



Welcome to the Viking Team!

Brotherhood comes first!

By Bruce Chilton, Richard Friedman, D. Scott Seltzer and Terry Wihlen.

Your Grand Lodge Officer Team for 1994-1996 invites you to join us on a Masonic Journey, a journey which will make Masonic Brotherhood our first priority! This article will attempt to clarify some of our philosophy, vision, and operating systems, for our terms as your Grand Lodge Officers.

Philosophy

Your Grand Lodge Officers want to create an atmosphere of brotherly love and cooperation in the Monroe Districts. To do this "we" must adopt a common philosophy in all our work as Masons. The "We" referred to whenever you see it in this article means all of the Masonic family.

If all of us are included in the "we" of Freemasonry, then by definition, there is no "they".

Yet there seems to be a wierd transformation that takes place when you accept the mantle of Grand Lodge Officer, one that has been shocking to us so far. The four of us seem to have changed in OTHER people's eyes. Where you used to make suggestions, they are now interpreted as orders, where you used to be strong, now you are bossy, where you used to be considered one of the boys, now you are one of THEM.

None of us suffer from the dreaded disease known as "purpleitis". The four of us are still the same people, with all the same faults and strengths that we had before. Our energy is still put into working our way towards the perfect ashlar, but realize how far we are from it. To quote the ancient philosopher, Joe Walsh, "Everybody's so different, I haven't changed."

We cannot afford a "we" versus "they" syndrome in Freemasonry!

Think positive

Honest Communication is the key. We must speak openly to each other at every opportunity.

We all need to give every new initiative an honest chance to work. When a new idea is presented, force yourself to think of five conditions under which the idea may be able to work, before



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stating one reason why you think it can't.

We will always strive to act on the side of Brotherly Love and affection.

Except for Official Visits, we are treating both Monroes as one entity.

What "we" do as Masons affects people. We will strive for excellence with a sense of urgency in all that we do.

Remember that the Monroe Districts are only as good as "we" make them!

Vision

Now that we share a common philosophy, let us strive for a common vision. Where do we want Masonry in Monroe County to be in May of 1996? What are our common goals? We can make Masonry look this way:

- Each Lodge raising at least 12 new members over the two years. Every Lodge using some form of a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night to expose the non-Mason to the beauty of the Craft.

- Each individual Lodge, and the District as a whole, making an impact in their community through important community service projects at least once a

year. A renewed commitment to using the DeWitt Clinton Award properly. The District happily engaging in a Child ID project, assisting the S.O.B.E.R. Barn, Ronald McDonald House and other projects brought forward by community minded Brethren.

- A 50% drop in unaffiliations and demits, having each man in danger personally contacted by his Lodge. Contacting and restoring 25% of all Masons demitted or unaffiliated over the last 5 years.

- More family oriented and public programming at the Lodge and District level.

- The top three officers of each Lodge being graduates of the Leadership Development Course.

- The conferral of a new award, the "R. Kenneth Crawford Award" to any Lodge whose Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Senior and Junior Deacons graduate from the Leadership Development Course.

- At least 18 Lodges receiving the Howard Potts Award. All Lodges doing ritual work with enthusiasm.

- A consistent 55% or better

contribution level to the Brotherhood Fund in each Lodge.

- The Traveling Gavel never staying in one Lodge more than one meeting.

- Building a culture of success, competence and fun.

- Every Lodge using the L.S.O.M.E. books and tapes, with every Lodge assigning a "Shepherd" to every man who petitions a Lodge. Each "shepherd" using the program supplied by Grand Lodge.

- Masons in the Monroes feeling that Masonry is an urgent moving force in their lives and in the lives of their families.

Operations: The Umbrella System and how it can work for your Lodge.

The Committee system for Grand Lodge and the Districts

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Caring and Compassion at Home



"FOCUS ON FRIENDSHIP"

By Vernon L. Goodrich

"Becoming a friend to a Hospice patient is seldom a single decision, but rather an ongoing act of awareness of those special qualities that unite us as human beings."

The Masonic Service Bureau is developing a new program in conjunction with the Visiting Nurse Hospice called "Focus on Friendship". Through the various Lodges in the County, the Masonic Service Bureau is seeking individuals who will act as friends to terminally ill persons in our Community, (less than 6 months). These advocates will serve as volunteers under the Visiting Nurse Hospice program.

The following guidelines for participation in the program can be as simple or diversified as the volunteer so wishes. The basic expectations would be for the advocate to befriend a patient, to maintain contact and act as a liaison with the Visiting Nurse Hospice staff. It is expected that the individual would inform the professional staff of the adequacy of the plan of care, and possible need for additional services for the patient. This contact with the patient could be accomplished by personal visits and supportive phone calls.

The Masonic friend may also assume a variety of other roles if they so desire such as:

Shopping, errands, supportive visits, including listening to music, letter writing, crafts and reading to the patient.

Training for all friends of Hospice patients would be provided by the professional health care staff of the visiting Nurse Hospice. The Hospice staff will be pleased to speak at any of the

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Grand Master's Town Meeting

Temple Civic Center
875 East Main Street
Rochester, New York

May 14, 1994
8:00 a.m.

United Way Campaign

By Vernon L. Goodrich

How to contribute to the Masonic Service Bureau through "The United Way" Campaign, which started April 6, 1994.

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Editor's Corner

Late copy

I hate to start my column off each month with an admonition, but, there just doesn't seem to be a clear path of communication between the *Masonic Times* and its authors. The deadline for copy is the 12th of the month. Not the 13th or 14th or 15th or 16th or 17th; the 12th. As I write this column, we still have not received any copy from 12 Lodges; it is the 14th.

I don't know whether it is because it is their last chance to write an article or whether it is confusion about who should be writing it. As I said in last month's column, instructions will be mailed to all the new Masters. I hope the message gets through. I would hate to refuse an author space, especially after he has taken the time to write an article, just because he is late.

Rusty nail

I have received an EMESSAY, "Short Talk Bulletin" brochure that describes, "A Rusty Nail Degree". I have contacted our Grand Secretary about its use. The word is, "It is not part of the Ritual of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, but it can be used as program material in Lodge."

If anyone would like a copy, please let me know. This "Ritual", was made available through the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Sounds like a fun program and a way to reacquaint the Rusty Brothers with the lessons of the three Degrees.

Scots

If you recall in the last issue of the *Times*, I included an explanation of what the Scots were. On Thursday a visiting Brother from New Jersey informed me that a team from California had conferred the Degree on 90 Brothers in New Jersey just last month. How about that!

Communications

Recently we have had some disparaging comments from our authors complaining about the chore of writing their articles. I suspect that this attitude may be the reason that copy for the *Times* is received late or not at all. The message I would like to get across is that the *Masonic Times* is an excellent vehicle for the dissemination of information to your Lodge members.

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So, rather than think of writing an article as a chore, think of it as a convenient means of getting your message out to the Brothers. After all, you are already paying for it. **Use it!** □

Masonic Inter - Lodge Fellowship Committee District Chairmen

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By Neil Laundry

Excursion

Mark your calendar for the St. John's Day excursion on June 18th. Two buses have been reserved. If our last visit there, 2 years ago, was any indication, this should really be a great time. This is an opportunity for us to throw our support behind our new District Officers and be with them right from the start. You will also be able to pick up some terrific buys at the craft booths and sample some of the broad selections of foodstuffs.

We'll be leaving from the Irondequoit Mall, where all day parking is available with receipt of a properly completed Insurance Waiver. While you are there, visit the Labs, the Home, Library and Chapels. Don't miss it! Sign up early!

For more information call Neil Laundry, 964-2135 or Glenn Hodges, 586-0238. □

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By John Zabel

George starts his journey

Harry came right over to pick up George's petition. George had heard at the Bring-a-Friend Night that he needed to pay a portion of his initiation fee with the petition. He had the check and petition ready for Harry.

"What happens next?", asked George.

"I'll give the petition and check to the Lodge Secretary", said Harry. "Then I think that the petition will be investigated. I'm not sure how that's done, but I'll ask and get back to you".

Harry gave the petition and check to Pete, his Lodge Secretary. Pete told Harry that as soon

as the petition was read in Lodge, an Investigating Committee would get the petition and contact George. Harry relayed this information to George.

George waited for what seemed like weeks to hear something from the Lodge. One day he decided to call Harry. "Hi, Harry, this is George", he said.

"Hi, George", replied Harry.

"Say Harry, I haven't heard anything from the Lodge on my petition yet. Is everything all right?", asked George.

"The Lodge met last Tuesday and I'm sure that the petition was read then", answered Harry guiltily. Harry hadn't thought of going to the meeting since he still felt uncomfortable about not remembering the procedures and protocol of opening and closing. "The Investigating Committee should be contacting you soon", said Harry.

Two weeks later, George got a call from Mark who identified himself as a member of Harry's Lodge. "Several members of the Lodge would like to meet you", said Mark. "Would next Saturday afternoon about 2:00 p.m. at my house be OK?"

George said that he was available and Mark gave him directions. On Saturday, George left his house a little early, after all, he didn't want to give a bad impression by being late. On the drive to Mark's, George felt a bit nervous. He didn't know what would happen at Mark's. Mark did sound friendly over the phone, George reflected.

George arrived about five minutes early. He nervously went to the door and rang the bell. A man answered.

"Hi, I'm Mark", said the man.

"I'm George, Harry's friend", replied George.

"Come on in and have a seat. Here, let me take your coat", said Mark. "I'll introduce you to some of the Brothers of the Lodge". Mark introduced George to all the men in the room. There were five men plus George.

George sat down. Not knowing what to say or do, George just sat there. The room was quiet, no one was saying anything. Shortly, the doorbell rang and Mark went to answer it. He came back with another gentleman.

"Everyone, this is Mike", said Mark. He proceeded to introduce Mike to everyone, including George. Then he said, "Mike and George have petitioned the Lodge for initiation and advancement". George figured that meant petitioned to become members.

Mark and the other Lodge members then asked Mike and George about where they lived and worked and about their families. No specific details were asked for and shortly the conversation drifted to other general topics. Finally one of the Lodge members, Sam, asked, "George, why did you submit a petition to the Lodge?"

"It's kind of a long story. Harry invited me to attend a program at the Lodge. I saw and heard some interesting things, read the literature I was given and decided that I liked what I had seen and read. Harry got me the petition and I filled it out", said George.

Mike was then asked the same question and answered in a similar way. George noticed that he had been at Mark's for over an hour. He found that he liked the men he had met. Shortly, Mark thanked Mike and George for coming and asked if they had any questions. George couldn't think of a thing. Mark then said, "Thank

you for coming today, George and Mike. The Lodge Secretary will be in touch about the next step."

After George and Mike left, Mark exclaimed, "I was supposed to show them the first part of the Grand Lodge LSOME video! Well, we'll just have to show it to them the night of the 1st Degree".

On his way home, George felt very good. "I really like the guys I met today", he thought. "I hope I don't have to wait too long to hear something from the Lodge."

If you are a member of an Investigating Committee, make sure that you have and use all the tools available to insure that the petitioner knows enough about Masonry to really want to join the Lodge. It is also a good idea to determine, through conversation, what he knows about Masonry. Be sure to correct any false impressions. Make every attempt to get to know the petitioner, and learn about his life and family.

The Bureau of Masonic Education will be supporting the Assistant Grand Lecturers at the School of Ritual scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st. We will have knowledgeable Masons there to answer questions about opening, closing or balloting that are not contained in the Standard Work. This will include Masonic Law as practiced in New York State. Plan to attend and bring your questions. The School of Ritual will be held at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford. □

The Custodians Corner



R. W. Maurice Solomon
Chairman

Q: I have noticed in some Lodges I have recently visited that some of the Brethren are sitting with open Ritual Books while the Lodge is in session. Is this now the correct procedure?

A: Absolutely not. The use of an open Ritual Book while Lodge is in session is strictly forbidden - all you have to do is to read the inside cover. "It must not be used in public, in Open Lodge, or in Grand Lecturer's Convention". The previous restriction about being used at a School of Instruction was waived, subject to the overriding permission of the Instructor, usually the Assistant Grand Lecturer, who has the authority to limit, or even restrict, its use.

If, in fact, any Brother is seen with an open book while the Lodge is open, it would be the duty of the Master, on being made aware of the situation, to express his disapproval to said offending Brother.

Q: I understand there are Lodges in New York, principally in the Metropolitan Districts, who do all their ritual in a language other than English. Is this permissible, and are there Ritual Books in other languages?

A: Interestingly enough, this happens to be a topical subject. The question was recently asked

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of the Grand Secretary concerning a possible translation of the "Q. & A." booklet into Spanish, and was referred to the Custodians for their views.

The reply of the Grand Secretary in this case was that some years ago several Lodges in our jurisdiction were given permission to employ Italian, German and French, but the more recent rule has been not to grant such permission, and the goal now is to have all the work done in English. The Grand Secretary also pointed out that some of the German and Italian Lodges are now switching over to English, since their younger members do not understand the "Mother" tongue.

To repeat, this is an interesting question, and I have placed it on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Custodians.

Incidentally, the Book containing what we call the Standard Work and Lectures is the only Official Book as far as our Grand Lodge is concerned. Any other books (or booklets) in other languages have been prepared for the use of the Lodges concerned, by the Lodges concerned. □

Viking Team

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which comprise this jurisdiction has been radically changed. The Umbrella System describes five operational task forces under which Grand Lodge Committees are grouped based on function. Their names were picked to describe their overall mission.

The five Umbrellas and the committees within them are:

Membership Development: To provide the tools necessary to bring in new members to a Lodge. This is one Task Force.

Brotherhood Fund: To provide the tools necessary to encourage the maximum support for the Brotherhood Fund. This is also a one focus Task Force.

Membership Retention: To provide the tools necessary for Lodges to do a better job of educating, recognizing and ultimately retaining its members. Committees under this umbrella include: Masonic Education, Leadership Services (including program planning), Awards, Lodges and Temples, Widows' programs, Sick and Shut in visitations.

Public Involvement and Awareness (PIA): To provide the tools necessary to create, promote and publicize Masonic Community Service by each Lodge in the Districts. Committees under this Umbrella include: Child ID, Blood Donor, Community Service, Communications/Publications, DeWitt Clinton Award, Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Veterans Services.

Fellowship and Family Involvement: To provide the tools necessary to promote better fellowship among the Brethren, create fun outlets, support the youth groups and to boldly go where no Mason has gone before: to creatively involve the family in Masonry in a significant way. Committees under this Umbrella include: Youth, Inter-Lodge Fellowship, Special Events, Grand Master's Day at West Point and Camp Turk.

The object of the Umbrella System is to coordinate assistance between the Umbrellas and therefore increase the effectiveness of each.

District Umbrella Coordinators and the Quadrant System

The man in charge of the five Umbrellas described above is called a District Umbrella Coordinator. We are proud to have enlisted some extraordinarily talented Brothers to run the Umbrellas. (Look for their addresses and phone numbers under the heading "Hot Numbers"). They are:

Membership Development-Arthur H. Mason, III.

Membership Retention-William R. Lindsay.

Public Involvement and Awareness-F. Jay McCullough.

Fellowship and Family Involvement-David C. Clarke.

Brotherhood Fund-Angelo DiCataldo (1MO) and David W. Jones (2 MO).

All of your Grand Lodge Officers have served on "District Committees". Pooling our experience, we decided that your Lodge would best be served by breaking up the two Districts into 4 Quadrants for our Umbrellas to serve with Quadrant Captain's picked by the District Umbrella Coordinator from a Lodge in each Quadrant to service the individual Lodges in his area. This will allow much more customer service to flow to the Lodges,

rather than have one Brother responsible for all of the Lodges in a District. The Quadrant system will break down District barriers, and encourage "Quadrant" activities.

The four Quadrants are as follows:

East: Webster, Towpath, Wakan-Hubbard, Fairport ERAC, and Seneca.

West: Charlotte-Corinthian, Clio, Churchville, Monroe and Etolian.

Central: Craftsman, Flower City, Valley-Simes, Fame, John A. Robertson and Germania.

South: Union Star, Oatka, Henrietta and Northfield.

The full listing of Quadrant Captains will appear in the next issue of the "Times". It is expected that each Captain under each Umbrella will contact the Lodges he is servicing to make them aware of what is available under his Umbrella. Lodges can choose what programs best fit their needs and abilities.

Save the Date

We are cordially and Fraternally inviting all Masters, Wardens, Deacons, Secretaries and Treasurers to attend an informational meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 17, 1994 at the Shrine Mosque. There will be a BBQ Dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin around 7:15 p.m. and end no later than 9:30 p.m.

The meeting will assist all of us in sharing our visions, thoughts and ideas. It will be a combination of presentations and small group interaction. We formally ask each and every one of you to make the effort to attend.

RSVP to Terry Wihlen or Rich Friedman by August 8, 1994. PLEASE COMMUNICATE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER!!

Harmony being the support..

"We" have all worked long and hard to further the cause of Freemasonry for no other reason than the knowledge that our Fraternity does important work for people: it enhances lives and the society in which we live.

"We" will succeed in moving the Craft forward if we all buy into that dream. As individuals we ask for God, our families and flexibility in our work situations to support us over the next two years, and now, we are humbly asking for your support as well. □

Hospice

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Lodges or Concordant Bodies. In addition any individual can sign up thru their Lodge or directly thru the Masonic Service Bureau, which will maintain a registry of volunteers. Organizations interested in "Focus On Friendship" may also contact Sandy D'Ambrosia directly at the Visiting Nurse Hospice at 787-8315.

Hospice is a program that allows individuals to remain in their own homes, while maintaining a quality of life.

Hospice is not about the dying, rather its a celebration about living and maximizing the quality of life, a life well spent. □

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By Don Bell

As of this writing, we have approximately 6 weeks to meet Grand Master, M..W.. Gary A. Henningsen's goal of \$1,000,000 for this year's Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign. To date, New York Masons have made 23,126 donations totaling \$795,197.14. To meet our goal, we need to raise an additional \$205,000 during these last 6 weeks.

Your donation, be it \$2, \$5, or \$1,000, goes to support a multitude of worthwhile charities. These include the Masonic Home, Medical Research Laboratory, Robert R. Livingston Library and Museum, Veterans Hospital programs, and the various youth programs. These include: Camp Turk, DeMolay Foundation, Masonic Youth Foundation, and the National Masonic and N.Y. Children's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention programs.

Remember, your donation is tax deductible. See your Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman to-

day. Make that donation and help some needy person to a better position in life.

By W.. David Jones

Nothing?....Not even a penny? My Brothers, we have many members in like destitute condition. Some financially, some medically, and some emotionally. They are reaching out to YOU for help through the organizations sponsored by the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. The newly established Benevolence Fund will help financially. Our Medical Research Lab and the Masonic Home in Utica provide medical assistance while the Veterans programs minister to the emotional needs of those patriotic Americans who ask so little in return for the monumental service they have rendered.

Please keep faith with the principal tenets of our fraternity, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Exercise your Brotherly Love with a contribution to the Brotherhood Fund and you will be providing Relief to many in need. The Truth is we need your support now. This year's campaign is almost over. Send your contribution today to your Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman listed below:

- Towpath Lodge No. 163, David Hockenberry
- Union Star Lodge No. 320, Craig Emmons
- Northfield Lodge No. 426, Michael Herrmann
- Henrietta Lodge No. 526, Joseph Cocco
- Churchville Lodge No. 667, Craig Mollon
- Germania Lodge No. 722, Bruce Howland
- Oatka Lodge No. 759, Kevin Fisher
- Fame Lodge No. 945, Charles Peterson
- Craftsman Lodge No. 969, Robert Ogden
- John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032, Norman Gauch
- Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088, David Jones

For the last several weeks, R..W.. Joseph Privitera, DDGM, 2nd Monroe District and I have been presenting Certificates of Achievement to those Lodge Chairmen who have done outstanding work on behalf of your Brotherhood Fund.

M..W.. Gary A. Henningsen, Grand Master, R..W.. Robert Stack, Grand Treasurer and Grand Lodge Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund, R..W.. Joseph Privitera, DDGM 2nd Monroe District and I all agree that Brothers Craig Mollon, Bruce Howland, Carmen Valleri, Robert Ogden and Norman Gauch have provided yeoman service in the cause of Masonic Benevolence and are more than worthy of the recognition accorded them by the Grand Lodge of Masons in the State of New York. Thank you my Brothers for a job well done!!! □

You must get involved to have an impact. No one is impressed with the won-lost record of the referee. John H. Holcomb

A Mason Visits England

By R..W.. A. John Tjou

Last March 17th my wife, Edda, and I left Toronto for London, England, and after a great flight and a gentle landing in Heathrow, we spent two days with our family.

The following Sunday, I left the South coast and drove 225 miles to Preston, Lancashire, and a meeting with W.. Mike Wiggins, Treasurer of Probity Lodge No. 6184, who was my host for a two-day visit there. He and his wife, along with W.. Ian Greenwood, treated me to a wonderful "Pub" dinner where I also had a fine opportunity to sample the local brew.

