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## MMRL Researchers Present Papers at S.A.D.S.F. Antzelevitch Elected Sec./Treas. I.C.E.S.



Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) in Utica was the keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome Foundation, held on November 13, 1994 in Dallas, Texas. His presentation dealt with the role of M cells, recently discovered at the MMRL (*Masonic Times*, June 1993), in the Long QT syndrome and mechanisms of sudden death caused by abnormal heart rhythms. Antzelevitch and his group have attracted worldwide attention for their work in this area.

He and five members of his Experimental Cardiology Group of the MMRL attended the 67th Scientific Sessions of the Heart Association in Dallas, Texas, on November 13, 1994. The meeting, which brought together 28,000 scientists, nurses and exhibitors from all over the world, serves as a forum for state-of-the-art information relating to Cardiovascular Disease.

The group presented two papers. Drs. Vladislav Nesterenko and Antzelevitch presented a paper describing a computer model that will help physicians and scientists interpret electrocardiograms (EKG) and recorded signals generated from insertion of monophasic action potential (MAP) electrodes into the heart. The model incorporates recent data concerning the M cells in the heart discovered at MMRL and it

shows that these cells are the likely cause for the U wave in the EKG.

Drs. Da Wei Liu and Antzelevitch presented a second paper dealing with the electrical currents in the heart that distinguish the M cell types found in the pumping chambers of the heart.

Previous studies by this group have shown that M cells are the main targets in the heart for commonly used medications including antibiotics (erythromycin), anti-histamines (hismanal), and antiarrhythmic drugs. The sensitivity of the M cells to these agents has been linked with abnormal rhythms of the heart that can produce sudden death when the heart rate is very slow and blood levels of potassium are below normal. The current studies will help researchers understand the basis for the exquisite sensitivity of the M cells to certain medications and will assist in finding ways to prevent such tragic consequences to the use of these commonly used drugs.

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch was also elected Secretary-Treasurer of the International Cardiac Electrophysiological Society at its Annual Meeting also held in Dallas at that time. Members of this Society include physicians and scientists from all over the world involved in heart research, particularly mechanisms underlying electrical activity within the heart. A major goal of this research is to understand the basis for abnormal rhythms of the heart including the primary cause of sudden cardiac death, ventricular fibrillation. This, the primary cause of sudden death, takes approximately 350,000 lives per year in the United States, more than any other single cause. Antzelevitch will serve two years as Secretary/Treasurer before becoming President of the Society in 1996.

## Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart February 6 - 11

The Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart Campaign for the benefit of the Ronald McDonald House will begin February 6th and run until the 11th. Again this year, area Masons will man the booths at Irondequoit and Greece Ridge

Center or Marketplace Malls. The organizers are urging all to sign up for time slots. Get your Lodge name on the board. Help make this a banner year by supporting this Community endeavor. For more information, call Craig Covert at 865-2920.

### 1995 Widows Luncheon Saturday February 25, 1995 Logan's Party House



Speaker  
R.:W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr.

Tickets and information packages have been turned over to each Lodge. If your Lodge has not received the information, please contact the Masonic Service Bureau

### Fellowship and Family Involvement Umbrella Announces



**A Sundaes-Sunday Matinee Movie Fest**  
Sunday afternoon, January 22, 1995  
Masonic Temple, 3rd Floor Dining Room  
2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Session #1 **The Music Box**, a Laurel and Hardy Comedy.  
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Intermission: **Make Your Own Sundaes Fiesta**  
Session #2 **"Abbott and Costello Meet Captain Kidd"**

Popcorn, Pretzels and Soda will be served during the movies!  
Donations: Adults - \$1.00  
Children Under 12 - \$.50  
All are welcome!

**Masonic Families, Friends, Relatives, Neighbors Return to the "Fifties Prices" Enjoy the Family Fun!**

## The Empire State Mason

by R.:W.: Ronald N. Bower,  
Chairman of the Committee on Publications

The Grand Lodge Committee on Publications is pleased to announce the selection of a new Editorial Staff for The Empire State Mason. The new Editors are:

**Scott D. Harris** Features Editor  
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Articles for the March 1995 issue are now due, and must be received prior to February 1, 1995. Articles may be submitted in writing, facsimile, on floppy disk (either size, either density — DOS or WINDOWS) saved in "ASCII" or "TEXT" format, or by E-Mail on America Online or CompuServe.

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**Family Winterfest Saturday, February 11, 1995 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mendon Ponds Park - East Lodge Bring a Dish Pot Luck Coffee Hot Chocolate & Pop Provided**  
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## Happy New Year



FROM THE TIMES STAFF  
DON BRUGGER - JEAN BRUGGER  
BARB GOODRICH - MAT GINGOLD  
BOB OGDEN - BOB PETTIT

## W.: Michael Staub Appointed DeMolay Area V Governor



W.: Michael Staub

Worshipful Brother Staub was appointed as of December 1, 1994, the Area V Governor of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. Area V consists of the area around Buffalo and Rochester and parts in between. There are three Chapters involved, Tuscarora, Rochester, and Kenmore. The job is similar to that of District Deputy in the Symbolic Lodge. The Area Governor is a relatively new position in the DeMolay. We wish Mike all the best in this new area of responsibility.

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**MSB - G. Burke**  
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Community for his or her involvement in that Community. This is done by way of the Distinguished Community Service Award, which is presented at the Breakfast. This is a vehicle to recognize an individual, who is typically not a member of our Fraternity, but one who exemplifies the principles and time honored teachings that we as Masons profess. It gives us an opportunity to say "Thank you", thank you for doing the things and promoting such programs, that we, as Freemasons, believe in. It gives us the opportunity to recognize this individual for labors that they have performed in their daily lives.

**Is this worth the effort?**

Is this worth giving up one Sunday morning to worship together, to break bread together and to honor an individual for their service to our Community?

Is this an event that the Districts should support better in the future?

**What's your opinion?**

Here is your opportunity to respond, to give the Service Bureau your thoughts, ideas and concerns about the Interfaith Service and Breakfast. Here is your opportunity to be a part of the solution. We all have our own ideas on how a certain function could have been run. Are we willing to take ten minutes, right now, to jot down our thoughts, to say what is on our minds?

This individual respects and values your opinion, whatever it may be. Give the Bureau the ideas necessary to make this event one that will shine within the Masonic, as well as the general Community. Is it an event that is looked upon as a high point of the year, an event that is supported by the majority of the Fraternity or is it an event that needs to be eliminated? Is it an event that has outlived its time or one that only needs some modification to make it relevant for this day in age?

Responses to this article may be mailed to:

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**Community Service Committee**

By W. Harold Bollotin

There is no current activity to report for this issue.

Our annual December event, the Dove Decoration Sale Fundraiser, usually held at the Irondequoit Mall for the benefit of the patients of Strong Memorial Hospital, could not be arranged this year. The location of Irondequoit Mall was not selected this time. The locations were limited only to Marketplace and Eastview Malls, and then only for a duration of four days. More than a sufficient number of volunteers were available from other sources, so our participation was not required at this time.

