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Spring Ceremonial Will Make Shrine History in Rochester

By Erwin Newell, NYOSA Ceremonial Coordinator

For the first time ever, the New York Ontario Shrine Association member Temples will hold a Public Ceremonial. This historic event will be hosted by Damascus Temple during the Association's Convention here. Yes, this means ladies are invited as well as non-Shriners.

More history in the making

Our Imperial Potentate, Burton Ravellette, Jr. will play the role of the Potentate in the Ceremonial. He will be accompanied by Imperial Assistant Rabban, Lewis Brantley and the Imperial Oriental Guide, Ralph Semb. The Ceremonial will also feature the presence of M.W. Gary A. Henningsen, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, who will help in the Fez presentation. The rest of the cast will be made up of Nobles from New York and Ontario Temples.

We Need Help

Come and join us for this once in a lifetime opportunity to watch this beautiful ceremony with your lady. Should you like to take part and become a candidate for this class, call our Temple Office at 716-671-7701 and we will have a Membership Officer contact you.

Let us show the Imperial Potentate and his Officers, as well as our Grand Master, that the Masonic family is united and alive in '95 in Rochester, New York.

Mark your calendar. It's going to be a Great Day! The festivities will continue into the evening with a Reception in honor of the Damascus Temple's Potentate, Ill. Derek E. VanHouten.

Don't miss this great day and evening- April 29, 1995.

Schedule of Events

10:30 - 11:20 a.m.
Learn about the Shrine
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
Lunch - \$14.00/person
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Public Ceremonial
3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
Hospitality for all
6:00 p.m. - till
Potentate's Reception -
Rochester Conv. Center

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Grand Master to Attend Three District Events in April



M.W. Gary A. Henningsen, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, will attend three events in the Monroe Districts this month. He will be in attendance at the Masonic Grand Ball, participate in honoring R.W. Bill Lennox on the 50th Anniversary of Bill's appointment as DDGM and take part in the first Open Shrine Ceremonial by presenting fezzes to the new Shriners.

General Walter E. Boomer to Receive Distinguished Achievement Award

General Walter E. Boomer has been designated to receive the Distinguished Achievement Award by Grand Lodge at the Grand Master's Reception during the 214th Convocation on May 1, 1995.

General Boomer joined the United States Marine Corps in 1960 following his graduation from Duke University. He served two tours of duty in Viet Nam and served as an Instructor and later as Chairman of the Department of Management at the U.S. Naval Academy from 1974 to 1976.

In 1986 he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and in 1990, to Lieutenant General. General Boomer was deployed to Saudi Arabia as Commanding General, U.S. Marine Central Command and 1st Marine Expeditionary Force during Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

He was promoted to the rank of General in 1992 and named Assistant Commander of the Marine Corps. He held that position until his retirement in 1994.

Upon returning to civilian life, General Boomer was named Senior Vice President and Chief



Project Officer of McDermott International, Inc.

General Boomer is a native of Rich Square, North Carolina. He holds a B.A. Degree from Duke University, a M.S. in Technology of Management from American University and graduated with distinction from the Naval War College.

Masonically, Brother Boomer was raised to the Sublime Degree

Your Bureau, Your Community, The United Way

By R.W. Vernon Goodrich

The Appeal Continues

The United Way Campaign is about to start. I ask all of you contributing to the United Way to utilize the opportunity to designate your gift to the Masonic Service Bureau. ASK for the Donor Choice Contributor Information; select Choice No. 3 and fill in the amount designated to the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, Inc. The agency ID number is 1060; fill in our complete name.

The Cause

Statistics alone do not tell the complete story of what we do, only the heart and mind of you, the Mason, or Masonic family member, truly know the depth of our desire to help our friends, our Community, our cause. Statistics do, however, provide a hint of what we do, and what we stand for. We receive over 8000 phone

calls per year; our Loan Closet is being promoted by several hospitals and agencies throughout the Community. Our assistance to the youth, the aging, and the soup kitchens, is significant. Our scholarship program is important to the youth and the *Masonic Times* is the best in the State. Your Service Bureau is the envy of Masons everywhere.

The Obligation

We all have an obligation, as a Mason, as a religious person, or as a member of the human family, to stretch forth our hands and give a lift to others. This obligation returns a feeling of goodness and of hope. Let's all catch the "feeling" and help spread our beneficent influence.

The Pledge

How much will your Pledge be? How much is enough? How huge is the need? Pledge today-give tomorrow.

I.D. Tape Instrumental in Finding Child

A Masonic Child I.D. tape was used by the New York State Police to recover a child who was abducted. The child was asked during the interview where he and his friends liked to hang out after school. The response to this question led to the recovery of the child. The State Police and the child's family have requested that the details remain confidential and we will respect that. The State Police did call to tell the Child I.D. Area Chairman that the videotape was an important part of their investigation and played a major roll in the recovery.

In August of 1994 the Monroe District's Masters and Wardens Association conducted a Child I.D. Program at the Monroe County Fair. The response to this program was great and showed what could be done with Masonic cooperation. This effort was primarily the brainchild of W. Jon Deacon, Master of Churchville Lodge. It was a very complex

of Master Mason in Temple Noyes-Cathedral Lodge No. 32 in Washington, D.C., a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and recipient of the 33°, A.A.S.R. Brother Boomer is a member of Almas Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Capital Court of the Royal Order of Jesters and National Sojourners. Brother Boomer comes from a family of Masons, as both his father (also a 33° Scottish Rite Mason) and grandfather are part of this Fraternity. Brother Boomer joins a long line of distinguished military officers to receive the Distinguished Achievement Award, including Generals Omar Bradley and Douglas MacArthur. (Courtesy of Masonic News Network)

project and involved over 200 people, some of whom had to be trained in the operation of the video equipment. Over 850 children and teenagers were filmed and their parents presented with the tapes. Several local Masonic organizations contributed the funds to supplement the tapes supplied by Grand Lodge.

Several community non-Masonic groups also participated including the Adam Walsh Center and Kali Poulton's mother, Judy. This was an example of the cooperation of the entire Masonic Community. Perhaps a similar program would again be in order for the Monroes. It works! (Courtesy Masonic News Network)

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Editor's Corner

Don Brugger

The Masonic Memorial Service, A Thank You

A call was received at the Masonic Service Bureau Office a while ago from a Funeral Director. It appeared that a Brother had died and the family knew that it was his wish to have a Masonic Funeral Service. The deceased Brother was not affiliated with any local Lodge. The District Deputy of the 1st Monroe District was contacted to see what could be done on short notice. The result was a very well attended, satisfying service. The DDGM, Richard Friedman, recently received a note from the family and thought it should be shared with the Brothers. Names have been omitted to protect the privacy of the family.

"The Family of ... would like very much to offer our thanks for the fine Masonic Service which you provided on ... at the ... Funeral Home.

My Father had been a Mason for as long as I can remember, and was instrumental in getting me involved in Triangle in Syracuse. Dad had been a Shriner, a member of Tigris Shrine in Syracuse, and in the Winter enjoyed attending Shriners functions in Clearwater, Florida.

In his later years, especially when he moved to the Rochester area from the Albany area, where he had last worked and lived, he was especially anxious to maintain his Blue Lodge dues, so that when he died he could have a Masonic funeral. That you folks were able to fulfill his wish, we are very appreciative, especially since none of us had any idea where his Masonic Apron might be; you graciously provided one. The service itself was beautiful and impressive, even as we were impressed by the large number of Masons who turned out for someone they had not known. It was an especially nice touch at the conclusion for all of you to bring greetings and condolences to the family.

Many people remarked afterwards, how lovely and meaningful the Masonic Service was, and we want you to know that it was deeply appreciated by his family. Thank you very much."

I'm sure that all would agree that the Masonic Memorial Ser-

vice is most impressive and that it is probably the only exposure to Masonry that some people have. I am also sure that most Masons believe that this service to the family of the deceased is most necessary and should be provided. Although the feedback recorded here is not always received by the Brothers of a Lodge, they know that the family appreciates the thought and participation by the Brothers.

If my recollection is accurate, Past Grand Master Robert Singer made a comment about the Funeral Service. He said that in his opinion the Masonic Memorial Service was probably one of the most important things that the Lodge could do for the family of a deceased Brother.

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Community Service

By R. W. Harold Bollotin

There has been no activity since the last report since no opportunities have arisen. Possibilities for the near future are the Multiple Sclerosis Walk and the Monroe Special Olympics.

TV Channel WXXI

On Friday evening, March 3rd, the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post of the Masonic War Veterans volunteered to man the telephones at the TV Channel WXXI Membership Drive Telecast, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Grand Lodge

Veterans Service Committee

R. W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA REPRESENTATIVE

Volunteers needed

The VA Medical Center in Canandaigua, NY is in dire need of Volunteers for various positions throughout the Medical Center. These include wood-working, bowling, the library, office work, and much more. Volunteering gives great satisfaction and improves your state of mind. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please call 396-3645 and ask for Robin or Flo. They will be glad to assist you.

Budget cuts

With recent cuts in the budgets of most Medical Centers, it becomes very important that more volunteers join us to take up the slack. Without volunteers, the veterans will suffer. Is it right that the veterans should do without after putting their life on the line? The Masonic Fraternity, with the help of 35 other organizations who attend the center, is trying desperately to stop the cuts.

The veterans need your support. Won't you give a little of your time to ensure that life will be a little better for them. There are many veterans who could use the sound of a soft voice or the

See the report of this event in the Post article elsewhere in this issue.

Three members of the Masonic Service Bureau, who are also members of the Post participated, they are James Spencer, Leon VanHuben and me.

1995 United Way Campaign Reminder

You may contribute to the Masonic Service Bureau through your Company United Way Campaign. All that is necessary is to fill out a "Donor Designation" card. Under choice #3 indicate The Masonic Service Bureau, Agency (No. 1060) and the name is "Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc."



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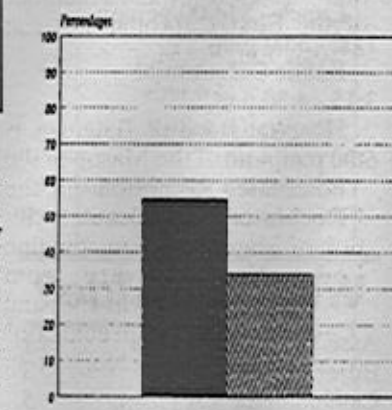
By W. David W. Jones

Our 55% participation goal is a way of setting and achieving a target. It is an important part of recognizing our responsibility to our Brother Masons and the community at large. We Masons are justly proud of our support for many charitable and philanthropic programs. You can justify that pride with a contribution to the Fund. Join the majority of your Brothers. Be a part of the best program of the world's best organization.

Brothers Craig Mollon, Andy McBride, Bob Ogden and Norm Gauch of Churchville, Germania, Craftsman and J.A. Robertson Lodges have already passed our District Goal of 55% participation for the Brotherhood Fund. With only about 8 weeks remaining in the Campaign, how's your Lodge doing? Why not ask your

chairman what YOU can do to help?

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R.W. Richard W. Bateman, Assistant Grand Secretary

By Don Brugger

R.W. Richard W. Bateman was raised on November 25th, 1980 in Unified Lodge No. 603 (now Scotia Lodge No. 634). He served as Master of Unified Lodge in 1984 and Master of Scotia Lodge in 1989 and is currently Trustee and Chaplain. Brother Bateman is also a member of Jerusalem-Amity Chapter No. 8 RAM, where he served as High Priest in 1993; Couer de Lion Commandery No. 23 where he was Generalissimo in 1993 and currently Trustee; Valley of Rockville Center, A.A.S.R. and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Provincial Grand Lodge of the U.S.A.



R.W. Richard Bateman was hired as Assistant Grand Secretary on February 5, 1991 and appointed Grand Pursuivant on August 30, 1991.

He was President of the Fifth Masonic District Association of Manhattan in 1987 and will be Treasurer through 1995. He was also Editor of the "District Bulletin" from 1993-1994. Brother Bateman was President of the 5th Masonic Masters and Wardens Assoc. in 1985. He was Trustee of the Underprivileged Childrens Camp Fund of the 5th Masonic District in 1989 - 1991 & 1994 - 1995. Richard is a corresponding member of the American Lodge of Research.

He is an Honorary Member of the newly constituted Evangelist Lodge under the Grand Lodge of France. He is a former Dad of Sunrise Chapter, Triangle Girls, Baldwin, NY; Chapter Advisor of Wantagh Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Bellmore, NY; a member of the Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests of the State of New York and a member of the First Capitular District Association, RAM.

Awards

R.W. Brother Bateman is the recipient of the Mason of the Year Award in 1994 from the Fifth Masonic District Association of Manhattan, Outstanding Lodge Notice Award from M.W. Calvin Bond in 1985 and "Certificate of Appreciation" from Liberty Lodge No. 521 in 1993.

Brother Bateman is a member of the Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.) and Clinton Story Post No. 342, American Legion, Freeport, NY. He is also a licensed Eucharistic Minister in the All Saints' Episcopal Church in Baldwin, NY and currently a Vestryman and Director of the Acolytes Guild.

No man ever told a woman she talked too much when she was telling him how wonderful he is.

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Stewardship

George got back from vacation just in time for the meeting where the officers of the Lodge were installed. He was excited about becoming a Steward of the Lodge. George's wife admired him as he left the house in his new tuxedo.

The Installation Ceremony was impressive. Several Past Masters of the Lodge did the work, as they had done for many years. They were well rehearsed and did a fine job.

After the meeting, George was talking to Len, the other Steward, about their duties.

"What are we supposed to do?" asked George.

"Well, we supply refreshments for the members after the meetings", replied Len. "Fortunately, there is a committee for this evening, as you're new and I'm not ready. I'll call and we'll plan something for the next meeting."

"Who pays for the refreshments?" asked George.

"I think there is money available from the Lodge. Everyone is expected to throw some money in the pot each meeting", said Len. "I've got to go. I'll call you."

Two days before the next meeting, George started to get worried. He hadn't heard from Len, so he called him. Len's wife answered and said that Len was out of town and would not be back for four days. George started to panic. He didn't know what to do, so he called the Worshipful Master.

"Don't get so upset, just get some snacks and pop before the meeting and make a pot of coffee. Everything will be fine", the Master assured him.

The night of the meeting, George was prepared, as the Master had coached him. "When do I start the coffee?" he asked.

"Start it before the meeting, then you may leave the meeting just as we start to read the minutes. This is when you set up the refreshments", he was told by the Junior Warden.

George did his part. Everything was set up when the Lodge closed. But the grumbling! Some of the members told George that they had expected pizza. George apologized and felt bad. "No one told me you wanted pizza. The Master just said snacks", said George.

"Well, Len told me we would be having pizza. By the way where is Len?" asked one of the members.

"He's out of town. He was supposed to call me so we could arrange the refreshments, but he never did", replied George.

George knew that he had learned a lesson that evening. First, find out what the members would like for refreshments, and second, call Len well in advance to see if he had made plans or promises. George vowed to himself that he would be better prepared in the future.

What's happening?

The Entry Level Course will be on Monday, April 17th at Clio

Lodge, Hilton, NY. This Course is intended for newly raised Brothers. If you have submitted a petition in the last year for a newly raised Brother, bring him to this event. If you are a newly raised Brother and have not been to this Course, plan to attend. We will start at 7:30 p.m.

Any ideas?

The Bureau is always looking for ideas and is open to the needs of you, the Brethren. If you have any wants or ideas for programs or courses, call me at 223-3228 in the evening or write to me at 371 Lyndon Rd., Fairport, NY 14450.

Spotlight on the Grand Master's Educational Task Force

By R.W.: Don Vetal, SGW, Chairman

The Grand Master's Educational Task Force is responsible for the planning and implementation of new educational initiatives in the development and training of this jurisdiction's Grand Lodge Officers. The Task Force was initiated by the late M.W.: Sheldon K. Blank during his term as Grand Master and was expanded during the term of our current Grand Master, M.W.: Gary A. Henningsen.

The current District Deputy Grand Masters and Staff Officers who have completed six separate training and development sessions in the past ten months, continued this intensive program with a weekend session on February 3-5th on the Campus of the Masonic Home in Utica.

Topics of discussion at that session included: Continuity and the Future of the Craft; District Stories of Success; New Initiatives in Video and Computer Technology; The Immediate Challenges and Opportunities of the Next Few Months; Fine-tuning the State Umbrella Structure; Direct and Frank Dialogue with State Committee Chairmen and the Lodge Officer Training Pilot Program.

In respect to the latter, the Task Force, in conjunction with other selected Grand Lodge Committees, will coordinate a State-wide program of training and development for individual Lodge Officers. This program will be modeled after the interactive team, small-group style training program that has been so successful in the skill development of the current and immediate past District Officers, and will probably be administered at the Regional or Area Level.

The intent is to provide a State-wide, consistent and realistically approached program of Lodge Officer training which will:

1. Ensure that we truly develop understanding and skills needed to effectively and successfully govern a Lodge.

2. Establish a continuing line of communication which will update participants on what's happening in Grand Lodge and elsewhere in their State.

3. Allow for the early recognition of leadership potential and the continued development of a pool of quality, trained leaders.

The plan is to finalize the details of this initiative; establish a pilot program in a representative number of Districts in the Fall of 1995; process input on these pilot tests, revise content as needed; with the prospect of running a full fledged, State-wide program

in the Spring of 1996. Further details will follow as they are finalized.

The mission of the Task Force is to ensure that we have in place the leadership structure and talent we need to successfully meet the challenges and opportunities that face us both today and in the future.

Without innovative and skilled leadership it is impossible for any organization to succeed. In the words of Harry Truman, "...progress only occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better."

Membership Development Monroes Team

W.: Art Mason, Chmn.

P.R.I.D.E.

Our mission statement is really one word--PRIDE.

Project our heritage
Relate our contribution
Introduce Freemasonry
Develop new Masons
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Our heritage, history and contributions are something in which you can take definite, positive, PRIDE.

The Membership Development Committee is embarking on a "win-win" program to create local community interest in Freemasonry, with YOU AS A PARTNER. As you may have noticed in the Brighton-Pittsford Post, we have run an advertisement designed to interest non-Masons to find out more about Masonry. Our committee has allocated \$3,000.00 to this campaign and has researched the marketing strategy of the ads to be used. The \$3,000.00 allocated to this effort represents almost half of the budget of the committee.

We have many more ideas on the horizon. There will be Membership and Child ID booths at local fairs, the State Fair, and Shrine Circus, just to name a few. We want to develop a mini-video that would be available for loan to a prospective Mason who has been unable to attend a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, that may pique his and his family's interest in the Craft.

In order to pursue these and more ideas, we need PARTNERS.

We are asking that each Lodge in the State become a Membership Development PARTNER. Your Lodge can become a Junior Partner for ten dollars, a Senior Partner for twenty dollars, and a Master Partner for thirty dollars. Anyone can become a Partner, it is not limited to just the Lodges.

To the Masters of all the Lodges that receive this publication, we NEED your help and you NEED the dreams of this committee to become a reality. With you as a PARTNER, we will have them beating a path to your door, so that you can make them Masons.

Make your checks payable to: Membership Partner Campaign and please send your checks to: The Membership Development Committee, Grand Lodge, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, New York, 10010-4149.

To be able to love a butterfly we must care for a few caterpillars.

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Take due notice thereof. With all the talk lately, both in Albany and Washington, of tax cuts and budget reductions, homeowners should scrutinize their property tax bills. With budget cuts come reduced funding from the national/state levels, back to the local level. Property taxes are an important source of revenue to fund local government operations and services. How much you pay in property taxes is determined by what your local assessor values your property at.

Check your tax bill

If you believe that the assessor has assigned an assessment which exceeds the fair market value of your property, or is assessing your property at a higher percentage of market values than property comparable to yours, then it may be worth your while to challenge it. To find out what your property is assessed at, look at your most recent property tax bill. Can't find it? Call your local assessor to obtain your assessment.

Tax assessor

Your house is located in a political subdivision, which is a village, town, city and county. At least one of these subdivisions (and even all) have the authority to levy taxes on real property located within its jurisdiction. Each subdivision which levys a tax may employ an assessor. The tax burden on each property is determined by its assessed value. The assessor is responsible for assigning assessed values to property. In jurisdictions which use full value assessment, a property's fair market value becomes (less any property tax exemptions) its assessed value.

For most non-income producing, residential real property, fair market value is what a willing seller would pay for your home in an arms-length transaction.

Other methodologies used in determining market value include replacement cost (what would it cost today to build) or income approach (what rental income does this property generate).

Fair market value

Before you can determine if you are being unfairly assessed, you need to know what the fair market value of your home is. What you paid for (or refinanced) your house is a reliable indicator of fair market value, if you purchased (or refinanced) your home within the past two years. There are other means of determining value, but are approximations at best. If you are currently selling, your asking price is another indicator. Sales prices of recently sold, comparable homes, or the amount for which your home is insured, are examples of other indicators of value. The

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most accurate way in which to gauge your home's market value, (unless you recently purchased or refinanced as noted above), is to hire a certified real estate appraiser to do an analysis. Asking a real estate agent to do an analysis is another possibility, but for purposes of convincing an assessor, or higher authority, a report from a certified real estate appraiser is the most preferable.

Hiring an appraiser may cost more than any potential tax savings on account of a lowered assessment.

Should you challenge?

There are preliminary steps you can take to determine if it's worthwhile to mount a challenge. If you know of at least three comparable homes in your neighborhood that sold recently, get their addresses. The county clerk can tell you what that house sold for based on the transfer tax paid when the buyers recorded the deed to their new home. Another method you can use is to compare what at least three comparable homes in your neighborhood are assessed for. Simply take the address for each home to the county clerk, and ask to see the property records for that address. Each record should tell you what the home is assessed for, and its dimensions, and any improvements. The purpose in doing this is not to challenge why it is other homes are assessed for less than yours. There will always be homes assessed for less than yours. The purpose is rather, to determine if in comparison to these homes, yours is being assessed at a higher percentage of fair market value, than other comparable homes. While you're at it, look at the property card for your house. Is it the right house being listed? Are the size of the lot and dimensions of the house correct? Do you agree with the assessor's description of your property and any improvements?

The most common ground for challenging a tax assessment is that it is excessive. An excessive assessment is one which exceeds fair market value. Another ground is unequal assessment. This can happen when your property is being assessed at a higher percentage of its fair market value than other comparable property is being assessed at.

Tentative assessment roll

You can challenge your assessment in an informal manner, by talking to the assessor prior to his filing of the tentative assessment roll. The tentative assessment roll is a listing by the assessor of all properties located within his jurisdiction, and their assessed values. Once this roll is filed, the assessor cannot adjust your assessment on his own. This roll is filed on May 1st for cities and towns, February 1st for villages (unless another date is chosen by the village).

By talking to the assessor prior to filing tentative assessment roll, you may be able to obtain a reduc-

tion in your assessment, without the necessity of a legal proceeding. But you must be prepared to argue your case, and back it up with facts and figures, that show that your home is being overvalued or unfairly assessed when compared to other property which is comparable to yours.

If you are unable to convince the assessor otherwise, or unable to see him prior to the filing of the tentative assessment roll, then you must file a grievance with the Board of Assessment Review. Grievance forms should be available at your local village, town or city hall.

Burden of proof

Filing a grievance is a requirement to challenging your assessment, if you want to eventually have your day in court. The Board listens to challenges by property owners, and any response the assessor wants to make to this challenge. Because the law presumes that the assessor's tentative assessment is correct, the property owner bears the burden of proof in convincing the Board why the assessment is incorrect.

Within 30 days, the Board will issue its notice of determination, either upholding the assessment, or ordering a reduction. If you are dissatisfied, then you have the right to challenge the Board's findings in Court. On or before July 1st (for cities and towns), or April 1st for villages (unless your local village law provides otherwise), the Assessor will post the final assessment roll. Even if you plan to mount a challenge, and until a court orders a reduction in your assessment, you are responsible to pay your property taxes.

Provided you had filed a grievance with the Board of Assessment Review and are dissatisfied with its decision, then for a \$25.00 filing fee, you can petition the State Supreme Court for a small claims assessment review. These forms are available at the County Clerk's office. The proceedings themselves are informal. Statutory rules of procedure and evidence do not apply. Just as before, you bear the burden of proof that the assessment is incorrect. Unless proven otherwise, it is presumed by the Court as correct.

Hearings are held before hearing officers, who must issue a written decision within 30 days after the conclusion of your hearing. The decision can grant or deny, all or in part, your request for a reduction in assessment. If the property tax based on the challenged assessment has been paid already, and the Court reduces your assessment, then a refund must be issued within 90 days of the Court's decision.

Public Involvement and Awareness Publications Committee

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Masonic News Network

You have probably noticed the reference to the *Masonic News Network* (MMN), lately in the *Masonic Times*. This is a cooperative venture participated in by the Masonic Publications throughout New York State. A map of the Western and Mid-State Regions, set up by Grand Lodge, is included with this article. On this map are also indicated the publi-

cations serving each Area. Area 15, which is my responsibility, includes the 1st and 2nd Monroe, Wayne and Livingston Districts.

Mission

The mission statement of the Publications Committee is to: "Provide better communications through publications". Our goal is to establish a communications network utilizing all forms of communications. The objective is to provide every Mason in the State with a monthly or quarterly publication.

The Publications Committee, which falls under the Public Involvement and Awareness Umbrella, works on getting information to you. Included in this network are all the publications in the State including the Empire State Mason. The Chairman of the Publications Committee, Ron Bower, and most of the other Editors have, or have access to FAX machines. Some of the Editors or publishers also have FAX modems. So, you see we are at least on the on-ramp of the communications Super Highway.