On Monday we all repaired to the Lodge Hall in downtown Preston for the installation of the Master of Probity Lodge. As many of you are aware, W.. Cecil Holden, a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154, was to have been installed as Master of Probity Lodge, but unfortunately, our good Brother passed to the Lodge above last December.

Under the circumstances, W.. Gordon Caley, the current Master, was reinstated for the current year. Although Probity Lodge has a membership of only 35 or so, there were about 100 Masons in attendance, including



W.. Thomas Blackburn, Asst. Provincial Grand Master

the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.. Tom Blackburn, who also holds the title of Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon. Grand honors were duly given to

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New Organ for Cathedral Hall



Allen Theater Organ, II, now gracing Cathedral Hall at the Downtown Masonic Temple, Rochester. This instrument was purchased by the T.C.C. through the Masonic Service Bureau and will be featured on June 18 in an Inaugural Concert by the well known virtuoso Thomas Hazelton. This will be a Benefit Concert for the Service Bureau, donation \$5.00 per person. More information in the June issue.

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R.: W.: A. John Tijou, Regional Assistant Grand Lecturer, presenting a Memorial Plaque to W.: Gordon Caley, Worshipful Master of Probity Lodge No. 6184, Preston, Lancashire, England

A Mason in England

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all the dignitaries present (including yours truly) and the Installation was duly completed.

The meeting was closed at about 6 p.m., and everyone repaired to the Dining Hall for the Festive Board and after a great meal various toasts were rendered. I had the pleasure of responding to the Visitor's Toast, at which time I presented a plaque from Wakan-Hubbard Lodge to the Master of Probity Lodge in memory of W.: Cecil Holden.

At this point the Grand Lodge Officers retired, and in a slightly less formal atmosphere, I presented lapel pins to all the Line Officers and my own lapel pin to a newly raised Master Mason, Brother Peter Caley, son of the current Master.

The Master then presented me with a Wedgewood Plate embossed with the Masonic Emblem of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Western Lancashire, which I treasure as a memento of the warm fellowship and friendship of our Brothers overseas.

Prior to this visit we had met with W.: Leslie Andrews and his wife Sylvia, Past Master of Wakan-Hubbard, who is presently living very near my old home town of Worthing, Sussex. Les is suffering with a bad back but they were planning to be in Rochester - and by the time this reaches you probably has been back - for a short visit.

We also drove around England quite extensively, and took the opportunity to visit W.: Brian Pursey, a Wakan-Hubbard member, and his wife, Monica, in Weston-Super-Mere. He prepared one of his fine dinners for us and all Wakanites will know that this meant a very fine dinner indeed.

Edda and I also drove to Wales and visited Ivy Russell, widow of our deceased brother Les Russell

and sister-in-law of W.: John Rees, as well as W.: John's other in-laws in the area. This entailed sampling Welsh brew and the local fish and chips, of course.

All-in-all, I drove some 1800 miles and was happy to return to the USA and a good rest on April 7th.

The Case of the Superfluous Commas

Many Americans, in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, have lapsed into the habit of pausing where no pause is needed, or intended. Actually, it is incorrect to pause after the word, "Nation". The misplaced comma, indicates a pause. Said correctly, however, the line should read: "One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and Justice for all."

Now, just for the record, here's the entire pledge with the correct pauses clearly indicated: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, (pause) and to the Republic for which it stands, (pause) one Nation under God, (pause) indivisible, (pause) with liberty and justice for all." (Courtesy of the "Otsenigo Beacon", Valley of Binghamton, NY.)

Did you know?

The history of the Pledge of Allegiance is an interesting one, particularly since the author was a man of local origin. The Pledge was written by Francis Bellamy about 1892. Bellamy was a Mason, although we don't know where or when his membership in the Craft was initiated.

Brother Bellamy was born on May 18, 1855. A graduate of the University of Rochester in 1876, he attended Rochester Theological Seminary and was ordained a Baptist minister. In 1879 he was

called to be pastor of the First Baptist Church in Little Falls, N.Y. By 1882 he held two pastorates in Boston.

Like many ministers whose congregations were not large enough to support a full time pastor, he supplemented his income by joining the staff of the "Youth's Companion" magazine in 1891. He also became a leader in the effort to have Columbus Day declared a national holiday - a task which involved lobbying up to and including the President of the United States.

With the announcement of a forthcoming presidential proclamation in early 1892, Brother Bellamy cast about for some focus for celebrations that would take place all over the country. As he told it in October of 1928, the Pledge of Allegiance came as an inspiration one hot August night in Boston. He intended to foster patriotism among the young as part of the movement to make Columbus Day a national holiday; he succeeded beyond his wildest imagination. (Courtesy EMESSAY NOTES)

Masonic Times 1994 Photo Contest

In order to encourage better quality in the photos submitted to the paper for publication, the *Masonic Times* will again sponsor a Photo Contest. The contest will be open to all Masons in the area served by the Times. The participants, however, because of the sheer number of possible contestants, will have to be limited to persons having affiliation with the Lodges in the Monroes and Genesee/Wyoming Districts.

More detail will follow in later issues. The Contest deadline will be September 30th, with the awards to be given in October

Categories

There will be two general categories judged. These will be "News" and "Pictorial".

The Joining of America

It will be 125 years since the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific Railroads met at Promontory Point, Utah in 1869. This unique event was probably the most important event in the uniting of this great country.

Here the "Golden Spike" was driven that consummated one of the most romantic sagas of early Americana. Leland Stanford and Thomas C. Durrant, Officials of the two companies sent the following message to President Grant: "The last rail is laid! The last spike is driven! The Pacific Railroad is completed! The point of junction is 1,086 miles West of the Missouri River, and 690 miles East of Sacramento City." Thus the Nation was linked together.

Another event that was probably of more importance to this uniting of the Nation surprisingly did not occur until 1886, seventeen years later. This event was the standardization of gauge at 4 feet 8 and 1/2 inches for all existing railroads. This allowed the transfer of cars from one railroad to another without unloading. (Data and picture, courtesy of the "Complete Book of Model Railroad-ing", by David Sutton)

Past Master's
Supper Club

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292-6383

By R.: W.: Duane Manchester

I have just heard the weather forecast saying we are apt to receive 10 inches of snow this afternoon. Gee!! I hope this is the last snow of Spring, 1994!

Thanks, Jay

At the March 25th meeting, R.: W.: Jay McCullough spoke on his membership in the Quatour Coronati Lodge No. 2076 of London, England. It was very interesting and informative.

Anniversary plans

Since the last article on our 45th Anniversary Bash on September 30, 1994, we have the fol-

lowing confirmations:

Guest Speaker: Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr.
Deputy Grand Marshal: R.: W.: Louis Wunsch, Jr.
Grand Chaplain: R.: W.: Paul R. Gleason, Jr.
Master of Ceremonies: R.: W.: Jay McCullough.
The Purple Club and their ladies will join us for their September meeting. "The more the merrier".

The event will take place at the Redmen's Club, 1600 Lexington Avenue, just East of Mt. Read Boulevard.

Good news

I do not know of any Sickness or Distress claims, so here's hoping all is well.

Welcome

We gained two new members at our March meeting. They are W.: Floyd Bedoar and W.: Joseph Bishop.

I would like to see a larger attendance at the next meeting. Keep up the good work and fellowship!

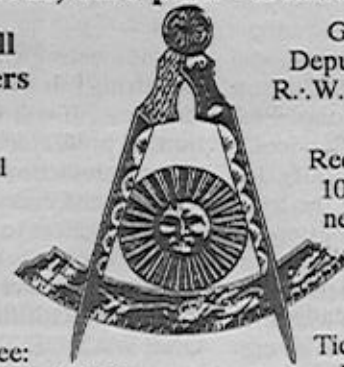
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OK!, I'll arm wrestle ya to see who backs up!



Famous photo of the, "Meeting of the Rails". We can assume that the men pictured in the center shaking hands, are Leland Stanford and Thomas C. Durrant. This event also sparked the phenomenal growth of the toy train industry during the last twenty years of the 19th Century. (Photo courtesy of the "Complete Book of Model Railroad-ing", by David Sutton)

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Financial Planning Solutions

By R. W. Gerald J. Glaser

[This is a continuing series of discussions on possible solutions to the problems encountered by financial planners.]

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

No doubt most of my readers have noticed what happened to the Stock Market since my last column.

To the doomsday people who are smiling, have your laugh. Yes, it is true that the Stock Market took a big hit. But as always, your laugh will be only temporary.

Since the inception of the Stock Market, it has behaved much like the ocean tides. Assuming that an outgoing tide represents a down market and an incoming tide represents a rising market, one can see that the only constant guarantee that can be made is that the market will go up and the market will go down.

However, there is one interesting item that differs from the tides! So far in our history, and sooner or later, the incoming or uprising market always has exceeded the previous high.

The lesson to be learned from this is that no matter how long it takes, your investment will eventually show a gain if you have the willpower to stick it out.

It is also true that one individual investment can go bankrupt, so how are you able to be sure of a gain under these conditions?

How about investing in a mutual fund? Last month's column showed that it was virtually impossible for a mutual fund to go broke. Also, the probability of success in a mutual fund is rated at one hundred percent.

Now, if you invest in top quality mutual funds, your chances are even better.

As for me, I love mutual funds.

Conclusion of Richard G. LeFauve's Address to the Attendees at the Utica Seminar

Last time we ended with, "We have a problem. This is my definition of the problem. This is the answer. Go do it!" LeFauve continued:

You'd go home that night thinking; boy, you had really earned your bucks that day, because you made that big tough decision. The fact that it didn't work is incidental to making that decision.

Making decisions

At Saturn, we have a basic principal that says, "Everyone who will be affected by a decision should have representation or have some input as well as involvement in that decision". We go for consensus. We had to make a decision about how we would run the factory. At Saturn, we tried to avoid the problem of "how everything is decided by seniority".

How do you run a factory without seniority? What about shift preference - all those things that caused problems? So we pre-

sented an idea that no one would ever end up on days forever, etc. We came up with a 3 crew-2 shift concept which would rotate every week - we can work 10 hours a day, 4 days a week. We can work 6 days a week, all straight time, all kinds of new ideas.

These are people who come from 34 states - 135 different plant locations from all over General Motors. So they are used to the old way of doing things. They know what seniority meant. Consequently, they really had to buy into this idea to make it work. So it was not just sitting up in their offices with business as usual.

The Union Officials, representing the workers point of view and what it's like to work on the factory floor, were involved in the development of the concept to begin with. Then we took it to the people. Here are the alternatives - what do you think? The answer came back - 80 % of the people felt we should do the rotation, 3 crews - 2 shifts - 10 hour days because you get so many days off. It took us a long time to get to that decision. But, once we had the decision made, the buy-in was there, implementation was instantaneous. It continues to work that way and is the basic principle of involving people in decision making.

It's a different style of Leadership than the old way. "This is the way we're going to do it." Then, thousands of grievances fell into the system and hundreds of people got tied up working through grievances - all kinds of silly things started to happen, and while we were doing that, you could care less about the quality of the product.

This new process was so powerful, that we asked our potential Saturn dealers if they wanted to do anything different in the way they sell or service automobiles, or develop relationships with people who buy their cars. We had ten dealers, from all over the country - big dealers, small dealers, small towns. We had them all get together at Dallas, Texas.

Change is inevitable

They decided to be different. They wanted to have an entirely different relationship with the people who buy cars. These ten had been in the business for 25-30 years - knew all the tricks of the trade. They came up with, what we're going to call, "sheer vision" - the way it could be - the way we'd really like it to be. They came up with a whole new way of dealing, with no pressure. They would treat everyone who came into their store with dignity and respect, regardless of sex.

A woman walking into a showroom, was usually addressed, "Hi, honey, what are you looking for today?" She would answer, "I'd like to buy a car", and she was told, "Well, bring your husband in and we'll deal." A woman walking into a Saturn showroom, wouldn't get any "Hi, honey" - she would be treated with dignity and respect.

It's hard for people to change. It's a new world. We began to make those changes. The response was overwhelming. Today we run surveys and ninety-seven percent of the people who own a Saturn automobile recommend the car, ninety-seven percent recommend the company, ninety-seven percent recommend the dealer - who we call the Retailers. It's unheard of, but those are the results.

The important thing I am trying to get across to you tonight is

the process by which you get those results with these very new skills, while accepting the fact that change is inevitable. Coming over in the car tonight, we were talking about how the values of this country have changed. We tend to focus on the negatives. Think about all the positive changes that have occurred - the Berlin Wall coming down, big stuff that occurs in the world.

Accentuate the positive

What we learned to do at Saturn, and what I think we're doing at General Motors, is that instead of wishing for the good old days and wishing we could go back, we are glad with what we've got today. We're focusing on the positive things that are happening!

For example, when someone at Saturn participates in a Team decision he goes through a problem solving process where he has to come up with the solution for a problem. The first responses to an idea are, why it won't work. A lot of people are afraid to express their ideas. After all, who wants to be ridiculed, or made fun of, even told it's a dumb idea.

The rule in Saturn is, if you're working on a problem and someone comes up with an idea, you have to come up with five conditions that have to exist for that idea to work before you start talking about why it won't work. You know what happened? They figure out ways to make ideas work. It's amazing. Instead of the phrase, "That idea won't work because...", the phrase is, "That idea will work if...". Try it at home. You'll be amazed how it works. (i.e. That idea works if you have two or more people, if we have machines, or if I know how to do it). It means I have got to get trained. We talk about blocking and tackling, as an example.

It is going back to basics, it's going back to the things that are so fundamental...going back to "Core Values"... going back to the things that brought people together in the first place. It is important, I think, for non-profit community-type organizations, or charitable organizations to realize that the organization is going to change.

It's good to have history. It's good to have traditions. Those traditions are "Core Values" - things that don't change. But, the labels change. The structure changes. Even the purpose can change, because, we're beating the Japanese today. We're taking market share away from them left and right. So, if we continue to say that we've got to beat the Japanese, then we are going to lose something. So we're really focusing on the being the best small car company in the world, and we're going to stay there.

Now, we have to define what things we have to do to stay there. Stick with your core values. One of our core values is, "Customer Enthusiasm". That will never change. Why do we say Customer Enthusiasm? Because, when we started this, everybody's buzz words were "Customer Satisfaction" - satisfying customers. Think about this for a minute. If you're shooting for a satisfied customer and you come up a little short, what do you have? Less than satisfied? So, you shoot for an Enthusiastic Customer. If you fall a little bit short, you still have a satisfied customer. How do you translate that into a skill?

Attitude

Everybody wants to represent an organization where the customer really is king. But, it's

something else to know what to do. So, we teach fundamental philosophy so that we will never be second guessed in doing the right thing for the customer, no matter where you're at.

So we had a recall. It's like a dagger at your heart. My God, a recall. The supplier had changed a tool on a part that goes in the seat adjustment mechanism. As we were loading a car onto the truck, the seat dropped back a couple of notches. That shouldn't happen. Our people identified it quickly, the engineers got into it, and found the tooling was changed. They were able to quickly identify that we have X thousand cars with those seats. It took us ten minutes to decide to recall all those cars. We recalled them.

A real story

One of our service engineers learned that there was a car in Alaska. A woman actually bought a car and shipped it to Alaska. There was no one up there to fix her seat, so he jumped in an airplane, and flew to Alaska to fix her seat. He didn't ask any questions. You're supposed to ask, but not at Saturn.

Take care of the customer. That turned into a commercial. That's what Saturn's all about. Our commercial is our real story. It really happened. That's the way we treat our customers.

We think of a customer as a real person that pays the bill. The worst thing that we could have happen is somebody in one of our cars and dislikes it and felt that they didn't have a quality car or a quality relationship between them and the dealer.

So, no matter what it takes, whether you charged or paid a lot of money for that car, you got a lot of car for it. This just goes on and on...if you have a problem with your car, call our 800 number, the person at the National rap-line and the caller will solve that problem - no matter what! They have the power to give you a new car - that's called "presidential satisfaction". Why should you have to call the president of a company to get the product you paid for?

Now that's the way we run our company. The point is that the "Empowerment of people", ... to do what needs to be done to satisfy the core values of the company.

Think of it. I'm on the National Alzheimer's Charitable Board. When we started to put our strategy together and determine what our purpose was, we also had to look at who our competition was. It is hard for people in a non-profit organization to think about that. There were just so many charitable dollars available - how do we get people to give to this cause rather than another cause? You know what it boiled down to?

Communications. People had to know what our purpose was, what the need was. We had to somehow get it across! We had to learn new ways to communicate to the people so they would provide us with the funds we needed for research.

Competition

We had to determine who our competition was. We had to say that our competition was the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of America. These aren't the bad guys - they're the good guys!

I don't know who the competition is for Masonry. We tried to define who we represented, but it's just as important to know

what your purpose is. Is it up-to-date? Is it showing a need in the community today? Are you still working on old problems?

At Saturn, we were still working on old problems with old solutions and getting old results. The need was for Saturn to set an example for the automobile industry, an industry where Americans really had to get back to the basics.

The value of people

Here is where the value of the people in organizations comes in. They are the ones that make the difference. Leadership roles and responsibilities are different today. The old way of leading and passing out orders, no longer applies.

As their coach, the first responsibility of a leader is to teach and before you can teach you have to learn. This is what you're doing this weekend. You're learning new skills - you're defining new ways of doing things and reaffirming what your core values are. It doesn't stop there. The real responsibility is to get what you want here. Buy into it, not with just your head, but, with your heart. Emotion is part of the learning experience.

Take that with you, help the people back home understand what it is. It's an awesome responsibility. The life-blood of any organization is the quality of the leadership and the quality of everyone in the organization.

Grand Master's Reponse

What our guest of honor said here tonight has reinforced every thought I had for this Fraternity for the last three years. The change in direction, the change in attitude, the change in where we are going. Brethren, I ask you just to take what you've heard tonight and carry the message back to your Districts. It's the same messages you've gotten from us. We need to be relevant, we need to have a direction, a purpose; that's what Freemasonry has to do. It's right on target.

Presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Award

I'm tickled to death that you're here tonight. You've said everything I'd like to say. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for being here.

I would like at this time to present you with the highest award we give in Freemasonry to a non-Mason, the DeWitt Clinton Masonic Award for Community Service. This is named after one of our great Grand Masters, one of our founding fathers of Masonry in New York. I will read this for you: "The DeWitt Clinton Masonic Award for Community Service presented to Richard G. LeFauve in recognition of outstanding service to the community, which exemplifies the ancient Masonic teachings of concern for the well being of mankind in the belief in the worldwide Brotherhood of Man". It is my honor to present this to you and thank you for being the great leader that you are.

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Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

W.. James P. Branigan, Secretary
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By W.. Stephen M. Harris
Almost over

Another Lodge year is almost over and I find myself torn between considering the activities we've completed in these short months and those goals that must be continued over into the coming year. Luckily, (if God's willing, the creek don't rise, and the Brothers see fit to put up with me for another year), I'll have the pleasure and responsibility of serving the Lodge for a second term as Master in '94/'95. I'm confident that with your help and support, Monroe No. 173 will continue to grow and contribute to the Brockport Community.

Recap

Our last regular communication of March 22nd, found me indisposed and JW Neil Laundry in the East. I understand that Bros. Jim Wilkins, Jr. and Bob Ellis were able to attend after recovering from previous illnesses. Bro. Laundry did express some concern over Bro. Wilkin's coloring. He confided to me that Jim must have been exposed to some strange form of heat radiation that had discolored his skin. Being from the Rochester area, our JW simply didn't recognize the healthy effect of that good ol' Florida sun. Bros. Bob and Jim, it's great to have you both back with us! The same goes for Bro. Jim Branigan who has been under the weather of late, but was back for the last meeting. Speaking of Florida, I hear that W.. George Brege has been seen back here in the frigid North. Could it already be time for George's turn on the OES Refreshment Committee?

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istration will be chaired by Bro. Laundry. He's looking into the possibility of holding this activity in conjunction with the 1994 Brockport Sidewalk Sale. We may be calling for additional help on this important project, so be ready to lend a hand. It is important that we promote and support this highly visible Community service. As in past years, each participant will receive at least one prize. The major prize in our lucky number drawing will be a brand new bicycle. Moms and Dads are welcome to have their bikes inspected and registered right along with the kids.

Library project

Bro. Jerry Werner has put together a letter to the membership regarding the Lodge project for the new Brockport Seymour Public Library. The mailing is scheduled for mid-April. When the call goes out for your participation, please do your share to make this memorial a fitting tribute to Brockport Masonry.

Veteran's Tower

As mentioned in the last 2 newsletters, we still need to develop a Summer program or activity of some sort for the Veteran's Memorial Tower. If you have any ideas for how we could effectively promote Community awareness of both the monument and Brockport Masonry, give me a call with your suggestion. We need to hear from you!