There are no further Community Service events scheduled for the near future and no designs on the trestleboard.

As always, I am constantly on the lookout for any ideas, suggestions, or leads where we, as Masons, can be of service to the Community. Your help in this area will be appreciated by the Masonic Service Bureau and myself. See me at any Masonic event or call me at 342-5865.

**Masonic Service Bureau Loan Closet**

Equipment Type	On loan	Loaned YTD
Bathtub equip.	43	25
Bed (Acces.)	4	10
Canes	111	16
Commodos	112	23
Crutches	199	67
Walkers	203	39
Wheelchairs	147	56
Miscellaneous	12	6
	831	242

**Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee**



R.W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA  
REPRESENTATIVE

By R.W. Tom Paglia

**Sunday Ward Parties**

To start off the New Year, we will be having our first Ward Party on January 8th. For the rest of the year, the visits will be made on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

**December 1994**

On December 6th, a group of people helped wrap Christmas gifts at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua. They were distributed to the veterans on December 18th. Everyone enjoyed themselves and felt great after completing the assignment. Photos from this session will be included in next month's article.

**Happy New Year**

All of the VA Medical Volunteers hope you had a wonderful Christmas, Happy Holidays and may your New Year be a healthy one. God bless you all.



By W. Harold Bollotin

**Grand Lodge Visitation Day**

This eventful day, held on November 13th, under the direction of R.W. Tom Paglia, was a huge success as reported in the last issue.

The success was largely due to the dedicated effort and the many hours devoted by R.W. Paglia, who organized the event, recruited volunteers, and obtained boxes of comfort gifts from Grand Lodge for distribution.

Referring to this event, some omissions were made in the report. By an unintentional and inadvertent oversight, the listing of participating Lodges did not include the name of Northfield Lodge under the direction of W. John Dudley. Their presence was greatly appreciated. Also over-

looked was the name of a veteran patient, Bro. John Forgeron.

**Gift wrap session**

On Tuesday, December 6th, the annual gift wrap session was held. The Auditorium was filled with volunteers of veteran and fraternal organizations, and others. We wrapped over 3000 individual gift items in a period of a couple of hours.

Our group consisted of R.W. Tom and Cora Paglia, W. Harold and Sylvia Bolloin, R.W. Paul and Doris Robertson, June Moon and Gertrude Buck. Two other faithful volunteers from the Masonic family were present, Bro. Paul and Rose Israel, representing the Jewish War Veterans and Auxiliary. Look for photos in next month's issue.

**Holiday gifts**

On Sunday, December 18th, this annual important event took place at noon in the Auditorium. This has always been a joyous and rewarding experience.

**Next ward visit**

The next regular visit by Masonic volunteers is scheduled for Sunday, January 8th. It will begin in the Volunteer Lounge in Building 7 at 1:00 p.m. As usual, breakfast will be available at the Canandaigua Masonic Temple.

**National salute**

The National salute to hospitalized veterans program will coincide with our regular visit on Sunday, February 12th at 1:30 p.m.

**Winter Haven Program**

Once again this year, the Canandaigua VA Medical Center, in conjunction with the Batavia VA Medical Center, Rochester Outpatient Clinic, and other Community and non-profit organizations, will be holding a WINTER HAVEN program to assist homeless, or those at risk of becoming homeless, veterans and their families.

WINTER HAVEN 1995 will be held on Saturday, February 4, 1995 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Rochester War Memorial.

This year's event will once again assist those who attend with a broad spectrum of services including: medical, legal, hair cuts, showers, food, clothing, counseling, etc.

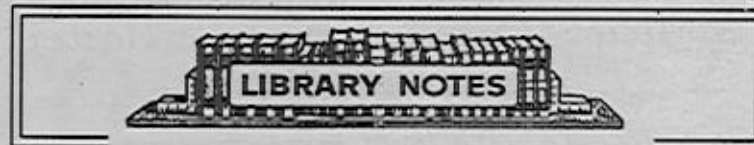
**Help needed**

As always, additional volunteers are needed. If anyone would like to join us for the events described herein, or would like information about the Canandaigua VA Volunteer Service, please telephone R.W. Tom Paglia at 227-2046. If you cannot reach him call me at 342-5865 and I will forward the message to him.

**Masonry, a Way of Life**

Brother, don't just "take" the "degrees"! Study them! Learn them! If you don't, you are cheating yourself! You are paying for them. Learn well their lessons! You will then appreciate their truth, beauty, and deep significance. You'll be a better man, a happier man, and more useful citizen. The "Craftsman" who "gauges" his life in accordance with Masonic Law will be a better son, a more understanding husband and father, a more loyal friend, and he will know the real joy of living. Masonry is not just a ritual, a club, a Lodge - it's a way of life, a plan for living.

Masonic Beacon



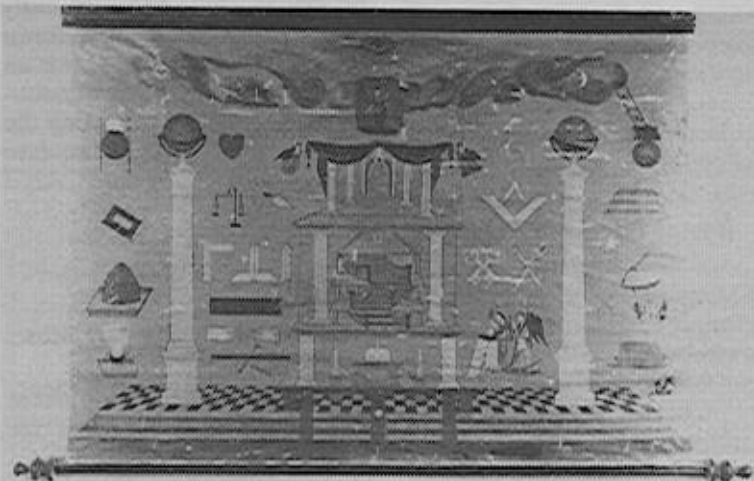
**Livingston Library Receives Historical Paintings**

Western Star Lodge No. 15, F&AM, of Bridgewater, New York, recently donated two historic tracing boards to the Livingston Masonic Library. These two emblematic paintings were probably produced for the Lodge during the first half of the Nineteenth Century and provide valuable insights into the history of Freemasonry in New York State. The older of the two paintings dates from 1800 when the Lodge was first chartered, while the other is probably from around 1850 when the Lodge once again began to raise Brothers after the anti-Masonic period.

