



## Dorothy Steele, of "Cephas", to Receive the Masonic Service Bureau's Distinguished Community Service Award



**Cephas** (sē'-fus)-a biblical word meaning rock or foundation.

*Remember those who are in prison, as if you were their fellow prisoner.*

*(Hebrews 13:3)*

By Linda Zahn

The Interfaith Service and Breakfast on November 7th will be the occasion for the presentation of the Masonic Service Bureau's Distinguished Service Award to Dorothy Steele. Dorothy, and her late husband Harold, are the cofounders of "Cephas", a reorientation program for soon to be released inmates. Cephas is a not-for-profit,

tax-exempt organization focused on meeting the needs of men and women in prison and on parole. When her husband left his job to start Cephas, Dorothy, although a homemaker and mother of four children, joined him in this endeavor.

### Cephas

This program was born in 1972 after the Attica Prison riots, the bloodiest prison riots in the history of the United States, which took 43 lives. It conducts in-prison meetings for groups of about 20 men or women at the Albion and Attica prisons. Sessions are conducted with inmates serving life sentences as well as those who will eventually be released. "Cephas people help inmates discover the attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that are responsible for their situation. Often these critical factors are denied for years, or lie undiscovered, until they are brought to light in a Cephas group session. Once these factors are acknowledged the Cephas group helps inmates grasp the problem and lovingly, but firmly, holds them accountable for change."

### Program

When ex-offenders are released they are eligible for a 90-day residential program where they receive room, board and job training at a Cephas facility. Here they are taught to develop good interpersonal skills and work habits and effective ways to analyze problems and make good decisions. They learn to care for

others and live as a family. At Cephas, 70% who complete the program, remain out of prison and lead successful lives, whereas nationally only 40% remain out of jail.

### Facilities

Cephas operates a construction company where former inmates can learn a variety of trade skills associated with all types of construction. The construction company has been involved in such projects as the 3,000 sq. ft. addition to the Hilton Health Center.

A growing activity is the rehabilitation for home and business

**Q. Why should we care about what happens to prisoners?**

**A. Because sooner or later, 95% of them get out.**

use. They also run a 70 acre farm where Christmas trees are raised for sale to support the many programs. The farm additionally produces a large vegetable crop which is used to feed staff and residents. Extensive flower gardens are also located there.

Cephas maintains headquarters at 262 Arnett Blvd. (Cephas Attica, Inc., run by Dorothy Steele and Ken Siegel) in Rochester, NY and in St. Patrick's Friary (Cephas Buffalo, run by Brother Michael Oberst) at 102 Seymour Street in Buffalo, NY.

### Awards

Cephas has been honored with the prestigious Eleanor

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## Area Masons to Fete R.:W.: Dr. Robert C. Pettit

By R.:W.: Ronald D. Mertens

For the past five years, R.:W.: Robert C. Pettit has provided the operational leadership for our Masonic Service Bureau. During that time, the Bureau has modernized most of its methods of operation and continued to provide that high quality of service that we have learned to expect from our MSB.

Now, however, R.:W.: Bro. Pettit has decided to relinquish the reigns as Executive Director and truly retire to seek more leisurely avenues of endeavor.

In order to show our appreciation for all that R.:W.: Dr. Pettit has done for the Service Bureau and the Masonic Community, the Service Bureau is sponsoring a Retirement Party to honor him. The party is to be held on Sunday, October 10th at the Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza, 1:00 p.m.

Several individuals will be sharing comments and recollections about our honored guest. The featured Speaker will be M.:W.: Robert C. Singer, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. As many of you know M.:W.: Bro. Singer has been a good friend of Bob Pettit's for many years and we are sure that he will have some appropriate remarks for this occasion.

Tickets for this event will be \$15.00 per person. The price includes a hot pasta buffet and a contribution towards a gift. Tickets may be obtained from any Master in the Monroe District Lodges, R.:W.: Robert Nicoll DDGM of the Genesee/Wyoming District or by calling R.:W.: Ronald Mertens at 482-0994 (H) or 263-5278 (O). The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, October 5th.

Persons who are unable to attend the party, but wishing to share in the cost of the gift, should send contributions to: Ronald D. Mertens, 518 Merchants Road, Rochester, NY 14609. Please make all checks payable to the Masonic Service Bureau.

### Biography

By Don Brugger

R.:W.: Robert C. Pettit was born on January 14, 1921 in Hallstead, Pennsylvania, and grew up on Staten Island, NY. He attended Wagner College in Staten Island, receiving his B.A. in 1942. R.:W.: Bro. Pettit served 3.5 years in the U.S. Army and was married to the former Belva Petersen on October 11, 1944. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the

University of Pennsylvania and opened his practice in Rochester in 1950. He retired from this profession in 1986 and was elected Executive Director of the Service Bureau in 1988 after having served briefly as a Director and Treasurer.



Dr. Pettit and his wife Belva have 3 children who reside at present in Nevada, California and Texas. They also have 2 grandchildren.

R.:W.: Bro. Pettit and Belva are long term members of Redeemer Lutheran Church on Dewey Ave in Rochester. Bob is quite active in his Church, and still sings in the choir. He has been a Deacon and has served on the Church Council, having held almost every office in that body at one time or another.

### Masonic career

R.:W.: Dr. Pettit was raised in Wakan Lodge No. 1054 (now Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154) in 1960, and served as its Master in 1969. He was Assistant Grand Lecturer for five years and Dis-

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# Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger

## What's in a name

In a Lodge meeting one night a Brother rose and stated his concern about the words "Masonic Temple" on the Lodge Building. In his opinion, he said, these words were a deterrent to young men becoming Masons. He thought it gave the impression that the building was some kind of religious edifice. He is not alone in this opinion.

I remembered this occurrence while reading an article in the September issue of the Knights Templar magazine. The article was written by Bro. Vernon B. Ingram, Master of Rob Morris Lodge No. 92, Denver, CO.

In his article Bro. Ingram explains that the word "temple" is derived from the Latin, templum, meaning "sanctuary" and "consecrated place". The religious meaning of "sanctuary" is "a holy sacred place". The secular, "a place of refuge or protection" or "to set apart". The religious meaning of "consecrate" is "to set apart as sacred" the secular "to dedicate or devote, as to a particular purpose". He goes on to say that, "templum" was probably derived from the Latin verb "templari", meaning "to contemplate". "The use of the word 'temple' is also associated with the word 'speculative'. The contemporary definition being "given to serious thinking or inquiry."

"Freemasonry", to quote the author, "is a symbolically based science of ethics. Its beauty and meaning are reflected in artistic terms and symbols. Whereas a religious temple refers to a place of worship in a certain religiously prescribed manner-to the house of God-a Masonic Temple refers to a place for serious reflection and contemplation on charitable and moral conduct, a place where men of all faiths and religions agree to certain moral and social precepts and values."

The most compelling statement in the article is: "Those who criticize us for calling our buildings temples would probably criticize us for other reasons if we didn't call them temples...I am glad that we have something that stands out as unique in society, that ignites curiosity, and even inspires some controversy with us...there is a rational and well founded basis for using the word 'temple'. It does indeed have a deep and significant meaning and properly describes our structures." (Courtesy the Knights Templar magazine)

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By R.:W.: David Clarke

Greetings fellow readers! During the period 1927 to 1946 our Bureau increased its purposes and scope of service many fold. In 1916 we were known as the Masonic Employment Bureau. The year 1919 saw a change in name to the Masonic Service Bureau with a certificate of incorporation filed July 7, 1927 with the New York Secretary of State. A new certificate was filed in 1936 for the benefit of all Masonic and Eastern Star families in Monroe County.

### Late 20s

During this period of our history, the period known as the "Great Depression", the problem confronting Masons and the Community in general were staggering. Problems in our Society began to appear after the gay and lively 20's where prosperity for many was common place. During the early years of the 20th Century industry in Rochester moved forward at a normal rate. The World War brought a tremendous boom, as commerce and trade reacted to the stimulation. From other cities, from smaller towns, from rural districts, workers flocked to the city and taxed its housing facilities to the utmost. Real estate skyrocketed. An era of building, of industry, commercial and financial expansions began and continued without let-up. With it came all the problems of crowded neighborhoods. Then came that dark day on Thursday, October 24th, 1929, when from one end of the United States to the other, financial uncertainty and fear fed on rumor caused the stock market to "crash" and plunge the Nation into economic depression. Suddenly businesses failed, banks closed and thousands of people were without jobs. Thousands experienced financial ruin.

### Recovery

Our Bureau was called upon to increase its services to the Community and rally it did. The organizations along with the city of Rochester, met the onset of the depression with a remarkable display of community effort. With unemployment beginning to mount in 1929 the Bureau was prompted to initiate several activities to serve needy Masons, their families and the Community. The Bureau offered valuable assistance to the Men's Service Center by collecting and distributing clothes to families. Valuable assistance was also given to failing businesses when requested by the Industrial Management Council. The Bureau acted as a clearing house in directing the unfortunate to such service agencies such as the New York State Employment Agency, Monroe County Home and Infirmary, Rochester Machine Indus-

tries' Placement Service, Rotary Student Loans Program, Salvation Army and many senior citizen agencies.

With help from the Masonic Service Bureau and many other service organizations Rochester's confidence remained strong during the depression years. In 1933 the National Industrial Recovery Act was signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt. Slowly the city began to recover and believe in the President's words when he said, "This recovery act will put people back to work, let them buy more of the products of our farms and factories and start business at more of a living rate again"! The era of the "New Deal" had begun.

### Back on track

Suddenly with prosperity and social conditions continuing to improve the dark storm clouds of war gathered over Europe again. Once again the Bureau will be called upon to offer its service to the community. In our next article, we continue the story as we climb the path into World War II and observe the role of the Bureau during this period in history. See you next month! Our story nears its successful completion. □

**Save the date**  
**Chicken Dinner**  
**October 21, 1993**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Hesperus Lodge**  
**Speaker**  
**R.:W.: David C. Clarke**

## Community Service

By W.: Harold Bolotin

### Continued Activity

After a Summer hiatus, our activity is now being resumed. Our standing commitment to our contacts at Strong Memorial Hospital, Al Sigi Center and Ronald McDonald House have been renewed.

The staff of these organizations have been contacted and our services have been offered for the Fall and Winter season. Our calls have been warmly and gratefully received. They expressed their appreciation and stated that they will place us "on call" for future programs. As usual, I emphasized to each of them that we are representing the Masons of Monroe County, particularly the Masonic Service Bureau. It has always been my intention and goal that MASONRY be given the credit and publicity for our Community service.

### Al Sigi Center

Two events are being planned by the Manager of Special Projects, which are:

1. "Everyone's Walking and Running" a 10K walk (6 1/2 miles), for the benefit of the Al Sigi Center and Easter Seals. It will be on Sunday, October 17. They are looking for volunteers for along the route to provide entertainment (magicians, clowns, etc.) and people to man the check points and direct people. We have no problem finding entertainers but logistical volunteers from the Fraternity are needed. I will be receiv-

ing further details from the Staff.

2. "Halloween Open House" to be held at the Al Sigi Center on Sunday, October 31. Again, they are asking for entertainers and helpers. More information will be forthcoming.

### Other Opportunities

The Group Community Service Coordinator of Strong Memorial Hospital and the Manager of the Ronald McDonald House have stated that we will be notified when we are needed.

### Help wanted

**New prospects:** We are constantly on the lookout for other and new avenues of service. Ideas, suggestions, and leads for other outlets will be most welcome and gratefully received. We are ready, willing and able to increase our activity.

**Volunteers:** They are always needed and most welcome from the ranks of the Brothers and Sisters of our Fraternity. I want to take this opportunity, (space permitting) to list the names of those who have provided us with valuable assistance in the past:

- R.:W.: David and Gail Clarke
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- R.:W.: Paul and Doris Robertson
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- R.:W.: Mathew L. Gingold
- W.: Courtland Young
- W.: Donald Brown
- W.: John Bryce
- Sylvia Bolotin
- Mary Wright
- Dorothy Snodgrass

My sincere thanks to all of them. If anyone would like to join us on our worthwhile projects please call me at 342-5865. Your participation will be most welcome by David C. Clarke, President of the Service Bureau and myself. □

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By William R. Lindsay  
The Bureau of Masonic Education is unique in New York State, and perhaps throughout the country, in its commitment to provide quality education to the Freemasons of Monroe and surrounding counties. Few other jurisdictions have a stronger educational tradition than we do, one that

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**Interfaith Service and Breakfast**  
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## Cephas

*A rock on which to build.*

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Roosevelt Community Services Award from the State of New York and the Rochester Area Volunteer Excellence Award (RAVE) from the United Way of Greater Rochester. They also received, in June of 1993, the Superintendent's Cup Award from the Orlean's Correctional Facility. (Biographical information courtesy Cephas Attica and Cephas Buffalo Inc.)

### Interfaith Service

The Interfaith Service and Breakfast will be held at the Downtown Masonic Temple at 875 E. Main Street, Rochester, NY. The Service will begin at 8:15 a.m. in Cathedral Hall, 4th Floor and will be followed immediately by a Breakfast served in Lower Level Ballroom A. Continental Breakfast, \$4.00 per person. The Distinguished Community Service Award will be presented at the Breakfast. □

### R..W.. Pettit -Biography

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trict Deputy Grand Master of the 2nd Monroe District, 1982-83. Dr. Pettit was the first President of the Monroe Purple Club as it is currently constituted, and has served as President of the Masonic Secretaries Association and the Masonic Bureau of Education. He has also received the Honorary Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

### Concordant Bodies

R..W.. Robert C. Pettit served as Thrice Potent Master of Germania Lodge of Perfection, 1969-70, Sovereign Prince of the Rochester Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 2 terms, and was Commander-in-Chief of the Rochester Commandery. He was coroneted 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, N.M.J., in 1979. R..W.. Bro. Pettit also served as Secretary of the New York State Council of Deliberation for 9 years and is now Secretary Emeritus.

Dr. Pettit joined Ionic Chapter, RAM and served as High Priest. He currently is Treasurer of Hiram Chapter (merged Hamilton and Ionic Chapters). R..W.. Bro. Pettit is currently a member of Doric Council No. 19, RSM, and Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar.

R..W.. Robert C. Pettit is a member of Rochester Forest #133, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, where he served as Scribe for five years, and of Damascus Temple, AAONMS. □

## Bureau of Masonic Education

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dates back well past a quarter century. We are indebted to our earlier Brethren who had the vision and energy to put in place this tradition.

### Improving ourselves

Education is the one way that societies can improve themselves within the lifetime of its members. In our bustling time, when change seems faster than we can comfortably adjust, we lose sight of the fact that for milleniums, humankind passed on to its descendants an exact replica of its



Harold and Dorothy Steele

Howard Steele left a career at Eastman Kodak Co. to establish Cephas. For 18 years, until his death in 1989, Harold led Cephas volunteers into Attica Prison and other institutions, visiting thousands and touching countless lives. (Photo Courtesy Dorothy Steele)

own social and cultural experience; a man was born, brought up, and lived exactly as his father had done before him. The process of breaking out of this pattern was the basis for the great social-political upheavals which began with the decline of the Roman Empire and continue into our own day.

### Become better men

Freemasonry has been in the midst of these struggles and a part of them. In many ways, Freemasonry is at the fulcrum of the two opposing forces-to change or to remain the same. One of the beauties of the Craft is that it has the ability to change AND to remain the same. Our ritual assures that we do not lose our essence as Freemasons; and we are encouraged to strive to become better men. Education unlocks the potential in all of us to be better men and Freemasons.

### Learn from the past

Brother and President Harry Truman captured this notion best when he was quoted as saying, "He who does not know and understand history is doomed to repeat it."

Anyone who still wonders why we think education very important to Freemasons has only to reflect on the power of that statement.

### All welcome

Finally, all Bureau of Education meetings are open to all Masons and you are most welcome to join us. We are interested in your ideas and thoughts. Call or write.

### October events

On October 4th there will be a BME Executive Committee meeting in the Masonic Library at 7:30 p.m.

The School of Lodge Administration will be on October 20th at 7:00 p.m., and the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be October 27th-both of these meetings will be at the Downtown Temple. □

## Masonic Inter-Lodge Fellowship Committee District Chairmen

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By Neil Laundry

Be sure to check the advertisement for the December 4, 1993 visit to the Niagara Falls Festival of Lights. This involves a day excursion including shopping at the

Galleria Mall, a leisurely visit to the Rainbow Mall and, of course, the beauty of the illuminated Falls at night.

Glenn Hodges has scouted out a great place for lunch. We'll include the cost in a package deal (\$23.00) and throw in the super air traffic show for free. I hear it's sensational.

### Future plans

We're already planning a 1994 Rochester Americans Night at the Community War Memorial for next March!

### Sign up early

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

### We need input

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

### M..W..

## A. Lou Copeland, Grand Treasurer and PGM of Canada Passes



By R..W.. Maurice Solomon

The Masonic Community in Rochester has learned with profound sadness of the death in Toronto, on July 24th, of Most Worshipful A. Lou Copeland, Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

### Visits

Grand Master Copeland was not a frequent visitor in Rochester, but, did make a deep impression on those who were privileged to be present on those occasions.

In February, 1985, in the company of M..W.. Robert C. Singer, then Deputy Grand Mas-

ter, and a close friend for many years, he attended the presentation of the D.S.A. Award to W.. Frank Denton in Wakan - Hubbard Lodge. Later in that year, and now the Grand Master of Canada, Bro. Copeland was the guest speaker at our Interfaith Service and Breakfast, in the company of Grand Master Calvin G. Bond. The report in the Monroe Masonic News at that time indicated that he enthralled the large audience with his dynamic speech.

His last visit to Rochester was in September, 1989, when he was the Guest of Honor at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Flower City Lodge No. 910.

### History

Lou Copeland was born in Toronto in 1920, and became a Mason in Palestine Lodge No. 559 G.R.C. in 1949. He was elected Master in 1962, and was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1969. In July of 1983, he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and then in July, 1985, Grand Master of Canada in the Province of Ontario, an office he held with great distinction.

He had the pleasure of installing his sons as Masters of Palestine Lodge.

M..W.. Bro. Copeland is survived by his wife, Margaret, and family.

### Cancer Endowment Fund

The family has requested that donations in his memory be sent to the Israel Cancer Research Foundation (Copeland Endowment Fund), 20 Eglinton Avenue West, Suite 1111, Toronto, Ontario, CA M4R 1K8. □

## Morality and Responsibility

By Robert E. Crystal

Whence came you and whither travelling? We come from a tradition of stalwarts, representatives of a strong society of morality and responsibility. We live now, I believe, in a time that is weakening, and are travelling into a period where Masonry will

not represent the strengths in our society, but will be leading society back toward those strengths. How many times have you heard about situational ethics, or have heard of sociologists and candid camera buffs testing strangers to see if they will return lost money, or cheat on a test? Masonry teaches us to withstand the pressure, to act other than on the square.

