Mike Staub who received the Degrees of the Order. Mike's wife, Fran, is our Associate Conductress and Fran's sister, Pamela is our point of Adah.

Future meetings

Our next meeting is March 6th and will be a regular business meeting.

On March 15th the Officers and all members will meet at the home of Wthy.'s Gail and David Clarke. All are welcome.

Tea and cookies

We will hold our 2nd Annual "Bringa Friend" Tea on Saturday, March 20th, 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m., Doric Hall, Masonic Temple, Rochester. This is meant to be an information sharing time, a time to tell non-members what we are all about.

We invite members of other Chapters to come and bring a friend, listen to the presentation, have some tea and cookies, and socialize a bit. For more information call Fran Staub at 342-1947 or Barbara Mertens at 482-1994.

Condolences

We are all saddened by the death of Wthy. Susan Rae on February 10. Our sympathy is ex-Continued on pg. 23

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tended to her daughter, Sis. Alice Brendel, and all her family.

Best wishes

Rt. Wthy. Diana Woodruff and Sis. Georgia Coates have both undergone eye surgery and we wish them a good recovery.

Diana and Jim Woodruff have bought a home in Florida-sounds exciting!

May God bless each of you. Remember to take a few moments each day to be good to yourself.

NOLA Chapter No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star Wthy. Jean Stewart, Matron

Rt.Wthy. Carol Wynings, Secretary 594-4692

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By Wthy. Avis Theis

Birthday

We want to wish Wthy. Mary Shakeshaft a happy 90th birthday. She celebrated it in great style last month.

Sickness

We hope Sis. Florence Thayer is well on the way to recovery. She has been hospitalized with pneumonia.

New members

We welcome our new members, Bro. Craig Mollon and Bro. Dean Hiller. We are looking forward to their participation in the

March

Our March meetings will be held on the 2nd and 16th. Sis. Ann Mollon and Wthy. Jean Stewart are the committee.

April bake sale

You will soon hear when and where we will have a 'Baked Food Sale'. This is our first project of this year so let's all help to make it a success.

Thank you

Again our members thank Churchville Lodge for their Christmas remembrance and the Widows Luncheon. Churchville Lodge has always been supportive of our Chapter and for this we extend our appreciation.

The best teacher is time best book is the world, the best friend is God.

> HiLights Order of the Eastern Star GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

Rt. Wthy. Leone Nicoll District Deputy 494-2148

February was the special month for pouring out Love on those close to you and your neighbors and friends. Hopefully, you remembered them with a Valentine's card or that special "hug" filled with God's love. It also was the beginning of plans

on reaching out to those special people what you are looking for to become members of our OES, an organization that does things for the Veterans hospitals, helps our children and our young adults, besides the Day Care Center, home at Oriskany, and many other projects.

Special effort

Our Grand Matron would certainly like to see an increase in membership this year in the OES. and this is one of the special projects that Rt. Wthy. Tim and I are working on.

You are not going to get interested members unless you put forth that special effort to let people know what OES does and what a great organization it is. "Reach out in love" to family, friends and neighbors that need that something special in their life and make them realize that you care.

Condolences

February 1st I attended the OES funeral service of Rt. Wthy. Ethel Martz from Perry Chapter. Her husband, Rt. Wthy. William Martz, passed away in September. This was quite a blow to our District and they will both be missed very deeply.

Initiation work

Our next study club will be in Perry Chapter, March 20th at 12:30 p.m. with a pot luck luncheon. Following this, Rt. Wthy. Tim and I will be having a School of Instruction on initiation work. Hopefully, all line officers and any other members, will make the effort to enjoy their Brothers and Sisters with lunch and an informative afternoon.

Sharing the fun

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, and even though I'm not Irish, I do enjoy the Irish music. It is always a special time at the Veterans hospital because the men really enjoy hearing the Irish songs that I play and sing for them. Many are able to join in, if only humming or whistling. If you ever have a spare hour, volunteer to help someone who has done so much for you and the country you live in.

Official visits

Our Grand Matron started her Official Visits in February. Her Official Visit for the Genesee-Wyoming District is June 4th at the Methodist Church, Lewiston Road, Batavia, NY.

Stebbins Chapter No. 503 in Pike will have their visit on April

Renewing friendships

I am in the process of getting the "Flying Swans" study club booklet out to each Chapter and also a booklet on our official visits to some of the DDGM's of neighboring Districts. Hopefully, we will begin to have some decent weather soon, so we can travel more often, renew friendships and make new friends.