The *Masonic Times* recently carried a story about the relocation of the publication operations of the Empire State Mason to the Western New York area. They have also engaged a new staff and claim they will be covering more local news from the Districts.

Downside

The downside of this report is that we are not hearing from the Chairman of the Umbrella Committees. If the Chairmen of the Umbrellas, or any other Committee want to let the Brothers know what is going on, they should be sending information to their District publication and to the *Masonic News Network*. They are not. The Communications Committee is here to spread the information to our Brethren, but it is difficult to do so if we don't have anything to report.

Masonic Scholarships

Masonic Scholarships are given by the Masonic Service Bureau to deserving High School graduates every year, but we seldom hear about the progress of these students toward their goals. We will be featuring a letter or two each month from those received by our chairperson, Gail Clarke. The letter this month is from Allyson Lunde.

"Dear Scholarship Committee, I just wanted to write and let you know how my first semester at SUNY Geneseo went and to thank you again for granting me the Scholarship.

I really love it at Geneseo! Academically, I think I did fairly

well for my first semester. I ended the semester with about a B average. I hope to do better next semester. All of my teachers were good; each in their own way. I learned some new ways of doing things that I hadn't learned in high school.

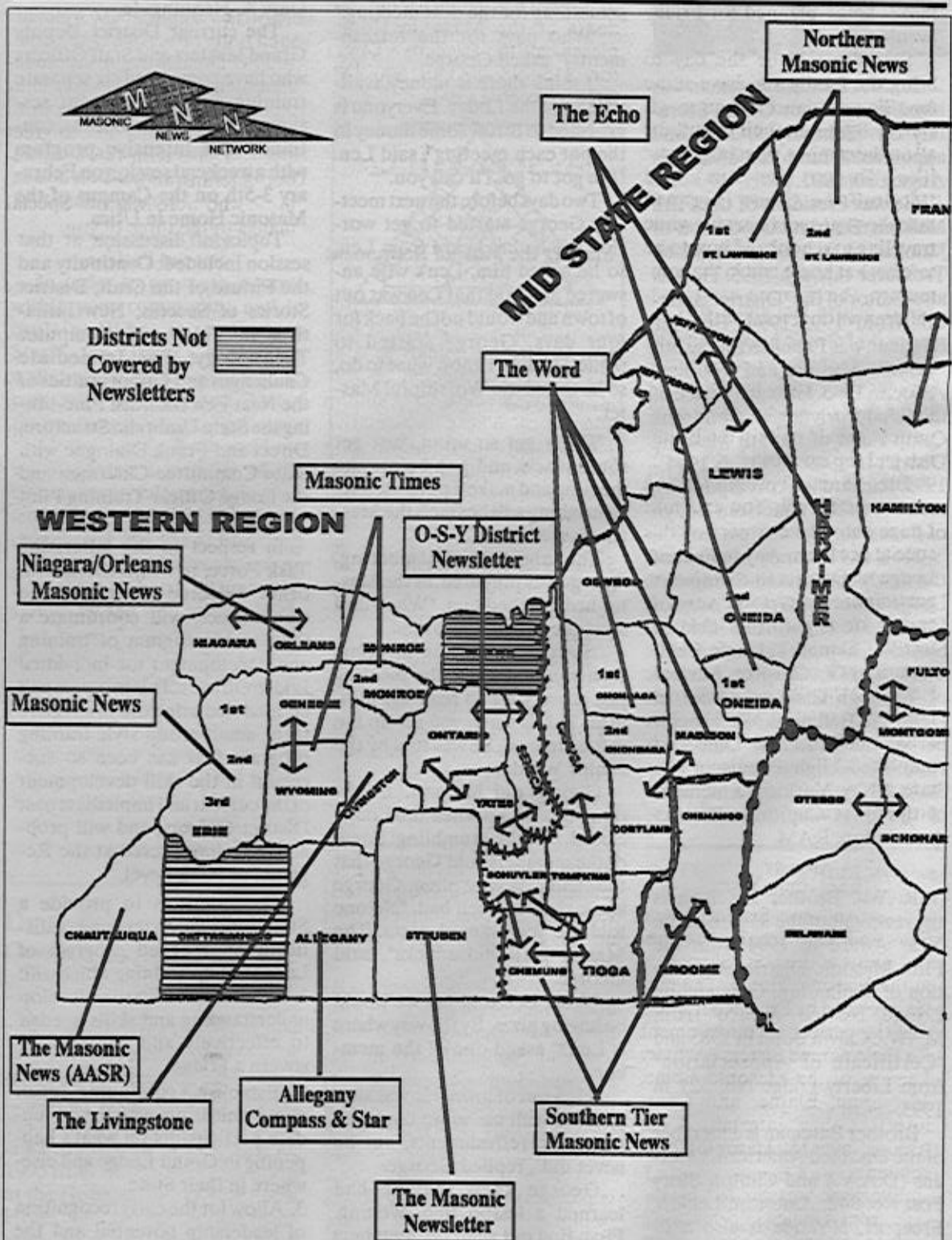
Beyond the school work, I love college! The campus is beautiful. There are lots of things to do and get involved in. My favorite extracurricular activity last semester was broomball. It's a very popular intramural sport at Geneseo.

I've met a lot of people at school [and have] become friends with a lot of people whom I can't imagine having been friends with before. The personalities and backgrounds of the people there are so diverse. I am starting to feel like I'm part of the real world!

Next semester I will be taking some classes to fulfill my core requirements, then next year I [will be able] get into requirements for my major, Elementary Education. I can't wait until I can finally start doing what I really want to do with my life!

Thank you, again, for the Scholarship! You helped to make it easier for me to have the wonderful experiences I have had this year and those yet to come.

Thanks so much!
Allyson Lunde"



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St. John's Day News

Begin to plan now for you and your Lodge's visit to the Masonic Home in June for the opportunity to participate in the St. John's Days festivities. Once again the beautiful campus in Utica will be ready to host over 2,000 Masons, their ladies, and the resident's families and friends for 2 days of fun, fraternalism, and fellowship. You will want to make sure you are a part of this exciting occasion.

Local vendors and Masonic groups will offer a wide variety of delicious food items for lunch and dinner to the participants and visitors. Crafters from throughout the Mohawk Valley will participate in the Craft Fair that will supplement the items made by our residents and available for purchase. Everyone will want to attend the special entertainment that is being planned for Friday evening.

Saturday will be the day to bring the family and have some fun. Singers, dancers, and magicians will present their talents for all on the campus. Specialty "acts" like "Buster the Bus" and "McGruff the Crime Dog" will talk about proper behavior while traveling to school and how to be safe both at home and in the community. The children and grandchildren will marvel at both. Committees of Grand Lodge will take advantage of this opportunity to present their story by displaying items that show what their committees can do to help the Brethren and the Lodges.

June 16 and 17 promise to be a great time for all. You and your Lodge should be a part of this special occasion. Any individual, Lodge or District that desires to participate as a food vendor, crafter, or displayer should contact W. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator, Masonic Home, 2150 Bleeker Street, Utica, NY 13501-1788, 315-798-4923 or 800-322-8826. The fee is only \$25.00. Please indicate your interest by May 15 to allow for proper planning.

USO Show Visits

The Andrews Sisters, Uncle Sam, and Kate Smith were special guests at the USO Show held at the Masonic Home. The music, provided by Dave Rodriguez, was the perfect accompaniment for the Andrews Sisters (Activity Leaders of the Masonic Home, Maryanne, Elaine, and Charlotte) as they entertained the "troops"-over 150 Masonic Home residents.

Everyone was excited by the visit from Uncle Sam (Activity Leader Evelyn)-especially when the "currency" was tossed into the crowd. The "troops", led by sisters Anna Thomas and Verna LaPoint, entertained their friends by singing "Don't Fence Me In", followed by Henry Balfourt and Florence Tausz who continued with the song, "For Me and My Gal". A surprise appearance by Carmen Miranda (Activ-

ity Director Christina) thrilled the crowd.

Kate Smith (Activity Leader Kathy) provided an emotional and patriotic closing for the USO Show by singing "God Bless America"-her trademark, accompanied by all in attendance. The entire company participated in a precision drill exhibition as part of the closing ceremonies.

March saw the arrival of Leprechauns who visited our residents on St. Patrick's Day. They painted the halls and walls green as they hid pots of gold throughout the facility. Ruth Soland and her associates entertained the residents with Irish songs and dances. As Spring arrives on the campus, April will find the residents preparing for the observance of Easter and Passover.

One of the highlights of the year will be in June when the campus buzzes with the activities associated with St. John's Weekend. The visitors from throughout the State bring their excitement and enthusiasm and share it with everyone. The residents and the staff welcome the opportunity to share in the fellowship while showing our great campus to the Fraternity. This event is fast approaching, so plan now to be a part of this special occasion in Masonry.

If your Lodge or District would like to visit their Brothers or present a program for the residents at the Masonic Home, please call the Executive Director, 315-798-4833 or 800-322-8826 to reserve a date.

Acacia Village News

Making the Most of Retirement Living

During the month of March the staff of Acacia Village presented a free seminar-"Making the Most of Retirement Living"-in Albany, Syracuse, Binghamton and Utica. These informative seminars provided information about the latest trends and developments in retirement community living in the New York State and throughout the rest of the States. Fraternity members also learned about how a retirement community can enhance their quality of living.

In the continual effort to convey the message of Acacia Village to the Fraternity, seminars are being planned for Buffalo, Rochester and the Metropolitan New York City area. While the exact locations and dates for each are still being finalized, the goal is to conduct these sessions before St. John's Weekend in June. The establishment of the Village provides the full continuum of care on the campus of the Masonic Home in Utica.

Recently, Grand Lodge conducted their training sessions for the District Deputy Grand Masters and Staff Officers on the Masonic Home Campus. A portion of the seminar was held at Acacia Village. The positive reaction from these leaders and their glowing comments further reinforces the importance of this facility to the Brethren in the Craft.

These seminars are designed to inform the Fraternity about this unique concept of retirement community living. As individuals approach their retirement years, many options for enjoying these years await them. Acacia Village offers Fraternity members the opportunity to enjoy an active, enjoyable retirement lifestyle.

There is no better way to obtain the facts than to attend one of the seminars and learn first hand about Acacia Village.

Advance reservations are required. For more information or a reservation, call 800-593-3353 or 315-798-4775.



By R. W. Harold Bollotin

Regular visit

On Sunday, March 12th, a regular visit was made under the direction of "The Old Work Horse", R. W. Tom Paglia. The volunteers were: R. W. Tom and Cora Paglia, R. W. Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, R. W. Paul and Doris Robertson, W. Court Young, W. John Dudley, June Moon and Lutgarda Houston.

A delegation from Etolian Lodge of Spencerport joined us. We were very pleased to welcome the Master, W. Richard Kessler, and JW Don Darrohn, accompanied by his wife, "Mickey". They did a great job by pitching in to serve refreshments and to greet and converse with the hospitalized veterans, and especially with those who were Masons. Special thanks to the three of you.

Special Patients

As always, our main purpose is to converse with, and to bring cheer to, all the patients. However, as always, we devote additional time and effort to our Brothers. At this visit we talked with the following: Bro. Joseph

Murray, Camillus Lodge, Bro. Robert Horton, Seneca Falls Lodge, W. Jesse Mattson, Past Master of Penfield Union Lodge, Bro. John Forgeron, Northern Light Lodge No. 505, and Bro. Gordon Field, Hope Lodge in Rhode Island. We were very well received and they certainly enjoyed our visit.

Breakfast

The monthly meeting of the "Knife and Fork Masons" was held at the Canandaigua Masonic Temple, prior to the hospital visit. There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that Master Chef, Ron Edwards and his assistant, Shirley Wells, had to hire additional cooks to prepare and appease the ravenous appetite of our Master Gourmet, R. W. Paul Robertson. The cooks only had to work overtime.

Trestleboard

Sunday, April 9 is the final visit of the current season. We will begin in the Volunteer Lounge, Building 7 at 1:00 p.m. Our Fall visitations will begin on October 8th at the usual location and time. Breakfast, as usual, will be at the Canandaigua Masonic Temple.

On Thursday evening, April 27th, the Annual Awards Banquet of the VA Volunteer Service will be held at the Burgundy Basin Inn.

Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention
 R. W. Lawrence Canfield,
 State Chairman

The Grand Lodge Committee for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention, is pleased to announce the addition of a new program, 'Community Drug Free Zones'. In the last year, requests have come in from all parts of the State for a program that would allow Lodges/Districts to create 'Drug Free Zones' in areas other than

schools. These areas included community centers, parks, recreation facilities and other areas that permit public access. Under the provisions of the Drug Free School Zone act, the signs can only be used for a school. An effort is under way to amend the act to include Community Drug Free Zones. This does not mean that Lodges/Districts cannot begin to use the signs and program. Local Law Enforcement agencies will support the 'Community Drug Free Zones'. As one official put it, "This is another tool in our tool box".

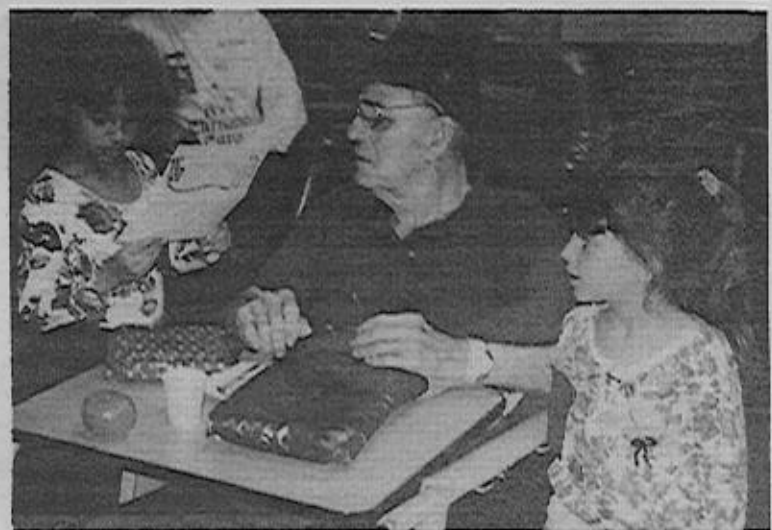
We are also pleased to announce that we have updated the information booklets. The titles we now have are, "Abstinence-Say No to Sex"; "Parents and Drinking"; "Children of Alcoholics"; "Truth about Drugs"; "Multiple Substance Abuse"; "About Alcoholism"; "Young People and Drugs"; and "Building a Drug Free School Zone". We still have some of the original titles in stock, which include "Parents and Drinking"; "Choosing Not to Drink"; "Alcohol"; "Crack"; "You and Drugs"; "Drug Free School Zones" and "Multi Substance Abuse". These booklets are free to you. They may be obtained by writing the Grand Lodge F.&A.M., 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010. Send to the attention of Ray Pilatto, Grand Lodge Mail Services. (Please note: no phone requests will be honored). If you require a large quantity for a special event, we can arrange to have them shipped directly to you. This can be done by contacting the Committee Chairman, R. W. Larry Canfield, 2244 Kenyon Road, Ontario, NY 14519.

We have the "Community Drug Free Zone" signs in stock at this time. They are the same price as the School Zone signs, \$15.00, and may be ordered from Grand Lodge Sales. Payment should accompany the order and be made payable to the Brotherhood Fund. Areas outside the Metropolitan Area may order from the Masonic Home in Utica, NY. Payment must also accompany the order and be made payable to the Brotherhood Fund.

Your Area Chairman has a set of four videos, available for loan, that cover substance abuse, alcoholism, drinking and driving.

At Grand Lodge two special booklets will be available. One is for implementing a "Drug Free School Zone", the other to implement a "Community Drug Free Zone". They will take you step by step through the process. They are also designed so that overheads, for large presentations, can be made. We feel this will be a helpful addition for the Lodges and Districts. After this year's Grand Lodge Communication,

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Children of ERAC Lodge members presenting gifts to a patient at the VA Medical Center.



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District Deputy Grand Masters of the Monroes

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Though April showers...

April is an exciting month for Masonry in the Monroes. The Grand Ball on April 1, 1995; the "Salute to Bill Lennox Night" on April 10th; Scottish Rite Reunion April 20-22; Shrine Ceremonial April 29; three, count them, three visits from our beloved Grand Master, M. W. Gary A. Henningsen; many 3rd Degrees; Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights; and much, much more (as if that's not enough).

The events listed above are all important in their own way and within our cabled length, we should make every effort to attend.

Why?

The Grand Ball is a great way to show your Lady a great time and thank her for her support of your Masonic activities. The food is great, the desserts are sinful and the Grand Master is the best. How can you lose?

How often will you get a chance to pay your respects to a true Masonic hero? R. W. William C. Lennox has spent his entire life supporting the Craft of Freemasonry. R. W. Bill was Master of Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 in 1935 and DDGM of the 1st Monroe District in 1940! Bill still attends Lodge and Shrine consistently and can compete with any of us "youngsters" in the ritual. Bill claims that he joined the Lodge when he was 15. Once again, our Grand Master will be in attendance. See the Times for further details and reservations. Come out and pay your respects to a living example of Masonry in action!

Two great events

The Scottish Rite Reunion and the first ever Open Shrine Ceremonial will take place in April. Think it is pretty strange that you are reading this in the District Deputy's column? Not at all! We have been working to en-

hance all of the Bodies of Masonry that do so many good things for so many people. It has been interesting to note how the Concordant Bodies seem to be involved in a process of change to make themselves more relevant to the needs of today's members. Since the ritualistic and community service work that they do is so valuable, we ought to seriously provide them with as much support as possible. Even if you doubt that you can be active in a physical way in the Bodies, your support of charities and dues assists the good works of those who can be active. Think about it.

The Shrine Ceremonial will be the third event that the Grand Master will attend in the Monroes this month. This is a very special opportunity since the Ceremonial will be open to the ladies. The Imperial Potentate will also be in attendance. If you have considered Scottish Rite, York Rite and/or the Shrine, this is a great time to go for it. Let's DO IT!

"that I will help, aid and assist.."

Picture a scene in your mind - you are brought to light in Masonry and the room is full! Men whom you know and many whom you do not know are there to welcome you as a full member of the Craft. Your hand is being shook by many men, your back is being slapped, you begin to feel the POWER of the fellowship that Freemasonry has to offer. You get excited, turned on, ready to work, happy to contribute - then you wake up - you come to light and few men are in the room, your reception is tepid, nothing seems to be happening, the soaring words that you have heard in the ritual are not exemplified by the reality in front of you. Which scene would you choose? How would you have it be for your son, grandson, co-worker, friend or relative? Do you have a choice?

Yes, you do!

The most burning message of the 3rd Degree is just that, choice. Grand Master, Hiram Abiff is faced with the ultimate choice, but remains accountable for his integrity even at the highest price a man can pay. Choice is an issue in all of the Degrees of Masonry.

YOU have a choice as to whether to attend your Lodge. YOU have a choice as to whether you attend another Lodge and support its Degree work. YOU

have a choice as to whether to get involved. YOU have a choice as to whether or not YOU are accountable for your behavior. YOU have a choice as to whether YOU will make a difference in

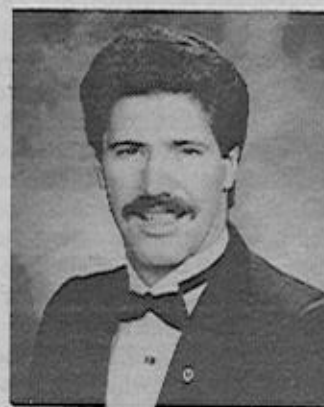
YOUR Fraternity or take the easy way out and let the other guy do it.

Remember, as a Freemason you are also a BUILDER!

See you in the quarries. □

Grand Lodge Staff Officers of the Monroes

R. W. Bruce D. Chilton
Grand Director of
Ceremonies



R. W. D. Scott Seltzer
Grand Sword Bearer

Your Grand Lodge Staff Officers get payoff!

The payoff that we get is the excitement that we see in our respective Districts. We were taught at the Leadership Development Course in March, that headlines can draw a readers attention. The headline above was done to prove that point. If you usually skip our column, then you are experiencing just one of the many things you will learn at the LDC that is again being presented on April 8, 1995. It will be presented in the Downtown Temple on the 3rd floor. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m., and the course will end around 2:00 p.m. Masters: please encourage all new Master Masons to attend as well as any line officer that has not yet gone through the course. We are very fortunate to have W. John Zabel and W. Bill Lindsay as the instructors and they do as fine a job as anyone in the State. Coffee and donuts will be provided and lunch will be ordered out, or you can bring your own. The course is \$17.00 and checks are to be made payable to the Masonic Service Bureau.

Rest time!

We have been able to take a break over the last month and it was greatly needed. One of us went on a honeymoon cruise and the other was able to catch up on a lot of unfinished business. We are ready to go again. You have seen us at your Lodges giving recognition to the Brothers who have completed the LDC and we have enjoyed your fine hospitality. Hopefully, we will have another thirty or so certificates to handout after April 8th.

Reflections

As our first year comes close to an end, we look back and reflect on the memories. Brothers will come up to us all the time and ask if we are alright. We are fine, and when the end of our two year term is near, we will be ready to turn over the reigns. But Brothers, this is truly a rewarding time in our lives. Sure, we have had some negatives, but there have been a lot more positives. The faces on the men at the Veterans Hospital in Canandaigua as we visited them; the expression of excitement on the Brother's face as our DDGM closed his hospital room door and went through the Masonic signs that the Brother couldn't quite remember; a look of recognition from the Brother from Wakan-Hubbard Lodge

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immaterial". Try offering an objection, and let me know what the Master says in reply!

Q: Some years ago, you published, in the Monroe Masonic News, a set of guidelines to be used for the examination of a visitor to a Lodge. For the benefit of those who were unsure as to the appropriate way to handle this matter, could you be kind enough to print these again?

A: Interestingly, this is a question I have been asked by a number of people, among them, I might add, the Chairman of the Editorial Board of this paper. So, here it is.

Masonic courtesy should add a feeling of harmony and good fellowship to a Brother visiting a Lodge, especially when he comes from another jurisdiction. There is nothing more calculated to cause offense, than a cold and unpleasant reception. When a visitor, not known to the Tiler, seeks admittance to the Lodge, the Tiler should first ascertain whether the visitor knows a member of the Lodge who can vouch for him. In this case the Tiler should contact the member concerned. This should resolve the matter.

If the Lodge is already open, then the Tiler should make an alarm and announce that a visiting Brother, so and so of such and such Lodge, requests a Brother to vouch for him. The Junior Deacon would then relay the message to the Worshipful Master, who should request the Brother who may know the visitor to retire and verify that the visitor is in fact a Master Mason and entitled to admittance. The member being satisfied that the visitor is indeed the Brother whom he knows, and can vouch for, asks the visitor to sign the guest register and guest slip. The Tiler then makes the usual alarm, announces that the Brother member and the visiting Brother, properly vouched for, seek admittance. When admitted, the Brother will escort the visitor West of the Altar, salute and introduce the visitor, giving his title, name, Lodge name and number and location, if out of town.

When a prospective visitor is not known to either the Tiler or any member in Lodge, the Tiler should have the visitor fill out a guest slip, entering his name, title and the name and location of his Lodge. The Tiler will then make an alarm and announce that, "A visiting Brother requests an examination for admittance", hand the guest slip to the Junior Deacon, who passes it to the Master after he has closed the door. (Later the Master should give the guest slip to the Secretary to be properly recorded.) The Master should then appoint a small committee, consisting of competent Brothers, one of whom should be a Past Master, to examine the visitor. (The committee may consist of a Past Master, alone.)

The examination should take this form: The committee should initially introduce themselves to the visitor and request the visitor's dues card or certificate, checking the date, seal, signature and the Lodge number against the list of Lodges in the Grand Lodge to which the visitor belongs, if it is not our Grand Lodge. Finally, check the visitor's signature against a license, charge card and, if so inclined, on a blank piece of paper for comparison.

If found satisfactory, the committee is on fairly firm ground and should then try to establish

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The Custodians Corner



R. W. Maurice Solomon
Chairman, 716-271-5435

Q: At several Lodge meetings I have heard the Master declare, after opening, "If there is no objection, I will dispense with the reading of the minutes of our last communication..." What happens if someone enters an objection?

A: This is a question I have answered before, but nobody seems to have paid attention. If the minutes were not read at the previous communication they must, constitutionally, be read at the following stated communication. If they were previously read, there is no need for them to be read again, subject, of course, to the prerogative of the Master. He may order them re-read for information purposes. For the Master to say, "If there is no objection...etc." and for anyone to offer an objection is, as Perry Mason would say, "irrelevant and

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No snow

With the weather clearing, I am resuming visitations to all Lodges. It will be a pleasure to renew acquaintances and become involved in the activities of the District. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge is only a month away, then it's back to the local Lodges for Annual Election of Officers and Installations later in May and June. Before you know it, we have the Fall round of Official Visits. These have been scheduled and will appear in next month's issue.

Big job

The Membership Development Umbrella has a big job confronting them. We need more Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights. We need quality potential candidates attending them. We must put on professional, well organized presentations on what Masonry is all about. We must convince these potential members that they "want" to become Masons, not only because of what Masonry stands for, but because they can become part of a group of men who are devoted to doing good things in the community.

Custodian's Corner

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the visitor's familiarity with the Degrees. This should be done by asking the visitor to place the square and compasses on the Bible as he saw them in the Degree and attempt to obtain the password, grip, sign and any other relevant points. Unless the Mason is a reasonably active member, however, this may be too much and I would suggest he be asked very simply what he can best remember about any part of the work or to recite any words he can remember.

The most important matter is to maintain a friendly, unrushed atmosphere and exercise patience at all times.