### Words of Bro. Macoy

Bro. Robert Macoy, in his "True Masonic Guide", (published in 1864) argued that, in times of civilization and peace, Freemasonry reigned, and that in times of barbarity, chivalry was better adapted to the rude manners of the age. (I noted that Bro. Macoy did not assume that intellectualism and civilization did not exclude war). He was writing after Masonry had recovered from the "anti's" of the 1840's, but before the war between the North and South. I believe that we now have both behaviors side by side. It is possible for individuals to be isolated from other elements of society that there are actually two societies (or more) and no central guiding philosophy or unifying spirit.

### Masonry must lead

In all eras of no statesmanship, no guidance from those in positions of leadership, and when scandal no longer unseats those in power, it is up to Masonry to "lead from behind". We ourselves need to encourage those we can affect.

### Follow the guides

On the personal level, follow the guides you were given at the 1st Degree: SINCERITY-by praising truth wherever found, and confronting dishonesty whenever found: CHARITY-by giving relief, not only by giving alms, but by helping others to succeed: BROTHERLY LOVE-by looking for the good in each person and helping him recognize it in himself. (Editors note: This piece was originally written as part of a Lodge article. The author subsequently wrote another article to replace it. The piece should be read.) □

## Save the Date Recognition and Retirement Party for

R..W.. Dr. Robert C. Pettit

Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau

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The U.S. flag should be displayed on or near the main building of every public institution, during school days in or near every polling place on election days.

Always hoist the U.S. flag briskly. Lower it ceremoniously.

(This information is based on Public Law 829-77th Congress and Amendments thereto.)

**Help!  
Help!!  
Help!!!**

We are in dire need of volunteers to clean "Home Care" equipment for the Masonic Service Bureau Loan Program.

If you have a couple of hours during the week that you could spare, it would be gratefully appreciated. Bring along a friend!

For information call the Masonic Service Bureau at (473-4351)

**In Memoriam**



**R.W. Harry Kennedy**

By R.W. Thomas M. Paglia  
R.W. Harry H. Kennedy passed away on August 22, 1993 and a better Mason and Brother will be hard to find. He lived a true Masonic life, always looking out for his fellow Brothers. He always gave of himself in everything he did. R.W. Kennedy was my companion and a devoted volunteer at the VA Medical Center. Throughout the years, he gave many hours of his time and financial assistance to the veterans. Even after becoming ill, he would always inquire about his friends at the Medical Center.

His unselfish devotion to the cause for the betterment of life for the veterans will be forever remembered by everyone.

For many years he organized bus trips to the Masonic Home in Utica for the Masonic Service Bureau. R.W. Kennedy had the same kind of enthusiasm for his Lodge, Northfield No. 426, never forgetting he was a Master Mason.

He was a true friend and companion and will be sorely missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel and two daughters. A Masonic Service was held for him by Northfield Lodge.

**Whoa Nelly!**

By Don Brugger  
There have been volumes written about the decline of membership in the Masonic Fraternity. A

new study done by the Davis Consulting Group at the request of the Masonic Renewal Committee seems to be quite comprehensive.

**The way we were**

The results of the study point out several interesting statistics. For example; membership in the Masonic Fraternity in 1940 was approximately 2.5 million. The Fraternity grew in the next 20 years to over 4.5 million. Now in 1990 the membership is again at 2.5 million (Fig. 1). What happened?

Figure 1.

Masonic Membership in North America - 1940-1991



In the 1960's membership growth stalled and dropped through the 1970's. It appears that no one got excited about this until about 1988, which is when the Masonic Renewal Task Force was formed.

**Average age**

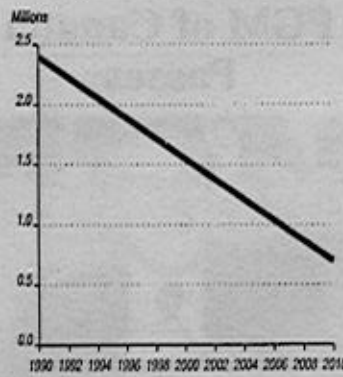
Another interesting statistic is the average age of the members. Most of us, of course, have noticed this. The median age, a term that I have always had trouble with is 61-65. This means that one half of the membership is older than 65 years of age.

**Trendy indeed**

Applying a straight line projection, what engineers at a certain local Company used to call; extrapolation, a trend can be established. This trend, if continued, would reduce the number of Masons in North America to 700,000 by the year 2010 (Fig. 2).

Figure 2.

Projected Membership Trends Among Grand Lodges in North America



**Consequences**

This would mean not only a reduction in programs, buildings and charities, but fewer potential leaders, and also fewer Masonic leaders in the community, business, religious groups and education.

**Cyclic?**

Some say that this phenomena is a cyclical apparition. Unfortunately, even in jurisdictions where there has been an increase of 10% in new members, it will take decades to stem this downward trend.

**Still hope**

There is a glimmer of hope, however. According to the study, there is a potential pool of 16,000,000 men who are inter-

ested in joining some kind of organization. "Our important task is to make that organization Masonry."

It is not hard to see what that kind of reduction in membership would do to the financial well being of the Fraternity. To quote the study, "try to imagine living on 25% of your income". What would this do to our programs, our philanthropies; all Masonic Charities would be at risk.

The only choice is to stop the loss of existing members and make the membership grow at an aggressive rate. We still must make the choice of inviting only quality men to be members, however.

We have seen in our own Lodges how this kind of aggressive program can work, if we work.

According to the survey, those desirous of joining an organization would prefer one that enjoined fellowship, Community involvement, charitable work and leadership opportunities; sound familiar? Freemasonry still is capable of offering these characteristics. "The objective is to do so with excellence and quality."

**Help available**

The Masonic Renewal Committee has available a Development and Management Kit and a Training Kit for Masonic Lodges. Nearly 1,500, representing 10% of the Lodges in North America, are now in use. There is also a video called "Getting the Most From Your Fraternity", which encourages a man to stay active in his Lodge. These tools can help the individual Lodge address the membership problem. (Data Courtesy Masonic Renewal Committee)

**The Charles H. Johnson Medal**

At the 212th meeting of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York the Charles H. Johnson Medal was given to our own Past Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Ronald Mertens. The Johnson Medal is given by the Grand Master "to such members in good standing in this or any other jurisdiction or recognized Masonic Body, irrespective of rank or title, who have rendered unusual or distinguished service in furthering the good name of the Craft, its principles and purposes".



History

The Medal is given in honor of M.W. Charles Henry Johnson, "who gave his all in the furtherance of the ideals of Freemasonry, and whose contribution to Freemasonry throughout the world will, in this manner, be ever

remembered by those who seek the light of truth".

Charles H. Johnson was born in Brooklyn, New York on October 18, 1870. His family emigrated to the United States and he attended public school in Brooklyn, NY. He attended Trinity Church School in New York City, and graduated from both Boston University and Harvard in 1902. He also attended Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill. and Columbia University in New York City. He obtained degrees from Boston, Harvard and Alfred Universities with Social Work as his primary subject.

Charles Johnson's only son Orville Parker Johnson, by his first wife, Elvina Peterson, was killed in the first World War at Torcy, France, July 18, 1918. Johnson had remarried in 1908, to the former May B. Wallis of Albany, New York.

**Public life**

Charles Johnson held offices in many public agencies and organizations. Among these were: Charity Organizations of New York - Deputy Warden, Sing Sing Prison - American Relief Society under Herbert Hoover - American Prison Assn. - NY State Commission to examine laws relating to child Welfare - appointed by Calvin Coolidge and Gov. Alfred Smith to International Prison Conference in London - White House conference on Child Welfare - Board of Directors of the Potts Memorial Hospital, Livingston, NY - First Secretary, Committee on Tuberculosis Prevention in New York City - New York State Commissioner for Mental Defectives - New York Committee on Child Labor - National Probation Association - Past President of the Social Welfare Agency, Albany - National Conference of Welfare Officials - National Conference of Juvenile Agencies - New York State Conference of Charities and Correction - founded the Legal Aid Society of Albany - Commissioner of New York State Social Welfare - and a member of the State Board of Social Welfare.

He was the former Superintendent of St. Christopher's Childrens Home - State Reformatory Cheshire, Conn - Albany Orphan Asylum - Leak's and Watts Orphan House, Yonkers, NY, and was appointed by Herbert Hoover to the International Prison Congress held in Budapest, in 1930.

He was the former Director of the American Prison Association, and the United Service Organization - Commissioner of the Boy Scouts, Albany, NY - member of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, received the Silver Beaver Award - Past President of the Y.M.C.A., Albany - Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A., McBuren Branch, New York City and a member of the Albany Society, and an associate member of the American Scandinavian Foundation.

**Masonic life**

Brother Johnson became a member of Ancient City Lodge No. 452 in 1911 and served as Chaplain that year. He proceeded up the line, becoming Master in 1915. He was appointed DDGM of the 17th Masonic District in 1917, and was a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum, 1918-1920.

After being elected Grand Junior Warden in 1920-24, he proceeded up the line being elected Grand Master of Masons

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**Charles H. Johnson Medal**  
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in the State of New York in 1930. He was elected Grand Secretary in 1932, a post in which he served until being elected Grand Secretary Emeritus in 1947. He was Grand Representative to the State of Massachusetts and served on no less than 10 Grand Lodge Committees.

In the Concordant Bodies he served as Grand Master of the Council in 1929, High Priest of his Chapter in 1913 and Grand Representative to Tennessee. He was Commander of Temple Commandery No. 2 in 1925.

He joined the Scottish Rite, Valley of Albany in 1913 and served as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1924-25. He was coroneted a 33° Mason in Boston in 1921 and became an Active in 1942.

He became a member of Cyrus Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. in 1924 and served as Potentate in 1926. He was a member of Kaa-Rheu-Vahm Grotto in Albany.

Brother Johnson was a member of Knights Red Cross of Constantine and was Sovereign of St. Paul's Conclave, New York City, in 1927. He was also a member of the York Cross of Honor, was Eminent Prior of Knickerbocker Priory No. 3, New York City, and was Most Eminent Grand Master General of the Convent General in 1935-36.

In the Allied Masonic Degrees he was a member of Metropolitan Council No. 2 and served as

Grand Chancellor, Half Moon Council, A.M.D. in 1942.

He was a member of the American Lodge of Research and wrote many papers on Masonic History. He also served as its Master for 10 years commencing in 1932.

M.W.: Charles Johnson was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Masonic War Veterans, both in Brooklyn and in New York, a member of the National Sojourners and an honorary member of over 100 Masonic Lodges and many other varied organizations. □

**Tall Cedars of Lebanon**

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1822 Penfield Road  
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Robert J. Nichols  
Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar

Angelo DiCataldo  
Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar

Leonard A. Latta, Scribe

By Don Bell

**Thank you**

Many thanks to our Junior Deputy, Angelo Di Cataldo, for the delicious Steak Roast prepared by him and his committee.

**October meeting**

Our October 24th meeting will include an Initiation as well as regular business.

**Future date**

Save December 11 for our annual Christmas Party. Further details will be forthcoming. □

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A full day of activities are planned when we visit the world acclaimed "Festival of Lights" at Niagara Falls

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Shopping at the Galleria Mall  
Visit to the Rainbow Center in Niagara Falls (for more shopping)  
Walking Tours of the American Falls Area and The Festival of Lights  
Arrive back at Rochester approximately 8:30 p.m.  
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(A) Roast Pork, (B) Baked White Fish, (C) Western Monterey Chicken w/mushrooms, Salad, Tea or Coffee, Rolls and Butter and Dessert)

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**Assistant Grand Lecturers**

W. Richard C. Friedman  
First Monroe District

W. Terry Wiklen  
Second Monroe District

By W. Richard C. Friedman  
**Grand Lecturer's Convention**

Please come and join in the celebration of the GREAT 2nd Degree of Masonry!

Our celebration is the backdrop for the Grand Lecturer's Convention when M.W. Calvin G. Bond returns to Doric Hall to share his vast Masonic knowledge with us. The Convention will be held on Wednesday, October 27th starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. There is a dinner preceding the convention at 6:30 p.m. to which EVERYONE IS INVITED. PLEASE SEE YOUR MASTER FOR RESERVATIONS FOR THE DINNER!!!

**2nd Degree**

Why bill the 2° as GREAT? It is our contention that there is an incredible amount of usable information and guidelines for living in this Degree.

The 2° is the Degree which exemplifies the prime of your manhood. It is a clarion call for education and self improvement. Listen for how important education is in this Degree in all three sections.

The 2° calls to the fore the need for a man to have and use his own good judgement in making the tough calls in life. The Degree reminds you that you must prioritize your decisions and seek for yourself the length of your cabletow. The Degree chastises the inclination so prevalent in this society to shun personal responsibility and become selfish. The message you will hear is one of commitment and respect. You will be reminded how Masonry asks you to do the hard thing in not wronging, cheating or defrauding even though it may be possible to do so. Listen for the emphasis placed on following through on commitment to labor, Masonic or otherwise. Hear the obligation admonish you to live up to your word - to say what you want to say.

Come and celebrate these critical Masonic messages! Winning a Potts Award would not be too bad either.

**Traveling Men**

Your AGL's are committed to visit you this Fall. It is gratifying

to see all of the Degree activity and the Membership Development efforts happening in the Monroes. Ritual always has been a backbone of the effort to retain members. Poor ritual work discourages attendance at meetings and Degrees. Conversely, good ritual work is a source of pride in a Lodge, it unites older and younger members. It makes a cohesive officer line and assists in keeping a man coming to Lodge after he is raised.

**Please call**

As we have noted before, we cannot read your minds - if you need our assistance, please call upon us. We can be of the most help during your rehearsals for Degrees. Neither of us feel bound by District - we have both crossed over to assist Lodges, so if one of us cannot help you, the other probably can.

See you in the quarries. □

**Financial Planning Solutions**

R.W. Gerald J. Glaser

716-381-3340

[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].

One of the best kept secrets in financial planning is a very popular retirement program known as an IRA!!

Of course everyone knows about the IRA concept and a lot of people have one, but there are a lot of things about the available options that very few people know about. For example:

1. Many individuals invest in an IRA and they believe that they must leave it in the original investment forever. This is very far from the actual facts. You can invest the funds in practically any type of investment and move it around as much as you desire without incurring penalties and taxes.

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account CD? The bank will normally charge you high annual fees and put you into a long term situation where there are penalties for early withdrawal, and you can be stuck with a low return for the total term of the CD. It is the bank that tries to imply that you are in it forever.

The banks now are selling mutual funds and other investments because they are losing so much in deposits that in defense of making money, they now imply that these items which for years were no-no items, are now good things to be involved in.

2. You must be at least 59 1/2 years old to start taking money out of an IRA without penalties. Again, this is not really so. You can start to withdraw your funds out of an IRA at practically any age you desire, say 40 years old, without penalties. Of course, you must pay the taxes on the withdrawals, but penalties? NO, NO, NO.

The early withdrawal program must be properly set up to do this. Now ask your handy dandy financial planner, "Can I take money out of an IRA prior to age 59 1/2?", and see what he says. When he says it can't be done, call me for the details. □

**VAMC**  
Canandaigua, NY

By W. Harold Bollotin

**Ward visits**

Upcoming Ward visits for the Masons are Sunday, October 10th and Sunday, November 14, 1993.

**Breakfast**

Prior to the Ward visits, it has been our practice and pleasure to partake of an excellent breakfast at the Canandaigua Masonic Temple, at a reasonable price.

**HELP**

Volunteers are urgently needed! Our ranks have been steadily dwindling for the last year or so. In order for this most worthwhile activity to continue, we need help. You do not need to be a Veteran, and ladies are most definitely welcome. Please join us.

For more information, please call R.W. Tom Paglia, Grand Lodge Veteran's Service Committee Representative, at 227-2046. He would be most happy to hear from you! □

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## R..W.. Paul A. Moore



Changing  
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District Deputy Grand Master  
For the First Monroe District  
422-1367

The topic of Masonry has classically revolved around men and their relationship with other men. Classic Masonic activities revolve around tiled Lodge rooms, stag bowling, golf, and other classic men only outings. We, as Masons, are quick to point out our after Lodge pool and Euchre games. Talk to many of the old timers, and they will respond that this is the way it is supposed to be. Masonry is a men's club.

### Looking ahead

Now it is time to look into the Twenty-First Century. We are approaching the year 2000. The typical young family consists of both man and wife working a forty hour plus week. Children are involved in school and after-school activities. Child care is a constant problem. Meal time with the entire family present is probably a rare occasion. How well will Masonry survive in this scenario as a stag organization? Probably not very well.

We also know far too well that we cannot survive without attracting young members, who are our life blood. Just look at today's successful Lodges, and you'll see what I mean. The Lodges which

have failed to attract young men are the Lodges which are dying. The Lodges with the good mix are the Lodges with the exciting programs. We will not survive if men wait for their families to grow before they join.

### Family involvement

This is where the Fellowship and Family Involvement Umbrella, a new District resource, will be called on to help. Under the direction of R..W.. David Clarke in the First Monroe District, this team must be creative in the search for ways to involve the family.

It becomes important that we open doors to our families. We must get our family to support our activities, and not view the Craft as a competitor for our time. This is not to say we will lose our identity and heritage. There is nothing farther from the truth. We will continue to meet for some tiled meetings. Ritual and tradition will remain an important part of Craft Masonry. This is our heritage, but we will also carry our Masonic lamp with our family. In this way, we will continue and prosper, because we understand the changes we must make. □

## ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



W.. Edgar B. Means,  
Master  
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2nd & 4th  
Mondays  
7:30 p. m.

W.. Bradley T. Goodridge,  
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By W.. Edgar B. Means

### Back to work...

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## Be An Educated Mason

How does it feel to be back in the main stream again? It should feel great. However, some of you are like fish out of water, floundering from the lack of MASONIC LIGHT. I wish to commend the Brothers who took the time to attend the School of Lodge Administration and the School of Continuing Masonic Education.

### Enrichment

You Brothers are getting a taste of the true meanings and purpose of the Craft and I know that the knowledge gained by investing the few hours required have greatly enriched your Masonic experience.

## Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154



W.. Richard L. Brockmann, Sr.  
Master  
392-3520

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

W.. Ted Snyder, Secretary  
467-0165

Masonic Temple  
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By W.. Richard L. Brockmann, Sr.

### October meetings

Our first meeting on October 11th, will be the Official Visit of Paul Moore, DDGM. We look forward to hearing the Grand Master's message. The meeting will be preceded by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The October 25th meeting will feature JW Tom Hueston sitting in the East to confer the 2nd Degree.