If you have any questions of any kind or need help, remember Rt. Wthy. Tim and I are available to help however we can. We are ready to "reach out in love" to all of you.

Whether you are Irish or not, do have a good St. Patrick's Day. Always remember that God loves you more than anyone else does.

Visit a Chapter This Month

By Michael Israel, PMC

On January 23rd, we had a dual installation with Syracuse Chapter. David Gorall was installed in our Chapter.

Fun time

We attended a Hockey game in January which proved to be a lot of fun. More events are planned for the near future.

New members

Our aim is to see more new members in our Chapter. We have a great time after our meetings, socializing and playing games.

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!



By Amy Lynch, Jr. Advisor

February 2nd was Youth Night at Charlotte. I thank you for the invitation and apologise for not being able to attend. I hope everyone enjoyed their

On February 13th, Fidelity Triangle was at the mall, where we helped sell hearts for the Have a Heart, Buy a Heart fund raiser for the Ronald McDonald House.

March meetings

We will be serving for Daddy Bertie and his officers on March 13th, and on the 27th we will be having our election of officers. Please wear skirt dress.

Fund raiser

We are selling candy bars for our Beloved Queen's Charities and Convention. Buy a sweety for your sweety!

Good advice

I believe Haim Ginott said it best when he claimed, "Children are like wet cement, what ever falls on them makes an impression". Let us make an impression. Call our Beloved Queen at the above number or our Jr. Deputy, Mrs. Linda Ferguson at 671-7369.

Look out for the Lepre-

Chase, Herbert Lee

Francis Hitchcock Shay

Constellation

1st & 3rd Sunday

No copy received

In Memoriam

Brother Charles E. Dyer

Etolian Lodge No. 479

October 19, 1932 - January 5,

Warden of Etolian Lodge, was to

be re-installed on January 11th to

that office, expecting to be in-

stalled as Master in June of 1993.

quently of Chuck's dedication to

his church, Craft and most of all,

family at a memorial service at

the Ogden Presbyterian Church

on January 7th, when he gave trib-

ute in a meditation titled "On a

friend". Both Gene and Chuck

had served together as church of-

ficers and Lodge Brothers for

members of the Ogden Presbyte-

rian Church since 1976, having

attended Bethany Presbyterian

Church during the preceding 10

years. He was on the Church Ses-

sion serving as an elder and was a

Niles, Michigan. He attended the

University of Buffalo and held

degrees from Rochester Institute

of Technology. He was a U. S.

Army veteran, having been on ac-

tive duty during the Korean War.

Organic Chemistry Department

of Eastman Kodak Company for

Spencerport in 1983, serving as

an officer starting in 1985. He was

elected Jr. Warden in 1991 and

elected Sr. Warden in December

of that year, being active in that

office until the time of his death.

Lodge in the Monroe County

Masters and Wardens Associa-

tion and was Treasurer of both

his Junior and Senior Warden

Marlene were married 29 years

and had two children, John and

Mary. In addition to his voca-

tional chores, Chuck was inter-

ested in gardening, weaving and

worldly plain who knew him, will

All in the Craft, and on this

Brother Dyer and his wife

groups.

photography.

miss him.

He also served outside of

He joined Etolian Lodge in

over 30 years, retiring in 1992.

Brother Dyer was born in

choir member for over 6 years.

Chuck and his family had been

many years.

W...Gene Brendel spoke elo-

Brother Chuck Dyer, Senior

at press time

Eli-Diann Schultz

Exalted Star

594-2364

Bro. Chase passed to the Grand East on New Years' Day, 1993 in Perryville, Arkansas, where he had moved to be near his daughter. A 47 year member of Warsaw Lodge No. 549, he was Master in 1952. He was also a member of Batavia Commandery No. 34.

Loos, Julius J. A resident of St. John's Home, Julius J. Loos passed away January 13, 1993. He was a member of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No.

French, Leo F.

Leo was a Past Master of Rochester Lodge, a member of Rochester Consistory, Lalla Rookh Grotto and the Damascus Temple. He passed away January 17, 1993.

Flowerday, Duane R.

A member of Fame Lodge No. 945, Duane died on January 19, 1993. He is survived by his wife Marion and other relatives and

Linton, Edward T.