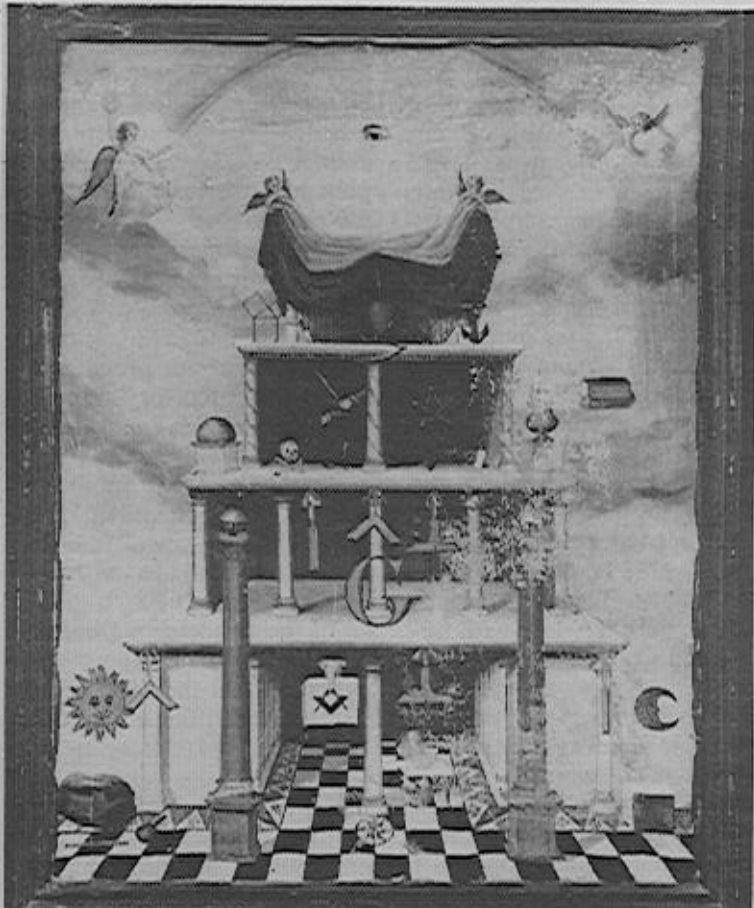
Western Star Lodge No. 15, which was warranted in 1797, is the oldest Masonic Lodge in Oneida County, and is also one of the few upstate Lodges to retain its charter throughout the anti-Masonic period. During this time of persecution, Lodge membership dropped to twelve and no new members were raised between March 8, 1827 and May 23, 1850, but the charter was never surrendered.

By donating these important works of art to the Livingston Masonic Library, Western Star Lodge No. 15 has taken an important step. The paintings will now be protected and made available to Masonic researchers both now and in the future. The Livingston Masonic Library is a state-chartered non-profit center for the collection, study, and preservation of the Masonic heritage.

These paintings, although in remarkable condition for their age, are badly in need of restoration work to ensure their preservation. They have suffered from being stored in direct light and in an environment of shifting temperatures and varying humidity. Work on the paintings will probably cost at least two thousand dollars. If you would like to help make the conservation of these wonderful antiques possible please contact William D. Moore, Director of the Livingston Masonic Library at 71 West 23rd St., New York, NY 10010-4171 or call (212) 741-4505.



Tracing Board, ca. 1800, Springfield, NY, Gift of Western Star Lodge No. 15



Tracing Board, ca. 1850, Springfield, NY, Gift of Western Star Lodge No. 15

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## District Deputy Grand Masters of the Monroes

R..W..Richard C. Friedman  
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R..W..Terry W. Wihlen  
2nd Monroe

1995

Welcome to the New Year! For those of us on a Masonic calendar, welcome to the 2nd half of the year!

There is a great deal of excellent Masonic activity happening in the Districts this month. We are especially looking forward to attending a lot of degree work; you can take the boys out of the AGL job, but you can't take the Umbrellas as kicking into high gear as well and you will see much evidence of that in the amount of Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights, the Leadership Development Course, Community Service Projects and opportunities for Fellowship and Family Involvement.

### How about some FAMILY time?

Many of you reading this article have asked for more interaction between the Fraternity and your family. January and February provide you with some outstanding opportunities to prove that families can come together under the Masonic Umbrella and have fun. Mark your calendars!

The Fellowship and Family Involvement Umbrella has formed working groups which are putting on two events for the family as its first endeavors. There will be a Movie Fest for the family on January 22, 1995 at the Downtown Temple starting at 2 p.m. This event will include all kinds of goodies and a "make your own sundae" bar. If your munchkins like ice cream as much as a couple that we know, it will be worth the trip just to see the look on their faces when they dig in. Costly? How about \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for kids under twelve?

The second event is a picnic for the whole family at Mendon Ponds Park. This event takes place on February 11th with further details to follow. This is an old fashioned bring a dish to pass day - sample many culinary delights, play games and just enjoy a family style afternoon.

Ask yourself a simple question: If I don't avail myself of these family opportunities, how can I ask for and receive full support in the male aspects of the Craft from my family? Wouldn't it be fun for the ladies to get together? Aren't we really doing what we are supposed to do as Masons by carrying on the network which produces "a chain of sincere friendship" outside of the Lodge? De-

tails of both events are in this month's paper. LETS DO IT!!!

### VA Visitations

The Masters of the Lodges have received a communication from us about our desire to see a rotating visitation schedule at the VA Hospital. This would mean 2 Lodges teaming up for 4 hours a year, including an all you can eat breakfast around the corner from the hospital. Can each Lodge commit to 4 hours a year? You know the answer to that. We will be calling the Lodges in early January to get a schedule drawn up until May of 1996. This is an important way to bring our ritualistic message of spreading the cement of Brotherly Love into reality. THESE VISITS ARE OPEN AND THE WHOLE FAMILY IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND PERFORM THIS ACT OF CHARITY.

### LDC Course & Preparations for the Oriental Chair

The Leadership Development Course is being offered in a one day session this month, on January 14th at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge from 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. This really is a must for those of you who would demand excellence from yourself and your Lodge. What an opportunity to take one morning and early afternoon and walk away much more prepared to serve your Lodge in a professional manner. If you cannot make this course at this time, you still will have the option of taking the course by correspondence.

Speaking about preparation, maybe it is time for Lodges to make a *reasonable demand* upon the men who will lead it.

Would the Craft within the District be improved if every Lodge had a by-law or rule that no man could be elected Junior Warden without being a graduate of the Leadership Development Course? How about a requirement that the Masters and Wardens be certified as proficient in opening and closing by the AGL?

Many Lodges used to use the Middle Chamber Lecture as a threshold for advancement. Using the LDC recognizes that not all men can learn the Chamber in a way which will reveal its beauty to the Fellowcraft for whom it is intended. The LDC, however, which is not really rocket science, can be done on a one day basis or at a man's leisure in correspondence style.

The ability to open and close well by the team of officers running the Lodge is critical in setting the proper tone for every Masonic meeting. The AGLs could easily certify those who are proficient and assist those who need more help. They are in a position, between themselves and the AAGLs, to provide it.

Want to start this movement in the Monroes? Let us know.

NOW is the time that Lodge Officer Teams should be getting their houses in order for next year. The Staff Officers have already called a meeting of the current Senior Wardens to start the task of reviewing their trestleboards for next year.

We will soon be calling a meeting of those who are currently Junior Wardens, and will be moving into the role of Senior Wardens in May, to make sure that an early start is given to preparation.

### Daylight Lodge

R..W.. Bob Pettit has been earnestly soliciting your input for the formation of a Daylight Lodge. Your Leadership Team feels that the need for such a Lodge still exists. Keep your eyes open over the next couple of months for a MEETING DATE to accurately assess the interest in such an endeavor.