### Coronation Lodge

Our annual visitation to Coronation Lodge, Weston, Ontario, Canada, will occur on October 23-24. With the current exchange rates, this will be the year to go. There is lodging available with Coronation Brothers for those interested. Please call JW Tom Hueston at 723-0173 for details.

### Grand Lecturer's Convention

Please help our Lodge get the Howard Pott's Award for another year by attending the Grand Lecturer's Convention, Wednesday, October 27 in Doric Hall at

### Utilize the Library

I cannot stress enough the importance of your Masonic education. If you cannot attend the classes offered, I would strongly recommend that you avail yourselves of the knowledge to be gained at our Monroe Masonic Library. It is by far one of the best in the State. You will be utterly amazed at the wealth of knowledge that can be gleaned from its shelves and the diversity of Masonic subjects available.

MY BROTHERS, EDUCATED MASONS HAVE THE BEST INSIGHTS INTO OUR FRATERNITY AND MAKE THE BEST AMBASSADORS TO THE UNINITIATED.

Please plan to attend the School of Lodge Administration on October 20th, at 7:30 p.m. and the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 27th.

### Light the Lamp of Leadership

The Grand Lodge Leadership Training Course will be held on January 15, 1994 at Etolian Lodge and January 29, 1994 at Fairport Lodge. Both sessions are required to complete the course. 8:00 a.m. registration, with coffee and doughnuts, and out by noon. The cost is \$16.00 and checks may be made out to Leadership Service Committee. The deadline is December 31, 1993.

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the Downtown Masonic Temple. We need good attendance by all Brothers of Wakan-Hubbard as well as our Officers. If you need a ride, please call W.. Rich Brockmann.

### Master's Ball

The Master's Ball will be held on Friday, November 5th at the Hospitality House. Music will be provided by the Twilights. Save the date and give the callers your reservations.

### 1st Degree

The 1st Degree was most capably presented by SW John E. Zabel. It was well attended; plan to be at the next one.

### Festival of Lights

The Interlodge Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a trip to the Niagara Falls, Festival of Lights on December 4th. The cost is \$23.00 and includes a Continental Breakfast, shopping at Galleria Mall, late lunch at the Flying Tigers Restaurant, then on to Niagara Falls for the Festival and home by 9:00 p.m. Let's have a good representation from Wakan-Hubbard.

### News and Views

By Don Bell

Congratulations to R..W.. Bob and Doris Zabel on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We hear they had a great celebration put on by Bro. John Zabel. Congratulations also go to Jim and Jan Saporito on their September 3rd marriage. Ask them about the memorable events at their wedding...

### Travelers

W.. Ron Bertie and his wife, Elaine, went to Europe to meet their new son-in-law's parents. □

Many went with them to Kentucky to see Elaine in her capacity as Queen of the Nile.

Bob Harris tells me that he had a most enjoyable Reunion of the 68th CAA Regiment (Coastal Artillery) with some of his WWII buddies. Next year's Reunion will be in Rochester.

### Get well wishes

W.. Don Calkins is recovering at home from a foot operation. Bro. Don McDill is recovering nicely from knee surgery and Bro. Jim Willis from eye surgery. Bro. Reggie Doescher is going to have minor surgery.

### Condolences

Our sympathies go to the family of Bro. Charles Brooks on his passing to the Grand Lodge above.

### Thank you

A microwave oven has been donated to the Lodge in memory of Hulda H. Brockmann. It will be put to good use and the Lodge is most grateful. □

## FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476



W.. Thomas G. Goodrich,  
Master  
H O

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

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

37 South Main St.  
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By W.. Thomas G. Goodrich  
As of this publication I trust you all have received your copy of our 1993 Program. I would point out to you that our 1993 goals are not a repeat, but a continuation of those objectives set forth by our most recent Past Master, Ed Goodrich. At this time I would like to thank him for stepping in to serve an eighteen month "year" and to wish him and his family life's richest rewards as they embark on a new life for themselves in Newton, Conn. Ed, you will be dearly missed as a Brother and a brother.

### Apologies

Speaking of missed, I apologize for the absence of a column in the past edition of the *Masonic Times*. For what it is worth, and for those unaware, the press deadline is the twelfth of the preceding month, and quite honestly, I myself was caught up in the bustle of long Summer days' work and play, and the twelfth of August flew by me as did our whole Summer. I do promise to be more attentive to this particular deadline, as I feel the *Times* is doing a fantastic job and is a very important vehicle of communication.


### Programs and goals

Although we have not yet had our first Communication of the Fall season as I write this article, I am sure our program for the upcoming year will be well received and attended. I am also very pleased that our program and goals are in keeping with those of our Grand Lodge regarding new members, membership retention and management. Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge this year.

As I have said in the past, we have successfully rebuilt our Temple into the pride of the Community, let us all work together to help rebuild our Craft. □



**WEBSTER**  
**Lodge No. 538**



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7:30 p.m.

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

By W.: Greg Brown  
Webster Trolley Days

Congratulations are in order for Bro. Paul Sobtzyk, who with a small committee, organized to represent Webster Lodge at our Community's Webster Trolley Days, August 14-15. Paul outfitted our old concession trailer with a new propane tank and several repairs. The weather turned out to be excellent, almost everything sold out.

A tidy sum was raised. These dollars, in addition to those raised by Bro. Andy Rueby from the display case sales of Masonic paraphernalia, assure our continued support of several Webster organizations to whom we donate funds each year as part of our Community Service Fund.

**Corn and Sausage Fund**

The first Fall meeting on September 2nd was followed by our traditional welcome back from Summer: Corn and Sausage. It was a superb meal. Our new JW may plump several of us up if such good meals continue.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Remember to start sending your contributions to our SW, Bro. John Clapp, as soon as possible. Right now, this very moment, before you read on further, would be an excellent time to get your contribution into the mail.

**Bring a Friend Night**

September 16th Bro. Bill Edwards, W.:s Bruce Chilton and Richard Friedman, collaborated to bring us another great evening. Please be thinking now of that relative, or son of a friend whom you should ask to attend our next Brother Bring a Friend Night, planned for January 6, 1994.

**Budget meeting**

On September 7th a new Budget was hammered out at a meeting hosted by W.: Scott Hollander, with the objective to present it at the September 16th meeting.

**Fellowcraft**

Bro. Nick Haldoupis chaired the first meeting of the new year, and did a good job. (Maybe he should be elected to hold all of the Fellowcraft offices simultaneously.)

**Scottish Rite Awards**

On October 7th we will open Lodge, then travel to Scottish Rite Awards at the Downtown Temple, then return to Webster to close. Join us for the Webster Lodge recipient's HURRAH!


**First Degree**

October 21st will be our First Degree conferral. We need sideliners to help us spread some new light in Masonry.

**A new Trustee**

A special Lodge Officer's welcome to our new Trustee, Bro. Ken Reuter, appointed to fill the post vacated by Bro. Wes Beard, DSA. Wes gave long and faithful

service through a couple terms as a trustee. Ken has big shoes to fill, but has already proven himself up to the task. Brotherhood steps in, and work gets done via teamwork. This is Masonry at its finest.



W.: Grant E. Romer, Master  
H-242-0619  
O-271-3361  
2nd Tuesday  
7:30 P.M.

W.: Richard Snyder, Secretary  
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Masonic Temple  
875 Main Street East  
Rochester, N.Y.  
14605-2789

By W.: Grant Romer  
Awards Night

This article went to press before our first September meeting, thus we cannot report on how many Brothers were present to receive their Service Certificates and Pins.

However, we can give the names of our loyal members who earned recognition: 55 years, Louis Goronkin; 50 years, Asher Flint V., Walter H.W. Hitzke, William G. Mains, Ray C. Shaver, Elmer H. Taylor, and Henry O. Wickman.

Forty years for August D'Aurizio, David Fayer, Gerald D. Merser, Richard J. Oliver, Jack M. Palmer and Thomas W. Toogood.


Robert L. Anderson and George H. Gram celebrate 25 years.

The Lodge is truly grateful for such support.

**Fellowcraft Club**

On September 21st, Joe and Annie Bishop hosted a special tour of the houses of the Ontario Historical Village. They went out of their way to open this opportunity of interest. A picnic supper followed the tour.

**MONROE**  
**Lodge No. 173**



W.: Stephen M. Harris, Master  
494-1338  
2nd & 4th Tuesday  
7:30 P.M.

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

By W.: Stephen Harris

Our Trustees and several of the Brothers have been busy renovating the kitchen. It has several new coats of paint, new lighting fixtures, new flooring and new linoleum (almost). W.: George Brege has been monitoring the contracted work as well as donating many hours of physical labor to the project.

Despite the best intentions, the "new" kitchen probably won't be ready to go for our opening meeting. The flooring people have had some difficulty and George reports, through gritted teeth, that progress is a bit slower than he would have hoped. Patience, George, patience!

**Good Neighbor Days**  
On September 11th, we sponsored a Bicycle Safety Inspection

and Clinic in conjunction with the Clarkson Town "Good Neighbor Days." It ran from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and was held on the Town grounds just North of Rt. 104 on Rt. 19. The event included bike inspection, registration (including the engraving of ID numbers), and a brief clinic on proper use of hand signals in traffic situations.

As in the past, Officer Mark Ricci of the State University College at Brockport Public Safety Department assisted us with this project.

Although we had a limited turn-out, the parents who did attend were very pleased to see the inspection and registration offered and the joy on the faces of the kids who were prize winners was a real treat to see.

**Thanks to OES ladies**

Another event to keep an eye out for will be the October 9th Dinner which the Lodge is putting on to honor the OES ladies. They're always helping us out, and this is our opportunity to say, "Thanks! This one's on us, ladies."

**Fall dinner**


Also mark your calendar for November 6th. That's the date for our Fall Roast Pork Dinner. This event was a great success the last time we sponsored it, and it promises to be even better this year. As usual, there will be two seatings, one at 5:30 p.m. and the second at 6:30 p.m.

**Your support needed**

As we start this Fall season, I wish to invite and challenge each and every Brother to come out and make it an active and personally rewarding time. The Lodge needs your support and participation.

See you in Lodge!

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



W.: Paul H. Rogers, Master  
H-244-5383  
O-423-4221  
2nd & 4th Mondays  
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Leon R. Perkins, Secretary  
924-5657  
152 Commercial St. West  
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445

By W.: Paul H. Rogers

Well, Brethren, so much for Summer. It's over. Fall is here! Actually, it's my favorite time of year. Not only is it beautiful because of the Autumn leaves and the long drives out to the country for some grape pie, but it has that wonderful feeling of being back with old friends.

For our kids, it's seeing their classmates again and chatting about their Summer vacations. For the Brethren of ERAC, it's the joy of each other's company as we sit down for dinner at Lodge and share our experiences and our expectations for the future. Let's go!

**Always learning**

Thanks, Brethren, for the support and great turnout we had for our first meetings. Thank you W.: Friedman for your great lesson on the history of the Forget-Me-Not. You always amaze me.

**Thanks**

Brother Bring a Friend Night on September 27th? A success? Of course! This is ERAC! Thanks, Bro. Moore-great spaghetti!

**Open meeting**

Don't forget October 11th. It's Awards Night and is open to family and friends. A great Chicken Barbecue, hosted by yours truly and my staff of expert chicken grillers, will precede the festivities. Last year we had a great turnout of about 80...let's do it again! Remember, children are free. Until we meet, God bless.

**Flower City Lodge No. 910**



W.: Gordon T. Dodge, Master  
334-3660  
2nd Thursday  
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Philip Averbach, Secretary  
458-1817  
Masonic Temple  
875 Main St. East  
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

By W.: Gordon Dodge

Last month we welcomed three new people into our ranks whom we now proudly call "Brothers".

The only sad note of the evening was that another candidate took ill that day and was unable to participate in the Initiation Ceremony. We will try to arrange his 1st Degree with another Lodge, so that he can join this class for the 2nd Degree on October 14th.

**Thanks**

We also welcomed a visitor that evening, W.: James Austin from Cazenovia Lodge No. 616, whom we hope to see frequently in Lodge. W.: Jim was impressed with the evening's work and we thank him for being with us.

My thanks to R.: W.: Phil Averbach for assuring that all was in readiness for the Degree work.

**Capable leaders**

If you were unable to be with us, you missed a night of excellent ritual work by SW Doug Higgins, who sat in the East for the first time. I will have no qualms turning the Lodge over to him next year, as he will be a very capable leader of the Lodge.

W.: Herb Hirsch also excelled in his rendition of the "Screen Lecture". The Lodge is very fortunate to have such capable Brothers and I am sure our new Brothers were suitably impressed and look favorably upon their choice of Flower City Lodge.

**Give support**


It is hoped that there will be a larger turnout for the Fellowcraft Degree on October 14th. Please attend Lodge that evening to show your officers you care about the Lodge and to meet your new Brothers.

**Best wishes**

To the members of the Lodge of the Jewish faith, I express my best wishes for the holidays and "May it be God's will to renew you for a year that is good and sweet".

**Remember**

October 7th is our Fellowcraft meeting and on October 14th, W.: R. Adrian Solomon will be in the East for the Fellowcraft Degree. See you in Lodge.




W.: Robert E. Crystal, Master  
H 473-0279  
O 464-6441  
2nd Tuesday  
6:00 P.M.

W.: Michael S. Goehle, Sec.  
H 315-597-6754, O 394-2020  
Webster Masonic Temple  
30 Orchard St.,  
Webster, N.Y. 14580

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**CLIO**  
**LODGE No. 779**



W.: Merle A. Wallace, Master  
H 637-8404  
O 637-4067  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
7:30 P.M.

Charles A. Tucker, DSA, Secretary  
392-2006  
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## R..W.. Joseph J. Privitera



### The Year's Plan and Goals

**District Deputy Grand Master  
For the Second Monroe District  
395-5583**

After the last writing of my article, your Grand Lodge Officers attended the training session at Camp Turk that was held on August 21st and 22nd. We have returned with information and tools for a Lodge to increase and retain membership. We also have programs and ideas for Community activity projects that will make the public more aware of who Masons are and what we do.

#### Operational structure

In this publication of the *Masonic Times*, you will find the "Administrative and Operational Structure" for both the First and Second Monroe Districts. The chart shows the appointed Umbrella Chairman as explained by our Grand Master's Message that was published in last month's *Masonic Times*. This chart also shows the respective committees that will function under these chairmen. This team will work with each Lodge to see that the

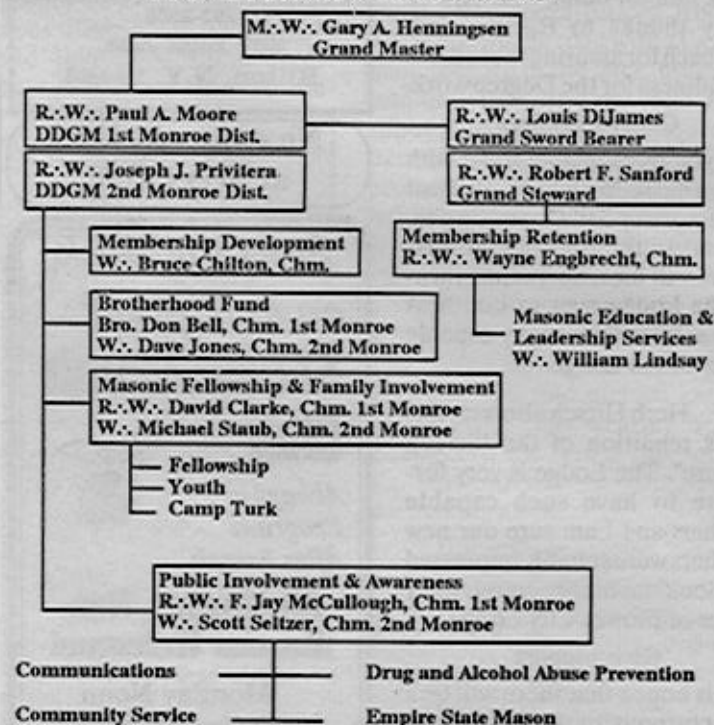
goals set by the Grand Master and his District Officers for 1993-94 are met.

#### Goals for the 2nd Monroe

The goals and objectives of the Grand Master are very clear. He is asking all Lodges in the State to raise 2,500 new members and every Lodge in the State to raise at least one new Brother. He also expects members dropped for non-payment of dues to decrease by half.

Some of the goals for the Second Monroe District are to raise 50 new members for 1993-94, that every Brother about to be dropped for non-payment of dues be contacted, and that every Lodge have at least one Community Service Project in 1993-94. I believe these goals are achievable, but only if we all support the leadership of our Lodges by attending meetings and getting involved.

#### Administrative and Operational Structure First and Second Monroe Districts



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R. Lawton,  
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Wednesdays  
7:30 P.M.



W.. Glen Scheerens  
Secretary  
H 889-2017  
O-At-Ka Temple  
5 Browns Ave.  
Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

By W.. Ernest Lawton  
Act of Heroism

Julie Scheerens, eighteen year old daughter of W.. Glen and Nancy Scheerens, used her First Aid training on July 23rd to save

## Grand Steward

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



R..W.. Robert F. Sanford

## Let's Do Better

By this time, I have met with all the Masters and their Wardens in the Second Monroe District to go over the Grand Master's programs for Membership Retention for the year 1993-94.

#### Changes

The Grand Master has made many changes in Grand Lodge Committees, dropping a good number that were doing the same things, which he calls "streamlining".

#### Statistics

Last year two Lodges in the 2nd Monroe District did not raise any new members, and there were only 37 candidates raised in the other Lodges. This year we must do better, every Lodge should raise at least 3 new members. The Grand Master wants at least 2500 new Masons in the State of New York this year, to do this, each Lodge in the State must raise 3.5 new members.

#### Help available

If you need help in putting on a Bring a Friend Night, contact W.. Bruce Chilton at 342-0562 or call me at 292-6383.

#### Proper forms

Secretaries, don't forget to contact all Brothers who are up for nonpayment of dues. If you don't have the proper forms, call me and I will see that you receive them. No Brother that is unable to pay his dues should be dropped from the rolls.

#### Dates to remember

The Second Section of the School of Lodge Administration is on October 20th; the Grand Lecturer's Convention is on October 27th and the Western Region Seminar will be on October 30th.

the life of a young boy in Mt. Morris. She was on her way to her Grandparent's house in Nunda, when she was stopped by a woman screaming that she needed help to save her baby. Julie stopped her car and was told the woman's son was hit by a car and was lying in the road.

Julie, who is a Volunteer Fire Fighter in Scottsville, used her knowledge of emergency training to examine the boy and found he was not breathing and turning blue. She started performing rescue breathing on the little boy for three or four minutes before she got him breathing again.

