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*"Know though, O stranger to the fame
Of this much lov'd, much honored name!
(for none that knew him need be told),
A warmer heart Death ne'er made cold."
(Robert Burns)*

M.:W.: Sheldon K. Blank, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, was called to the Supreme Lodge above on April 5, 1993. He will long be remembered as a generous mentor to our youth, a kind and cheerful companion to his Masonic Brothers and an honest, inspiring leader of the Craft.

Personal/professional

Sheldon Blank was born on June 28, 1921, in Lehigh, PA. He was educated in the Public Schools of Lehigh, where he graduated from Lehigh High School.

Music had always been a major part of his life. He and an older brother had begun singing duets when he was 3. At the ripe old age of 8, Sheldon got his first clarinet and by age 13 was playing for local dances.

He continued his education at Ithaca College in New York where he earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Music Education.

He began his teaching career in the Ovid Central School in Ovid, NY and later in Rushville, NY. In 1946 he moved to Mexico, NY where he became the Music Department Chairman and Director of the Senior Band of the Mexico Academy and Central School, a position he held until his retirement.

In his professional career, he held leadership positions in the New York State Teachers Association and with the New York State School Music Association. He was one of the founders and 1st President of the Oswego County School Music Association where he served as Secretary-Treasurer, 1950-54, Scholarship Chairman, 1966-76, By-laws Committee in 1954, Revisions



In 1990, the Mexico Academy and Central School in Mexico, NY dedicated the new music wing of the High School in his honor.

M.:W.: Sheldon Blank was a life member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia International Music Fraternity.

Other Awards

M.:W.: Brother Blank was named Honorary Sheriff of Tioga County and an Honorary Member of the Mexico Volunteer Fire Department, was named Man of the Year by the Mexico Lions Club, received the Outstanding Leadership Award of the Oswego County American Legion as well as the 5th District American Legion Award. He was also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

Church

He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Mexico, NY and served as Trustee, Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, Choir member and as a member of many committees.

Author/awards

The Grand Master was published in several professional magazines.

In 1983, he was the first recipient of the General Grand Council International Medal for Services to Youth.

Ancient Craft Masonry

M.:W.: Sheldon Blank was made a Mason in Mexico Lodge No. 136 where he served as Secretary-Treasurer in 1947. He was a member of the Oswego District Wardens and Deacons Council, 1951-52 and Master of Mexico Lodge in 1953 and 1955. He served as Assistant Grand Lecturer of the Oswego District in 1954-55 and District Deputy Grand Master in 1956-57. He served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth from 1958, Committee Secretary 1965-71 and served as Chairman 1972-88.

He was one of the Founders of the Masonic Youth Camp Pro-

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Committee 1976 and was Concert and Band Chairman several times.

He was one of the organizers of the Northern Oswego County Select Band and one of the founders and 1st President of the Faculty Association of the Mexico Academy and Central School. He served this organization on the Legislative Committee for 10 years, as a Delegate to the New York State Teachers Association for 15 years and as the Scholarship Committee Chairman and Negotiator. He was president of the Central Zone, New York Teachers Association and served on the Resolutions and Legislative Committees. He was Zone Director of Education Displays and Zone Conference

Coordinator, Zone Delegate to the National Education Association Convention and was even Chairman of the Zone Committee on Committees.

He was a member of the Music Educators National Conference, and Director of the School for Judges for Central New York State Drum and Bugle Corps Association.

Under his direction, the "Mexico Matadors", Senior Band of the Mexico Academy and Central School won over 300 first prizes in Parades including the New York State Volunteer Fire Departments Convention Parades (2 times), New York State American Legion Junior Championship (6 times) and won the

New York State Fair Championship and many others.

Of the many awards his groups won, he considered the highlight of his career the taking of 150 students and 16 adults to Fiuggi, Italy in 1974 for an International Band Festival, but that was not the only traveling his bands did. They traveled to the Canadian National Exposition, Toronto, Canada; the Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington D.C.; a guest appearance at the New York Canadian Scottish Games; the Lions International Parade, Atlantic City, New Jersey; and a concert tour taking in Boston, Long Island, New York City, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the New York World's Fair.

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Grand Master

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gram in 1960, served as Staff Member, Director and was Chairman of the Camp Turk Committee from 1988. He authored the "Handbook for the Masonic Lodge and District Youth Chairman". He was Chairman of the Walk-a-Thon for Medical Research, 1978-84, and participated in all Senior Wardens' Seminars, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of New York since they were established in early 1970's. He was also Secretary-Treasurer, Oswego Masonic District Past Grand Lodge Officers Association.

In 1987 he received the Charles Henry Johnson Medal from the Grand Lodge of New York and in 1986 he received the Grand Master's Medal from R.W. William Carpenter, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, for service to youth.

M.W. Brother Blank was elected Senior Grand Warden in May 1988, Deputy Grand Master in May 1990 and Grand Master in May 1992.

Royal Arch Masonry

Brother Blank joined Mexico Chapter No. 135, RAM in 1952 and served as High Priest in 1960. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine near the Grand Chapter of the State of New York in 1975-78. He was appointed Grand Master of the First Veil in 1978 and progressed through the line being elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York in 1985. He served on the DeMolay Committee, General Grand Chapter International from 1984-1990.

Knights Templar

Brother Blank joined Lake Ontario Commandery No. 32 KT in May of 1955. He progressed through the line and served as Commander in 1978-79. He served on the Grand Commandery DeMolay Committee from 1980 to his death and was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of California to the Grand Commandery of the State of New York in 1988.

Cryptic Masonry

Companion Blank joined Council No. 50R and SM in 1961, affiliated with Rotica Council No. 12 in 1985, was elected Deputy Master in 1986 and Master in 1987. He was an Honorary member of Grand Council Cryptic Masons, 1979 and received the General Grand Council Adult Leadership Award in 1984. In 1987 he was elected Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons and served as

Grand Marshal in 1988 and Grand Captain of the Guard in 1989.

He was elected to membership in the Red Cross of Constantine, 1979 and elected Puissant Sovereign of St. Leo's Conclave in October, 1987. Companion Blank was elected to membership in Crusade Priory Knight Cross of Honor in 1988.

M.W. Sheldon Blank was a member of Central New York, York Rite College, Syracuse, NY and a charter member of United York Rite College, Utica, NY.

Scottish Rite

Brother Blank joined the Scottish Rite of the Valley of Syracuse in May of 1965. He was elected Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in May of 1981. He was nominated to receive the 33rd in September of 1983 and was coroneted on September 26, 1984. He served as Workshop Chairman at the 1981 Council of Deliberation, elected Trustee of the Oswego County Scottish Rite Club in 1975-76, program Chairman 1975-77, First Vice President 1976-77, President 1977-78, Director, 1982 and was appointed to the New York State Council of Deliberation Finance Committee 1986.

DeMolay

M.W. Sheldon Blank had always been involved in the guidance and instruction of young people. It is not strange then that he was intensely interested in the DeMolay. He helped establish LaFiesta Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Mexico, NY in April of 1975 and was Chapter Advisor from 1975-76. He was appointed DeMolay District Deputy in 1976. In 1977 he was appointed Deputy of the International Supreme Council and Executive Officer of NY DeMolay by the Grand Master of DeMolay, Jack Myers. He was elected to be an active member of the International Supreme Council in 1979 and held several Grand Appointed Offices. He served on many Committees for the Supreme Council. In 1974, M.W. Brother Blank received the Honorary Legion of Honor, the highest award given by the DeMolay.

Daddy

M.W. Blank was "Daddy" to Astarte Chapter, Organization of Triangles in 1972-84 and 1986-88.

Camp Turk

Following the passing of M.W. Nathan Turk, Grand Master Cochran appointed him Chairman of the Camp Turk Committee. He held this post until he became Grand Master.

The Grand Master's face would have been recognized by many teens who had spent time at Camp Turk in the Adirondacks. He was a staff member, Camp Director and Chairman for a period of 29 years.

Obsequies

A Service was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Mexico, New York on April 10, 1993. R.W. John Fuller, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, conducted the service. Reflections included those of R.W. Gary Henningsen, Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Master was laid to rest in Leighton Cemetery, Leighton, Pennsylvania. He leaves his nieces Leanne Fisher and Melonie Blank and a nephew, Craig Blank, all living in Pennsylvania. □

St. John's Weekend 1992



The Grand Master M.W. Sheldon K. Blank and Deputy Grand Master R.W. Gary A. Henningsen lead the procession of new Grand line and District Grand Lodge officers from throughout the State. At the conclusion, newly appointed officers were invested with their warrants and jewels of office.



"The long and the short of it"
M.W. Sheldon K. Blank poses with W. James M. Barker of Etolian

"The Coach"



M.W. Sheldon K. Blank Hawking the Regional Seminars, 1991
(Picture from earlier days at Mexico Academy)

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(Dryden)

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Grand Master M.W. Sheldon K. Blank greeting Past Junior Grand Warden R.W. Ronald D. Mertens.

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger

I hope that the article which appears in this issue of the *Masonic Times* gives an appropriate message on the passing of our Grand Master M.:W.: Sheldon K. Blank. The sheer abundance of Masonic biographical information attest to the man's energy, stamina and dedication to the Craft; there will not be another like him.

He will be remembered in the Monroes because of the many events in the area he attended, most recently, our Masonic Grand Ball. I recall the usual firmness of his grip when he greeted me and that broad smile beaming down. Yes, he had it over me by a few inches.

I have included in this issue a few pictures that we had of the Grand Master at various local events, look for them.

Apologies

We are sorry that Mrs. Betty Glaser did not get her By-line on the Widows Luncheon article in the last edition. I had spoken to the Chairman, R.:W.: George Simon about some copy for the luncheon and he was the one who handed me the article at the Service Bureau Meeting, there was no name on it, but, I guess we shouldn't ASS-U-ME! Sorry Betty!

Photo Contest

After presenting some hints in last month's "Corner", about the taking of news pictures, it occurred to me that perhaps it would be a good idea to run a Photo Contest. Hopefully, this would promote the submission of more professional looking photographs to the *Times* for publication. At least one person seemed to think that it was a good idea. So, as soon as some of the details are worked out, we may give it a Go!

Looking Ahead

Some of you may have noticed that the "Looking Ahead" column, usually on the back page, is a little slim around the end of 93 and the beginning of 94. We include an encouragement to let us know about up and coming events at the top, but, nobody calls! This job used to be done by R.:W.: John Dense, he is no longer doing it; we are. So, if you know of an event of District-wide importance that you think the Brothers might like to attend, call the number listed!

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By R.:W.: David Clarke

In researching this column, this author has found very little of the early history of the Service Bureau in written text. However, in my endeavor to continue the Bureau History, I found it fasci-

nating to research the long list of Bureau Presidents and compare their achievements with events taking place in local, national and worldwide history. I would be pleased to share these events with you, my readers.

As our history records, the very first President was John Ray, Master of Morning Star Lodge No. 223 of Pittsford, New York. His term of office began in 1810 and lasted through 1814. His leadership in Masonic service and charity around the Genesee County area (before there was a Monroe County), set the foundation for the principles for service to the Community and Fraternity we practice today.

Looking back at this period in the history of our country, we see great expansion taking place. The Louisiana Territory is settled and becomes the 18th State in the Union. The Honorable James Madison is President, war is declared with Great Britain over trading rights, General William Henry Harrison routes the Indians at the Battle of Tippecanoe and opens the West for settlement, John Hall invents the breech loading rifle to replace the musket, the US wins a major battle in Canada after capturing York and the seat of the Canadian Government in Ontario, "Uncle Sam" is first used in publications and 7,239,881 people have been recorded as living in the US, a gain of 34.6% according to the third census records.

In Rochester, Col. Nathaniel Rochester stakes out a 100 acre tract at the upper falls on the Genesee River and names its chief street "Buffalo Street", a Stone Tavern is built on the pioneer road from Pittsford to Rochester. Settlements with mills as the focal point, spring up along the river as settlers moved Westward into newly open territories of the West. One can easily realize that charity would be essential with all the settlers passing through Western New York on their way Westward.

Our next event occurs in 1817 with Azel Ensworth, Master of Meridian Lodge, chartered in 1815, in control of the Bureau. It was during this period that the seal was adopted and agreement reached to the Bureau's official founding date.

In 1837, Brother Thomas Kempshall, Mayor of Rochester and Brothers Child and Gould, former Mayors, organize Masonic charities in the local community. Locally history is being formed by the "Morgan Affair" in 1826, forcing Masonic charity underground until 1845. During this period the Erie Canal is opened, bringing prosperity to this region. Many mills opened along the river as "milled" flour and other manufactured goods can be exported East and West of the city. Thurlow Weed, a publisher in Rochester, promotes the anti-Masonic campaign in the "Rochester Telegraph" and travels to Albany as an assemblyman. He wins his seat mainly on the strength of his championing the "Morgan Affair" as a campaign issue. Nationwide, James Van Buren is President, Michigan enters the Union as the 26th and non-slave state, women are warned not to ride horses because it deforms the lower part of the body that performs womanly duties, Samuel Morse seeks a patent for his telegraph, Andrew Jackson leaves the White House with \$90.00 in his pocket, and the west-

ward movement continues. Worldwide, man and the forces of science and invention and the tools of technology are gaining strength bringing nature under human control. Wide interest in personal success is gaining control. Great writers, painters and artists of all walks of life are giving advice and instruction about morality, perseverance, religion, punctuality early rising and all techniques of right living during these called age of Romanticism.

During the 1830s and 1840s, many great works of art are published. The industrial revolution is beginning to take hold, the new world is waking up!

Our column continues next month with the chartering of Yonondio Lodge in 1859, the name being suggested by Brother Eli Parker, a full blooded Seneca Indian. "Yonondio" in the Indian language suggests "Great Mountain". We will see how our Masonic Brethren moved mountains to change Community opposition and carry our story of charity and good will to its present format. We will also examine how local and non-local history allowed the Bureau to expand its work. If interested, look for this column appearing in the June issue.

Community Service Committee

By W.: Harold Bollotin

Entertainment and cheer

On Tuesday evening, March 23rd, I performed a Magic Show for R.:W.: Ralph Biggar's Senior Citizens Group. It was well received by the audience and much appreciated by R.:W.: Brother Ralph.

Al Sigi Center Anniversary

On Sunday afternoon, April 4th, this major event was held at the former Sibley Building on Main Street. It was held on all three floors between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

It was a gala affair, drawing huge crowds of people and families. The program included: Circus performers, clowns, musicians, vocalists, choral groups, magicians and entertainers of all kinds.

The Masonic Service Bureau's participation included the following 10 Masons and ladies of related groups:

W.: Harold Bollotin, Valley Simes Lodge, performed a magic show, under the alias of Prof. Korne, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sylvia Bollotin, Daughters of the Nile.

R.:W.: Paul Robertson, John A. Robertson Lodge.

Doris Robertson, OES
Harold "Bindle" Feinberg, Flower City Lodge and Shrine Clown.

John "Hadji" Bryce, Towpath Lodge and Shrine Clown.

R.:W.: Tom Paglia, Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge.

Cora Paglia, OES and Daughters of the Nile.

Mary Wright, Daughters of the Nile.

Dorothy Snodgrass, Daughters of the Nile.

On behalf of the Bureau and myself, my sincere thanks and appreciation to the above named volunteers, for making this Masonic Service Event a success!

Awareness

The program staff personnel of the Al Sigi Center are aware and recognize that this was a Community Service event of the Bureau, which represents all the

Masons of Monroe County. They expressed repeatedly, their great appreciation of our help and participation. Look for photos next month.

Additional acts

In addition to the Masonic involvement, I arranged to have 5 fellow members of my local Magician Chapters of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians perform Close-up Magic, Clown Magic and Juggling. They added to the success of the party.

your present and past Masonic and occupational background to Bill Baldwin, 1236 Strong Rd., Victor, NY 14564 prior to May 20, 1993. This timetable will allow the committee to review all applications and make a decision for approval at the June meeting of the Masonic Service Bureau.

R.:W.: Roderick C. Meier, Appointed Grand Representative of Alaska



By Jean Brugger

Past Master Roderick C. Meier of Churchville Lodge No. 667 has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Alaska near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. R.:W.: Brother Meier was raised in Churchville Lodge in 1973 and served as Master in 1979 and 1986.

He has been a very active member of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, where he was Most Wise Master in 1986-87, directed Degrees and received the Meritorious Service Award of the New York State Council of Deliberation. In Damascus Temple, AAONMS, he is a Past Commander of the Legion of Honor, a member of the Perry Shrine Club, and the Royal Order of Jesters.

His other affiliations include: membership in the Red Cross of Constantine; the Rochester High Twelve Club No. 619; Rochester Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon No. 133; Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM; Doric Council No. 19 R &

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Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau to Retire, Job's Open

At the last meeting of the Masonic Service Bureau, it was announced that R.:W.: Dr. Robert C. Pettit, Executive Director, will be retiring from this position by year end, 1993. This, after many years of faithful service to the Masonic Service Bureau and the Masonic Community. We will all miss him and wish him well during his retirement.