### Feedback is important

All of us need honest feedback in order to be involved in a process of continuous improvement. We welcome your ideas, concerns and yes, even your complaints, as long as they are accompanied by a positive solution to the problem or at least the willingness to find one.

We hope that you have found us responsive to your needs thus far. Please remember that we are only a phone call away. Your input makes us better men and Masons and allows us to serve the Districts better. Serving the Districts in the manner that our Grand Master would is our main focus and objective.

See you in the quarries. ☐

## Monroe Staff Officers

Now the Holidays are over and we hope you had a joyous holiday season.

### Congratulations

R..W.. D. Scott Seltzer was married to Jill Broich on December 10, 1994. I am sure you join us in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Seltzer all the happiness that can possibly come their way. They are truly a GREAT couple and we are very fortunate to be able to call them our friends.

### On track

As we proceed into January, we find the Districts on the track that was hoped for. As you are aware, one of the most important District goals was to reduce NPDs. This effort, while the results are not yet known, has been first and foremost on our list. We have sent out over 200 letters and have received some positive input.

The Grand Master has sent out letters and the responses to those are even greater. We are working with the Secretaries and looking to obtain the goal of reducing NPDs by 50%. We have developed an NPD Program which we will distribute to every Lodge in the Monroes after it has been field tested by one of the local Lodges and the bugs are worked out.

### More goals

Many Lodges have raised new Brothers and Shepherding Pro-

## R..W.. Chester W. MacRae



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Take?

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### "Tell Me Why"

So sang the "4 Aces", so sings Chet MacRae!

Tell me why...the Masters and Wardens are slow in returning replies to questionnaires, and lax in attending their Masters and Wardens meetings? Tell me why...so few members were present on Official Visit nights? Tell me why...most all members of the Genesee/Wyoming District are asleep?

As the Editor of the Times questioned, does it take being hit over the head with a 2x4 to get attention? Maybe that is what it

takes. What does it take to incite members to attend their meetings and participate, a 4x4, 8x8, or maybe a 10x10?

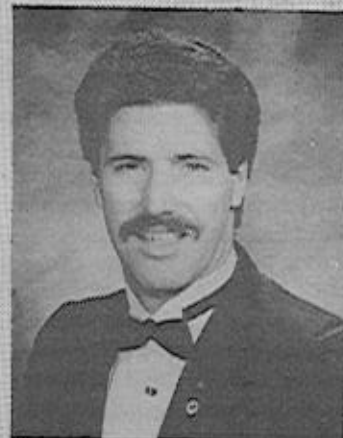
### Visitation

It is most gratifying to learn that only one or two Lodges are not heeding the Grand Masters desire to bring in new members. I am now re-visiting the Lodges in the District, as my calendar and the weather permit. My Umbrella coordinators will be visiting throughout the new year. I expect that all Masters will have, by now, appointed a chairman for each of

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## Grand Lodge Staff Officers of the Monroes

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



R..W.. D. Scott Seltzer  
Grand Sword Bearer

### Still more

Other goals to remember as we go through the 1st quarter of 1995 are the "55 Minimum" District Contribution level to the Brotherhood Fund, support for existing programs such as the Widows Program, the Have-a-Heart Campaign, attaining 75% attendance at Masters and Wardens and finally to take Pride and have Fun in everything we do.

### Good news

The Grand Lodge Leadership Course has been changed to a one day program. This was done by popular request. We were informed that it would be easier for you to schedule one day away from work than two. The Course will be held on January 14th at Charlotte/Corinthian Temple and will start at 8:00 a.m. Checks should be made payable to the Masonic Service Bureau in the amount of \$17.00. Reservations can be made through either Staff Officer.

### Official Visits

Brethren, now that the Official Visits are over, we are more available to help you in any capacity you want or need. Please call on us. If we do not have the knowledge or the tools needed, we will place you in the proper position to receive them. Our JOB is to assist you. ☐

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ticle. I began a new project and have been commuting to Buffalo daily. I will try my best to keep on track from here on. By the time you read this article, we will have had our December meeting. Our SW, W.: Dick Snyder, will have presented the proposed budget for next year. His budget goes a long way to stabilize the dues structure of the Lodge, and also anticipates the realignment of our fiscal year with our administrative year. This will help future coordination between succeeding Masters by re-establishing the budget window that existed prior to Grand Lodge's changing the administrative year of all Lodges. Bro. Mike Batz will have provided an excellent and informative program on investments, in particular, our Lodge's investments and how they are working for us.

**Future events**

This month will be our Annual Reports on the Lodge finances and the Trustees. Plan to be there. Call either R.:W.: Herb Spencer or myself for dinner reservations. The 3rd of January will be our Officer's Meeting. There will be no Degree practice that night as the 3rd Degree won't be held until the 28th of February.

On January 22nd, at the Downtown Temple, there will be a "Sundae Sunday", featuring family movies and ice cream. Members, their children and/or grandchildren are invited.

On the 28th of January, Valley-Simes Lodge will be sponsoring the Masters and Wardens Meeting.

The 10th of February is the annual Have-a-Heart program. We need volunteers to staff the booth at Irondequoit Mall from 2-5 and 5-8 p.m. Please call me if you are interested.

February 14th will be a special Valentine's Day Ladies Night at the Lodge. Wives and significant others are invited for dinner and a special program. Call for reservations.

**Condolences**

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Bro. Tom Cox. His family would appreciate your prayers and thoughts.

**Changes**


Be prepared to see some new approaches to the question of new members next year. To date, the results we've had haven't kept pace with the rate of our losses. This has got to change. Watch the next Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

**Share yourself**

Finally, let's all make a New Year's Resolution to attend Lodge more often in the coming year. You are what the Lodge is all about. If you don't come to Lodge, the Lodge is greatly reduced by your absence. Share yourself with us.

Happy New Year and may God Bless you and yours. □

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By W.: John L. Clapp

I hope each and everyone had a happy and safe holiday. Now that it is over I am sure all of you can't wait to get started on Lodge activities. I assume you all have made a resolution to attend all Lodge meetings and volunteer for all activities (I still like to dream).

**Spaghetti Dinner**

Our Spaghetti Dinners are still going strong. It's great to see the Eastern Star Ladies and the Masons working side by side to make this endeavor successful. The next dinner is on January 6th. See you there; don't forget to volunteer your help and join in the fun.

**Spaghetti Dinner**  
**Friday**  
**January 6th**  
**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Adults \$5.00**  
**Children \$2.50**  
Webster Lodge  
30 Orchard Street  
Webster, NY

**Official Visit**

It was great to have R.:W.: Richard Friedman and R.:W.: Bruce Chilton in the East for their Official Visit. We had a lot of sideliners and R.:W.: Paul A. Moore sitting in the East, substituting for me, as I was ill. The attendees are still commenting on how great the program was. Thank you, R.:W.: Rich for the gift. As our members come to the Degree work they will appreciate how valuable this gift is.