Following the examination, one of the committee should act as a conductor for the visitor, having him sign the visitor's book, clothed as a Master Mason, introduce him to the Tiler and present him in Lodge. Above all, see that he is not left alone, by introducing him to other members of the Lodge whenever possible. (It should be noted that this examination should be held in a private room with a Bible, square and compasses available for use, together with the list of Lodges held by the Secretary.)

I trust the foregoing will be of some assistance to all concerned. If there are any further questions, please ask!

I'm convinced that this exposure to the community through the Drug Free School Zone signs, the Child ID Programs, Scholarship Programs and the awarding of the DeWitt Clinton Award to worthy non-Masons, we will attract and keep good people.

Sign up

A Leadership Training Course is to be held at the Rochester Downtown Temple on Saturday, April 8th at 8:00 a.m. This program is not only for incoming Masters, but all, including line officers. Do sign up! Masters and proxies planning on Grand Lodge, get your "ducks in order", it's almost too late.

Awards

Our membership is aging. I'm sure all Lodges recognize their members anniversaries in due time, but I am usually unaware of them. One I am invited to is the occasion of the 65th for Trevor Rogers at his Mother Lodge, Mt. Vernon, Java Village, on April 24th at 8:00 p.m. Trevor, an architect of some renown and active in Buffalo Consistory, is more familiar to the Brethren of our neighbors, but I feel I should inform all interested, after all, he is from our District.

Events

Take notice of the events, "Looking Ahead" on the last page of this paper.

The Investiture will be May 19th.

There will be a Mason/Knight Chicken Bar-B-Que on Sunday, June 5th at Yorkshire.

On June 18th there will be a Father's Day Breakfast at Letchworth Park.

There will be a Go-to-Breakfast/Church Sunday on August 6th.

The Town Meeting will be August 12th.

More information on the more current of these will be included in the next issue.

Master, get your articles in the paper, and ON TIME. Brethren, get off the couch and attend meetings, it's only twice a month! □

Grand Steward

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



R..W.. Donald E. Wagner

Masonry gives no guarantees

If YOU are willing to put out the effort, it certainly can be rewarding. However, YOU must be willing to put forth the effort.

I would be a lot more comfortable writing these columns if my enthusiasm was not waning for lack of feed-back from the Craft. I wonder, is there anyone reading these columns? Are they doing any good? Am I failing to inspire you to create or increase your enthusiasm for the Craft?

This will be my 30th year as a Mason and during that time I knew little about "Grand Lodge", District Deputy Grand Master, Staff Officers (Grand Steward, Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Sword Bearer), or Grand Representatives. I always wanted to be the Grand Representative of Montana because I lived in the Treasure State at one time. When I left there, a piece of my heart remained.

The trouble with being a good sport is that you have to lose to prove it.

Responsibilities of Grand Steward

In these columns I listed an agenda of programs designed to strengthen the Craft, promote Masonry in our community, and allow the Masonic Light to be seen. It has been hidden under a basket long enough. Our lives are no longer in jeopardy because we are Masons. Therefore, I know of no reason why any Mason is reluctant to become active in his Fraternity.

There are some who say they have never been asked. This is no longer relevant, as I am asking each and everyone of you, "Will you take a part in the renewal of Masonry which is now needed in the Genesee/Wyoming District? Will you take the first step?" You have my name and phone number. I am willing to help and assist. I need only to be asked. □

PI & A

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Chairman
W.. Robert D. Mix 798-0335

Brothers, the dictionary defines *Addict* as: "1. to give oneself up to strong habit, usually in the passive voice. 2. to cause someone to become addicted to some habit - n. a person addicted to some habit, esp. to the use of a narcotic drug". The term *Addiction* is defined as: "the condition of being addicted to a habit, specifically to the use of a narcotic drug."

Nowadays we don't hear the words "addict" or "addiction" as often as in the past, now it is "junkie" or "user". We put these people into different categories such as "casual user", "light" or "heavy user".

Regardless of the label or title we place upon these people, they are all users. They use our tax dollars by tying up our police departments, our courts and our prisons. Our insurance companies are burdened with the cost of crimes related to drugs, the costs incurred by theft, violence, traffic accidents and the medical cost of rehabilitation and treatment. Our society suffers greatly from the loss of productivity from the labor force due to workers unable to perform because of their altered mental state.

There was a time when the theater of the drug user was the back alley of the inner city, but this is no longer the case. The drug users of today are in our offices, driving our cabs and buses, flying our planes, teaching our children and working in our hospitals. There is no segment of society that is exempt from the problem of drug addiction. Cocaine has become the drug of the upper crust while crack is invading our school yards. Marijuana is as common as the cigarette and alcohol ads that pervade the newspapers, television and sporting events.

The war on drugs is indeed a war. Both sides have their respective armies. Both sides are

heavily armed. Both sides have their generals and officers that in turn transmit orders to the soldiers in the streets. Both sides are incurring casualties. Because of this war of the streets there is an ever growing number of people that are becoming scared, not only physically, but mentally. We can count the physically injured. The numbers can be seen on the local news, but the real casualties are the people that never show up at the hospital or the morgue. They are the ones that suffer the pain of addiction while still performing their duties; although not at a level that might have been attained if the addiction were not present. They are the ones that were born into addiction, that never took a drug, but received it from the blood of their mother or father. They are the ones that received it from a so called friend or classmate. These are the ones that never function right again even though they've only tried it once, not comprehending the finality of that act.

This then, Brothers, is the war we are fighting, we the Free and Accepted Masons of Genesee/Wyoming District and every District across the State. If we show a united front, we may not stop the war, but win a battle; and when enough of the little battles are won, we as Free and Accepted Masons, can say we did take a stand and held our ground against the addictions that plague our country. Every finish has to have a start somewhere and it is up to you, the Lodge member, to say where and when you will show your start. Each Lodge in our District should have a program of some type that can be shown to the community so that the people where we live and work, our friends and neighbors, can see that the Masons of New York State in union with Masons all over the world are doing what we can to combat the problem of drug and alcohol abuse. For further information call: Robert Mix, 748 Orient Street, Medina, NY 14103, 798-0335. □

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2nd and 4th Wednesdays

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

By R..W.. Keith A. Granger
Golf Tournament

Brothers, it is again that time of year to get your reservations in for the 3rd Annual Masonic Golf Tournament. It will be held at the Rolling Acres Golf Course in Pike. All additional information can be found in an advertisement in this *Masonic Times*.

Brotherhood Fund

All Brothers have been notified that the donations to the Brotherhood Fund are now due. I am hoping for 100% participation.

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tion. Brothers, I am only asking for a \$1.00 donation from each Brother.

Grand Lodge

The trip to Grand Lodge this year is set. I will be attending with Brothers Dennis Quackenbush, Jason Andrews and William Swyers. We will be going down with the Allegheny District and staying at the Edison for three nights.

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



W.: Clifton L. Drum, Sr.
495-8506
1st and 3rd
Tuesdays

W.: Allen L. Capwell, Secretary
786-8989

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

By Clifton L. Drum, Sr.

Here we are in the month of March already. It seems that this year is streaking right by. On February 7th Hesperus Lodge came to Warsaw and performed the 3rd Degree. We now have three new Master Masons in Warsaw. They are Bro's. Harold Schoff, Mike Smith, and Darrel Briggs. Welcome, Brothers to Warsaw Lodge No. 549 and to the great Fraternity of Freemasonry. I extend my heartiest thanks to our Brothers from Hesperus Lodge for a beautiful Degree.

Good dinner!

Our Annual George Washington Dinner Dance was held on February 18th. All who attended had a good time. Thank you, Alva, for a wonderful Turkey Dinner. I ate too much, as I'm sure others might have done, too. The food was excellent. I thank all who helped make our dinner successful.

Congratulations

The son of our Junior Deacon, John Sunderland, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in February.

Benefit dinner

We had a Spaghetti Dinner on March 4th at Warsaw Lodge to benefit the Glenn Bush family of Dale, NY. Their son Jeffrey is being treated at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester for Leukemia. The Dinner was chaired and planned by Bro. Bill Mammosser with the help of his wife, Cheri. Their planning, along with the help of the Brethren and the ladies of the Eastern Star, made this one of the most successful fundraisers we have had at Warsaw in a long time. It is my great honor to be associated with so many people that are so unselfish with their time and money. Thank you to all who helped make the Spaghetti Dinner a resounding success.

Good response

We had Brothers from as far away as Arizona answering the question, "Who are receiving their 50 and 60 year pins this


year?" We will present the pins on April 18th. The sixty year pins will go to Bros. Clifford H. Harville and Charles Adair. The fifty year pin will be presented to Bro. C. Arnold Cox.

The presentations will be open to families and friends of the recipients. Brethren, come to the Awards Presentation and make this event at Warsaw Lodge really special by showing your support to our long-time Brothers and their families. Without the support of our families, we would not have the time to give to our Lodges or our communities.

Thanks

My thanks to the John Neeley family for their donation to the Temple Fund. Without Brothers and families like the Neeleys, Warsaw No. 549 would not be as great as it is.

**HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837**



W.: John A. Specht, Master
548-2694
1st and 3rd
Thursday

W.: John Bater, Secretary
548-7770
12 South Lake Ave.
Bergen, N.Y. 14416

By W.: John Specht

I start this article with a reminder that the Brotherhood Fund Campaign is still in progress. For those who have not yet contributed, please consider this worthwhile charity. Any amount (even \$5.00) will help us reach our goal of 60% membership participation. Please send your contributions to SW Ted Paine at 6744 Mud City Road, Byron, NY, 14422. If you have questions about the Brotherhood Fund, call Ted at 548-7136.

Past Masters Night

April 6th is our annual Past Masters Night with Past Masters filling all (hopefully) the Officer's chairs. Plan to attend and remake old acquaintances. R.: W.: Jack Stockholm will be visiting Hesperus to explain Grand Lodge Officer selection procedures to all the Past Masters.

District Fish Fry

Friday, April 7th, starting at 4:30 p.m., is Genesee/Wyoming's Annual Spring Fish Fry sponsored by the Council of Masonic Activities. It is being held at Constellation Lodge in Perry. Tickets are \$6.00 each for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10. Proceeds help to fund the Council's benevolent activities for 1995. See your Lodge Master or Secretary for tickets.

Temple Association

Our Annual Meeting was held on January 19th with W.: John Bater being elected President, Bro. Marty Krause-1st Vice President, Bro. Ralph Marsocci-2nd Vice President, W.: John Jessop - Secretary and W.: John Specht - Treasurer.

Scholarships

Let me remind all Hesperus members that George Walker Scholarship applications MUST

be completed by May 1st. All sons and/or daughters of Hesperus members in good standing are eligible to apply. For applications, see either W.: Van Hulburt or myself.


Degree Work

The 2nd Degree was conferred on two Brothers from our Lodge, one from LeRoy and one from Arcade on March 16th at Olive Branch in LeRoy to take advantage of their 3-5-7 step staircase. SW Ted Paine was in the East. This was a joint effort between Hesperus and Olive Branch. The 3rd Degree will be held in Bergen on April 20th with W.: John Specht in the East. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., immediately preceding the ceremonies. Third Degree rehearsals will be held on April 13th at 7:00 p.m. and April 17th at 7:00 p.m., if necessary.

In closing

I again ask each local member of Hesperus Lodge to try to make at least one meeting this year. If you are not attending, you are missing some excellent fellowship, good food, drink, card playing and.....

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



R.: W.: Robert Nicoll, Master
768-7922
1st & 3rd
Wednesdays

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

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

A big move

As I write this article, I feel as though I've been pulled through a key hole. Reason being, we have packed up and moved the 1st of March. The work didn't get me, but the stairs did. We are now residing at 7 Madison Ave., LeRoy, NY 14482-1407 with the same telephone number, 768-7922.

2nd Degree

On March 15th we conferred the Fellowcraft Degree with Hesperus Lodge, Bergen and Arcade Lodge. W.: John Mattern of Etolian Lodge, Spencerport, delivered the Middle Chamber Lecture and mesmerized us all. We are planning to have the Master Mason Degree on April 19th.

Masonic Heritage Week

Beginning May 22nd, we will be celebrating LeRoy Masonic Heritage Week. It will be a week long "Open House", with Blue Lodge, Royal Arch, the Order of the Eastern Star, and other Concordant Bodies, explaining each Body's functions, charities, organization and goals. Any person or organization that would like to help, let me know.

Masonic Activities

Genesee/Wyoming District Council of Masonic Activities will have a Fish Fry on April 7th at Constellation Lodge in Perry. The cost of a complete dinner is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under the age of 10. Dinner starts at 4:30 p.m., so come early because by 6:30 p.m. we are usually sold out.

Grand Lodge

It's Grand Lodge time again and all Senior Wardens will be


getting ready for their year in the East. I congratulate you all, and I know this will be one of the fastest years of your life.

They are out there

Remember, there are a lot of young men who, when told of Masonry and the Masonic way of life, will find those values that they have been looking for.

Blue Lodge recruits men and makes Masons.

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



W.: Norman Steinbaugh, Master
591-2073
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 R.: W.: Don Wagner

Leadership Development Course

Brethren, the Masonic year is approaching a new beginning and with it, of course, comes new responsibilities. To prepare for the new year there is available a program which will prepare you to be a leader in the Craft. It provides a better understanding of what Masonry is and what it does. Besides personally benefiting as we learn, we become more confident. This confidence influences enthusiasm which we pass on to other Masons. Ultimately, they may be inspired to take action and become more alive in the Craft.

This course is not difficult and is one of the best tools Masonry has to offer all Masons - especially officers.

There is a special award available to all Lodges that have their top 5 officers complete this Course. It is named the R. Kenneth Crawford Award.

The Monroe Districts are having a one day seminar, the Leadership Development Course, on Saturday, April 8th at the Downtown Masonic Temple.

We were "for" in 1994 and we captured the Potts Award. (It was unknown here!) Can we be "alive" in 1995 and earn the Crawford Award?

**District Deputy
Grand
High Priest**

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District
Rt. Exc.
Gary C. Thompson
392-7546

Albany

Those of us who made the trip to Albany, had a much more enjoyable trip than last year. No snow, with visibility unlimited and dry pavement. Three Times Three Chapter was well represented with R.E. James J. Powell, E. Karl Reich, and Comp. Jeffrey A. Diehl riding in my car. We made good time as I had to be there by 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

On the trip back, we left at 1:20 p.m. and drove non-stop. I was soon in my driveway after

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having dropped my passengers off at 5:00 p.m. Now that's traveling! I am pleased to note that there were Companions from all five of the Chapters in the 29th there. Thank you Companions for attending Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest M.E. Bruce Renner has given the new District Deputies a stack of material that he hopes will help set a new course for Royal Arch Masonry. In the next few weeks I hope to have read the material and go on from there.

Official Visits

The following is a tentative schedule for my Official Visits:
Three Times Three No. 333 - April 19th
Western Star No. 35 - April 20th
Arcade No. 322 - May 8th
Wyoming No. 181 - May 9th
LeRoy No. 183 - May 10th

Festival

As of now, the date for the 29th District Spring Festival is set for Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 a.m. in Batavia. I expect that what each Chapter did in the past for festivals, they will do again on April 1st. If there are any conflicts, call me.

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

4th Monday

Robert F. Dagen
III, Master
548-7148
Steven L. Wing
Recorder
498-2386
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

By L.: Robert Dagen

Change of plans

To bring each of you up to date, I have the following report. At our Stated Assembly held on February 27th, due to what seems to be a constant battle with the elements and Mother Nature, we did not have the opportunity to confer the Royal Degree on candidates. We did take this opportunity to practice for this Degree, therefore the meeting was beneficial after all in that respect.

It was decided to proceed with plans to confer both Degrees, Royal and Select, at the Stated Assembly to be held Monday, March 27th. The Assembly will open at 7:00 p.m., with conferral of the Degrees, after which we will conduct the business of the evening. The postponement has had its rewards, not only will we have the benefit of a full cast, but we also will be conferring the Degrees on an additional Companion. This will make four Companions for the Royal Degree and five Companions for the Select Degree. It is hoped that this issue of the *Masonic Times* will reach a good number of you prior to this date so that as many as possible will be made aware of the change of plans.

Charity Fund

Each of you should have received a letter from R.: L.: Layton Vogel, Chairman of our Charity Fund, regarding our Annual Charity Drive on behalf of the fight against the debilitating Parkinson's Disease. I would hope that each of you have taken the time to respond and make your contribution as liberally as you find it to be within the length of your cabletow'.


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CLIO LODGE No. 779



W.: Donn Stevens, Master
365-8776

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

Charles A. Tucker, DSA, Secretary
392-2006
287 East Ave.
Hilton, N.Y. 14468

By W.: Donn Stevens

It was the greatest! You missed it? Shame on you! I'm referring to our 3rd Degree held at Clio Lodge on March 7th. The work came off beautifully. All members of the Degree Team are to be congratulated, even Clyde Schmidtlapp. Thanks to a great turnout of visitors, we even had to fire three Craftsmen prior to the second part of the Degree, so as to be in tune with the ritual. Everybody wanted to get into the act!

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our newest Master Mason, Jeffrey Ross, and wish him a long and happy Masonic career.

Thanks

Thanks to W.: Paul Josephson for sharing with us his famous Walking Charge, and R.: W.: Rich Friedman for his participation (he stole the best part!) in the Degree.

April events

Our Spaghetti Dinners continue to be a success, thanks to all of the hard work by the Brothers

Nun-Da-Wa-Ga

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Sickness

Speaking on the foregoing subject, I would like to keep you up to date as relates to Companion Don Clattenburg, who happens to be a victim of Parkinson's Disease. Companion Don continues to convalesce at his home, although since I last wrote you, he had a stay of several days once again at the Batavia VA Medical Center. We want to keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Pay him a visit if you can.

Companion Layton Vogel has had his surgery and is well on the road to full recovery. We look forward to seeing him again with new vigor now that he has undergone this corrective surgery. I find it hard to comprehend the amount of new and advanced modern medical expertise we now have available to each of us, we only wish that all of the diseases with which we may be afflicted could be cured or corrected, such as the one we support in our charity. I am sure that we all hope and pray for the day that this may become a reality.

Companion Jim Branigan continues to improve and we also look forward to his being able to get out and around.

With nothing further to report at this time, I will close with this reminder - *Masonry is alive and well!*

God Bless you all. □

involved. The April dinners will be on the 12th and 26th. Don't miss them.

At our meeting on April 4th we will have a dissertation by R.: W.: Bill Zufall on the Morgan Affair. I'm sure this will be of interest to all of us.

School of Ritual

Clio Lodge has been asked to participate in the School of Ritual on April 5th at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls. Clio will be doing the closing and it would be nice to see lots of Clio sideliners on hand.

Reminders

Dues are due, in case you have forgotten to mail your check. Don't forget the Brotherhood Fund. You have also received a letter from the Masonic Service Bureau requesting financial assistance. The Service Bureau does a great job for us and the community. I encourage you to support them.

Ox Roast

The biggie in April is the 30th Annual Clio Ox Roast. Get your tickets from Bro. Dale Polmateer (392-9076) and promote this event to your friends and relatives. Even perfect strangers should be able to enjoy this feast, so don't forget them.


Sickness

Under sickness and distress, we wish Bro. Al Bird a speedy recovery. Bro. Al has been in the hospital for a pacemaker tuneup, but is now at home.

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to our April birthday boys: Dana Aueter, Karl Brandt, Jack Johnson, Bernie LoBello, Maurice Northrup, Dave Partiss, Dale Polmateer, Bob Quackenbush, Joe Ulrich, Merle Wallace and Denny Wright.

Till next time Brothers, let's push that Ox Roast! □



W.: Edward J. Schmitt
H 461-2915
W 383-1195

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Herbert Spencer, Secretary
H 271-8577

Masonic Temple
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y.
14605-2789

By R.: W.: Herbert Spencer

The days are growing longer and warmer, and it's almost time for planting. Pretty soon the flowers will be blooming. It seems as if the year is passing us by faster than we can turn the pages of the calendar. Already one third of the year is gone.

Communicate

The Lodge and Master's year is almost history. In less than two months we will be having elections of our new officers. If you have any input to give on the selections offered, then come to Lodge and be heard.

April dates

We have a full slate of activities for April, so mark your calendars with these dates. On April 4th we will be having a Past Master's Dinner and meeting. This will be at the 40 & 8 Club.

Details will be mailed to all Past Masters.

On April 11th we will have a regular business meeting, followed by a program. There will also be a pre-meeting dinner, as we've had in the past. Call Herb Spencer at 271-8577 with your dinner reservation. The program for the evening will be presented by W.: Ed Schmitt. He will enlighten us with a talk and slide show from the M.E.'s Office.

The Fellowcraft Club will visit another Lodge on April 18th. R.: W.: Dave Clarke is working on the details now. Further information will be in the newsletter. This will be in place of our usual in-home meeting and program.

The 4th Tuesday of the month, April 25th, we will be celebrating our Annual Lodge Masonic Service Awards Night. We hope to be presenting a DeWitt Clinton Award. Letters have gone out to all of the recipients, to advise them they are to be honored by their Lodge. We have 24 Brothers who are to receive 25, 40, 50, 55, 60 and 65 year certificates and pins.

We will be presenting R.: W.: Harold Bollotin, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Israel near the Grand Lodge of New York, with his Purple Apron and Commission at this time.

There will be a dinner that night. See the special flyer with all the details. Come out and help to honor your fellow Brothers by your presence. Reservations may be made with me. That's it for April.

At our May 9th meeting we will have our Election of Officers. Join us and help elect the people you want to run this Lodge.

Thanks

The Lodge again participated in the Widow's Luncheon. We took 15 widows to the Luncheon, and we had 12 Brothers and ladies in support. Many thanks to R.: W.: Mat Gingold for all his efforts in making this event a success, he has been the Lodge Chairman for I don't know how long. Thank you, Mat.

Special thanks to the drivers who escorted the ladies to Logan's and returned them home - W.: Ed Schmitt, W.: Court Young, and R.: W.: Mat Gingold. R.: W.: Mat submitted a full report to me that ended with "I enjoyed being Chairman for the fringe benefits of all the hugs and kisses I received from the ladies."

Transportation needed

W.: Bob Hummel sends his best to the Lodge and thanks all for the cards and calls. We had a long conversation about what is happening to the Lodge, and where we are going. You can tell Bob is feeling better, and his voice is almost back to where it was. He would like to hear from the Brothers. Bob would like to make the Past Master's Dinner, but he doesn't drive and needs transportation.

Look for the Lodge mailing announcing all these activities with the necessary details. Make your reservations early for these events. Don't procrastinate.

Sympathy

Our condolences to the family of Bro. Harold Wing, who was called Home by the Great Architect of the Universe on February 24, 1995.

Reminders

Don't forget to contribute to the Brotherhood Fund.
Did you pay your dues yet? □

Flower City Lodge No. 910



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

2nd Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Phillip Averbach, Secretary
458-1817

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

By W.: Gordon Dodge
Presentation

At the March meeting, Mr. Michael Woods of the Vietnam Veterans of America gave us an excellent presentation on what the Vietnam experience was about and enlightened us with some previously unknown facts about that unpopular conflict in our Nation's history.

It was somewhat disheartening to have had such a small turnout for a short meeting and an interesting speaker/program. I don't know what we have to do to get you to participate in YOUR LODGE.

Play cards?

Some of the members have started to gather points toward the "Card Trophies" I announced last month. You can't win unless you play, and you can't play unless you come to Lodge.

Bowling Team

At this writing, the Flower City Fellowcraft Bowling Team is tied for 2nd place in the Masonic Bowling League. Only four weeks to catch the 1st place team (Northfield Lodge). We'll give it our best shot. Right, guys?

By-Law changes

The April 13th meeting will be the 2nd reading of the proposed By-Law changes with the final reading and voting to take place at the May meeting. These changes are primarily about going to TWO MEETINGS A MONTH. Please come out to Lodge and have your voice and vote count on this important change in the Lodge's structure.

Program


The April meeting will also feature a program put together by W.: Cyrus Kloner who has promised me it will be very interesting.

Officers needed

Senior Warden, W.: R. Adrian Solomon, is formulating plans for his year as Master starting in June of 1995. A few "chairs" are still open. If you are interested in becoming an officer in Flower City Lodge, please let Adrian know by calling him at 473-0619.

See you in Lodge! □

MONROE Lodge No. 173



W.: Stephen M. Harris, Master
494-1338

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

Roy D. Goold, Secretary
637-6419

67 Main Street
Brockport, N.Y. 14420

By SW W.: Neil Laundry

Is it Spring yet? If not, I hope it's pretty close! We could certainly do with some green grass and bright flowers. I also hope this message finds everyone well or on the mend.

Luncheon

The February 25th Widow's Luncheon was well received by our ladies. I was out of town on the day of the festivities, but Chairman, W.: Jerry Werner reports that the food, fellowship, and entertainment were all first rate. Our only disappointment lay in the fact that several of our ladies who had made reservations, were unable to attend. We'll save special places for you next year!

Blood Drive

Our February 17th Red Cross Blood Drive was a success with 34 pints collected. Thanks to all who helped Chairman, W.: Mel Doverspike with the set up and take down activities. Thank you Mel for once again volunteering to chair this important Community Service.

Dinner

We're still a couple of weeks early for a report on the March 25th Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for the Masters and Wardens Association. Tune in next month for the full story.

Budgets

Our communication of February 28th found us finalizing and voting upon the '95 Lodge and Wood-Quackenbush budgets. Several changes have been made in the areas of expenditures and grants. Look for a Master's, "Monroe No. 173 Newsletter" (While the *Masonic Times* is down for the Summer). We'll bring everyone up to speed on local happenings and some of the details of Lodge business not appropriate for this publication.