Years of Masonry

Bros. Mel Mosher and Jerry Werner report that they had the pleasure of stopping by the McCauley homestead over Easter Break and presenting Earl with a newly framed certificate commemorating his 60 years in Masonry. You may recall that the pin and certificate were actually presented some time ago. Once again Earl, congratulations on this Masonic milestone.

Master Mason Night

On April 11th, Mary Jane Holmes Chapter No. 440, OES, hosted a Master Mason Night. This included a great meal, (even if the Worshipful Master did have to serve himself), a super Degree conferred by Sister Ruth Jurs & Co., and the usual warm hospitality which was personalized with gifts for each Mason from Wthy. Matron Marie Knittle. Our thanks to the ladies for this terrific evening.

Degree Fest

We will be participating in the 3rd Degree Fest on April 23rd at the Downtown Masonic Temple. We are teamed up with Webster Lodge for the 1st and 2nd sections. Come out and enjoy this new tradition in Rochester Masonry and share in raising a new Brother into Monroe No. 173.

Sadness

We are all deeply saddened by the passing of Bro. Roy Goold's mother, Sister Verna Goold, on Palm Sunday, March 27th. Our

thoughts and prayers are with Roy and our fondest memories return often to Sister Verna who gave so much of herself to her beloved Star and to all with whom she came in touch.

We also express our belated condolences to the friends and loved ones of 60 year member, Bro. George K. Hoyt, (12/20/32), who passed from this life in January of this year. Our altar has been draped in love and respect for his memory.

Invitation

As has been my habit in closing these columns, I wish to invite you all to come out to Lodge to share in the fellowship which can only be provided by this greatest Fraternity in the world. So, once again, let me extend my hand in token of continuance of friendship and Brotherly Love. □

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



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Mondays
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By W.. Paul H. Rogers

Spring

What a great time of the year! Finally, we don't have to trudge through the snow and ice to get to Lodge. No more boots, gloves or overcoats to burden us down as we travel to East Rochester on Monday nights. Plus, we can use our BBQ grill in the backyard, thanks to Bros. Leon Perkins and Terry Sylvester for their cleanup.

Where did it go

I want to apologize for last month's missing article. Actually, it's not missing...it's in electronic limbo somewhere out there on a telephone line. Oh well, welcome to the age of electronic transfer of information!

Cleanup

We've cleaned up our stretch of highway in East Rochester

again. What a great job we did! Thanks, Bro. Carl Scarpulla, for your leadership and thanks to everyone for helping out. That's what we are all about.

Baseball time

Don't forget to join us on May 1st at the Rochester Red Wings baseball game. We'll be hosting a group of children who need our sharing and caring. Tickets are free and transportation is provided. Just bring a big heart and share your companionship with these kids. You will feel wonderful! Contact myself or Bro. Carl Scarpulla for exact details.

Next meeting

Our next meeting, on May 9th, will be the Election of Officers and on May 23rd, the Installation of the new line of ERAC's Officers will take place. Make sure you come and give them lots of support.

The end is in sight

It is almost the end of my term as Master of your Lodge and I'll be heading down to NYC for Grand Lodge. It seems to have been a whirlwind year for me and I want to thank everyone for pitching in and filling vacant chairs when they needed filling.

It's been a great experience to have been Master of your Lodge. Lots of work and energy was expended, but I feel as though I've really gotten to know a lot of ERAC's Brethren better than ever. And you know what? They are SUPER! Until we meet again, God Bless! □



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By W.. Grant B. Romer

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did a fine job in the East on our Move Up Night. We were even blessed with the return of our first snowbird, W.. Robert Belt, on that night. A sure sign of Spring! There is a very positive spirit in our Lodge about the future. Bro. Schmitt paraphrased Mark Twain by stating, "I look forward to the future. I intend to spend a lot of time living there."

Welcome back!

We were also thrilled to have R..W.. Bill Baldwin back with us. He looked "real good", and said he feels "real good". He is back at work, also, well on his way to a normal pattern of life.

Improving

When any Brother falls ill, the Lodge, of course, is influenced. Particularly when that Brother is a cornerstone of the Lodge. We have been very concerned for W.. Robert Hummel, who has been seriously ill, following an operation. R..W.. Gingold has been visiting him and reports recent improvement in his condition. We are all hoping for his continued recovery and waiting to see him in Lodge again.

Grand Lodge

My cabletow is in knots and prevents my having the honor of attending Grand Lodge this year. R..W.. Sion Honea will be representing Valley-Simes in my stead, and we look forward to his report.

Feather your nest

Our Secretary, W.. Dick Snyder, informs me that the last mailing to the snowbird roosts will be going out, after which the Northern nest will receive his posted missives. He reminds me, also, that dues are essential for Lodge programs, and that some Brothers have seemingly forgotten that. A happy Secretary means a happy Lodge, so please make W.. Snyder smile with your prompt and proper remittances.

Appreciation

We had a number of letters from our widows who attended the Annual Luncheon and our Brothers who received membership awards, expressing their appreciation. It is our duty and pleasure to demonstrate our profound connection to all who compose our Lodge. Your letters are very important, for they signify and celebrate that connection.

Election Night

The May 10th meeting is our Election Night. It would be proper to turn out in numbers for this important event. To make more of the moment, we have planned a program of wide appeal. Mr. Edward Cornwell, noted local celebrity and antiques authority, will be holding an "Appraisal Evening". Brothers, the spouses and members of their families, may bring in those items they have always been wondering about. Mr. Cornwell will describe and evaluate your items. The Program will begin immediately following dinner at 7:30 p.m. We will be joining the program as soon as we finish our business. Please join us for dinner. Reservations may be made by calling R..W.. Herb Spencer. There will be more information sent to you in a flyer.

We look forward to seeing everyone in May. □

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By W. Richard Brockmann, Sr.
Success

The recent visitation of Coronation Lodge has to be termed a huge success. The Brethren from Toronto and their wives enjoyed a lovely evening, followed by brunch with our members. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Award to Margaret Somerville. She has restored the Dalton Corners School, which was the first school in Penfield. Margaret still supervises tours for school groups and other interested persons. She has ties to Masonry as her father, William Somerville, was a former member of Penfield Lodge.

Election

Our May 9th meeting will feature the Election of Officers. You have received your Summons letters and we hope to see a large turnout.

Town Meeting

Reserve the date of May 14th for the Grand Master's Town Meeting. We need a good representation from Wakan-Hubbard. That evening, we will help celebrate our Grand Lodge Officers retirement at a dinner. We wish the incoming Officers every success. Seats are limited, so make sure you have your ticket.

Move-up Night

May 23rd will be our annual Officer Move-up Night. This will be followed by a program on the Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library. This should provide interesting information to further your Masonic education. A dinner will precede the meeting and ladies are invited. The evening will also feature the presentation of Service Awards.

St. John's Day

The Masonic Fellowship Committee is again sponsoring a bus trip to St. John's Day on June 18th. Look for details in the Times. Anyone interested is welcome to be part of a fun day.

News and Views

By Don Bell

Several of our Brothers are, or have been, in the hospital during the past month. W. Don Darrohn, Bros. Willard Mengel, Edward Sklair, Dave Willis, Don Leiske and Ralph Fiester are now at home recuperating. Bro. Joe Cimino's wife is progressing and is working half days.

W. Tom Cocking has suffered another heart attack, and as of this writing, is in Strong Memorial Hospital and W. Jay Painton is back in Rochester General. Bro. George Schultz would appreciate cards, letters or phone calls. He now resides in the Grand View Nursing Home in Penfield.

R. W. John Tijou is back from his visit to England. He had intended to represent Wakan-Hubbard Lodge at what would have been the installation of Bro.

Cecil Holden, who recently passed to the Supreme Architect Above, as Master. He visited W. Les Andrews who has been suffering with a back problem. He also reports that Bro. Brian Pursey expects to visit in June, and that he is now doing business in Western Super-Mere on the Bristol Channel.


W. Frank Denton, DSA, and his wife, Jane, have returned from their vacation. They spent time with W. Les (PM of Coronation Lodge) and Isobel Somerville who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 29th. We congratulate them on achieving this milestone. Further along on their travels they spent some sunny days in Florida with Fred and Ruth Kittelberger and Norm and Betty Fedrau.

Bro. George Greene writes from Florida that the weather has been cool this Winter, but there was no snow. The City of DeLand was founded by Fairport people in 1868 and he would be there until early May. The average temperature has been about 70 and he likes the Spring weather.

Our Ladies Night-Coronation Lodge visitation was held at Lake Shore Country Club. Earlier in the day, our Canadian Brothers were treated to a 3rd Degree presentation in Cathedral Hall. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

CLIO

LODGE No. 779



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By Charles A. Tucker, Sec.
Welcome

Clio Lodge congratulates Bro. David L. Benoit and Bro. Roy Spry for reaching the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 1, 1994.

Happy Birthday!

May birthdays are for Bros. John Himmelsback, Robert Baxter, Art Miller, Gary Thompson, Dick Pickett, Rene Frazee, and Floyd Burger. If your birthday doesn't appear here, please contact the writer at 392-2006.

Dinners

Our Spaghetti Dinners have been successful. We could use more help, so if you don't have anything going on May 25th between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., please call me, or W. Jerry Jones at 225-5207.

As for our Ox Roast, I can't tell you how we made out, for this article is written before the fact. If you received your ticket in the mail, it would help the Lodge if you could make a donation.

Condolences

Our thoughts go out to the family of Bro. Lester Fallon who passed away on March 20, 1994.

Join us


On May 3rd, W. Wilbur Hermance will do a slide presentation on his trip to Africa. I have already seen it, and encourage you to, also, as it is a very good program.

Move Up Night is also that same night.

Important meetings

May 17th is the Annual Meeting for Election of Officers.

The Spaghetti Dinner will be on May 25th. Please help to serve or clean up, if possible.



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By W. Robert E. Crystal

As this is my last opportunity to use this column as a platform to speak to both Senecas and any others who read it, I'd like to do more than just thank the Brothers of my Lodge for the opportunity to serve them, and for the honor of being Master. I have been told many times by many people, "the person who stops learning, stops growing", and "you have to keep moving ahead to keep from being left behind", and many other mottoes.

This year has proved to be one of revelation for me in many areas. I have learned that I have many more limitations than I thought; I have learned that even the most interesting of stories is boring if repeated or if it has no point of connection for the listener; I have learned that TQM comes from the top down, but can be destroyed from any direction; and I have learned that even if a man has friends and Brothers rooting for him, he many times stands alone. No one can live up to all his promises, even ones sincerely made, all the time. The differences between men is not how often they fail, but in how they deal with the failures and whether they deal with them at all.

Immersion

People tend to get immersed in things. How often has someone said, "I was immersed in a book and didn't hear the doorbell", or in a project or conversation, and didn't notice the time or something else that was missed? That's because on a minute-by-minute basis, people have limited powers of concentration. If you immerse yourself in a report, or think it's important, the rest of the world gets excluded. This also holds true for problems you have thrust upon you-pain, and joy, as well. We have all seen the driver who is arguing so vehemently with a passenger that he is a danger to others on the road.

These characteristics of human nature are more than just on a moment-to-moment basis. They describe our general behavior, too. There is the entrepreneur whose wife complains that even when he does come home, his mind is on the business and has locked his concentration on one part of his life and made it most important; the person who talks, eats, thinks, and lives one sport; these are some examples of individuals we all have met.

There are others, too. The man or woman whose every activity is the church, every day of the week; the family whose every activity is that same family; the socialites, and others. These are people who immerse themselves in one thing, to the exclusion of

all else. We all know someone who can't get away from his regular activities, even once for an activity that could be just as rewarding, fun, energizing or useful.

Why?

The reasons can be diverse. A church can be a refuge, but it can provide activities that are automatically good, time-filling and are time tested and safe. A family is a heavy responsibility, and we've all been taught that it should take priority over everything, morally speaking.

These days, even non-executives are expected to take work home with them-it's an extension of school homework in the adult world.

Consider, however, that these reasons can also be seen as excuses. Each can be looked at from a different perspective, and each has one hidden cost. If a person gets into the habit of concentrating all his activities in one field, the decision making is out of his hands. Someone else is deciding what he has to do. Lenten supper is more important than a neighborhood meeting. Junior's basketball game is more important than a vestry meeting. Martha's dinner party is more important than your Lodge meeting. And the cost? Lack of experience. This automatic prioritization eliminates the one thing that promotes growth-new experiences. Concentrating all your effort and time on one area is not bad in itself, but the person who does it becomes one dimensional, and narrows his horizons.

It can get worse

There are some occasions and some situations when this apparently innocuous tendency in us can turn actively bad. The example of diseases like alcoholism and addiction are obvious. I'm sure all of us have known or met someone who is controlled by the need for his next drink or fix. At its worst, every action is decided by the filter or the disease. There are those out there who have other concentrations which effect their decisions, perhaps not so obviously, but effect it they do. Do you know someone who really and truly can't skip their soap opera, or miss a Star Trek episode? I know several.

These are examples with varying importance and significance, but they show a person who is seeing the world from one dimension, and cannot participate in meaningful discussions. In one

form or another, in one degree or another, the decision to become immersed in one area is shutting the door to experience and growth.

What about Masonry?

Masonry encourages us to take what it teaches us back to our families, our churches and our neighborhoods. The assumption then, is that we are not immersed in Masonry to the exclusion of all other activities, and also that we are not immersed in something else to the exclusion of Masonry. Whom do we most admire, not only in the Masonic society, but in the world around us? It is the man who is able, through his own energy and perseverance, to be active and accomplish things in several arenas.

The well rounded man is successful. He can do more than his career work. He has helped cook for the poor at Meals and More, taken his son's Scout Troop or DeMolay Chapter to a campout; he has been an usher at church, he has campaigned for a friend running for office, he has done all sorts of things and knows all sorts of people. He works hard at everything, but most important, he does a lot of different things.

Masonry teaches us, even expects us, to be well rounded members of our community. It encourages us to be more than one dimensional, to keep active in all the areas that are important to a good, upright man and Mason. When you talk to a prospective member, that's one of the things you should emphasize as a benefit to him-the company of other men trying to do good and be better.

Have you met a guy like this? If you have, give his name to your Lodge Membership Chairman, or to one of the Grand Lodge Officers. We need him. If you can be like him, do it.


Fine examples

On April 17th, Seneca Lodge honored their "youngest" and "oldest" Past Masters. Paul Vick, and "what's his name", immediate Past Master, Larry Foster, who enjoyed the title, and the two other honorees, came to almost every function. They were Art Schuster and Fred Seuffert, who have been faithful attenders, and were the Masters of Seneca's precursor Lodges before most of the current Officers were out of short pants. All are active in more than just Masonry, and are examples of what I wrote about above. Masonry needs more men like them.

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By W.: Greg Brown
Swan Song

Our Secretary, W.: Stoian Ellia, recently reminded me to write my Swan Song. If were not for our respective Lodge Secretaries, we might still be able to function, but certainly not at the level of efficiency befitting a Masonic organization. So, thanks to W.: Stoian for his reminders, notes on business needing to be resolved, and for not giving up on advising an overburdened Master.

Thank you

Secondly, thanks to all the other Officers and Past Masters who were compelled to offer advice and wise counsel, thus keeping the Master aware of what I needed to know. Maybe I did not always agree, but was appreciative of the opportunity to receive the messages, and discuss the opinions of all.

A Great Line

Our Webster Lodge Line was super in accepting responsibilities for this year. Degree work, dinners, programs, and covering fine details in the background, which sometimes I was not even aware of, with no fanfare, but nonetheless important to the smooth workings of the Craft.

Finally, thanks to the super sideliners, some of whom have agreed to join our line next year, or continue to support us with regular attendance. The 9 new Brothers, raised by Webster Lodge this year, are the greatest testimonial to the diligence of all of our members.

Teamwork

So there you have it. Webster Lodge teamwork brought us success in the Lodge year, 1993-94. Could we have been better - yes! We always will have room for improvement. Did we have the time and energy to do better? Probably, but we also must keep all aspects of our lives in balance. Support to Masonry has to fit with support to our families, employers, churches, and communities. Finally, we must leave a small bit of time for ourselves.

Highlights of a busy year

Some of the highlights of this past year include: an Open Installation, Fellowcraft cleaning and painting, Red Cross Blood Drive, Trolley Days Fundraiser, 2 Bring-a-Friend Nights, S.O.B.E.R. Barn Fundraiser, Have-a-Heart

Drive, Fund Raiser for Marchner Family, Fellowcraft Father/Son Dinner & Alcohol Abuse Program, 50 Year Service Awards to Bros. Harold Donish and Duane Crumb and more 30, 35, 40 and 45 Year Certificate presentations and last, but not least, the DSA Award to Bro. G. Brad Hebner.

Thanks

Thanks for your support of this busy schedule, especially to our most notable activity, our Annual Steak Roast Fundraiser. This was done for support to the widow & sons of our own Bro. Al Marchner.

Please note

Consequently, if our treasury is lower than expected at the end of the Lodge year, so be it. You can help this situation! At last accounting, only 75% of our members have remitted their '94 dues. IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR DUES YET, please do so today. This will allow us to have operating funds for the Summer. Again, thanks for a good '93/94 Lodge year.

May schedule

Move-up Night will be held on May 5th. At this time, we will have a visit with Prince Hall dignitaries. May 12th is the date of our Fellowcraft Steak Roast. Come out and support our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on May 19th. □

Flower City Lodge No. 910



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Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Phillip Averbach,
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By W.: Gordon T. Dodge

Election and Installation

I look forward to seeing a large turnout of members at our May 12th meeting when the Election of Officers for the ensuing year will take place. THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW OFFICERS WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ELECTIONS. A dinner will precede the meeting.

Presentations

This format is being used this year to free up the June meeting which will be an Awards Night with Past Master, Dr. Ellis Hormats in the East. Dr. Hormats was Master 25 years ago and is looking forward to presenting 25 Year Pins to members he raised while he was Master of Flower City Lodge No. 910. Other Service Awards will also be given that evening.

Come one and all

There will be an "OPEN" meeting in June. Bring your friends, wives, etc. for an evening of fellowship and fun. A dinner at

6:30 p.m. will start the evening's festivities and there will be entertainment and refreshments following the program.

Make the May 12th meeting and meet the new Officers of your Lodge who are going to work hard to make the June meeting a success. Call the Junior Warden at 271-5435 with your reservations for both of the dinners.

Thank you

Thank you, R.: W.: Vern Goodrich for your presentation last month on the "inside" workings of the Masonic Service Bureau. It was a very informative evening.

All is well

It is nice to say, as I write this column, that there is NO sickness or distress to report.

New sounds

Hopefully, as you read this, you will hear the sounds of "lawnmowers" and not the "snowplows". Maybe I shouldn't have said that because, "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature".

Fellowcraft Club

The Fellowcraft Club will do their Spring cleanup of Clover Street on Saturday, May 7th at 9:00 a.m. Many hands make light work, Brother, so come on out and help the faithful few. We will meet at the corner of Monroe Avenue and Clover Street at 8:45 a.m. Wear old clothes and bring a pair of gloves. See you there!

Do you just belong?

Are you an active member--the kind that's liked so well?

Or are you just content to wear the pin on your lapel?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay at home! Do you criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along?

Are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belong"?

Do you ever go to visit the Brother who is sick?

Or leave it all to just the few--the few who work and stick.

Come out to every meeting; help with hand and heart.

Don't be just a member; take an active part.

Now Brother, you know what's right from wrong

Be an active member--Please don't "just belong". Eggert

See you in Lodge. □

2nd Monroe District

Union Star Lodge No. 320

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By W.: Terry Hatch

Greetings from the East! At our regular meeting on April 11th, we had a Move-Up Night for the incoming 1994/95 Lodge Officers. It worked out very well. After taking care of business, we joined our guests in the dining room for refreshments. The dinner was

prepared by Mickie Wood and her mother. Thanks for your efforts in preparing this delicious meal.

Program

Back in Lodge room we had a public presentation of Service Awards for the following Brothers: Alan Hopkins Jr.-25 years, W.: Dennison Ripley-25 years, W.: Norman Routly-30 years, David Burt-35 years, Melvin Moore-35 years and Henry Templer-45 years. W.: "Bud" Ripley was the only one able to attend. The Service Pin and Certificates were presented to Bud by R.: W.: Joseph Privitera, DDGM for the 2nd Monroe District.

The Distinguished Service Award was the highlight of the evening. After a brief history of the DSA, given by R.: W.: Privitera, W.: "Bud" Ripley was escorted to the East by W.: Joseph Cotteleer and presented with the Pin, Certificate and Apron. Comments were given by R.: W.: Joseph Privitera, R.: W.: Paul Moore, DDGM for the 1st Monroe and R.: W.: Robert Sanford, Grand Steward.