The Masonic Service Bureau is presently conducting a search for a replacement upon Dr. Pettit's retirement. This is a paid, part time position. One should be able to interact with the Fraternity and the Community along with managing the day to day operation of the Bureau. Qualifications for the position are: One should have working knowledge of computer systems, accounting skills, communications skills and a knowledge of local and state Masonic organizations. The salary for this position is a negotiable item.

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R.-W. Roderick C. Meier Appointed

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SM; Cyrene Commandery No 39 KT; and the Royal Order of Scotland.

R.-W. Meier was Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau in 1987 & 1988.

He is a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Air Force as a Staff Sergeant in Europe.

After 42 years of service, he retired from Eastman Kodak Co. A 35 year member of First Baptist Church of Chili, he served on the Board of Deacons, Chairman of Finance Committee and a Life Member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. □

The Custodians Corner



R.-W. Maurice Solomon
Chairman

Question: I was at Lodge recently, when we had a visit from our District Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Lodge Staff Officer. The Staff Officer was received first, accorded Grand Honors, and was then handed the gavel by the Master. The District Deputy was then received in a similar fashion. I am puzzled by this, and perhaps you can enlighten me.

Answer: It saddens me to think that there are Worshipful Masters who are not familiar with the proper procedure; for the Master of a Lodge to tender his gavel of authority to someone other than his District Deputy is most inappropriate.

Except for the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, whose entrance and reception is solely the responsibility of the Grand Marshal or Deputy Grand Marshal, no Grand Lodge Officer, elected or appointed, other than the D.D.G.M. is entitled to be tendered the gavel. The D.D.G.M. is, of course, the personal representative of the Grand Master, and he can either return the gavel to the Master, or proceed to conduct the business of the Lodge, as he chooses.

An exception to the above would obviously be when a Brother, of whatever rank, is tendered the gavel in order to occupy the East and confer a Degree.

Question: I would like to participate in Degree work in my Lodge, and would like to know

how I can go about this. Can you help?

Answer: Let me offer the following suggestions:

1. Inform the Master of your Lodge that you are interested in doing some ritual work, and would like to actively participate. If he knows his business, he will encourage you.

2. Begin with a small part, and make yourself master of the words. Gradually proceed to a larger role, always revising your progress. In this way, you will attain ease and proficiency.

3. Proficiency will come by diligent study.

4. Fluency will come by constant practice.

5. Cultivate deliberation in speech. There is no need to hurry. Clear utterance is desirable at all times. Be articulate; the beautiful phraseology of some parts of the ritual is frequently marred by indistinctness and mumbling.

6. Study the best ritualists (if you can). Note their emphasis, and follow them at all times.

7. Above all, have confidence in yourself. Are you nervous? Of course you are. There is nothing to be ashamed of in being nervous; it is a perfectly natural, normal, human reaction. Once you have started, you will gradually find the necessary confidence, allowing you to impress your audience with your skill and proficiency, and afford yourself great satisfaction.

8. Try talking to yourself in the mirror!

Question: I have only recently joined a Masonic Lodge, and I keep hearing references to the Grand Lecturer. Exactly who and what is the Grand Lecturer?

Answer: The Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York provide that, at the Annual Communication, the Grand Master shall appoint certain named Officers, one of whom is the Grand Lecturer. This Officer shall be a Master or Past Master of Masonic skill and learning, with the power to appoint one or more competent assistants in each Masonic District, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

His duties are:

a. To exemplify the work annually before the Custodians of the Work.

b. To hold annual meetings with his assistants to give them proper instruction.

c. To impart, with his assistants, the Standard Work and Lectures of Grand Lodge in such manner as Grand Lodge may prescribe.

d. To hold annual conventions in all the Masonic Districts of the State

e. To certify to the skill and ability of a Lodge under dispensation.

We are most fortunate in this jurisdiction in that we currently have a Grand Lecturer of the highest skill and ability, one who also happens to be a Past Grand Master, and who can therefore combine his ritualistic skills with the knowledge and experience of

his previous high office. Most Worshipful Calvin Bond, our present Grand Lecturer, will be conducting his Annual Convention for the Monroe Masonic Districts in October here in Rochester. Watch the Masonic Times for details. □

The Ten Commandments of Human Relations

Many organizations grossly underestimate the importance of good human relations skills. These skills are frequently dismissed as common sense. However, in today's workplace they aren't common...and they are pivotal to success.

Here are the ten commandments of human relations:

1. *Speak to people.* There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word or greeting. Your silence can be interpreted as arrogance.

2. *Smile at people.* It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.

3. *Call people by name.* The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of their own name.

4. *Be friendly and helpful.* You have got to be a friend to have a friend.

5. *Be cordial.* Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure. No one wants to be associated with a whiner.

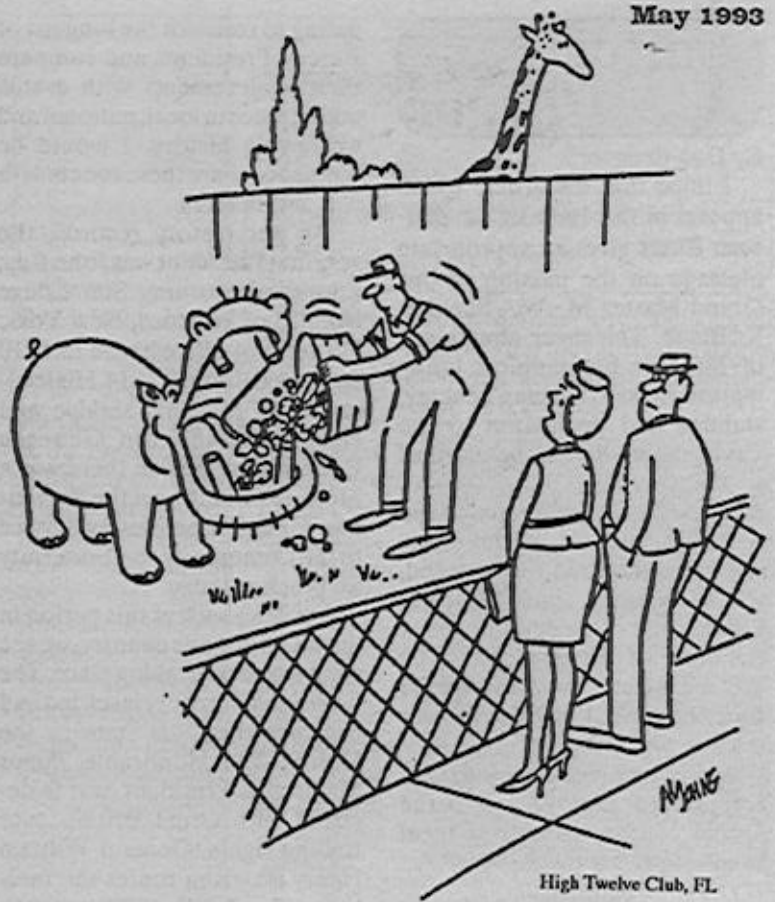
6. *Be genuinely interested in all people.* You can like almost everybody if you try. Just be sure to accept people as they are, not as you would like them to be.

7. *Be generous with praise and cautious with criticism.* A good rule is to give at least four positive comments for every negative one.

8. *Be thoughtful of the opinions of others.* There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other person's, and the right one.

9. *Be considerate of the feelings of others.* It will be appreciated.

10. *A good sense of humor, a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility will reward you manyfold.* (Courtesy of the Valley of Pittsburgh) □



High Twelve Club, FL

"That reminds me . . . isn't your lodge dinner tonight?"

Saint John's Weekend

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The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library & Museum is currently undertaking a census of Masonic stained glass in New York State which will culminate in an exhibition and publication. Masonic stained glass is commonly found in Masonic Temples, churches, and mausoleums.

Window in photo

The window in the accompanying illustration, for example, was designed by E.B. Herrick and produced by the firm of Calvert, Herrick & Riedinger for Hudson River Lodge No. 607. It was installed in the Newburgh, New York, Masonic Temple in 1926. You may note that this window features many of the Masonic symbols including the square and compasses, the all-seeing eye, the beehive, the pot of incense, the ark, and the trowel.

Looking for windows

Any information concerning stained glass in New York State related to Freemasonry, the Shriners, the Order of the Eastern Star, or other related organizations would be greatly appreciated. The Library & Museum is particularly interested in identifying the designers and firms responsible for producing these works. If you can help us to locate such windows, please contact William D. Moore, Director, Livingston Masonic Library & Museum, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010-4171, or call (212) 741-4505.

Volunteers and donations needed

Further, there are many opportunities to participate in the census. If you would like to visit temples in your area to document windows, photograph works of stained glass, do archival research, or donate funds to help offset the expenses of the undertaking, please contact the Library & Museum.

*Bureau of
Masonic
Education
Monroe County*

President:
W.: William R. Lindsay

Vice-President:
Bro. John Zabel

Secretary-Treasurer:
W.: Herbert Spencer

By W.: William R. Lindsay

Proposal

The Bureau of Masonic Education met on March 29 and spent much of the time responding to a presentation by W.: Scott Seltzer on a proposed School of Lodge Administration to be offered by the Bureau. Bro. Seltzer had reviewed the existing materials as well as talked with previous directors of the School and obtained their ideas.

Result

The result will be a two evening course set for September 15 and October 20, 1993, 7:30 p.m., at the Downtown Masonic Temple. This course is especially designed for the present Lodge Officers.

It's open to all and will feature some of the very best presenters we have in our Districts. Mark your calendars now!

Entry Level Course

W.: Mike Goehle shared his plans for the Entry Level Course on May 19. Featured presenters include:

W.: Ted Honea - Bible verses in each Degree

W.: Richard Friedman - Degree charges

R.: W.: Wayne Engbrecht - What it means to be a Mason

W.: Michael Goehle - What Masonry can do for you

This is another exciting, quality program brought to you by the BME. W.: Brother Mike guarantees a prompt start at 7:30 p.m. and a finish by 9:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

Ideas anyone?

We are always interested in your ideas and suggestions as to how we can better serve Masons in the Monroes. Please share your ideas with any one of us. Better yet, come to our next meeting on May 13th at 7:30 p.m., Downtown Masonic Temple.

Dates to remember

May 19 - Entry Level Course
September 29 - Continuing Education Course

**Masonic
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District Chairmen**

1st Monroe
Neil Laundry 964-2135

2nd Monroe
Glenn A. Hedges 586-0238

By Neil Laundry

Harlem Globe Trotters

Our "Evening with the Harlem Globe Trotters" on March 23rd was a great success. Bro. Hedges had to order a second batch of tickets as the first thirty sold out in no time flat. The Inter-Lodge Fellowship Committee offered the regular \$13.00 tickets for \$8.00. This was \$2.00 under the standard group rate of \$10.00. Once again super rates and a super event sponsored and subsidized by your Inter-Lodge Fellowship Committee and your Lodge donations.

Golf Tournament

June 5, 1993 is the date of our Annual Inter-Lodge Golf Tournament. We are hoping that the Masters of the Monroe Districts Lodges will promote this event in addition to or in conjunction with individual Lodge Summer outings. What a great chance to set up an annual challenge cup with that Lodge across town.

Niagara Falls excursion

Glenn has made bus arrangements for a December 4th visit to the Niagara Falls Festival of Lights with a day excursion including shopping at the Galleria Mall, a lieurely visit to the Rainbow Mall and of course the beauty of the illuminated Falls at night. Glenn has also scouted out a great place for lunch. We'll include the cost in a package deal and throw in the super air traffic show for free. I hear it's sensational. Stay tuned for more!!!

1994 date

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

Thank you

Our special thanks go to the Masters of Lodges who were so helpful in assisting us prepare a 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! Please encourage your Reps to attend!!!

**Masonic
Grand Lodge
of the State of New York
District
Youth Committee**

W.: Paul H. Rogers
Chairman
1st & 2nd Monroes

Attention All Masonic Lodges

By Gordon Oakes

It's not too late

It is not too late to recruit campers for the 1993 session of "Camp Turk". This Masonic Youth Camp is located at Woodgate, New York, just 38 miles North of Utica. Camp is open to children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of Masons as well as members of the Masonic oriented Youth Organizations. Children of non-Masonic families may be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge. Campers must be between the ages of 12 and 16 inclusive during the camp session. Rules for participation are the same for everyone without regard to race, religion or national origin.

Sessions

For 1993, there will be 2 camping sessions as follows: boys camp-July 4-24, 1993 and girls camp-July 25-Aug. 14, 1993.

Cost

Costs for the 1993 camping year are \$350.00 for each three week session plus a \$30.00 non-refundable registration fee for each camper. Make all checks payable to "Grand Lodge Camp Turk Committee". The \$30.00 fee must accompany the application. The \$350.00 balance may be paid prior to or upon arrival at Camp Turk. Applications must be in by June 1st. This will give the Committee time to complete staffing and forward necessary information to campers.

Video available

A new video tape is now available describing Camp Turk. If you would like to borrow this tape, please contact: Gordon Oakes, 234 Stone Road, Rochester, NY 14616 or phone (716) 663-7366.

Attention Campers

By Paul H. Rogers

All campers in the First and Second Monroes must send their applications (including deposit) and after they have been signed

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Any camper wishing financial aid must include a letter requesting such and state the circumstances surrounding their request.

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Rochester Forest No. 133

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Grand Tall Cedar

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Angelo DiCataldo
Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar

Leonard A. Latta, Scribe

By Donald C. Bell

Thanks

Thanks to the efforts of Bro. Bob Zabel and all who participated, we had a good rehearsal for the Royal Court Degree at our April meeting.

Royal Court Degree

This month will see the "Royal Court" Degree at our May 27th meeting. This month also brings the Tall Cedar Annual Convention in Wildwood, NJ on May 19-23.

Sausage Roast

Our June meeting will be a Sausage Roast held at Fellows Road Park. It is always a good time. This year our Junior Deputy, Angelo DiCataldo is chairperson for the event. Look for more details next month.

Wanda's Peaches

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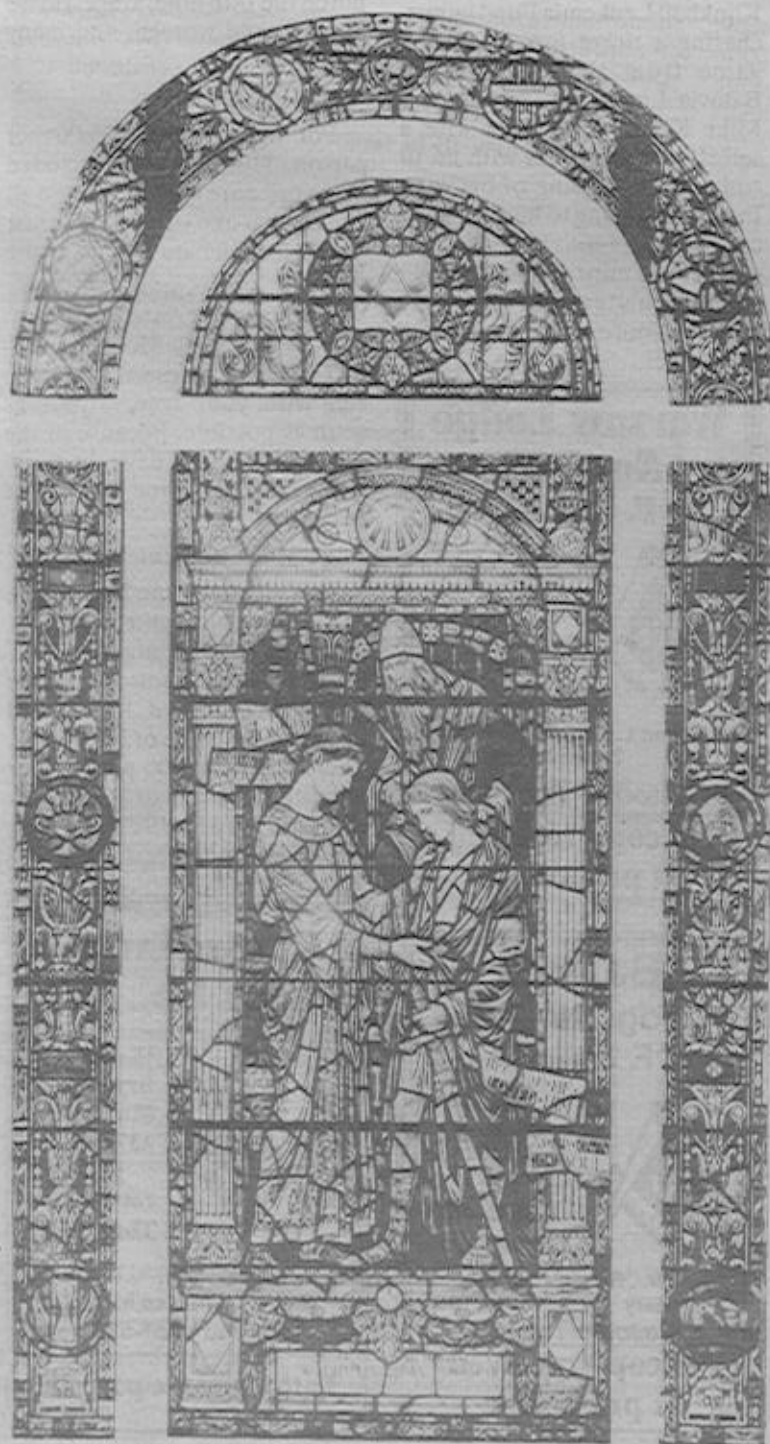
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He Will Be Missed

District Deputy Grand Master

For the Genesee-Wyoming District

Condolences

I would like to add my condolences to those of the rest of the Masons in the State at the passing of the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. We will always remember his quick smile and ready pat on the back. Masonry in the State has suffered a great loss, but, we must continue with the work at hand, building on the foundation laid down by M..W.. Sheldon K. Blank.