Fellowcraft

I hope to be able to introduce a new Brother to you in the next article. We are also in receipt of a new petition for membership that is currently under investigation. Should our committee of Chairman, JW Mark Hazel, JD Ron Magargee, and Steward Mel

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Mosher report favorably on this possible candidate, we may be soon starting a new series of Degrees.

Best wishes

Our best wishes and prayers go out to Brothers Bob Ellis and Jim Branigan. We hope to see you both back in Lodge soon. (If anyone sees Jimmy, wish him a happy belated 18th birthday.) Our thoughts are also with Jim and Terri Wilkins. We hope that Florida has agreed with you and that you're both feeling well.

A great loss

We were all saddened by the recent passing of R. W. Robert Rudman, Past Grand Sword Bearer and Past Master of Monroe Lodge No. 173. W. Jack Wadhams returned from Florida to perform the Master's role in Bob's Masonic Service. It was done eloquently! Our sympathy goes out to Dec, Deanne, and young Bob. God be with you and yours! ...and to you, R. W. Robert Rudman, I raise a glass and offer a toast. Well done! ...but then, I imagine that you've been hearing that a lot recently

Awards Dinner

An Awards Dinner is being planned for June. It will be an open meeting for Brothers, friends and families and will recognize our Brothers for years of service and outstanding Masonic example. It will be held on the level or in a place providing wheelchair and handicapped access. Check upcoming columns for further details.

Let's hear from you

Hey, guys. The letters have not exactly poured in to update us on what's happening in the lives of our out-of-town Brothers. Come on! Drop a line and bring us up to date. You're a part of us. Don't leave us hanging. Local guys who can't or don't choose to make it to meetings. Let us know! How come?

Picture a human body. The head represents the Master and officers, the trunk; the active members and local members who turn out for special functions, and the arms and legs; the inactive and out-of-town Brothers. As a whole, with all of the various parts in even average communication, the body can function efficiently and lead a full life participating in all of the activities available to it. What happens if a leg or an arm stops communicating. You must admit that the range of activities are at least somewhat limited. What if only the trunk and head remain? A relatively active and vibrant life can still be lived, but there are some limita-

tions. Options are narrowed. Some activities become impossible. Granted, basic functions continue and intellectual and creative avenues may be pursued, but, practically speaking, you just can't do as much. And then, what if various parts of the trunk and head lose touch. A couple of active members here, a Senior Warden there.

Well, you can see where this leads. What caused the problem? Malfunctions? Loss of communication in the central nervous system? Lack of proper exercise or proper diet? A combination? Who knows?

A poor analogy? Perhaps. But, we can't continue to function at peak efficiency unless all of our parts are working and communicating. And, all of the parts are important!

If you think the preceding is nuts, tell me! If this makes you angry, give me a call! If you have ideas, suggestions, please communicate! And if you'd rather just roll over and take a nap, God bless ya, because I know the feeling well. The truth is, however, that we need you and want you to be one with us.....Brothers. □

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



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2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 p. m.

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Secretary
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By W. Richard B. Kessler

As Spring is nearing we are busy with events at Lodge, especially the one of confirming the Degrees on a new Brother.

Goals

Our contribution to the Brotherhood Fund has not reached our goal of 55%, so if you have not given yet, please do so now. Only 62 members have given.

Congratulations

R.E. James J. Powell was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of New York, Royal Arch Masonry.



W. Richard Kessler, Master of Etolian Lodge No. 479, Dr. Clarence Castle and W. Clark Kunes (DSA)

Success

A total of \$2,402.90 was raised for the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to Brothers Carter, Dyer, Weinreber and Brendel, and also Joan Kessler and Mickey Darrohn, who helped the Master at the booth.

Widows

The Widow's Luncheon was a huge success again this year. We had 10 ladies present and three who were given pins.

Sympathy

The wife of W. William Becker and the wife of Bro. Harold Herner passed away. W. George Burgess lost his mother-in-law. Our sympathies to the families.

Wanted

If any Brother has a small, used refrigerator he would like to donate to the Lodge for use in the 3rd floor recreation room, please give the Master a call.

Sickness

Bro. Allen Widrick has had heart problems. Bro. Stuart Mattern is ill; W. Martin Zillman had a severe foot injury; Bro. Ed Prevost and his wife are sick and W. Russ Holmes' wife has been ill.

Dates

The Grand Master's Ball will be April 1st.

The School of Ritual will be April 5th at Union Star Lodge.

Family Night will be April 10th.

The Hi-Twelve Lunch will be April 16th.

There will be a 3rd Degree rehearsal on April 20th.

The 3rd Degree will be conferred on April 24th: Lodge opens at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the 2nd Section at 7:30 p.m. □



W. Richard Kessler presenting 70 year service pin to Dr. and Brother Clarence Castle.

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476



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Master
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Mondays
7:30 P.M.

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By W. David Taber

Short-timer's night

You are wondering who the short-timer is? It is the Master of the Lodge. Where has all the time gone? The first meeting in April, on the 10th, will be Move Up Night. All the officers will move up one station, which will give all the officers planning to advance in May an opportunity to try out the new job before making a commitment. I hope to make two awards that evening to Brothers for services rendered.

3rd Degree

The 3rd Degree will be conferred on April 24th, with the Master in the East. If you are willing to help do any of the required work, please call Dave Taber. It would be great to put the second section on with a full cast again.

Sickness

W. Bro. Nelson Venette must be feeling better. Cards are still in order and may be sent c/o Denners, 2960 Valencia Drive, South Venice, FL 34293. A personal visit from one of our snowbird members would be rewarding to both. R. W. Chick Becker called and talked to Nelson recently. Nelson will be able to fly North at the end of April and spend the Summer at Sodus Point. We look forward to seeing him and his wife.

Fifty Year Certificate

R. W. John Moll and I had the pleasure of calling on Brother and Reverend William Cooper in Brockport to present his overdue Fifty Year Certificate and Pin. We had many good reminiscences of old Fairport. He keeps active in the area. We were fortunate to have time to have lunch together. It was a very rewarding experience.

Birthdays

The following Brothers celebrate the anniversary of their births during the month of April: Clarence Tesch, Chuck Blazey, Howard Stein, Karl Stryer, James Martin, Bud Smith, Dan Howard, John Byam, Bob Chappell, Albert Castellani, Randy Darling, Jacques Roberts, Ray Anderson, Mike Johnson, Jack Swackhamer, Ken Curtis, and Bud Fisher. We wish for each of you a Happy Anniversary of your birthday and a healthy, prosperous year ahead.

Grand Ball

If you hurry, you may still have time to buy tickets for the Grand Ball. It will be held on April 1st at the Gateway Banquet Center on West Henrietta Road. Tickets are \$24.00 per person from the Master. Great food, special dessert, music and dancing will be in order.

Let's do it!! □

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Manly P. Hall

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538



W. John L. Clapp
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7:30 p.m.

W. Stolan Eilla, Secretary
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WEBSTER Temple
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WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580

By W. John L. Clapp

Fast year

It's hard to believe, but this year is about over as far as my input to the *Masonic Times* articles are concerned. After this issue I have only one more chance to "get it right". In all probability I will have to leave it to future Masters to make this happen. I am enjoying this chance to communicate with all and now have a greater respect for those who have done it for all these many years.

Camp Turk

Just a reminder that if you have any children who are planning to go to Camp Turk, all monies for boys must be received by June 18th and girls by July 9th. The camping sessions are July 2-22 for boys and July 23-August 12 for girls. This camp is for children from 12 to 16 years of age and is one of the best camping experiences your children can have. If you know of a child the Lodge should consider sponsoring, please give me the information. Questions? Please call Mollie Denslow at (315) 942-6716. I do have applications if you need one.

New candidates

We do have six candidates going through our Spring Sessions; our 3rd Degree will be on April 20th. This will be a dinner meeting and we should hope that we get a large turnout to welcome these folks into our fellowship. Please call Bill Edwards at 872-3993 for reservations.

Sickness and distress

If anyone knows of a Brother who is in need, please let R. W. Don McTarnaghan or me know.

DeWitt Clinton Award

W. Charlie White is working very hard on our DeWitt Clinton Award Night on April 6th. We will be presenting this award posthumously to Shirley Miller, who had worked many years as a Social Worker in Webster and touched many lives. Cathy Thomas, Webster Town Supervisor, will be joining us for supper and

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Webster No. 538

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we are also hoping to have the Village Mayor. This will be a dinner meeting and we also will be presenting long-time service awards to Frank Andrews, Hartley Schutt, Claude Wright, Clarence Stappenbeck and Charles Deering. We will open and close Lodge early, so this will be an open meeting, if you would like to bring a friend or spouse, this is the time. Please call Bill Edwards for reservations.

Lunches

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month a few of us meet at the Lodge for lunch. All are invited and the cost is low. The only purpose for this gathering is fellowship. Come over and join us, if you want to hang around after and play cards, that is all right too.

ERAC Lodge April 10

On April 10th ERAC is planning to present a special award to one of its members, R.W. William Lennox. It will be his 55th Anniversary of being District Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Master M.W. Gary Henningsen will be at the meeting. Please plan to attend this one to show your support. This will be held at the Country Party House in East Rochester.

Fellowcraft meetings

Remember the Fellowcraft meeting on the second Thursdays of each month. W. Greg Brown always assures a good meal and fellowship.

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Brothers who are celebrating a birthday in April: Wesley Beard, B. Clark Buckman, Walter Campbell, Robert Crum, Daniel Dixon, G. Bradley Hebner, Frank Ilgen, Phillip King Jr., Robert Krueger, Howard Kyper, Richard McInerney, Donald McTarnaghan, John Merz, Gordon Palmer, Michael Poleshuk, Harold Robinson, Wellington Sanger, Richard Saxman, Hartley Schutt, Atilla Serce, Donald Whitmore, and Timothy Wood.

East to confer the 1st Degree on two new Brothers. Bro. Tom was moving a little slow that evening. Why? Well, he had a run in with a patch of ice. He should be fully recovered by now, unless the ice gets him again.

March

March started with Past Master's Night. This is where we honor all of our Past Masters and their respective classes. What is a Master's class, you ask? The class is the group of Brothers that were raised during the term of the Master. Our Past Masters deserve all the recognition we can give them. Working towards and being Master is not a trivial task, as I have found out in this past year.

March ends with JW Don Bell in the East to confer the 2nd Degree on our new Entered Apprentices. SD Frank Briffa gave the Middle Chamber Lecture for the first time.

Spring is here

Since Spring is now officially here, at least it's supposed to be, we have a great April ahead of us. April Fool's Day will see us at the Masonic Grand Ball at the Gateway Center. I'm not sure how the day and the event relate. I know that none of you are fools. At our meeting on April 17th, this year's tax day, we will have a presentation by R.W. Ted Honca on the historical perspective of the Bible reading used in the three Degrees. Bro. Ted really knows his stuff. Plan to attend!

Our second meeting in April on the 25th, we will be conferring the 3rd Degree. Shortly after that, your Master will be heading to New York City to attend the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

Come on out!

Well, you are now up to date on what has happened, what's happening and what's to come, at least to the end of April. To really keep up, come to Lodge if you are not a regular attendee. If you have forgotten some of the work, call me at 223-3228 in the evening. I will be more than happy to meet and re-instruct you. Look for this column next month.

New and Views

By Don Bell

We are glad to see that W. Frank Denton, DSA and Bro. Dave Willis are back home after hospital stays. R.W. Bill Lennox should be recuperating at home by the time you read this. W. Wally Wright is in the hospital awaiting an operation.

We are pleased to learn that R.W. Bob Pettit's wife, Belva, is home and doing well.

We extend our condolences to Bro. Bob Harris on the passing of his sister.

Brothers about

Bro. Robert Ewart writes that he and his wife, Emily, are living in Zephyr Hills, FL. At 79 he is still very active and has participated in several 5km road races. He finished 2nd in the 70 and over group and finished 1st in the Sr. Olympic Race Walk in Ontario and Monroe Counties.

Bro. Ray Buckman and his wife, Jean, spend their Winters in Florida. They are retired and enjoy taking a cruise, church, sports and the big bands that come to Florida. They also enjoy local talent at the Community Players in their area.

Obstacles are things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943

W. Franklin G. Granata, II., Master
W 546-1160



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

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

By W. Franklin Granata II

Special thanks to JW Mike Rice and his crew for putting on an excellent Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for the March meeting. Mike will be having another meal on May 8th. Watch for details!

R.W. Bill Lennox Night

On Monday, April 10th, at the Country Party House in East Rochester, we will have R.W. Bill Lennox Night. Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The price of the dinner is \$15.00, with the choice of Prime Rib, Chicken, or Fish. Reservations can be made with Bro. Carl Scarpulla at (315) 986-1624. The M.W. Gary A. Henningsen will be the guest speaker. Come out and show your support for your distinguished Brother.

Future events

There will be a Ladies Night on April 9th. We will also be having a get-together with the children from Crestwood Children's Center. We will be taking them bowling at Bristol Bowl at 3:00 p.m. Masons are encouraged to come and help out. This will be the 3rd event we will have had at the Center.

The Officer's meeting will be held on April 3rd at Carl Scarpulla's house. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. All officers and line officers are encouraged to attend.

The rehearsal for the 3rd Degree will be on April 17th at the Lodge, the Degree being conferred on April 24th.


Condolences

Once again I have the sad duty of reporting another loss to our Craft. W. John W. Setley departed this Earth on February 27, 1995. John was a Mason for 15 years and was 61 years old at the time of his death. He was Master of Ancient Craft Lodge in 1984. He was known by all his Brethren as a down-to-earth and humorous person who was completely giving and generous to anyone in need. A Masonic Service was conducted by R.W. Richard Friedman on March 4th at the Polvino and Granata Funeral Home.

Brother Charles L. Spring departed this Earth on February 9, 1995. He was a Mason for 39 years and was 96 years old at the time of his death. Bro. Spring was visited by the Lodge during our holiday visitation this year.

Brotherhood Fund


The following is a run-down of ERAC participation in the '94/'95 NY Masonic Brotherhood Fund. This is based on Lodge Member mailings received by me (the chairman), but does not include those ERAC members and friends (mostly widows) that have donated directly to the Grand Lodge in response to the earlier Grand Master's appeal. Those donations are reported to me by



W. Eugene Brendel
FIRST MONROE DISTRICT

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

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W. David Jones
SECOND MONROE DISTRICT

The conductor's role is an often overlooked and neglected part of our Ritual. Yet, a conductor has the most intimate physical connection to the candidate as he works his way through our ceremonies. If conductors cannot be present at your rehearsals, they should receive instruction in Lodge prior to bringing the candidates into the room.

Masters of Lodges should make sure they are familiar with the responsibilities of the conductor and communicate them to those who will be leading our most important asset for the future, our new Brothers! If you have any questions regarding conductors, or any other parts of our Ritual, please call Gene Brendel or Dave Jones. We are here to serve you.

I'm not sure if this issue of the *Masonic Times* will reach you before or after our first School of Ritual, so I'll put a little plug in for it-DON'T FORGET-Wednesday, April 5th, 7:30 p.m., Union Star Lodge in Honcoye Falls. Open, Close and Ballot are the work on the trestleboard. BE THERE!

Our Ritual has many references to the "Tabernacle" and the "Temple". Many think they are synonymous and refer to the same edifice. This is not the case. The Tabernacle refers to the tent-like place of worship erected by Moses for the people of Israel as they wandered about the desert in search for the Promised Land. The Temple in Masonic legend is the Temple of King Solomon, which, while inspired by Moses Tabernacle was certainly a much more permanent structure as is evidenced by its remnants, still revered in Israel today.

computer readout in the early Spring.

Therefore, we have at this date:

- 70 contributors
- 116 non-contributors
- 186 Total members

The above numbers do not include new members. Thus, our participation percentage is 37.6%. Let's strive for 55% of our membership to contribute.



NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS, INC.

Genesee Valley Chapter No. 46
Master of Travel
Harry Hopkins 659-2236
Secretary-Treasurer
F. Russell Holmes 594-2462

By Harry Hopkins

National Camping Travelers was organized at Gettysburg, PA in August, 1966. It is composed of Master Masons and their families from U.S. and Canada who enjoy camping together.

Genesee Valley Chapter No. 46 is part of District No. 11 which consists of the Chapters from N.Y. and Ontario, Canada.

Chapter No. 46 members camp together one weekend each month from May to October and also get together some of the

other months for pot luck suppers. Our camping schedule is:

- May 19-21, Woodstream Campground, Gainesville, NY
 - June 9-11, Allegany County Fairgrounds, Angelica, NY
 - July 14-16, Dream Lake, Warsaw, NY
 - July 30-Aug. 2, National Rally, Vallejo, Ca
 - Aug. 17-20, Dorchester Fairgrounds, Dorchester, Ont., Canada (District Rally)
 - Sept. 15-17, Frost Ridge Campgrounds, LeRoy, NY
 - Oct. 6-8, Genesee Country Campground, Caledonia, NY
- For further information please call or write to: Harry Hopkins, Master of Travel, 16535 Banner Beach, Kendall, NY 14476 (659-2236), Harlan Morse, Wagon Master, 493-2883, or Russ Holmes, Sec/Treas. 594-2462.

We urge all camping Master Masons and their families to visit or camp with us during 1995.

Spaghetti Dinner


Friday, April 7th

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Adults \$5.00
Children \$2.50

Webster Lodge
30 Orchard Street
Webster, NY

Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154



W. John E. Zabel, Master
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7:30 P.M.

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By W. John E. Zabel



February happenings

SNOW!!! ARG!!! As I write this, it is snowing. I hope that when you read this it is sunny and warm, or at least sunny. Unless of course, you are in Florida where it had better be sunny and warm. February was a great month for the Lodge. We had W. Grant Romer teach us about the history and his interpretation of the symbolism of the Great Pyramid of Egypt at our February 13th meeting. Irondequoit Chapter, O.E.S. cooked a delicious dinner to start the evening.

Our second meeting in February saw SW Tom Hueston in the

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By W.: Neil Laundry

Most folks feel that when March comes in like a lamb (as it did this year), it portends ill for the end of the month. Not so! We at Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 have a much keener measure:

On March 1st we sneak into SW Buzz Gorman's home and place 2 dozen assorted doughnuts, warm from the bakery, on his kitchen table. When Buzz bounces from bed and heads for the kitchen, we start our timer. If, at the end of 90 minutes, he has devoured all of the doughnuts and is rummaging through the cupboards wondering, "what's for breakfast?", it is an equally sure indication that Winter is far from over. This year when the timer ran out on the 90 minutes, 1/2 of a sugared raspberry jelly doughnut remained stashed under the wax paper in the bottom of one of the boxes. (Buzz claims that he was saving it for his dog, Tippy.) Whatever the reason, it means that Spring is nearly here and that we must be prepared!

Up-date

Let's get up to date first. The Lodge's entry in the Charlotte Community Association Winterfest '95, "Chilly Chili" Contest took Runner-up Honors, a check for \$25.00 and a plaque commemorating our achievement. Chili Chairman, SW Buzz Gorman accepted the Awards on behalf of the Lodge from Mayor Bill Johnson. Thanks to Buzz and his Committee for their time, energy, and super results. Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge is a lot better known to the members of our Community thanks to your efforts.

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Great job

On February 21st, while I was clearing my mask to better see the little fishes and fighting off the senioritas, SW Buzz Gorman was in the East and, as I hear, did an outstanding job. The primary business of the communication was the conferring of the 2nd Degree. For that task, JW Jim DeLorenzo moved to Master. This was Jim's 1st time in the East and, from all the positive and complimentary remarks that I've heard from the Brothers, he and his officers presented a fine Degree. Nice job, Jim!

Luncheon

R.: W.: Joe Privitera reports that the February 25th Widow's Luncheon was a success and that Charlotte-Corinthian was well represented. On behalf of myself and the Brothers of the Lodge, I wish to echo W.: Davy Jones sentiments that the Lodge owes Brother Privitera a resounding thanks for his continued efforts to make the Luncheon a success and to see that our ladies receive the attention and affection that is their due. Joe, thanks from all of us!

Youth Night

March 7th was our Youth Night and we enjoyed a great combination of ceremonial work, historical background, and choreographed presentations from representatives of the Order of DeMolay, Triangle and Constellation (Order of Junior Stars). Special thanks to Demolay, Dave Gorall, Beloved Queen, Belinda Cooper and Jenelle Bahr, District Deputy of the Constellation of Jr. Stars District No. 3 for their major roles in that night's presentations and for their leadership roles in these youth organizations. We deeply appreciated the willingness of these young people to give up time on a school night to share with us some of the ritual and tenets of their organizations. Our gratitude also to our Brothers who make time in their busy schedules to work with these kids, W.: Mike Staub, JD Mike Gorall, SD Ken Ratliff. Charlotte-Corinthian congratulates Holly Gorall who will be Installed as Beloved Queen of Fidelity Triangle No. 4 on April 8th.

More next month

Next month will find us reporting on our March 21st, 3rd Degree. The Shrine Past Master's Degree Team will confer the Degree. Our Annual Braddocks Bay Brunch was held on March 26th.

Table Lodge

April 4th will be our '95 Table Lodge. Come on out for the fun and fellowship. (If you plan to toast with fully charged cannon, you should also arrange for a ride or assign a designated driver. Don't let an accident that should have been prevented destroy the festivities.)

They want our banners!

They're coming after us! Notice has been served! The Schools

of Ritual are starting again and I've noticed that whenever the Schools are mentioned, the other Masters begin whispering behind my back. Do you believe in conspiracies?

Have you ever seen the bumper sticker that says, "Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're NOT out to get you!"... Now let's suppose some insidious group wanted to gang up on Charlotte-Corinthian... What Lodge would they select as the furthest away from Charlotte and the most difficult to get their Brothers to? Monroe? No, but close! Union Star? Bingo! Where do you suppose the first 1995 School of Ritual is being held on April 5th? That's right, Brothers! We're goin' to Union Star! "Remember the Maine!" "Remember the Alamo!" "Don't tread on me until you see the whites of their eyes!" "Let's win one for the Jonester!!!"... Ahem... Excuse me... Please try to attend.

Special program

April 18th will be our '94/'95 Awards and Recognition Program. It is an open meeting and you are all encouraged to invite your friends and families. Awards include Service Awards and Recognition, Youth Awards, Leadership Awards, the Lodge's "Man of the Year" Award, and several others. Try to be present to celebrate the achievements of our Brothers and community members.

Sickness and distress

We send our continued best wishes and prayers to both Eino and Sylvia Laakso. Take care, friends. On March 9th, Bro. George Lake underwent surgery at Genesee Hospital for repairs to his lower esophagus. Our thoughts are with you. Hey, Ruth! We wish you a speedy recovery and hope you're feeling better each day. Give Don plenty to do. It keeps him out of trouble. Thanks for the birthday card! Our hopes and prayers to all who are undergoing illness or physical problems. Please let us know if you are in need of our aid, sympathy, or prayers so that we may personally remember you.

Sympathies

Once again, I must report that one of our Brothers has been called from his labors in the quarries of this life. During the week of February 20th, a Masonic Funeral Service was held for Bro. Donald Starr. Bro. Starr was born on April 20, 1924 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 4, 1960. Our hearts go out to the family and friends of this Brother. Peace!

Brotherhood Fund

W.: Dave Jones reports that Lodge Brotherhood Chairman, W.: Mike Staub, has submitted contributions to the Brotherhood Fund that represents approximately 23% (76 Brothers) participation. Thanks to those Brothers who have responded to the call. (At this point last month,

Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088 Helps Spice up Charlotte "Winterfest '95"!



Brothers Buzz Gorman, Andy Alvarez, Dave Jones and Jim DeLorenzo, the "Committee" at the Charlotte/Corinthian Chilly Chili Booth

only 7% (23 Brothers) had contributed.) However, our goal of 55%, double nickels, is still a ways off. It should also be attainable, if the Brothers step forward to participate in this cause, as they so regularly do for other Lodge activities. This percentage is not based on amount. It is not based on how fat a check one can write. It is based on each Brother taking enough time from a busy day to send a contribution, no matter how small, to the Brotherhood Fund.

W.: Mike Staub is the Chairman. If any Brother wishes to participate, but truly finds himself without the funds to do so, please write to me at 568 Drake Road, Hamlin, NY 14464, and I will see that your interest in participating in this cause is made known to the chairman and a donation made on your behalf.

I am not talking about taking one large contribution from one Brother and splitting it up to give the appearance of multiple contributions. That's devious at best! This is money which will only find its way into the Brotherhood Fund should you be financially unable to contribute, but wish to step forward and be counted as a participating Brother.

Dues

On a slightly different note, dues for 1995 and past dues from 1994 should be sent in as soon as possible. This ain't a business, but it sure takes money to pay the bills!

Until we meet again, smooth sailing and may God hold you in the palm of His hand. ☐



Representatives of Triangle, Constellation of Junior Stars and DeMolay gather in the East at Charlotte/Corinthian Temple for recognition after their Ritual Presentations at the Lodge on March 7, 1995.

By W.: Neil Laundry

On February 12th, Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, represented by Event Chairman, SW Buzz Gorman, Chief Cook Bro. Andy Alvarez, Chief Cook-in-Training JW Jim DeLorenzo, and Senior Chili Consultant W.: Davy Jones, took "Runner-up" Honors in the Charlotte Community Association's "Winterfest '95", Chilly Chili Contest. Gorman had the pleasure of receiving the Awards from Rochester Mayor Bill Johnson, to whom he promised a personal Chili tasting. Davy, "I'll say anything for a bowl of chili", Jones swears that he was there to see the presentation and confirm Gorman's claims. Remember that these are the same guys who stop at Wegman's seafood section on their way home from fishing trips.