#### Recovery

After the Mt. Morris Rescue

Team got there and took over, they informed Julie that if she had not stopped to help, they probably would not have been able to revive him. The boy had a broken collar bone, broken arm, three broken ribs, punctured lung, and a broken leg. The nine year old boy is doing fine today and on the road to a complete recovery.

We are very proud of Julie. In today's world we hear so many negative things about young adults that it's so refreshing to know someone like Julie.

#### Tornado damage

In late July a tornado touched down in Johnsons' Park behind our Lodge on Browns Avenue. The tornado lifted part of the roof on the back of the Lodge and knocked down part of the brick wall. Thanks to Bro. Terry Wright of "Wrightway Construction" and his heavy equipment, and to W.. Glen Scheerens, the repairs have been made.

While they braved the great heights and the angry wasps, whose nest was disturbed, the rest of us watched from below. Thanks to all others who helped out that day, even Bro. Carmen Valleri (even though he added too much water to the mortar). Thank you, Ruth-wife of W.. Bill Scheerens for fixing breakfast for us that morning.

#### Fun time

The booth that our Lodge manned at the Geneseo Air Show was a lot of fun and was successful. We even showed a little better profit than last year.

#### Degree

We have two new candidates, so hopefully we will have a 1st Degree the first meeting in October.

#### Visitors

We have a Sister Lodge in Canada that wishes to visit our Lodge in the Spring. Much work has to be done before they come.

#### All invited

Our Christmas Party, complete with Santa, is scheduled for the 18th of December at 4:00 p.m. There will be a Pot Luck Supper, and games. OES members, Lodge members, families and friends are invited.

**GERMANIA**  
Lodge No. 722

W.. Douglas  
C. Spencer  
Master  
723-8703

1st  
Tuesday  
7:30 P.M.

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

By W.. Douglas C. Spencer

As I write this monthly column, my wife, Sharon, and I have just returned from the Irondequoit Oktoberfest. While there, we ran into a few members of Germania Lodge. I guess it isn't a strange place to run into members of our Lodge. I know Sharon and I had a great time. I hope the others did also.

#### Steak Roast

Our Annual Steak Roast will be on October 3 at John and Marge Foster's. The festivities will start at 2 p.m. A flyer has been sent out regarding the picnic. At \$10.00 per person, this will be an inexpensive, fun-filled

afternoon for all. Hopefully, the Bills will win the football game this year. Please make every effort to attend.

#### Buffalo Night

The Annual Buffalo Trip will be on October 11. We have been invited to attend an Oktoberfest celebration by Concordia Lodge. Transportation will be discussed at our meeting on October 5. As always, a Potluck Supper will precede the meeting.

#### Bring a Friend

Our "Bring a Friend" Night is well underway. More on this at our October meeting.

If any Brother has any questions or would like to make a reservation for the Steak Roast or Buffalo Night, please give me a call. See you in Lodge.

**John A. Robertson**  
Lodge No. 1032  
Chartered 1924

W.. Kenneth  
E. Duttlinger,  
Master  
H 266-6369  
O 732-4690

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

R..W.. L. Edward Walker,  
Secretary 647-2382  
Masonic Temple  
875 MAIN STREET EAST  
ROCHESTER, NY 14605-2789

By W.. Kenneth E. Duttlinger  
Summer vacation is over, and I hope everyone had a restful refreshing time of it. Now let's move on to a rewarding and memorable 1993-94 year.

#### Feeling better

I was injured in mid-July with a cerebral concussion caused by a falling object. This unfortunate accident held me prisoner through July, August, and most of September. This is my reason for not having an article in the September issue of the *Masonic Times*. I'm back and feeling much better as time goes on, so now I will make sure our monthly Lodge report will be there on time.

#### Condolences

Over the Summer months we lost four of our Lodge Brothers-William T. Miller, Philip Gordon, Clifford Wallace and Newell A. Ferris. Their Masonic Services were put on by the Lodge. Our condolences to their families.

#### Fellowship

Ladies Night turned out quite well considering only 17 couples participated. Next year we will be better organized. Good fellowship, food, wine and friendship were enjoyed by all. Putting these factors together created a great time. Thanks to Bro. Claude Artique for his Culinary expertise. The food was great.

#### Future plans


Our first meeting of the year will be on September 20, 1993, and at this time I will discuss our 1993-94 year. We will set up a few committees and make plans for an eventful year.

#### First place

The Brotherhood Fund went quite well for John A. Robertson Lodge. We came in first for total amount contributed in the 2nd Monroe District. Bro. Norm Gauch will be sending out letters to kick off the 1993-94 campaign. Plan now to make your contribution to the Fund at your earliest convenience.




**Towpath Lodge No. 163**



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

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



Bro. Solomon E. Phillips  
Secretary, 244-5394

152 Commercial St. West  
East Rochester, NY 14445

By W.: Raymond J. Kneppar  
**Introduction**

I hope this article finds everyone in good health. We have had only one meeting to date since our Summer recess, so there is not much to report.

**Rides and visits**  
Another Brother has requested transportation to Lodge meetings and we all welcome Bro. Culver back to Lodge. We need a volunteer to give a Brother a ride from Greece to our meetings and anyone interested should call me at 385-4447.


If there are any other persons that need rides to Lodge, or would like Brothers to visit them at their homes, please don't hesitate to call me.

**Telephone Committee**  
I hope that all members of our Telephone Committee are making their phone calls on a regular basis. Remember to report any illnesses of Brothers to our Secretary, so he can mail out get well cards.

**Programming**  
We will have our Official Visit, with a dinner, on October 5th. On October 19th, we will have our Second Degree, also with a dinner; and an Officers Meeting at Ray's house on October 26th.


November will bring a lecture on the Morgan Affair by R.: W.: Bill Zufall, a Brother Bring a Friend Night and the Third Degree, with dinner.

**Henrietta Lodge No. 526**  
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W.: Norman J. Johnstone, Master  
533-1274

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



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

By W.: Norman J. Johnstone  
**Try something new?**

We are in the swing of Fall meetings. So far we have had pleasant weather and a good turnout for our meetings. Several Brothers and I have been discussing the feasibility of having lunch-hour fellowship for members who would rather not come out for evening meetings, especially when darkness is upon us so early these days. We would have a simple lunch and fellowship, the nature of which would be determined by those attending. Obviously, this would only be practical for those living within driving distance of the Lodge. More in-

formation will be forthcoming in a letter and questionnaire if you have not already received it.

**Fall schedule**  
On October 12, we will be honored to have the District Deputy from the 2nd Monroe at our Awards Night, preceded by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our 2nd Degree will be held on October 26th.

Our Bring-a-Friend Night will be on November 9th. Again, we will have a dinner and a SHORT meeting. The 3rd Degree will be November 23rd.


On the Bring a Friend Night, we are planning for an evening of food, entertainment and information. Please search your hearts and minds for friends who would enjoy our company and whose company we would enjoy. Invite them to come that evening. The dinner will be put on by our friends and Sisters of the Eastern Star.

**Special days/birthdays**  
A special congratulations to the following Brothers who will or have celebrated the beginning of another year of their lives on the following dates: John Bell, October 1; Dick Spangenberg, October 24; Lloyd Weston, October 10; Ralph Wrightman, October 21.

**Need a ride?**  
Remember to give me a call at 533-1274 if you need a ride. I will arrange one for you.


If not all, I hope to shake hands with most of you in Lodge this Fall.  
God bless you all.

**NORTHFIELD Lodge No. 426**  
Instituted March 1857



W.: John A. Dudley, Master  
586-6426

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



R.: W.: Raymond R. Beardsley,  
Secretary 248-5218

17 Church Street  
Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

By W.: John A. Dudley  
**Steak Roast**

Again, the Steak Roast was a great success; many thanks to JW Bill Spillane. Also thanks to the two great cooks, W.: Roger Wolfe and Bro. Randy Griswold. The large crowd enjoyed delicious steaks.

**Blood Drive**  
Thanks to the many Brothers who assisted Bro. Walter Weick with phone calls for the August 9th Red Cross Blood Drive, which was successfully held at the Lodge.

**Lodge building**  
Our display case has been completed, installed and stained. This case will be used to display the Lodge memorabilia and was dedicated to the memory of R.: W.: Harry Kennedy on Past Masters Night, September 16th. The Temple Committee has approved a new tenant that will be using the first floor three days a week. The tenant will serve all of the local communities. Further details will be forthcoming. Our back porch has been re-vamped by R.: W.: Donald Leisten. Overall appearance and structure has been greatly improved. Thanks, Bro. Leisten.

Bro. John Berggren is working with the Village Historian on a historical marker for our building. Completion and installation of the marker is scheduled for the Spring.

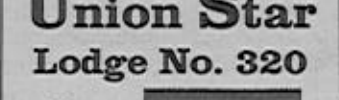
**Sadness**  
We extend our condolences to the families of Brothers Harry Kennedy and Robert McAndrew. Both of these great men were active in Pittsford politics, as well as in Lodge.

Harry served as a Village Trustee from 1969 to 1982 and was appointed as Mayor in 1982. He joined Lodge in 1945 and was Master of Northfield in 1950. In 1964 he was elected to Grand Lodge. His other Community activities included over 2,000 volunteer hours at Canandaigua Veterans Hospital and a member of Pittsford Firemen's Exempt. A Masonic Service was conducted by R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley.

Bro. McAndrew served the Pittsford Town Board and Community for 21 years. He retired from the Town Board in 1987. Even after his retirement, he continued to be involved in town politics. Bob was my best caller when I was JW. He would take several calling lists and was always the first one to complete his calls.


**October meetings**  
Both October meetings will have a dinner. The First Degree will be October 7th, and Official Visit on October 21st.

**Union Star Lodge No. 320**



W.: Terrance L. Hatch, Master  
H-582-1485  
O-477-1300

2nd Monday  
7:30 P.M.

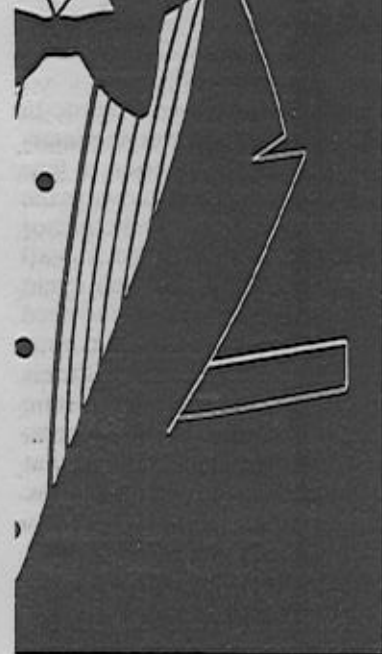


R.: W.: Paul Spillane, Secretary  
H 624-3877 O 624-3840

3 North Main St.  
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

By W.: Terry Hatch  
Several of our Brethren will be presented service pins at our regularly scheduled communication on September 13th. Merland Buckland and W.: Charles Swartz will travel up from Florida to receive their 50 year pins. Others include: W.: George Simcox (45 yrs.), Boyd Gray (40 yrs.), W.: Boyd Curtis and W.: Jackson Valley (35 yrs.). Congratulations on your dedicated years of service to the Craft!

**Future dates**  
With our new line officers for the 1993-94 Lodge year, I am excited about what appears on our Trestle Board. On October 7th,



at 8:00 p.m., a member of our Lodge will be honored at the 8th Annual Scottish Rite Awards Night. Hope to see you there.

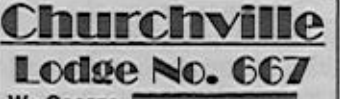
On October 11th I have made arrangements for W.: Richard Friedman to come to our Lodge and speak at our Regular Communication. Dinner is planned, so please get your reservations in to Jim Hart at 624-1072, Craig Emmons at 346-2719 or Terry Hatch at 582-1485, by October 4th.

The Second Session of the School of Lodge Administration is scheduled for October 20th, and the Grand Lecturers Convention is on October 27th.

A quick glance at November, we have our Official Visit scheduled with R.: W.: Joseph Privitera, DDGM on November 8th.


In closing, if any Brother has a topic of interest he would like brought before Lodge, please let me know.  
See you in Lodge!

**Churchville Lodge No. 667**



W.: George Bergman, Master  
248-3487

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



R.: W.: Roderick C. Meier  
Secretary 426-5561

20 South Main St.  
Churchville, N.Y. 14428

By W.: George Bergman  
Our first meeting of the year was enlivened by a talk given by our DDGM during an "unofficial visit".

**Good work**  
Three new Brothers received the First Degree on September 22nd. Bro. Jon Deacon was in the East, and all the participating Brothers did a splendid job.


**Congratulations**  
Our September 25th celebration of Churchville Lodge's 125th Anniversary was attended by more than 100 people. All enjoyed a delightful evening.

**Coming events**  
The Second Degree will be presented October 13th, with Bro. Ed Roman in the East. Bro. Jon Deacon will give the Middle Chamber Lecture.

**Join us**  
Every first and third Wednesday our Fellowcraft Club meets. We enhance our knowledge or prepare for Degree work. Take advantage of this opportunity to grow Masonically. The meetings start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and end no later than 8:30 p.m.


**November**  
We will present the Third Degree on November 10th. There will be no meeting November 24th, due to Thanksgiving celebrations on the 25th.

**FAME Lodge No. 945**  
Chartered 1917



W.: Dean F. Marsaw, Master  
865-0046

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



Leon Van Huben, Secretary  
647-9603

4275 Culver Rd.  
Rochester, N.Y. 14622

By W.: Dean F. Marsaw  
**Brunch**

We had our 1st Brunch at Fame Lodge in August instead of at the Park, as in the past. It was a great success with 40 in attendance thanks to the help of the Triangle girls. A great big applause to these girls for their help with the serving and clean-up.

**Positive feedback**  
Some of the members that came said it was because it was held at the Lodge Hall. We had the honor of two of our 50 year members there who don't get out much.

**Rusty Brother Night**  
Remember, October 12th is Rusty Brother Night with our first Euchre Tournament and refreshments right after a quick meeting. There is no supper scheduled for before the meeting as we will have a big spread of Limburger and regular cheese, cold cuts, munchies and beverages.

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385-1422  
Masonic Temple  
875 Main Street East  
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By Robert F. Ogden

#### Retirement Party

R.W.: Dr. Robert C. Pettit, Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau, will be honored October 10th at the Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza at 1:00 p.m., upon his retirement. W.: Thomas Kendig has tickets, so let's all try to attend and have a good turn-out.

#### Symbolic Award Presentation

W.: Charles Walker will be the recipient of the above award from the Scottish Rite on October 7th in Cathedral Hall. Try to be there by 7:30 p.m. to support Bro. Chuck.

#### Dinner meeting

On October 5th, a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner will be held in the 3rd floor dining room at 6:30 p.m. In the past Bro. John Zona has prepared excellent meals for us-thanks for doing it again, Bro. John.

#### Masonic Brotherhood Fund

The Fund Drive starts this month, your continued support to this worthy cause will be greatly appreciated as in the past-thanks, Brethren.

#### First Degree

Craftsman Lodge was invited to participate in conducting the 1st Degree at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls on September 30th.

#### Birthdays

Happy Birthday greetings to Brethren born in September: Hal Carson, Bill Kicherer, Gerry Pfrenge, Glenn Post, Chuck Sanford, Bob Shartran, Fred Stapler, Bob Waldeck and Carl Schacht.

#### Official Visit

On September 21st, R.W.: Joseph Privitera, DDGM of the 2nd Monroe District, and Grand



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Steward R.W.: Robert Sanford, were our guests for their Official Visit.

#### October meetings

Remember the dinner meeting on October 5th at 6:30 p.m.; Fellowcraft on October 12th at 7:30 p.m. and a Regular Communication on October 19th. □

**Charlotte-Corinthian**  
Lodge No. 1088

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



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

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

By W.: Clifford H. Short

Greetings from the East. We're back in full swing this Fall with a full trestleboard in hand. I urge every Brother to come out to Lodge and experience the fellowship and friendships that grow there.

#### Sickness and distress

It is with great sadness that I inform the Brethren of the passing of Bro. Martin Chauncey on September 2, 1993. Those who knew Marty knew him to be a true Brother and friend, in every sense of the word. His presence in our lives will truly be missed. Our deepest sympathies and thoughts go out to his family.

#### Old business

JW Buzz Gorman was in the East for the 1st Degree on September 21st. As always, a great ritual performance was done by all.

#### New business

SW Neil Laundry will be in the East for the 2nd Degree on October 19. A Meatloaf Dinner will precede the Degree at 6:30 p.m. Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m., then dinner and the Degree will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. Dinner reservations can be made by contacting Bro. Dave Rainey at 426-3862 or Bro. Buzz Gorman at 723-1018 on or before Friday, October 15th.

#### Blood Drive

W.: Ray Unger, Jr. has been appointed our new Blood Drive Chairman for 1993. I am sure he will use all who volunteer to make this year's Drive a success. More information will follow in the near future.

#### Grand Lecturer's Convention

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Grand Lecturer's Convention to be held at the Downtown Temple on October 27th. I would be very honored to accept another Howard Potts Award at Grand Lodge in 1994, in recognition of all of our Line Officers' attendance at this Convention.

That's all for now. See you in Lodge. □

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## R.W.: Robert G. S. Nicoll



**Commitment  
Membership  
Action**

### District Deputy Grand Master

### For the Genesee-Wyoming District

By R.W.: Robert G.S. Nicoll  
My dictionary has explanations of the following words:

#### COMMITMENT

A pledge or promise to do something, and a dedication to a long-term course of action.

#### MEMBERSHIP

1. The state of being, or status as, a member.
2. Members collectively, as of an organization.
3. The number of members.

#### ACTION

1. The doing of something, state of being in motion or of working.
2. An act or thing done.
3. Behavior; habitual conduct.
4. Habitual activity characterized by energy and boldness (a man of action).
5. The effect produced by something.

## From the Grand Chaplain's Station

Grand Lodge, F&AM,  
State of New York



R.W.: and the Rev. Dr.  
Eligius J. Rainer

## Masonic Symbols

#### Symbols

There are many symbols in Freemasonry with varying interpretations. To mention a few: The all-seeing eye is known as the all-seeing Eye of God; the anchor and the ark refer to a well grounded hope and well spent life; the beehive recalls the need for industriousness; the hour glass reminds all of the swiftness of life; the coffin recalls the state of life from which no one escapes; Jacob's ladder calls to mind that the rungs of virtue lead to heaven.

#### What do you see

Although we might find in Masonic dictionaries and ritual books a definite interpretation attached to each symbol, it would

be safe to state, that Freemasonry leaves it to the human mind, in most cases, to see in each symbol, what the human mind is prepared to see. Bro. Ronald L. Brown, in an article published in the Summer 1993 issue of the Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Vol. 17, No. 10, states that the Masonic symbols are something like the Rorschach test given in psychoanalysis. It presents an unstructured object to the viewer and then leaves it to his mind to give it some sort of a structured meaning, drawn from past experiences.