Grand Sword Bearer

Of the Grand Lodge
Of the State of New York



R..W.. Keith A. Granger

Spring is here and I hope that no one had any problems with the high water so evident in our area. I have been watching the Mount Morris Dam in Leitchworth State Park. As I write this, the water level is only 25 ft. from the top of the dam and it is still raining. I hope the rain will end soon.

The dam

The dam itself, I believe, is 175ft. high. This dam has saved property owners around the river, from millions of dollars in property damage. You can imagine what kind of problems the City of Rochester would have had it not

been for this flood control device. It is unbelievable to look at the Mount Morris Dam and see 150 ft. of water on one side and only a little brook on the other, and then to hear that the river below the dam, near Rochester, is above flood stage.

Grand Lodge

Remember, Grand Lodge sessions are May 3rd and 4th at the Rochester Convention Center. I hope that there will be an excellent turnout for Grand Lodge and the Grand Master's Dinner on May 3rd. Let's all make an effort to attend.

Playground Dedication

On the 25th of July, the Purple April Club and Batavia Commandery will conduct a Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at a playground in the Village of Pike. At 10:00 a.m. the Clergy of the Community will hold an outdoor service.

After the Dedication Ceremonies, there will be a picnic. Everyone is welcome; bring a dish to pass. There will also be entertainment by the Country Cloggers, who practice in the Masonic Temple. Bring your whole family. The children can use the playground while the adults watch the Cloggers. For those who enjoy playing horseshoes, there will be courts available. Don't miss this one! It promises to be a great time for everyone.

Masters & Wardens Association

GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

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Vice President
W.. Carl Fisher 537-9943
Secretary/Treasurer
W.. Glenn Cramer 535-7507

By W.. Shawn Wright
"Molly"

As of this writing, the Traveling Trophy "Molly" is back in Pike Lodge. Pike took it from Warsaw Lodge after they took it from Varysburg who took it from Pike who took it from Perry. Perry has been making some valiant attempts to get it back, but has come up a man short.

Fish Fry

The District Fish Fry held on March 26th was a huge success and was a great team effort. We cleared about \$800 for the Council of Masonic Activities. The committee would like to thank all those that helped make it a success. It was the 1st time for the committee.

Suggestions welcome

We would like some input from the workers on how to make things run more smoothly next time.

We have received some good suggestions that we will put into use for the October Fish Fry regarding manpower assignments and working in shifts so that the workers can plan to eat with their families.

Thank you

A special thanks to Howard Falkner, Paul and Mike Smith, John Cook, Sheldon Moden and Cliff Drum for helping make it a success.

Remember, sell those District candy bars and get the money in as soon as possible.

Purple Apron Club

GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

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

By R..W.. Holden P. Miller
Fish Fry

If ever an event was better planned, than the fund raiser Fish Fry for the Council of Masonic Activities, you will have to show me. The Council, which needed financial assistance, served 402 dinners. It was the largest Fish Fry ever. Because of the hard work by so many, I understand they are now solvent. The results were surely gratifying.

Best wishes

In attendance, was our Grand Chaplain, R..W.. Dr. Eligius G. Rainer who introduced me to his new bride. Dr. and Mrs. Rainer are very happy and everyone

sends them their congratulations and best wishes.

Investiture Service

The Investiture Service will be held in Warsaw on Friday evening, May 21st at 7:00 pm. All Masters, Past Masters and Masters Elect take notice of this date.

Open Installation

Hesperus Lodge will be having an Open Installation on Sunday afternoon, June 6th. The OES will serve dinner at 1:00 pm. The Ceremony will follow at 2:30 pm. Dinner reservations are a MUST and should be made with John Jessop at 494-2017.

Spring Ladies Day Dinner

R..W.. Charles Myers will be hosting our Spring Ladies Day Dinner on Sunday, June 13th at the Perry Lumberyard Restaurant. Invitations will be sent to the membership. If you make a reservation, please honor it. Last Fall, 4 reservations were made and not used. The Club had to pay for them.

Dedication Ceremony

R..W.. Keith Granger has made a request of the Purple Apron Club to perform a Cornerstone-Park Dedication Ceremony in the Village of Pike. This will take place on July 25th. I am assigning the parts to the members and I must caution that no reading from the book will be allowed.

Need Action?

Want to know how to get some action? For the past 2 months, I have closed my column stating "The Directories are being printed and should be in your hands very shortly". As the fellow once said, "Where are they being printed?"

Support the Leukemia Fund

I would like to recommend that you support the Jim Klinkbeil Leukemia Fund by purchasing a ticket for the lottery game from the members of Batavia Lodge. His father, W.. Mike Klinkbeil has met with a series of misfortunes with an ill son and the passing of his wife. Instead of saying to his Lodge, "I cannot continue as Master", he is more determined than ever to complete his term. You certainly have to admire and respect a man like Mike.

Warsaw Lodge No. 549 F. & A.M.

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W.. Michael L. Klinkbeil, Master 344-2194
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

W.. Robert F. Dagen, Secretary 548-7148
Masonic Temple

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Triluminar Lodge

No. 543
F. & A.M.



W.. David Allbright, Master 493-5934

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

W.. Richard Anderson, Sec. 493-2203

Masonic Temple
Main Street
Pike, N. Y. 14024

By R..W.. Keith Granger
Investiture Service

Brothers, on May 21st there will be an Investiture Service at Warsaw Lodge for all of the incoming Masters. This will be at 8:00 pm. Bro. Chuck Kraus will be invested with the Master's Word and Secrets of the Chair. Let's get out and support Bro. Kraus on this day.

Golf Tournament

I know that there are a lot of Brothers out there that like to play golf, so Triluminar Lodge is going to have a Golf Tournament. It will be held at Rolling Acres Golf Course, DeWitt Rd., Pike, NY.

Four Man, Best Ball

The Tournament play will be a four man, best ball tournament. To explain it a little, play will consist of four men or women or coed teams. Everyone will tee off, then each person will take his golf ball to the position of the best drive and hit from there. You repeat the process until you get the ball in the hole.

Lots of prizes

There will be many prizes given away, \$200.00 for closest to pin on the 14th hole, longest drive for men and women, and many others.

Cost

For the price of \$25.00 per person (\$100 per team) included in the price are greens fees and all you can eat and drink. You must have a four person team!

Reservations

If you are interested, call me at 493-2908 or Barb Moore at 567-8557. Tee off times will go fast so call with your reservations as soon as possible. Because of the limited amount of daylight, there will be a limit in the number of teams.

Mark your calendar

Our meeting June 23rd will be at the Masonic Temple in Pike, the guest of the night will be R..W.. Sandy Samson, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. There will be a 7:00 p.m. dinner preceding at a cost of \$6.00. Reservations are a MUST and will be limited to 30 people.

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548-2589
1st and 3rd Thursday

W. Stuart P. Lamborn, Secretary 494-1360
12 South Lake Ave. Bergen, N.Y. 14416

By W. Donald Hargrave and Bro. Donald VanSlyke

My time is running out as Master, along with the first phase of the Membership Drive in our District. Remember today's stranger-tomorrow's Brother.

Awards

Harris Busmire was honored with the Dedicated Service Award on March 18th. It was presented by R.W. Robert Nicoll, DDGM, with R.W. Keith Granger, Grand Sword Bearer, also in attendance. The evening was very rewarding, and topped off with our annual Irish stew.

Degrees

We have three candidates to take their First Degree on April 15th, and will complete their Second and Third Degrees by Summer break.

Coming events

On June 6th we will be having an Open Installation. Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m., with a meeting to follow at 2:30 p.m., at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen. The ladies of the Eastern Star will be serving yet another terrific dinner. If you and yours would like to attend, please call John Jessup for reservations at 494-2017. The price of the dinner is \$6.00 per person.

Honor

We will also have the dedication of the Purple Aprons of deceased Brothers R.W. Robert MacVean and R.W. Richard Pringle. The framed aprons will be displayed in the Lodge.

Correction


Due to the Bergen Park Festival on August 14th, the Annual Steak Roast will be held on August 21st at John Baters, in Byron.

Brother Harris Busmire Receives D.S.A.



(Left to right) W. Donald Hargrave, R.W. Robert Nicoll, DDGM Genesee-Wyoming, Bro. Harris Busmire.

Attica Lodge No. 462 F. & A.M.



W. David Buckheit, Master 662-3917
1st and 3rd Wednesday (Jan-Feb-Mar 3rd Wed)
R.W. Donald Van Son, Secretary 591-1390
Masonic Temple 39 Main Street Attica, N.Y. 14011

By W. Shawn Wright
Chicken B-B-Q

The Lodge's annual Mothers Day Chicken B-B-Q will be held Sunday, May 9th. We will be serving from 11:00 am. until? Come early because we usually sell out. Take-outs will be available. If you can lend a hand as a worker, donate a pie or two, or bring the family for a good meal, your support would be greatly appreciated. This event is our big fund raiser of the year for the Lodge.

Bingo night

Attica Lodge's Bingo Night at the Batavia VA Hospital was held March 16th. 7 Brothers traveled there to help out. Everyone had a good time.

Linking hands

On March 19th, the students of the Attica Elementary School culminated a week long theme called "Let's Link Together Against Drugs" by joining hands and linking together between the Drug Free School Zone signs posted at the school with the assistance of New York Freemasons. W. Glenn Cramer spoke at this event which was attended by representatives of the parent-teacher group, law enforcement agencies and the Varysburg and Attica Lodges. School Principal, Mr. Kent Bates, organized the event and spoke to the children and spectators about the Drug Free School Zone Program.

Ladies Night

On April 7th, a Ladies Night was held at Attica Lodge. A Chicken and Biscuit Dinner was served to 60 attendees prior to the meeting. \$200.00 was raised to benefit the Attica Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program at Attica Schools. The Lodge has raised \$500.00 in the past 6

months to benefit this program. After dinner all moved to the Lodge room to see a presentation about D.A.R.E. given by Trooper Tim Talley of the New York State Police. A video, which was part of the program, was shown on a 7 ft. screen generously provided by Bro. Gerald Schlenker. It was a very moving presentation and enjoyed by all.

50 Year Certificate

A 50 Year Pin and Certificate was presented to Bro. Hi Spencer by District Deputy Robert Nicoll. Brother Spencer's wife of 58 years, Bonnie, was also present.

D.S.A.

The Lodge then made a surprise presentation of the Dedicated Service Award to Bro. Chuck Lapp. Brother Chuck's wife, Luanne was also in attendance. Chuck was very surprised to receive this award even though he is most deserving. He is a very sharp guy and I knew it would be very hard to inform everybody in the District that he was receiving the Award and keep it from him. We pulled it off, however, and I would like to thank everybody that helped us do it.

Election

The Election of Officers will be held on May 19th. Please send in your Brotherhood Fund contributions as soon as possible.

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



W. Glenn Cramer, Master 535-7507
1st & 3rd Mondays
R.W. Kenneth E. Kohlhagen, Secretary 585-7511
2473 Route 20A Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

By W. Glenn L. Cramer

Sadness

At our Communication of March 15, 1993, we received notification of the death of M.W. Arthur Markewich.

Coming events

It has been decided that Sunday, May 16th will be the Annual Trust Fund Dinner at West Star. It will be Roast Beef and will be served at 11:30 a.m. The family picnic at Luce's Pond on July 24th will start at 2:00 p.m. We will be eating at 4:00 p.m. June 19th and 20th will be Varysburg's Neighborhood Days with a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on the 19th. The dinner will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Jackets

Bro. Carl Parmerter reported on the procurement of jackets with quilted linings with the square and compass on the back and the lettering of West Star No. 413. The cost will be approximately \$48.00 each.

3rd Degree

On Saturday, May 22nd, there will be a 3rd Degree at 4:00 p.m. The 1st and 2nd Degrees were held in April.

April Communication

At the Communication of April 5th, a new catalog from Grand Lodge sales was received. Anyone wishing to order from Grand Lodge contact the Master or the Secretary. Eleven Brothers contributed to the Brotherhood Fund. The work of the evening was the 2nd Degree. Bro. Carl

Parmerter was in the East, and everyone did an excellent job.

Other news

It has been reported that Bro. Fred Sikes, who resides in Florida, is quite ill. Bro. Ed Meyers has been duly elected a member of West Star Lodge by Affiliation.

Baseball anyone?


We may possibly have baseball tickets this Summer. Anyone interested should contact W. Bill Geitner.

May schedule

It is a possibility that there will be a 2nd Degree on May 3rd while I will be attending Grand Lodge. The Election of Officers will be May 17th.

Don't forget, anyone interested in jackets, contact Bro. Carl Parmerter.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 F. & A.M.



W. E. T. Curtis, Master 948-9523 Fax: 948-8088
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
R. A. Forbes, Secretary 768-2657
8 West Main Street LeRoy, N.Y. 14482

By Ernest Curtis

May Anniversaries

By my count, 8 Brothers of Olive Branch Lodge have anniversaries of their Masonic raising during the month of May: David E. Cross was raised 16 years ago this month. Celebrating 33 years are Harry W. Strobel, Eligius T. Rainer, and Charles H. Felt. Clayton D. Dimick is celebrating 34 years as a Master Mason. James H. Ransier and Merton A. Reynolds were both raised the same evening 35 years ago. Willard G. Orr has been a Master Mason for 42 years during May.

Election of Officers

The annual Election of Officers will be held on May 5th. Your officers will be installed at a joint meeting with the officers of several other Genesee-Wyoming District Lodges.

Second Degree

Make a note on your calendar to reserve the evening of Wednesday, May 19th. That night we will be putting on the Fellowcraft Degree. Our guest Middle Chamber Lecturer will be W. Don Read, Past Master of Hesperus Lodge and current High Priest of LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM

June dates set

Wednesday, June 2nd, we will once again hold Open Lodge. I encourage you all to "Bring a Friend" who is interested in Masonry. As in our last such meeting, we will have a Lodge Opening Ceremony. Our guest speaker will give a talk on the Evolution of the American Flag. This is an inspiring patriotic presentation. Be sure to come out for this enjoyable evening. Following a ritual closing of Lodge, a light meal of Beef on Kimmelwick will be served and video tapes on the Masonic Fraternity will be shown.

Our second meeting in June will be the Annual Olive Branch Lodge Picnic. It will once again be held at Genesee County Park on Raymond Road in the Town of Bethany. Plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m. for a great tasting meal of Charcoal Roasted Chicken. Bring the family. We haven't yet determined what the final cost will be, but you can be assured that the meal will be the usual bargain. You will not pay more than \$6.00 per person.

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

W. David J. Beardsley, Master

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Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92

Everett G. Norris, III, Master

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Welcome Arcade!

Arcade Lodge No. 419 F. & A.M.



W. Chester MacRae, Master 492-1257
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District Deputy Grand Master For the First Monroe District

Over the past several days, I have often found myself reflecting on my brief friendship with our recently departed Grand Master, M. W. Sheldon K. Blank. My first encounter with Grand Master Blank was at the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony and dedication of the Ogden Town Hall, in May of 1992. This was my first official event as the District Deputy, and he knew that I was nervous. He put his hand on my shoulder, as he would do many times in our year together, and reassured me that there was no reason to be nervous. His gentle easy nature did, in fact, ease my apprehensions, and all went well.

During this year I had numerous encounters with the Grand Master; at training sessions at both Utica and Camp Turk, and at numerous official events here in the Monroe Districts. In all instances, he would greet me as if I were a very old friend, and not just one of 65 District Deputies who represented him around the State. Always, the gentle hand on my shoulder reminded me that all was well. His program, "Welcome to the Future", was a program which showed much insight and thought. We were not going to deal with Masonry on the short term; rather we would look at enabling a strong and healthy Fraternity as we entered the Twenty-first Century.

Change would become the watchword. Are these the types of programs a seventy-one year old Grand Master would propose? Not really, but Grand Master Blank would show us time and time again, that he was much younger than his years. This was a man who surrounded himself with youth all of his life, from a career as a music teacher, to his Summers at Camp Turk, known as "Uncle Shelly".

Seminars this year were marked by Grand Lodge taking an active role in listening, and changing. As the Grand Master said, "Look to discover the future. Remember, change is inevitable, our own growth is optional."

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Moving moment

The introduction of the Grand Master for the last time in this world, by his Grand Marshal, Rod Burris, brought tears to my eyes. How often I heard those words, and how much they meant to me and all who were in the audience; and now they will be heard no more. Goodbye Grand Master. Thank you for your inspiration. It has been my pleasure to serve you.

Hop aboard!