Alvarez, when interviewed by Channel 9's "R" News, refused to reveal his "secret ingredient". (Even members of his own committee were banned from the kitchen during the time the "secret ingredient" was being prepared and carefully blended into the steaming Chili.) He did start to loosen up a bit when he admitted to the reporter and cameraman that it was "the tender love and attention that he gave to each individual bean" that brought out the true flavor. As Alvarez began to rant about the courageous willingness of the ingredients to sacrifice themselves for a higher cause, other committee members stepped in and dragged him, kicking and screaming, from the microphone. They were, of course, afraid that he would "spill the beans". He was last seen locked in Gorman's Jeep Cherokee grinning insanely and flashing double victory signs to passersby.

Seriously, the guys had a great time and proved to be super ambassadors for Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. The committee members agree that this was an excellent introduction into the type of community relationship the Lodge wishes to foster.

An interesting aside to the above article lies in the fact that on the afternoon of February 11th, several individual sources

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Buzz Gorman starting the preparation of specially grown peppers imported from deep in the Peruvian Andes; Jim DeLorenzo watches for crows and eavesdroppers.



Jim DeLorenzo showing the approximate height of the diminutive alien he sighted entering Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge building.



Buzz Gorman digs for that last scoop of chili at the Chilly Chili Contest Booth at the Winterfest.

reported a strange object hovering several feet off the ground behind the Charlotte Temple. The object, 20-25 ft. in diameter, appeared from out of nowhere and hovered near the Lodge for several minutes. One observer, Mr. James DeLorenzo, reported observing a diminutive figure appear beneath the craft, enter the Lodge by the rear door carrying a metallic canister and return shortly thereafter empty-handed. The entity then vanished, apparently returning to the ship. Following the sighting of the INSPEC (Intelligent Species) the craft rose slowly and then accelerated rapidly out of sight. DeLorenzo said that the sighting was pure luck, as he was just outside to get a breath of fresh air. Only moments before, he had been asked to leave the kitchen where he had been helping prepare chili. DeLorenzo stated that his boss, one Andres Alvarez, wished to administer secret recipe ingredients without danger of them being discovered. When Alvarez was interviewed, he denied having seen anything unusual in the Lodge during the time in question. He "thought" that he may have heard giggles coming from the stove. No further sightings have been reported.

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

W.: Charles N. Waterstreet,
Master
381-8028

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

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

By W.: Charles N. Waterstreet
Two meetings

In April we will be having two meetings. As I write this column, we have not held our March meeting. We were to discuss the options available to us for the balance of the term and year. These discussions will have a bearing on what happens in April. Once plans are determined, we will notify the Brothers of our programs for April 3 and April 17.

In Memorium

One of the duties of the Master of a Lodge is to perform a Masonic Funeral Service for a departed Brother. This sad obligation was fulfilled twice in March. Bro. Allen C. Kressman died February 28th after a long illness. Raised in Corinthian Temple in 1971, he affiliated with us in 1987. The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to his wife, Judith, daughter, Barbara, and Bernard Bonnington (father-in-law), a member of our Lodge. The Masonic Funeral Service was held on March 3rd.

Bro. Frederick A. Lang was called home by the Great Architect on March 6th in Cumming, GA where he had resided for the past several years. Brother Fred was raised in 1934 and received his 60 year pin last year. His son, Fred J. (Skip) Lang, is also a member of our Lodge. Our sym-

pathy was extended to him, his wife, Patricia, grandchildren and great grandchild at a Masonic Funeral Service on March 8th.

Ladies Night

Brother Norm Gauch is again planning a special evening in May to honor our Ladies for their support of our Brothers in their Lodge activities. We will be rearranging our schedule again, so please mark your calendars. With the change of the Master's year from calendar to mid-year, we would normally elect a new Master at our first meeting in May. That falls on the same Monday as Grand Lodge sessions, and we are not allowed to carry on this activity until after these sessions are finished. Therefore, we will not have a meeting on May 1. Our regular communication for the month will be held on May 15th.

One of the other Mondays will be set aside for our Annual Prime Rib Dinner at Rick's Prime Rib House on Howard Road. Please pencil in the possibilities now so you won't miss this great opportunity for food, friendship and fun with your Brothers and their wives.

Merger update

Our committee has had two meetings with the committee from Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and are scheduled to meet again on April 18th. We hope to prepare the necessary paper work, exchange financial information, prepare a budget, and finalize a Constitution and By-laws for submission to the respective Lodges for their approval.

Bollotin acknowledged

I want to be among the many who have congratulated R.: W.: Harold Bollotin on his appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Israel. John A. Robertson Lodge is proud to have Harold as an Honorary Member. He and Sylvia have been active participants in Lodge functions. I won't go into the many activities that R.: W.:

Harold pursues...you can read them in last month's *Masonic Times* if you missed the article. He has called me twice to volunteer to help out on projects in which our Lodge has participated. That is an unusual situation. Thank you, R.: W.: Harold, and again, congratulations on a very deserving Award and recognition by Grand Lodge.

Robertsons rewarded

It was the privilege of John A. Robertson Lodge to provide the setting for the presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Award to Doris Robertson, and the Grand Master's Certificate of Appreciation to R.: W.: Paul Robertson for their outstanding dedication to the Canandaigua Veterans Medical Center Program. These Awards were originally scheduled to be presented at Northfield Lodge in February, but the Robertsons were attending a retirement party, unaware they were to be among those honored. You read in last month's *Masonic Times* about the other recipients, R.: W.: Thomas and Cora Paglia, R.: W.: Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, and June Moon. All of them were present at the dinner and presentation to Doris and Paul. R.: W.: Terry Wihlen, DDGM, 2nd Monroec, did the honors. Doris was escorted to the dais by a long-time friend, W.: John Dudley, Past Master of and representing Northfield Lodge for W.: Daniel Walker. R.: W.: Paul was escorted by R.: W.: Scott Seltzer, GSB.

Active in several organizations and supporter of many projects, R.: W.: Paul served as Grand Sword Bearer of the 2nd Monroec District in 1987-88. He is a two-time Master of John A. Robertson Lodge, and has been involved with the Canandaigua Program since 1948 when it was under the supervision of R.: W.: Odell B. "Father" Kelly, the Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau. Doris has accompanied Paul for many years and supported and worked with him in many of the projects, in addition to her own activities.

**Churchville
Lodge No. 667**

W.: Jon V. Deacon,
Master
254-6957

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

R.: W.: Roderick C. Moler,
Secretary 426-5561
20 South Main St.
Churchville, N.Y. 14423

By W.: Garry Hutchurson

A special "Hello" from all the Lodge to our Brothers in Florida. We hope you make it back soon, we can use the help for our 3rd Degree on April 26th. We have 9 candidates and can use all the Brothers we can get.

Working together

Our 1st Degree went well this month with Ed Roman in the East, W.: Garry Hutchurson in West, Craig T. Mollon in the South, and George Burke as the Senior Deacon.

W.: Davey Jones presented the Lantern Lecture that left us all in awe. What a tremendous job he did for our four candidates. The Degree was preceded by our Annual "Nick Tahou's Night". The hots and potatoes were a big hit.

Welcome

Congratulations to our new affiliate, Louis SanFilipo, who keeps us laughing. He is now our Senior Master of Ceremony.

We wish everyone a happy Easter.

**Union Star
Lodge No. 320**

W.: Craig J. Emmons,
Master
H 346-2719

2nd
Monday
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Kenneth E. Buckland,
Secretary 624-1308
3 North Main St.
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

By W.: Craig J. Emmons

I am sure that all of you are looking forward to Spring as much as I am. Now that we are past the 1st Degree, I would like to welcome our three newly made Brothers to the quarries. It looks like a very large class from Churchville Lodge No. 667 will be joining us for the 2nd and 3rd Degrees at Union Star. There have even been some rumors going around that the 3rd Degree may be put on by the Shriner's Degree Team! Stay tuned for further notice or come to the regular meetings for discussions on these matters. The 3rd Degree is still scheduled for April 24th at 7:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and we will open Lodge at 6:00 p.m. sharp.



R.: W.: Terry Wihlen, R.: W.: Paul and Doris Robertson, Certificate and Award recipients, R.: W.: Scott Seltzer and W.: Charles Waterstreet, Master of John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032



(seated) W.: Harry Ellender and R.: W.: Harold Bollotin, (standing) R.: W.: Paul Robertson and W.: Charles Waterstreet at the Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart Booth for John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032

Sympathy

Our condolences and prayers are sent out to the family of Bro. Glenn Warren, who was called Home to the Eternal Heavens on Feb. 13, 1995. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1945, making him a fifty year member. I am sure that I speak on behalf of the entire Lodge when I say that our departed Brother will be missed by all.

Brotherhood Fund

W.: Bro. Davey Jones says that we are close to leading our District in our effort to meet the 55% challenge for the Brotherhood Fund. However, W.: Bud says that there are several potential donors who he has not heard from as of yet. If you have sent a donation in prior to reading this article, then please disregard. If you have not, your generous gift might just be the one that will push us past that reachable goal.


That's it for now. I hope to see you all at our regular meetings and especially at our rehearsals.

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W.: Donald C. Smith
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By W.: Daniel Walker

Greetings Brothers, ladies and friends. Spring has sprung and before you know it I'll be on my way to New York City and Grand Lodge. Linda and I are both looking forward to attending our first trip to Grand Lodge.

Thanks

I would like to start this month's column with a big thank you to W.: John Williams and Bro. Fred Hull for all the work they have done this year with coordinating the widow's functions. We had 16 widows attending the Widow's Luncheon this year, and that was a fitting testament to all their laboring in the quarries this term.

Every bit helps

Just a reminder to all the Brothers that the Brotherhood Fund needs your help. Our Chairman this year is Bro. Randy Griswold, 86 Wilbur Street, Rochester, NY 14611. This year we are trying to get contributions from 55% of the membership. You don't have to contribute a large sum of money. A simple donation of \$5 or \$10 is all that's needed. Every little bit counts.

Future events

Here are some upcoming events you might like to know about. The Grand Ball is at the Gateway Banquet and Conference Center on West Henrietta Road. The date is April 1st and the cost is \$24 per person. For tickets please contact me at 429-6572.

Also upcoming is the 3rd Degree on April 20th.

May events

May 4th will see our Annual Communication and Election of Officers.

Our Annual Ladies Night will be held on May 6th at the Maplewood Inn. For further information, please contact our JW Michael Herrmann at 872-0113.


On May 18th, Linda Zahn's father, Bro. Lynn Bowman, will receive his 70th Year Award at Webster Lodge.

Thought for the month: Smile, it keeps 'em wondering!

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759

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



W.: Glenn A. Scheerens
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By W.: Terrance O. Wright
Greetings

I hope this Spring finds you all in good health and ready to start a new season in your yards and gardens. I know that there will never be a shortage of tasks to tackle around my house or the Lodge. With luck and help, we should be able to accomplish a great deal this year.

Upcoming events

I take this opportunity to briefly review the upcoming events that are pertinent to our Lodge. Starting with April 5th, we will have our 2nd Bring-a-Friend Night for the year. I already expect a good turnout. Remember, if you feel you know a worthy interested man, by all means ask him to join us for an evening of fun and interesting information regarding Masonry.

Next

Next on the calendar is a new idea suggested by one of our newest members, Mike Stevens, who has come up with the proposal of "Rent-a-Mason" Day which will be on April 22nd. We will rent teams of 2 Masons for a maximum of 6 hours for a minimum of \$50.00. They will clean out garages or attics, rake lawns, clean gutters or whatever. The proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Lodge. We hope this will create goodwill throughout the town as well as bring Masonry into the community's awareness. Please mark April 22nd on your calendar and sign up to help us out. We'll meet afterwards for a get-together dinner.

May

On May 20th we will hold our 2nd Annual Yard Sale in conjunction with a Chicken Bar-B-Que in the Lodge front yard. We could use your support in this endeavor either by helping with the dinner or by bringing a bunch of friends to eat themselves silly and then buy all our invaluable articles at the yard sale.


May 24th is the Installation of Officers for the ensuing year. Your presence would be appreciated to assist in placing the new Master, Carmen Valleri, in the East.

Last items

The last two items to address are the Brotherhood Fund and outstanding dues. Bro. Don Tubman is the chairman for the Fund and has made a very impressive showing, thanks to all of you. If anyone has yet to be included in this year's count, please do so since time is running out.


As far as outstanding dues are concerned, please do your best to get them in or let the Secretary know if there is a problem in paying. Thank you, God bless and see you in Lodge.

Towpath
Lodge
No. 163



W.: Craig A. Covert,
Master
865-2920

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



Bro. Solomon E. Phillips,
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By W.: Craig A. Covert
Planning

Well, here we are in the month of April, and I promised myself that I would have my column in early this month. Last month's column was short, due to poor planning on my part, and the business of working on the "Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign". I enjoyed working on that, but I must admit that I didn't realize the time commitment involved with it. The planning of the event is the hard part, and there is always a last minute detail to work out, but it went off fairly well.

Weather

I hope that all of you down in the South lands are laughing at us Northerners, because February sure turned out to be a cold month. So far, it hasn't been too cold, and we did have a short stretch of Spring weather, but that didn't last for long enough, and the beginning of March was not much better. One day it is 61 degrees and the next, we get 6 inches of snow along with 30 degree temperatures.

Widows' Luncheon

I am pleased to report that the Widows' Luncheon was a lot of fun. I had the pleasure dining with 6 lovely ladies who are still young at heart, and very much enjoying life. In my relatively short life, I have learned to listen to those who have been around longer than I, because they have the one thing that youth does not possess. Experience! The food at Logan's Party House was very good, and I am not used to eating that much at lunch. If anybody left that afternoon feeling hungry, it was their own fault as there was plenty of food. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Florence Johnson for attending the Luncheon. I sincerely enjoyed the conversation during the commute, and if you need a ride next year, don't hesitate to call me. I am really looking forward to next year's Luncheon.

Thank you

At this point in time, I sincerely thank Bro. Jim Barcus, Bro. Bill Ackroyd, and Bro. Dave Hockenberry for all of their help with the Brother Bring-a-Friend on February 28th. Up until the

night before, I wasn't sure I was going to have any help at all. At this point in time, I don't know if our efforts have yielded any petitions, but it was worth the effort in any event. I would also like to thank all of the other Brothers for their attendance, especially R.: W.: Ron Mertens and R.: W.: Larry Canfield for their presentations to the 5 prospective members who attended. I always enjoy doing the Bring-a-Friend because it give us a chance to show what Masonry is all about to those who are uninformed.

April

The April schedule for Lodge looks to be somewhat busier than March was. Our 1st meeting will feature W.: Ray Kneppar who will be showing us a video on the impact of AIDS. The tape is known as the Los Altos Tape. On April 18th we will be doing a 1st Degree. At this moment, we have only 1 candidate, but we are hoping for more petitions to come in before the next meeting. This month also features the School of Ritual at Union Star on April 5th at 7:30 p.m. The Leadership Course is at the Downtown Masonic Temple on the 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We also will be doing our Spring Pick-up for the Adopt-a-Highway on April 23rd. All those interested in getting some exercise, and helping out the community should meet at McDonalds on Fairport Road at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. Please call Bro. Tom LeBeau at 482-6042 and let him know if you can help.

Sympathies extended

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Margaret Berner and her family on the passing of her husband, Bro. Robert E. Berner, Sr. on February 3, 1995.

Also on behalf of the entire Lodge, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Gladys Geith and her family on the passing of R.: W.: Larry Geith on March 4th. Larry was one of those special people who I will always remember for his kindness, support and most of all, his smile and laugh. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

The Lodge also sends its condolences to Mildred Scott and her family on the passing of her husband, W.: Robert H. Scott on March 2nd. Masonic Services were held for Brother R.: W.: Larry Geith and W.: Robert H. Scott.

We also send our condolences to Bro. Mahlon Blake on the passing of his wife, Doris, and W.: Bill Beldue on the passing of his sister Catherine Beldue LaBorie.

Good news

I am happy to report that Bro. Bob Belcher is finally on the mend, and back at church. He still is not 100%, but he is much better than he was. We also need to keep in our prayers, the following Brothers: Claude Hyatt who is at Strong Memorial Hospital recovering from surgery and John Lemon who is very ill. I send my best wishes along to both of them, and hope they have a speedy recovery. We also need to say a prayer for R.: W.: Bill Zufall's daughter, Barbara, who underwent surgery at Highland Hospital on March 14th.

Well, I will finally sign off for this month and wish all of you a happy and healthy Easter season. For all of you who will be traveling, I hope that you have safe and uneventful journeys! God bless you all.

Craftsman
Lodge No. 969

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



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By Robert F. Ogden
Good news

Our recent "Bring-a-Friend Night" resulted in several positive responses-namely petitions. W.: Bill Hook is scheduling rehearsal for the Degree work.

Grand Ball

April 1st at the Gateway Banquet and Convention Center will be the focal point for a wonderful dinner and great music. Please see W.: Hook or Bro. Ogden for tickets.

A harrowing experience

How would you like to be driving tandem (a 35' motor home and a 20' van) through the Pennsylvania mountains on a two-way highway following slowly moving tractor trailers at night during a severe snow storm? Our W.: Bill Hook and wife, Helen, experienced this nerve wracking ordeal "weathering" the storm safely.

Dinner meeting

Our genial hosts, Bro. Tom Kendig and wife, Sue, recently prepared a fine Chili Dinner with garden salad, bread and choice of two cakes, baked by Fran Grover and Jayne Ogden. Karen Strickland assisted. Twenty-five attended, including Alida Doud and our friend, Kurt Scrivens, who is from Canada.

Milestones

Birthday greetings to our Brothers born in April: Herb Becks, Glen Ide, Christ Stock, Chuck Sutton, Bob Thompson, Mike Tworek, Dave Ververs, Carm Vitali and Mike Zona.


April dates

There will be a regular meeting on April 4th.

At the Fellowcraft meeting on April 11th, there will be a rehearsal for the 2nd Degree.


There will be a regular meeting on April 18th.

Henrietta
Lodge No. 526
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W.: Joseph E. Bourcy, III
Master
334-8293

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



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

By W.: Joseph E. Bourcy
Congratulations

On February 28th we conferred a 3rd Degree and Brothers Terry Baird, Pete Nichols, and Nelson Reichert were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations Brothers on your accomplishment.

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I thank all the Brothers who participated in our 3rd Degree, with a special thanks to W.: Craig Emmons and Union Star Lodge and W.: Terry Wright and Oatka Lodge. Oatka Lodge showed up in full force. Their whole line was there, along with some of their newly raised Brothers. Thanks again, Brothers. It looks like the Tri-Lodge Degree Team is back.

Membership

Brothers, this Spring's Bring-a-Friend Night will be on April 18th. There will be a dinner for you, your friends and ladies. It will be followed by a brief presentation about Masonry and Henrietta Lodge. You should have received your memory jogger by this time, so please get your friends' names to me or W.: Paul Josephson as soon as possible.

Future events

This year the Grand Ball is on April 1st at the Gateway Conference Center. It sounds like it will be an exciting evening. I have tickets if you are interested in going. Hope to see you there!

As April arrives, so does the better weather and our snow birds. Welcome back, Brothers. You missed a really mild Winter. Along with these two facts is the realization that the year has just been flying by and is fast approaching the end of my tenure in the East. I thank all the Brothers of Henrietta Lodge for their support and guidance over the past few years and especially this past year. You have made it one to remember. Thanks again.

Need a ride


Remember what made you want to be a Mason? Remember going through your Degrees and wondering what was going on? Remember being raised and you started coming to meetings, meeting more and more people every time you came? If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, remember back to these times. We would really like to have you come and join us to renew old acquaintances. Our new Brothers would also like to meet you and say, "Hi, Brother". I look forward to seeing you soon. Give me a call if you need a ride.

GERMANIA
Lodge No. 722

W.: Nelson Borch, Master
671-4792

1st
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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



By W.: Nelson F. Borch

My Brothers, on April 4th we will confer a 3rd Degree upon three new Brothers. Let's have a good turnout to welcome them. There will be a dinner preceding the Degree at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Night

Don't forget our Ladies Night is just around the corner on May 20th at the Red Men's Club on Lexington Avenue. There will be a cash bar from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., followed by a Buffet Dinner. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Bring a

prospective Brother, friend or lady, everyone's invited.

Hospital visitation

April 9th is the day we will be visiting the veterans at the Canandaigua VA Hospital. The time is 1:00 p.m., and if you need more information, contact me.

Election and Installation

May 2nd will be our Election and Installation of Officers. If you would like to help your Lodge, call Dave Foster and let your wishes be known. Remember, this is your Lodge.

Brotherhood Fund

Brothers, keep your contributions coming in. We have a long way to go to reach the chairman's goal of 55%. I personally think our Lodge can reach a goal of 65%. Remember your wife, daughter, or son can make a contribution in honor of, or in memory of someone in our Lodge's name and it will be counted. Let's do it!

Fellowship and family

For the Brothers who haven't taken advantage of the entertainment our Fellowship and Family Involvement Umbrella Committee have hosted, you're missing out on a swell time. My wife and I have attended both, and have had a great time with a lot of laughs. There are more events planned, so get your kids and grandkids and join the fun. The cost is minimal.

Masters & Wardens Association

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President
W.: Neil Laundry 964-2135
Secretary
W.: Daniel B. Walker 429-6572

By W.: Neil Laundry

Our thanks to W.: Bob Franzen for putting together our February program. Bro. George Huther discussed Camp NaCoAra, a camp sponsored by the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence. The camp provides a one week program for children in the 7-16 year old age group from families with chemical dependency. George's presentation was followed by a short talk from a local family who were recipients of camperships by virtue of their past dependency. Their generous sharing allowed us to see the growth that had taken place in the children through experiencing the camp program. The association's thanks go out to all who helped make this talk possible. (As an addendum to the previous item, on April 8th Northfield Lodge will host a garage sale for the benefit of Camp NaCoAra).

Only one program remains in the 94/95 Masters and Wardens Association Calendar. That evening's program "Leadership: A Glimpse into Stereotyping in Group Dynamics", will be presented by the incoming 1995 Master's group.

The money is still coming in for the 1994/1995 Masters and Wardens Association "Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart" Campaign. Co-chair W.: Craig Covert reports that over \$2,500.00 was collected for the Ronald McDonald House to help support their unique contribution to our com-

munity and the world at large. The check was presented to Ms. Bonnie Vahey, Director of the Ronald McDonald House, on Wednesday, March 15, 1995. The ceremony took place at the House.

Once again we wish to point out the fact that this campaign is only possible through the combined efforts of our Masonic family here in the Monroes. Our thanks from Masters and Wardens to all of our Brothers, Sisters, friends, members of Affiliate and Concordant Bodies, youth groups and their leaders for lending time and support.

GrandBall

Last call for the Masonic Grand Ball on April 1st at the Gateway Convention Center. A super evening is planned! We hope to see you there. The price per ticket is \$24. This includes a meal, music, program, a super "all you can eat" dessert bar, and great fellowship. Don't miss the silent auction loaded with unique treasures and bargains. Auction proceeds will go to the Camp DeMolay Campers Fund. A full report on the gala evening will be made in next month's issue.

Thanks

On behalf of all the Officers of the '94/95 Masters and Wardens Association, I thank our Advisor, W.: Mark Fenton, for his quiet leadership and wise counsel, our District Officers R.: W.: Rich Friedman, R.: W.: Terry Wihlen, R.: W.: Bruce Chilton, and R.: W.: Scott Seltzer for their unwavering support (and we gave them plenty of opportunity to waver) and to all of you who helped provide us with programs and helped on our projects such as the Monroe County Fair Child I.D. Program and the Have-a-Heart Campaign. You've been great!

Open-Air 3rd Degree on Song Mountain

By R.: W.: Robert H. Grebell, Area 11 Chairman

We finally have received our Grand Lodge dispensation to hold an Open-Air 3rd Degree atop Song Mountain, Tully, NY, on June 10, 1995. All Masons are fraternally invited to attend.

The Degree will start at noon, and you are encouraged to wear casual clothing, appropriate for the weather. The Degree will be presented rain or shine. Bring your own apron and current up-to-date dues card.

Refreshments will be available at the ski lodge at the conclusion of the Degree, or you can bring your own lunch.

The members of the Right Worshipful's Association of the 1st and 2nd Onondaga Districts will be the Installing Degree Team.

The ski loft will be available to transport the Masons to the Degree site and return.

Hotels and motels are available for out of town Masons in Syracuse, Cortland, and Tully, NY. Reservations will be the responsibility of the individual Brothers.

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Viewpoint of the Future

By R.: W.: Stewart C. McCloud

Most of us who have devoted our time and energies to our Craft have derived much inspiration from our Masonic history. It is my hope that we may be further encouraged by examining some possibilities and actions necessary to benefit Freemasonry in New York State.

A look into the future, from my viewpoint, acknowledges the fact that changes are called for. Not drastic, but succinct, subtle changes that impact everyone that will come in contact with Freemasonry. What changes? How can we affect them? How do we use them to benefit our Fraternity?

Let us examine and reflect on the past two years. They have been a new experience for our Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. Our Grand Master, assisted by his Grand Officers and most importantly the Brethren, have proved to be a moving force in setting high goals and achieving them.

We have not lowered our high standards by seeking new members among our friends and co-workers. We are salesmen of a sort. Our product is Brotherhood, fidelity and high moral standards. We live in a challenging age of high tech ideas. Who can lose when selling or professing our philosophies, high ideals and morality found in our Masonic Lodges. Let us share these experiences with friends and neighbors and in our work places and communities, so that we can unite in right thinking and right living. When we show the pride that we have and enjoy in our Masonic Lodges, it will most certainly have an impact upon eligible good men. They then will become inquisitive and ask the question, what is Masonry? This will be our greatest opportunity to move forward.