#### Dates to remember

October 7th is the Scottish Rite Awards Night. Send names of nominees to the Scottish Rite Office, 875 Main St. E., Rochester, NY 14605 A.S.A.P. for recognition.

October 10th will be the date of the Retirement Party for R.W.: Robert C. Pettit of the Masonic Service Bureau. This will be held at the Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and you may see me for them. Let's have a good representation from the Genesee-Wyoming District.

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Take for example the beehive. One Mason might see in it just a place where bees store their honey. Another Mason might see in it the industriousness of the bees, which is to be copied by all Masons in fulfilling their task of character building. We can say then that Freemasonry does not attach an official interpretation to each symbol, but leaves it to the mind of each Mason to choose that interpretation which will motivate him to make himself a better man.

#### Beehive

"G"

We can see how true this is when Masons of different theological backgrounds interpret the capital "G" enclosed between the square and compasses. After all, the capital "G" is only a letter. But, it can be interpreted as "Geometry" or only "God". When interpreted as "God", the Hebrew Mason can see in the capital "G", the God of Islam, who stressed the unity of God and the brotherhood of man. The Christian Mason, on the other hand, could interpret the "G" as one God in three divine Persons: God the Father, who created the world, God the Son, Jesus Christ who

## Grand Sword Bearer

Of the Grand Lodge  
Of the State of New York



R.W.: Keith A. Granger

## Listen to Your Members

Everyone has had their first meeting by now, and I hope that the attendance is up. Masters, make this year interesting for the Brothers by having programs they will enjoy. Remember to use the brain storming method of finding out what the Brothers in your Lodge want for meetings.

#### Summer cleaning!

Brothers, it is good to read in the *Masonic Times* that Lodges used the Summer break to make improvements on their Lodges.

#### Let's receive an award

Let's get out there and get those men that are willing to donate five hours a month to an organization and have some Degree work started. When I was at Camp Turk, the Grand Master said that if a Brother had five petitions signed, or re-affiliations, the Brother sponsoring would be recognized with an award from Grand Lodge. Sure would be nice to see the Genesee/Wyoming District receive several of these awards.

#### Molly

I have lost track of who has the Traveling Trophy. Brothers, if you want others to visit your Lodge to receive "Molly", you need to let everyone know where it is. Use the *Masonic Times* to do this.

#### New training guide

There is a new officers training guide that is called the "24 Inch Gauge". Masters, this training guide is loaded with everything from programs for meetings, how to run a meeting, how to present awards, and how to get them from Grand Lodge. Anything that an officer will need. The "24 Inch Gauge" is recommended by the Grand Master to be purchased from Grand Lodge. Have it replace the old officers training guide. □

redeemed the world and God the Holy Spirit, who continues to assist mankind on the way to a blessed after-life. Christian Masons might even go further. They might interpret the square as that instrument used by Christ in plying the profession of His carpenter foster father, Joseph, which won for Him the title of the "carpenter's son" (Mark 6:5). Since the compasses make circles, many Christian Masons might see in them the encircling arms of God, as they live and move to a blessed immortality.

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# From the Grand Chaplain's Station

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## Interpretation

It would seem that Freemasonry, by its many symbols, in no way intends to shackle the human mind with only one interpretation. It leaves it to each Mason to arrive at an interpretation which will serve him best in his efforts to build a true Masonic character.


## The Temple

Yet, Freemasonry seems to stress but one interpretation when it calls attention to King Solomon's Temple. It wants this temple to be that spiritual temple formed by the fraternity of Freemasons, in which each Mason is to consider himself as one of the stones, to be smoothed, leveled, squared and polished to fit properly into the structure of character, that will win the admiration of God, even as the beauty of King Solomon's Temple won the admiration of human eyes.

## The Masonic Charge

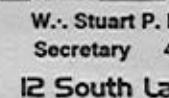
With this as a background, one can understand why each obligated Mason is given this charge: "You are now bound by duty, honor and gratitude to be faithful to your trust, to support the dignity of your character on every occasion, and to enforce by precept and example, obedience to the tenets of the Fraternity".

**HESPERUS**  
Lodge No. 837



W.: John A. Jessop,  
Master  
494-2017

1st and 3rd  
Thursday



W.: Stuart P. Lambein,  
Secretary 494-1360

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

By W.: John A. Jessop

## New schedule

Fall is here and we are starting off with a full schedule. Please note that there are many changes in our schedule for the next few weeks.

## 1st meeting

On our 1st meeting we enjoyed a program by Bro. George Springette on the early years of Hesperus Lodge and the planning and building of the Temple in Bergen. Thanks George.

## Changes

Now for the changes. Our regularly scheduled Communication for October 7 will be held in the Masonic Temple, 875 E. Main St., Rochester. W.: Van Hulburt will receive the Scottish Rite Award for service to our Lodge on that evening. For those wishing to join W.: Hulburt for dinner, we will meet at the Ground Round on Buffalo Rd. at 5:30 p.m. From there, we will go to the Temple for the Award Presentation at 7:30 p.m. The Official Visit of R.: W.: Robert Nicoll, DDGM originally scheduled for October 7 is rescheduled. The new date will be in next month's *Masonic Times*.

## Masonic Service Bureau Presentation

IMPORTANT DATE: October 21 is MASONIC SERVICE

BUREAU-GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT Night at Hesperus. R.: W.: David C. Clarke, President will present his program at 7:30 p.m. This will be preceded by a Chicken Dinner served by the ladies of Hesperus at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for this important event are \$6.00 and can be obtained from R.: W.: Jay McCullough, R.: W.: Holden Miller or W.: John Jessop. The goal is to have at least one representative from each Lodge in the Genesee-Wyoming District present. Important information will be given out at this meeting.

## Future dates

Our 1st Annual Hesperus Sauerkraut Election Day Dinner

will be held on November 2 starting at 4:00 p.m. Bro. Marty Krause is chairing this event.

The 1st Degree will be conferred on candidates on November 4.

## Fish Fry

Remember the Genesee Wyoming Service Activities Fish Fry at Warsaw, October 8. This will start with take-outs at 4:30 p.m. and regular dinners being served at 6:00 p.m. All Lodges are asked to bring 6 pies and at least 2 Brothers from each Lodge to help.

In closing, remember to make every Communication a Bring-A-Brother Night!

# Lodges of the District

*This is a new feature in the Genesee/Wyoming District Section of the Masonic Times. Lodge Histories will be included here as they become available and as space is available. So all Lodge Secretaries are encouraged to obtain a recently revised history of his Lodge for submission for publication.*

## 90 Years of Hesperus Lodge, No. 837 - 1902-1992



By R.: W.: Holden P. Miller

## Early History

Ninety years ago, a few zealous "Brethren of the Mystic Tie" combined their efforts Masonically and petitioned the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York for permission to conduct a Masonic Lodge under dispensation and confer the three Degrees until such time as adjacent Lodges could vouch for the proficiency done by the Brethren and the Grand Lodge should either accept or reject their request for a Charter.

Practice meetings were held over Fisher's Drug Store using packing boxes for the stations and altar. Other necessary paraphernalia was just as crude. With the granting of the dispensation, the hall over the American Legion was rented and properly furnished. On January 17, 1902, the first meeting of the then Bergen Lodge UD was called to order by R.: W.: J.R. Steward, DDGM assisted by W.: J.S. Hough of Batavia. The following Officers were installed: Master- W.: George M. Gillette; SW - J. Henry Engel; JW - Frank D. Wood; Treas - D.J. McPherson; Sec. - E.L. Fisher; SD - E.A. Ladd; JD - F.W. Fanson; Chaplain - S.E. Bower; SMC - E.H. McConnell; JMC - W.W. Gillette and Tiler - Aaron Arnold.

## Securing the Charter

This was only the beginning of what was to be a long and tedious effort toward securing the Charter. Olive Branch of LeRoy, Batavia, Monroe, Murray and Churchville were petitioned for

permission to demonstrate their proficiency in conferring the Degrees. The Brethren returned from each Lodge with a certificate of proficiency and the compliments of the Lodge on the excellent manner in which they had exemplified the Degrees.

## Early months

As all of this work came between the months of January and May, when the weather was at its worst and the only means of transportation was by teams of bobsleds, there were times when lack of enthusiasm for the Lodge would have lost the cause. These Brethren were not to be deterred by any obstacle and in May, when Grand Lodge met in Annual Session, the small group who had worked so earnestly, came home victoriously with the Charter in their possession.

## New members and name

Six members were raised while the Lodge was working under special dispensation. On April 10th, 1902 the name of the Lodge was changed to Hesperus.

## The next step

An important event in the history of the Lodge occurred on June 5, 1902 when Hesperus Lodge No. 837 F & AM was regularly constituted and dedicated with M.: W.: S. Nelson Sawyer PGM acting as Grand Master.

## Losses by fire

The Lodge has sustained three losses by fire in 1904, 1906 and the memorable fire in 1952, on our 50th Anniversary. The 1906 fire was so serious as to require the Lodge removal. Arrangements were made with the Odd Fellows

Lodge to share rooms over Claude's North Store.

At its present location, a beautiful Temple was built in 1906 with ample facilities for Lodge and Club purposes.

## Unusual Ceremony

An unusual and interesting ceremony was conducted in 1950 when the original Holy Bible, Square and Compasses were retired from service and placed in a display case in the Lodge Room. A new Bible was placed on the Altar with due ceremony. The Square and Compasses for use on the new Bible were presented in memory of W.: George M. Gillette, our first Master.

## Devastating loss

These items, unfortunately were short lived, as a devastating fire swept through the Lodge structure on the evening of November 21, 1952. Reading from the minutes, "MASONIC BUILDING AND CONTENTS DESTROYED BY FIRE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN". The 1st alarm was sounded at 4:30 a.m. Repairs started December 22, 1952. Again we accepted the Odd Fellows invitation to use their facilities until June 4, 1953 when repairs were significant enough for us to go back to our own Temple. This Temple serves the Craft today.

## Scholarship Award

In 1967 our Lodge presented a Scholarship Award to a deserving Senior of Byron-Bergen High School. This cash award has been continued in conjunction with Hesperus Chapter, OES.

## Contributions

Throughout the life of the Lodge there are recorded many generous contributions, both financial and in service, which have substantially benefitted the Lodge. One such instance occurred when Bro. Grant Gillam's estate presented a substantial gift. There was a stipulation that the proceeds from investments were to be used annually for charitable and benevolent purposes as determined by a committee appointed yearly by the Master and approved by the Brethren. A chairlift at the stairway entrance to enable many members of both the Lodge, Eastern Star and IOOF from climbing the 27 steps for meetings has been installed, thanks to this grant.

Perhaps the most charitable endeavor has been a yearly distribution of Christmas Food Baskets. This is in conjunction with the Sunshine Club, Fireman's Ladies Auxiliary, and the IOOF. Over 100 families in the Byron-Bergen area have been helped. W.: Burton Sands and Hesperus Lodge received the Community Service Award from Grand Lodge for this function.

Through the Gillam Fund we are able to make yearly contributions to area Boy and Girl Scouts, Ambulance Fund Drives and other non-profit groups and individuals.

## Returning the favor

In 1975 we accepted the membership of the IOOF to use our facilities for their Lodge meetings on a yearly basis.

## Providing scholarships

In the Fall of 1977 the estate of W.: George T. Walker was endowed to the Temple Assoc. for the sole purpose of providing Scholarships to Hesperus Lodge members and their immediate families consisting of members wives and children. W.: John

Bater, chairman, advised me that from 1979 to date they have given out over \$120,000 in Scholarships.

## Grand Lodge Officers

Hesperus Lodge boasts eight Past DDGM's:

- Burton Munger - 1922
- Ralph D. Gillette - 1932
- Bert A. Smith - 1938
- Lester Chapell - 1948
- George Glerum - 1956
- Robert MacConnell - 1966
- Robert MacVean - 1980
- Robert Hebnner - 1990

## Three Staff Officers:

- Richard Pringle - 1981
- Holden Miller - 1985
- Robert Seils - 1990

## One Grand Representative:

- Orwell S. Fordham - 196

## Dedicated Service Award:

- Francis J. Miller
- Burton Sands
- Kenneth Barons
- Stuart P. Lambein
- Gilbert Ernst
- Harris Busmire

Also among significant achievements, in 1973 W.: Bro. Nelson Swarts served as Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter O.E.S. of the State of New York.

## Staff Sgt. Gary Beikirch

In 1983, Hesperus Lodge, in conjunction with the American Legion Post, welcomed Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Staff Sgt. Gary Beikirch. He addressed us after a dinner and reception in his honor. Staff Sgt. Be. kirch is the step-son of a Past Master of Hesperus Lodge.

## The Traveling Trophy

W.: Robert L. Whalen and R.: W.: Holden Miller built the "Traveling Trophy" which is currently in use in the GW District. It began at Hesperus on September 21, 1985.

## Van for handicapped

During the tenure of W.: Van A. Hulburt a campaign to purchase a handicap accessible van for Bobby Whalen, son of W.: Robert L. Whalen, was instigated. On April 1, 1990, with the assistance of New York State Masons, R.: W.: Leonard Mason, DDGM, presented Bobby the keys to a 1990 fully equipped Ford Van.

## No repeaters

Hesperus Lodge No. 837 has the distinction of being one of the few Lodges that has never had a repeat Master. Our Line is filled with new Brothers and the prospect of this continuing is favorable.

## Total figures

The records indicate a total of 487 members have been raised or affiliated with Hesperus. We currently have an active membership of 96. Our oldest member in age and length of service is W.: Gilbert B. Ide. Wor. Ide was raised in 1929. He is 98 years old and resides in a nursing home in Irvine, CA. Wor. Bro. Ide is a retired Treasurer of the Curtis Brother's Co., now Curtis-Burns. He eagerly awaits, reads and enjoys the *Masonic Times* and Empire State Mason. If you would like to write to him, his address is Mr. Gilbert B. Ide, c/o Gilbert B. Ide, Jr., 17 Acacia Tree Lane, Irvine, CA 92715.

## New challenges

As we head into the 21st Century, currently under the leadership of W.: John Jessop, we look forward to new and exciting challenges.



**Olive Branch****Lodge No. 39  
F. & A.M.**W.: Robert  
H. Clow  
584-99441st & 3rd  
Wednes-  
daysW.: R. A. Forbes, Secretary  
768-2657  
8 West Main Street  
LeRoy, N. Y. 14482By W.: Robert H. Clow  
A word of thanks

In opening our article for this month, we would like to take a moment to thank all the people who helped out this past Summer. Without your tireless efforts, the new Olive Branch might have never seen the light of day! You swung hammers and paint brushes, trimmed borders and hung wallpaper, rewired telephones and cut down doors, patched plaster and cut carpet, and when all else failed, you handed out advice or a glass of lemonade to a friend.

Workers included: Lynn Belluscio, Bob and Patty Clow, Frank and Alida Clow, Janice Cooper, Kevin Cooper, Clayton and Lois Dimick, Dave Ehrhart, Glenn and Laura Emerson, Margaret Faucett, Bob and Helen Forbes, Roger and Barbara Hull, LeRoy Methodist Church, Bob and Leone Nicoll, Viola Roble and Therza Roth.

**Official Visit**

The Official Visit of our District Deputy, R.: W.: Robert G.S. Nicoll, will be Wednesday, October 6th. Since this is Robert's home Lodge, I expect to see the sidelines filled to the rafters. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please call your reservations into the Master by Monday, October 4th. The Master's phone number is 584-9944.

**Membership**

The petitions are starting to roll in. At this time we have received one petition and are aware of at least two more that will be arriving shortly. We have also received a petition for affiliation and may be getting another soon. What with Official Visit on October 6th, we will hold over these petitions until our second meeting, October 20th. So if you have any other possible petitioners lurking in the bushes, flush them out before then!

**Fall Class Schedule**

There will be an Entered Apprentice Degree on Wednesday, November 3; Fellowcraft Degree on Wednesday, December 1; and Master Mason Degree on Wednesday, January 5, 1994.

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On Sunday, October 31st, we will be entertaining our ladies at the D&R Depot Restaurant, 63 Lake Street, LeRoy. Make reservations with the Master by Wednesday, October 27th. □

**Attica Lodge  
No. 462  
F. & A.M.**W.: Shawn L.  
Wright, Master  
535-76371st 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 L. Wright  
Greetings Brethren

October 6th, 1993, will be the Official Visit of the Assistant Grand Lecturer, W.: Chet MacRae. Polish up on your ritual work and bring any questions that have been haunting you. I would like to see an extra good turn out at this meeting.

**Volunteers needed**

October 8th will be the District Fish Fry at Warsaw Lodge. We need six Brothers to volunteer to help at this function. Also, our Lodge is responsible to donate five pies. Take-outs will be available. If you can't work, come on down with your family and support your District by having a delicious fish fry.

**Ideas wanted**

October 30th will be the Grand Master's Town Meeting in Buffalo. All Masons are encouraged to attend. The Grand Master wants to know what you think and is open to new ideas. I'll be going and will have plenty of room for passengers. I would like some company, so if you want to come along, give me a call.

**Check for candidates**

We need new qualified members. I am asking every member to make a concentrated effort to line up candidates. That friend or relative that was not interested or able to join a year or two ago, may be available now. Check back and follow up. Do not delay. □

**Batavia  
Lodge No. 475  
F. & A.M.**W.: Michael L.  
Klinkbeil,  
Master  
344-21942nd & 4th  
TuesdaysW.: Robert F. Dagen  
Secretary 548-7148  
**Masonic Temple  
200 E. Main Street,  
Batavia, NY 14020**By W.: Michael L. Klinkbeil  
Tempus fugit

How time flies! As of this writing, we have not held the first of our Fall meetings and already it is that time of the month when the article for the next issue of the *Masonic Times* is due. I guess we just have to realize that vacation is over and it is time to go to work.

**Lots of work ahead**

This work involves arranging the necessary committees for the

coming year and planning what we want to do. Some interesting and enjoyable events are in the planning for the future months ahead. Some of these are:

1. A Table Lodge.
2. An Open Lodge for the purpose of presenting awards and having a dinner (this may include coverage by the news media).
3. An evening devoted to our Brethren for the purpose of presenting longevity awards.
4. Last but not least, re-establishing contact with our Canadian Brethren.

I will keep you informed as things develop along these lines. This Fall, we will be conferring Degrees. I have been informed that the prospective individuals are making preparations to receive the same. We have at least one other individual who we understand, will be presenting his petition in the very near future.

**Drug Free School Zone**

As predicted, more "Drug Free School Zone" signs are appearing throughout the city of Batavia. It may be a result of the mandatory "No Smoking" signs that are being installed, but whatever the reason, our signs are being put in place.