The changeover is now happening. All Lodges will have elections for their slate of officers for the 1993-94 year, and installations are now being held. Thank goodness, the transition is now complete, and the Lodge year and the Grand Lodge year are now the same. Lodges will have a stable line of officers, and plans can be laid for the future.

Summer will now be the time for the finishing touches for the upcoming Lodge year, and once the Lodge train starts in September, there will be no stopping it until Grand Lodge next year. I would hope that all of you will be at the numerous stations as the train pulls up.

Lodge meetings are only fun when we have active participation. Please make it a point to help make this next year a memorable one. Support your new officers by making attendance at installation a priority in this new Lodge year. □

Grand Sword Bearer

Of the Grand Lodge
Of the State of New York



R. W. Louis DiJames

Spread the Word

My Brothers, we mourn the passing of our Grand Master Sheldon K. Blank. Let us not forget him. He leaves us with a legacy of new programs and innovations that have been tried and found to be effective, therefore they should be continued.

Call for help

What better tribute can you give a man than to continue his programs and carry out his wishes. To those of you who have tried some of these programs, with little success, I say to you: THERE IS HELP OUT THERE. Call me at (716) 654-8348 and I will get you the help you need with the planning and implementation of a successful program.

Grand Lodge

As you read this, Grand Lodge Sessions will be hard upon us. I am looking forward to greeting you all there. This will surely be an experience of a lifetime.

As my Grand Lodge duties include education, I must inform you that there will be presented an entry level course of the Bureau of Masonic Education on May 19, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the Downtown Temple. Please make every effort to have your newly raised Brothers attend, as this program will be especially beneficial to them.

Assets

Your Assistant Grand Lecturers will conduct a School of Ritual at Charlotte Corinthian Lodge on May 26, 1993. These programs are a must for all officers and Brothers. Please plan to attend these classes; the knowledge and benefits gained by doing so are an enormous asset to you in Masonry.

Participate

Attend and participate in the Joint Investiture Service on May 21, 1993 in the Downtown Temple. Our AGL's work extra hard on this program. Your participation will ensure a continued effort on their part.

BECOME INFORMED, GET EXCITED AND SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR BROTHERHOOD. Your enjoyment of and in Masonry is in direct proportion to the effort you expend.

See you at the Schools. □

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



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Mondays
7:30 P.M

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By W. Art Mason

Great sorrow

It is with great sorrow that we observe the death of our Grand Master, M. W. Sheldon K. Blank. M. W. Blank was a great supporter of our Lodge and what we have tried to accomplish in the areas of membership development, Community service and family involvement. He took the time to attend our Ladies Night/Frank Horton Dinner in February and most recently was the main speaker at the Grand Ball. He tried and succeeded, to bring the Craft back to its members and we are all the recipients of his efforts. He will be sorely missed.

Schedule change

As all of you are aware, we have had a change in our 3rd Degree scheduling. Due to a number of factors, some of our


Fellowcrafts were not able to attend a Degree Fest we had planned. Instead, we put through 7 members on April 26th, our regular meeting night.


Open Installation

On May 22nd we will be having an Open Installation for our new line of officers - Halleluia!!! Our illustrious Senior Warden will be taking the mantle of control and running with it! Due to all our efforts, we now have a line of officers who can provide quality leadership for many years to come. I would like to thank all the members of ERAC for their support and cooperation on my second trip to the East. It has been real!

We have vitality!

In closing, I want to let everyone know that sometimes we at ERAC take for granted the accomplishments we have done and the positives we have. I have visited many other Lodges, both in and out of the Monroe Districts, and I am reminded of where our Lodge was not so long ago. In some other Lodges a dozen members is a "good" turnout, there is little if any Community involvement, and the attitude regarding bringing in new members is one of hopelessness and atrophy. Brothers, we may have our petty disagreements and "grumps" but we now have that luxury that few other Lodges have - vitality! □





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**2nd
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.**

By W. Ted Honea

Accept my apology

I apologize for not providing you with a decent column this month. I simply was overwhelmed this past week and forgot.

Busy times

I spent most free moments during the last few weeks rewriting an article for a professional journal (I live in the world of "publish or perish" you know). I finally got it finished and sent it off on Thursday. Friday, I was in Ithaca on behalf of the Monroe Masonic Library picking up a gift of books. Saturday, I was in Mexico for the sad obsequies of our lamented Grand Master. Sunday was consumed with church and the holiday.

Monday I worked late on some new duties I've had to assume at work and then to a funeral service. After that, I went home and prepared for the Degree and put together slides for the Lantern Lecture. That brought me to the deadline and no column. This is my *mea culpa*. It raises an issue, though. I have already encouraged the incoming Master to consider appointing a Brother to write the column for him as many Lodges seem to do. □

WEBSTER Lodge No. 533



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By W. Ron Hollander

This is it! My last article for the *Masonic Times*, as Master of Webster Lodge. Just when I have finally gotten this down, I'm done. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me throughout my term. This has been a very rewarding and tiring experience. I can honestly say that I'm glad I did it. One of the many things I have learned is Masonry is everyone, not just one person. That is what makes Webster Lodge work, all the Brothers.

Move-up night

May 6th will be Move-Up Night, with our SW Greg Brown in the East, and all the Officers will be moving up. We will be voting on our By-Laws for approval. As this is a Summons Meeting, you should have received a notice. We will be having a Judo demonstration after the meeting by Bro. David Bryant.

Brotherhood Fund

We now have 72 members who have contributed \$1749.00 to the Brotherhood Fund. This is a great start, and if you have yet to contribute, please do so. Bro. John Clapp would be happy to accept your donation.

Community Service

On May 8th, Webster Lodge, in conjunction with Webster Child Care Center, will be having a pancake breakfast. All the proceeds will be going to the Webster Child Care Center, which is a not-for-profit organization that holds various fund raisers throughout the year. If you can help out with this, please let Bro. Bob Crum know. If you can come down for breakfast, please do.

Mortgage burning party

We are finally going to burn our mortgage, on May 8th. This event will take place with W. Phil King and W. Tom Pellett preparing the program for the evening, which will start immediately after dinner. It will be on the building of the Lodge and will be very interesting to all of us who were not around for the creation of the Webster Masonic Temple. This should also be a good chance to see old friends who were instrumental in this endeavor. A Roast Beef dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. for a cost of \$7.50 per person. Please call Paul Sobtzick at 671-8980 for reservations (leave a message on his answering machine).

Ionic Ladies Night


May 15th will be Ladies Night at Ionic Lodge, our sister Lodge in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. If you are interested in attending, please call Bro. John Clapp so plans can be made.

Annual meeting

May 20th will be our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. We will be having a dinner; call Bro. John Clapp for your reservations.

See you on the *sidelines!* □

Wakan-Hubbard
Lodge No. 154



W. Andrew P. Young,
Master
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2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 P.M.

W. Ted Snyder, Secretary
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By W. Andrew P. Young

Easter Parade
 Last month we had an enjoyable Easter Parade. The ladies, in their Easter finery, looked splendid indeed. We also had a fine turnout for our Ladies Night-Coronation Lodge visitation. All present enjoyed the fine evening.

Election of Officers
 At our 1st meeting in May, we will have the first annual Election of Officers under the new Lodge year. Also, according to Grand Lodge procedures, we will have our second vote on the changes to our By-laws which support the change in the Lodge year.

Euchre Tournament
 At our 2nd meeting, on May 24th, we will have an individual's Euchre tournament. All Masons, their wives, and friends are invited to attend. Play starts at 7:30 pm.

Grand Lodge
 The Grand Lodge Meeting, held in Rochester this year, is our opportunity to share the experience of attending Grand Lodge. I urge everyone to attend the daily meetings and the Grand Master's Dinner. (Call Louis DiJames for tickets). W. Norm Crosby will be there to receive honors from the Grand Master.

New and Views
 By Don Bell
 Our Secretary, W. Ted Snyder has gone West. Don't be alarmed, it's only for a skiing trip. During the recent flooding, W. John Rees was able to give his wife, Lillian, swimming lessons in their basement. Fortunately, the flood has now subsided.


As of this writing, W. Don Morgan has been hospitalized with heart problems, and W. Andy Young's wife, Mary, is in the hospital for tests and treatment. Bro. John Kennedy suffered a broken leg in February. Bro. James Willis, DSA, is now home from the hospital and recovering.

Ask Bro. Dave Cromwell about mattress labels and smoke alarm batteries.

On a happier note, R. W. Don Brugger and his wife, Jean, have had their 8th grandchild, their 3rd granddaughter. The baby's father, John, is a member of Clio Lodge No. 779.

Euchre Tournament
 Bro. Don McDill informs us that he and R. W. Wayne Slack are chairing the Individual Euchre Tournament to be held at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge on May 24th. Registration will begin at 7:00pm, play starts at 7:30 pm, and the cost is \$5.00 per person. All Masons, their wives, ladies, and friends are invited. Individual play will be scored and snacks will be furnished throughout the evening. Prizes will be awarded at the close of play. See ad elsewhere in this paper.

CLIO
LODGE No. 779



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7:30 P.M.

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By W. Karl D. Brandt

He will be missed
 With the passing of the "Blizzard of '93" so too passes one of the great pillars of Clio Lodge. R. W. Dennison W. Wright has returned to the Great Architect of the Universe. R. W. Wright has been an inspiration to a great many Brothers including myself. His willingness to always help is what it is all about!

Illness
 Also, under sickness and distress, W. Art Harmer has been reported to be feeling much better. It will be great to see him back at Lodge.

Ox Roast
 At the time of the writing of this article, the Ox Roast is still 2 weeks away. So keep an eye out for next month's article to find out how things have gone.

May schedule
 On May 4th, Bro. Merle Wallace returns to the East. I will be there to deliver the Annual Report from Grand Lodge. May 18th will be my last day in the East. The program of the evening will be the Annual Election of Officers.

The following Brothers will be celebrating birthdays in May: John Himmelsbach, Robert Baxter, Art Miller, Gary (where have you been) Thompson, Dick Ricket, Kenneth Mullen and Rene' Frazee.

FAIRPORT
Lodge No. 476



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Mondays
7:30 P.M.

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By Tom Goodrich, SW

Greetings from the West
 As of this publication we will have conferred the Degree of Master Mason, bringing to a close our Spring class of candidates, while just starting for our newly raised Brothers what we all hope should be a new chapter of learning and appreciation for our Masonic Order. Brothers, only with your encouragement and support, will newly raised Brothers of today become our bloodline and leadership of tomorrow.


Need a petition?
 Speaking of tomorrow, do we all have a blank petition ready should a prospective member inquire? We have plenty available, so next time you attend Lodge, pick one up, and if you can't get to Lodge for any reason, call and we can get you there or mail a petition to you.

Community project
 Our Adopt-a-Highway program will soon be under way and will require active participation from all Brothers willing to donate a half day of their time for this endeavor. We thank Bro. Kel Kelsey, the mastermind and coordinator of our involvement in this program. Not only will these outings be a great promoter of fellowship and fun, it gives Fairport Lodge a hands on chance to improve the face of the Community in which we live, while enhancing the face of Masonry in the Community.

Revisions
 By now I trust all have received your Summons for our Annual Communication May 10, 1993. Your presence is strongly urged, as not only will we be handling the customary Election of Officers and annual budget, but also at issue are several propositions revising our By-laws and dues structure. Your input is more effective and beneficial before, rather than after, the fact. We would like to thank our SD Bro. Bob Slominski for chairing the five man By-laws Committee and all who served.

Looking forward to seeing you May 10th.

MONROE
Lodge No. 173



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Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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By W. Howie Bale

It doesn't seem like a year has passed since I stepped to the East to receive the gavel, but that's what's happened. That means that I'm the first Master of Monroe No. 173 to complete a regular term under the conditions of the new Lodge year, May to May. By the way, what a great year it's been!

Variety of events
 We started out with a well attended Bicycle Safety Rodeo in the Spring. During the Summer we held a highly successful garage sale, and then in the Fall we had a super Roast Pork Dinner, which received rave reviews and calls for an encore. Next we presented a most well deserved DSA to W. Cal Tripp. That was followed by our Annual Red Cross Blood Drive, which generated over 50 pints of blood and another first time donor.

Ladies events
 The February Widows Luncheon was well attended and both the widows and the Brothers escorting them enjoyed the meal and entertainment. In March, Rt. Wthy. Donna Laundry, Matron of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter No. 44, OES, along with the Sisters and Brothers of the Chapter, honored us at their Master Masons Night dinner and program. It was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Snow date
 Despite the postponement of our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner (snowed out on March 13th) we finally got everything together on April 3rd and both

the customers and the help enjoyed one of our best dinners ever. (Bro. Mel Mosher assures me that the "Irish" Cabbage was the chef's secret ingredient.)


Interesting speakers
 Neither should we overlook the programs we've enjoyed through the work of Vern Johnson, who arranged for speakers on both Scouting in Western N.Y. and the continuing work on the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument here in Brockport.

Remembrance
 We need also take a moment to remember those of our number, both Brothers and their ladies, who have passed from our midst during the past months. Remind us to keep them always present in our thoughts as they are a part of what we are and what we become.

Many thanks
 Special thanks must go to Bro. Mel Doverspike for chairing the dinners and the Blood Drive, and to Jerry Werner for chairing the Widows Luncheon, the Trustees, and the Wood/Quackenbush and Temple Funds. Thanks also to Mel Mosher, Steve Harris, El Lawrence, George Brege, Mark Hazel, Bob Rudman, Charlie Marshall, Roy Gould, Jim Branigan, Bob Ellis, Lavern Johnson, Lavern McCauly, Grant Adams, Ken Parent, and all the other Brothers and friends who have made my year successful.

May events
 But lest you pause to catch your breath..., we have the Grand Lodge coming to Rochester in May; the Annual Communication on May 11th; the May 15th Bicycle Safety Rodeo; the May 21st Joint Investiture Service (Past Masters, please feel free to join Steve Harris and Mel Doverspike); and the May 25th Installation of Officers. Don't blink or you're sure to miss something. SW, and "almost" W., Steve Harris, is ready and raring to go! He's going to be Lodge Proxy for me at this year's Grand Lodge. Nothin' like getting your feet wet early. So, hold onto your hat, take a deep breath, join Steve, and jump right back in! The water's great!!

Flower City
Lodge No. 910



W. Gordon T. Dodge,
Master
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2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.


R. W. Philip Averbach,
 Secretary 458-1817

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By W. Gordon Dodge
 April saw our JW Douglas Higgins confirming the First Degree on a new member of Flower City No. 910 and a member of East Rochester's Ancient Craft, as a courtesy to that Lodge. Congratulations are in order to our JW and to all the members who

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In Memorium
 We would like to take this opportunity to express our sadness for the loss of our Grand Master, M. W. Sheldon K. Blank. His guidance, charity and leadership will be missed.

Grand Lodge
 The James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post Masonic War Veterans will perform the opening and closing Flag ceremonies at Grand Lodge on May 3rd and 4th.

did an outstanding job, as is usual in Flower City Lodge.
 R. W. Robert Sanford, Grand Steward, also visited with us in April. It was nice to have an "Old '81 Master" with me in the East. Not really too old, eh Bob?

Community project
 The Fellowcraft Club held it's first pickup of the "Adopt-a-Highway" Community project on April 17th. Let's hope the weather treated the guys nicely with no snow or rain.

Grand Lodge
 May will see the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Rochester. The Lodge will be hosting our members and any other Master Mason and their ladies, who might care to visit the Lodge's "Hospitality Room" in the Holiday Inn Genesee Plaza AFTER the Grand Master's Banquet.

Changes
 We are all saddened by the untimely passing of M. W. Sheldon K. Blank and extend our sympathy to his many friends and his family.
 We wish R. W. Gary Henningsen, the Deputy Grand Master, our best wishes as he assumes the mantle of responsibility as the Grand Master.

Important meeting
 Election of Flower City Lodge Officers will take place at 7:30 p.m. on May 13th. Please plan to attend this important evening.

Distress
 The Lodge was saddened in April by the passing of Bro. George Freeling. Sympathy is extended to his family and friends.
 See you in Lodge.

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By W. James Barker

Changes coming

Next month a new voice will appear in Etolian's column. I thank the officers, Past Masters, and Brethren for according me the honor of the Master's chair for the past 15 months.

A hearty welcome

There was a class of 7 new Brothers that received their 3rd Degree on April 26th. It is a pleasure to have you all in Etolian Lodge.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Chaplain, W. Gene Brendel and his wife, Alice on the celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary on April 5th.

Sadness

Bro. Clarence Stroh passed away on March 14th. He was raised in Etolian on October 28, 1946. Clarence was a quiet person, but until his health failed, he attended Lodge faithfully, a fixture in the Northeast corner with Bro. George Ford. He is survived by 2 daughters, Jacqueline and Deanna and sons, Robert and Richard, (who is also a member of Etolian). A Masonic Memorial

Service was held at the Gates Presbyterian Church on March 21st.

Sickness and distress

W. Chet Carter's eye surgery was a success and he hopes to be back in Lodge soon. W. Ellsworth Wilson also underwent eye surgery on March 24th. Bro. Don Kimmel is convalescing at home after by-pass surgery and is doing well. Bro. Bill Miller is recovering from a bad cold.