Public awareness in the community has had a dramatic effect. Open Lodge programs have increased with results that we can be enthusiastic about. It is incumbent upon all our Brethren to become involved and share in these innovative programs that come to a successful conclusion. Nothing good survives without effort.

We have the tools. We have the pride. We have the ability to improve our image by supporting these programs. Blood Donor, Child I.D., Drug Free School Zone signs, our Masonic Home, our Medical Research Laboratory and much more.

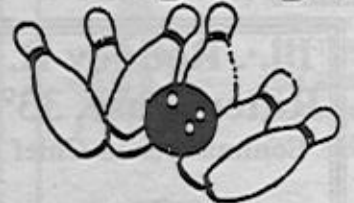
We have the opportunity to enhance Masonic History and our image, to leave a legacy for those who will follow. Our involvement will contribute to a renaissance of Freemasonry. This will not be by accident! It will be by the designs that have been placed upon the trestleboards for our development for and use in the overall plan of Masonry in the 21st Century. Join in this great adventure and endeavor.

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227-6106

Since my last column, League bowlers have rolled 8 more 600 series and 76 more 200 games. Notable series were rolled by Bud Crane-663 (205, 255, 203), John Flynn-632 (232, 221) and 631 (276), Rich A. Ehrne-632 (249), Rex Edwards Jr.-628 (231, 226), John Blodgett-607 (210, 197, 200), Don Weis-605 (213), and Lou Fusilli-600 (213).

Individual games of note include Scott Weis-245, Rich P. Ehrne-240, Ken Kassel-235 and 217, Tom Minster-231, Jack Thibaut-229, Rich Flanagan-225 and 217, Rich Rohring-224, Gerry Duell-223, Ed Schmitt-219, Rich Topel-216, Rex Edwards Jr.-215, Bob Clovis-215, Fred Enders-214, Dave Zenkel-211, Adam Gierczak-207 and 200, and Harold Reynolds-202.

Two more ABC Awards have been earned by League bowlers. John Flynn earned a Century Award watch for his 276 game that was 106 pins over his average. Don Weis' 268 game earned a Senior Award patch for a game 76 pins over his average.

As always, we are looking for substitute bowlers. The League bowls at Maiden Lanes on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. Both Masons and non-Masons are welcome. Stop down some Wednesday and join the fun.

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A super evening

Our March program meeting, which was preceded with a social hour and Swiss Steak Dinner, featured "The Houses", a Musical Entertainment Quartet. It was an excellent evening of entertainment and fellowship. A special thanks to chairman, Gordon J. Ball and his wife, Vicky, for making this event a success.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony will be held on April 6th. This program, under the direction of the Chapter of Rose Croix, will be preceded by a Dinner. Most Wise Master and Chairman, David C. Clarke, promises this will be an excellent program and reminds us that this is a feast of spiritual thought and rich pageantry. It is presented each year as a Memorial Service to honor our Brothers who have passed on to their celestial home during the preceding year.

Bring-a-Brother Night

Our "Bring-a-Brother" Night held at Logan's Party House was very successful. A large number of Brothers came out for an informative presentation about the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and we received many petitions for our Degree Reunion. A spe-

cial thanks to the Membership Development Team under the guidance of Chairman, Stephen R. Whittaker and Co-chairman, Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., 32° MS. We were especially pleased and honored to have Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active, and the words of wisdom he shared with us.

Letters sent

Recently, all members received a letter from the Membership Development Team along with a petition. It is our hope that you will contact a Brother Mason and ask him to join the Valley of Rochester. It is really very easy and very rewarding.

Reunion

Our Spring Reunion is scheduled for April 20-22. As an incentive for a Brother to become part of the 1994-95, Ill.: Robert N. Forest, 33° Class, he and his wife, or date, are invited to be our guests at the Annual Banquet on May 6th at the Holiday Inn Airport. He will also receive a free ticket to our Annual Stag Outing in August.

Most Wise Master, David C. Clarke has made excellent arrangements for our Banquet on May 6th. On top of a good meal and fellowship, there will be entertainment and dancing. Save the date and plan now to attend!

Special Day

On April 29th, our Grand Master, M.:W.: Gary A. Henningsen, along with the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America and several other notable dignitaries, will be on hand for a much publicized "Special Shrine Ceremonial".

We need support

Your Officers, Degree Directors, Casts and Committees are working hard for the good of the Scottish Rite. Please do your part and support our programs and events.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you at our functions. □

The Feasts of the Paschal Lamb and the Unleavened Bread

By David C. Clarke

In this article, the origins of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb and its very closely related partner, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, will be looked at from a lay person's view point.

The Feast of the Passover consists of two parts: The Passover Ceremony and the Feast of the Unleavened Bread. Originally both parts existed separately, but at the beginning of the Exile they were combined. Passover was originally not a pilgrimage feast, but a domestic ceremony consisting of the slaughtering and eating of the paschal animal. This animal described in Exodus was a sheep or goat, while according to Deuteronomy either a sheep or bovine animal. Exodus 12:5 relates to us that a year old lamb or kid was killed on the 14th day of Nisan during the month of March/April; "between the evenings" at the setting of the sun. (Abib was the original name given, but later the Babylonian name of Nisan was substituted). Early versions place the Festival in the season of the "hodesh" of Abib, thus celebrating the freedom of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. The rite of touching the lintel and the doorposts of the house (formerly the tent) with blood from the paschal lamb was connected with the slaughter. The flesh of the animal was boiled (later interpreted, broiled). The flesh was then eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs during the night in a community meal, in which the whole family or a combination of families took part. No flesh was allowed to remain until the next day.

Nothing is found in the Bible about the original meaning of the Passover rite. Over the course of history, many assumptions have been made. Transient breeders of sheep and goats, later the Israelites, celebrated the Passover to secure protection for their flocks prior to leaving the desert winter pasture for cultivated regions. Later the old nomadic custom was connected with the main event of Israelite salvation, the

Exodus. The rite of the slaughter and blood letting made it possible to connect the Passover with the story of the killing of the Egyptian first-born foretold by Moses.

Preparations for the festival were to begin on the 10th day of the 1st month, when a paschal lamb was selected according to the number in the household. This lamb was to be a yearling and male, without blemish. It was to be kept under special care until the 14th day of the month when it was to be killed "between the evenings", the evening of the going down of the sun. The blood of the animal was to be smeared upon the 2 door posts and lintel of the house. The Angel of the Lord seeing this would recognize the homes of Israelites and spare their 1st born as prophesied in the Bible. Many believe that this event caused the Pharaoh finally to let the Israelites go. As history sped on, the celebrating of the Passover among families moved from the tent to houses and again was transferred to the central sanctuary in Jerusalem. The flesh of the paschal animal was to be roasted by fire with its head, legs and inner parts with no bones broken. It was not to be eaten raw or boiled with water. The roasted meat was to be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs and was to be consumed so that nothing was left over until the morning; any remains were to be burned.

The Festival of Passover was a day of memorial; to be observed by all generations. There was a requirement that the slaughtering, preparing, and eating of the paschal animals take place in the forecourts of the Temple. Because of the large numbers of participants, the animals were killed in the Temple, taken to the homes for broiling and eating. The blood was poured on the base of the altar.

The seven day Feast of the Unleavened Bread was celebrated in the month of Abib and probably taken from the Canaanites. The main custom of the eating of unleavened bread or Matzoth, was to be observed for 7 days. A secondary custom was a required pilgrimage to a local sanctuary and later to Jerusalem.

Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Launches Endowment Drive for Learning Disabilities

The Supreme Council has launched a fund-raising campaign for the Endowment Fund of its newest charity, the Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Centers, Inc.

This charity will provide needed services for children with learning disabilities, through Valley based Centers which offer access to professional assessment and free treatment for dyslexia and other treatable learning disorders.

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to serve as a funding resource for the Supreme Council's support for the Valley efforts.

"Learning disabilities can have a devastating effect on young children just starting school," said Sovereign Grand Commander, Robert Ralston. "Children with learning disabilities are capable of learning when they are properly diagnosed and taught using special techniques. With just a little help, they can succeed and achieve great things."

It is very frustrating to realize that the limited resources of school systems have meant too few children with learning disabilities have received the help they need.

There are already five Learning Centers in operation or in the planning stages. The goal of the new charity is to assist all Valleys in the establishment of Learning Centers throughout the 15 States of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

For further information, call 617-862-4410 or write to: J. Philip Berquist, Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Centers, Inc. 458 Newtonville Avenue, Newtonville, MA 02160. □

The original celebration was a festival of harvest and lasted seven days. Because of its proximity to the traditional date of the Exodus, the Feast of the Matzoth (Unleavened Bread) was connected to the Israelite exodus from Egypt.

The combined Passover-Matzoth Feast is recorded in the New Testament. The connection of the death of Jesus with the Passover is important. According to the gospel, Jesus was crucified on the 15th day of Nisan, the first day of the feast. People believed that the Last Supper of Jesus was a Passover meal during which the salvational meaning of Jesus' death is disclosed. The gospel of John dates the death of Jesus on the 14th day of Nisan, at the hour of the Passover slaughtering and to the meal on the 13th day of Nisan. John interprets Jesus as the Passover lamb with the crucifixion taking place on the first day of the Passover.

Further study of these interesting customs will afford the reader greater detail. Additional accounts can be found in the Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible and the Encyclopedia Judaica.

Our version of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb will be dramatized on Thursday evening, April 6th, 8 p.m. in Cathedral Hall.

The Chapter of Rose Croix will be performing a moving celebration to honor the memory of our departed Brethren. All Masons, their families and friends are most welcome. Light refreshments will follow as you meet the cast in the Third Floor Dining Room. A dinner preceding the Ceremony has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Please call the Consistory Office or contact the dinner chairman, Donald Rose, 458-9005 for reservations. □

Thoughts from the Stage Crew

By Glenn Hedges

On March 4th, Bro. Larry F. Geith, 32° MS passed away in Venice, Florida. The members of the Stage Crew and I express our deepest sympathy to his wife, Gladys, and family.

Larry and I go back a long way. We met when Gladys was going through the Chairs of the Eastern Star in 1971, and our sons were involved in DeMolay as advisors.

I joined the Scottish Rite at the 1985 Fall Reunion, and in 1989, became a part of the Stage Crew. I enjoyed working under Larry's direction until the 1991 Fall Reunion when he turned to me and said, "Here are the keys. My wife and I are on our way to Florida, see ya."

With time and patience, the directors have worked with me as Engineer, thus allowing the stage crew to work smoothly in presenting each Degree drama.

The members of the Stage Crew, Brothers Bill Fredenberg, Donald E. Freeman, Sr., 32° MS, Al Jeerings, Greg Ludwig, Bob Sanford, George Tyler and I, Glenn Hedges, again express our sadness at the loss of our big hearted friend and Brother. The April Reunion, for the Stage Crew, will be dedicated to the memory of Brother Larry Geith.

"See ya, Larry." □

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David P. Crawford

6° Vignette

Intimate Secretary
 Thursday, April 20, 1995
This degree teaches that devotion to one's friends and zealousness in performing one's duties are rewarding virtues.

- Directed by:**
 Donald A. Rose (458-9005)
Narrator:
 Donald A. Rose
King Hiram:
 Michael C. Ferguson
King Solomon:
 Robert Franzen
Joabert:
 Robert E. Crystal
Zerbal:
 Guards:

14°

Grand Elect Mason
 Thursday - Following 6° Vig.
 April 20, 1995
In the Scottish Rite, this Degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. As the crowning Degree of the Lodge of Perfection, its essence is the holiness of God and reverence for His Holy Name. God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

- Directed by:**
 Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°
 (W475-5261, H461-1254)
 and Thomas O'Leary
 (288-7381)
Prologue:
 Robert Franzen
Thrice Potent Master:
 Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°
 or *Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°
Deputy Master:
 Robert Franzen
Senior Warden:
 Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MS
Junior Warden:
 Jonathan H. Trost
Orator:
 Robert E. Cameron
Captain of the Guard:
 Donald J. Brugger, 32° MS
Inquisitor:
 Philip Averbach
Moses:
 Robert C. Pettit, 33°
Master of Ceremonies:
 Lawrence K. Canfield
Guards:
 Louis DiJames, 32° MS
 Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MS
 Wayne Slack
 John E. Zabel

*Will take part

16°

Prince of Jerusalem
 Friday, April 21, 1995
 7:30 P. M.
This Degree teaches loyalty to truth, and fidelity to duty.

- Directed by:**
 Lawrence E. Hood, 33°
 (396-9848)
Asst. Director:
 Harold E. Metzler, 32° MS
Prologue:
 Robert E. Cameron
Council Chamber in Temple in Jerusalem
Zerubbabel, Sovereign Prince:
 Ted Honea
Joshua, High Priest:
 James H. Pray
Seriah, Senior Warden:
 Craig T. Mollon
Mordecai, Junior Warden:
 *Derek E. VanHouten, or
 Harry C. Kittredge, Jr.
Esdras, Secretary:
 Richard G. Giedd
Ananias, Treasurer:
 Charles O. Hancock
Workmen
 Philip Averbach
 George R. Bracht
 Robert Franzen
 Dale F. Gelder

- Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MS
 Scott A. Hill
 Stanley V. Peterson
 Paul F. Sobtziak
 David W. Taber
Court of Darius
Darius, King of Persia:
 John E. Zabel
Araspes, Satrap of Babylon:
 Thomas Hueston
Artaban, Satrap of Assyria:
 Raymond F. Unger, Jr. 32° MS

- Bartacus, Satrap of Media:**
 Thomas C. Foote or
 *Bruce Horncastle
Grand Chancellor:
 Donald J. Brugger, 32° MS
Solamiel, Master of Ceremonies:
 Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MS
Nehemiah, Grand Master of Entrances:
 Richard C. Friedman
Councilors:
 Roderick C. Meier, 32° MS
 James W. Smith
 Ernest L. Swan
 Ronald L. Weber
Attendants:
 Joseph E. Bourcy III
 Harry W. Ellender
Prompter:
 Donald A. Rose
 *Will take part.

17°

Knight of the East and West
 Saturday, April 22, 1995
 9:30 a.m.
The lessons of this degree are that loyalty to God is man's primary allegiance and temporal governments not founded upon God and His righteousness will inevitably fall.

- Directed by:**
 Donald A. Rose (458-9005)
 and Myron L. Dox, 33°
 (425-1047)
Most Wise Master:
 Louis DiJames, 32° MS
Senior Warden:
 Donald P. Fox, 32° MS
Junior Warden:
Class Marshal:
 Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.,
 32° MS
Venerable Master:
 David C. Clarke
Knight Senior Warden:
 Rodney Rittenhouse, 33° or
 *Patrick McNenny, 33°
Knight Junior Warden:
 Kenneth N. Schwartz or
 *Ronald L. Weber
Knight Master of Ceremonies:
 William Russell, 32° MS
Oracle:
 Louis DiJames, 32° MS

*Will take part.

18°

Knight of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.
 (following the 17°)
The lessons taught in this Degree are that man must have a new Temple in his heart where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth and that he must have a new law of love which all men everywhere may understand and practice.
This degree affirms the broad principles of universality and tolerance.

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 (425-1047)
Prologue:
 Donald P. Fox, 32° MS
Most Wise Master:
 Donald J. Brugger, 32° MS
Senior Warden:
 John E. Zabel
Junior Warden:
 Dean F. Marsaw

- Orator:**
 Roderick C. Meier, 32° MS
Master of Ceremonies:
 Stephen R. Whittaker
Captain of the Guard:
Assisting Voice:
 Louis DiJames, 32° MS

*Will take part.

19°

Grand Pontiff
 Saturday, April 22, 1995
 12:30 p.m.

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

- Directed by:**
 John E. Zabel
Grand Pontiff:
 Craig J. Emmons
Senior Prelate:
 Donald E. Freeman, 32° MS
Junior Prelate:
 Louis DiJames, 32° MS
Senior Deacon:
 James Saporito, Jr.
Junior Deacon:
 Robert E. Crystal
Orator:
 Gordon J. Ball
Philetus:
 Charles O. Hancock
Shade of Hermes:
 Thomas E. Badger
Shade of Philo:
 Derek E. VanHouten
Shade of Epicurus:
 Allen B. Fowler
Shade of John:
 Steven B. Thayer
Spirit of Evil:
 Bruce R. Horncastle
Spirit of Masonry:
 Craig T. Mollon
Attendant Spirit:
 Richard E. Hilliard

32°

Sublime Prince Of the Royal Secret
 Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
 April 22, 1995

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

- Directed by:**
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 (423-6601)
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 Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°
1st Lt. Commander:
 Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°
2nd Lt. Commander:
 Ronald D. Mertens
Master of Ceremonies:
 Oscar Reber
Engineer and Seneschal:
 Robert Franzen
Orator:
 Roderick C. Meier, 32° MS
Hospitaler:
 *Richard A. Henderson or
 James B. Scobell, 33°
Worshipful Master:
 Robert P. Zabel, 33°
Thrice Potent Master:
 Gordon J. Ball
Sovereign Prince:
 Robert E. Cameron
Most Wise Master:
 David C. Clarke
Chancellor:
 Norman H. Selke, 33°
Constans:
 Douglas C. Spencer
Chaplain:
 William D. Staples, 33°

- Flag Bearer**
 Ernest E. Swan
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 Derek E. VanHouten
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 Donald P. Fox, 32° MS
 Donald E. Freeman, 32° MS
 Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MS
 Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MS
 Stanley V. Peterson, 32° MS

32°

Second Section

- Directed by:**
 Stephen R. Whittaker
 (223-7630) and
 John E. Zabel (223-3228)

Dramatic Section

- Prince Commander:**
 Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°
 or *Charles O. Hancock
Constans:
 Ted Honea or
 *Craig T. Mollon
Knight Kadash:
 Ronald L. Weber
Knight Rose Croix:
 Daniel R. Emerson
Knight Prince of Jerusalem:
 *Joseph E. Bourcy, III or
 Donald J. McDill
Knight Lodge of Perfection:
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Herald:
 Robert E. Cameron
Captain of the Guard:
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Knights:
 William T. Boyd
 Kenneth D. Robinson

Temptations

- Florio:**
 Bruce R. Horncastle
Urban:
 Charles R. Frear
Ignatius:
 John E. Zabel
Rufus:
 James Saporito, Jr.

Church

- Archbishop:**
 David C. Clarke
Bishops:
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 David W. Taber

*Will take part

Freemasonry

By Ill. Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°
 Although the origins of modern Freemasonry are somewhat murky, it appears that the medieval craft guilds and Freemasonry evolved from a probably secret fraternity of engineers and architects, known today as the Cathedral Builders. Freemasonry became the guild of the emerging middle class of merchants and businessmen. It taught the men of Western Civilization how to work together and govern themselves without the supervision of a ruling class. Most of its principles became the principles of modern democracy. For the individual Mason it taught him to become a fully participating member of the group; one whose ideas and abilities are accepted at face value and not on the basis of his social status.

In small rural communities the Masons are the community leaders because of their cohesiveness and their ability to work together for the community good. The Masons have traditionally been asked to lay the cornerstones for new public buildings. It is more likely that this tradition started because Masons were instrumental in getting buildings built rather than because of their traditional history of operative Masonry. Even if an individual Ma-

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Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix Presents the Ceremony of The Feast of the Paschal Lamb

When: Thursday, April 6, 1995, 8:00 p.m.
Where: Cathedral Hall, Rochester Downtown Masonic Temple (TCC)
Guest Speaker: Bro. and Rev. Lawrence L. Lundgren
 Pastor of Covenant United Methodist Church,
 Rochester, New York
What: The Feast of the Paschal Lamb is a service of remembrance for the members of the Scottish Rite who have been called home by the Supreme Architect of the Universe during the past year. This Ceremony is open to all Masons, their families and friends. Join us as we pay this final tribute to our departed Brethren.
 There will be a Chicken Breast Dinner at 6:30 p.m. preceding the program at \$7.00 per person. Reservations are a **MUST.**
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Joseph Minas, Monarch

Monarch's Message

My thanks to Earl DeSmith for taking my place as Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto at the March meeting and to all the Prophets who attended. I also thank Ron Morthorst and the Prophets who helped to put on the Master Mason's Night held on March 29th.

The Grotto was organized to give the Mason who is a working man, an office worker, or the person in the lower salary scale, the ability to go further in Freemasonry to meet Masons of all kinds, rich and poor alike, and find good fellowship and Masonic companionship.

12 Commandments of Grotto

1. To draw the Master Masons of different Lodges into closer and more friendly relations.
2. To create and maintain a spirit of fraternity among us.
3. To discountenance jealousy, enmity and ill feeling.
4. To teach us that we are not only members of one Blue Lodge, but belong to the Fraternity at large.
5. That there are good Masons outside of our own Blue Lodge and they are worthy friends and companions.
6. To build up and strengthen the character and individuality of the Mason, and to teach, recognize and develop the principles of Masonry outside the Lodge room.
7. To teach that all Masons are not judged by their actual appearance or worldly wealth.
8. The Grotto meets all Masons on the level, not figuratively, but actually, and teaches that Masons are brothers on the street as in the Lodge room.
9. That Masonry must not be used as a means of advancing the material interest of man.

10. To get out of the rut into which we too often fall.

11. To forget our cares for there is good in everyone.

12. The Grotto is a social organization for Master Masons.

Reservations required

In our future plans there will be a dinner for the Prophets and their ladies, with the Caldron ladies and their friends. The dinner will be held at the Barnard Exempts on May 4th at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required by April 21st with Joseph Minas at 671-1917 or Earl DeSmith at 473-4146. Invitations will be sent out.

There will be four choices are on the menu-Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast, Broiled Haddock, Roast Sirloin of Beef and Veal Parmesan. The price is \$30.00 per couple.

The April meeting will be a regular one. April 4th will be the Board of Governor's meeting.

Caldron News

By Arlene Topel, MCO

By the time you read this, our Smorgasbord will be history. I hope if you did attend, you had plenty to eat.

Now that Spring is just around the corner, the Patrol is going to get organized again and practice marching. The meeting will be on April 6th at the Masonic Temple at 8:00 p.m.

Dates to remember

The Caldron meeting will be in Doric Hall on April 13th at 8:00 p.m.

On April 20th the Executive Council will meet at the home of Marcia Morrison.

The Grotto and Caldron will have a Dinner at the Barnard Exempts Party House on May 4, 1995.

Please call 663-2547 to report any illness.

Happy Easter!

Cast News

There will be a Cast rehearsal at 7:15 p.m. on the following dates: Thursday, March 30th and on Monday, May 15th. We will set up the stage after rehearsal.

Ceremonial time

The Spring Ceremonial will take place on Wednesday, May 17th. Try to be there at 7:15 p.m. to give you ample time to prepare for the Ceremonial.

Best Cast!

We need everyone to pitch in and help out so the new candidates will be suitably impressed. Don't forget we were voted the best Cast in North America in 1993. Let's keep up the good work.

Legion of Honor

By Dick Topel

Congratulations to Frank Murrer on winning 1st place in the Lalla Rookh Grotto Euchre Tournament that was held on February 15th.

The next meeting of the Legion will be on April 10, 1995 at Denny's Restaurant, 3820 West Henrietta Road. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

Patrol News

We were disappointed that none of the Grotto Officers were in attendance at our monthly meeting on the 4th Tuesday.

All in the Officer Corps are welcome to join us. We need the confidence boost. Refreshments are always available.

The "Faithful Few" are always there and look forward to a larger than usual turnout on April 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the Culver Road Armory.

Dues are due!

See you at Drill.

Membership

By Ron Morthorst

Master Mason Night was March 29th. If you missed it, couldn't make it, and would like to join us on May 17th for our Ceremonial, it's easy! Call 334-4196 right now! That's all you have to do.

Petitions are available for Master Masons with a current dues card. We feature many different things to help you enjoy yourself.

1. Only one meeting per month.
2. Good fellowship.
3. Food for those who like to eat-3 dinners a year, picnics, lunch after every meeting.
4. State Convention-Empire State Grotto Association, Buffalo.
5. National Convention-Grand Rapids, Michigan.
6. Visitations to other Grottoes.
7. Golf Tournament.

What more can you ask? If you'd like more information, call

the Membership Hot Line 334-4196. Ron Morthorst can answer your questions and get you started. The TRUE fun area of the Masonic world is here at Lalla Rookh Grotto!

Dates to Remember

- Tues. April 4th-Bd. of Governor's Meeting
- Thurs. April 6th-Caldron Patrol-Downtown Temple
- Mon. April 10th-Legion of Honor Dinner at Denny's 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs. April 13th-Caldron
- Wed. April 19th-Grotto Meeting
- Thurs. April 20th-Exec. Council at Marcia Morrison's Home
- Tues. April 25th-Grotto Patrol-Culver Rd. Armory

Attend the Grotto Meeting
Enjoy the fellowship

**Lalla Rookh Grotto Tournament
August 5, 1995**

Braemar Golf Course
4704 Ridge Road
Spencerport, NY

Starting time: 10:00 a.m.
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Entry Form

Enclosed is \$30.00 per person for _____ person(s) for a total of \$_____.

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221 Desmond Road
Rochester, NY 14616

**Metropolitan Police and Fire Square Club
Application for Membership/Renewal Form**

Name _____
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City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Do you wish to participate in any of the following?
Special Projects Committee yes _____ no _____
By-laws Committee yes _____ no _____
Fees: Membership dues (yearly) \$5.00 _____
Extra car decal (each) \$2.00 _____
Pocket name plaque \$5.00 _____
(\$1.00 to Special Projects Fund)
Total amount enclosed _____

All information is for the exclusive use of the Square Club, and will be used on a published membership list for internal distribution only. Membership in the Square Club is open to any Free and Accepted Mason who is recognized by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and is/was an employee of a police, fire or public safety agency. Please return application to: Dean F. Marsaw, 67 Pomona Dr., Rochester, NY 14616-4003.