Repairs

Repairs are underway to spruce up the stairway going from the restrooms to the third level and into the Apron Room.

Dates

I will be attending Grand Lodge on May 2nd and 3rd. Upon my return, at our regularly scheduled meeting on May 9th at 7:30 p.m., we will conduct the Election of Officers

Town meeting

On May 14th the Grand Master will be at the Downtown Temple for a Town Meeting. The program will begin at 8:00 a.m. Dress is casual and do not wear name tags. Also on May 14th, we will honor the outgoing Grand Lodge Officers and welcome the incoming Grand Lodge Officers with Apron Presentations. Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. Call me if you need tickets, they are \$21.00 each. The deadline is May 6th.

For all, but especially for the incoming Line Officers, there will be a School of Ritual at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford. This session will feature: Opening, Closing and Balloting. The date will be May 31st. I highly recommend attending this program. I hope that we can get a large group together.

See you in Lodge on May 9th. □

Henrietta

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By W.: Norman J. Johnstone

Winding down

Brethren, this is my last article and soon after you read this, my term(s) as Master will be up. I am taking this opportunity to thank all of you who have been so supportive of the Lodge and me over the past 1 1/2 years. It was an experience that I will cherish for a

lifetime. The many new friends and Brethren outside of our own Lodge, and the appreciation for the dependability and loyalty of the Brethren and friends within our Lodge, have enriched my life immeasurably. I will always treasure this time in my life.

The time has come to quit reminiscing and get on with the next block of time. If history repeats itself, we will elect our next Master in early May. I trust that his experience will be as fulfilling as mine has been to me.

In memory

We are saddened by the passing of 2 of our Brothers recently. Bro. John E. Lindsay's spirit returned to the Supreme Architect on March 28th. He was a staunch and loyal supporter of Masonry and a quiet, tireless worker for our Lodge as well as being a dedicated and caring husband and father to his family.

Bro. Harry M. Newton's spirit returned to the Supreme Architect on Saturday, April 2nd. He lived a life of Masonry to its fullest by not only his support for the Lodge, Masonry and family, but for his support and contribution to the community.

We will miss them and bid them farewell and Godspeed in their continuing travels with the Supreme Architect. Memorial Services were held for them on April 10th.

Trestleboard

Brethren, my Trestleboard for the remainder of the year has grown shorter and shorter. In fact, sometime during the next meeting (summons), my successor will take the reins. I can give some insight into the planned activities.

We will have Fellowcraft on May 3rd and a business meeting on May 10th. At this time, we will hold our Election and Installation of Officers. This is a Summons Meeting.

Ham Dinner

To all Brothers, friends and families: on May 21st, Henrietta Lodge will again be putting on its Umpteenth Annual Ham Dinner. It will start at 5:00 p.m. Those of you who have partaken of this scrumptious dinner, know what those of you who have not, have missed.

The Lodge is located near the corner of Rte. 15 and Erie Station Road (across from the West Henrietta Fire Station). Tickets may be obtained from any Fellowcraft Club member or Lodge Officer. Speak to any Lodge member and he will get one for you. I am sure tickets will also be available at the door.

Brotherhood Fund

Bro. Joe Cocca has been our Brotherhood Fund Chairman this past year. I am taking this opportunity to express my thanks to you, Bro. Joe, for your excellent accomplishment in getting the information out to the Brothers and for your continuing selling effort. He will still accept moneys on behalf of the Brotherhood Fund, even if it is only \$1.00.

Special days/Birthdays

A special congratulations to the following Brothers who will celebrate the beginning of another year of their unique lives in May: Bill VanHall, May 6, Charles Grimm, May 15, Al Rodgers, May 17 and Dick Wolfe, May 27. Happy Birthday to you all!

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

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By Craig A. Covert, SW
I hope this column finds you and your families all in good health after the long Winter. For the Lodge, it has been a busy Spring season.

Welcome to Masonry!

In particular, I would like to thank all who participated in the Degree Fest on April 23rd, and to specifically welcome our three newly raised Master Masons. I sincerely hope that you get as much from this Fraternity as I have over the past 4 years. Congratulations and welcome to Masonry!

Talented Brothers

To all our Brethren who missed our meeting on March 15th, I have to say that it was a very entertaining evening. Bro. Bill Ackroyd delivered a wonderfully entertaining speech about his experiences in baseball. I can just imagine Bill squatting behind the plate yelling, "Chuck it in here, kid!" Now all we have to do is talk him into treating all of us to a Red Wings' game.

Bro. Sol Phillips then treated us to a tour of his hobby, making violins. The only problem was we couldn't talk him into treating us to a concert. To both of you, we say thanks for a most enjoyable evening.

Lively conversation

We had nine couples attend the Grand Ball March 25th at the Gateway. As usual, the food was excellent, and everyone proceeded to stuff themselves at the dessert bar. My wife, Kim, and I sat at the "hair challenged" table with the Merten's, Kelsey's, Phillips', and the Canfield's. Thanks to R.: W.: Larry Canfield for having some hair left and joining us! The conversation was very lively, and boy can W.: Frank Kelsey blush! At our other table were the Hockenberry's, Kneppar's and both of the Mason's. It was truly a grand evening, and it was nice to see such a good turnout from our Lodge.

Great job, Terry!

I would like to say thank you to Terry Wihlen for the last 4 years as AGL. You did a great job, and are a true asset to this Lodge and to Masonry, itself. The next School of Ritual is May 31st at Northfield Lodge, starting at 7:30 p.m., featuring Opening, Closing and Balloting. Please mark your calendars appropriately.

Future dates

May 3rd will be Move Up Night, and John Zabel will do the Habitat for Humanity Program. May 14th is the Grand Master's Town Meeting at the Downtown Temple from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

May 17th is the Election of Officers for 1994-95.

The Joint Investiture Service will be May 20th at the Downtown Temple, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Open Installation

There will be an Open Installation on June 7th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with Lodge commencing at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling me at 865-2920 by June 2nd.

If there is anything you would like to see in Lodge this year, please pass this information on to me, and I will try to get it done.

Sickness

We should all keep the following in our prayers:

W.: Bob McHenry had a lung biopsy in February, the results are negative. He says it all comes with age!

W.: George DeWitt had a cancerous lung removed in February. The good news is that the lymph nodes are clear, and he is expecting to return to work in May.

If anyone would like to visit W.: Harry DeWitt, he is at the Edna Tina Wilson Health Center on Island Cottage Road.

Bro. Gerald Brugger is awaiting neck surgery.


Bro. Claude Hyatt is in Rochester General Hospital with a bad back, and is awaiting transfer to a skilled nursing facility. Claude says he is bored stiff!

If any Brother knows of anyone in sickness or distress, please do not hesitate to call me. If I don't answer, please leave a message.

Ideas appreciated

In closing, I would like to say a big thank you to all of the Brothers who have helped me in the past months with program ideas. I sincerely hope that we have a great year! I also would like to thank Bro. Horace Peo from Palmetto, Florida, for dropping us a line. As always, it is nice to hear from our out of town Brothers, so don't be afraid to drop us a line to let us know how you are doing. We look forward to hearing from all of you in the sunny South and West, when we are freezing here in Rochester!

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

As the Summer draws near, let me be the first to wish you the straightest drives in the coming good weather, and may all your putts run true.

May dates

I'm changing my format this month, and starting my article with upcoming events that you should be putting on your calendars. May 14th is the date for the Town Meeting that will be held at the Downtown Temple, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. I've been told that the other Town Meetings have been very well received, so you won't want to miss this opportunity.

That very same night, we have a chance to honor the incoming and retiring Grand Lodge Officers. We bid the newly appointed, the best of luck in their terms, and say thank you to the Officers who have served us so well these past two years. As for myself, I can say that it has been a pleasure to serve with such a distinguished group of gentlemen.

May 17th is the date of our Annual Summoned Meeting for the purpose of electing new officers for the ensuing year. A Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner is being served before the meeting. As in the past, Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Business Meeting will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. Reservations for dinner may be made by contacting JW Buzz Gorman at 723-1018, or Bro. Dave Rainey at 426-3862. No reservations after May 14th, please. The price is \$7.00 per person.

There will be a Joint Investiture Service on May 20th at the Downtown Temple, with a dinner before the service. Please see me for details.

Public Installation

There will be a Public Installation of Officers for Charlotte-Corinthian's incoming Line on May 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Come join us in wishing them the best in the coming year.

School of Ritual

The new Lodge year starts with a School of Ritual on May 31st at Northfield Lodge. Instruction will cover Opening, Closing, and Balloting, and is open to all. Please keep in mind that your attendance will be counted in an effort to retain the Attendance Banner for the next year.

Brunch time

Circle June 19th on your calendars. That is the date of our Annual Brunch at the Bay. More information will follow in next month's article.

June 21st

We will be extending the Lodge year for one more meeting this Spring. Our last meeting before the Summer break will be on June 21st, and will be Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. If you know of any gentleman who you think would like to attend this event, please give me his name and address and I will be sure to see that he is invited. Call me at 225-0464 in the evening, or at 588-4238 during the day.

Looking back

If you were not able to attend any of our Degrees this Spring, you missed some very good ritual work. JW Buzz Gorman conferred two great 1st Degrees, SW Neil Laundry did some excellent work during two 2nd Degrees, but most impressive of all, was our 3rd Degree in April, when W.: Keith Stambach sat in the East. My congratulations to all our newly raised Brethren, and may you enjoy your membership in the greatest Fraternity in the world throughout your entire lives.

Congratulations

April 19th was Awards Night at Charlotte-Corinthian. Certificates for fifty years of membership were awarded to Brothers Alfred C. Bork, Edward Colton, Edward O. Doescher, Robert E. Downhill, James J. McKellar, Jr., Bernard C. Meyer, Earl W. Pike, Harvey E. Rodgers, and William H. Zimmerli.

Certificates for fifty-five years of membership were awarded to Brothers Erwin S. Coy, Howard

W. Hawkinson, Harry B. Kipp, and Hewett W. Strever.



Asixty-five year certificate was awarded to Bro. Luther Ira Webster. My congratulations to all who received a certificate. You have been valued members for many years.

It was also my extreme pleasure to present this year's "Man of the Year" Award to a Brother who has contributed so much to our Lodge, and to the Craft, over his years of membership, that no words of gratitude could ever begin to express our appreciation. He is a true Mason in every sense of the word. He is always there to offer sound advice and wise guidance to anyone in need. He is a man whose name is known and accepted in every Lodge in the Monroe Districts. Charlotte-Corinthian's 1993-94 "Man of the Year" is W.: Keith Stambach.

One final note

This is the last article that I will write as Master of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge. Many things have come to pass over the last eighteen months. The friends I have made and the experiences I have had will stay with me for the rest of my life. I would not have traded places with anyone on this earth. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute. I feel very lucky, and extremely proud to have been chosen to represent Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge these past eighteen months. Words cannot express my gratitude for the support, guidance, and understanding that I have received on this wonderful journey. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

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 Dudley

Time flies

It's hard to believe that my year is almost over and this will be my last article for the paper. First, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year a success, from the Sausage Stand during Colonial Days, to obtaining the Traveling Gavel, to the present; it has been fun and fast paced. The Lodge worked hard as a team throughout the year. Thanks to all.

New Brother

Our newest Brother, Donald J. Abamonte, received his 3rd Degree on Tuesday, April 5th, at Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge. Don took his 1st Degree in April, 1988, in Rochester Lodge and since that time has been active in the Navy. He is enjoying the Navy and making it his career. His father, Joseph, a member of Northfield and a Past Master of Rochester No. 660, helped raise

him at the Degree. Joe works nights, which keeps his cabletow very short on Lodge nights.

Officer's List

To James Weick, a special thank you for updating the Northfield Officer's List in the dining room. Not only did James update the list, but he placed a Time Capsule letter in the back for future Brothers to read. Before the letter was placed in the frame, it was circulated around the Lodge for all the Brothers to sign. Brothers Weick and Spillane are busy on an Officers List for Rochester No. 660 and Morning Star Lodge No. 223, which was active in Pittsford from 1813 to 1828.

Traveling Gavel

To all the Lodges in the two Monroe Districts: The Gavel is still resting at Northfield awaiting any Lodge with seven Brothers in attendance at the start of the meeting to whisk it away. Please call ahead to make sure that our JW will have refreshments for you.

Need a ride?

If anyone would like a ride to Lodge, please call one of the officers and we will be happy to help you.

Brotherhood Fund reminder

If you haven't sent in your contribution to this year's Brotherhood Fund, please do so. Send it to Bro. Michael Herrmann (872-0113) at 55 Orchard St., Webster NY 14580. Even a donation of one or two dollars will find its way to needy activities such as: supporting the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, the Masonic Home, Camp Turk, and Masonic youth. *A gift for all ages.*

Apron Presentation and Retiring Officers' Dinner

Brothers, on May 14th the two Monroe Districts will be honoring the Grand Lodge Officers who will be retiring. We will be honoring W.: Scott Seltzer, who will be presented with his Grand Lodge Apron at the Downtown Holiday Inn. There are a limited number of tickets available and they are going fast. Please call me to reserve your ticket.

Lodge Sign (Historical)

The historical sign noting our building's history will be installed by the town and dedicated during Colonial Days on June 11th at 11:00 a.m. Please plan to attend. SW, Dan Walker, is planning for the activity.

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Northfield Lodge

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Open Installation

Remember, Dan's Open Installation will be on May 28th at 7:00 p.m., with a Grazing Reception to follow at Huntington's Restaurant at 3300 Monroe Avenue, across from Pittsford Plaza.

A word from vacationers

I just received a postcard from the Zahn's, who are enjoying themselves in Georgia and Florida. Every year at this time, they spend a month or more in the South for a well deserved rest.

Under the weather

John Berggren has been ill of late and would appreciate a call (381-1526) or a note from you. Al Miller (586-1246) is recovering nicely from his second knee operation, and would also welcome hearing from you.

Important dates

On May 5th, DeMolay will have a Spaghetti Dinner, followed by Election of Officers.

May 7th will be Ladies Night. Contact Bill Spillane at 436-0264.

Our Annual Meeting will be May 19th.


On May 30th there will be a Memorial Day Breakfast at Lodge from 7:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

The School of Ritual (Opening, Closing and Balloting) will be at Northfield on May 31st. □

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
Greetings Brothers, and Happy Spring!

My thanks to R.: W.: Don Krech, our Director of Degree Work, for his work on the 2nd Degree. Thanks, also, to all the Brothers for their help. As you read this, our new Brothers will have been raised as Master Masons. Why not come out to our next Lodge meeting and get to know them?

Hillside Center

The Fellowcraft Club has arranged for us to help work at the Hillside Children's Center Bookstore. We are committed for at least 6 people on the 27th of June, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We hope to make this an ongoing effort by your Lodge for 2-3 nights a year. That's only 6-9 hours a

year for this very important project. The kids at the Center really need our help. For more information, contact Bro. Bob McBride at 244-0910.

Annual Meeting

Our next meeting on May 3rd will be our Annual Meeting. We will also Elect and Install our new Officers. Please come out and support your Lodge. As always, a Pot Luck Supper will precede the meeting.

Thank you


This is my last column as Master. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing me to serve a second time. A special thanks to all of the Officers for their help during the past year. Thanks, also, to the ladies of our Lodge—for without their help, we would really have a tough time of it.

My best wishes to the new Officers and a successful year. See you in Lodge. □

Craftsman
Lodge No. 969

W.: Thomas W. Kendig,
Master
265-2624

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



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

By Robert F. Ogden, Sec.
Bro. William Hook will sit in the East on Move Up Night, May 3rd. Our Master, Tom Kendig, will be in New York City attending the Grand Lodge Convention.

Host Lodge

Craftsman accepted the invitation to be Host Lodge for the 3rd Degree Fest on April 23rd. We opened and closed Lodge, and also participated with Germania and Fairport Lodges in conferring the 1st part of the 3rd Degree.

Degree work

The Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on two candidates on April 12th. W.: Tom Kendig presented the Working Tools, the Middle Chamber Lecture was given by W.: Dave King, and the Cross Lecture passed between Bros. Jack Grover and Cliff Field, with the Charge given by Bro. Ogden.

Sunshine!

The Kendigs, Tom and Sue, were blessed with great weather when they visited Sue's brother in Florida for a week.

Brothers!

The Brotherhood Fund will be ending very shortly, so please mail

your checks to me, payable to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund—thank you.

There are dues which I would greatly appreciate receiving as soon as possible—thanks.

Happy Birthday

The following Brothers were born in May: Ed Bastian, Al Bowers, Chuck Chatfield, Mark Cold, Duane Franklin, Chuck Freida, Bill Leggett, Len Schulmerich and John Zona.

May dates

On May 3rd, there will be Move Up Night, no dinner.

Fellowcraft Club will meet on May 10th.

We will have Election of Officers on May 17th—dinner.

Congratulations

The Goodrich family welcomes Veronica, daughter of Bro. Alan and his wife, Michele. She was born April 15th, 1994. Her uncle is W.: Ken, and the happy grandparents are R.: W.: Vern and Barb. □

FAME
Lodge No. 945
CHARTERED 1917

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

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



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

By W.: Dean F. Marsaw
Resolution

Brethren, a suggested resolution for 1994: I will, within my cabledow, try to attend as many meetings and support my Officers and Lodge to the best of my ability.

Dues

Just a reminder, if you haven't submitted your 1994 dues yet, (there are still 17 Brothers out there), please make an effort to do so now. There are still a number of Brothers who have yet to pay their dues for 1993. I would like to end my term in May with all the dues paid up to date. (Please give it the old college try for me.) Thank you Brothers, for a job well done and greatly appreciated.

Communications

W.: Bill Zufall will talk on the Morgan Affair on May 10th. Come out to a Poor Man's Dinner of Hamburgers and Macaroni and listen to this interesting program.

Our Election and Installation of Officers will be held on May 24th. It will be preceded by a Ham Dinner prepared by Culver Chapter, OES. You will be contacted by the calling committee for reservations.

Special announcement

Fame Lodge will be offering a Pancake and Sausage Brunch on Sunday, May 15th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. This is the time you will be picking up plants ordered from Fidelity Triangle. The cost for the meal is \$4.50 per person.

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7:30 P.M.



R.: W.: Roderick C. Moler,
Secretary 426-5561
20 South Main St.
Churchville, N.Y. 14428

By W.: George Bergman, Jr.

A great evening

Our April 13th meeting was very exciting and informative. W.: Harold August came from Middleport to give a talk on "The Morgan Affair". His research has included interviewing a number of individuals and going to sites where Morgan was known to have been. He read all available material on the subject, as well. His vast knowledge and enthusiasm for the topic was impressive. My thanks to Bro. Bill Lafferty for introducing me to W.: Harold, and thus making an exceptional evening possible.

New Brothers

Churchville Lodge raised 2 new Brothers at the Degree Fest on April 23rd. Everyone who attended, was impressed with the work.

Combined events

April 27th was our combined Sojourner Dinner and Bring-a-Friend Night. Bro. Craig Mollon added a new twist, he offered a free Steak Dinner to those making an additional contribution of \$15 or more to the Brotherhood Fund or brought guests who submitted petitions that evening. We showed a tape presentation and everyone had a great evening.

Coming Events

I can hardly believe that the Grand Lodge Convention is upon us. My sincere thanks to all of the Officers and Brothers who contributed to the success of my year as Master.

May meetings

Our Election of Officers will be held on May 11th. At that time, we will also enjoy hearing a lecture on the Concordant Bodies.

May 25th will be the Installation of Officers. □

Posthumous Thoughts

By Rev. Eligius G. Rainer

(The following article was written by Rev. Eligius Rainer just shortly before his death. He was in the habit of writing articles in advance and apparently had finished this one, and one other for our June issue. We will carry both if possible.)
Editor.

I had a unique experience one day when visiting the hospital. I met a patient who was deeply depressed. To help his spirit, a nurse called me into the room and read this poem to both of us.

One night I dreamed a dream: I walked along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes of my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life shot before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. There was only one set of footprints. I realized that this was at the lowest and saddest times in my life. This always bothered me and I

questioned the Lord about my dilemma.

"Lord, you told me when I decided to follow you, you would walk and talk with me all the way. But, I'm aware that during the most troublesome times of my life there is only one set of footprints. I just don't understand why, when I needed you most, you leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you, never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints it was then that I carried you".

After she read the poem, the nurse said to the patient, "Nobody knows who wrote that poem, but the thought tells me that God inspired it".

The patient, struggled against a drug-induced stupor and said weakly, "My wife wrote it for me". Slowly, he recounted how he had proposed to his wife 26 years earlier on the seashore. He said that he put this question to his wife to be, "How would you feel about having our wedding at the end of June?" Her reply, "I'd love it". He said, "We grabbed each other's hands and dashed in and out of the water as the waves rolled up on the shore. Our wet feet made deep footprints along the water's edge. When I saw them, I said to my intended, "Look! Two sets of footprints side by side—just like our life together will be. But look—the waves have washed away one set of footprints—only one footprint remains".