**Bring-a-Friend**

January 5th is our second "Bring-a-Friend" Night. Let's make this one as successful as the first. This will be a dinner meeting. If you are planning to bring a friend, please call Bill Edwards at 872-3993 so we can send them a special invitation.

**Have-a-Heart**

The annual "Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart" Campaign will be taking place the week of February 11th. The Masonic Fraternity has provided major contributions to the Ronald McDonald House through this project. This facility has provided a great service to

folks in the Rochester Area at a time when the need is greatest.

Webster Lodge will be responsible for the collections at Irondequoit Mall on Saturday, February 11th. Brother Paul Sobtzyk will be organizing working hours, so please call him at 671-8980 to volunteer your time. We will be working from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This will be broken into small shifts, depending on the amount of help. Wives are also invited and encouraged to help with this project. This is an opportunity to have some fun and raise money for a great cause.

**Steak Roast and Euchre**

On February 18th we will be having our Annual Steak Roast and Euchre Tournament. Make sure you are planning to attend. You can come for either the Steak Roast, Euchre or both. Lots of challengers are in evidence this year so you had better practice (sessions are held after each regular and Fellowcraft meeting). More information will follow in future communications, but put the date on your calendar now.

**Lunches**

On the 1st and 3rd 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 out and join us, if you want to hang around after lunch and play cards that is all right too.

**Ionic visit**

On December 7th, five of our members went to Hamilton, Ontario to the Installation of Officers at our Sister Lodge. Ionic Lodge provided us with a warm welcome, dinner and lodging. It was very interesting to see the differences in ritual work. We have invited them to our Grand Ball on April 1st and will also be planning another trip to Canada in September.

**Fellowcraft meetings**

Remember the Fellowcraft meetings on the 2nd Thursday 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 January: Raymond Bollman, Gregory Brown, Vernon Collier, William Glover, III, Richard Goodrich, William Guthrie, James Hall, Sr., W.: Scott Hollander, Daniel Lamb, Joseph Magner, Jr., Alan McKenzie, Herbert Morgan, Joel Novey, Gerald Pinkley, Albert Plotzker, Wayne Pressler, Kenneth Reuter, Robert Sawyer, Anthony Syracuse, Raymond Todd and James Turner.

**Dates**

- January 5 - Bring a Friend Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- January 12 - Fellowcraft
- January 19 - 3rd Degree Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- January 26 - Officers Mtg. □

**Masters & Wardens Association**  
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**1st & 2nd MONROE DISTRICTS**

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

By W.: Neil Laundry

**November meeting**

Our November 19th meeting at Webster Lodge was well attended with several visitors in addition to our own District Grand Lodge Officers, R.:W.: Bruce Chilton, GDC and R.:W.: Scott (grin-from-ear-to-ear) Seltzer, GS, accompanied by his lovely lady and bride-to-be, Jill.

**Red Cross Program**

Ms. Yahn highlighted the evening's program with a discussion of the local needs of the American Red Cross Blood Donor Program. She pointed out that while approximately 95% of the population will need blood at some point in their lives, only about 7% contribute. Our local needs are on an average of 350 pints per day. Easton Kelsey followed with a brief overview of the Masonic Blood Donor Program and encouraged Lodges to look into promotions and awards available through the Grand Lodge Committee. He threw his

January 1995  
wholehearted support behind W.: Craig Covert's promotion of a Blood Drive for local Masonic affiliates from December 19-23.

**Upcoming programs**

Upcoming programs to look for at Masters and Wardens meetings include presentations on "Commandery: History and Ritual", "Tombstones: Historical Time Capsules", and "Leadership: A glimpse into stereotyping in group dynamics", an inter-personal group activity to be presented by the Sr. Wardens.

**Have-a-Heart**



A sign-up board for Lodge participation in the 1995 "Have-a-Heart" Campaign is now available and each Lodge is encouraged to become actively involved in this great fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House children and their families. As soon as you finalize dates and times for your Lodge's participation, please contact Craig Covert at 865-2920 to reserve your spot on the board.

**Grand Ball**

Mark your calendars for the Masonic Grand Ball on April 1, 1995 at the Gateway Convention Center. A super evening is planned! Make it a point to set this date aside as a festive night out for all of your Lodge Brothers and their ladies. We hope to see you there. Items are needed for a "Silent Auction" to fund campers at Camp Turk. Please encourage both your Lodge and individuals in the Community to contribute

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**ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS**

W.: EUGENE BRENDL  
FIRST MONROE DISTRICT

W.: DAVID JONES  
SECOND MONROE DISTRICT

By Eugene Brendel

**Confusion in the Craft**

After the Master is assured that the Lodge is duly tiled, his next great care is to see that all present are Master Masons... Deacons, Wardens, the Master... and who does what?

Most of the time, visitors will sign the visitor's card and make themselves known to one of the officers, who will in turn vouch for the Brother, but, occasionally a member will appear who has not been in Lodge for a long time and the Junior Deacon is unexpectedly confronted with someone he does not know. Panic! "He is wearing an apron, but I don't know him. To whom do I turn?"

The Ritual is quite clear on this and the remedy need not be considered as a challenge to the Brother, but as an appeal for help from the Junior Deacon to the Senior Warden (not the Master). Keep in mind that wearing an apron is not enough, the man must be known to the Deacon or vouched for.

If by some chance, the above is not accomplished and the Deacons are at the point of obtaining the password and the unknown gentleman cannot provide it... Panic! "I blew it, what now?"

Once again, the Ritual is clear, but this time the Deacon must go to the Big Guy in the East and announce that there is "confusion in the Craft". If the Deacon is lucky, the Master will know or

find someone who knows the gentleman and will be willing to vouch for him and invest him with the password. If still unknown to those present, the Master must ask the gentleman to retire and appoint an examining committee to verify his Masonic standing.

There is no doubt that the ultimate responsibility rests with the Master, but the Wardens and Deacons should always be ready to stretch forth the hand of welcome to a new man, not only to be assured of his Masonic affiliation, but just as a common courtesy to visitors or to someone who may be a "rusty Brother".

The best word of advice to Deacons would be: read your Ritual, Book 1, it's all there!... and you will avoid those sweaty palms, armpits and embarrassing moments.


**School schedule**

We have been asked to adjust the schedule for the Schools of Ritual in order to accommodate a yet to be announced District program in March. Our dates will now be April 5, May 31, and September 28. The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held on October 25 in Doric Hall with a dinner preceding at 6:15 in the Third Floor Dining Room. Host Lodges for the Schools will be announced next month.

As we enter a New Year we look forward to the opportunity serving your Lodge and maintain our standard of ritual excellence. Happy New Year! □

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generously to this promotion. Art, crafts, and antiques are popular items as are store and show certificates. Prices and ticket information for the Ball will be available in late January. Flyers will be in the mail when costs are firmed up.