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

By Roger E. McCaughey

Installation

On Saturday, April 1st, the Metro Rochester Police & Fire Square Club will hold its Annual Installation of Officers and Ladies Day Dinner Meeting at Bosdyk's Restaurant, 430 Spencerport Road. The "Social Hour" will be at 3:30 p.m. with Dinner promptly at 4:00 p.m.

Following Dinner, our Guest Speaker will be Sgt. James Buchholz of the New York State Police. He is Traffic Supervisor of Troop E which is Headquartered at Farmington, NY. Troop

E covers a wide band of Western New York from Lake Ontario South to the PA State Line. Jim, a 21 year State Police veteran, has a keen sense of humor which he combines with his vast experience and knowledge of motor vehicle law and safety; a presentation which you will long remember. A highlight of his talk will be an open Q&A session with which he concludes his presentation.

Notices sent

Dues paid members will receive written notice of this meeting. Non-members who are Master Masons AND current or past members of a Police, Fire or Approved Public Safety Agency, are welcome to attend (with advance reservation) by calling me at 385-6219.

Freemasonry

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son had been unable to actively participate in the construction of the buildings, he could derive satisfaction from being a participating member of the organization that was instrumental in its erection. This kind of community exposure makes Masonry attractive to rural young men and helped their Lodges thrive.

One of the reasons that the Masons in rural communities are so influential is that almost all the Masons in town belong to the same Lodge. In large metropolitan areas, such as Rochester, there is little identity between the Lodges and their parent communities. This not only hurts Masonry's image, in not being perceived as a leading force in the eyes of the community, but also because it does not give the individual Masons the feeling that they are part of an important community function. In large metropolitan areas, one or more local Concordant Bodies could assume the role of the Masonic organization identified with community leadership. This is not to say that they would become a political organization any more than a local Lodge is a political organization. Community leadership, however, is exercised by individuals who work together. A Concordant Body enlarges the size of a Mason's fraternal family and gives him a wider selection of Brothers with whom to work. If members of this Body are perceived by the individual Masons as the leaders in the metropolitan community, then the Concordant Body would become as attractive to young Masons as are the rural Lodges were.

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Doug Draker

By Doug Draker

Tall Cedarism

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, as we know it today, is an Organization with roots dating back to the 1840s. Tall Cedars is not only a Fraternal organization, but one that sometimes fills a special need for our Brothers who have progressed from Entered Apprentice through Fellowcraft to Master Mason. Before going into the history, however, let me quote from the Preamble to our Constitution; "It is to promote wider acquaintance and friendship among men bound together by fraternal vows: to perpetuate itself as a fraternal and social organization and provide for its orderly government".

In the good book we read, "In the beginning", and thus it is with the Tall Cedars--there was a beginning. Just how and where is a moot question with a lot of conjecture, but some facts to come out of the woodwork; cedar wood, that is.

Apparently it all started in 1843 with some energetic and imaginative Master Masons who dreamed up the idea of a Tall Cedar Degree. In those days it was called the "Ancient and Honorable Rite of Humility". The name "Tall Cedar Degree", does not really appear until 1902 when the title of the "Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the United States of America", was incorporated. As Tall Cedarism really started long before the days of the automobile, telephone, radio or television, when men got together in a true spirit of comradery, is also true of our Masonic Fraternity today as stated by the Tall Cedars motto, "Fun, Frolic and Fellowship".

Around 1846, after the meet-

ing of Grand Lodge and also after meetings of Craft Lodges in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the Tall Cedar Degree was conferred on willing candidates. There was a lapse of considerable time when nothing of these conferrals was recorded. Then in the early 1850s, we read that a Dr. Thomas Corson, from New Jersey, started conferring the degree, "as he had received it in Philadelphia". As it is well known, at that time the only means of travel was by horse and buggy or train, therefore, this degree was not conferred very often. But rest assured, whenever they had a good gathering of Master Masons, the Degree was put on with dignity. Upon the death of Dr. Corson in 1879 the Tall Cedar Degree was continued by a Dr. Stevens, who organized the first regular Degree Team which travelled about several cities and towns throughout the New Jersey area conferring the Degree.

Glassboro, New Jersey appears to be the focal point for the Tall Cedar Degree. In 1887 Dr. Stevens and his team conferred the Degree on Frank W. Bowen, Orlando M. Bowen and thirteen other candidates. I mention these men because it was this group that eventually chartered the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the United States of America which took place in the State Capital of Trenton, New Jersey on March 18, 1902.

The Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has in its archives, the manuscript of the secret work and description of the Degree dating back to 1864.

Since the incorporation of the order, we are thankful to Rev. George S. Glassner, who was instrumental in assembling the new Ritual. It revolves around the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, and the assistance to King Solomon by Hiram King, Tyre. King Solomon had to rely on Hiram, who sent his "Hewers of Wood" into the forests of Lebanon to strike down and shape the tall cedars for use in the Temple. On November 13, 1971, our 70th year, a Forest was initiated in Canada. On the occasion of this event, the name of the order was changed to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

The Tall Cedars currently have a membership of 23,500 centered primarily in the Pennsylvania/New Jersey area, and extending

from Canada to Florida and from the Atlantic West to Central Michigan. The Supreme Forest Office is located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Through the years the Tall Cedars have contributed to many worthy causes, but after many years of investigation they learned of one organization that desperately needed support and in 1933 Muscular Dystrophy research became the primary philanthropy of the organization. From 1933 to 1972 they supported the metabolism unit in a New York City Hospital. In 1972 the Tall Cedars became part of the Jerry Lewis Tall Cedar Day Camp and in 1977 assumed sponsorship of the clinical fellowship grants of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Today Tall Cedars in Canada and the United States raise well over \$700,000 annually in support of Muscular Dystrophy research. The majority of these funds are presented on the Jerry Lewis Telethon, every year. Funds are raised in a variety of ways - pancake breakfasts, sale of roses, calendars and other donations. Like all Masonic Bodies, the Tall Cedars are faced with declining membership, that I do not need to expand on. As Master Masons we would ask that you consider joining us in fraternal fellowship and in helping our fellow man in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy--can we count on you?

Tall Cedar Medallion

By Albert H. Hensinger, PSTC, and Chairman, PR

The Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, has released for public sale, a medallion which honors the Supreme Tall Cedar for 1995, Michael J. Hlatke III. The theme is "Catch the True Spirit". It features the Masonic Emblem, the Tall Cedar Emblem, the American Flag, the picture of the Supreme Tall Cedar's symbol, which is a Huggy Bear, and the slogan "Cedarism Thrives in '95".

The front side of the medallion pictures our Supreme Tall Cedar, Bro. Michael J. Hlatke III.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America is a Masonic affiliated organization with 110 Chapters called Forests, located throughout the United States and

Canada. It is best recognized for its support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) through its participation in the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. Since 1951, when the Tall Cedars became the first organization to provide a continuing financial support to MDA, the Tall Cedars and their families have raised more than \$9,000,000 in the search for a cure for Neuromuscular Diseases.

The medallions are available from the Supreme Forest Office, 2609 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. The cost of the medallion is \$5.00, plus \$1.00 for postage and handling. Please make checks payable to the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Tall Cedar Goodwill

Ambassador for 1995

Jill Marie Pantozzi is the Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 1995. At the age of two, Jill was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy at the New York Presbyterian Babies Hospital. She lives with her parents, Gail and Ralph, her three brothers, Ralph, Jonpaul and Adam in Union, NJ. Jill was the State of New Jersey's MDA Poster Child for



Jill Marie Pantozzi, Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador 1995 and Michael J. Hlatke III, Supreme Tall Cedar.

two years. She is a member of her church choir, the National Junior Honor Society, and her school's Dance Committee. She enjoys swimming, roller blading, and horseback riding. She also likes to dance and play her clarinet.

Jill Marie Pantozzi is looking forward to attending many functions with the Supreme Tall Cedar, Michael J. Hlatke, throughout 1995.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 28,000 members in 110 Forests throughout the United States and Canada. Since 1951 the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over \$9,000,000 and have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon

Rochester Forest No. 133

Meets the 4th Thursday
1822 Penfield Road
Penfield, New York 14526

Frank Briffa, GTC



Angelo DiCataldo, SDGTC

Robert North, JDGTC

Donald C. Bell, Scribe

By Frank Briffa

March meeting

March was another night at the Lodge for friendship and brotherhood. We had another Pizza and Wings Dinner. Salad was also available. Our before Lodge dinners are fun, and offer time together for thoughtful conversation. Thanks to all.

Events

The Forest was open in due form at 7:00 p.m. Several topics were discussed, including the Sausage Roast in June and the possibility of a Ladies Night in late April. Hopefully, our new candidate will be in attendance.

The year is young, but we need a good turnout from all of our members. Thanks.

Adopt-A-Highway

By W. Theodore G. Pierce, Jr.

The New York State Department of Transportation is responsible for 15,573 miles of State highways. They will remove roadside trash and mow grassy areas to improve driving visibility. However, due to the limited resources, their first priority is given to keeping the highways safe and serviceable.

Enlisting in the Adopt-A-Highway Program provides an opportunity for interested community organizations to show they are proud of their community and the image clean highways and right-of-ways are presented to visitors.

Interested organizations are asked to commit to picking up litter for a minimum of two years along a chosen or assigned sec-

tion of a State highway. Pickups must be made at least four times a year. Flowers or other approved vegetation may be planted, grass mowed and proceeds from all recyclable trash may be kept by the adopting organization.

This is a program that requires some long range planning, but can be very enjoyable and beneficial to your Lodge. It could take several weeks before this is finalized.

What is the Adopt-A-Highway Program? This is a program that is contracted with the State of New York Department of Transportation for the cleanup and maintenance of the Right of Way along State highways. Applications for the program are made in writing to the Regional Director for your area or call the DOT Regional Office listed below or contact, Adopt-A-High-

way, New York State DOT, Room 524, Bldg. 5, Harriman State Office Campus, Albany, NY 12232. The Regional Office for Rochester is 716-272-3400.

Generally, a meeting is set up with the Adopt-A-Highway coordinator and a representative from your Lodge to discuss the pros and cons, application is made for the group, an area of a State highway is assigned, and a Work Permit is issued for a period of one year (extended annually) which will specify the Mile Post markers (generally 1 or 2 miles) between which the Lodge will be responsible. When the Work Permit is issued, it will outline the General Conditions, Time, Requirements, etc. This program should be performed on a quarterly basis.

Each Brother who will be participating in the project will be

required to complete a general release form. They include copies of a Lyme Disease handout, safety bulletin, which outlines work clothes and gloves, good hygiene (washing hands after pickup), be alert for infectious waste (needles, etc.) along with a map of the Residency which contains the adopted highway section.

A DOT representative must be available to conduct the first safety briefing. ROAD WORK AHEAD signs, orange vests, hard hats, and trash bags are provided for participants and the DOT will pick up the trash bags for disposal. They will also supply the signs that credit the group performing the cleanup as well as notifying local Media to make sure the community knows this work has been awarded to a specific organization.

One person should be assigned to head up this project and be responsible for contacting the Regional Traffic Engineer to advise what day the crew will be working and to pick up the plastic bags and sign-up log.

It is a good idea to notify the newspaper and/or the local radio stations where and when the cleaning is to take place. This will get the word out for drivers to be on the lookout for the WORK AREA SIGNS and the workers.

This program not only helps keep our highways clean of unsightly debris, but working on a project like this can be a lot of fun and good fellowship. After the job is complete, meet some place, sit down and have a cup of coffee, and talk over the day's work.

This is an excellent community project that will help put Masonry in the public eye.

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York Rite NEWS

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Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitular District



Rt. Exc. Vernon L. Goodrich
377-0367

The Official Visit schedule is as follows:

Tues., May 9-Dansville
Wed., May 10-Webster
Mon., May 15-Livonia
Thurs. May 25-Hiram

A major appeal

The Bicentennial-Scholarship Program is trying to double the scholarship endowment over the next four years. That is a very ambitious program, but one which is achievable. I am asking each and everyone of you to make a commitment to the future of our children and grandchildren. Certainly all of you can pledge \$100 for such a noble cause (that's only \$25 per year). Perhaps many of you would like to contribute \$1 per year for each of our 200 years of existence, that's only \$50 per year for 4 years. I hope most of you will search your heart and make the \$400 commitment (that's \$100 a year for only 4 years). To those of you who can, how about a \$2000 pledge (only \$500 per year)?

Long term focus

Wouldn't it be great if the 27th Capitular District could raise \$20,000 over the next four years? In 1994 we led the State in the Seal Program. Now let's all get behind the Endowment Program and make it happen. Of course, you can still contribute to the Seal Program, it's just that we are now focusing on the long term and a 200 year celebration. What a beautiful way to celebrate-a giving perpetuity program.

Looking great!

The Spring Class for the Degrees is looking great. Congratulations Hiram and Webster Chapters! Dansville and Livonia, let's look to the Fall and start pushing for new candidates. □

Hiram Chapter No. 62



2nd & 4th
Thursdays

Thomas M. Paglia, EHP
227-2046

Richard J. Oliver, Secretary
594-2380

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

By E. Thomas M. Paglia
Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was a tremendous success under the watchful eyes of V.E. William Zufall who put it all together. R.E. Hobert Cook, Grand Lecturer, put us through our ritual work. It is always a pleasure having him here, never demanding, but always helpful. I am sure we all learned a great deal from him. Thank you, R.E. Hobert Cook for giving us your expertise on the Holy Royal Arch Degree and the Opening and Closing of Chapter.

Thanks

To all who participated in the Degree, thank you for a great performance. To R.E. Ernest Stelianou and R.E. Larry Dunn who stepped in at the last minute, thank you.

Albany

The Albany trip to the Royal Arch Convocation was a huge success. The hospitality room was wonderful with the assistance of Chief Procurer, Barbara Goodrich, Cora Paglia, Carmella Dunn, Jean Brugger and Eva Tuczai. The women made sure that a constant flow of soft drinks, coffee, tea and food were always at hand. To them, we give Grand Honors. Without their charming ways of doing things, it would have been a so-so hospitality room. To all of the Companions who pitched in, a hearty thank you. It was like a large happy family, everyone helping one another. Our Masonic teachings tell us that it should be that way. True fellowship was at its best.

Installations

It was a very auspicious occasion to see R.E. Arnold Palmer installed as Captain of the Host, R.E. Ted Diehl as Grand Treasurer, R.E. Ronald Bertie as Asst. Grand Secretary, R.E. Vernon Goodrich as Assistant Grand Treasurer and District Deputy Grand High Priest, and R.E. James Powell as Grand Representative of Pennsylvania near New York State. What a wonderful opportunity to have seen the above installed in both closed and public installations.

As usual, M.E. Earle Hino, Jr., installing High Priest and M.E. Stewart McCloud as Captain of the Host did a fantastic job. It is always a pleasure to watch them because they leave a memorable impression in anything that they do. With them as leaders in Grand Lodge, it should be a very fruitful, prosperous and happy year. Good luck to both.

Sickness and Distress

W.: Gordon Dodge of Flower City Lodge (which shares the dining room with us) will be having surgery. R.E. Fred Holderle will be having his other leg operated on and Mrs. Audry Zufall is doing well after her operation.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Comp. Lawrence Geith on his passing to the Great Architect of the Universe on March 4th. He will be missed.

If you know of anyone who is sick or needs assistance call R.E. Richard Oliver, 594-2380, Paul Josephson, 334-7353 or myself at 227-2046.

Upcoming events

Hiram Chapter will be holding their Ladies Night at the Grand Ball on April 1st. It is at the Gateway Conference Center. I hope to see a great many of you there.

On April 13th, Mrs. Audrey Zufall and her staff will prepare a Stuffed Pork Chop or Fish Dinner for \$7.00 per person. Make your reservations now by calling me at 227-2046 or David Jones at 473-1432.

April 27th

Hiram Chapter will confer the Most Excellent Master Degree at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be supplied by Scribe, Dave Jones.

Looking ahead

The Holy Royal Arch Degree, directed by E. Gerald Jones, will be conferred by Hiram Chapter on May 11th at 7:30 p.m.

Mark it down

As long as you have the *Masonic Times* in your hands, read it and put the information on your calendar, and plan to attend these events. Come and join our Companions and have a pleasant evening, especially those who play Euchre. We have some very good players among us. Kibitzers are always welcome. Come join the fun! □

3x3 Chapter

NO. 333
Royal Arch Masons
(Chartered in 1990)



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

Karl H. Reich, High Priest
426-6836

Robert F. Dagen, Secretary
548-7148

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

By Karl H. Reich, EHP

Grand Chapter is over

As opposed to last year at this time, we had good driving weather to and from Albany during the first week of March. Many may remember that several had to return to Rochester before getting halfway to Grand Chap-

ter due to storm conditions last year.

All 29th Capitular District Chapters were represented very well.

Our Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of New York, R.E. James J. Powell, was accorded the privilege and honor of escorting and introducing the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, M.E. A. James Bryden, to the assembled dignitaries at Grand Chapter Sessions. The Grand High Priest was accompanied to New York's ceremonies by his wife, Olga.

Sickness

Companion Neil Laundry has been under the weather for an extended time. You may remember that while he was ill and out of work, his wife Donna fell and was injured on a ski trip outing. It has been hard to determine who deserves the most sympathy!

Companion Ken Robinson's wife, Billie, continues with her treatments at the hospital. They are optimistic about her prognosis, and the Chapter wishes her well.

Scholarship monies

Royal Arch Seals are available from our Secretary. Remember, Companions, when you buy these attractive seals, you make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. It's important to participate in the education of our youth, and this is a painless way to do it.

Programs of interest

V.E. James McConnell is rescheduled for the 5th of April to make his presentation on the background of the Mark Master Mason. He is another of our own presenters, all of whom helped shed more light on this Craft of ours.

Another of our own, R.E. Gary Thompson, DDGHP of the 29th Capitular District, will be making his Official Visit to 3X3 Chapter. It will stand as a homecoming! Please set the date in your calendar, Companions, so you are sure to be available and at Chapter on the 19th of April.

V.E. William Zufall is our guest presenter, scheduled for the 17th of May. His topic is scheduled to be "Masonic Trivia", emphasizing common practices and how they came about. Do you know how old your grandmother is? If not, Bill will tell you.

Traveling on your behalf

As a 3X3 representative, I have been to several events in other parts of the District, and in other Districts in Royal Arch Masonry. In March, after Grand Chapter, I visited Chapter in Albion and, at the end of the month, attended the Past High Priest's Association Dinner meeting.

Join us!

We've had good attendance at Chapter this year. We have been able to open in regular fashion. The Companions who attend frequently look forward to seeing those who can only come infrequently. We're sure you'll enjoy the couple of hours you spend at Chapter. If you can't make it, give me a call at 426-6836, or write me a note at: 109 Mercer Avenue, Rochester, NY 14606. □

Do not worry about whether or not the sun will rise: be prepared to enjoy it.

Doric Council No. 19

Cryptic Masons
(Chartered in 1861)
William R. Zufall, III, Master
271-0795
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647-2382



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By William R. Zufall

As I write this column, we are still one week away from the official visit of our DDGM, R..I.. Ron Edwards. I trust that everything went smoothly and as planned. In fact, I am sure it did, as I have great confidence in the officers of Doric Council. You always come through in fine style.

The pre-meeting dinners we have been enjoying in the Auditorium Cafe seem to be working out well. The food is excellent and Tim Ludwig is very eager to accommodate us. We certainly don't want to cut the Eastern Star Ladies out of their accustomed income from the dinners, but when we only get out 10 or 12 people for dinner, it is a lot of work for them for very little profit. We will be using the Star again when we anticipate larger groups.

The next occasion will be at our April meeting. This will be our Annual Table Council, and it will be a Roast Beef Dinner at \$7.50 each, which of course includes wine and grape juice. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and will blend right into the meeting. You really don't want to miss this one, as the special guest speaker will be R..I.. Paul Mathews, the Grand Conductor of the Council, who will be making his Official Grand Lodge Officer's Visitation to Doric Council. Paul is an excellent speaker, and his topic sounds interesting - he's going to talk about the York Rite Degrees and how we got them. This will be especially appropriate, as this Table Council will be a combined York Rite Function, with members of Hiram Chapter and Cyrene Commandery (and others) invited to participate. We will be using the John Mauk Hilliard Ritual, which, as you know, I prefer to the others I have heard or seen. Make a reservation NOW by calling me at 271-0795. Plan to join us on April 19th for an evening of good food, good fellowship and good Masonic information!

It is with profound sadness that I report the passing of one of our members and a good friend of more than 25 years, Companion Larry Geith. He died on March 4th in Florida. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gladys and his family.

George Bundoc, was hospitalized on March 7th. He is in Rochester General Hospital at this writing. Knowing George, I hope he doesn't think he's in General Hospital the soap opera, and start chasing the nurses around. I'm sure by the time you read this, he will be back home regaining his health.

See you at the Table Council! □



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Lawrence W. Dunn
Secretary 594-8033

By Roy Huff, Reporter
By the time you get to read this, Spring will be here. I hope that the Winter was a good one for all, not like some of the other ones.

Happy Easter

Our Pre-Em. Gov. Arnold E. Palmer hopes that all of you had a very happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Now we are getting ready for Easter on April 16th. Everyone have a happy one. We can be very thankful we are here in the USA. We have our problems, but nothing like other places.

Washington trip

Grand Commandery is having the Sunrise Service as usual in Washington, D.C., on April 16th. A bus is leaving Syracuse on Friday, April 14th. All those who wish to go and are not driving, contact your Recorder and he will give you all the information.

Annual meeting


Our next meeting will be May 13th at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford, NY at 3:00 p.m. This is our Annual Meeting, Election and Installation of Officers for next year. It is very important that all attend. After the meeting we will go to the Maplewood Inn on East Avenue for dinner with the ladies. We are always glad to have them along with us. For reservations contact Robert Zahn, 15 Woodland Road, Pittsford, NY 14534 or call him at 381-3032. There will be more information in the May issue.

Good news

We have no new sickness or deaths to report at this time. Please keep in contact with the sick and shut-ins.

RAM

The Royal Arch Grand Chapter had their Convocation on the first weekend of March in Albany. The attendance and the weather were both very good. See you in May. □



**James A. Hard/
Wayne Charter
Post No. 12**
Alexander Arthur, Commander
586-7498
Dennis Gellasch, Adjutant
265-3993

By Roger E. McCaughey
March meeting

Although this is the April issue, we hope you receive it in time to make your reservation for the Thursday, March 30th Dinner-Meeting at the 40 & 8 Club on University Avenue. This will be our Annual Election of Officers Meeting and we are hoping for your support. The Nominating Committee reports that it has

a winning slate of candidates for the forthcoming year; however, nominations may still be made from the floor. Come on out for an evening of fun and fellowship. Notices have been sent to the membership; however, if you are a Mason and a Veteran, you are welcome to attend---you won't be sorry.

Ladies Night

Monday, April 17th will be our Annual Ladies Night and Installation of Officers Dinner-Meeting, held at the East Rochester Masonic Temple, 152 West Commercial Street in East Rochester. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m. and following a brief Installation Ceremony, we are honored to have as guest speaker, Capt. Debra Dwyer, who commands the Greece Road Patrol. Capt. Dwyer is currently the only female Police Captain in New York State with such an assignment. Her presentation will be highly informative and interesting, and will be of particular appeal to the ladies present. Don't miss this opportunity for one of the finest dinners you'll ever enjoy and a top-notch speaker in addition.

WXXI Fund Raising

As a Public Service, Post Commander Alex Arthur led a group of 10 Masonic War Vets (5 and their ladies) to WXXI on the evening of March 3rd to "man-the-phones" for the WXXI Fund Raising. With Nat "King Cole" in the background we took in pledges, ate and drank the "goodies" provided by WXXI and had fun from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Many thanks to the following for their support: Alex and Flora Arthur, and their grandson, Bill, Harold Bollotin (Right Worshipful, that is!), Dennis & Nancy Gellasch, Ruel and Patti Lovett, Jay McCullough, Don & Winnie McDill, Jim Spencer, Leon & Bev VanHuben, and me, too.

Ceremonial

On April 29th, the Masonic War Veteran's Color Guard will participate in the Ceremonies at the Open Shrine Ceremonial and the Potentate's Reception held at the Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza and the Convention Center.

Election and Installation

For further information, and/or reservations to the March 30th Election of Officers or the April 17th Ladies Night Installation Dinner/Meeting please call: Alexander Arthur at 586-7498, Dennis Gellasch at 265-3993 or me at 385-6219. □





**Past
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W.: L. Warren Patterson
Secretary
R.: W.: Robert Sanford
292-6383

By W.: L. Warren Patterson
Regretfully, I report the passing of one of our most loyal and faithful workers, R.: W.: Larry Geith, who passed to the Eternal Lodge Above, March 4, 1995. We extend our profound sympathy to his family.

Our April 28th meeting will be held at the Red Men's Party House. Social hour and Euchre, 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bill Gavett will speak to us about "Habitat".

If you are a Past Master, please join us. You'll be glad you did. □

Hi-Lights
Order of the Eastern Star
District of Monroe
State of New York

Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens
District Deputy Grand Matron

Rt. Wthy. Ronald Mertens
District Grand Lecturer

Our Official Visits are in full swing and it has been great to see many of the 1995 Matrons and Patrons attending. This not only makes the Grand Officers feel good, but also shows tremendous support for the Matron and Patron of the Chapter that is being visited. We also appreciate the attendance of the Past Grand Officers at the Official Visits. We certainly need their support and guidance, and it has been a pleasure to greet each and every one.