At the age of 89, Edward passed away on January 19, 1993. He was a member of Fame Lodge No. 945 and is survived by his wife, Mary, and many relatives and friends.

MacVay, William M.D.

Dr. MacVay was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 and Rochester Consistory. He passed away January 19, 1993 at the age of 90. He is survived by his daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Stripp, Fred G.

Fred was raised June 3rd, 1942 in Warsaw Lodge No. 549. He passed away January 20, 1993 and is survived by his wife, Marian, children, eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Morse, Ida D.

Ida was a member of Germania Chapter No. 72, OES, and passed away January 22, 1993. She is survived by her husband, Edgar. children, grandchildren, other family members and friends.

Daly, Edna Faulkner

Edna was a member of Antwerp Chapter, OES, and a retired school teacher. She died January 26, 1993 at the age of 87. She is survived by her husband, C. Bennett, her children and grand-

February

Slack, Roy J.

Roy was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109, Lalla Rookh Grotto and Past Commander of the Grotto Legion of Honor. He passed away February 2, 1993 and is survived by his wife Patricia, children and grand-

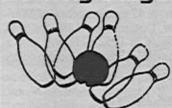
Rae, Susan

Susan was a Past Matron of Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES and passed away February 10, 1993. She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

VanGrafeiland, Milton I.

A member of John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032, Milton died February 15, 1993. He is survived by his wife, Ida, children, grandchildren, and other family members.

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary 227-6106

Another Masonic Gothic Bowling League member has earned a ABC award for his fine bowling. Heinz Gunkel bowled a 254 game and earned a Senior award for bowling 75 pins over his average.

Other scores of note include Joe McNamara-635 (242, 171,222), Rich A. Ehrne-621 (234,187,200) and 610 (235,197,178), Ron Hauck-617 (224,189,204), John Flynn-615 (187,212,216), Ray DeBole-615 (215,224,176), Rex Edwards Jr.-606 (180,214,212), Tony Mack-605 (196,185,224), Mike Franklin-603 (210,200,193), and Todd Krenzer-603 (217,207,179).

Individual games of note include Ray DeBole-254 and 244, Rex Edwards Jr.-236, Richard Flanagan-235 and 219, Charles Gillens-228, Dick Moller-226, Rich P. Ehrne-224, Mike Franklin-223 and 220, Al Kerber-223, Dave Mawhiney-223, Heinz Gunkel-222 and 221, Dale Ehrne-222, Bud Crane-222, Tony Gelsomino-219, Mike Fedele-217, Dick Topel-216, and Ed Angora-216.

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Apr. 24	Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet
Apr. 29	Masons & Knights of Columbus in Buffalo
May 3-4	GRAND LODGE OF NY - Rochester
May 6	Scottish Rite - Election of Officers
May 20	OES Grand Matrons Visit
May 21	Joint Investiture, Downtown Masonic Temple
Jun. 10	Monroe Purple Club Elections
Jun. 16-18	Grotto National Convention, Rochester, NY
Jun. 18-20	St. John's Weekend, Utica
Jul. 4-24	Camp Turk, Boys
Jul. 16-18	Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation, Binghamton
Jul. 24	OES Pilgrimage, Oriskany
Jul. 25-Aug. 14	Camp Turk, Girls
Aug. 14	Police and Fire Square Club, Bushman's Cabin, Henrietta Town Park
Aug. 20	Scottish Rite Annual Outing
Aug. 21-22	Grand Lodge Officers, Camp Turk
Aug. 27-28	Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Schenectady
Aug. 29-Sept. 1	Scottish Rite Supreme Council, Boston, MA
Sept. 17-19	Grand Conclave, Knights Templar at Grand Island, Holiday Inn
Oct. 7	Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night
Oct. 11-14	Grand Sessions, OES, Niagara Falls, NY
Oct. 15	Scottish Rite Ladies Night
Oct. 30	Western Region Seminar
Nov. 4	Scottish Rite Family Life Week Program
Nov. 7	Interfaith Service and Breakfast
Nov. 18-20	Scottish Rite Fall Reunion
Nov. 30	Fellowship Dinner, Buffalo
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Where will he be this month?