**Movie Fest**

Don't forget the "Sundae Sunday Movie Fest" at the Downtown Temple on January 22nd, and the Family and Fellowship Inter-Lodge Winterfest at Mendon Ponds East Lodge on February 11th. Both are open to friends and relatives, as well as our whole Masonic family. Call Bob Franzen or me for information on these events. □

**Towpath Lodge No. 163**

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

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



**Bro. Solomon E. Phillips, Secretary**  
244-5394  
152 Commercial St. West  
East Rochester, NY 14445

By W. Craig Covert

**So far, so good**

I hope this column finds all of you in good health, and adapting to the snow and cold. So far we have been lucky and Winter has been very mild compared to the last few years. When I wrote this column, we had snow on the ground for only 2 days, but I look forward to a white Christmas.

**Welcome**

I welcome our newest Brother, Todd Bascom who was raised on November 15th. The Officers and Brothers of our Lodge did a great job conferring the Degree. I personally have known Bro. Todd Bascom since I was a boy and it is a great pleasure for me to welcome him into the Fraternity.

**You missed it!**

To all of you who missed our Holiday Party on December 16th, you missed a very good time. We had 39 adults and 10 children in attendance. The program of the evening featured Mr. Gary Proud from the Monroe County Department of Public Safety. He gave a presentation on DWI. It is amazing what we take for granted until you see what can happen. I take this opportunity to thank Santa for making a guest appearance for the kids, even though some of the little ones were almost impossible to get close to.

**Meetings**

January looks like it is going to be fairly quiet. We have our regular meeting on January 3rd. R.W.: Bill Zufall will present his program on "Customs and Courtesies of the East" for Bro. Bascom. On January 10th we are having our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. I hope all of you will be able to attend. The DeWitt Clinton Award will be presented to a deserving individual on January 17th. The awardee will be selected at an upcoming officer's meeting.

**Leadership Course**

The Bureau of Masonic Education is offering the Leadership

Development Course which will be held on Saturday, January 14th, at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. The time is 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$17.00 per person. Reservations should be made with Bill Lindsay at 621-3573.

**Camp Turk**

It has come to my attention that applications for Camp Turk are now out and can be obtained from the Lodge Secretary, Bro. Sol Phillips. This year pre-camp orientation is June 25th - July 1st. The boys camping session is July 2 - 22 and the girls from July 23 - Aug. 12. The cost this year is \$450.00 per camper, per session. There is a \$50.00 registration fee that must accompany the application. It is due by June 19, 1995.

**Sympathy**

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Bro. Louis E. Vogt who was called home on November 27, 1994.

**News and views**

As always, it is a pleasure to hear from our Brothers. We received a brief note from Bro. Horace Peo, thank you Bro. Horace.

It sounds as if everybody is finally on the mend. R.W.: Larry Geith is feeling much better and hopes to be home for Christmas. Bro. Bill Ackroyd is finally mended and joined us at the Holiday Party. It was great to see him again.

I close with the poem sent to me by Bro. Horace Peo entitled, "Familiar Ring".

I met a man the other day,  
A fellow-traveler on life's way;  
Our paths had never crossed before,  
And maybe we shall meet no more

At least not this side of heaven's gates  
Where the Great Architect awaits--  
He bore no mark of wealth or fame,  
Perhaps he'd won no great acclaim,

Upon his hand he wore a ring  
'Twas not a costly jeweled thing--  
But there was an emblem plainly shown  
Told me that I was not alone,  
For as we stood together there I knew that he was on the square.

Bro. Brigadier George Crewe  
□

**Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088**

**W. Noll Laundry, Master**  
964-2135

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



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

By W. Neil Laundry

Festive greetings to all. My sincere wishes to you and yours for a safe and joyous conclusion to this holiday season.

**2nd Degree**

Our hats are off to the Charlotte/Corinthian Past Masters for a truly inspiring 2nd Degree on November 15th. Our new Fellowcrafts will be raised on December 20th. Joining them will be another from Charlotte who was not able to complete his De-

grees last Spring and two more from Craftsman Lodge.

**Bring-a-Friend**

A Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was held on November 29th. We had a good turnout from our Lodge Brothers and enjoyed a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner put on by Betty Rainey and the ladies of Charlotte Chapter, O.E.S. W.: Cliff Short deserves a hand for putting together a fine program including guest appearances by local celebrities, W.: Dave Jones and W.: Mike Staub. Nice job, guys!

**Christmas Party**

If smiles count, everyone who attended the December 4th Children's Christmas Party had a great time. The Shrine Clowns were a real hit and Santa (SW Buzz Gorman) gave a terrific rendition of "The Night Before Christmas". The kids loved him! I don't think that extra pillow was really needed. (There was an extra pillow wasn't there?) Congratulations and many thanks to JW Jim DiLorenzo for a super job of organizing the entire afternoon. Thanks also to everyone who lent a hand with the setup, serving and cleanup.

**Official Visit**

Our Official Visit on December 6th was a busy, but rewarding evening. R.W.: Terry Wihlen, DDGM and R.W.: D. Scott Seltzer, GSB, were welcomed to the East. I once again introduced our own R.W.: Stan Allen, Grand Representative to Prince Edward Island, as "Right Worthy". I may get to see some of the penalties of the Craft up close if I keep this up.

**Interesting meeting**

We completed balloting on the 3rd Degree and then dropped down to the 2nd to allow a new Fellowcraft an opportunity to sit in on his first meeting. W.: Dave Jones used the Brotherhood Fund Report to make a dramatic point. He presented each member with an old 3 cent stamp. He then pointed out the recent rise in stamp prices to 32 cents, and compared this to the jump in costs for financing the Brotherhood Fund Charities. It is obvious that with fewer members and higher costs, every Brother must make an extra effort to support the Fund. Please do your part!

**New Program**

R.W.: Duane Manchester has been working on our "Visitation Program". He has enlisted W.: Don Fox as Co-chairman. Now we need volunteers to team up and start making visits. We must be sure that our Brothers who cannot make our regular meetings don't get lost in the shuffle. If interested, please contact R.W.: Manchester or myself.

**Donation**

A stand and plaque, presented to the Lodge for displaying the Master's gavel, was recently donated by W.: Don Fox. Bro. Dick Felgner also received a plaque reading "Dick's Stove", but that's too long a story to relate here. The meeting concluded with R.W.: Wihlen sharing the Grand Master's Message and R.W.: Seltzer's comments on Membership Retention.

**Calendar dates**

There are several dates that you need to mark on your calendar. January 3rd is the "Holiday Toast" with a program consisting

of both vocal and string musical presentations and a reception to follow. The Lodge will be open for business at 7:30 p.m., but the program will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. Please invite your ladies! I'm sure they'll enjoy the program. The Lodge Brunch will be held on March 26th and the Family Picnic will be June 18th. Additional information will follow on those events. Check the Trestleboard for Degrees, dinners and special programs.

**Sickness and distress**

We have some good news to report under sickness and distress. Bro. Nick Vlahos, DSA, who was reported recovering from surgery last month, was back in Lodge for Official Visit. Bro. Vlahos, your return brought a lot of smiles on a lot of faces. Welcome back. We also hear that Bro. Eino Laakso, DSA, is starting to get his wheels back under him after a fall and a cracked kneecap. We're thinking of you, Eino, (and I'm reminding them about the box of remembrance until you get back). On a less positive note, Bro. Harry Lake continues to have problems with his leg and, following some surgical procedures, is currently undergoing diagnostic testing. We understand that Bro. George Lake may also be facing surgery after the 1st of the year. R.W.: Ken Kingston informs us that Bro. Earl Pike is having a tough time and is in need of our thoughts and prayers.