Ritual

We have been extremely impressed with the Ritual work that is being exemplified in the Chapters. Everyone is to be commended for the excellent work that is being done. It is certainly apparent that the Officers take pride in what they do.

Officers Meetings

We continue to meet on the first Saturday of the month with the Line Officers of the Chapters. Although the attendance has been fair, we hope more of the officers will try to attend these meetings. Our next meeting is on April 1st (no fooling) at 9:00 a.m. Please remember to bring your Ritual (1984 edition) and Constitution (1992 edition) with you to these meetings. If you need either of these books, please have your Chapter Secretary order them for you.

Grand Matron's Visit

It hardly seems possible, but May 10th will soon be here! We hope you will make an effort to attend the Grand Matron's Visit so that we can show that Monroe District is alive and strong. We realize there may tend to be a let-down following a year of having the Grand Matron from our own District. However, it is important to maintain the momentum that has been gained during the last few years and show our support for the current Grand Matron and Grand Patron. This year the dinner and meeting will be held at the Diplomat Party House on Lyell Avenue. All the information will soon be in the hands of the Chapters and appropriate people. Please be sure to make your reservations in a timely manner.

Sickness and distress

These past few months have been filled with health problems for many of our Sisters and Brothers. It has been great to see Rt. Wthy. Sis. Billie Robinson back on the trail following her hospi-

talization and to have Wthy. Sis. Doris Bell moving around following foot surgery. Wthy. Sis. Evelyn Heller is also doing much better following surgery and Wthy. Sis. Linda Zahn is currently vacationing in Florida. Wthy. Sis. Ruth Freeman is recovering nicely from by-pass surgery (Rt. Wthy. Don says she is almost normal because she is getting grouchy!) We miss having our traveling companion Rt. Wthy. Mac Bauer with us at Official Visits and pray that she will return for the stretch run. We love you, Mac, and look forward to your return. A special prayer for our own Wthy. Sis. Barbara Spano, who at the time this is written, is facing surgery. Hopefully, and with God's love, Wthy. Barbara will be attending Official Visits again by the time this is being read.

Walk-a-Thon

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron have asked each District to consider holding a Walk-a-Thon to raise monies for Youth Projects. They are participating in one in the Cattaraugus District on March 25th. We have scheduled one for the Monroe District on Saturday, June 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at Ontario Beach Park. More information will be in next month's column and in an April mailing to your Chapter. We hope you will plan on joining us as a participant or as a spectator. We plan on having a fun day!

Projects

We again remind you of our primary projects-membership, the Open Door Mission, the Veterans Hospitals and our Mile of Pennies. We have received many more donations of items for the Open Door Mission and the Veterans Hospitals. Please keep them coming. Our Mile of Pennies is seeing some results. Congratulations to Irondequoit Chapter for filling their jug and working on another. We know our goals will be reached, not because of our efforts, but because TOGETHER WE CAN!

We look forward to seeing many of our Sisters and Brothers during our travels in April!

Official Visit schedule

Monday, April 3-Etolian
Wednesday, April 5-Henrietta
Tuesday, April 18-Webster
Tuesday, April 25-Leah
Wednesday, April 26-Culver
Thursday, May 25-Oatka
All meetings start at 8:00 p.m. □

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Assistance needed

Sir Knights are needed for an Honor Guard at the Holiday Inn Convention Center Downtown for the visit of the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, who will be here on April 29, 1995. If you can assist, speak with Zone Officer Larry Dunn right away.

Remembrances

The Commandery remembers all of the Sir Knights and ladies who have been ill. We think of SK George Bundoc, SK Robert Pettit and his lady, Belva, and SK Ron Brown's lady at the time of this writing.

We remember the meaning of this Holy Season of Lent and Easter. Rejoice! Rejoice! He is Risen!

On behalf of your Commandery, my lady Leslie and myself, may this Easter bring to you and yours, faith in Christ, many spiritual blessings. □

Webster Chapter No. 171
Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
8:00 p.m.
 Wthy. Donna Hiler, Matron
 315-524-3439
 Rt. Wthy. Faythe Rowell, Sec.
 594-4449
 30 Orchard Street
 Webster, New York

By Wthy. Donna Hiler
Spaghetti dinners
 Don't forget the Spaghetti Dinners the 1st Friday of every month. It has been fun and very enjoyable working with Webster Lodge. We are looking for baked food items to sell at the dinner if anyone would like to donate some. The dinner is served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10 years of age. Come out and join us.

April events
 Our April 4th meeting will be in Ample Form along with a game called Name It-You Can Have It during refreshments. We did it last year and it was fun to try and guess what could be in the various packages.
 On Saturday, April 8th, we will be having a Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We will be serving from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Price will be \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children ages 5

to 10 years old and children under the age of 5 will be free. It should be a lot of fun.
 The April 18th meeting will be our Official Visit by the District leaders and an Easter program will be included.
Additional information
 Our May 16th meeting will be Sideliners-Neighbors Night. Everyone is invited to visit us. We will be having a Musical Trivia Program during refreshments. □

Rochester Chapter No. 314
Order of the Eastern Star
 Wthy. BARBARA E. SPANO
 Matron 244-1503
 Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS
 Secretary 482-0994
First Saturday
8:00 P.M.
 875 East Main Street
 Rochester, N. Y. 14605

By Wthy. Barbara Spano
Sisters and Brothers, SA-GO
 It seems like this year is moving very quickly. Our Official Visit is over and was very beautiful. Thank you to everyone who had a part in it.
 I am sure that you received my letter in regard to the Governor's proposal to reject Medicaid payments for the Assisted Living Program. Please take the time to read it and, hopefully, sign it and

mail it to your Senators and/or Legislators.
Reservations needed
 Please, when you send in your reservations to Wthy. Linda Zahn for the Birthday Banquet, be sure to let us know how many are coming and what their choice is from the menu.

Think about it...
 As your Matron I have visited other Chapters during their Official Visits. They have all been very lovely and the fellowship was well worth the time. To see so many sideliners makes you want to go out and bring in a petition for a new member. Just imagine, if half of the members of this District brought in a new Sister, we could increase the membership by 800. We could have sideliners at every meeting, not just at Official Visits.

Sickness
 As I write this letter, Wthy. George Bundoc is coming home from the hospital. HE DID NOT HAVE A HEART ATTACK as was first suspected. He was diagnosed with Esophageal Spasms. Welcome home, George.

In good hands
 Our April 1st meeting will find Wthy. Betty Jansson in the East. I will be home recuperating from surgery. My thoughts will be with all of you; you are in good hands with Wthy. Betty.
 Teach us to walk the earth as relatives to all that live. □

NOLA Chapter No. 368
Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
8:00 p.m.
 Wthy. Vickie Gross, Matron
 293-3237
 Wthy. Carol Wynings, Sec.
 594-4692
 20 South Main Street
 Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis
 Our Official Visit brought us our Grand Officers in the Spring-like weather. It is always nice to have friends spend an evening with us.

Sympathy
 Our Chapter has lost a faithful member of sixty-seven years with the death of Sis. Grace Way Brodie. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.


Sickness
 Wthy. Bernie Riley has been a shut-in since her fall. We extend our good health wishes to her and to our friends, Rt. Wthy. Mae Bauer and Wthy. Barbara Spano. It is good to have Rt. Wthy. Wilda Robinson back in Chapter.

Have a happy
 Our Wthy. Matron, Vickie Gross, will have a birthday on April 7th. We hope you have "thirty-nine" more!

Fidelity Triangle No. 4


 Belinda Cooper
 Beloved Queen
2nd & 4th Saturdays

By Belinda Cooper
March
 March was a busy month for Fidelity Triangle. On March 11th most of us attended the WXXI Telethon.
 March 18th was the Frontier Region Annual Ball for DeMolay.
April
 Once again this year, Fidelity

Order of DeMolay

 Michael Conole, MC
Rochester Chapter
 Charlotte Temple
1st & 3rd Fridays

By Michael Israel, PMC and Reporter
 We had our Election of Officers on March 3rd, and will be installing our new officers on April 30th. David Gorall will be our new Master Councilor as of April 30th, Josh Hergenroder will be the new Senior Councilor, and Jesse Tellinghuisen will be the new Junior Councilor. This is my second to last month writing for

Spring
 There will be a regular meeting on April 4th, and Star Point Night on the 18th.
 The May Committee will be Wthy. Carol Wynings, Sis. Mary Ann Sovocool, Rt. Wthy. Bill Baxter, and Sis Karen DesJardin.
Thank you
 We thank the Worthy Matron for our lunch on March 4th, and the Worthy Patron for getting it all going. We thank all who helped at our Official Visit meeting.

Happy Easter
 Easter, like Christmas, is the time of year when many of us think of our childhood. May your basket be filled with good health and good times, as you watch the "bunny" hop away. □

Answers to English Quiz.
(from March issue)

1. The fruit which we ate was carefully wrapped with paper.
 2. While at the Game Farm, the boys, with their brother, fed the animals.
 3. The dog that we feed with bones belongs to our neighbor.
 4. Let's buy something at the lunch counter after the ballgame.
 5. The old man drenched with perspiration was sitting on a park bench.
- No, these are not from our contributors.* □

Triangle will be selling corsages at the Grand Ball on April 1st.
 April 8th is our Public Installation for Holly Gorall and her Officers. The Ceremonies will start at 8:00 p.m. and there will be a reception afterwards.

Good Bye
 This is my last article as Beloved Queen. I've had a lot of fun writing for the *Masonic Times*. Holly Gorall will be taking over for Fidelity Triangle, and I wish her and her officers good luck. I will be attending SUNY Fredonia College in the Fall.

Membership
 Triangle is an organization for young ladies between the ages of 11 and 21 years. This organization helps these young ladies learn the lessons that they need to know to survive in tomorrow's world. We learn leadership skills that are very important, and leave with lasting friendships that are very dear.
 For more information, call Holly Gorall at 458-5255 or Mrs. Nancy Lynch at 334-7953. □

HiLights
Order of the Eastern Star
GENESSEE-WYOMING DISTRICT
 Rt. Wthy. Judy Walters
591-2581

District Official Visits
 Tuesday, April 4th-Perry Chapter No. 467, Perry.
 Wednesday, April 12th-Batavia Chapter No. 267, Batavia.
 Monday, April 24th-Hesperus Chapter No. 823, Bergen.
 Friday, April 28th-Vernon Chapter No. 611, Java Village.
 Monday, May 1st-Centennial Chapter No. 299, Warsaw.
 Wednesday, May 3rd-Stebbins Chapter No. 503, Pike.
 Tuesday, May 16th-Thorpe Chapter No. 462, Attica.
 Thursday, May 18th-Arcade Chapter No. 337-Arcade.
 Monday, June 5th-Olive Branch Chapter No. 509, LeRoy.
 All meetings start at 8:00 p.m.
G/W Official Visit
 The Grand Matron and the Grand Patron, with their Staff Officers, will visit the Genessee/Wyoming District on May 11,

1995. The meeting will be in the Sanctuary of the U.M. Church, Lewiston Road, Batavia at 8:00 p.m., preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Call Mrs. Florence McBride at 237-2438 for reservations by April 30th.

The Official Visit rehearsal will be May 6th at the church, with a Dutch Treat luncheon to follow at Sport of Kings Restaurant.

District and Chapter social events
 On Saturday, April 1st, Hesperus Chapter No. 823 will have a Baked Food Sale at the Walmart Store in Brockport.


On April 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., there will be a District bus trip to the Broadway Market in Buffalo, The Basilica and Botanical gardens, and lunch at a lovely restaurant before returning. The total cost is \$28.00 per person. Call the District Deputy for more details.

Mark your calendars
 Fun Day will be May 20th at the Warsaw Temple. There will be "Lucky Number Drawings", a buffet, and entertainment that will be enjoyed by all. There will be more details in the next edition of the *Times*.
 The Rocking Robins Study Club will be selling clothing items as a fundraising project this year. A partial list includes white and colored gowns, skirts, tops, and

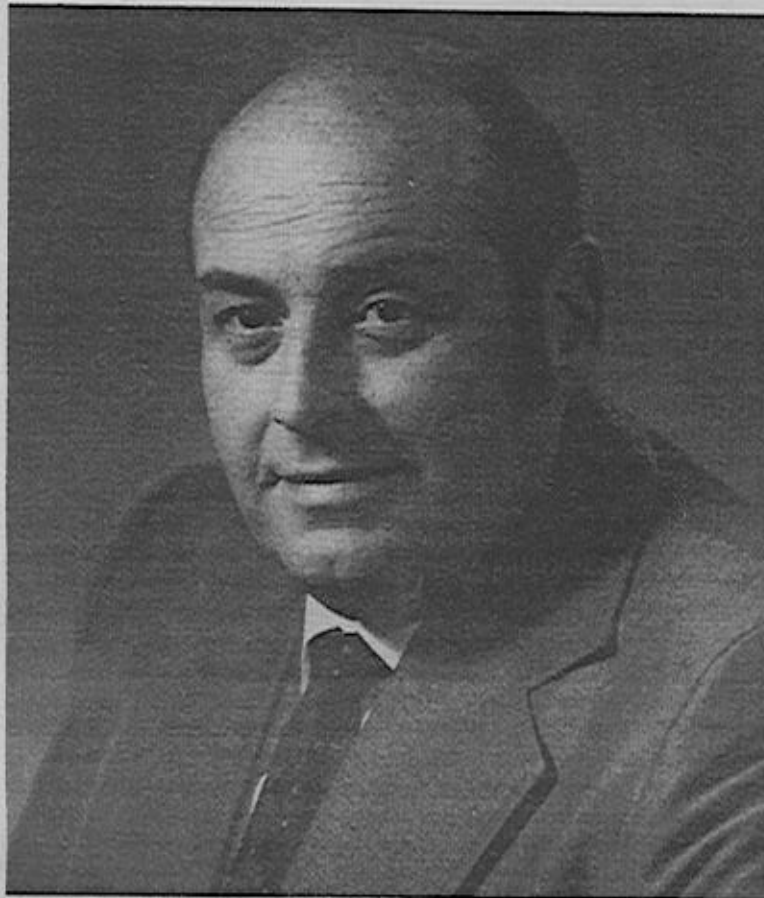
also casual attire, such as slacks, shorts and tops. All will be very reasonably priced!

Note from Judy
 In order to promote interest within your community, and to explain, "What is an Eastern Star?", the Grand Chapter has wallet sized cards available to pass out to non-members. Part of the content quotes as... "Believing firmly in Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness, a member of the Order never falters when confronted with the challenge; is accompanied wherever she (he) goes with the determination to help those in need; affirms constantly by the way in which she (he) lives,....". There's more, and it'll enlighten those who wonder what it's all about. Ask your Chapter Secretary to order some- perhaps you will find a petition for membership requested by your neighbor or a friend, if not someone in your family! Have them available at social events for others to take with them! □

Drug & Alc. Ab. Prevnt.
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 they will be available for order as are the booklets.
 For those Area Chairmen and District Representatives who are planning to attend Grand Lodge, a special Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, 1995 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel. You are encouraged to attend, share information and we will answer any questions you may have regarding the programs. Information booklets will be available for you at that meeting.
 If you need any information about our programs, please do not hesitate to call the 1-800-3-MASON-4 number and your request will be responded to. □

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R.:W.: Robert E. Rudman, Former President of the Masonic Service Bureau



By Jay McCullough

"He lived a very full life, and packed all that he could into his 57 years". [Dolores (Dee) Rudman]

R.:W.: Robert E. Rudman passed away in Florida after a long illness on March 1, 1995. Brother Rudman was an outstanding Mason in the Monroes and former President of the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc.

Masonic career was important to him

R.:W.: Brother Rudman's Masonic career began on December 11, 1962 when he was raised in Monroe Lodge No. 173. It took him "through the chairs" to his first Mastership in 1969. He repeated the role in 1980. He held several offices, notably that of Secretary of the Lodge in the late 1980s. He was the initiator of the Community Bicycle Rodeo sponsored by the Lodge which has

been an annual event for over twenty years.

During the same half decade he served as Vice-President and later President, of the Masonic Service Bureau. He served as President of the Monroe Purple Club in 1988-1989 and was its Secretary-Treasurer. R.:W.: Brother Rudman was very active in the establishment of the Western Monroe Chapter Order of DeMolay for which he served as advisor for a time. He was appointed Grand Sword Bearer in 1983 under Grand Master M.:W.: Ernest Leonardi and served on several Grand Lodge committees including the State Chairmanship of the Grand Lodge Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committee. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester.

Public life

Brother Rudman was born on February 11, 1938. He graduated from Brockport Central School in 1955 and in 1960 graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. He continued to hold offices in the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity of RIT, including the Presidency of the Chapter.

Vocation

He was employed at the Rochester Gas and Electric Company from 1956 until his retirement, after 38 years of service, in 1994. During his years with the utility, he advanced to Senior Staff Engineer in 1967, became Superintendent of Gas Inspections and Operations in 1980 and Superintendent of Gas Engineering in 1988. In 1993, he was promoted to Code Compliance Officer, winding up his time at R.G. & E. in that position.

He was a member of a number of professional societies in which

he served as chairman of several committees. In 1977 he was the recipient of the American Gas Association's Award of Merit.

Avocations

In the Summers, Bob and Dee spent their free time at their cottage at Lomond Shores on Lake Ontario. They often had cook-outs for the various Masonic organizations to which he belonged. Bob was always compelled to "pay his share of the rent for the space he occupied", leading him to another presidency, that of the Shores Association of Neighbors at the lake. He also tried his hand at golf for several years and the sport took him to the offices of the Salmon Creek Golf Club's Members Association, where again, he took the helm as President.

Church and Community

Brother Rudman spent many active years in the community of Brockport working with the Little League and coaching Pop Warner Football. Brother Rudman served in both the United States Army Reserve and the New York State National Guard.

R.:W.: Brother Rudman was a member of the Brockport Methodist Church in which he was an active participant and serving on and chairing numerous committees.

R.:W.: Rudman is survived by his wife, Dolores, a daughter and son-in-law, Deanne and Joseph Porter III, of Greece, NY, a son and daughter-in-law, Robert J. and Stephanie Rudman of LeRoy, NY and 4 grandchildren.

Masonic and Memorial services were held at the Greece First Methodist Church on March 6, 1995. Many, many Brothers from the surrounding area were in attendance and participated. □

March

Scott, Robert H.

Robert resided in Paso Robles, CA, when he died on March 2nd. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, and is survived by his wife, Mildred, children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Bess, Edward H.

Edward died on his 92nd birthday on March 10th. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory, and Damascus Temple Shrine. Edward is survived by his wife, Evelyn, son, grandchildren and other family members.

Case, Hazel C.

Hazel was called Home on March 12th. She was a Past Matron of Monroe Chapter, No. 57 OES, Past Worthy High Priestess of Bethany Shrine No. 1, and a Past Secretary of Zama Temple No. 14, Daughters of the Nile.

Bowers, Loretta C.

Loretta was a Past Matron of Charlotte Chapter No. 507, OES, and died on March 14th. She is survived by her husband, Alfred, and many family members.

Lemon, John

A member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, John passed away on March 14th. He is survived by his wife, Rose, children, 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The following deaths were reported to us with no specific information.

Alden, Raymond

A member of Constellation Lodge No. 404, Raymond passed away on January 5th.

Marx, Kurt

Kurt was also a member of Constellation Lodge No. 404, and died on January 15th.

Houser, George F.

George belonged to Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 and Rochester Consistory. He died on February 1st.

Spring, Charles I.

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 lost a member when Charles passed away on February 9th.

Close, Howard M.

On February 12th, death claimed Howard. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538.

Wing, Harold W.

Harold was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109, Rochester Consistory and Lalla Rookh Grotto. He died on February 24th.

Setley, John W.

John also was a member of East Rochester's Ancient Craft No. 943, and died on February 27th.

Kressman, Allen

John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032 lost a member when Allen passed away on February 28th.

Greene, Walter J.

Walter was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475, and died on March 1st.

Lang, Frederick A.

Death claimed Frederick on March 6th. He was a member of John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032. □

R.:W.: Lawrence F. Geith, Past DDGM, 2nd Monroe



By Don Brugger

R.:W.: Brother Geith passed away in Florida on March 4, 1995. Brother Geith was born in Rochester in 1923. He was raised in Genesee Falls Lodge No. 507 in 1950 and served as Master in 1974

and in 1980 and was Secretary from 1984 until shortly after the merger to form Towpath Lodge No. 163.

Masonic Career

Brother Geith was a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester where he received the

Meritorious Service Award from the New York State Council of Deliberation. He was the Engineer and Seneschal and was an integral part of the Reunions, always doing more than was asked for.

His other Masonic affiliations include Hiram Chapter, RAM; Lalla Rookh Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R. and a member of the Advisory Council, DeMolay from which he received the DeMolay Legion of Honor Award. He was also a member of the Masonic War Veterans, in which he was an active member of the Color Guard. He was also Past Patron of Rochester Chapter No. 314, O.E.S.

Vocation

R.:W.: Brother Geith was employed at Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Co. for 34 years as a printer until retiring in 1985.

Brother Geith served in the United States Navy from January 1944 until April 1946 (WWII) and again from December 1950 to March 1952 (Korean Conflict).

R.:W.: Lawrence Geith was a lifetime member of Trinity United Church of Christ where he served on the Church Council for many years. He leaves his wife, Gladys, and children Jeanette Giagos, Wayne, and Kenneth Geith and 6 grandchildren.

A Masonic Service was held on March 8, 1995 at the Crawford Funeral Home. Many of his Masonic Brothers from the area were in attendance. A Memorial Service was held on March 9th followed by interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery. □

In Memoriam

February, 1995

Richardson, Milton A.

Milton was a Past Master of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and passed away February 20th at the age of 82. He currently resided in Port St. Lucie, FL. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, children, 1 granddaughter and other family members.

Reed, Aubrey C.

Death claimed Aubrey on February 21st at the age of 75. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797. Survivors include his wife, Nancy, children, granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

Eglit, Arthur J.

Damascus Temple Shrine lost a member when Arthur passed away on February 22nd. He is survived by his wife, Florence, children and other family members.

Wing, Harold W.

Harold was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, one son, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Williams, Robert E.

On February 27th Robert went to his Eternal Rest. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and is survived by his wife, Gail, daughter and grandchildren. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1995

- May 1-2 Grand Lodge, New York City
- May 6 Scottish Rite Banquet, Holiday Inn, Airport
- May 10 Grand Matron's Visit (Monroe)
- May 19 Joint Investiture, R.-W.- Earle J. Hino, Jr., DGM
- May 31 School of Ritual - ERAC

- Jun. 3 O.E.S. Walk-A-Thon, Ontario Beach Park, for Youth Projects
Reception for Incoming Grand High Priest, W. Bruce Renner - Batavia Sheraton
- Jun. 17-18 St. John's Weekend, Utica
- Jun. 21 Purple Club

- July 22 O.E.S. Oriskany Pilgrimage Homecoming - Rt. Wthy. Barbara and Ron Mertens, Rochester Chapter
- July 29 Annual Grand Master's Day, Camp Turk, Reservations required

- Aug. 8 O.E.S. Monroe District Picnic, Ellison Park
- Aug. 18 Scottish Rite Outing -The Party House

- Sept. 21 School of Lodge Administration
- Sept. 28 School of Ritual - Webster

- Oct. 5 Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards
- Oct. 14 Reception for SK Ronald J. Bertie, Deputy Grand Commander, Rochester Marriott Thruway
- Oct. 25 Grand Lecturer's Convention - Downtown Temple

- 1996
- Mar. 23 M.-W.- Gary A. Henningsen's Testimonial Dinner Lockport, NY
- Sept. 19-22 Grand Commandery, Rochester, New York Rochester Marriott Thruway



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Camp Turk

By W.- Gordon Oakes, Camp Turk Area 15 Chairman
When I was appointed by the Grand Master as an Area Chairman for Camp Turk, I was extremely pleased. This Masonic

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- Thur., Apr. 13
Magic of Jeff McBride
7:30 p.m.

Fri., Apr. 14
R.T.O.S.
Dennis James
8:15 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 15
Widespread Panic
8:00 p.m.

Tues. - Sun., Apr. 18-23
Sound of Music
Tues.-Thur. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
Sun. 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Fri., Apr. 28
Tragically Hip
8:00 p.m.

Camp has been near and dear to my heart for many years.

One of my duties as Chairman is to convey to the Lodges, and the Masons thereof, the wonderful facilities we have at Round Lake in the Adirondacks. Also to invite sons, daughters, granddaughters, grandsons and friends from 12 to 16 years of age to sign up for this character building experience. I am sending my granddaughter for her 3rd year. She loves it and has made many friends. She is also learning arts, crafts, lifesaving, tennis, etc. As evidence that the kids like it, 53% of the girls and 35% of the boys returned from the previous year.

You will not find a camp on a private lake as reasonably priced as ours. The cost is only \$50.00 to register and \$450.00 to enjoy 3 weeks of fun and excitement. The date for the Boy's Camp is July 2-22 and the girls, July 23-August 12. I have a limited number of video tapes depicting the activities and accommodations of Camp Turk. If you are strapped

financially, ask your Lodge for support. They must be looking for kids to sponsor.

Don't delay. Get your applications in right away. Avoid being put on a waiting list. Get one from your Lodge or call me at (716) 663-7366 and I will provide one, as well as any other information you may need. □

Multi-State Degree Festival

On July 22-23, 1995 "Charlie's Angels" Degree Team will again sponsor a multi-state Outdoor Degree Festival. Highly successful in 1994, degree teams from Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kentucky and Missouri will again participate in this year's event

There will also be activities for the ladies. For more information please contact:

H.V. "Jake" Jacobs
Charlie's Angels Degree Team
1323 Drummond Court
St. Charles, MO 63303-6309 □

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