Brotherhood Fund

I have been asked to make an appeal to the membership on behalf of the Brotherhood Fund. This campaign ends this month and at last report, we stood with only 23% of our Brethren donating. Could we not dig a little deeper in our minds and consciences and raise this percentage? It is the thought that counts, rather than the size of your gift.

Bring your friends!

Reservations must be in to Bro. Dick Kessler by May 3rd for our 2nd Bring a Friend Night. We'll provide the program, but you have to Bring the Friend!

Election

A stated communication will be held at our May 11th gathering for the purpose of electing the officers who will serve from June 1993-June 1994.

Past Master's Dinner

The Past Master's Dinner will be at Bosdyk's on May 20th. Your reservation should be in to W. Tom Michielsen by May 13th. The Master-elect will be our guest for dinner. Cocktails - 5:30 pm, Dinner - 6:30 pm.

Installation

The tentative date for Installation of Officers is set for May 24th. □

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Second
Tuesday
6:00 P.M.

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By Larry E. Foster

Reflections

This being my last Masonic Times article, I can't resist looking back over my term as Master. As you all recall, we have just completed a half year transition to the mandated Grand Lodge calendar year from May to May. One of the objectives of the Officers was to make this transition a smooth and seamless one. I believe we have been successful as demonstrated by our activities and our achievements.

Communications

Though the final touches are still being put on the State of the Lodge report, it will be completed and delivered to the new Officers for their consideration and action. A series of Trestleboard Articles on our membership, financials and Masonry in general have hopefully increased the knowledge of the membership to better prepare them for the challenges of the future. I have attempted to maintain very open communications and I feel good about the way the Lodge has responded.

New Brothers

I am proud of the fine new Brothers which we have brought into the Lodge. Our two newly raised Brothers and our new Affiliate are certain to be valuable members, friends and participants in our varied activities.

A full calendar of events

Our calendar has been rather full since our Annual Meeting in December. This included the Seneca Tea, Euchre Night, Directors Forum, Masters Reception, 1st Degree, Widows Luncheon, 2nd Degree, 3rd Degree, Bring a Friend Night, the Velvet Prod and this month, our Annual Meeting to be followed with our Ladies Night and St. Andrews visit. Of course laced within all of these events have been numerous rehearsals, committee, Directors and Trustee meetings, as well as one-on-one meetings and telephone exchanges. We certainly have not sat upon our hands during this period of transition.

Thank you

In my Trestleboard article, I will focus on expressing my thanks to many of our members who have been so instrumental in our success during this year. I do want to say that Seneca is alive and a Lodge to which you can give of yourself and receive extreme gratification and pleasure in return. For those of you that have given, I thank you and I hope you share my feelings, for those who have not, step forward and support your new officers. □

From the Grand Chaplain's Station

Grand Lodge, F&AM
State of New York



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

It was Memorial Day. A Brother Mason entered a cemetery to honor the deceased members of his family. As he walked along, he thought to himself, "Today we remember the men, women and children who have lived and died in the service of others. What patriotism is stirred up in the heart as we see the flags flying over the many graves. It would be a cold, unemotional person indeed who would be moved as his eyes swept over the rows and rows of graves."

As the Mason's eyes took in the panorama of tombstones, his mind drifted back to the day when he had visited the American Cemetery in Brussels, Belgium, and observed a couple searching through the rows of crosses and Stars of David, hunting for a name. There was an air of sadness and emotion, he remembered as they attempted to find a mark that would identify the resting place of their loved one among the anonymous and geometrical rows.

Soon his reverie was broken by a perfect stranger who came up beside him and said, "Why all the fuss? These people are all dead." At first he was startled and then after a few thoughtful moments he replied, "You may not believe it, but these people are not really dead." The stranger laughed and said, "Do you mean to tell me that these bodies in the cold and damp earth sealed in their caskets are not dead? That's really fanciful."

"No," said the Mason, "it is not fantasy. It is the truth. These dead are still living, and that's the real reason for all the fuss. Do you think that with our human reason alone we could come to this conclusion? In the scriptures we find these words, 'The Lord, God, formed the human being of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the human being became a living soul' (Genesis 2:7)."

"Since this living soul," said the Mason, "is the result of God's breath, it is not not made of parts and, therefore, is unable to decay. So, since it exists, it exists forever. This is reinforced by another text from the Bible, where we read, 'The dust (human body) shall return to the earth from whence it was, and the spirit (the breath of God -- the human soul) to God who gave it' (Ecclesiastes 12:7). I am able to speak this way, because, I gave serious thought to two fundamental beliefs prescribed by Freemasonry, when first prepared for Masonry and

after I was obligated. These fundamental truths are that God exists and that the human soul is immortal.

The Mason continued, "It is because the soul of these dead, brought honor, achievement, love, friendships and noted service through the body they inhabited while it was able to function, that we honor them on Memorial Day. That's the reason for all the fuss. These dead still live in the world beyond the grave and know what is going on. The Holy Bible informs us, 'We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses...let us run without anxiety the race that is set before us' (Hebrews 12:1).

The stranger showed a glimmer of understanding, when the Mason remarked, "No Mason or non-Mason would fail to enjoy life's triumphs, if he would but walk the path of Masonic teachings and spend his life living the deeds of love, relief and service for which these dead are honored."

For a few moments the stranger was unable to reply. Then tears came to his eyes. He turned to the Mason and said, "I see now that cemeteries are sacred places of significance. They hold the bodies which were only the instruments through which the soul functioned to merit noted achievements and deserved praise.

I can see now, too, that Memorial Day makes sense; for in coming to the cemetery, we honor the souls, that inhabited these bodies to enhance the titles of wife, husband, child, friend and patriot. That is something to make a fuss over. I had no idea that Freemasonry was based on such high principles. I thought it was only a club.

You will never know how much you have helped me appreciate Memorial Day. I can truly say that this day is a day which emphasizes the gap between faith and decision. There should be a lot of fuss." □

Bro. Gena Warner Marks 70 Years of Service



Bro. Gena Warner, seated, proudly displays his 70 year service pin. He was raised in Etolian Lodge No. 479 in 1922. On hand to observe the proceedings are left to right: Bro. Dick Kessler, W. Jim Barker, W. Brad Goodridge, and W. Clark Kunes.

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What Makes
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District Deputy Grand Master

For the Second Monroe District

This article was written prior to the passing of our Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Sheldon K. Blank. After reviewing the article, I decided not to make any corrections. This edition of the *Masonic Times* will cover the Grand Master's life, his career, and devotion to Masonry. I feel confident that after respectful remembrances and farewells, he would want us to continue with the affairs of Grand Lodge and Masonry.

There are several aspects to a successful Lodge. We have discussed some of them, such as membership development, membership retention, and good programming. All these things and others are essential if a Lodge wants to be and wishes to remain a successful organization. There is another area that is very important to a successful Lodge. It is that sense of fellowship and enjoyment that a Brother feels while attending a meeting or function of the Lodge. That sense of feeling can be the cement that unites a Lodge together into, as our Ritual says, "a society of friends and Brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist".

That sense or feeling of warmth and fellowship should be felt by a Brother as soon as he enters the Lodge. He should be greeted by the Master and the Officers by a warm and friendly handshake. The members should enjoy working together, to be proud to be part of the organization, to be part of the decision making process, to have fellowship prior to, during, and after the meeting. All these things contribute to building a strong and successful Lodge.

Generation gap

There is today, in some Lodges, a generation gap. That difference is with Brothers in their sixties and seventies and Brothers who are in their thirties and forties.

We have seen examples in Masonry where these age groups can work together to accomplish the goals set before them. There is the example of our Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master who, although a generation apart, have the same aspirations and goals for Masonry. Both R..W.: Bob Sanford and I, and he has almost as many years in Masonry as I am old, work together, share responsibilities, ideas, and even a room together at the next St. John's weekend this June. I rely on him for his experience and his knowledge of tradition and customs. We are known around the District, affectionately and otherwise, as "Sanford and Son".

That same "age gap" exists in some of our Lodges today. We

have seen a resurgence in membership in some Lodges. These Lodges have younger members in their thirties and early forties. Some of these younger Brothers have assumed leadership positions in their respective Lodges. They have that "get up and go" and "let's get things done now" attitude. Some don't understand some of the resistance they may get from some of the older and experienced Brothers, or worse yet, the Past Masters of the Lodge. On the other side, some of the Lodge "elders" see a group of young, brash men trying to "take over" the Lodge. They show little or no respect for their experience and knowledge.

It may be difficult for a Lodge to be successful in this type of situation. The key thought to remember is that no matter what the age of a Brother, we all share the same ultimate goal: Friendship and Brotherly Love. We can and should understand the concerns of all the Brothers no matter what the age. There ought to be a giving and receiving relationship on both sides.

When with a Brother at a meeting or activity, or in times of stress, we should always try to remember the tenets of the Second Degree Charge. There is something for everyone in every phrase and sentence in that Charge. Open the ritual book and read that Charge and "Remember that there is no claim so glistening with the ties of honest affection as that password of our greeting, 'MY BROTHER.'" □

Grand Steward

Of the Grand Lodge
Of the State of New York



R..W.: Robert F. Sanford

Grand Master

The Grand Lodge Officers of the Monroe Districts attended the Masonic Funeral Service for the Most Worshipful Sheldon K. Blank on April 10th, in Mexico, NY. The church was filled to

overflowing with Masons from all over New York State.

Education

This coming year we will focus on new membership and membership retention. I am happy to see how well the "Bring a Friend Nights" are working. Several Lodges in the 2nd Monroe have a number of new members this Spring.

The School of Ritual at Wakan-Hubbard on March 31st was poorly attended by many Lodges, some not represented at all. One that is noted for good ritual work had the most in attendance. Our AGL's and AAGL's are doing a fine job, but they do need your help. On May 26th they will hold a School for opening, closing Lodge and balloting, a must for new officers.

The Bureau of Masonic Education will start a School of Lodge Administration on September 15th, this has not been done in several years. It will be good for the Masters and Wardens especially, and of course, all are invited to attend.

St. John's Day

If you have not made reservations for St. John's Day, time is running out, as you only have until May 12th to get me your reservations. There is a form in the *Masonic Times* for your convenience.

I will again remind you you about the Election of Officers, your first meeting after Grand Lodge in May. Secretaries, don't forget this must be a Summons Meeting. □

Charlotte-Corinthian
Lodge No. 1088

W.: Michael
W. Staub,
Master
342-1947
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1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.



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

By W.: Neil E. Laundry

The pleasure I had so keenly anticipated at the opportunity to prepare this column has been sadly blunted by the announcement of the passing of our Most Worshipful Grand Master Sheldon K. Blank. While there will be words enough spoken for this beloved Brother, it is also appropriate that each of us pause right now to express one more thought of sorrow for our loss, and one more thought of hope for that which lies before us, one and all. Brother, you are sorely missed.

Remembrance

On a like note, I'd like to comment on the Memorial Service that was held for Bro. Earl Hilliker this past month. I didn't know Bro. Earl, but I was aware that he presented the Lodge with an autographed copy of his recently published volume on the role of Beavers in our history. By a last minute change in plans, the Masonic Service was moved to the end of the Memorial Service.

Nature lover

As I sat listening to the Pastor and Earl's close friends share their insights into the depth and breadth of this Brother's love for his family, his friends, his photography, and the world of Nature which he so carefully and faith-

fully captured on film for all of us to share, I felt that I, too, came to know and appreciate at least a tiny bit of what he had given to us all. What a difference it made for me then, to hear our Worshipful Master, Cliff Short, communicate so beautifully, the simple eloquence of our Masonic Service as I stood holding the White Lambskin of our departed Brother. Perhaps that change in the order of the Service was done just for me. It certainly made a difference.

Crisp bacon!

On a less solemn note, our Annual Brunch on March 21st was a resounding success. JW Buzz "Ping" Gorman and his hand selected kitchen crew are to be congratulated on the fine fixin's and super service. Bro. Rich Tambe, our resident DJ for the morning, kept all of our fingers snappin' and toes tappin' with three and one half continuous hours of the theme from "Godfather III". Great food, great fellowship, and we also got to meet two of North Greece Fire Department's finest. Sorry about the smoke detector, but the bacon was crisp, wasn't it?

Welcome

We held a Third Degree on March 16th with W.: Cliff Short in the East and our Fellowcraft Club under the direction of W.: Charles Simpson, on the floor for the Hiram Legend. "Good job" to all and greetings to our newly raised Brother, Brian Ferguson.

Good work

The School of Ritual was held March 31st at Wakan-Hubbard. It was particularly memorable for us because Cliff had an opportunity to work the floor as AAGL for the Second Monroe. "You done good, kid!" It was also memorable because the Brothers from Charlotte-Corinthian volunteered to fill several of the empty chairs and went on to demonstrate the sort of excellence in ritual for which the Lodge is known.

Excellent evening

The April 6th meeting was given over to "Brother Bring a Friend Night". We hosted 15 guests to a super dinner put on by Betty Rainey and the Sisters and Brothers of Charlotte Chapter OES. Mike Staub's program and guest speaker were excellent. We're hoping for a positive response to the evening and may attempt to fit in a First Degree in June.

Please attend


New and returning officers also need to remember the School of Ritual on May 26th. It will cover opening, closing, and balloting. All officers for the upcoming year should make every effort to attend this important event.

Future dates

Don't forget to mark the following important dates on your calendars and to make appropriate preparation. May 4th is Move-up Night; May 18th is the Annual Election of Officers; Thursday, May 27th, is the date for the Open Installation of W.: Clifford H. Short and his line of Officers for 1993/1994. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. sharp. June 5th is the date of the Interlodge Masonic Golf Tournament. (This is war, gentlemen! See Bro. Neil Laundry for sign-up). June 27th will be the date of the Annual Lodge Picnic. Bro. Buzz Gorman will be filling us in on the details as plans progress.

I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed the recent holidays. With the good weather finally arriving, I'm looking forward to seeing each and everyone out to the upcoming Lodge events.
Peace and fair weather. □

Union Star
Lodge No. 320



W.:
Dennison
Ripley,
Master
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
Condolences

Our deepest sympathies go the family of one of the greatest leaders of our Craft, M.: W.: Sheldon K. Blank, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. His passing will leave a big void in our ranks.

Second Degree

Many thanks to all the officers and members who participated in the Second Degree. An excellent job was done by all. Our JW Craig Emmons, was in the East; Bro. Steve Sullivan, the Middle Chamber Lecture; Questions and Answers by Brothers Dan Cathron and Jim Hart; Working Tools by Bro. Bob Dillman, and the Charge by W.: Joe Cotteleer. Special thanks to Bro. John A. Walker who played the organ and to W.: Garry Hutcherson, Master of Churchville Lodge, who filled in as Secretary.

Widow's Luncheon

I want to thank W.: Dick Dye and Bro. Art Sheeler for taking care of the Widow's Luncheon and the transportation to and from it. I have heard from several of the ladies and they all had a good time. Eight of our widow friends were able to attend.

Election

The Election of Officers will be held on May 10th. A special communication has been sent out. Please try to attend.

Best wishes

R.: W.: Paul Spillane is in Roswell Hospital and is on the mend. He is expected to come home in about 2 weeks. It will be good to see R.: W.: Paul in his chair again, although he still does some of the Secretary's work from his bed. He is a hard man to keep down.

Fellowcraft


By the time you read this letter, we will have had our Open House on April 25th. I would like to thank Bro. John Schwartz for donating the plants for our room. Many of our Brothers are enjoying this room. The lights are always on at night and many are bringing their friends. If Bro. Bob Dillman keeps trying I am sure he will win a game of pool yet. □

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Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

By W. Scott Seltzer
Good job

We open this article by saying "Good Job" to the participants in the 2nd and 3rd Degrees. A special "Well Done" to Bro. Phil Sheridan for his first Ritual work-the 2nd Degree Q & A. We hope to hear more from you, Bro. Phil.

Thumbs up to all who participated in the 3rd Degree.

Welcome

The Lodge would like to welcome Bro. Mark Craib as its newest member. Also, we would like to welcome Bro. Michael Herrmann back after a brief absence.

"It is Finished"

The time has come. My term as Worshipful Master is now on "Final Approach". What a flight it has been. It has been one of the highlights of my life. There is more Light to be sought. I will seek it.

Thank you!!!

At the risk of forgetting someone, I feel I must thank those who made my Masters term a success.

First, my fellow 1992-93 Masters. What a bond we've formed.

Second, W. Glenn Hedges. You brought me into the Fraternity; you taught me that when you think it's good enough - it can still be improved.

Next, R. W. George Simon and R. W. Paul Spillane. The two of you know why.

Bro. William Spillane, the finest Sr. Deacon I have ever known. My friend, my Brother and my right arm.

Bro. John Dudley, the Ritual describes your duties as Sr. Warden. You performed them perfectly. Your "assistance" was really support.

W. Robert Ledsome, my advisor, my confidant.

R. W. Jack Thibaut, an example I tried to follow.

Bro. Mark Willy, my best friend, to you and Mary, I love you both.