**Sad news**

It is my sad duty to report the recent passing of W.: Bob Forest, Bro. Ed Kramer, and Bro. Cliff Laundry. We were also saddened to hear of the death of Trish Privitera's mom and Bro. Harry Lake's sister. Our hearts and sympathy go out to these families.

I wish to personally thank all of you for your many kindnesses to my Mom and our family on the loss of my Dad.

**The end is in sight**

Which brings me to the end of my notes, but for one item, and it's a big one! I have allowed a major milestone in the life of one of our Brothers to pass by without note. There is really no way to make up for this or to apologize. On August 19, 1994, Bro. Charles Scorse of Sarasota, FL celebrated his 100th Birthday! He was born in 1894 and was raised on December 6, 1915. If my math is correct, that's 79 years of Masonry. Bro. Scorse, I cannot find words to express how badly I feel for having let this truly momentous occasion slip by. I hope to have the opportunity at some time, to shake your hand in person. Until then, my sincerest apologies and best wishes.

Until next time, smooth sailing and may God hold you in the palm of His hand. □

**Union Star Lodge No. 320**

W.: Craig J. Emmons, Master  
H 346-2719  
O 538-2194



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

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

By W.: Craig J. Emmons  
Our Officers' Meeting in December was very productive and many changes were made to the Trestleboard. I would like to thank all who attended this meeting, as it ran well into the late hours of the evening.

**January dates**

The new dates are as follows:  
On January 8th at 7:00 p.m., there will be a 1st Degree Rehearsal.

The 1st Degree will be conferred on January 9th. Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the Degree at 7:30 p.m.

January 23rd is Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, with dinner at 6:00 p.m. The snow date is January 30th.

**February dates**

Our 1st Annual "Kick the Winter Blues-Cabin Fever Party" will be on February 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The 2nd Degree will be conferred on February 27th, with Lodge opening at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the Degree at 7:30 p.m.

The rest of the original Trestleboard will remain as is until further notice.

Our new Calling Tree is now in effect, and we will be giving it a try to see how well it works.

**Thanks**

Please take notice when you drive by our beautiful building and look at the new Christmas lights that W.: Bud Ripley and his helpers put up. Thanks, Bud!

**Condolences**


It saddens me greatly to report that two of our Brothers have traveled to that House Not Made with Hands, Eternal in the Heavens. W.: Boyd A. Curtis, D.S.A., and Bro. John F. Morton have passed away since our last Communication.

W.: Boyd Curtis was a great inspiration to me as Master for this year, and offered many good ideas and suggestions to me, as well as to the Lodge. I will miss him greatly, as I'm sure all of us will.

Bro. Morton had not been active in Lodge recently due to

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health reasons, but the Brothers who had the pleasure of knowing him, spoke very highly of him.

The families asked me to extend their gratitude and appreciation to all who attended. They said they were "beautiful and soothing Services".

**Sickness**

W.. Joseph Cotteleer was taken to the hospital by W.. Ripley with chest pains. At the time of the writing of this article, W.. Cotteleer has had tests at different hospitals and it was determined that he had a blockage that needs to be cleared. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joseph and his family for a safe and speedy recovery.

**Pro-tem**

A special thanks to W.. Harvey F. Closs, D.S.A., for once again filling the Chaplain's station at a moment's notice. W.. Closs has agreed to be our Chaplain for the rest of W.. Curtis's term. Thanks, Harv!

**Apologies are in order**

Brethren, please accept my most sincere apology for not meeting the deadline on last month's article. My reasons were health related. My computer had a virus, and I had buck fever. I seem to have things straightened out with my ancient computer, and deer season is now over. □

**Henrietta**

Lodge No. 526

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W.. Joseph E. Bourcy, III  
Master  
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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 II

**Dues notice**

By now you should have received your dues notice for 1995. This is just a reminder to you if you haven't sent them in yet.

**Degrees**

A fine 1st Degree was presented on November 8th with W.. Paul Josephson in the East. Thanks Paul, and congratulations to our new Brothers. W.. Norm Johnstone was in the East

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on December 20th, for the 2nd Degree. The 3rd Degree will be held on the 24th of January. Put the date on your calendar and come out to greet your new Brothers.

**Leadership**

The Leadership Development Course will be held January 14th at Charlotte/Corinthian Temple. It will be from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you haven't attended this Course yet, please make every effort to do so. It will assist you in becoming a better officer and a better Mason.

**Have-a-Heart**

We will again be participating in the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign in February. More information will be in next month's issue of the *Times* as to our schedule.

**Birthday wishes**

Happy Birthday wishes are due to Brothers William Cole on the 9th, Donald Purcell on the 1st and Joseph Cocco on the 27th. □

**GERMANIA**

Lodge No. 722

W.. Nelson  
Bertch,  
Master  
671-4792

1st  
Tuesday  
7:30 P.M.

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

By Bro. Bob McBride

Ladies Appreciation Night on December 6th was a wonderful success. The dinner was well attended, the food delicious, and the laughter from the rowdy group downstairs provided background music during our meeting when Bob Cook was not playing the organ. I am still able to pay my mortgage, despite playing Euchre (with W.. Heinz Gunkel on the opposing team, rather than as my partner). If I ever obtain the recipe for the scalloped potatoes, my New Year's resolution will be amended from "lose 5 pounds" to "gain no more than 10 pounds"! □

**Best wishes**

Rochester, New Hampshire will be greatly enriched as W.. Bob Cook will be moving there. Best wishes to you and yours in this endeavor, Bob. Germania Lodge has already been enriched by your affiliation and your presence at Lodge will be sadly missed.

**Stay tuned...**

The Lodge voted at our December meeting to participate as a Lodge in visiting the Veterans Hospital in Canandaigua. More information will follow in subsequent articles and will be disseminated at Lodge meetings.

The Fellowcraft Club will be presenting tentative plans for our Annual Dinner at the Red Men's Club at our January meeting.

**Enjoyable afternoon**

Germania is one of the Lodges hosting the Inter-Lodge "Sunday Sundae and Film Fest" on January 22, 1995. Two short movie classics will be shown and everyone will have the opportunity to make themselves an ice cream sundae during the intermission. It's a great way to enjoy an afternoon with family and Brothers from throughout the County. The

22nd happens to be the only Sunday in January without a professional football game, so invite a friend (and his family) to join you and come to the Downtown Temple to luxuriate in food, fellowship and fun.

**Thanks**

The YMCA Swim Team's parents' group and I, as the team's coach, thank all who helped to make the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser a success. A note of appreciation from the parents' group was read in Lodge.