**Condolences**

Sadly, we have to report the passing of W.: Robert E. Grice to the Grand East on September 1st. He was raised on May 26, 1970 and was Master of Batavia Lodge in 1976. He assumed the duties as Master in 1975 when W.: William Vogel had taken ill and Brother Bob assumed the duties for the balance of the year prior to being installed in 1976. He had served as High Priest of Western Star Chapter No. 35 RAM. A Masonic Service was held at the home of his Mother on Friday, September 3rd. A Military Service was held at the graveside committal as he was a retired 1st Sgt. of Charlie Co., 1/174th Infantry, New York Army National Guard. □

**Arcade  
Lodge No. 419  
F. & A.M.**W.: Chester  
MacRae,  
Master  
492-1257  
2nd & 4th  
TuesdaysR.: W.: Leonard Mason,  
Secretary 492-1813  
**Main Street  
Arcade, New York 14009**

By W.: Chester MacRae

**Special thanks**

Our Chicken BBQ success can be attributed to W.: Scott Mason for his preparing and cooking. He has performed this task many times. W.: Craig Reitmeier and R.: W.: Len Mason also had a hand in it.

**Roll Call Dinner**

Many thanks to the OES for serving such a fine dinner. The meeting was well attended. District Deputy R.: W.: Robert Nicoll passed on the directives and plans of our Grand Master. A highlight of the evening was the visit of the line and other members of your Master's primary Lodge, Blazing Star No. 694, East Aurora. It was quite an evening.

**Auction**

An auction will be held on Thursday, October 28, 6:00 p.m. at the Arcade Fire Hall. R.: W.:

Merle Webster, 492-4320, will arrange for pick-up. We need your help to move and arrange things at the hall. We would also appreciate donations from any and all, but no large appliances, please. Anything from pies to furniture, in working order and worthwhile. Benefit will be in part to the DRUG FREE SCHOOL ZONE program.

**Candidates**

We have one petition to date. We hope to have more before we begin the Degrees.

**Coming events**

The Grand Lecturer's Convention on Friday, November 12 will be hosted by Arcade Lodge No. 419. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and will cost \$6.50. Please make your reservations with R.: W.: Len Mason at 492-1813. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp and will be over no later than 9:00 p.m., balloting and closing. All Masons are invited to attend.

**Spring Fling**

We will have a Spring Fling with the Shrine Chanters Concert. The date, advertising and tickets are forthcoming. It is planned for late April or early May. □

**Warsaw Lodge  
No. 549  
F. & A.M.**W.: Clifton L.  
Drum, Sr.  
495-65061st and 3rd  
TuesdaysW.: Allen L. Capwell, Secretary  
786-8989**Masonic Temple  
75 South Main St.  
Warsaw, N.Y. 14569**

By W.: Clifton Drum

Welcome to the second half of 1993, one month late. Sorry about that, Gerry. This should be an exciting year. We started in September by co-sponsoring, with the Perry Shrine Club, Tammy Herman for Wyoming County Fair Queen. Tammy did everyone who knows and loves her very proud as she won the award for Miss Congeniality. There are not enough adjectives to describe Tammy's personality. Congratulations, Tammy, on a job well done!

**Busy month**

Warsaw Lodge has a busy October planned. We will have a Fish Fry on October 1st. The Genesee-Wyoming Activities Council will have a fish fry here at Warsaw on October 8th. On October 19th, we will be presenting 50 year pins to Bro's. Robert J. Charles, Chester D. Griffen, and George H. Weidman. We will also present a Widow's Pin to W.: Robert J. Johnson's widow. There will be a dinner prepared and served at 7:00 p.m. by the ladies of the Eastern Star. We will require reservations for dinner, and all reservations should be in by October 12, 1993. Please call Cliff Drum at (716) 495-6506. The dinner will be followed by an Open Lodge meeting. All are welcome, so please call in your reservations.

**Hospital notes**

W.: Raymond J. Baker is in Wyoming Community Hospital in room 304. W.: Lester Bush's wife, Olive, is also at WCCH. W.: Harry L. Brown is home from the

hospital with his second new hip. Let's hope all of our thoughts will help him recover fast. We miss you at our meetings, Harry. Get well soon and come back. □

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Secretary 237-5990  
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By W.: John F. Cook

**Greetings, Brethren!**

It's hard to believe September has come and gone so quickly!

The first meeting of October is Thursday, the 7th, and will be Rusty Mason Night! I would like to see a good turn out of our not so frequent Brothers. There will be refreshments and cards after the meeting.

**Degree**

Thursday, October 21st, will be scheduled for a 3rd Degree. The First Section will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Second Section will begin at 8:00 p.m. Please call me with your dinner reservation at 237-2427.

**Cheer time**

Tuesday, October 19th will be our Annual Bingo Night at the VA Hospital in Batavia. A good time is had by all. Please notify me if you would like to go.

**We need you**

I would like to challenge all of my Brothers to make this a year of better attendance at Lodge meetings. We need your input to make the meetings more interesting and informative for all.

**New members**

This past year W.: Doug Kelly sent petitions and Q&A Pamphlets to all local Brothers to encourage new members in our Lodge. To date we have raised four new members. A good job done, but not enough. Let's find those petitions and go out and get some good candidates for initiation and advancement in our Lodge.

**Support appreciated**

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their support in the past and look forward to serving you this coming year. □

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By W.: Glenn Cramer  
New Books

We have received Book Six (The Monitor). This book is part of the New Lodge Series. Anyone who has purchased this series, please contact me or the Secretary and we will supply you with this book at no charge.

**Sickness**

Bro. Dick Spink is out of the hospital and doing well following a triple by-pass operation in August.

**Inspection**

During the Summer, I had the Lodge inspected for fire extinguishers and fire code requirements. The four existing fire extinguishers were replaced with only two that were the correct rating. The cost of the annual inspection is \$15.00 per year. This procedure will be brought up at the next Communication and I hope to have it passed.

**Improvements**

During the Summer, some of the Brethren finished the wiring of our stairlift. I am not exactly sure who was involved, but I will find out and thank everyone personally.

The North front window in the restaurant was replaced with two smaller thermopane windows. Carl and Mel Parmeter coordinated this effort.

**Sign-up sheet**

This Fall, I will be organizing a sign-out system of Lodge properties. At times, things needed cannot be found. It appears a couple of things from the kitchen may be missing. My suggestion will require signing out anything that may be borrowed from the Lodge.

**Visit of AGL**

October 18 will be the visit of W.: Chester MacRae, AGL. He will visit each Lodge separately and will focus his attention on opening and closing the Lodge. I feel we do a good job in this area, but it wouldn't hurt if the Officers were to start refreshing their memories in this area.

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



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By R.: W.: Holden P. Miller

**Coming events**

I would like to remind all members of the G/W Purple Apron Club of some important dates in October.

On October 8th, the Council of Masonic Activities is holding a Fish Fry Fund Raiser at Warsaw Lodge. If this is as well planned and run like the Spring Fish Fry, they will do just fine. Naturally attendance is the key, so encourage your Lodge Brothers to attend.

**Fall dinner**

Our Fall dinner with our ladies will be held on October 17th. The Lumberyard in Perry is the place. Following the dinner we will go over to Constellation Lodge for a short meeting regarding our recommendations for District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Staff Officer. Laura Mae Myers will provide a program for the ladies while we meet.

**Service Bureau Presentation**

On October 21st, we will be at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen for a 6:00 p.m. Chicken Dinner and program presented by R.: W.: David C. Clarke, President of the Masonic Service Bureau. This is a MUST for all Masters of the District. Members of the Purple Apron Club should make a special effort to attend. You must have a dinner ticket for dinner. They are \$6.00 each and are available from the Master, W.: John A. Jessop, R.: W.: Holden Miller and R.: W.: F. Jay McCullough. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. Ticket sales will stop on the 18th, so pick up your ticket at the Fish Fry on October 8th. See you there.

**Masters & Wardens Association**

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W.: Glenn Cramer 535-7792

By W.: Shawn L. Wright

The schedule for the Official Visits of the DDGM are out as well as the visits of the AGL. Be sure to take a look so your Lodge is prepared and has a good attendance that meeting.

**Change of date**

The District Fish Fry will be October 8th, at Warsaw Lodge. Take note that this date has changed from the letter I sent out in July. We need six volunteers to work from each Lodge. We need this many people so we can work

in shifts and make it easier on everybody. We also need five pies donated from each Lodge.

Bring your friends and family and support this event. If you go away hungry, it will be your own fault. Howard Falkner will be cooking the fish-need I say more!

**Bring your ideas**

October 30th is the Grand Master's Town Meeting in Buffalo for this area. All Masons are invited to attend and if you need a ride, contact me. The Grand Master wants to hear our thoughts and ideas. He is making himself very accessible to all of us, so take advantage of it. If you think you have a good idea, he wants to hear it. Get involved and make a difference.

**District Deputy Grand High Priest**

*Royal Arch Masons*  
29th Capitulur District  
Rt. Exc.  
Kenneth E. Kohlhagen  
591-9598

Despite the cool weather, the two ladies, nine companions and one candidate enjoyed the warmth of Fraternal fellowship extended by the 22nd District, Saturday September 11th, at the outdoor MM Degree at Lake Osco. Everyone agreed the steaks were done to perfection.

**All welcome**

October 2nd is the date for the Area 6 meeting. It will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Masonic Temple in Avon. This meeting is primarily for the Council Officers and Secretaries, but others are welcome, also.

**Notice!**

Due to a conflict of meetings, the MM, PM and MEM Degrees scheduled for October 9th at LeRoy have been moved ahead one week to October 16th.

The HRA Degree still remains at Western Star No. 35 on October 23rd.

**Dinner meeting**

Tuesday, October 19th, RE Dale A. Tynan, Grand Master of the Third Veil, will be visiting the 29th District. This District meeting will be held at Western Star No. 35 in Batavia. There will be a dinner preceding the meeting, but plans are not firm as yet. Contact your High Priest or myself for updated information.

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By Ruel R. Lovett

**Let's all help**

We are now well into our Fall program. We will need all the help we can get to put on our Degrees and our other programs.

We can make this an exciting season if we all pitch in. Remember, we can't do business if we can't open. No amount of planning can make up for lack of attendance and participation. In the Winter and Spring we did very well. Let's keep it going.

**Degrees**

Please tell everyone about our programs. Our District will put on the Mark Master Mason, the Past Master and the Most Excellent Master Degrees on Saturday, October 16th at 9:00 a.m. in LeRoy. Coffee and doughnuts will be available before starting. Three Times Three Chapter is responsible for putting on the Mark Degree. Please let me know the part you will be taking.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree will be done on Saturday, October 23rd at Batavia Lodge. The time will be announced later.

**The Royal Arch Widow Degree**

Our highlight for the Fall will be a presentation of the "Widows Degree", which is actually a play. Mark the date, October 11th at Etolian Lodge. It will be OPEN. Be sure to invite the Ladies. This is especially for their entertainment. There will be a short business meeting at 7:30 p.m. The Degree Team will then enter, and the public will be invited to seats. I expect a big attendance, so get your seats early. Six ladies have been chosen for this momentous event. To the best of my knowledge, this was last presented in about 1958. Don't wait another 35 years to see this special presentation. No children please.

**Official Visit**

Our District Official Visit will be on October 19th in Batavia. RE Dale Tynan is the Visiting Officer. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

**Get the petitions in**

Get your petitions in as soon as possible. There are hundreds of Masons in our area who are not Royal Arch Masons. They may be waiting for you to ask them.

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

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**Thruway Caution**

Those members of Batavia Commandery No. 34 who are frequent travelers of the Governor Thomas E. Dewey Thruway, also referred to as the New York State Thruway, had best start paying attention to their change when utilizing any of the local exits. It has come to our attention that SK Richard Rung has been employed by the Authority to collect tolls for Mario Cuomo. Dick's experience as our Treasurer helped him win the job as he listed it on his resume as an example of his ability to handle and account for large sums of money.

**Cold Copy**

Were this a professional column what's happening today could come under the classification of cold copy. Nothing really going on and yet the copy has to go in. It's the end of August and the 1st meeting of the Fall season is still 3 weeks away. The September article was written in July. But, there are one or two things to draw from.

**Council Meeting**

There was the first of the quarterly "Council Officers Association" meetings of the season for Zones 12 & 13. It was held July 28 at Tonawanda No. 78. Mikie (straight and level) Klinkbeil and I made the three hours over the road for the fifty minute meeting, forty of which were devoted to obtaining a Vice-president. It seems he who becomes VP shall be President next year. That was the hang-up. SK Ronald Nelson came up with the highly coveted position. Bert Larson announced his resignation as Zone Officer. He was replaced by SK Paul Barrera from Hugh DePayens.

**Picnic**

By accident, I stumbled into the Blue Lodge picnic of Batavia Lodge No. 475. As 99% of those in attendance were from Batavia Commandery, I believe it worthy of mention in this column. It was held at SK Bob Dagen's home in

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Michael Bell, Monarch

Patrol  
Legion  
Caldron

## Monarch's Message

By Michael Bell, Monarch

Autumn is described as "a time of maturity, or decline." The months of September, October, and even November, serve well to illustrate and emphasize that condition of full development.

The glorious colors of ripe tomatoes, squash, corn, and peppers, contrast dramatically with the tender greens of Spring and Summer produce. There is about this season a completeness which is heightened by warm afternoons and cool, crisp mornings.

I hope all of you in the Rochester area get a chance to enjoy all of Fall's bounty. I hope all of you "Sunbirds" remember what you are missing.

### Please call us

Please remember to call me, or the Secretary, when you have news of anyone in need of our aid or sympathy. We have a record-

ing device in the Grotto Office-271-6987.

### Good fellowship

The Annual Monarch's Ball will be held on November 6th in the third floor dining room at the Temple Civic Center. It will be an evening of music, good company, excellent food and drink, and a minimum of ceremony. The cost will be \$7.50 per person. I hope to see you all there. I will be contacting most of you regarding reservations.

The days are getting shorter, and darkness is encroaching upon the light. Be careful while driving and watch out for children.

## Patrol News

Greetings from the PREMIER UNIT in Lalla Rookh Grotto!! (Doesn't everybody feel that way?)

less along with adult beverages and soda if you were so inclined. Jerry Brade even let them borrow his coffee machine.

Paul McCullough and his finance, Kim, were there. Kim came late and was handed a 1/2 in thick computer run. I know not its contents, but she immediately tore it up and used it to help start the steak fire. Which leads me to believe that Paul had best plan on having lots of computer back-up for the years ahead.

### Making a statement

Continuing on, you know how you'll often see a pickup truck tearing down the road with a German Shepard in the back, braced into the wind with a red bandana about his neck? And the master has a rifle rack in the window and probably six on the floor? Well, he's making a statement of some sort. Now the Dagan's have the biggest, fattest, gentlest German Shepard(?) in the world by the name of Sheiba. Sheiba was wandering about the picnic wearing a pink bow and had pierced ears. But, she was only wearing one earring and that was in the right ear. This leads me to wonder, was she making a statement?

### Horseshoes anyone

At the horseshoe pits, Everett Norris tried to win his match. Muttering something about house rules, he said a "Leaner" was only one point. Well, that held up about as long as a Bosnian cease fire. Dagan pointed out it was his house and his rules. A leaner was two points and Everett lost. He consoled himself later by

### Busy schedules?

Where has all the interest of the Past Monarch and Officers of the Grotto gone? We used to have a good turnout of them at our monthly meetings, but the attendance has fallen off recently. What to do? Phone calls will be made to find out. I am sure it's just busy schedules, but let's hope it will get better.

### Cheer

Former Patrol Captain Ron Bishop's wife, Shirley, is now at St. Mary's Hospital for rehabilitation after her recent heart operation. Drop by and say "Hi", or send a card to cheer her up.

Past Monarch Bill Hartwig, who marched many years, is at home and also could stand some cheering up. His wife, Rose, says he would welcome a call or cards. I'm sure both of these lovely people would appreciate it and you will feel better doing it, too.

winning a liter of his favorite drinking companion, Jim Beam. All this, Sir Knights, for a paltry eight bucks a head. I'm inviting myself back next year.

### The color purple

Here's an interesting aside not mentioned in the last newsletter. You may remember that our year end meeting in June, the one in which we honor the ladies, was held at the old Gaston House in LeRoy. Sitting across from me was Steve Wing who was wearing a purple shirt. Admidst the tinkle of cocktail glasses, genteel conversation and other restaurant sounds, the waitress arrived to take orders. Steve allowed as he would like an oversized Prime Rib and on his salad, French Dressing. We all know that French Dressing has a very distinct color. I'm not sure what you call it but it's not purple. Yet, when it arrived on Steve's salad it was. Purple that is. Now in Steve Wing you have a man who can consume cows milk warm from the cow so he wasn't about to flinch from a bit of salad dressing not conforming to conventional color codes. We all watched to see what his reaction would be. At the very least we expected him to call the waitress back for an explanation. Not Steve. He looked at it quizzically for a moment or so and not seeing any hazard cones or anything around it, pitched right in and ate it all up. If he spilled any on his shirt we couldn't tell and if he liked it he never said.

### Free for the taking

Monroe Lodge No. 173, Brockport, has a commercial type steam table that we would like to dispose of. It is natural gas fired but isn't quite a steam table. Rather, there is a large iron plate that is heated by the flame which in turn keeps the food warm. It has four stainless steel wells about a foot deep and 2 trays about 12" X 18". The trays are covered by hoods that slide open about half way to expose the food. Anybody interested, contact the author.

### Till next time

Stay tuned, Sir Knights, for the November copy at which time you will be able to hear all about the Grand Commandery Convention held in September. Till then, keep your sword hand free and your blade sharp.

### Join us

Drills are still held on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Culver Road Armory. The October monthly meeting will be on October 26th. See you at drill.

## Grotto Membership

By Ron Morthorst

Please note-Ceremonial is scheduled for October 20th. We must have your petition in the Grotto office, 875 Main Street East, Rochester, NY 14605-2789, by October 13th, or send it with \$15.00 deposit to Ron Morthorst, 231 Mystic Lane, Rochester, NY 14623.

Now is the time to act on that petition you have. Any questions, call 334-4196 and I will try to assist you. Call 7 p.m.-9p.m., or weekends.

## Caldron News

By Beverly J. Murray, MCO

My special year is quickly coming to a close, and time for parting words to compose, along with many thanks to disclose.

To all of you who answered my call,

Filling offices for any or all, "Thank you" seems much too small.

For all the volunteers, I give a cheer, as you gave freely of your time to me this year,

It is with special thoughts that bring a tear.

To my Officers and Committee personnel,

Allah knows that to me you are special,

All of you are super swell. Lalla Rookh Caldron members are top rate,

To me you have been super great, Important enough to be added to the slate.

Special thanks to Elaine and Ken,

Gordy, Howie and Bob I must send,

For all the help that they did lend.