W. Bob and Linda Zahn, for your support, the great dinners and those wonderful receptions.

Bro. Dan Walker, not one goal, not one agenda, nothing

could have been achieved without you and Linda.

To all of the Officers, members and other Masons outside the Lodge, I shall never forget.

Finally, R. W. Raymond Beardsley, no Lodge can function without a dedicated Secretary. You are truly that. You listened to all the new ideas. You supported them. For our constant communication, your advice, input, agreeing, and disagreeing. For helping me to be the best I could be. For helping the Lodge be the best it could be.

Thought for the Future

Brethren, this final thought consists of the last words spoken to me by a Mason who inspired all and who was loved by all. "You can't live in the past" - M. W. Sheldon K. Blank.

O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759

W. Laurence Blazey,
Master
889-3854



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

W. Glenn Scheerens
Secretary
889-2017

O-At-Ka Temple
5 Browns Ave.
Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

By W. Laurence Blazey

This will be my last letter to you as Master. It has been an enjoyable time to serve all members of Oatka Lodge for over a year now. Tina and I hope we have, in some way, helped bring the members of our Lodge and their families together.

Important events

In future years, my hope is that our Lodge will grow in members and new ideas which help develop our friendships. I have always felt that the Lodge families should get to know one another better. For that reason Tina and I planned "Magic Sunday", which, if you remember, was a celebration of Easter for our Brothers and their families. We had a Summer picnic and had a great time. This Winter we had a Christmas Party, with a visit from Santa Claus.

These kind of "get-togethers" can only help but further our friendships. It is my hope that we do continue to keep them going.


Thanks, Tina

My wife has been instrumental in all these functions, and I can't thank her enough for it.

Let's all support Bro. Ernie Lawton in his year.

Craftsman Lodge No. 969

W. Glenwood G. Ide,
Master
663-1215



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

Robert F. Ogden, Secretary
385-1422

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

By Robert F. Ogden

From the Master

When you look forward from December 1991 to May 1993, it seems like a long time. Now the time has passed and it is only a few minutes of our time in history. When I started out as Master of our Lodge, I was apprehensive. With God's help, the backing of all my Officers, and the Brothers on the sidelines - I made it. I want to thank the Lodge Brothers again who elected me to be their Master. It was a great honor and a part of my life that I will cherish forever.

Officers elect for 1993-94

Master, Thomas W. Kendig; SW, William R Hook; JW Charles E. Strickland; SD, Carmen A. Vitali; JD, Robert A. Thompson; Chaplain, Volney B. Frankel; Asst. Chaplain, Charles S. Walker; Marshal, Thomas C. O'Reilly; Tiler, Harold R. Impson; Treas., Clyde E. Siverd; Sec. Robert F. Ogden

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Roy C. Broomfield. He received his 70 year pin and certificate just a few months ago. He was our oldest Brother - 98 years young.

Masonic Grand Ball

Craftsman Lodge had an excellent turnout for the above event. There was approximately 21 in attendance. The delicious food and good fellowship made for a perfect evening.


Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Brothers who were born in April - Herb Becks, Al Hettler, Earl Martin, Al Shurkus, Christ Stock, Chuck Sutton, Bob Thompson, Mikolaj Tworek, Dave Verfers, Carmen Vitali, Mike Zona and Glen Ide.


Mark your calendars

Keep these dates in mind for May - regular communications will be on the 4th and a summons meeting on the 18th. Fellowcraft will meet on the 11th.

Towpath Lodge No. 163



W. Raymond Kneppar,
Master
H 385-4447
O 385-6470



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 J. Kneppar

Third Degree

The 3rd Degree was performed well and everyone present enjoyed the event. Many Brothers mentioned that the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner was delicious. A big Fraternal welcome and congratulations to our newly raised Brothers: A. Dentley, C. Mertens, E. Stinson, Jr., and Z. Wehbe.

Programming

Most of the 1993-94 program schedule was finalized at our last officers meeting, but we still have a few open dates that are reserved for new and innovative programs. If you have any ideas please call me, or attend our next officers meeting. Our line of officers (including me) are all relatively new to Masonry, so I would sincerely enjoy a greater attendance of our Past Masters at the scheduled officers meetings.

Attendance

I am very proud to report that our Lodge had the most people attend the Masonic Grand Ball. We have consistently good attendance at our Lodge meetings and this pleases everyone.

A note of sadness

The passing of M. W. Sheldon K. Blank has deeply saddened me. We all enjoyed his presence and words at the Grand Ball.

Schedule

There will be a delicious Chicken Dinner prior to the May 4th meeting. This will be our officer move-up night. Our "Brother Bring a Friend" event is set for May 11th with a Spaghetti Dinner served promptly at 6:30 pm. The Election and Installation of Officers will take place on May 18th. An officers meeting will be held May 25th and "Sport Shirt Night/Dinner" is scheduled for June 1st. Our family picnic and presentation of scholarship awards will be held on July 11th at Rand Lodge in Powder Mills Park.

Let's hear from you

Everyone attending Lodge meetings enjoys hearing the letters written by Brothers who cannot attend. Please keep those communications coming!

GERMANIA Lodge No. 722

W. Kenneth G. Kassel,
Master
266-2026



1st
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

W. John H. Foster, Secretary
467-1677

4275 Culver Rd.
Rochester, N.Y. 14622

By W. Kenneth G. Kassel

Meet your new Brothers

On April 6th, the Third Degree was conferred upon Brothers Robert J. McBride and J. Andrew Maio. We are very pleased to have these fine young men in our Lodge. I'm sure they would like to meet more of you.

I hope several of you have planned to answer your summons to the May meeting.

Spread some cheer

Bro. Bruce Howland, DSA, has suffered a heart attack and thankfully, he is already recovering at home - 49 Navaho Circle, Henrietta, 14469. Bro. Gary Torrey, 22 Sanford St., Rochester 14607, is still recovering from his accident. W. Al "Red" Cullingworth, 825 North Road, Scottsville, NY, 14546, would also be happy to hear from you, as would W. Walt Wahl at 39 Loderdale Rd, 14624. Just getting a card adds a great deal to the day when you are confined, so let's spread some cheer.

Buffalo boys to visit

At our June meeting, we shall entertain our friends from Modestia as they make their annual trip. Why don't you "old timers", who know some of these Brothers, try to be there to greet our guests.


Your dues are due!

Our Secretary, W. John Foster, has reminded me that many of you have not paid. Don't put off this obligation. Please submit your payment as soon as you read this notice, so that it is attended to before Summer recess.


More fun coming up

Final plans for our Summer Corn and Sausage Roast and the Steak Roast in the Fall will be made soon. Reminders will also be sent as the events approach. Please respond in a timely manner.

Henrietta Lodge No. 526

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W. Norman J. Johnstone,
Master
533-1274



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

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

By Norman Johnstone

Programs

It was no surprise! W. Rich Friedman's talk on the subject of "The 2nd Degree in the 21st Century" was timely, presented as only he can present it, and of extreme interest to all of us. Thanks again Rich, for sharing some of your good Masonic philosophy and information with us.

Membership

Thanks to all of the Brothers who turned out for the initial planning, March 23rd, of our new look for the "Bring a Friend Night". The date will be Tuesday, June 1st and the dinner will be STEAK at our annual Fellowship Steak Roast. Reserve the date now on your calendars. Many of our "snowbirds" will be back from Florida and will hopefully attend.

If you would like to treat a friend to a scrumptious dinner, good fellowship at no cost to you, join us at the Lodge that evening. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Special days/birthdays

A special congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrated birthdays last month. (We won't give the year of birth.) Brothers: John Armendinger, 4/6; Joe Bourcy, 4/17; Larry Ferner, 4/7; Eric Hurrell and John Mamerow, 4/11; Bob Norget 4/2; David Place, 4/4; and Allen Yeager 4/10.

Grand Ball & beyond

The Grand Ball is over and Helen and I enjoyed the evening very much. I trust all of us from Henrietta who were there had a wonderful time.

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



R. W. Earl C. Steffen,
Secretary 392-8224
20 South Main St.
Churchville, N.Y. 14428

By W. Garry Hutchurson Coming events

Well, our year is almost over and May brings some special events:

May 12 - Election of Officers and we have the Shrine information team who cancelled out of our March meeting.

May 26 - Installation of Officers preceded by a dinner.

New Brothers

For our March 3rd, Degree, we had over 70 Brothers in Lodge. Many came to see Bro. Charlie Daniels from Renovation Lodge No. 97 in Albion and 2 Brothers from Churchville, George Burke and Edward Bosco get their Third Degree. Many thanks to W. Harold Conrad of Renovation Lodge for his help and enjoyable company.

We had four candidates take their 2nd and 3rd Degrees in April.

Grand Lodge

As we get ready for Grand Lodge, it is exciting to know it is in Rochester. With the sessions so close by, we hope to see many from the Rochester Lodges in attendance. I will give the report when I get back on May 12th, so come for an exciting night.

Hello

A big welcome back to all our Brothers from Florida. I hope to see you in Lodge soon.

FAME Lodge No. 945

CHARTERED 1917

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



Leon VanHuben, Secretary
347-9603
4275 Culver Rd.
Rochester, N.Y. 14622

By W. Dean F. Marsaw

Awards Night, May 25th

This will be a Rusty Brother Night. Call a Brother that has not been in Lodge for some time and invite him to this very special night. You might even offer him a ride. We have four 50 year members, and would you believe it, they are all from the same class. There are four 40 year and five 25 year members. There will be a Roast Beef dinner that night put on by Culver Chapter.

Special Invitation

On October 26th, Fame Lodge will have a Euchre Tournament. Brothers from all Lodges are invited to attend and enjoy good fellowship with Brothers of Fame Lodge.

Comfort extended

Dina Vanderzell, the widow of Neil Vanderzell, passed away in

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[This is a continuing series of discussions of possible solutions to the problems encountered by financial planners. Should the reader have any questions or desire further information on this or any financial topic, don't hesitate to call this writer].

The average age of a Freemason in New York State is about seventy years!!

One of the things that this means is that a lot of us are reading "Modern Maturity", the AARP magazine, and if you are, there was an article in the latest issue, April-May, 1993, entitled "The Feeling is Mutual" by Carole Gould. This article shows the advisability of investing in Mutual Funds, something that I have been preaching for twenty-five years.

Her article states that Treasury Bills averaged 3.8% over the last 67 years, while inflation averaged 3.2%, making the return 0.6% before taxes. On the other hand, common stocks which are riskier than bonds, returned an average of 12.4% per year!

She goes on to show how mutual funds minimize the risk of investing, and other good things such as a description of some of the different types of funds, and a chart which I reproduced in this column:

Common Stocks	12.4%
Small Comp. Steks.	17.6%
Long Term Corp Bonds	5.8%
Long Term Govt. Bonds	5.2%
Intermed. Term Gov Bonds	5.3%
US Treasury Bills	3.8%
Inflation	3.2%

Small company stocks are another investment that I have been touting for many years, and the above 17.6% is true so far, since my small company stocks are returning me between 32 and 33 percent per year.

Once again, my recommendation to the reader is to find the services of a good financial planner and to invest mainly in mutual funds, annuities, and universal life insurance.

March. Neil, who was Master of Fame in 1947, died on July 18, 1992.

Looking ahead

On May 11th, Meteorologist, Bill Peterson of Channel 13 will be our speaker. There will be a Poor Man's Dinner (Hamburgs and Potato Salad) prior to the meeting.

Brotherhood Fund

If you have not already done so, please send in your contribution to the Brotherhood Fund.

Dues

If you have not taken care of it yet, please remit your dues to the Secretary and maintain your membership in the greatest Fraternity in the world.

Smoke detectors

Now is the time to check your smoke detectors. Batteries last about a year, so when you change your clocks in the Spring and Fall, it would be an ideal time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. THEY SAVE PRECIOUS LIVES.

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All course fees are being paid and material supplied by the Monroe Bureau of Masonic Education. The School Administrator is W. Scott Seltzer

Registration: complete this form and return to address below or call Scott Seltzer

Name: _____

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W. Richard C. Friedman
FIRST MONROE DISTRICT

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W. Terry Wihlen
SECOND MONROE DISTRICT

By W. Richard Friedman

Spring

"...we discover how the planets move in their respective orbits, demonstrate their various revolutions and account for the return of the seasons and variety of scenes which each season displays to the discerning eye".

Let us hope this Masonic wish is a harbinger of Spring! When all things are renewed, even our commitment to the Craft. The Spring of 1993 offers many new opportunities to renew our Masonic ties.

For the first time, our Lodges will be electing and installing in Spring - new Masters will take their place in the Oriental Chair of Solomon.

Teamwork

After a long year of mixed and matched officer lines, we will now all know who is on first. This cannot do anything but help us all function better as a TEAM. To that end, your AGLs are presenting two important opportunities for YOU in May of 1993.

Investiture Service

The Joint Investiture Service for the Monroes will be held on Friday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. The Guest Speaker will be R. W. Sandy Sampson, our dynamic Junior Grand Warden. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. ALL current Masters and Secretaries were informed by mail in April.

Our snowbirds should be home, weather will be no problem and there is no "Holiday Season" to contend with. So, let's have the best turnout possible!!!

School of Ritual

In an effort to assist the new Masters and their lines to get off to a FANTASTIC start, we will be having a School of Ritual on Wednesday, May 26th at Charlotte-Corinthian Temple. The School will focus on Opening, Closing and Balloting. This is open to ALL and WILL count towards the banner!

Congratulations

We offer congratulations in advance to all of the new officers

who will be elected and appointed this Spring. Thank YOU for caring about our great Fraternity enough to give us your time, expertise and loving attention. We also thank your families who are giving you the support you need to do a great job in assisting your Lodge, Community and Yourself to achieve excellence through Freemasonry.

Needless to say, anything that we can do to help, aid or assist, **DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ON US!!!**

Joint Investiture Monroe Districts

May 21st

7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker
R. W. Sandy
Sampson
Junior Grand Warden
Dinner-6:30 p.m.



Genesee Valley Chapter
No. 46
Master of Travel
Philip King
Secretary-Treasurer
F. Russell Holmes 594-2462

By Harry Hopkins

Membership

National Camping Travelers is an organization of Master Masons and their families who enjoy camping together and participating in family activities.

Schedule for Chapter 46

May 14-16, Genesee Country Campground, Caledonia, NY

June 4-6, Ridgewood Campground, Ovid, NY

July 9-11, Frost Ridge Campground, LeRoy, NY

August 20-22, Camp Bell, Campbell, NY

September 10-12, Yawger Brook, Auburn, NY

October 1-2, Rolling Acres Campground & Golf Course, Pike, NY

Come one and all

All Master Masons and their families are invited to come and camp with us and join in the fellowship. For more information, contact Harry Hopkins, 16535 Banner Beach, Kendall, NY, (716)-659-2236.

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A Great Year to Build On!

State of the Rite Meeting

Since the last Masonic Times article, I have attended the State of the Rite Meeting with the Deputy, Actives and other Commanders-in-Chief in Binghamton, NY. It was valuable to share experiences as well as to renew friendships and make new ones. There was considerable interest in the activities in the Valley of Rochester which have led to a banner year. It is always a pleasure when your successes precede you and in the Valley of Rochester, we have many successes for which we should be proud.

A great year

This past year has yielded one of the largest classes in recent memory. The launching of an Ambassadors program, a wide array of public and family affairs with record attendance, quality degrees, and the implementation of a new organization structure which has clearly defined roles and responsibilities. To me, the

greatest achievements of the year have been the leadership, teamwork and shared commitments by each Concordant Body's line of Officers. I have seen pride in every effort which they have pursued, accepting success with humility and results below their expectations have been met with resolve to learn from their errors. Such leadership gives me great confidence in our future providing we each support our officers.

Thank you

I want to thank everyone who has shared the successes of this past year with me and I encourage everyone else to join our efforts to make next year even better. Your first and last opportunity before Summer will be on May 6th. We will have an All Bodies Meeting to elect Officers for the Lodge, Council and Chapter. If I don't see you in May, have a great summer and don't forget the Summer Outing on August 20th.

Valley of Rochester 1st Signers

Thanks to the following Brothers, the Valley of Rochester, New York had a banner year for new members in the Ill.· James B. Scobell, 33° Class. These Brothers were first signers of at least one petition for membership in the Scottish Rite:

- Stanley C. Allen
- Joseph E. Bourcy III
- Lawrence K. Canfield
- Arthur P. Day
- Roy S. Dementint, 33°
- Eugene E. Flint (3)
- Larry E. Foster, 33° (2)
- Richard C. Friedman
- Richard G. Gamrod
- Franklin G. Granata
- Niketas J. Haldoupis (2)
- Richard A. Henderson (2)
- Garry R. Hutchurson
- Frank T. Jansson, 32° MS
- Alan L. Jeerings
- Joseph H. Kahn (3)
- William J. Kuehne

- Donald J. McDill (2)
- Ronald D. Mertens (2)
- Alfred K. Miller
- Rho B. Mitchell
- Craig T. Mollon
- Paul A. Moore
- Leo Pancoast, Jr., 32° MS (2)
- James T. Powell, Jr.
- Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°
- John H. Schwartz (3)
- James B. Scobell, 33°
- Charles W. Simpson, 32° MS
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What is a Reunion

A Scottish Rite Reunion is exactly what the term implies. It is a reuniting of the membership after a period of separation. It is a homecoming get-together of the Brethren in a continuing fellowship of the Fraternity.