This caused my intended bride to say, "Maybe our dreams are going to wash away like those footprints". My reply was, "If we love each other enough to fight for what we have, we'll make it; and when the most troublesome times come, that's when God will carry us both—the one footprint on the sand is God showing us His part". What an encouraging thought—God will carry us and leave just one set of footprints: His.

While the patient was recounting his experiences, I could not help but think how Masonry stresses the same truth in its teachings. Regarding 2 sets of footprints, Masonry teaches that in God we live and move and have our being. To put this truth into practice, there is need for a deep faith which can take over so that when the chips are down, we know that God is still there. Not to carry us over the hurdles would be against God's nature, for He made us for Himself. Do you think He would refuse to carry us when there seems to be no hope? Although Masonry is not God, does it not help to carry us and those we love, like the footprints in the sand, in our time of need? Is not one set of footprint in the sand, Masonry's way of easing our burden, as well as its teaching? □

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It Was Great!

**District Deputy Grand Master
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He will be missed

The Reverend Dr. Eligius G. Rainer is now with the Grand Architect of the Universe. It was my distinct honor to know him, to have benefited from his knowledge, his gentle persuasion, reverence and love for all, especially the Church and Masonry. Here in the Genesee/Wyoming District he is missed. The blessing of knowing him encourages us all to pursue his lofty goals. As Grand Chaplain Emeritus, his articles in the *Masonic Times* were must reading. Whenever he appeared at a meeting, his smile would "light up" the room, and when Leone goofed and called him "Reverend Reindeer", he really enjoyed the humor.

Leone and I were part of a special personal group. Leone played the organ of St. Luke's Episcopal Church for the wedding of Rev. Rainer and Marilyn. That was the Saturday of the March 1993 blizzard. She again played at, and we were included

in, the celebration of his 60 years in the Ministry. The 3rd time, we were there for his funeral and Masonic Service.

Brotherhood Fund

Dr. Rainer was especially interested in the Brotherhood Fund. If you haven't sent in your contribution, do so now. The last report showed a total of \$4,587.50 donated by only 17.6% of the Brothers. This Genesee/Wyoming District can do a lot better. Please send a check now to your Secretary, made out to the Brotherhood Fund.

Grand Lodge

When you read this issue of the *Masonic Times*, I will be in New York City for Grand Lodge. I plan to be back and ready for the May and June activities.

We need candidates

Have you found that special man to be a candidate for Masonry? It's Great To Be A Mason!!!

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R.W. Keith A. Granger

Table Lodge

What a Table Lodge we had at Oakland Lodge! There were 30 Brothers present and a great time was had by all. Here was another cannon that will never fire again. Bro. Robinson had a missfire. When you see him, ask him about it. I would also like to thank the Brothers for coming and supporting the fellowship. I believe we have decided to make this an annual event.

Molly

Molly, the Traveling Gavel, is on the move again. I believe that Molly is going to be moving very fast thru the District when the Installation of Officers begins in May.

Helping the children

Brothers, your support for the Baseball Night at the Ballpark in

nately, a Brother from Hesperus Lodge No. 837, along with a Brother waiting for the 2nd Degree, arrived at this Communication. Therefore, preparations for the conferral of the Degree were not in vain, and our SW, Mark Madgett (still limping, but without a splint) proceeded in conferring the Fellowcraft Degree.

While this resulted in the cancellation of the Master Mason Degree scheduled for April 12th, Brothers Mark and Bill Smith prepared and served a Prime Rib Dinner as planned. The culinary skills of these Brothers are without comparison and the dinner will be remembered for quite some time.

Special guests

A great time was had by all who had the opportunity to attend the Annual Widows Dinner. For those of you who could not attend, you missed a beautiful evening. The food was delicious and plentiful, the entertainment, a Barber Shop Quartet (consisting of 12 members) was superb, and the socializing of the evening seemed to have no end. Some of our lady guests had not had the opportunity to visit with each other for as much as seventeen years.

W.. Bob Dagen, Secretary, planned extremely well and had the necessary Widow Pins and Cards for those who had not received theirs prior to this time. Our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Robert Nicoll, advised the ladies to wear these pins so that all who see them can recognize the recipients and give them special treatment, or consideration, as the situation may call for. Also, the Secretary had an opportunity to update the names and addresses of the widows, in an effort to be certain we can keep in contact in the future. We want to make sure these special guests are advised of any and all events which they should have the courtesy to be invited to attend.

A big thank you is extended to W.. Bob for his efforts and a 'special' thank you to R.W. Jerry Brade for the excellent manner in which he made the arrangements for this event. It was expressed by all that R.W. Jerry has done an exemplary job in the past, and all are looking forward to his making this same commitment for next year and beyond.

My thanks

As my term of Master of Batavia Lodge No. 475 comes to an end (this will be my last article as Master), I think of the closing statement made by R.W. Bob Nicoll at most all of his appearances: "It's Great To Be A Mason!"

If nothing else has happened of any consequence during my term as Master, we now have enthusiasm and desire to carry out and try new and different avenues as relates to Masonry and specifically, to Batavia Lodge No. 475. The great team of Officers that I have had has done this, and will continue, because the incoming Master is very dynamic in his approach to his office for the ensuing year; he has plans on his trestleboard for '94-'95.

I am sure we will see more Degrees conferred and a greater involvement with the youth of our city. We already sponsor several athletic teams within the City of Batavia, and there is a great possibility that we just may see the Charles L. Carter Chapter of DeMolay reactivated. We are all looking forward to this. I take

this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and contributed so much to make this a productive year (18 months), and say to those 'Rusty Brothers', it's great to be a Mason in Batavia! □

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

W.. Charles J. Krauss, Master
567-4529
2nd and 4th
Wednesdays

W.. Richard Anderson, Sec.
493-2203
Main Street
Pike, N. Y. 14024

By W.. Charles Krauss
Table Lodge

About 30 Brothers attended a Table Lodge held on April 6th at Oakland Lodge in Castile. Several Brothers from Constellation Lodge in Perry, Triluminar Lodge in Pike and Oakland Lodge helped. Bros. John Cook and Bob Burt cooked the steaks and did a nice job, as did W.. John Jessop.

Molly

As I promised, Molly has returned to Triluminar Lodge. Our Brothers from Hesperus Lodge have promised that Molly will not reside with us very long.

The Morgan Affair

On May 11th, Bro. Harold M. August, researcher and lecturer on the Morgan Affair, will be at

our Lodge. I encourage all Brothers to attend that night to hear this great program.

Golf Tournament

Golf season is near and I remind you about the Golf Tournament at Rolling Acres to be held on June 4th. Make your reservation soon as there is a limited number that can play. □

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

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

R.W.. Kenneth E. Kohlhaugen,
Secretary 585-7511
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Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

By W.. Glenn L. Cramer
March 21st

The work of the evening was the conferring of the 2nd Degree. W.. Glenn Cramer did the obligation, Brother Neil Parmerter the Working Tools, W.. Paul Baetzold the charge, W.. Merle Robinson the Middle Chamber Lecture and Brother Don Strang was Marshal. A special thank you goes to Brother John Bernard, who played the organ that evening.

It was decided that there would be a Joint Installation of Officers on June 1, 1994, in Attica Lodge.

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W.. Robert F. Dagen
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Batavia, NY 14020

By W.. Michael L. Klinkbell
Flexible!

If nothing else, Batavia Lodge No. 475 is good at the 'old soft shoe', in that we have found that we are able to roll with the punches; adjusting to adversities and conditions. At the very last moment, both candidates of Batavia Lodge were unable to be present for the Fellowcraft Degree held on March 22nd. Fortu-

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West Star Lodge

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April 4th

The evening of our April 4th meeting got off to a strange start. Upon arrival at the Lodge it was discovered that there was no electricity. During the repairs to the restaurant, power was shut off to the Lodge. Phone calls were made and we weren't sure if we were going to get power turned on or not.

We decided to light the Lodge with left over candles that had been collecting in the back room. Approximately 15 candles were lit in different arrangements around the Lodge Room. At 8:00 we were all seated and ready to open the Lodge when suddenly the power came on. It was a unique atmosphere and reminded us of how it might have been years ago.

It was reported that the restaurant refurbishing was completed. Arrangements were made to have a Roast Pork Dinner on Sunday, May 22, from 12:00 until gone. Adults will be \$6.00 and children \$3.00.

The work of the evening was the conferral of the 1st Degree. Brother Steve Sharman gave the Obligation, R.W. John Stockholm the Bible Presentation, W. Paul Baetzold, the Apron Presentation, W. Bill Geitner the Working Tools, Brothers Carl Parmerter and Neil Parmerter the Questions and Answers, W. Bill Geitner and W. Bob Strang the Whys and Wherefores, W. Glenn Cramer gave the Charge and Brother Don Strang was Marshal.

The 2nd Degree was conferred at the April 18th meeting.

Special attention

It was reported that a 7 year old boy from the Warsaw area, Joel Mann, was in need of a heart-lung transplant. The Lodge decided that any benefits from a 3rd Degree dinner this Spring would be sent to his family.

Deaths

It was reported at our March 21st meeting that R.W. Irving Vogel had lapsed into a coma after by-pass surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Vogel. A Masonic Memorial Service was held Friday, April 1st, at the Marley Funeral Home in Attica. Twenty-three Masons were in attendance.

It was also reported that Mrs. Leo Fugle from Varysburg had passed away. There was no Masonic connection, but they had always supported the Lodge and the Community. A card was sent.

Coming up

May 2nd will be Move Up Night. On May 16th we will be conferring the 3rd Degree on

both of our Fellowcrafts. The Lodge will be opened at 5:30 p.m. and the first section will start at 6:00 p.m. We will also have our Election of Officers that night. The last communication of my year will be June 6th. There is nothing special scheduled for that meeting. □

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



W. Clifton L. Drum, Sr.
495-6506

1st and 3rd
Tuesdays

W. Allen L. Capwell, Secretary
786-8989

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

By SW L. John Herman

It is with profound sadness and deep personal loss that I report the passing of our Brother John L. Wiseman to the Grand East. After a long and difficult battle with cancer, Bro. John passed away at Rochester General Hospital on Friday, March 25th. A Masonic Funeral Service was conducted on Monday evening by our Chaplain, Bro. and Rev. Ralph English. Sixty-five Brothers attended, including Bro's. Herm Yarbrough and Jack Marsh of the Weeks Funeral Home, and I personally thank each and every one of you. Pat and the family sincerely thank all those who prayed, sent cards, visited and performed many other acts of kindness.

DeWitt Clinton Award

Our Bring-a-Friend night was held April 19th; since the publishing deadline is before that, I can't report on the success at this time. Also, we presented the DeWitt Clinton Masonic Award for Community Service to Mr. Ronald A. Kaczmarek for his lifetime of service to the Dale Community. He served as Assistant Fire Chief for many years, and hundreds of unselfish acts assisting widows, orphans and others, almost on a daily basis, and never with hope of fee or reward. His wife, Rosie, and several of the fire chiefs and their wives, were present. The evening concluded with grilled hots and hamburgers, salads, etc.

We also will be presenting another DeWitt Clinton Award to Millie Stearns, at a later date.

Special event

Last month we responded to the request for assistance by Mrs. Floyd Case for funds to help her grandson, Joel Mann, who needs a heart and lung transplant. With the help of the Odd Fellows, who rent our Temple now, we conducted a Spaghetti Dinner on April 29th, the profits went to the Joci Mann Fund, which is managed by the Wyoming County Bank. W. Ted LaWall and Bro. Bill Mammosser were the cooks. The Warsaw Barbershoppers, who also rent our Temple, provided music during the entire evening. Food and fellowship have a special meaning when it also helps the unfortunate.

Move Up Night

Our first Communication on May 2nd, will be Move Up Night. I expect to represent the Lodge at Grand Lodge in New York City, which will be meeting at the same time. We welcome Bro. George Taylor back into the Line. That night each of the Officers will learn the Ritual and advance one station. Attendance by some Past Masters would be welcome to check on their work.

Fun time

We have been having informal Euchre games after the Communications lately. I work hard at starting the Communications on time, and closing by 9:00 p.m. Those who must, can go home; the rest of us are practicing so we can challenge Hesperus to a tournament. Twice now, we've had enough for two tables.

Installation of Officers

Don't forget our Installation of Officers on June 7th. The Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club has agreed to perform the Installation. R.W. Bob Nicoll will be presenting Fifty Year Certificates and Pins to W. Lester Schoenthal and Bro. Carl Zeches. Deluxe refreshments will be served.

Summer Picnic?

Years ago we used to have a Summer Picnic at the Village Park in July and a Go-To-Church Sunday in the Fall at the Master's Church. Let me know if you'd like to do these things again.


Help needed

As soon as the paperwork is cleared, we expect to confer the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees on a candidate for the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma; probably this Fall. I hope by then to have some petitions from our Bring-a-Friend Night, too. Some of our newer Brethren are learning some of the parts, but we need HELP from the old timers, too. Please contact me.

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrate Masonic Anniversaries in May: Bro. Alton D. Bartlett, W. Hugh D. Chamberlain, Jr., Bro's. Edward A. Conger, Clifton Leland Drum, Sr., Gordon Robert Klump, Herbert W. O'Neill, Jr., Irvin E. Prickett and John L. Sunderland. □

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



W. Shawn L. Wright, Master
535-7751

1st and 3rd
Wednesday
(Jan-Feb-Mar
3rd Wed)

R.W. Donald Van Son,
Secretary 591-1390
39 Main Street
Attica, N. Y. 14011

By W. Shawn L. Wright

Special dates

Remember that our Annual Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Q will be Sunday, May 8th, at the Lodge from 11:30 a.m. to ?. Bring your friends and family, (especially Mom), for a delicious meal. Come early because last year we sold over 250 halves in 1 1/2 hours. If you can work at the dinner, contact Chuck Lapp or me. This is our biggest Lodge fund raiser of the year and we need your support.

Election of Officers

May 18th will be our Election of Officers. Officers of Attica and West Star Lodges will be Installed on June 1st at Attica Lodge. This will be an Open Meeting and will follow a Chicken and Biscuits Buffet Dinner. Bring your friends and family.

Survey cards

I am still waiting for the survey cards I sent out this Winter to be returned. I have only received 1/3 of them back. I am interested to hear what all members have to say about the topics. Please contact me if you have misplaced your card. I will send you a new one. □

CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404



R.W. Charles Myers,
Secretary 237-5990
21 N. Main Street,
Perry, NY 14530

W. John F. Cook,
Master
237-2427
§
1st & 3rd
Thursdays

By W. John F. Cook

Apron Presentation

During our regular meeting on Thursday, March 17th, I was able to catch Bro. Jack Barnard, our Organist, off guard with a surprise presentation to him of the Dedicated Service Award. R.W. Keith Granger was present and assisted me in the presentation of the Apron, Pin and Certificate. Lodge was closed on the 3rd Degree, and an Open Meeting was held for the presentation to enable family and friends to be present. Again, Jack, congratulations.

Past Master's Night

Thursday, April 7th, was an enjoyable evening with 7 Past Masters in attendance, along with our Lodge Officers. I would like to thank them for their "unexpected" filling of the chairs for closing! A fine job was done by all.

During refreshments a cake was presented to W. Gerry Sahrle, and shared with the Brothers. Gerry has been transferred, and will be working in Lancaster, forcing him to move from Perry. Good luck and best wishes, Gerry. We are going to miss your smiling face, countless jokes, and your dedication to the Fraternity. Thank you, Gerry, from all of your Brothers at Constellation No. 404.

Table Lodge

Triluminar and Oakland Lodges sponsored a Table Lodge at Castile on April 6th. When first told of the meeting, I was full of questions as to the proceedings! One only has to participate once to find a very enjoyable time is had by all. W. John Jessop (Bergen) was Master-great job, John! W. Chuck Krauss and W. David Beardsley organized the dinner and proceedings-can't beat this team! In all, there were approximately 30 Brothers, with 4 in attendance from Perry, Robert Burt, Charlie Myers, Jack Barnard and myself. I would like to see Constellation Lodge try a Table Lodge in the not too distant future!

Molly

I was informed by W. Chuck Krauss that Molly has been rescued from her place of creation (Bergen, Hesperus Lodge) and returned to Pike. Look out, Chuck, I can find Pike!

Looking ahead

On May 5th we will have Election of Officers, a Summoned Communication.

The Past Masters will do the Installing of the Officers on May 19th.

We will have our Annual Father's Day Breakfast at the Lower Falls picnic area in Letchworth State Park on June 19th. All are welcome.

In closing, I would like to remind you all of the Brotherhood Fund. If you have contributed, thank you. Brothers that haven't, please hurry, time has almost run out. Call or write to Sam Sherman. □

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



W. Chester MacRae,
Master
492-1257
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays

R.W. Leonard Mason,
Secretary 492-1813
Main Street
Arcade, New York 14009

Shame on you

Your Master mailed 50 notices asking for your help and attendance at the presentation to the two Kiwanis organizations. It included also, a plea for your support of the Chanters Songfest. Both activities will be over by the time you read this.

Thank you, to the two members that appeared, for the first presentation. If this is an indication of the response to 50 letters, I am sure that the Chanters Program will be a "flop"!

Big Apple

Arcade Lodge No. 419 will be represented at Grand Lodge, May 2 & 3 by your Master. On May 10th we will have our Election of Officers and my Grand Lodge Report. On May 24th, the new Officers will be installed by the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club.

Apples and chickens

On June 5th we will be having the Annual Mas'N Knights Chicken B.B.Q. Last year tickets were sent to all. Most of you threw them away! I had no way to plan arrangements. This year tickets will be sent only if your money is received beforehand. Tickets are \$6.00 per person. Send checks to "Co-chairman" Chester MacRae and indicate that it is for the B.B.Q.

June 28th will be the Apron Presentation by Attica Lodge Officers. □

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By W.: Shawn L. Wright

Candy bars

Candy bars have been purchased and distributed. Please sell these and get the funds in as soon as possible.

Investiture Service

The Investiture Service for all new Masters will be May 20th at Warsaw Lodge.

Purple Apron Club

All Lodges that desire to have the Purple Apron Club do their Installation should contact Ken Kohlhausen or Vern Ruppert.

Molly

Every Lodge that takes possession of the Traveling Trophy is required to notify the Master or Secretary of each Lodge and the President of the Masters & Wardens Assoc. within 2 days of taking possession. This notification can be made by telephone or by mail.

Dates

May 17th, Constellation Lodge in Perry, 8:00 p.m. (Lodge meeting).

June 8th, Olive Branch Lodge in conjunction with the Family Picnic and Chicken Bar-B-Q at Genesee County Park, Raymond Rd. in Bethany, NY at 5:00 p.m.

July 17th, Warsaw Lodge, 2:00 p.m. (Council meeting).

All Lodges are encouraged to pick a month and date and get back to me. The 1st to contact me gets 1st choice.

**Purple Apron
Club**

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By R.:W.: Holden P. Miller

Sad times

Have you ever heard the saying, "Don't go away because something bad will happen?" Well, at the end of March, I had to assist myson on his move to Nashville, Tenn. All it did was rain and I got soaked one evening looking for my vehicle in a large parking lot. I caught a cold and haven't gotten rid of it yet.

We went to New Jersey over Easter and the rain had moved East. When I finally got home, it snowed 7" and to really put a damper on everything, I was informed that the District had lost 2 of our Past Grand Lodge Officers.

R.:W.: Irv Vogel of Varysburg, Grand Lodge Staff

Officer in 1988-89, and R.:W.: Rev. Dr. Eligius Rainer, Grand Chaplain for many years and Emeritus since 1988. R.:W.: Rainer served as Master of Batavia and Olive Branch Lodges. There will be many who will miss his monthly articles in the *Masonic Times*. I will never forget his December, 1992 article, "Masonry and Christmas". It was a classic. We extend our sympathies to their families and Lodge Brothers.

Annual Meeting

On April 22nd, the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club met for our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. R.:W.: Leonard W. Mason was elected President, R.:W.: John S. Stockholm, Vice President and R.:W.: Sheldon J. Moden, Secretary/Treasurer.

Thank you

Upon the expiration of my term, I naturally want to thank those who assisted me during my tenure and wish the incoming Officers much success in their ventures. I appreciated the help from the Kohlhausens, Masons, Stockholms, Rupperts, James, Myers, Wings, Seils and Modens.

Grand Officers


We have set in place, a new District Deputy, Staff Officer and Assistant Grand Lecturer. The Official Announcement will be made in May at Grand Lodge.

I feel very fortunate to have been in office with R.:W.: Bob Nicoll, R.:W.: Keith Granger and Grand Reps., R.:W.: Jerry Brade and R.:W.: Paul Smith.