October's list of special dates - October 10-Merline's reception from 2-4

Small dining room on the 3rd floor.

October 21-at 10 a.m. Rehearsal for Installation,

Time to get ready once more. October 30th - 8 p.m.

Installation of Officers, As Dorothy Bartlett makes it 2 for her score.

To Dorothy and her Officers of '93-'94,

I wish you success, happiness and so much more,

May your special year be blessed with the best.

We give our friendship and love along with the rest,

But most of all, by Allah may you be blest.

Yours in Faith, Love and Friendship.

## Cast News

By George Knierim, Cast Drctr.

There was only one rehearsal for the Short Form Ceremonial, to be held in October.

The Ceremony will be held on October 20th at the regular Grotto meeting at 8:00 p.m. sharp.

Once again I would like to thank all who participated in the cast, who took FIRST PLACE at the National Convention in June of this year.

## Batavia Commandery No. 34 Knights Templar

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South Byron. It is an ideal facility for anything of this nature. His porch and back yard would put most state pavilions to shame. The porch easily holds 25 to 30 people. Across the street is plenty of free parking in the church lot. There is a pool, horseshoe pits and a great area for roasting steaks. At the time, simmering in one corner of the porch, was a huge pot of Don Clattenburg's famous Clam Chowder. People could just help themselves. Snacks and munchies were end-

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection

Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., Editor

**From the Desk of:**

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



**Many  
Brothers  
Honored**

Patrick J.S. McNenny

At our September All Bodies Meeting, I was proud to announce the election of Patrick J.S. McNenny to receive the 33° in Cleveland during the 1994 Supreme Council Meeting. Pat was among four elected to become an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in addition to two At Large members from New York. I give my heartiest congratulations to Pat and hope you will do likewise.

**Membership**

New York's comparatively small number of individuals elected to become Honorary Members of the Supreme Council is at least in part attributable to both the decline in membership and small number of new members.

**Utica symposium**

The Deputy and the Actives for the State are holding a meeting at the Masonic Home in Utica on October 2nd and 3rd to help Valleys improve their membership programs. I will report back to the Valley next month on the outcome of the meeting. We need everyone's aggressive support for membership. Identify five people that you know who should be Scottish Rite members and make every effort to get their petitions. This approach has worked in Blue Lodges and can work for us

**Ill. Francis G. Paul, 33° Retires  
as Sovereign Grand Commander**

The head of one of Freemasonry's largest organizations announced his retirement as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, N.M.J.

Ill. Francis G. Paul, 33° of Vestal, New York, told a gathering of 1,100 Scottish Rite Masonic leaders at Boston's John Hancock Hall that they have a "rendezvous with responsibility" to make a difference in the world. "Even though we cannot change history, we can change attitudes," he said. "Even though we may not be able to influence the future, we can make an impact upon the present."

He reviewed the recent efforts being undertaken to achieve Masonic renewal and to bring new strength and vitality to the Masonic Fraternity.

"We can take pride in the enthusiasm of younger Masons who are determined to make certain that our Fraternal Brotherhood reaches forward in time as well as around the globe", Commander

also. Work with your Lodge Ambassador. Run a program during or after your next Lodge meeting. Personally invite friends to our program meeting nights. Please make every effort to add a new member to our Fall Class.

**Class Sponsor**

The 1993-94 Class Sponsor will be Ill. Robert C. Pettit, 33°. Bob has been a dedicated member of Rochester Consistory. It would be a great honor for any new member to be in his Class. Together we can make the Ill. Robert C. Pettit, 33°, Class even larger than last year's Class.

**Secretary Emeritus**

Another dedicated member of the Valley has recently been honored by the Council of Deliberation. Ill. Roy S. Dement, 33° has been appointed Secretary Emeritus of the New York Council of Deliberation in recognition for his distinguished service in that capacity. Join me in congratulating Roy for a well deserved honor.

**Watch your Calendar**

By now you all have your new Calendar and are aware of the Annual Awards Night on October 7th, Ladies Night Dinner-Dance on October 15th and the Family Life Week Program on November 4th. As always, I look forward to seeing you and your lady at each of these events. □

Paul pointed out.

Scottish Rite's Northern Jurisdiction includes 15 northeastern and midwestern states with a membership of 375,000 members. A Southern Jurisdiction covers the remaining 35 states. Scottish Rite also has affiliations in 42 other nations throughout the world.

Commander Paul retired from IBM in 1985 to accept the position as the Presiding Officer of the Supreme Council, N.M.J. He remains a Director of the organization with the title of Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus. Elected to succeed him is Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33°, Cincinnati, manufacturing executive and Fraternal leader.

Before the closing session, a Class of 143 received the 33°, awarded only by the Supreme Council to Scottish Rite Masons who have made "outstanding contributions to Freemasonry or for dedicated service to others reflecting credit on the Fraternity." □

**Elected to Receive the Meritorious Service Award**



**Stanley V. Peterson**

Brothers Stanley V. Peterson and Hugh H. Robertson have been elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award at the New York Council of Deliberation Meeting in Syracuse, NY next June.

Bro. Stan was raised in Warren C. Hubbard Lodge No. 964 (now Wakan-Hubbard No. 154) in 1942 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1942 and DDGM in 1961-62.

He is a member of Hiram Chapter No. 62 RAM. In 1976-78 he was AGL of the 27th Capitular District and DDGHP in 1981-85.

Bro. Stan is a member of the Organized Council Officers Assoc., Cryptic Masons, and received the Distinguished Service Award from Grand Chapter in 1987. He was Sovereign Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Genesee Council No. 51 in 1983. Brother Peterson received the York Rite Mason Award, Monroe County, elected Associate Regent and received the Order of the Purple Cross of York. He is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, St. Mark's Conclave.

Bro. Stan has been a loyal and active member of the Valley of Rochester since 1981 and participated in the degrees of the Rite.

Brother Peterson and his wife, Noreen have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. They are members of Emmanuel Covenant Church where Stan was Congregational Chairman, Sunday School teacher and Treasurer. He retired from Bausch and Lomb after 41 years of service.



**Hugh H. Robertson**

Bro. Hugh H. Robertson was raised in Eunice Lodge No. 830, Caledonia, NY in 1953. He served as Worshipful Master in 1967 and 1976 and has received the DSA from Livingston District. He served the Grand Lodge as AGL for 3 years and DDGM in 1980-81.

Bro. Robertson joined the Valley of Rochester in 1978, served as Most Wise Master in 1989-90 and Master of Ceremonies in Rochester Consistory, 1992 to present.

He is very active in the York Rite; Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM, Illustrious Master of Doric Council No. 19, Cryptic Masons, and Prelate of Monroe Commandery No. 12. He is a member of York Rite College and in August of 1993 was honored with the Order of the Purple Cross.

Brother Robertson has a Bachelor of Music Degree from the Eastman School of Music. He was a member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra for 25 years where he was tympanist/percussion player. Hugh is a retired music teacher and farmer.

Bro. Hugh and his wife, Eleanor, have 1 son, 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Caledonia where he has served as Elder. He has conducted the choir of the Caledonia Mumford Variety Show Fund Raiser. □

**Family Life Week  
Program**

"Time out for the Family" is the theme of the 14th Scottish Rite Masonic Family Life Week, sponsored by the Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Rochester. Our annual celebration of family values takes place November 4, 1993, according to an announcement by Robert E. Cameron, Chairman.

In today's fast-paced society, we all need to stop and appreciate the blessings of the family. The Scottish Rite Masons are working to recognize, preserve and support the basic values that the family provides.

We all learn our values and morals from the family and must take the time to reaffirm and reinforce the family as the center of the American way of life. Family Life Week is our way of focusing attention on the importance of family.

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**Ill. Robt. C. Pettit 33°  
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Ill. Robert C. Pettit, 33° has agreed to be the Sponsor of the Fall 1993 and Spring 1994 Classes. He has been a member of the Valley of Rochester since 1961 and was coroneted a 33°, Honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33° N.M.J. on September 21, 1979 in Chicago, IL.

Illustrious Brother Pettit, 33° was raised in Wakan Lodge No. 1054 in 1960. He served the Lodge as Worshipful Master, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee. He was DDGM in 1982-83 and was a member of the Communications Committee.

In the Valley of Rochester, he held the offices of Thrice Potent Master, Sovereign Prince (twice) and Commander-in-Chief. His York Rite affiliations include: Past High Priest of Ionic Chapter (now Hiram No. 62 where he is currently serving as Treasurer), York Rite College No. 25, Doric Council No. 19 and Cyrene Commandery. Other Masonic memberships include the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Rochester Forest No. 133, Damascus Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Illustrious Brother Bob is currently the Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau. □

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## Family Life Week

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Our goal is to show that the family still has many friends in America. As Scottish Rite Masons, we will do all that we can to support family values.

The Officers of Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem with Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., 32° MS, Sovereign Prince, make up the Family Life Celebration Committee. An outstanding program is planned for the evening in Cathedral Hall. Chairman, Bob Cameron, promises to start the program promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will finish no later than 9:00 p.m. Set aside the date and plan for an evening of fun for the entire family. More details will be in the November issue of the *Masonic Times*. □

## Ill.: Robert O. Ralston, 33° new Sovereign Grand Commander



Ill.: Robert O. Ralston, 33°, 54 of Cincinnati, Ohio, was chosen to head the Supreme Council, 33° N.M.J. at the conclusion of the 1993 Annual Meeting at Boston. The new Sovereign Grand Commander, prominent as a manufacturing executive in Cincinnati, Erie, Pennsylvania, and Florence, Kentucky, and advanced to Active Membership in the Northern Supreme Council in Chicago, 1992. His Masonic career commenced in Evanston-Eversull Lodge No. 695 of Norwood, OH in 1960 and included service as a DDGM of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and service on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home.

Illustrious Brother Ralston joined the Valley of Cincinnati in 1967 where he was Thrice Potent Master of Gibulum Lodge of Perfection and a Trustee. He was coroneted a 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in Philadelphia in 1981.

Grand Commander Ralston is a member of the York Rite Bodies in the Cincinnati area as well as maintaining membership in the Red Cross of Constantine; Syrian Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Royal Order of Jesters; and the Royal Order of Scotland. He has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Burns Institute and holds the Honorary

Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

In addition to heading the Supreme Council, he was also elected as President of the Corporate Trustees of the Supreme Council and President of the Scottish Rite Museum of our National Heritage. This facility was constructed in Lexington, MA, nearly 20 years ago as Scottish Rite's Bicentennial contribution to the nation.

Illustrious Brother Ralston becomes the 3rd Ohioan to head the Supreme Council in its 180 year history. His Ohio predecessors were Ill.: Killian H. VanRensselaer, 33°, a Cambridge pioneering Scottish Rite leader who served from 1862-67 and Ill.: Barton Smith, 33° of Toledo, an international lawyer who held office from 1910-21.

### His Message

As I begin my new role as Sovereign Grand Commander, I find special meaning in these words.

Our theme for this year's Supreme Council Charities Blue Envelope Appeal is a call to action in keeping with our Fraternity's "do it now" tradition. We all must respond to each day's opportunity to do what we can.

This year's theme also reminds me that this particular period in our history is a challenging one. We are once again facing questions from outsiders about the nature of our Fraternity, about who we are and what we represent.

I believe the best way to respond to our questioners is simply to continue "doing what we can." It is our actions and those of our predecessors that define us more clearly than any words we speak.

We share with all thinking people the desire to do good works. But, as Scottish Rite Masons, we have a special opportunity because we are not limited to one man's strength or one man's lifespan.

### Blue Envelope Appeal

Our Supreme Council Charities are dramatic examples of the good we accomplish when we join together against enormous challenges, when each generation of Brothers in its day takes another step toward our distant goals.

Each gift in each year's Blue Envelope Appeal - whether large or small - not only has its impact at the moment it is given but also becomes a part of the foundation for accomplishments far in the future.

Each of us who donated, therefore, helps make the next medical miracle possible through our Scottish Rite Schizophrenia Research Program, helps educate future generations of leaders through our Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarships, and helps teach the crucial lessons of our nation's history through our Scottish Rite Museum of Our National Heritage.

Now it is our time once again to join together through the Blue

Envelope Appeal - each one of us taking action now to define our Fraternity and build a foundation for a better future. □

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It seems to us that it is, and that you should see to it that he fully understands the fine lessons of our degrees. If you recommend a man to the Scottish Rite, satisfy yourself that he is receiving that for which you recommended him. To do so is but a Masonic courtesy and it is also your duty as a Scottish Rite Mason. Let's all give this matter some serious consideration. It will certainly bring forth good results if you attend the conferring of the degrees at our Reunions. □

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By Roy E. Huff, Reporter  
The Grand Commandery Assembly was held September 17-19 at the Radisson Hotel in Buffalo, NY. SK Larry Polla was elected and installed as the Grand Commander of the State of New York. There will be a reception for the new Grand Commander on Saturday, October 23rd at the Holiday Inn, Suffern, NY.

**Honor Guard**

The Commanderies in Zone 11 have been asked to provide an Honor Guard for the Scottish Rite Awards Night in Rochester, on October 7th. The location is the Downtown Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m. The Honor Guard will be in full Templar uniforms.

**New Commandery**

Monroe No. 12 and Cyrene No. 39 in Zone 11 have merged to form a new Commandery called Cyrene-Monroe No. 12. It was formally established on Saturday, September 18th at the Grand Commandery Conclave in Buffalo, NY. The new Commandery will meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at the Rochester Masonic Temple.

**October meetings**

On Saturday, October 3rd, Red Jacket Commandery will host Sunday breakfast at the Canandaigua Lodge. The cost is \$3.50 per person for all you can eat.

The Zone School of Instruction will be held on Wednesday, October 27th. The location will be held at the Red Jacket Commandery in Canandaigua, NY. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the School will begin at 8:00 p.m. The Zone Officers will contact the Commanderies in Zone 11 and assist the stations the officers take for that evening.

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By Donald J. Brugger  
**Grand Commandery**  
Grand Commandery was held in Buffalo, NY this year and all the Sir Knights that attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

For me it was, believe it or not, my first Grand Conclave. It was a conflict of sorts because it was also the occasion of my 40th wedding anniversary. Unfortunately we did not have a sufficient number of Sir Knights available to participate in the drill competition. We had enough, but, some had to attend meetings and our own, SK Ronald Bertie, was one of the judges.

**Calling Committee**

We are now officially Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12 and we have the documentation to prove it. I hope that our new calling committee, under the direction of our Generalissimo, SK and Rev. Charles Roberts, will have contacted you and that you will be soon coming out to join us as Cyrene-Monroe.

As I mentioned in my last article, our Inspection will take place on Friday, March 18th 1994. It certainly would be nice to have a good turnout of the Sir Knights that evening. We will be working on that quite diligently for the first few meetings of the Fall Season. We already had a good start at the September meetings, let's keep the momentum going. Incidentally, we had a good turnout for the potluck supper preceding the September 10th meeting.

**Uniforms**

SK Stan Peterson is contacting a supplier for used uniform jackets. The price should be about \$20. We also have a lead on jackets from a supplier in Philadelphia. So, don't despair, we will keep you informed.

We have some new officers who are in need of swords and belts. If some of you have an extra sword or know of a SK who has, please contact me or the Quartermaster, Stan Peterson.

**Election and Installation**

We will be having an Election and Installation of Officers on October 15th. I have asked the immediate Past Grand Commander, SK James Sullivan, if he would officiate at the Installation and he said he would try to be there. In any event you will be contacted.

**Dates**

Oct. 1st: Full Form Opening.  
Oct. 15th: Election and Installation of Officers.

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By Roy E. Huff, Reporter  
The first meeting of the year 1993-94 for our College was held on Saturday, September 11th at the Masonic Temple in Pultneyville, NY. The meeting was at 3:00 p.m., and dinner with the ladies was at 5:30 p.m. The ladies had a slide show for their meeting. We also had a good meeting, and a lot was accomplished.

**By-laws**

The By-laws were presented, and copies will be sent to all members soon.

**Spencerport**

There will be a meeting on December 11th at the Masonic Temple in Spencerport, NY.

**Good news**

We have no new sickness or distress to report at this time.

**Dues**

Our '94 dues are coming in very well. We changed banks, so you all should be receiving your canceled checks soon. That is all this time. □

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By Roy E. Huff, Reporter  
The next meeting of the Genesee Assemblage No. 1 will be held on Monday, August 25, 1993 at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.. We will elect and install the Officers for the year.


**Installation**

MS Gerry Glaser will be installed as the Sovereign Grand Commander. The installation will be performed by MS Ronald J. Bertie, the current Grand Commander, and MS Raymond Beardsley, the Past Grand Commander.

**Social time**

There will be a lunch after the meeting. We will have a special selection of food for the occasion. □

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By Vernon L. Goodrich, EHP  
To my officers-if you are unable to make a meeting, please be sure and notify your High Priest so replacement arrangements may be made ahead of time.

**Thanks**

Our now famous auction is behind us. I thank all of you for your enthusiastic support.

**Happy times**

October is a busy month. "The Canadians are coming"! More specifically, on October 23rd. Lunch will be served in the 3rd floor dining

room. At 2:30 p.m. we will be putting on the "Widows Degree" for all the ladies. At 6:30 p.m. we will meet in dining room B for dinner, followed by entertainment and dancing. Don't forget to bring a bottle of liquor.

**Degrees**

The degrees start October 14th in Webster with the Mark Master and the Past Master Degrees; October 18th, the Most Excellent Degree will be put on in Livonia, and the MRA Degree will be Thursday, October 28th in Cathedral Hall in our own Chapter.

**Visits**

RE D. Trust will be visiting Webster Lodge on October 27th. We are starting a visitation schedule to assist our Brother Chapters. October 27th is our visitation night to Webster Chapter. Come help us support Webster and see RE Trust.

**Seminar**


Council members will be at the Area Seminar in Avon on Saturday, October 2nd.

**Please join us**

Don't forget to support our treasurer, Dr. Robert Pettit, at his Service Bureau retirement party at the Holiday Inn Downtown on Sunday, October 10th at 1:00 p.m. □

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By Robert L. Zahn  
By this time you should have received my first news letter. You will find that my goals are very ambitious. I need support from ALL of you to make them happen.

**Royal Master Degree**

On October 6th, at 7:30 p.m., we will hold a special meeting to confer the Royal Master Degree on three candidates. Please make every effort to attend. Let us demonstrate that we are an active Council.

**Grand Officer's Visit**

At our regular assembly on October 20th we will have the honor of the presence of the DDIGM of the 8th Capitulat District, Rt. Ill. Donald Wright and the Rt. Ill. John P. Nosal, Grand Conductor of the Council of the

Grand Council of the State of New York. There will be a Swiss Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are a must and can be made with Ed Walker at 647-2383. Deadline is October 16th. □

**District Deputy  
Grand  
High Priest**

*Royal Arch Masons  
27th Capitulat District*



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October will be an active month for the 27th Capitulat District.