The Clasp of the Hand

By Ill.· Robert P. Zabel, 33°

Today one is ever striving to get ahead, to reap the plaudits of a job well done, and to satisfy himself that he has done his best to achieve his goals. Competition of varying degrees must be challenged. Personal contact with others is always necessary, and we must plan the best course of action to follow.

To compete, to plan, and to work efficiently, requires both time and effort. The time is now and with a little effort it can be arranged to suit our needs. To aid in our efforts, we can readily refer to the teachings of our Fraternity. They are extensive and should motivate our actions. We have been given the working tools and the light to follow has been dramatically portrayed. It is up to each of us to grasp these profound teachings and practice them.

Following such a plan may prove very beneficial, but there is still one small but quite significant thing each of us should and must cultivate. In our dealings with others, what better way to start than with a strong, firm clasp of the hand. This will show your sincerity in what you are about to do, and will start your undertakings on a friendly level.

In our Fraternity the clasp of the hand is all important. It is a way of showing friendship and Brotherhood. It is a way of bringing cheer to others. It can revive interest in our work and can readily make new and lasting friends.

Brethren, attend your Masonic meetings and greet your fellow Masons with a strong, friendly clasp of the hand. Equally important, extend the true hand of Brotherhood to your Blue Lodge friends and acquaint them with our work in the Scottish Rite. Because we are all on the level, the clasp of the hand may be our start in practicing the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

The days of the Reunion are rich in a comradeship among those of like mind and purpose. We here recognize stability and strength, and feel proud to be a part of a program of such magnitude and worth. Within this fellowship, the horizons of our own lives are lifted. We see anew that Masonry is big with a bigness that keeps life Masonically big. The Reunion is a time of renewing our interest and devotion to the program and purpose of Scottish Rite.

The sheer beauty of Masonry enralls and amazes as the panorama of the centuries passes by. It is a time of sharing the significance and sacredness of the Scottish Rite Degree together.
(Courtesy, Scottish Rite News, Peoria, IL)

NEW YORK MASON'S HELP KIDS...



How about your Blue Lodge ?

Ever stop to think that if you had not been honored by some Blue Lodge you would never have received any of the further Degrees of Masonry?

Ever stop to think of those three obligations you received in the Blue Lodge, and the duties they imposed?

Ever think back to the time, when as Entered Apprentice and as a Fellowcraft, you were fitting your soul for work in the world and for eternity?

Remember the boys who used to sit with you on the side lines in the Blue Lodge? It will do you good to attend.

It will do the Blue Lodge good to have you there. *(Courtesy, Valley of Pittsburgh)*

The Secrets of Masonry

The secrets of Masonry can be realized only in a man's own heart, and perfect realization is governed by his own conduct and habits of mind. The Mason who keeps the sacred fires of education burning on the altar of his heart will be inevitably drawn nearer to his God and also to the meaning of life. Receiving the Degrees does not make a man a Mason. The various Degrees merely point the way, and provide a means for securing the most noble and valuable secrets of our Order. In other words, they are the key to the Order, and the individual Mason must determine for himself whether or not he will seek more knowledge, using the little knowledge he already has to open up the vast stores of wisdom preserved for those who are diligent.
(Courtesy of the Kansas Mason)

Ill.· James B. Scobell, 33°, Class

The Valley of Rochester welcomes the following new members from the Illustrious James B. Scobell, 33°, Class:

1992 Fall Reunion

- LaVerne C. Atkinson
- Edward R. Bartusek
- Robert A. Betkowski
- Ranse E. Brooks
- Attilio Caldarelli
- Bruce D. Chilton
- John H. Cook
- Charles A. Coomber
- Robert A. Crum
- Donald C. deFay
- Michael C. Ferguson
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- Claude C. Hyatt
- Alan L. Jeerings
- Howard W. Keeney
- William R. Lindsay
- Gregory W. Ludwig
- Paul R. McIntyre
- John J. Pascucci
- Gary P. Philpott
- Joseph F. Pula
- Clayton R. Ruggles
- Arthur C. Sheeler
- John H. Switzer
- Richard A. Tambe
- Donald P. Wilson
- Lloyd A. Wood, Jr.

1992 Spring Reunion

- William F. Boyd
- William T. Boyd
- Luther M. Dey
- Andrae J. Evans
- Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr.

- Dean A. Hiler
- Thomas P. O'Leary
- Kenneth D. Robinson
- Edward S. Roman

CLASS OFFICERS

- Gary Philpott
- Luther M. Dey
- Terrance L. Hatch
- Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr.

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Orator

Nine Rules for Success

1. Learn to get along with people. Make people like you.
2. Learn to exhibit more patience than any other person you know.
3. Respect other men's and women's opinions and ideas.
4. Learn to think problems through. Don't give up. If you don't get the answer today, go back at it tomorrow. Discipline your mind to the thought that anything given you to decide, presupposes your ability to solve it. Sufficient thought will bring the proper solution in due time.
5. Learn to put yourself in the other fellow's place. There are two sides to every dispute, and

yours is not necessarily the right one. Keep an open mind, no matter how personal the point at issue.

6. Be humble.
7. Be loyal.
8. Cultivate cheerfulness.
9. Work.
(From Don Clark's Scrapbook)

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Sanibel Island

I find it very hard to write this article while basking in the sun in 80° weather. On the way down here, Linda and I stopped at Fredricksburg, VA and visited the Lodge there. This is the Lodge where George Washington was raised to Master Mason. The Royal Arch Chapter has the oldest minutes ever recorded and still preserved. Now, down to business.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Webster Chapter will be hosting the Grand Lecturer's Convention on May 12th at 7:30 pm. There will be a Swiss Steak Dinner preceding the activities at 6:30 pm. Please call E. Bill Kuehne at 671-8774 or me at 381-3032 by Friday, May 7th. R.E. Hobert Cook has informed me that the Ritualistic work of the Convention will be the opening and closing of Chapter, along with a discussion period covering some of the non-Degree portions of Chapter Ritual. Let's have a good representation of each Chapter present. Any questions, please call me.

Official Visits

My Official Visits to each Chapter will start with Dansville on May 11th, Livonia on May 17th with a Council Officers meeting to follow. All are invited to attend Webster Chapter, May 26th and Hiram Chapter, May 27th. I promise to keep my speech as brief as possible.

See you in Chapter. □

Grand Commandery Knights Templar State of New York

Ronald J. Bertie
GRAND GENERALISSIMO
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By SK Roy E. Huff
Washington, DC

There was a large group of Sir Knights and ladies who travelled to Washington, DC. They attended the Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment.

Annual Inspection

The Grand Generalissimo will be the Inspecting Officer at Geneva Commandery on May 10th. There will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Mario's Restaurant in Geneva. The restaurant is located on 5 & 20 just West of Geneva, across from McDonalds.

Membership plans

Geneva Commandery and Red Jacket Commandery are developing plans to increase their membership by approximately 50 members in the next three years. □

Cyrene Commandery No. 39 Knights Templar

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

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

By S.K. Arnold E. Palmer
On May 14th we will have an Open Installation of Officers for 1993-94, with a dinner before hand. Make an effort to attend this meeting to give the new Commander your support.

Thanks

As this is my last article for the Masonic Times, I would like to thank all the Sir Knights for their support during the past year.

Zone 11 Inspection schedule
May 19-Zenobia 41, with S.K. Calvin May, G. St. Br. □

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered in 1861)
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Masonic Temple
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By Ill. Arnold Palmer
On Wednesday, May 5th, a special meeting will be held for our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. On May 19, there will be an Open Public Installation of the new Council Officers. Most Illustrious Oliver D. Mereness, Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, will be our guest.

Thanks

I would like to thank the Companions who made it to the April meeting for our first Table Council. Make an effort to attend our next two meetings in May, and give our new Master all your support. □

As this is my last article for the Masonic Times, I would like to thank all the Companions for their support during the past year. □

Hiram Chapter No. 62



2nd & 4th Thursdays

Vernon L. Goodrich, EHP
377-0387
Richard J. Oliver, Secretary
594-2380

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By Vernon Goodrich, EHP
We had six candidates for our Degrees in April. While I had hoped for more, this is still the best start our combined Chapters have had for many years. The push is now on for the Fall Degrees. If we have a few more like Gerald Jones out there, we will have an enormous class. Thanks also to Davy Jones for coordinating the "Bring a Friend Night".

Special person

On April 22nd we honored Ralph Biggar at a dinner. A good turn out of friends wished Ralph a safe trip and many years of active participation in Masonry in Pennsylvania. We will all miss him around the halls of our Temple.

Fun evening

May 13th is Past High Priest Night. The dinner will be 1/2 price for all Past High Priests, after which they will assume the chairs for a memorable meeting. After the meeting, VE Bill Zufall will be in charge of our Euchre Tournament.

Well represented!

May 27th is the Official Visit from our own District Deputy, RE Robert Zahn. We will also present the Grand Chaplain's Apron to RE Charles Roberts.

Our Chapter has two of the State's six Grand Chaplains, a District Deputy, a Grand Treasurer Emeritus, a Grand Treasurer and a Grand Master of the 2nd Veil. How can our Chapter be anything but great!

Summer events

June 14th is our Annual Picnic and presentation of two scholarships. RE Bob Zahn is in charge of the picnic.

Friday, August 6th, is a big event: the Dinner Cruise aboard the Spirit of Rochester for the members and their ladies. We expect to subsidize this event by \$15.00 per person and are planning on at least 50 people.

August 8th is the District get together at Bill Kuehne's Summer campsite.

Fall auction

Start saving those items to auction off at our September 23rd Dinner (ladies invited). This will be a fun event with the proceeds (net of cost) going to our own scholarships.

As you can see, we have a lot going on during the year, with the big Canadian visit yet to come. How about coming out and enjoying the fun. □

3x3 Chapter

NO. 333
Royal Arch Masons
(Chartered in 1990)

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

Ruel R. Lovett, High Priest
494-2546

William O. Baldwin, Jr. Secretary
352-5664

Masonic Temple
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By RE Ruel R. Lovett

Thanks to the renewed interest, our Chapter is opening on a regular basis. We've come a long way. Let's continue to go forward. If you carry a petition with you, you won't miss that opportunity when someone is interested.

Don't be afraid to give that petition to a friend, and you should tell him a little about Royal Arch Masonry. Answer any questions that he might ask, and let him know that we try to include our ladies as often as possible.

Grand Honors

Our District Grand Lecturer's Convention went very well, and was well attended. RE Companion Hobert Cook joined us for dinner at Alex's Restaurant. The food and service were tops. VE Companion Gary Thompson received his apron and was installed. He was accorded Grand Honors for the first time in his new capacity.

Convention

The Convention covered "Opening", "Closing", and the new "Balloting" procedure. I will explain Balloting at our next Convocation. The Balloting process is not yet "official", but we will use it anyway. It will be voted on at next Grand Sessions. RE Ken Kohlhaugen, DDGHP for the 29th Capitulor District, opened and closed the Convention. This is one of his earliest official duties. He'll find that the 2 years go by fast.

Degrees

We are in the midst of conferring Degrees on a goodly number of candidates. By the time you

read this, the MMM and PM Degrees will have been completed. This is our second class of the Spring. We should be getting petitions for the Fall class into Chapter soon. Don't wait until Fall.

Fun year

So far I've had a lot of fun being High Priest again. When I took the job, it was more out of necessity. Now it seems like what I should be doing. I have no regrets.

Ritual use

During the coming year, Excellent Companion Bill Baldwin will be giving instructions in the "proper use of the Ritual". I hope you will take part with him; he is a knowledgeable Companion.

We need you

Companions, come to Chapter every chance you get. It makes no difference whether you participate or sit on the sidelines. We want to enjoy your company. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas. You'll help us by being here. I hope we can pass something on to you as well. Bring pictures. Show off your wife, kids, grandkids, etc. Help us to get to know you better.

See you in Chapter. □

Genesee York Rite College No. 25 Rochester, New York

(Chartered July 14, 1962)
Ronald J. Bertie
Pre-Em. Gov. 225-6348
Roy E. Huff
Secretary 663-7479

By Roy E. Huff

Next meeting

The next meeting of Genesee York Rite College will be held on Saturday, June 12, 1993. The location will be the Masonic Temple in Attica, New York. The time will be 3:00 pm. The meeting will be the Election and Installation of the Officers for our College for the year 1994.

Best wishes

The Grand Governor extends his good wishes for our College and he hopes to visit us in the future.

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Genesee York Rite College

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Congratulations

We wish to extend our congratulations to Rev. Charles Roberts who is now a Grand Chaplain in the Royal Arch. Your current Governor is going to be interviewed on BBC TV in regards to quality leadership development. Our Deputy Gov. has been travelling around Florida for the last 4 weeks.

A big move

Past Gov., Ralph Biggar OPC, is moving to PA. We will miss his council.

Genesee Valley Assemblage No. 1



Ronald J. Bertie, Commander (H) 225-6348
Frederick S. Holderle, Recorder 426-1612

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

By Roy E. Huff

Congratulations

We wish to extend congratulations to Companion Ted Diehl who has been elected as the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter RAM of New York. R.S. Hal Miller has returned to Rochester from his Winter residence in Florida. We look forward to Hal's council.

Grand Assemblage

The Grand Assemblage will be meeting shortly. The Grand Line Officers have been working on enhancing and expanding our Order. The results of the Grand Line meeting will be published in the near future.

Ralph is moving

M.S. Ralph Biggar, Past Grand Commander is moving to PA. We will surely miss him.

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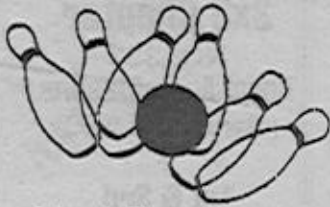
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Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary 227-6106

The 1992-1993 bowling season ended with WTP-Snyder Photo winning six points on the last night from the Citron Posse to retake first place, which they held almost exclusively since October. (For those who are still wondering, WTP stands for Winnie The Po - honest!) Also on the final night, Hubbard won eight points to sneak by the Posse to finish in second place for the second year in a row.

FINAL STANDINGS

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Score. WTP-Snyder Photo 142-98, Hubbard 140-100, The Citron Posse 139-101, Quadrants 121-119, Northfield 118-122, Tuts 114-126, Mauls 112-128, Ashler 107-133, Flower City 104-136, Brothers Five 103-137.

The team high scratch game and series were both rolled by The Citron Posse (995 and 2826). The Posse also had the high team average of 849. The team high handicap game and series both belong to Tuts (1128 and 3193).

Individual highs were: Average-Richard Flanagan-187; Scratch Game-Al Kerber and Mario Mangiola-268; Handicap Game-Al Kerber-296; Scratch Series-Dale Ehrne-666; Handicap Series-Tony Gelsomino-753; Most Improved Average-Dale Ehrne-32 pins.

Individual Series of note since my last column include Dale Ehrne-631 (213, 225, 193), Tony Gelsomino-627 (216, 214, 197), John Flynn-612 (236), Mike Fedele- 611 (224, 217) and 600 (231), Richard Flanagan-605 (219, 200, 186), Ed Angora-605 (230), and Mario Mangiola-601.

Individual games of note include Warham Quinlan-237, Ralph Loiacono-236, Jim Nickolini-233, Jerry Glaser-233, Dale Ehrne-232, Jim McNamara-229, Richard P. Ehrne-228 and 223, Gordon Oakes-226, Gerry

Duell-222, Ken Kessel-222, Richard Moller-221, Mario Mangiola-220, and Charles Gillens-220.

Tony Gelsomino earned a second 150 over average ABC award for his 627 series.

As one season ends, plans must be made for the next. We will again be bowling at Maiden Lanes on Wednesday night at 8:30 pm. We will have openings for individuals to fill vacancies on existing teams. Anyone interested in bowling next Fall, please contact me at the above telephone number. Anyone with a full five-man team can also contact me in case any teams decide not to return. Remember, the league is open to both Masons and non-Masons. Encourage your non-Masonic friends to give us a try. It is an excellent way for them to get an introduction to Masonry.

I would like to thank all the Masonic Gothic League bowlers for their cooperation again this season. I would also like to thank my fellow league officers for their help - President Gordon Oakes and Vice President Ken Kessel. It takes more than a Secretary to make a bowling league run smoothly and for it to be enjoyable for everyone.

An apology

Dick Giedd would like to apologize for the wrong date of the Banquet being published in the last issue.

Past Master's Supper Club
President W.-Ron Morthorst 334-4196
Secretary R.-W.- Robert Sanford 292-6383

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.

Meeting place

We meet at the Redmen's Club at 1600 Lexington Avenue. If you are not sure about coming to our monthly meeting alone, then ask a fellow Past Master and come together. We are very fortunate to have a group such as this in our midst.