In closing

Let me leave you with this thought, which certainly is applicable to Masonry. To determine whether there is a God, apply this simple principle, "What is made, requires a Maker".

**Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights Templar**



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2nd & 4th
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SK George L. Brege
Commander 352-0723
SK Allen L. Capwell
Recorder 786-3897

Masonic Temple
200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

By SK George L. Brege

He's left us. Our Rev. Dr. Eligius Rainer died March 23rd. We knew him as "Doc". I'm not going to launch into a full obituary. Others have done so already, and more eloquently. Indeed, this issue will be full. One of Doc's last contributions to the *Masonic Times* should be within these pages. No one will miss him more than Batavia No. 34. He told me last October that in all his years of Knighthood, he had only missed one Assembly and that was last September. Quite a record.

Memories

Doc didn't have a great deal of good health in 1993. He was in and out of the hospital, and each time his strong will and Marilyn's help saw him through. In December, he orchestrated our Annual Christmas Toast. It was a superb job. Afterwards, he took me aside

to remind me that the Feast of the Paschal Lamb fell on our March 24th meeting, and that he planned on conducting a special service. On March 6th he left a message with my daughter that he "was not well, and would be unable to conduct the service as planned". My daughter told me later that he sounded "awful". Perhaps he knew.

So different hands will now open the Bible, and different hands will place the crosses and swords. We will always remember that baritone voice of Doc's leading us in the Creed, and his spirit that caused him to carry on under such trying physical circumstances. Thank you, Marilyn, for the extra time, and please stay with us.

K T E F

Cappie has given me a preliminary dollar figure for this year's voluntary campaign. It currently stands in excess of \$250, with a few more checks to be deposited. Through your commitment and generosity this year's drive was an outstanding success. The Sir Knights of Batavia No. 34 are to be congratulated.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

You will remember that the submission of the Rev. Daniel Finch for the 1993 Pilgrimage by Batavia No. 34 was accepted by the Grand Commandery Selection Committee. Our first successful submission since that of Rev. Dr. Rainer. The Rev. Finch is scheduled to share his experiences and thoughts with us on June 9th at the Edgewood Restaurant. This will be our "end of season" meeting. The presentation is scheduled at the conclusion of dinner and will contain graphics.

Current nomination

This year's nomination is our Past Zone Commander, Rev. Mr. Russell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Batavia. His nomination was submitted by SK Dick Plue. At this writing, however, things look grim. Funds for the Pilgrimage, as reported by the Grand Commandery Selection Committee, will currently support only one selection State wide.

May dates

May 12th is the Official Inspection. SK Charles Mendell, GSB from Bayshore, Long Island, is the Inspecting Officer. This will conclude the Inspections of Zone 12 and it will also conclude my watch. The Ladies of the Templar will host a Tureen Supper on this evening, starting at 7:00 p.m.

May 26th is the Installation of Officers and June 9th has been discussed.

Drum Roll, please

Hear the story behind our new coffee pots? For years, we had this set up where the company loans the hardware in return for buying their coffee. This worked well. Then "Maxwell House" acquired a couple of years supply of coffee from someplace which was dutifully placed into the system. Time passes, the company changes hands, and our system falls through the crack. Then, (Drum Roll, please) it breaks and requires service. We complain, the complaint reaches the new company and they respond, "What coffee system? You guys haven't bought coffee in years." They rush down, and confiscate the system they didn't know existed, leaving us with no coffee at all. Which is a little bit like complaining about Esther's oatmeal cookies. Complain too much and you won't get any dessert.

**District Deputy
Grand
High Priest**

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

Catch up time!

Despite a late Spring snowfall, 4 Brothers presented themselves for the M.M.M. and P.M. Degrees on April 6th at 3X3 No. 333 in Spencerport. There were several more candidates who couldn't make that meeting and dates are being shuffled around for them to catch up, as we would like to have all our candidates exalted before the Summer recess. Listen for the ring of the telephone.

Working together

We are deeply indebted to the 5 Companions from the 31st District for the assistance given in conferring the Degrees. This is one of the functions of the Past High Priest's Association of Western New York, of which they all are members.

May dates

Keep the following dates in mind:

The Official Visit of the District Deputy at 3X3 Chapter in Spencerport will be on May 4th.

A Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by LeRoy No. 183, will be held at the Masonic Temple on May 15th. Serving will be from 7:00-11:00 a.m.

The District Deputy will make his Official Visit to Western Star No. 35 in Batavia on May 19th.

Information available

A most informative booklet, "The York Rite of Freemasonry - a History and Handbook" is available by contacting your High Priest.

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

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

By Ill. Michael L. Klinkbeil

Table meeting

For numerous reasons, no petitions were received as planned, therefore no Degrees were conferred this past month, so we decided to hold a "Table" meeting in its place. This is always an enjoyable event, and also allows for the opportunity to meet the members of the Council and observe the proceedings of the same. Hopefully, it will also generate the interest among the Royal Arch Companions to be greeted as "Royal and Select" Masters.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Companion Bob Forbes and the ladies of the

Olive Branch Chapter No. 509, OES, for doing such a fine job in preparing and serving the dinner for this occasion.

May 9th meeting

I would also like to thank everyone who gave me help and assistance this past year, especially during the time of myson's illness and demise. Without your consideration and patience, I probably would not have made it. Soon after the publication of this issue of the *Masonic Times*, we will have our Annual Meeting and Election and Installation of Officers for the ensuing year. This meeting will be held on Monday, May 9th.

This past year has been an enjoyable year for me, and I plan to stay very much involved in Cryptic Masonry in the future. I am sorry that we did not re-establish our visitations with our Canadian Companions, but I trust this will happen in the not too distant future.

Let's surpass our goal

I would like to remind each of my Companions that this is the time when dues for the new year should be paid. When you make out your check for the remission of your dues, don't forget to include your share towards the Parkinson's Disease, the Grand Council Charity-. We are striving to make this year as successful as in the past, so as to make this the sixth consecutive year of meeting and surpassing our goal of averaging at least \$5.00 per member.

Everyone, MAKE it a good Summer!

**Why so Many
Repetitions**

Several "word pairs" in Masonic Ritual make interesting studies; "duly and truly prepared", "worthy and well qualified", "free will and accord", "point or points", "hele and conceal". At first glance it may seem that these are so arranged only for emphasis. However, in Middle English writing, especially in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, when Freemasonry was in the process of formation, England had two languages. One was Norman-French, and the other Anglo-Saxon. To make sure of understanding, word pairs were much in use, a word of similar meaning taken from each language. (Courtesy EMESSAY NOTES)

**Masonic Music
Available**

MSA has learned that Saint John the Baptist Lodge of Research in Geneva, Nebraska has prepared four cassette tapes of Masonic Music for each of the three degrees and a tape labeled, "Incidental Music for the Degrees". The tapes come in a very nice case and also have an instructional booklet.

For additional information please contact: St. John the Baptist Lodge of Research, Rt I, Box 75, Geneva, NE 68361. (Courtesy EMESSAY NOTES)

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From the Desk of:

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



A "Big" Thank You

Last Communication

This is the last opportunity that I will have to communicate with you in this forum as Commander-in-Chief. I have two objectives that I would like to achieve. The first, to be predictable, as I hope you have always found me to be, the second, to speak from the heart and the third, to be brief.

Mistake?

You are undoubtedly thinking that I said two objectives and I have listed three! Well, so much for the first objective, which leaves two with the third at risk if this continues much longer. As a matter of fact, I can write this article with one objective and achieve all three.

How?

How?...by expressing my appreciation and thanks for the support that each of you have given me over the past two years. As I look back over all that we have accomplished in membership, programs, degrees, participation in the Council of Deliberation, committees and changing many of the ways that we approach the operation of the Valley, I am left

with the feeling that it was achieved with such little effort on my part. Though I know it was possible only through the dedication and personal sacrifice of many of you over and over again.

Thank you

I can't be brief and personally thank individuals, but I must acknowledge the Long Range Planning Committee that began planning the past two years, more than four years ago. The Valley and I have been blessed with two teams of Officers over the past two years who I will compare to any in the State when it comes to accepting accountability and delivering a first class program or other task.

Degrees

Exemplification of our degrees requires two essential elements, one a cast which fills the approximate 200 parts in each Reunion and Directors who bring them together to convey the lessons in the degree. Whether sitting on the sideline or participating in a degree, our work has always given me great pride.

Membership

The Membership Committee has been more active than any I can remember with results that reflect their commitment. To each member of these groups, I sincerely thank you, and to each of you who demonstrated your support by being active participants, you also have my gratitude!

Finally, the Office Staff, without whom I surely could not have survived, you have been fantastic!

Brevity is in the hands of the writer not the reader. I truly feel that I have just touched upon the thanks and appreciation which I feel toward the Valley for making the past two years a very enjoyable and pleasant memory for Cathy and me. Together you have placed the Valley of Rochester in the limelight before the other New York Valleys. Please share in the pride, which you justly deserve.

I can't close without asking that you continue by giving Rod and Jeanne the same support. Bless each of you, and your families for the sharing of your time with the Valley!

Ill. Robert C. Pettit, 33° Spring Class

We congratulate the new members of the Valley of Rochester in the Ill. Robert C. Pettit, 33°, Spring Class and their first line signers.

The new Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret and their first line signers are:

- Claude G. Artigue - Kenneth J. Skidmore
- Thomas E. Badger - Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., 32° MS
- George R. Burke - Leo H. Pancoast, Jr., 32° MS
- James A. De Lorenzo - Harry A. Gorman
- Michael S. Goehle - Larry E. Foster, 33°
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- Tommie G. Richenderfer - Alfred K. Miller
- James E. Starkey, Jr. - Lawrence E. Hood, 33°
- Ralph L. Spoor - Joseph E. Bourcy, III
- Charles E. Strickland - Vernon L. Goodrich
- James M. Terhune - Paul W. Spillane

We thank all of our members who were the sponsors of these new members and the Membership Committee for all of their efforts.

Members of the Ill. Robert C. Pettit, 33°, Fall Class and their sponsors were listed in a previous issue of the Times.

Election and Installation of Officers

We will have our Election and Installation of Officers for the coming year at our next meeting on May 5, 1994. It will be an All Bodies Meeting. Please make every effort to attend and give your support to our new Officers.

Notice to all Members

At the Annual Meeting of the Bodies of the Valley of Rochester on May 5, 1994, the Resolution amending the Rules and Regulations of Rochester Lodge of Perfection, Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix and Rochester Consistory for Article 1, Sections 10B, 10B-3, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 will be presented for final approval. This Resolution was presented at the All Bodies Meeting on January 6, 1994.

The changes involved are:
Section 10B: A change in residential requirements.

Section 10B-3: Rewording of Armed Forces description.

Section 12: Rewording of open meeting to stated meeting.

Section 13: Deleted.

Section 14-18: Renumber to Section 13-17.

Section 19: Revised for Sections 18 and 19 where balloting and objections to initiation and advancement were revised.

All changes were made to update our By-Laws to conform with the 1993 Book of Constitutions of the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America. These changes are to be voted on at the All Bodies Meeting on May 5, 1994.

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MS
William Hartwig is not feeling well.

William (Bill) Cox, now residing at Wesley-on-East, Goodman Gardens, 8 N. Goodman St.

Edward Shaw is at Woodside Manor Nursing Home for therapy.

Paul W. Spillane is back at Roswell undergoing tests.

Joseph Privitera still has his arm in a sling, recuperating from shoulder surgery.

Harold Bollotin is on the road to recovery after his recent heart operation.

William Baldwin is recovering and is back to work half-time.

Norris Curtis was in Strong Memorial Hospital with heart problems and is now recuperating at home.

Robert Hummel had by-pass surgery at Rochester General.

Thomas Cocking had another heart attack and is in Strong Memorial Hospital.

Notice-Notice-Notice

We are in the process of completing the Ritual Inventory for the Supreme Council. If you have any Rituals in your possession, you need to contact the Scottish Rite Office at 271-0715 and confirm the degree book and number. If you are not studying a part, we would appreciate it if you would return the book to the office. You will be receiving a notice in the mail to this effect shortly.

Looking Ahead

Our Annual Scottish Rite Outing will be held at The Party House on Beahan Road. The date is August 19th and the price is \$13.00. Fellowship begins at 4:30 p.m. and is followed by a Steamship Round Buffet at 6:30 p.m. SEE YOU THERE!

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Town Meeting

By William R. Lindsay
The Grand Master's Town Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 1994 at the Downtown Temple, 875 East Main Street in Rochester, NY. Registration and coffee is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. with the meeting starting at approximately 8:30 a.m. and lasting until Noon.

Grand Master Henningsen is hopeful that he will have the opportunity to hear from Brothers and Officers from every Lodge in the Monroe-Wayne-Livingston area and engage in dialogue necessary to structure Freemasonry for the 21st Century. There will be an opportunity for every Brother to have his picture taken with the Grand Master.

Mid-morning refreshments will be available and there will be sales tables for the "24 Inch Gauge" and other Masonic books and items. Ample parking is available behind the Temple using the College Avenue entrance. Anyone needing additional information can contact Bill Lindsay at 621-3573.

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Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitular District



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Companions, the Grand Lecturer's Convention on Wednesday, March 23rd in Webster, was well attended. I congratulate Bill Zufall, our AGL, for organizing a most enlightening evening. RE Hobert C. Cook, the Grand Lecturer, was his usual entertaining self.

Well done!

I was pleased with the ritual work for the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees presented on Wednesday, April 13th in Webster. Well done, Companions! The ME Degree will be held on Tuesday, May 10th, in Dansville, and the Royal Arch Mason Degree on Thursday, May 12th, at Hiram Chapter.

Official Visits

My upcoming Official Visits schedule so far is: Webster Chapter No. 295, Wednesday, May 11th; Hiram Chapter No. 62, Thursday, May 26th; and Dansville Chapter No. 91, Tuesday, June 14th.

Appointments

RE Robert Zahn has been appointed Chairman of Education and Service.

RE Stanley Peterson has been appointed Chairman of Scholarship and Benevolence.

RE Ted Diehl has been appointed Chairman of Membership and Attendance.

300 years!

Plans are progressing for our 300 Year Celebration of Royal Arch Masonry in Rochester. Remember to save June 4th for this Royal Arch event, which will be held in Cathedral Hall with a Rededication Ceremony, followed by a happy hour, and a dinner in the 3rd floor dining room. Then we shall have some interesting short speeches and entertainment. A letter will be sent to each of you shortly, when all details are firmed up.

Scholarship Program

Of utmost importance to some of you - please send in your requests and resumes for the Scholarship Program. Time is passing very rapidly.

Grand Chapter

I understand that those who were able to brave the inclement weather to Grand Chapter had a profitable experience, and the Hospitality Room, hosted by the Zahn's, was the social event of Grand Chapter. Congratulations, Bob and Linda.

May dates

There are some important events coming up during the month of May.

1. On Tuesday, May 10th, the MEM Degree will be portrayed at Dansville Chapter, with the assistance of the other Chapters in the 27th Capitular District. Let's have a good crowd and support our Companion Chapter.

2. On May 12th, Thursday, the Holy Royal Arch Degree will be put on by our Chapter in Cathedral Hall, under the supervision of VE Companion William Zufall and E Companion Jerry Jones. With these directors, you know it will be a superlative Degree. A delicious dinner will precede the Degree at 6:30 p.m. Please call me for reservations. A light lunch and fellowship will follow the Degree.

3. On May 14th a Town Meeting will be held with our Grand Master leading this event. Also, on May 14th, is the retiring Grand Lodge Officers Dinner and the Apron Presentation of the new Grand Lodge Officers. Remember some of these Officers are Royal Arch Masons.

4. On May 26th we shall have the Official Visit by our own DDHP, RE Vernon Goodrich. Let's have a large attendance to hear his important message.

History

In continuing the history of our Chapter, we find that one of the principle pillars of Free Masonry died in 1826. Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master DeWitt Clinton died and it was resolved that the Companions wear Black Arm Bands on their left arms and that the meeting room be draped for an indeterminate time. Remember that this was during the start of the anti-Masonic movement.

Due to the anti-Masonic feeling in the late 1820's and 1830's, the record of meetings held are few and far between. There were only 7 Convocations in 1828. The last entry was on December 17, 1828, when it was reported that new officers were elected. The final entry, recorded in different handwriting, that the Chapter met agreeably to adjourn and proceed to install these new officers. There may have been other meet-

ings held later, if so, they are not recorded. Masonry evidently went underground during the height of the anti-Masonic feeling.

In the early 1840's with the subsiding of the anti-Masonic feeling, an attempt to revive the Fraternity in Rochester is recorded in Valley Lodge minutes. On June 21, 1845, "A small number of Masons met for the purpose of discussing some means to resuscitate the order, and restore to activity those principles of the Constitution of Free Masons which, for the past 17 years, have been trodden down by the rage of prejudice and popular fury".

It is probable that the same measure to revive Hamilton Chapter was similar to that sponsoring a new Lodge. In the proceedings of Grand Chapter, "Resolved that the Charter of Hamilton Chapter be returned, and that they be authorized to hold an Election of Officers, and resume the labors of the Chapter, and that all dues be remitted up to that time."

To be continued...

3x3 Chapter

NO. 333
Royal Arch Masons
(Chartered in 1990)



F. Jay McCullough, High Priest
352-1061
William O. Baldwin, Jr. Secretary
352-5664

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

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

By F. Jay McCullough
The Keystone

As has been written by those in Grand Chapter: "We in Royal Arch Masonry point with pride to the Royal Arch Seal, dignified and attractive. The basic color is blue to emphasize our Masonic heritage. The open Holy Bible in white, stresses the purity of thought which this Great Book contains. The Bible that gathers dust is of little value. Only an open Bible can be read".

There is more definition, but this leads into a specific Royal Arch lesson, taught by E William O. Baldwin.

How many times and where in the Bible do we find reference to "the stone which the builders refused"? Companion Baldwin has found four such references. Psalm 118, verse 22 is the earliest of these, stating in my Masonic Bible: "The stone which the builders refused is become the headstone of the corner".

In succession then, we move to St. Matthew in the New Testament where we find in Chapter 21 of his Gospel, verse 42, a quote from Jesus about reading the scriptures, where he says, "the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes".

The next series of Gospels are those of St. Mark, where in Chapter 12, verse 10 he says: "And have ye not read this scripture: the stone which the builders rejected

is become the head of the corner". And finally, Companion Bill tells us to check I Peter, Chapter 2, where in verse 7, Peter writes "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner".

Dust off that Bible you received in Blue Lodge. Companion Bill got me to do it, just by making a simple observation with reference to Royal Arch Masonry - the kind of question - and lecture - which relates to the very essence of belonging to, and participating in this York Rite level of the Craft.

Additions to our rolls

We have had the good fortune to have two candidates who have commenced on their journey through the degrees of Capitular Masonry. On April 6th, Chapters from our District converged on Spencerport for the dramatization of the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees for 4 candidates. While we assumed responsibility for the first of these degrees, Companions travelled from afar to take roles in both degrees. The first was orchestrated by RE Ruel Lovett, past DDGHP, and the second by RE Ken Kohlhagen from Attica township, the reigning DDGHP, both of the 29th Capitular District.

Our special guests and participants were in from Hamburg, Grand Island and Williamsville in the 31st District, as well as the Western segments of our own District.

The snow began falling heavily, and as most would remember, this was the last gasp snowstorm of the season, dropping some 7 inches in our area by morning. Even so, our Western region visitors braved the conditions to be sure our candidates received the most favorable attention, and we salute them!

E David Lantz from Grand Island sang the odes in most commendable fashion and made a memorable presentation of the historical lecture. The DDGHP of the 31st, RE Jacob McGee readily filled roles in a commanding yet warm fashion, and RE David P. Barwell, AGL and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Scotland near the Grand Chapter of New York, orchestrated affairs in an efficient manner, similar to the impression he made at the Grand Chap-

ter Annual Convocation in March in the work he performed there. Companion Thomas Starns of their Chapter gave moral support, as did E Keith W. Church of No. 313.

A resurgence in Capitular interest? We certainly are hopeful. The Royal Arch is a "must" for the Brother - to complete that which he had begun, when he started to build his Masonic "edifice" as an Entered Apprentice, according to the pamphlet on Royal Arch Masonry published by the Grand Chapter of the State of New York. One must only recall that there are still several Grand Lodge jurisdictions in the world where the degrees of the Royal Arch are an integral part of Blue Lodge, to be completed to be a Master Mason.