**Area 6 meeting**

On Saturday, October 2, at 10:00 a.m. we will meet at the Avon Masonic Temple. RE Arnold Palmer, Grand Master of the Second Veil, encourages all Council Officers to be present; however all Companions are encouraged to attend.

**Degree Schedule**

Oct. 13 - Mark Master and Past Master, Webster Chapter at 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 18 - Most Excellent Master, Livonia Chapter at 8:00 p.m.  
Oct. 28 - Holy Royal Arch, Hiram Chapter at 7:30 p.m.

**Canadian visit**


Orient Chapter from Toronto, Canada will be visiting Hiram Chapter on October 23. There will be a lunch at noon followed by the conferring of the "Royal Arch Widow Degree" (a fun degree) at 2:00 p.m. on all the ladies present. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment and dancing afterwards. Reservations should be made with EHP Vern Goodrich at 377-0367 by October 17.

**Grand Officer Visit**

October 27 will find RE C. Richard Trust, Grand Captain of the Host paying his Official Visit to the 27th Capitulat District. The meeting will be held at Webster Chapter and will be preceded by a Meat Loaf Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Please have your dinner reservations in to Bill Kuehne

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## District Deputy Grand High Priest

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at 671-8774 or myself at 381-3032 no later than October 25.

### Royal Arch Seals

If you have not bought your Royal Arch Seals yet, please do so. All this money goes directly into the Scholarship Fund. Thanks for your support. □



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By R. W. Jay McCullough

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865-0046

By Dean F. Marsaw

Here's hoping you had a very enjoyable Summer, and you are now ready to get back into the swing of things in the Masonic world.

### Thanks

On August 14th we had our Steak and Chicken Roast, with thirty eight in attendance, and I would like to thank all the members that helped to make this another successful year.

I would also like to thank those members that supported our Special Project Fund, (Open Door Mission), of which we will be donating \$100.00.

### Christmas Party

Our next get together will be a Past President's Club Christmas Party sometime in November.

Chairman Leonard Gessin will be making arrangements, and a reservation notice will be sent out with the information of the time and place.

It will be early afternoon on a weekend, so those that can't drive at night will be able to attend, and it will also be Dutch Treat.

### Condolences

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the passing of members and family members of our club.

Bro. Richard Parsons, 11 year member of Etolian Lodge No. 479; Harold Beldue, the father of Bro. Jonathon Beldue; Dorothy McClary, wife of Past President Charles, and Bro. Kenneth A. VanLare, a 10 year member.

The sympathy of the Club was sent to the families.

Don't forget to check your smoke detectors, they save precious lives. □

"You can always tell where someone is going in the hereafter by what they go after here." (Square and Compasses)



October 4

John C. Hall, President, Finger Lakes Regional Burns Assoc.

October 11

Paul Bringwatt, Exec. Dir. Mon. Co. Water Authority.

October 18

Betty Morton, Manager of Consumer Affairs Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

October 25

Philip Warner, Associate, Women's Education Center, Giteza Burundi, Africa. □



President

W.-Ron Morthorst

334-4196

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292-6383

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Social Hour-6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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you feel comfortable in

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Reservations-Call:

R.-W.- Bob Sanford, 292-6383

Enough said. □

## HiLights

### Order of the

### Eastern Star

### DISTRICT OF MONROE, STATE OF NEW YORK

Rt. Wthy. James E. Comstock,  
Reporter

### Time flies

Looking ahead, four years seems like a long time. However, now that we have reached the threshold of the Installation of Rt. Wthy. Wanda V. Williams as Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York, it seems but a fleeting instance. From a small group of Past Grand Officers who met in the Spring of 1990 to discuss a possible course of action, a tremendous out-pouring of ideas and help has evolved, making the entire effort very rewarding.

### Presentation night

This was evidenced at the "Peaches" meeting held in Fairport on September 1, 1993. This was Presentation Night when all the Clubs, Chapters and personal contributions (58 in all) were gathered by the committee. Although this total amount must be kept secret, because we would like Rt. Wthy. Wanda and M. Wthy. Elizabeth Pounder to be surprised on October 14th, I will say that our expectations have been exceeded.

### Continuing efforts

We must realize, however, that this success is not the end, but the beginning of our work as members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Rt. Wthy. Wanda's year as Grand Matron only begins on October 14th. We will continue our endeavors with Spaghetti Dinners, Fruit Sale, etc. continuing through the Pilgrimage at Oriskany in July of 1994. After that, we must continue and renew our efforts to rebuild our

membership and to extend and perpetuate the usefulness of our Order.

### Busy month

October will be a busy and exciting month. Grand Sessions will be held at the Convention Center in Niagara Falls, N.Y. October 12-14. The reception for our Grand Matron, Wanda V. Williams will be held on October 15th

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## Grand Matron's Visit, Gateway Inn



Rt. Wthy. Wanda Williams - Assoc. Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter O.E.S. State of New York and Rt. Wthy. Albert Parshall - Assoc. Grand Patron



(left to right) Mrs. Howe - wife of Walter R. Howe; Rt. Wthy. Donald E. Freeman, Sr. - P. District Grand Lecturer; Rt. Wthy. Donna L. Laundry - P.D.D.G. Matron; M. Wthy. Walter R. Howe - P.G. Patron



Triangle Girls making presentation to the Grand Chapter Charities



Rainbow Girls making presentation of gift to the Grand Matron for Grand Chapter Charities

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## Wanda's Peaches

SPAGHETTI DINNER

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Friday, Oct. 1st

4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

\$5.00 (under 12 \$3.00)

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**Order of the Eastern Star**

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at Arena's Party House in Webster. The Matron of your Chapter will have all the details. Also, please remember to promote and support our Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, October 1st. It will be held at Webster Masonic Lodge as usual, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Peaches Committee**

The "Peaches" Committee will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month through July 1994. Your continued support and participation is hoped for and will be appreciated.

**A job well done**

We would like to commend Rt. Wthy. Sue Ann Goosens and her companion Grand Officers on a job well done in 1993. We hope you will continue to give the benefits of your experience and leadership to our Order. □

**Oriskany**



Rt. Wthy. Wanda V. Williams, Associate Grand Matron  
Rt. Wthy. Albert Parshall, Associate Grand Patron at Pilgrimage Day in Oriskany

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

Rt. Wthy. Wanda V. Williams



**Grand Chapter**

I feel like I am in the "calm before the storm". Although it is not really a period of inactivity, I know the real challenge begins on October 14th, 1993 at Niagara Falls. I do hope that many of you will be able to attend the Installation Ceremonies. This long an-

ticipated moment will certainly be a highlight for me and I would like to share it with each of you.

**Special events**

Rt. Wthy. Albert Parshall and I have spent many hours preparing several special events for you in 1994. They include the "Peach Retreat" on Sanibel Island, January 20-27, our 125th Anniversary Cruise May 7-14, a trip to Nova Scotia in August and much more. Please consult your Worthy Matrons for details.

**Assistance**

Rt. Wthy. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., 872-0311, will be pleased to assist you in making arrangements to attend the 124th Session of Grand Chapter in Niagara Falls, October 12-14.

**Thank you**

I cannot begin to express my pleasure and gratitude for the wonderful outpouring of support shown at the September 1st Peaches meeting in Fairport. It was a very rewarding evening. Thank you all very much.

I know that with this kind of support behind me, 1994 will be truly a remarkable year. □

**NOLA Chapter  
No. 368**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
Wthy Jean Stewart, Matron  
Rt. Wthy Carol Wynings, Secretary  
594-4692  
§  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
8:00 p.m.  
•  
20 South Main Street  
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**By Wthy. Avis Theis**

It seems like it always takes a "push" to get started in the Fall, but once we get going things soon fall into place.

**Nice news**

We are again proud to have another member, Rt. Wthy. Norman Vail, celebrate his 90th birthday on September 14th.

Renee Fleming who has sung at the Metropolitan, sang at the Eastman Theater in September. Her proud Mom is Sis. Pat Alexander.

Congratulations to Holly Morris who will become Mrs. Paul Williamson on October 2nd. She is the daughter of Sis. Liz and Bro. David Morris.

**October meetings**

Nola's Birthday Family Tureen Dinner will be held on October 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapter. Bring a dish to share and your table service. The Comm. for October will be Sis. Liz Morris and Sis. Florence Smith.

On Saturday, October 9th, we will have a Card or Game Party at 2:00 p.m. for a donation of \$1.00. Bring a friend and enjoy an old fashioned card party and refreshments.

**Share with your Stars**

Grand Chapter will meet in October, after which we will have a Grand Matron from Monroe District and Nola will have a Grand Ruth, Wthy. Wilda Robinson. We have many members on fixed incomes, out-of-town members, and members who aren't able to attend meetings, which leaves only a few to help with the fund raisers. After much discussion we have decided to share with all our members the fact that funds are needed. Will you "Share" with this project and send us as little or as much as you can spare for this project. "Your

Star members thank you!"

**Another year**

It will soon be time to line up officers for next year. If you are willing to take an office in Nola Chapter, please contact Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff, 293-1301.

You know you're getting old when "Happy Hour" is a nap. □

**Rochester Chapter  
No. 314**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS  
Matron 482-0994  
Wthy. Gladys Geirk  
Secretary 328-5580  
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**HiLights**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
**GENESSEE-WYOMING DISTRICT**  
Rt. Wthy. Leone Nicoll  
District Deputy  
494-2148

Fall has arrived and we are winding down for the last part of our year. It was rather hard to get into the "swing" of things after having a good, relaxing Summer. September 24th Rt. Wthy. Tim and I, with Rt. Wthy's June and Janet, had our Homecoming in the Perry Masonic Temple. We all had a marvelous time reviewing the past year and sharing the many memories with our friends.

We all have had a "super" year, and Rt. Wthy. Tim and I could not have accomplished what we did without the great support of each and every one of you in the Genessee-Wyoming District.

**Build for the future**

We attended the initiation of a Master Mason at Thorpe Chapter, Attica, on September 21st. I hope now that we are nearing the end of 1993, that you will get some brochures from your Secretary on the Q&A about OES and begin to line up some new members to build up your Chapters for the future. Just ask for the brochures from your secretary. They are lying dormant on her desk!

**Support the new officers**

Our next big event is the 124th Grand Chapter Session October 12th, 13th, and 14th at Niagara Falls Convention Center. This will be when Rt. Wthy. Tim and I step down from being DDGM and DGL and welcome our new officers for the District, Wthy. Jean Lewis from Arcade and Wthy. Richard Plue from Batavia. We know that you will support and help our new officers just like you did Rt. Wthy. Tim and myself.

**Pay your dues**

We were unable to have Study Club on September 18th, but we will have our final one November 20th at Bergen with a 12:30 p.m. pot luck luncheon. Please try to be there and get your dues paid up for the 1993 year. Also, please get your money for our last project to me as soon as possible,

as we will get the credit for it for our District under Rt. Wthy. Tim and myself.

**Thanks**

This will probably be the last letter to all of you from Rt. Wthy. Tim and myself. Again, we have had a "super duper" year, and we will be doing our part to help our new DDGM and DGL for the coming year.

Many, many thanks for everything this year and continue to reach out in love to all those you come in contact with. Let people know that you care and just "Remember to Keep Your Words Sweet--You May Have to Eat Them!"

God Bless each and everyone. □

**Order of DeMolay**

Master Councilor  
Clayton Beccue  
**Rochester Chapter**  
Charlotte Temple  
1st&3rd Friday

**We Need Projects**

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

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

By Michael Israel

**A fun night**

In August, the DeMolays went to a dance and a ring of fire. Mostly everyone showed up at these events. It was a fun night to attract new members.

**First meeting**

In September we held our first meeting. It was a successful evening and enjoyed by all who were there.

**We need new members**

We, the DeMolays, want: new members, visitors at our meetings and more fun nights. □

**Fidelity Triangle No. 4**

Melissa DuBois  
Beloved Queen

**2nd & 4th Saturdays**

By Amy Lynch, Jr. Advisor  
August 29th was the Mystery Trip. We drove and drove, 'til we came upon the Genessee Country Museum. It was like taking a step back into the past. We all had a great time and enjoyed ourselves a lot. Thank you.

**Convention skit**

September 11th and 25th were our regular meetings and we practiced our skit for Convention.

We're looking good. Maybe we will bring home an award. If not, no biggy. We had fun doing it.

**October meetings**

October 9th is our regular meeting and the 14th we will be presented to the Grand Matron in Niagara Falls. The 23rd is election of officers, so please wear skirt dress. The 30th is a scheduled hayride near Hilton, more will be announced.

**Convention**

November 11-14 is our Convention. Wish us luck!!

**PSSST**

I've heard of this cool Masonic group called Triangle. If you are between the ages of 11-21, you can join by calling the Beloved Queen at the number above or Mrs. Linda Ferguson at 671-73769. □

**In Memoriam**

**August**

**Pinkley, Russell L.**  
At the age of 99, Russell passed away on August 17th. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 for 76 years. Russell is survived by his wife, Estelle, children, grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Wallace, Clifford A.**  
Clifford was a member of John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032, and Rochester Consistory. He died on August 17th, and is survived by many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

**Bridges, Ruth N.**  
Fairport Chapter No. 444, OES, lost a member on August 24th, when Ruth died. She is survived by her daughter, grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**Ferris, Newell A.**  
Newell was a Mason for 68 years and belonged to John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032. He passed away August 25th, and is survived by many family members.

**Brooks, Charles H. (Buster)**  
Charles died August 31st and is survived by his wife, Madelyn, children, grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and Rochester Consistory.

**September**

**Grice, Robert E.**  
Robert was a Past Master of Batavia Lodge No. 475, and a Past High Priest of Western Star Chapter No. 35, RAM. He passed away September 1st.

**Chauncey, Martin E.**  
A member of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Martin died on September 2nd. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, daughters and grandchildren.



**McAndrew, Robert G.**  
Robert was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426, and passed away September 6th. He is survived by his wife, Jean, children and grandchildren.

**Allen, Esther T.**  
Esther died September 14th. She was a member of Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES. Esther is survived by her sons, 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. □



# Calendar October 1993

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<h2>Happy Halloween</h2> 						1	2
						DeMolay - Rochester Chap.	OES - Rochester
						Cyrene-Monroe Commandery	RAM - Area 6 - Avon
						Warsaw - Fish Fry	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Francis Hitchcock Shay - Constellation	John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg  OES - Irondequoit	Charlotte-Corinthian Clio Craftsman Germania Towpath - E. Rochester-OV Webster Oakland - Castle Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Webster	Olive Branch - LeRoy Attica  Churchville - Fellowcraft  Doric Council - RM Degree	Scottish Rite Awards Night  Northfield - 1* Hesperus - Bergen Constellation - Perry Flower City - Fellowcraft Webster  OES - Oatka	Warsaw - District Fish Fry	Daughters of the Nile Fidelity Triangle	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
R.W. Robert C. Pettit Retirement Party - Holiday Inn-Genesee Plaza - 1 p.m.	<b>Columbus Day</b> ERAC - E. Rochester-Awards Etolian Fairport Union Star Wakan-Hubbard - OV OES Charlotte, Corinthian/Fellowship, Mary Jane Holmes	Fame Henrietta - Awards Night Monroe-Brockport Seneca Valley-Simes Batavia Arcade Craftsman-Fellowcraft  OES - Grand Sessions	Churchville Oatka Triluminar  Webster RAM-MM & PM  OES - Culver, Henrietta. OES - Grand Sessions	Flower City  Batavia Commandery  Hiram Chapter  Caldron  OES - Grand Sessions	Scottish Rite Ladies Night Dinner-Dance  Cyrene-Monroe Commandery  DeMolay - Rochester Chapter	LeRoy - MM, PM & MEM Degrees	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg  Livonia RAM-MEM  OES LeRoy	Charlotte-Corinthian Clio Craftsman Towpath - E. Roch. - 2* Oakland - Castle Warsaw Batavia RAM - Official Visit  OES - Monroe, Nola, Webster	School of Lodge Administration - Part 2  Olive Branch - LeRoy Attica Churchville - Fellowcraft  Grotto  Doric Council	Northfield - Official Visit Hesperus - Bergen Constellation - Perry - 3* Webster  OES - Oatka	Purple Club of the Monroe Districts, Char/Cor. Dinner 6:30 p.m.  Past Master's SC Dinner 7:00 p.m.	Fidelity Triangle  Batavia - HRA	
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30	
 Halloween	ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - 2* Fairport Wakan-Hubbard - 2*  Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council - LeRoy OES - Mary Jane Holmes	Fame Henrietta Monroe - Brockport Batavia Arcade	Churchville Oatka Triluminar - Pike  Zone School of Instruction Canandaigua  Grand Lect. Convention Doric Hall 7:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Batavia Commandery  Tall Cedars of Lebanon  Hiram Chapter-RAM - HRA  Arcade - Auction		Western Regional Seminar	

## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

To make additions, call the Service Bureau at 473-4351 or Fax 262-5491.

- 1993**
- Nov. 4 Scottish Rite Family Life Week Program
  - Nov. 6 Knights Templar Pilgrimage, Downtown Temple 8:30 a.m.
  - Nov. 7 Interfaith Service and Breakfast
  - Nov. 12 Grand Lecturers Convention, G/W-Arcade Lodge
  - Nov. 18-20 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion
  - Nov. 30 Prince Hall Fellowship Dinner, Buffalo
  - Dec. 4 Inter-Lodge Fellowship trip to the Festival of Lights, Niagara Falls
  - Dec. 8 Bureau of Masonic Ed., Library, TCC
- 1994**
- Jan. 5 Bureau of Masonic Ed., Library, TCC
  - Jan. 15 Leadership Training Course: Session 1 Etolian-Spencerport, 7:30 p.m.
  - Jan. 29 Leadership Training Course: Session 2 Fairport, 7:30 p.m.
  - Feb. 26 Widow's Luncheon,
  - Apr. 23 3° Fest

**Volunteers Wanted**

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For further information: call **Harold Bolotin 342-5865**

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**Let Us Pray**

At an installation of officers of Heidelberg Chapter No. 304, National Sojourners, Bro (Maj. Gen.) Floyd Wergelund, who was then National President of National Sojourners, Inc., was the Installing Officer. The program was under way. There was a large group of Sojourners and their ladies present.

Suddenly, as it was time for the opening prayer, the Chapter President realized that the Chaplain was not present. He thrust a ritual into the hands of Wor. Bro. Benson Lennie, Master of Triangle Lodge No. 834, who was


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seated next to him, with the whispered request to read the prayer.

Wor. Brother Lennie impressively read the prayer which had been handed to him. It was the Funeral Prayer.