The Grand Master's Calendar for February

By R.·.W.·. Roderick P. Burris, Grand Marshal

March 4,5,6
Grand Chapter R.A.M.
Turf Inn - Albany
March 6
Granis Temple Potentate's

Tigris Temple, Potentate's Ball - Syracuse

March 11
Ground Breaking, Masonic
Home - Utica
March13

Mecca Temple & A.A.S.R. Reunion - New York City March 18 DeMolay L.O.H.,

Obligatory Day

March 19

Garibaldi Lodge DeWitt

Clinton, Columbus Day Chm.

March 20
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March 21

March 21 Metropolitan Worship Service & Breakfast March 26

Rainbow State Assembly -Granite Hotel, Kerhonkson

March 27
Monroe Masonic Grand Ball,
Rochester, NY
March 31
Delaware Brotherhood Night



Black Crowes
Tuesday, March 9th - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10th if needed I Need a Man

Thursday, March 11th - 8:00p.m. Lost in Yonkers

Friday, March 12 -8 p.m. Saturday, March 13-2 & 8 p.m. Sunday, March 14-2&7:30 p.m.

Pantera

Wednesday, March 17th 8:00 p.m. Damn Yankees

Friday, March 19th-8:00 p.m.

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Saturday, March 20th-8:15 p.m.

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Frances Hitchcock Shay - Constellation	Grotto - Legion of Honor 8 ERAC - E. Roch. Child ID Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Union Star - Hon. Falls, Wakan/Hubbard - Pfld 1*, by Tartan Square Club Mt Vernon - Java RAM - Livonia OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes, Fellowship Shrine Lunch Club	Fame Henrietta Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes - Rochester Arcade - Batavia Batavia Craftsman - Fellowcraft OES - Leah	Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike RAM - Webster OES - Corinthian, Henrietta, Culver	Flower City - DSA 11 Eagle Valley - Bliss Henrietta Etollan - Blood drive Batavia Commandery Scottish Ritte-Bring a friend Night, Logans RAM - Hiram- "Bring a Friend Night Dinner, Ladies invited, Downtown Temple Caldron	Cyrene Commandery 12 RAM - Arcade	Daughters of the Nile Webster - Steak Roast Fidelity Triangle Monroe - Corned Beef and Cabbage Genessee York Rite College-Niagara Frontier-Fairport West Star/Mt. Vernon/Attica Java Village - Official Visit
SHRINE GIRGUS	John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg OES - Irondequolt, Germania, Etolian ERAC - Rehearsal Shrine Lunch Club	Charlotte/Corinthian,3° Clio - Hilton Craftsman Towpath - E. Rochester - 3° Oakland - Castile Warsaw - Official Visit OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nola, Webster Grotto - Patrol	St. Patrick's Day 17 Olive Branch - LeRoy, Open to public Attica RAM - 3X3 Tancred Comm. No. 80 - Inspection Dork Council Grotto Shrine Circus-War Mem.	Northfield - Pittsford, Webster Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen - Irish Stew RAM - Western Star - Batavia Etolian - Rehearsal OES - Oatka, Lee Ct. Shrine Circus-War Mem	Monroe Commandery DeMolay - Charlotte Shrine Circus-War Mem.	OES - Rochester Chapter Shrine Circus-War Mem.
21 Char/Corin - Brunch Warsaw - Breakfast Shrine Circus - War Mem.	Fairport - 2* Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield - 3* John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg Etolisn - Spencerport - 2* ERAC - East Roch., 2*, *A* OES - Charlotte, M.J.Holmes, Fellowship Shrine Lunch Club	Monroe - Brockport Fame - Irondequoit Henrietta Arcade Batavia Valley/Simes - 1* Grotto - Patrol OES - Leah - Hilton Harlem Globetrotters-War Mem Inter-Ldg- Fishp	Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Corinthian, Culver	Eagle Valley - Bliss Batavia Comm. No. 34 - Inspection Scottish Rite-Feast of the Pascal Lamb-Dwn.Twn. Temple RAM - Hiram Chapter Tall Cedars of Lebanon	Cyrene Commandery- Inspection Past Master's Supper Club Masonic Activities Council- GW- Fish Fry, Warsaw	27 20asonic 6ran8 Ball Eagle Valley/Arcade/ Triluminar - Ott. Vieit
28	ERAC - 2*, "B" Interlodge Fellowship - Euchre Tournament, Churchville Lodge Shrine Lunch Club	Monroe Purple Club	School of Instruction - Wakan/Hubbard-3*	ERIN GO BRAGH	happy St. Patty's Day	