Fourteen of our own Chapter members were in attendance at this Convocation. Those from other Chapters in the 29th District included E "Doc" Benn of Wyoming Chapter along with a candidate, and E Mike Klinkbell of Western Star Chapter in Batavia with a candidate entering his Chapter, along with RE Richard Plue and E Horace Wilder. Comp. Keith Denton represented LeRoy Chapter, and in all, we enjoyed the company of 30-35 Companions that evening of the 6th.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

3X3 enjoyed District prominence again on the 20th of April when Grand Lecturer RE Hobert C. Cook of Cazenovia held his District Convention at our locale. AGL, VE Gary Thompson managed the event, which was preceded by dinner at the Pilot House in Spencerport.

Our appreciation

R. W. Jim Steuwe of Etolian Lodge undertook a cleaning of the aprons presented to the Chapter as a gift from Hiram Chapter. He donated his time and talent and we in 3X3 Chapter appreciate his efforts.

What's in store?

The Official Visit of District Deputy RE Ken Kohlhagen will take place on May 4th. May we in 3X3 welcome him with an excellent attendance, such as those we have enjoyed to date this year? We also would welcome any who might visit from other Districts in our region. See you there.

Hiram Chapter No. 62



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By L. Edward Walker, EHP

The Winter that we can never forget, will never let us forget. Snow again on Easter Sunday. I guess that the Easter Bunny is the Snow Bunny. Maybe next month we will be rid of the snow.

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Great Inspection

I would like to commend all Sir Knights who participated in the Inspection in such exemplary manner. It was, in my estimation, the best Inspection in the Zone. A special thank you to our Schicker Club for a super job on the dinner which preceded it.

Open Installation

Our incoming Commander SK Rev. Charles M. Roberts, will be installed at an Open Installation in Cathedral Hall on May 6th, Downtown Temple. The Installation will be at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a Reception in the Third Floor Dining Room. I wish SK Roberts the best in the coming year and hope for a year of increased membership and participation.

Eye Foundation Campaign

I am happy to report that our Eye Foundation effort this year has resulted in contributions in excess of \$235, this includes two new Life Sponsorships. Thanks to all Sir Knights for your support.

Summons Meeting

After sending out over 150 letters, only 11 Sir Knights attended the Summons Meeting. This was a very disappointing turnout. The question to be decided was our meeting night. I would think that those who were not happy with the night we meet would have made an effort to be there to give us their input. Apparently I was wrong. In any event, the resolution to change the meeting night was voted down. It was agreed, however, that we apply for Dispensation to meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays for Sept. 1994 thru Sept. 1995. At that time we will review the situation.

Honor Guard

I would like to remind all Sir Knights of the Honor Guard we will be providing for the area Joint Investiture at the Downtown Temple on May 20th.

The last

This will be my last communication to you as Commander of Cyrene/Monroe. It has been a reasonably good year for the newly chartered Commandery. I have not accomplished all that I had hoped to do, but I hope that we have at least established a stable foundation for future growth.

I wish to thank all the officers and Sir Knights for their support

during the year. My special thanks to the Past Commanders for stepping in when asked and for their wise council. □

Genesee

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Roy E. Huff
Secretary 663-7479

By Roy Huff

Our candidates were finally received into the College on April 30th at the Rochester Masonic Temple. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Our next meeting is the Annual Meeting and will be held on May 14th at 2:30 p.m. in Caledonia, NY, at the Masonic Temple. The Officers for the next year will be elected and installed following the reading of Annual Reports. We will join the ladies for dinner at the Springbrook Inn at 5:30 p.m. following the meeting.

You all should have received a letter concerning this meeting by now. If you did not, and plan to attend, please call me at 663-7479. □

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By Roy Huff

York Rite program

The Commanderies of Zones 11 and 12 have been very active during the month of April. The Commandery/York Rite Program Team visited Palmer Lodge, Fort Erie, Ont., Canada to put on the Commandery Drill and talk on the York Rite Bodies and Shrine. The Team also visited several Symbolic Lodges in Ontario and Yates Counties in April.

The Commanderies that have been active in this program are:

Cyrene/Monroe No. 12,
Rochester, NY.
Geneva No. 29, Geneva, NY
Batavia No. 34, Batavia, NY
Zenobia No. 41, Palmyra, NY
Hugh de Payens No. 30,
Buffalo, NY
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Program available

On May 11th the York Rite Team will visit Churchville

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It is with a great deal of pride, mixed with a little anxious anticipation, that we enter the positions of Assistant Grand Lecturers. Following in the footsteps of Rich Friedman and Terry Wihlen is no easy task. It is our hope that we can live up to, and exemplify, the highest ideals of the Fraternity as well as our predecessors have.

Statement of Purposes

When Rich and Terry assumed their positions as AGL's, they issued a Statement of Purposes which we shall adhere to and continue. Briefly, they are:

1. The Ritual as written is tremendously important to Masonry.
2. The role of the AGL is to instruct, aid and assist all in the performance of the standard work and Ritual.
3. The AGL's are in place to serve the Craft in any way possible to render the ritual proficiently.
4. Proficiency in Ritual is determined by two criteria:
 - a. Accuracy of the words rendered.
 - b. The ability to render the message of the Ritual in a meaningful way to the candidate or Brother.
5. Accuracy is important. The message is important. We will strive to concentrate on the message.
6. Schools of Ritual are for instruction. All will be welcome and made comfortable. Learning, not showing off by critiquing others shortcomings, is why we gather.
7. Participation will be encouraged by the friendly competition for Attendance Banners. The weighted point system for officers will continue.
8. At no time should any Brother feel ill-at-ease in front of our sessions. Brothers come with the expectation of useful guidance and instruction provided in an atmosphere of Brotherly affection and respect.
9. Your AGL's will make at least one "Official Visit" to each Lodge in their District every year. The purpose is to ascertain the state of the ritual as it is being performed and offer discreet

Lodge. If any Lodge would like to have a presentation of the program, contact Ronald Bertie, 79 Jefreelind Dr., Rochester, NY 14616.

He will be missed

The Commanderies in Zone 11 and 12 will miss the council of SK and Rev. Dr. Eligius G. Rainer, Assoc. Grand Prelate who passed away March 23th. Rev. Rainer was a dedicated Mason and was involved in many Masonic activities in the Genesee/Wyoming District, especially the Batavia area.

Two to go

There will be two Inspections during the month of May in Zone 12: Genesee-No. 10, May 6th (Insp. Off. Calvin May) and Batavia-No. 34, May 12th (Insp. Off. Charles Mendell). □

guidance to the officers of the Lodge in areas that may need attention. No fanfare is to be given these visits.

Assistants

We will also continue the practice of employing Assistant AGL's (AAGL's). John E. Zabel, of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154, will be the AAGL for the 1st Monroe District; and Craig Emmons, of Union Star Lodge No. 320, will represent the 2nd Monroe District.

Important dates

Our first School of Ritual will be on Tuesday, May 31st, at Northfield Lodge No. 426 at 7:30 p.m. The work on the trestle board will be Opening, Closing, and Balloting. A map will be sent

to your Lodge shortly. Attendance will count for the banners. This is an especially important School for new line officers, as the work performed is necessary in every Lodge, whether any Degrees are conferred or not.

A brief School of Instruction, presented by the Bureau of Masonic Education, will also take place to answer questions and explain Lodge protocol. The meeting will end at 9:00 p.m. All newly elected and appointed officers should make every effort to attend.

Incoming Masters

Please be sure to return your proxy statements for the Joint Investiture, being held on Friday, May 20th, at the Downtown Temple. □

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee

R. W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA REPRESENTATIVE



By R. W. Thomas M. Paglia

There is always a story to tell after each visitation at the VA Medical Center. This is one of them.

Our visit on February 13th was a special day for the veterans because the next day was Valentines Day. Each year, the children from around the area make Valentines to distribute to the veterans and this year, February 13th was the day.

As our group was passing out the cards, candy, ice cream and cookies, I noticed one of the veterans crying. I asked this very fine gentleman what was wrong. He answered that the day was beautiful because the children remembered the veterans, but he missed his brother. He wished he was here to see this.

This man is from Ohio, was transferred here last year and had not seen his family for a while. I asked him for his brother's name and address and promised him our group would get in touch with him. This was done by letter.

A week later, a phone call was received and his brother was on the line. He explained that he was in ill health, and being on in years, was unable to visit his brother in Canandaigua. Lo and behold, he told me that his brother was entitled to a 50 Year Masonic Pin

and that he would like to see that he received one. We assured him that we would see that this was taken care of.

As everyone knows, it is an honor to give a Mason his 50 Year Pin. On our next Sunday visitation, March 13th, we made this presentation. His joy and happiness was something we will never forget. His emotions overcame him.

There are many Masonic Brothers in the Veterans Medical Centers throughout the United States. They would appreciate a visit from their Lodge Brothers, Master or Line Officers. They did not forget you, so don't forget them. These are our veterans. Many of them went through not 1 war, but 2 or 3 of them so that we might have our precious freedom.

To the ladies

There are many female veterans now residing at the Medical Center who would dearly love a visit from women. Many of you know that lonely feeling and how it feels, YOU and YOU alone can make them have a nice day.

For more information on visitations, call me at 227-2046. If we are not available, please leave a message on our answering machine. Thank you. □



(left to right) R. W. Thomas M. Paglia, Mrs. June Moon, Mr. Floyd Bishop, a member of Hillman Lodge No. 481, Youngstown, Ohio and Mrs. Cora B. Paglia.

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Monarch's Message

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Reminder

Don't forget the Euchre Tournament on the 18th of May. We will be strictly enforcing the rule against speaking or singing in foreign languages. Of course, prizes and refreshments will be provided. If the Pilgrims came over in the Mayflower, what did the Boy Scouts come over in? The handicrafts!

Convention

I would remind you all about the Convention in Cleveland this year. I will be attending, so a hospitality suite for all Lalla Rookh members and friends will be provided. Let's have a good turnout! If the Boy Scouts came over in handicrafts, what did the doctors come over in? The blood vessels!

Communicate

Welcome back to all of our sunbirds. I hope you all handled the Winter reasonably well. Remember to call the Secretary or myself regarding instances of sickness or distress. If you don't tell us about it, we'll probably never know.

Grotto Membership

By Ron Morthorst
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By Don Brugger

The program

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Program now operational

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Save the date

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If you have a petition and need help with it, or have a question of any kind, call the HOT LINE, 334-4196.

Patrol News

The Patrol enjoyed assisting the Cast on April 20th, as the Grotto put on their spectacular Ceremony initiating new Prophets into our Mystic Circle.

\$5.00 and two feet!

After our monthly meetings, on the 4th Tuesday of the month, we have been going out to various "watering holes" to enjoy more fellowship, pizza, chicken wings, etc. This has been met with great enthusiasm by the members of the Patrol. The only thing missing is YOU. As a member of the Patrol, you would immediately become eligible for all of this. Only \$5.00 per year and two feet are necessary! Call the Secretary of the Patrol at 334-3660 for all the particulars.

Sickness

Prophet Bill Samar has been under the weather recently. Get better, Bill, and join us on Tuesday at the Culver Road Armory.

Good news

PM Ron Bishop's wife, Shirley, is now walking on her own and has been dismissed from re-hab in Cortland, NY. She and Ron are now at their home in Florida. We wish them both the

best for continued improvement and good health. Spring Meeting Secretary of the Patrol, PM Gordy Dodge, the Monarch, and other Prophets, attended the

an opportunity for you and your Lodge to assist a Brother during the sometimes difficult period of recovery. Please convey to the Brethren of your Lodge that this rehabilitation option is available to them. Please contact the Admissions Department at 1-800-322-8826 with any questions and the names of possible candidates for this program.

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beauty/barber shop, informal cafe eating, library, private room and Outpatient Doctors' offices. Since fitness is a concern for all, the Center will have a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, exercise area and locker room with shower facilities. Programs will be planned to maximize utilization of these facilities by the residents. In addition to the one meal per day in the Main Dining Room for each apartment resident, rates will cover a multitude of services and benefits including a 24 hour emergency call system, 24 hour security, basic utilities (heat, electricity, water, sewer), one parking space, ready access to the Masonic Home and its skilled nursing services, outdoor and common maintenance, regular house-keeping, usage of the swimming pool and exercise facilities, necessary repairs and maintenance of each unit to include provided appliances (refrigerator, stove, oven, heating and air condition-

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Dates to Remember

- Mon. May 2nd - Board of Governors
- Tuesdays - Patrol, Culver Rd. Armory
- Wed. May 18th - Regular Meeting
- Thur. May 12th - Caldron
- Thur. May 19th - Caldron, Executive Council

Attend the Grotto Meeting
Enjoy the fellowship

Caldron News

By Dorothy Bartlett, MCO

It will seem so good to see the flowers popping up and the trees budding after our long, hard Winter. I'm probably being optimistic about not having more snow.

May meetings

On May 5th, the Patrol will meet at the home of Helen Rose.

May 7th will be the White Fez luncheon meeting at Cartwright's Inn at 12:30 p.m. The Blue Caps are invited.

May 12th is Caldron meeting. May 19th the Executive Council will meet at the home of Susan Wilson.

Sickness and Distress

It was reported on April 2nd that Helen Boheen entered Rochester General Hospital. She suffered a heart attack and stroke.

We are happy to learn that Shirley Bishop is progressing well and was scheduled for release from rehab in April. Caldron sincerely wishes both she and Ron the very best of good wishes and health.

Dorothy Merritt is now home and doing well.

Don't forget the shut-ins with cards and calls.

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Donald C. Bell, Scribe

By Robert Nichols, GTC

We had a very important meeting on April 28th, when we hosted the visit of the District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Donald Brugger.

Ladies Night

I do have to reiterate the fact that we had a super Ladies Night on March 19th. We had over 30 present, including Tall Cedars, wives and two widows.

Looking ahead

We are going to present "The Royal Court" on May 26th, and are looking forward to having all members possible present.

Mark your calendar for June 23rd, for our Annual Sausage Roast, at the Damascus Temple. We will keep you informed of all these upcoming events.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon

District Deputy Supreme
Tall Cedar - 24th District

Just a reminder to let you know that the 1994 MD Campaign should get your immediate attention. If each Brother would give only a couple of bucks it would boost not only the total amount, but make participation data look much better.

Past Grand Matron needs you

M. Wthy. Mary T. Strong, Grand Matron in 1986, fell on April 9th and broke her hip. She is in Our Lady of Victory Hospital in Buffalo.

Prayers and cards would be deeply appreciated.

Wanda's Peaches

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Friday, May 6th

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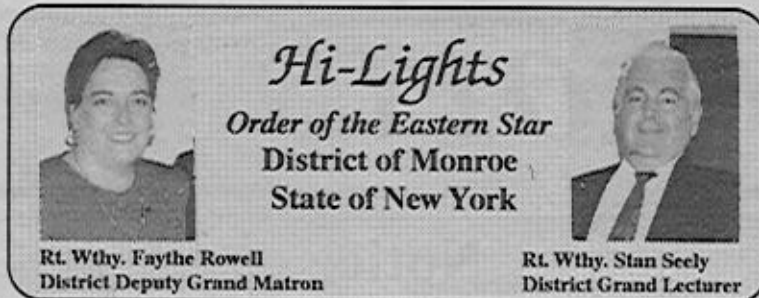
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Rt. Wthy. Faythe Rowell
District Deputy Grand Matron



Rt. Wthy. Stan Seely
District Grand Lecturer

Hi-Lights

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

By Rt. Wthy. Donna Laundry

Winding down

At this point, Rt. Wthy. Faythe Rowell, DDGM, would probably say she can "almost see the light at the end of the tunnel". With just 3 District Official Visits left (April 25, Mary Jane Holmes; April 27, Henrietta; May 3, Nola), only 2 other target dates remain before a Summer "breather". One is the Lilac Luncheon, an annual event initiated by M. Wthy. Bette B. Jurs to treat the ladies of the Home at Oriskany to lunch (It was originally held in Rochester at lilac time). This year the luncheon will be held on June 2nd at Roselawn Restaurant in Oriskany. Luncheon choices, at \$8.50 are: Baked Ham or Roast Turkey. Worthy Matrons will be providing the entertainment.

The BIG day

Then comes the BIG day, June 11th, the District Official Visit and Homecoming of M. Wthy. Wanda Williams. At Noon, a combined "Club Luncheon" will be held at the Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza. Grilled Chicken and Fresh Fruit Plate are the choices and will be \$12.00 each. Rt. Wthy. Sue Goossens is the person to contact by June 1st if you plan to attend. A Roast Beef Dinner for \$22.00 will also be at the Holiday Inn Downtown that evening. A meeting will follow at 8:00 p.m. Information has been sent to each Chapter.

Programs

Rt. Wthy. Stan Seely, DGL, is pleased to report that of the 49 Veterans whose names were given to him by the Canandaigua Hospital, 43 have been adopted by Chapters. An April 24th Sing-a-Long with the veterans was held and a June picnic is being planned.

Rt. Wthy. Stan would like to have everyone save July 22nd and 23rd for the Oriskany Bazaar Weekend. On Friday, the 22nd, there will be a combined dinner with the Albany-Rensselaer-Schneectady District and a Grand Matron's Banquet will follow the Bazaar on Saturday. Reservations for the Friday dinner, as well as hotel accommodations at either the Holiday Inn or the Radisson, will be taken by Rt. Wthy. Stan.



Rt. Wthy. Flora Arthur,
Grand Musician

Grand Musicians

There are only 2 Grand Musicians to play for the 39th Grand Matron's Visits in 1994. Rt. Wthy. Flora Arthur is one of them. Flora joined Eastern Star in 1971. She was the point of Ruth, then Wthy. Matron for Lea Court Chapter in 1977, half of 1981 and then again in 1982. She has also been Musician several times. Wthy. Sister Arthur has 4 children and 5 grandchildren. She loves to do crafts and to visit Hawaii.



Rt. Wthy. Mae Bauer,
Grand Representative of the
Grand Chapter of Maryland

Grand Representative

Rt. Wthy. Mae Bauer was appointed Grand Representative of Maryland for 1994-95. Sis. Mae joined Germania Chapter in 1963 and has been Wthy. Matron of the Chapter 4 times (including this year). Since 1987, when she obtained dual membership with Culver Chapter, she has been their Wthy. Matron 3 times. Talk about service to the organization! Mae's hands are always busy creating something, from favors to doll's dresses, crocheted items to bunnies.

NOLA Chapter No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star
Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff, Matron

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, Secretary
594-4692

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
8:00 p.m.

20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis

We are looking forward to our Official Visit on May 3rd. It will be nice Spring weather for our members and friends to travel to Churchville.

Thinking of you

We extend our sympathy to the family of Rt. Wthy. William Baxter on the death of his mother.

Sickness

We hope Eleanora Dick, who has shingles, is doing much better. She is in Florida.

It was good to see Wthy. Dorothy Erion at Seniors. She looks good and wants to be remembered to everyone.

Meetings

On May 17th we will celebrate Mother's Day with a Tureen Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and your table service.

The June 7th and September 20th Committee will be Worthy's

Sara Stephens, Anita Drake, and Sherre Albright.

Our Secretary

Wthy. Carol Wynings would like all members who are sending dues to be sure to send her any change of address, phone number, and the complete zip code.

The Big One!

Our Worthy Matron, Rt. Wthy. Susan, will celebrate hers in June, and Wthy. Susan Prevost celebrated hers in April! When you see these members, wish them a happy 40th birthday!

Spring is wonderful

It makes you feel young enough to do all the things you're old enough to know you can't!

Order of the Eastern Star Thoughts from the Grand Matron



Rt. Wthy. Wanda V. Williams

Busy times

April was a very busy month, with 14 District Visits. We are now more than half-way through them, and the Peaches train is chugging down the back side of the mountain towards home. I am very pleased with the attendance at the Visits, as well as the job being done by the District Deputies and Grand Lecturers. The commitment of the Staff Officers has also been outstanding. Thank you all.

May is a month of varied activity. It begins with Grand Lodge on May 1st and 2nd. There will be 4 Social Visits: Brooklyn-3rd, Manhattan-4th, Nassau-16th, Albany-24th. A cruise to Bermuda will be May 7-14. From May 21-28 we will have 7 Official Visits to Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegheny, Warren/Washington, Saratoga, Fulton and Lewis/Oncida.

Convention

The Rainbow Convention was a delight. The girls did a great job with their floor work and it was nice to see such great response and support from several Fraternal organizations there.

Upcoming events

On July 1-8, we will be going to Nova Scotia. Some of the places we'll visit on the bus tour are the Annapolis Valley, Fort Anne National Park, St. John, Grand Pre', Peggy's Cove, Cape Breton, the Evangeline Trail, Campo Bello Island (FDR's summer home), and the Alexander Graham Bell Museum. From August 15-29, the OES will be joining the Grand Lodge on a trip to England, Wales and Scotland. Both trips should be most enjoyable. Chapter and District Officers have more information on each of them.

Grand Sessions

Finally, though it may seem a long way off, we are looking forward to a new event that is planned for the week of Grand Sessions, a 125th Anniversary

Celebration Gala. It will be held at the Convention Center on Wednesday, October 12th, the night usually reserved for group get-togethers. We hope to have this be a unifying event, supported and enjoyed by all. More information will be forthcoming.