Masonic Bowling League 1st place team



(Left to right) W.- David Mawhiney, Dick Mosher, Charles Gillews, Raymond DeBole and W.- Richard Snyder, Captain (Photo courtesy of Snyder Photo)

There is a social hour from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and then we order dinner off the menu. The meeting is usually over about 9:00 p.m.

May meeting

Join us at our next meeting on May 21st, (due to the holiday weekend, we are meeting a week early this month). For your personal reservation, call R.-W.- Bob Sanford at 292-6383.

Welcome back to all "snow birds". We missed you!

Shrine Lunch Club logo featuring a key and shield, with the text 'Shrine Lunch Club' below.

By W.- Cliff Laundry

March 1st meeting

The Potentates Rep. for this meeting was Assistant Rabban, Derek VanHouten. He introduced the many members of the Divan who were in attendance. Among these was Potentate, Richard Henderson. He pointed out that there were still rooms available for the Supreme Sessions in San Antonio.

The program consisted of a film documenting the events leading up to and including the General Jimmy Doolittle Bombing Raid on Tokyo during World War II.

March 8th

After acknowledging all officers, Bill Dworkin, President, introduced the Potentate's Rep., Chief Rabban, Cy Kloner. He emphasized Damascus Temple's sale of Vidalia Onions and reminded all to get their orders to the Treasurer before the deadline.

The program for this day was a film of that famous Masonic comic Oliver Hardy and his partner, Stan Laurel.

March 15th-Snowed out!

March 22nd

It was announced that Paul Spillane, High Priest and Prophet, was in Roswell Clinic in Buffalo for cancer treatment, Eugene Shaw in Genesee Hospital and Harry Kennedy in Rochester General.

Robert Zabel was called to the podium by Pres. Bill Dworkin and was presented a plaque for "Recognition of Faithful Service to the Lunch Club".

The Potentate's Rep., Outer Guard George Simon, announced that the Vidalia Onion delivery would be delayed until the last week of April or 1st week of May, due to the blizzard in Georgia.

The Potentate, Richard Henderson informed us that the Circus was the best we had ever had. He thanked all those who worked and contributed to its success.

Our speaker, John Gordon from the Doyle Group Inc. described the activities of his organization. The firm was organized in 1919 as a private investigation company. He showed a film which is used by the Sheriff's Association when they emphasize home security. We learned how to bet-

ter secure our homes from burglaries, which has become a frequent problem for us.

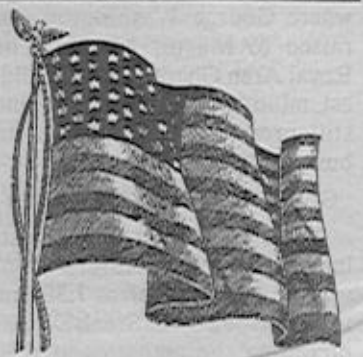
March 29th

The Potentate's Rep. for the meeting, Joseph Bourcy III, Marshall, introduced the members of the Divan. Present were: Potentate, Richard Henderson, Aides; Keith Stambach, Jim Spencer, Ben Silver and Charles Spiegel; Ambassadors, Stan Allen, Chapin Blake and Bob Zabel.

The speaker for the day Stanley Zawacki and his asst Nichole Chandler, from Xerox, were introduced. Xerox, together with other businesses and industries, is involved in Life Skills Training Programs. This program gives inmates an opportunity to come to grips with the realities of society and learn the responsibilities of everyday living. When combined with a structured vocational program, it prepares inmates for release as productive members of society. Does this program work?.....you may ask.

To quote from one of the graduates from Lorton CF, "this has been an inspiring and informative program. Anyone that is incarcerated needs to know the progress of the business world in order to plan for a positive and successful transition back to society."

Thank you Stan and Nichole for a fine presentation.



VAMC Canandaigua, NY

By Harold Bollotin

Next visit

The next and final ward visit for the current season is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 18th. The names of the VA Volunteers will be printed in the next issue of the Masonic Times. The regular ward visits will be resumed in October, 1993.

Veteran's Administration Volunteer Service Annual Awards Banquet

At this gala event, was held on Thursday evening, April 29th at Burgundy Basin Inn. Our own devoted and hard working Chief Volunteer, R.-W.- Tom Paglia received a much deserved honor. It is a special Award for 8 years and 1,533 hours of VA Volunteer Service. Congratulations Tom! Look for more information next month.

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In Memoriam Osco W. Peterson



By Barbara Goodrich

On Saturday, February 20, 1993, Osco W. Peterson accidentally drowned in the Atlantic Ocean while vacationing in Fort Worth, Florida.

Osco was born March 4, 1924 in Delaware, Ohio. He attended Albany Business College in Albany, NY and Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, prior to World War II. He served in the United States Navy, and after the war, re-entered Ohio Wesleyan University and studied there until he entered Cornell Law School. He received a L.L.B. Degree in 1951 and was admitted to the New York State Bar. Osco was granted a Degree of Doctor of Law in 1969 and practiced law in Schuyler County, with offices in Odessa and Montour Falls.

Masonic background

Osco devoted a great deal of his life and energy to Masonry. He was a member of Myrtle-Jefferson Lodge No. 131 in Montour Falls, served as Master three times and Secretary for twelve years.

He was a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund of the State of New York from 1985 to the present.

York Rite Masonry

Osco was a member of the Royal Arch Masons, Watkins Chapter No. 182, where he was High Priest for two years and has served as Secretary for the past 16 years.

In 1976 and 1977 Osco was Grand High Priest of the State of New York, and from 1983 to the present, he was Chairman of the Trustees of the Grand Chapter of New York.

Dr. Peterson was a life member of Royal and Select Masters, Southern Tier Council No. 16 of Elmira and was Illustrious Master in 1966 and '67. In 1968, he was District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Cryptic District.

A member of St. Omer's Commandery No. 19 K.T., he served as Commander from 1973 to 1974.

Consistory

Osco was a member of Corn-ing Consistory and was coroneted 33° A.A.S.R., N.M.J. in 1989.

Dr. Peterson was a member of the Kalurah Shrine in Binghamton, the Grotto in Elmira, and was a member and

Past Patron of Fern Chapter, OES.

Osco is survived by his wife Anna, children, grandchildren, sister and brothers. □

Condensed History of Scottish Rite

The first reference to the Rite appears in old French records where the work "Ecosais", meaning Scottish, is found. During the latter part of the 17th Century, when the British Isles were torn by strife, many Scots fled to France and resumed their Masonic interests in that country. It is believed that this influence contributed to the use of the word "Scottish".

In 1732, the first "Ecosais", or Scottish Lodge, was organized in Bordeaux, one of the oldest and most influential Masonic centers in France. The membership included Scottish and English Masons. In 1761, certain Masonic authorities in France granted a patent to Stephen Morin of Bordeaux to carry the advanced degrees across the sea to America. In 1763, Morin established these degrees in the French possessions in the West Indies. What he established consisted of a system of 25 so-called higher degrees which flourished in France, and which were known as the "Rite of Perfection".

Within a few years after 1763, other degrees were added, until the Rite had a ritual structure of 33 degrees - the first three being exemplified in a Symbolic Lodge, if a Grand Lodge with subordinate Lodges existed in the area.

In 1767, Henry Francken, who had been deputized by Morin, organized a Lodge of Perfection in Albany, New York. This was the forerunner of what was to become the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the United States. During the Colonial Period, other deputies, appointed by Morin, organized Masonic groups which conferred the advanced degrees at other important points along the Atlantic seaboard, including Charleston, South Carolina. These groups were independent and without centralized supervision or control; however, they all agreed that their authority came from Stephen Morin in Jamaica in the West Indies.

On May 31, 1801, the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third degree for the United States of America - the first Scottish Rite Supreme Council in the world - was founded in Charleston, South Carolina. Its aim was to unify these competing groups and to bring Masonic order out of chaos. The full membership of this Supreme Council consisted of 11 Grand Inspectors General.

Of these 11 - John Mitchell, Frederick Dalcho, Abraham Alexander, Emanuel De La Motta, Thomas B. Bowen, Israel De Lieben, Isaac Auld, LeComte Alexandre Francois Auguste de Grasse, Jean Baptiste Marie Delahogue, Moses Clava Levy and James Moultrie - nine were born abroad and only Brothers Isaac Auld and James Moultrie were native born. In religion, four were Jews, five were Protestants, and two were Roman Catholics.

On August 4, 1813, Emanuel De La Motta, 33°, of Savannah, Georgia, a distinguished Jewish merchant and philanthropist, and Grand Treasurer General of the Supreme Council at Charleston, organized in New York City the

Supreme Council of the Thirty-third degree for the Northern District and Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

The first Sovereign Grand Commander was Ill. Daniel D. Tompkins, 33°. He filled this office from 1813-25. He was at the same time Vice-President of the United States for two terms, under President Monroe.

The process of unification, however, was completed in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction by the Union of 1867, when the last irregular Supreme Council finally acknowledged the authority of the regular Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

Since it is now officially recognized as beginning in 1801, in Charleston, South Carolina, the Scottish Rite has spread throughout the world. At the present time, the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction officially recognizes and enjoys friendly relations with the Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite in 39 other Jurisdictions, and the higher degree systems (Swedish Rite) administered by the Grand Lodges in the four Scandinavian countries (Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden).

The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction specifically covers the 15 states east of the Mississippi River and North of the Mason-Dixon Line and the Ohio River, including Delaware. Its Headquarters is in Lexington, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston.

The other Supreme Council in the United States is that of the Southern Jurisdiction. It has its headquarters at Washington, D.C., and covers the remaining 35 states, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories and possessions.

At present, there are 475,000 Scottish Rite Masons throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Of this number, there are approximately 3,700 Thirty-third degree Masons, comprising the membership of the Supreme Council. There are Scottish Rite centers, called "Valleys", in 112 cities and towns in the 15 states of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The Scottish Rite membership of the Southern Jurisdiction is better than 650,000 so that the total Scottish Rite membership in the United States is over one million. □

Wanda's Peaches

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Webster Temple
Friday May. 7th
4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
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Hi-Lights

Order of the Eastern Star
District of Monroe, State of New York
By Rt. Wthy. James E. Comstock

By M. Wthy. James E. Comstock
Official Visit

M. Wthy. Elizabeth F. Portman, Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York will officially visit Monroe District on May 20th. The assembly will be at the Gateway Banquet and Conference Center, 4853 West Henrietta Road, Rochester, New York. A luncheon, to which all clubs are invited, will be held at 12:00 Noon. Reservations should be made with Karen Leipold, 428 Electric Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613 by May 10th. Reservations for the Banquet at 6:30 pm may be made through your Worthy Matron.

Fun Night

A delightful "Fun Night" was enjoyed by the members of Monroe District at the Shrine Mosque on March 26th. Door prizes, desserts, etc. were enjoyed by all and money was raised for the Grand Matron's projects. This will be presented to M. Wthy. Elizabeth Portman during her visitation.

Traveling to Albany

A delegation of 15 members from Monroe District attended the Grand Matron's visit to the Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer District. This is the home district of our Associate Grand Patron, Delbert Parshall, who was very pleased to see the support from our district. He acknowledged this from the Grand East, noting that the 2 districts were intertwining very well together. The Grand Matron's theme was the promotion of Masonic tenets and fellowship and urged all to identify themselves by wearing Masonic rings and emblems.

Thank you

R. Wthy. Sue Ann Goosens, District Deputy Grand Matron, District of Monroe, wishes to thank all members of the district who have donated to the "Open

For Friends of the Aged

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.

Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say "You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who make it known that I'm loved, respected and not alone.

Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterday.

Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry the Cross.

Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey Home in loving ways.

(Courtesy of Arlie H. Cook-Superintendent Masonic Home Grand Lodge of Alabama)

Door Mission" project. The 4th "batch" of goods and quiet money is in the process of being delivered at this time.



Rt. Wthy. Sue Ann Goosens, Deputy Grand Matron, Monroe District

Wanda's Peaches

Wanda's peaches will meet at Hilton Masonic Lodge on May 5th at 7:30 pm. Plans for the annual Chicken Bar-B-Que and Pancake Breakfast will be formulated, as well as other special events. Much work is yet to be done as we near the installation of R. Wthy. Wanda Williams as Grand Matron. We've had an excellent start. Let's finish with a "bang". Remember the Spaghetti Dinner at Webster on Friday, May 7th.

Help needed

Don Springer needs help at our display tables at Grand Lodge Sessions on Monday and Tuesday, May 3rd & 4th. Please call him at 247-4369 and offer to work for a couple of hours. □

Order of the
Eastern Star
Thoughts from the
Assoc. Grand
Matron

Rt. Wthy. Wanda V. Williams

I was very pleased to see so many of our Monroe District members at the Official Visit of M. Wthy. Elizabeth F. Portman, Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York in the Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer District. Especially since it is the home district of my Associate Grand Patron, Delbert Parshall. It helps to cement the relationship between the districts and bodes well for 1994.

Relax and enjoy

As I reflect on all the work being done in Monroe District, I also think that we should have a time to relax and enjoy each other's company. A special time and place to do this would be in January at Sanibel Island, Florida. "A Special Peach Retreat!" in this regard we have put together a package including the rental of a condo (4 to a unit) at Blind Pass Condos, a group dinner (at a restaurant) and a cocktail party during the period of January 20-27, 1994. This time

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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- 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

- Dec. 4 Inter-Lodge Fellowship trip to the Festival of lights Niagara Falls


Don't do

Among the people of the Far East the Golden Rule is reversed. Instead of saying, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" they express it, "don't do unto others what you would not have them do unto you".

There is much to be said for this interpretation. The things men *don't* do determine the kind of persons they are as surely as the things they *do* do. While there

are many wonderful people doing good things there are countless others who are making a helpful contribution by not doing bad things. We may *not* like certain individuals, but it adds cubits to character if we keep our mouth shut about it. Each day brings inspiring opportunities to practice "don't do" - to the lasting benefit of many - ourselves included. (Courtesy of the Little Gazette)

Don't Forget



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in Rochester
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Bernie Mack Comedy Show
Saturday, May 1st - 8:00 p.m.

Lost in Yonkers
Saturday, May 8th - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 9th - 2:00 p.m.
and 7:30 p.m.

R.T.O.S.
Friday, May 14th - 8:15 p.m.

David Allen Greer
Saturday, May 15th Living color

Secret Garden
Tuesday, May 18th - 10:00 a.m.

Encore
Friday, May 21st - 10:00 a.m.

R.T.O.S. Open Console
Sunday, May 23rd - 9:00 a.m. to
5:00 p.m.

Will Rogers Follies
Tuesday, May 25th thru Friday,
May 28th 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 29th - 2:00 p.m.
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Sunday, May 30th - 2:00 p.m.
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Individual Play
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Come Join us!
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for details**

Calendar May 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Attend Grand Lodge					Grand Lodge ¹ <small>OES - Rochester Chapter</small>
Grand Lodge ² <small>Frances Hitchcock Shay - Constellation</small>	Grand Lodge ³ (Conv. Center) <small>John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg OES - Irondequoit, Etolian, Germania Shrine Lunch Club</small>	Grand Lodge ⁴ (Conv. Center) <small>Germania Craftsman Char/Corinth Clio Towpath - Pittsford Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Nola, Fairport, Webster, Monroe</small>	Olive Branch - Leroy Attica RAM - 3X3 Doric Council-Annual Meet. & Election of Officers Shrine	Hesperus Webster Constellation - Perry Northfield - Pittsford Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star - Batavia OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	Monroe Commandery ⁷ DeMolay - Charlotte	Daughters of the Nile Fidelity Triangle ⁸
Mother's Day ⁹	Wakan/Hubbard Etolian Fairport ERAC - E. Rochester Union Star RAM - Livonia Geneva Comm. - Inspection OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes, Fellowship Shrine Lunch Club	Henrietta Fame Monroe Valley/Gimes Seneca Batavia Towpath-Bring a Friend Arcade OES - Leah	Churchville Oatka Triluminar - Pike OES - Corinthian, Henrietta, Culver	Flower City ¹³ RAM - Hiram, PHP Night, Dinner Batavia Commandery	Cyrene /Monroe Joint Installation ¹⁴	OES - Rochester Chapter Armed Forces Day ¹⁵
Frances Hitchcock Shay - Constellation ¹⁶	John A. Robertson West Star ¹⁷ Shrine Lunch Club	Char/Corinthian Towpath Oakland Craftsman Clio Warsaw OES - Nola, Fairport, Webster, Monroe ¹⁸	Attica Olive Branch ¹⁹ RAM - 3x3 Doric Council-Open Installation	Northfield Webster Hesperus Constellation ²⁰	Joint Investiture Ceremony ²¹ Monroe /Cyrene Commandery DeMolay - Charlotte	Fidelity Triangle ²² ERAC - Open Installation
Memorial Day ^{23/30}	Wakan/Hubbard, Euchre Etolian Fairport ERAC - E. Rochester Nun - Da - Wa - Ga Shrine Lunch Club Memorial Day (Observed) ^{24/31}	Henrietta Fame Monroe Batavia Arcade ²⁵	Churchville Oatka Triluminar ²⁶	RAM - Hiram, Off. Visit, Apron Presentation ²⁷ Batavia Commandery	Cyrene Commandery ²⁸	²⁹