Corinthian/ Fellowship

Chapter No. 322

Order of the Eastern Star

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

8:00 p.m.

Wthy. Marilyn Israel, Matron
461-3254

Rt. Wthy. Lynn Springer, Sec.
247-4369

805 Blossom Rd., Rochester
14610

By Wthy. Marilyn Israel

March 23rd was our Official Visit of Grand Officers and was a most beautiful evening. Rt. Wthy. Faythe Rowell, DDGM and Rt. Wthy. Stanley Seely, DGL, District of Monroe, State of New York were present, accompanied by their Grand Officers: Rt. Wthy.'s Elaine Milner, Grand Chaplain; Cecil Losinger, Associate Grand Marshal; Flora Arthur, Grand Musician; Jean Howlett, Grand Warder; Lily Chambers, Grand Color Bearer; Wilda Robinson, Grand Ruth; and Mae Bauer, Grand Representative of Maryland. Each Grand Officer was presented with a corsage of orange and blue, with a paper twist doll pin with the same colors in it, which carried three shamrocks. One pin went home to Rt. Wthy. Bernice Nielsen, Past Grand Representative of Mississippi.

Happy birthday!

March was the month in which Corinthian-Fellowship officially turned 90 years young. The favors were made from my wedding veil (23 years this past February). I was proud of our Chapter and grateful to those who stepped in to fill chairs and make this a memorable evening for me.

May dates

May 11th will be Mother-Daughter Recognition Night. A Tureen Dinner at 6:00 p.m., will be followed by a Regular Meeting.

On May 25th, the Rochester Chapter of DeMolay will do a Degree for us at 7:30 p.m. It will be an Open Meeting. We hope that Henrietta Chapter No. 475 can join us, as well as Fidelity Triangle No. 4, and Frances Hitchcock Shay Constellation of Junior Stars.

If you are aware of any young people who may be interested in our youth organizations, please keep this evening in mind. The DeMolay young men have been growing in numbers, and I believe this will be a nice evening for all.

Scouts

Wthy. Barbara Jean Smith and I will be working diligently in starting a Girl Scout Troop at the Community House-43 Hoeltzer Street. This area, near St. Michael's Church between Clinton and Joseph Avenues, has been working very hard to bring about a sense of Community in a neighborhood beset with many problems, such as drugs and poverty. Our first meeting for girls between 5-17 years of age, and their parents, was held on Saturday, April 30th. We will be meeting once a week, along with a Boy

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Scout Troop, which is also just getting started. We heard about this endeavor through The Greater Rochester Community of Churches.

Word of faith

A quote from St. Gregory: "Faith has no merit where reason supplies the proof." □

Rochester Chapter No. 314
Order of the Eastern Star
Wthy. Evelyn Ann Heller
Matron 621-5737
Wthy. Barbara Mertens
Secretary 482-0994

First Saturday 8:00 P.M.
875 East Main Street
Rochester, N. Y. 14605

By Wthy. Evelyn Ann Heller

It doesn't seem possible that it is May already, but it is. The year is flying by. We are 5 months into 1994. We have done many things so far, but there is more to be done.

Sickness & Distress (and good news too)

Sis. Georgia Coates is in Park Ridge Hospital. Bro. Mike Staub had out-patient surgery on his knee. Sis. Norma Gingold has Bronchitis.

I visited our shut-ins for the Easter Holiday, and brought them plants from the Chapter. They were all grateful for the visit and the plant. Our shut-ins include 2 honorary members of the Chapter.

Now for the good news. Wthy. Barbara and Wthy. Ron Mertens are grandparents for the first time. Elizabeth Megan Jordan was born to their daughter, Ellen and her husband on March 25th.

Upcoming events

May 7th will be our regular meeting, Memorial Night and ample form. The ample form had to be rescheduled due to the absence of many officers with colds and other illnesses.

Our Birthday Banquet will be at the Marriott, West Henrietta Road on May 15th. Dinner choices are: Roast Pork or Chicken French with accompaniments, \$16.50 each. There will be entertainment. We will gather at 4:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. For more information or to make reservations, contact Wthy. Barbara Spano. If you need transportation for this or for any other event, contact the Worthy Matron, Secretary or any other Line Officer.

We are planning to have a Pot Luck Supper at Sideliners Night on June 4th.

100 years of hats

Plan now! On June 18th we will have 100 years of hats! Hat

Show and Luncheon. The menu will be fruit cup, chicken salad, home made rolls and butter, and home made dessert. We will also have door prizes. All this can be had for only \$6.50.

This Hat Show is open to the public and all are invited to attend, but you do need to make a reservation. Lorrie Jones and Trudy Durand, who are putting on this show for us, have put on this same show for numerous organizations and for some stores.

If you want to join us and see your friends modeling hats, please contact Sis. Fran Staub at 342-2756. For tickets, send remittance and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Rochester Chapter No. 314, 653 Carter Street, Rochester, NY 14621. Reservations are a must. If you plan to attend, you are invited to wear your own hat. □

Fidelity Triangle No. 4




Belinda Cooper
Beloved Queen

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Fidelity Triangle's Installation was a big success. A lot of people took time from their schedules to attend the ceremonies, many of them, Grand Officers.

Travel time

On April 9th, 13 girls, Supervisors and Daddies of Fidelity, showed their support by traveling to Lockport to attend Lockport Triangle's Installation.

Fun time

On April 16th, Fidelity went to Horizon Skate-Way for roller skating, and then to Chuck E. Cheese's for pizza, to show our prospective members how we have fun.

Flower time

Our geranium orders were collected and sent in. The flowers will be delivered between May 15th and May 22nd. The money from these fund raisers help to off-set the Convention cost, so every girl has an opportunity to attend.

Invite your friends

Triangle is an organization for girls between the ages of 11 and 21 years. Triangle promotes strong leadership skills in the young women of today. The Triangle girls of today are the leaders of tomorrow. If there are any girls interested in joining Tri-



(1st row) Tina Murphy, Belinda Cooper, Melissa DuBois, Lynn Arthur (2nd row) Cindy Lynch, Stephanie Myers, Holly Gorall, Cindy Batting (3rd row) Kathy Myers, Inalee Myers, Heather Jolly, Trista Garver of Lockport Triangle No. 128, Ericka Hansen and Cathy Batting. (Photo taken March 28, 1994)

In Memoriam

Rev. Dr. Eligius G. Rainer Passes March 23, 1994



By Don Brugger

Dr. Rainer was born on January 26, 1907. He graduated from St. Mary's College in Northeast Pennsylvania and was ordained a Catholic Priest on June 10, 1933 at Mount St. Alphonsus in Esopus, New York. After attending Catholic University in Washington, D.C. he received a Doctorate in Canon Law on June 26, 1937.

Dr. Rainer served as Assistant Rector at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn, NY until August of 1945 and taught in the Seminary there until 1949. He served as Assistant at St. Joseph's Church in Rochester, NY until June of 1950, when he was released from the priesthood by Papal Dispensation.



On June 12, 1950 he became employed at the Division of Parole at Green Haven Prison in Dutchess County. In November of 1951 he was transferred to the Department of Correction at Green Haven and also served as a teacher of Social Education. He was promoted to Officer of Guidance Supervisor and was transferred to the Attica Correctional Facility, where he also taught Social Education.

Dr. Rainer was received as a clergyman in the Episcopal Church in 1957. In 1960 he be-

came Associate Rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Batavia, NY, at the same time retaining employment with the Department of Correctional Services at Attica.

When he arrived at the mandatory retirement age under State regulations in 1977, he entered forced retirement. He kept occupied, however, in Masonic work and by visiting shut-ins and sick Masons in their homes and in the hospitals, nursing homes and in the Batavia Veteran's Hospital.

Order of DeMolay

Gene Knapp, MC
Rochester Chapter
Charlotte Temple
1st & 3rd Fridays

By Michael Israel

World-wide observance

Early in February, we participated in the 75th Anniversary of DeMolay. Part of this observance was the conferring of the Chapter Degrees all over the world at the same hour. The meeting was topped off with a Spaghetti Dinner. There were over 50 DeMolays and Master Masons in attendance.

Dance

On April 1st we had a DeMolay Dance. Everyone had a good time.

came Associate Rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Batavia, NY, at the same time retaining employment with the Department of Correctional Services at Attica.

In 1958 he married the former Miriam T. Thorne. In 1970, Dr. Rainer became Supervising Chaplain at the Attica Correctional Facility and entered the yard full of rebellious inmates in an attempt to lessen tensions during the 1971 uprising at that prison.

When he arrived at the mandatory retirement age under State regulations in 1977, he entered forced retirement. He kept occupied, however, in Masonic work and by visiting shut-ins and sick Masons in their homes and in the hospitals, nursing homes and in the Batavia Veteran's Hospital.

Masonic career

Dr. Rainer was raised in Batavia Lodge No. 475 on May 24, 1960 where he served as Chaplain from 1971 until 1981. That year he was elected Senior Warden and in 1982, Master of Batavia Lodge. In 1976 he had been appointed Grand Chaplain, later being named Grand Chaplain Emeritus. In 1981 he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Benevolences, another post he retained for life.

He was also a member of Olive Branch No. 39 in LeRoy, NY. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason on June 20, 1966 in West Star Chapter No. 35, RAM. He served that Chapter as High Priest in 1978 and served as Chaplain after that, until 1982. He received the Orders of Knighthood on November 2, 1974 and was appointed Honorary Past Commander on May 11, 1978. He served as Excellent Prelate of Batavia Commandery from 1977 on and in 1982 was appointed to the Grand Line as Associate Grand Prelate. He also belonged to the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor.

Dr. Rainer joined the Scottish Rite in 1985 as a member of the

Free dinner

On April 13th we helped serve a Spaghetti Dinner for the Eastern Star, everyone that helped ate a plate of spaghetti. Free! Dad Crystal and Dad Elliot provided the transportation.

Degree

On May 25th we will be putting on a Degree for Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter, O.E.S. This will be an Open Meeting for them and Fidelity Triangle No. 4, Frances-Hitchcock-Shay Constellation of Junior Stars, and Henrietta Chapter O.E.S. are invited. Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter meets at 805 Blossom Road.

Membership

We need more members for our Chapter. Visitors are welcome after our meeting is over. Just call our Chapter, we're always looking for new young men.

We had a quiet month compared to last.

At our meetings we have a blast.

Dates

- May 5 - 6:30 p.m., Spaghetti Dinner at Northfield Lodge.
- May 6 - 7:30 p.m., Meeting & Prepare for Awards Night.
- May 7 - 7:00 p.m., Direct Parking R.O.S.
- May 20 - 7:30 p.m., Open Meeting, Bring-A-Friend.
- May 25 - Flower Talk at Corinthian/Fellowship O.E.S., Blossom Rd. □

Ill.: Albert H. Burger, 33°, Class. Rev. Dr. Eligius Rainer will be remembered by this author for the interesting, enlightening and well researched articles he wrote for the *Masonic Times* from 1992.

He was husband of Alice Anita Moffat Rainer who died in 1957 and Miriam P. Thorne Rainer who died in 1992. Surviving are his wife Marilyn Muller Rainer: two stepdaughters, two brothers, five step-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Rainer's wife, Marilyn, received guests at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Attica at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26th. A short Memorial Service followed at 2:00 p.m. after which, the procession then transported the remains to the Grand View Cemetery in Batavia, NY for a 3:30 p.m. Committal and Masonic Service.

January, 1994

Hovt, George K.

George was a 60 year member of Monroe Lodge No. 173. He passed away in January, 1994 in Indiana.

March

Toole, Raymond S.

Death claimed Raymond on March 6th, in San Diego, California. He was a member of Flower City Lodge No. 910.

VanAs, Robert A.

Robert was a member of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Shrine and the Order of DeMolay. He passed away March 23rd in Clearwater, Florida.

Wiseman, John I.

John was only 56 years old when he passed away on March 25th, after a long illness. He was a member of Warsaw Lodge No. 549, Perry Damascus Temple, and Coudersport Consistory. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and 4 children.

Goold, Verna C.

Verna was a member of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter No. 440, OES. She passed away March 27th. She is survived by her children, granddaughter, and 3 great-grandchildren.

April

Allen, Stephen A.

Death claimed Stephen on April 6th. He was a member of Oatka Lodge No. 759, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12, Knights York Cross of Honor and Hiram Chapter No. 62. Stephen is survived by his wife, Saville, children, grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Mallaber, Ruth R.

Ruth died April 7th at the age of 68. She was a member of Charlotte Chapter No. 507, OES, and is survived by her husband, Albert.

Newton, Harry M.

At the age of 87 years, Harry passed away April 9th. He was a 65 year member of Henrietta Lodge No. 526.

Kemp, Howard R.

A member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Howard died April 14th. He is survived by his 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

To make additions, call the Service Bureau at 473-4351 or Fax 262-5491.
1994

- Jun. 4 300 Year Celebration - RAM
- Jun. 4 Genesee/Wyoming Golf Tournament
Rolling Acres Golf Club, Pike, NY
- Jun. 5 Masons & K of C - Chicken Bar-B-Q, Yorkshire
- Jun. 10-12 Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R., Syracuse, NY
- Jun. 11 Grand Matron's Visit, Holiday Inn, Downtown
- Jun. 12 St. John's Day Breakfast, Lambert Pk., Batavia
- Jun. 17-19 St. John's Weekend, Utica, NY
- Jun. 18 Inaugural Organ Recital, Cathedral Hall
- Jun. 18 Bus Excursion to Utica for St. John's Day
- Jun. 18 Genesee/Wyoming Father's Day Breakfast,
Letchworth State Park
- June 28 Genesee/Wyoming Apron Presentation
- Jul. 3-23 Boy's Session at Camp Turk
- Jul. 23 Oriskany Pilgrimage, O.E.S.
- Jul. 24-Aug. 13 Girl's Sessions at Camp Turk
- Aug. 5 Masonic Night at the Ball Park, GW
Dwyer Stadium - Batavia, NY
- Aug. 6 Grotto Golf Tournament
- Aug. 19 Scottish Rite Outing, Party House
- Sept. 12 O.E.S. Monroe District Grand Officers'
Homecoming
- Sept. 29 School of Ritual - 1°
- Oct. 6 Symbolic Lodge Awards, A.A.S.R.
- Oct. 10 Grand Matron's Testimonial Dinner
- Oct. 11-13 Grand Chapter O.E.S. - Rochester
- Oct. 14 Scottish Rite Ladies Night
- Oct. 26 Grand Lecturer's Convention
- Nov. 3 Scottish Rite Family Night
- Nov. 14 Grand Master at Fairport Lodge,
Monday Lodges will meet at Fairport
- Nov. 17-19 Scottish Rite Reunion
- 1995
- Jan. 14 & 28 Leadership Development Course (two sessions)

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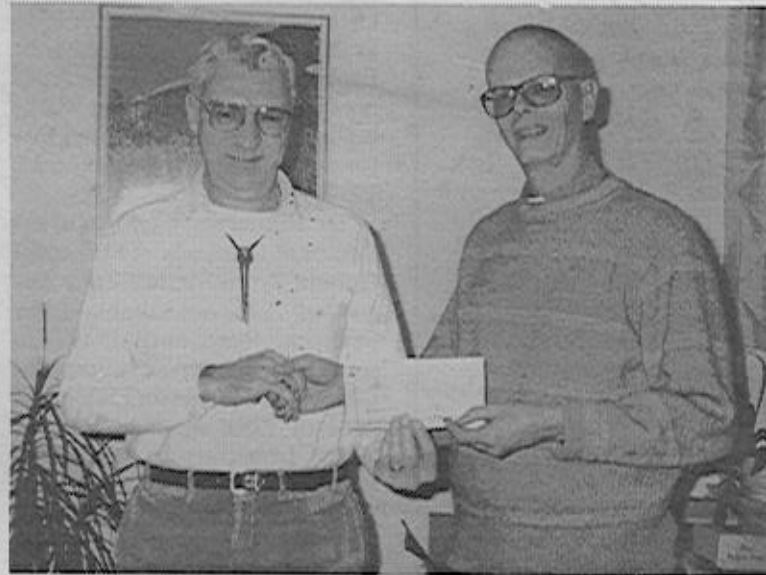


Leonard Gessin, Chairman
1-229-5470
Dean F. Marsaw, Exec. Secretary
865-0046

By Dean F. Marsaw
Good work!

It was an honor, on behalf of the Metro Club, to present a check to Rev. Fox at the Open Door Mission for \$100.00, for their General Fund.

This donation was made possible through the dedication of



Dean Marsaw, presenting a donation from the Police and Fire Square Club to Reverend Kenneth S. Fox of the Open Door Mission.

our members who faithfully support our Special Projects Fund at the Annual Steak Roast. Keep up the good works, guys and gals.

Different rules

We will take on the fund raising objective again this year, but in a different way.

You will be receiving a fun game form to fill out and return with your donation. Your friends can also play the game.

Future plans

Look for a Past President's Meeting flyer in May. We will discuss the future of the Club on this occasion. We have to make a definite commitment one way or another, whether to continue the Club in 1995.

I urge not only the Past Presidents, but, also all members, to give this subject some serious thought and give me your input. My phone number is 865-0046. Call anytime, if I'm not at home,

leave a message and I will return your call.

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Sat. - May 21

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Sun. - May 22

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Calendar May 1994

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Orthodox Easter	2 Grand Lodge John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg OES - Irondequoit	3 Grand Lodge Char/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman - NO dinner Germania - Elec. & Inst. Towpath - E. Rochester Webster Oakland - Castle Warsaw Henrietta - Fellowcraft OES - Monroe, Nola, Webster	4 Olive Branch - LeRoy Attica Churchville 3x3 - RAM - Official Visit	5 Northfield - Dinner Hesperus - Bergen Constellation - Perry - Elec. Flower City Webster Scottish Rite - Election and Installation of Officers OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	6 Cyrene/Monroe - Open Installation DeMolay - Rochester Chapter	7 OES - Rochester Chapter Chicken BBQ - Bergen Chicken BBQ & Open House - Olive Branch, LeRoy
8 Mother's Day Chicken BBQ - Attica	9 ERAC - E. Rochester - Elec. Etollan - Spencerport Fairport Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield - Elec. Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council - Elec. & Inst. OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes	10 Fame Henrietta - Elec. & Inst. Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes - Elec. - Dinner Batavia Arcade - Elec. Craftsman - Fellowcraft Towpath Wyoming Chapter - RAM Danville Chapter - RAM - Official Visit	11 Churchville - Elec. Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike Webster - RAM - Official Visit OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship	12 Flower City - Elec. & Inst. - Dinner Webster - Fellowcraft Steak Roast Hiram - RAM - Dinner HRA Degree Batavia Commandery - Inspection Caldron	13	14 Daughters of the Nile Fidelity Triangle GYRC - Caledonia - Dinner Grand Lodge Town Meeting TCC Grand Lodge Officers Apron Presentation and Retirement Dinner Holiday Inn-Genesee Plaza
15 Pancake Breakfast LeRoy, 7-11 a.m.	16 John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg - 3° OES - Irondequoit, LeRoy	17 Char/Corinthian - Dinner Clio - Hilton - Elec. Craftsman - Dinner Towpath - E. Rochester Elec. Oakland - Castle Warsaw Batavia - RAM OES - Monroe, Nola, Webster	18 Olive Branch - LeRoy Attica Churchville Grotto Doric Council 3x3 - RAM	19 Northfield Hesperus - Bergen Constellation - Perry - Inst. Webster - Elec. & Inst. Western Star - RAM - Official Visit OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	20 Area Districts - Joint Investiture, 7:30 p.m. Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Downtown Temple	21 Library Workshop 8 a.m. - All day Downtown Temple Henrietta - Ham Dinner 5:00 p.m. 150th Anniversary Renovation Lodge Cornerstone Laying, Albion Chicken BBQ - Eagle Valley, Billie OES - Rochester Chapter
22 Renovation Lodge Anniversary Breakfast Cobblestone Church- Childa Char/Corinthian - Open Installation Roast Pork Dinner - Noon West Star - Varysburg	23 ERAC - E. Rochester - Open Inst. Etollan - Spencerport Fairport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Library Talk, W. Moore Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council - LeRoy OES - Mary Jane Holmes	24 Fame - Elec. & Inst. - Dinner Henrietta Monroe - Brockport Batavia Arcade - Inst.	25 Churchville - Inst. Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike Clio - Hilton Spaghetti Dinner OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship	26 Batavia Commandery Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Degrees Hiram - RAM - Official Visit	27 Past Master's Supper Club	28 Northfield - Pittsford Open Inst.
29 	30 Memorial Day (observed)	31 School of Ritual- Opening & Closing B.M.E. - Protocol Northfield - Pittsford 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Remember The Brotherhood Fund</p>			