**Brotherhood Fund**

The Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Bro. Andy McBride, reported that to date participation is approximately 30%. W.. Nelson Bertch reminded all present in December that our Lodge goal is 60% participation and that it is the combination of numerous small contributions which creates a large donation from the Lodge as a whole. There is rarely a convenient time to be charitable: it's Christmas, the gas bills are high, there are medical bills, a new car is needed, or the old one needs repairs, vacation is coming up, next month is the month when 35 relatives have birthdays, etc. The fact is that it is also generally possible to be charitable, even when it is not convenient or when it downright hurts. No one is expected to extend themselves beyond the length of their cabletow, but it is hoped that everyone will give thoughtful consideration to this worthy charity before deciding that their cabletow is too short to help others at all.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy New Year. □

**John A. Robertson**

Lodge No. 1032

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W.. Charles N.  
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7:45 P.M.

R..W.. L. Edward Walker,  
Secretary 647-2382  
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ROCHESTER, NY 14605-2789

By W.. Charles N. Waterstreet

**Happy New Year!**

May all of you find 1995 your year of good health, happiness and prosperity. Our Winter meeting schedule now goes into effect. We will meet on the 3rd Monday only during the months of January, February and March (weather permitting). Please join us. We are going to try to have Bro. Sam Grover, DSA, show us his video (budding movie star?) and talk about the early days of the railroad in the Rochester area. The presentation will be over coffee and dessert following our business meeting.

**Awards presented**

Bro. Al Cranston and Bro. Bob Traub were presented certificates and lapel pins commemorating their 55th anniversaries as Masons. Bro. Al was raised in October and Bro. Bob in November of 1939. We congratulate both of them again, on behalf of all their Brothers, on achieving this milestone.

**Party time**

The presentations were made at our Annual Holiday Party which was a Tureen Supper this year. This unique (to our Lodge)

event was highly successful. Everything was delicious! Each lady received a holiday candle centerpiece to take home. These were made by Sue Skidmore, wife of our Junior Warden, Ken. Both of them are to be thanked again for organizing this function and their dedication and enthusiasm to John A. Robertson Lodge. Sue and Ken express their appreciation to Nancy Cannon, Fran Cranston, Sally Davis, Dorothy Gauch, Anna Grover, Grace Roberts, Sally Traub, and Diane Waterstreet for their support.

**Strive for 55**

Bro. Norm Gauch, Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund Drive, reported that 30% of our membership have responded to this year's appeal. May I urge you once again to support this very worthwhile campaign which benefits YOU and YOUR Brothers. Thank you.

**Dues are due**

Please respond to the dues notice you received with the Summoned Meeting notice as early as you can. It will be a tremendous help to our Treasurer and Secretary who have Grand Lodge obligations to meet, in addition to our local expenses. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated. □

**NORTHFIELD**

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No. 426

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March 1857

W.. Daniel B.  
Walker, Master  
H 429-6572  
O 427-0800

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

W.. Donald C. Smith  
Secretary 248-5170  
17 Church Street  
Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

By W.. Dan Walker

Happy New Year everyone. Hope the holidays were good to you and your families. Here's to a new year filled with prosperity and progress.

**Welcome**

First, I would like to welcome our new Brother who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 1st. He is Bro. Shinpachi Ishimoto who hails from Japan and is currently an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Rochester. Next time you see him, make sure you shake his hand and welcome him to our Lodge.

**Congratulations**

I extend congratulations to R..W.. and Mrs. D. Scott Seltzer. They were married on December 10th in a wonderful ceremony presided over by R..W.. and Rev. Paul R. Gleason at the Immanuel Baptist Church on Park Ave. A great time was had by all at the reception. Best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

**Date change**

The Leadership Training Course will be held on January 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge on Lake Ave. This is an opportunity for everyone to learn a lot about Masonry in a little bit of time.

**Dates**

Here are some important dates to remember:  
January 19 - Regular meeting

with Grant Romer as guest speaker.

January 22 - Interlodge Sundae Movie Fest at the Downtown Temple at 2:00 p.m.

February 2 - DeWitt Clinton Award presentation at our Lodge.

February 8 - Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign - in two, 4 hour shifts, 12-4 and 4-8.

February 11 - Interlodge Family Winterfest at East Lodge in Mendon Ponds Park.

February 16 - 1st Degree at our Lodge.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend these events!

**Survey**

By now you all should have received the survey that was sent out. If you haven't already done so, please take a couple of minutes to complete it and return it to me. This is going to be used to help us get a feel for the type of events to put on future Trestleboards and other important information that will help us plan. Thank you.

That's all for this column. Thought for the month: Light isn't light unless it is shared with others. □

**Craftsman**

Lodge No. 969

W.. William  
R. Hook,  
Master  
H 671-6452  
O 288-3210

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

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

By Robert F. Ogden

Our Christmas Party was held on December 11th in the 3rd Floor Dining Room, with approximately 30 children, accompanied by parents and grandparents, to greet Santa.

**Exciting time**

W.. Hook donated the tree and also arranged for Magician Harold Bollotin and Clown Dean Marsaw. There were plenty of cookies and ice cream, and the kids really got excited as Santa entered. Brothers Marsaw and Bollotin did an excellent job in amusing the children with their tricks and antics.

**Birthdays**

Birthday greetings for January go out to Bros. Roy Guess, Bob Ogden, Dirk Oukes, and John Sanna.

**Bring-a-Friend Night**

Preparations are under way for our Bring-a-Friend Night on January 17th. Last year we had approximately 26 guests. Now, let's "go all out" and make it a super evening this year.

**Other January meetings**

There will be a Regular Meeting on January 3rd.

The Annual Fellowcraft Dinner will be at the Maplewood Inn on January 10th.

Anyone caring to get in touch with or write to Carl Schacht, his address is:


Carl Schacht  
Eatonton Health Care Center  
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7:30 P.M.



W. Glenn A. Schoorens  
Secretary 889-2017  
5 Browns Ave.  
Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

By W. Terrance O. Wright  
I hope all the Brethren had happy holidays.

**Short article**

I will keep this month's column short and sweet. Over the holidays we find ourselves wrapped up in all the hustle and bustle of the season, wondering how to get 25 hours out of each day. I hope everyone took a moment to stop and share that most important aspect of Freemasonry - that of Brotherly Love.


**Think of others**

It is at this time, perhaps more than any other, that a card or even a phone call to another Brother is so much appreciated. Possibly a call to one of your own fellow members, whom you've never met, would kindle a relationship that will last a lifetime.

**List available**

I will make available a membership list to any person who would like one in hopes that the cement of Brotherly Love will be spread smoothly and evenly throughout the Fraternity.

**Public Involvement and Awareness**



Jay McCullough, Chairman  
1st & 2nd Monroes 352-1061

**Grand Lodge Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committee**

By R. W. Larry Canfield, Chrm.  
As we are about to put a year behind us and enter a new year, many opportunities for the Masonic Community come to light. The opportunities come in many forms and include a number of excellent projects. One such project is CAMP NaCoAra (Camp for Children of Alcoholism). An organization that is in need of our help, aid and assistance.

**What is Camp NaCoAra?**

In 1984, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence - Rochester area (NCADDRA), responding to the devastating effects of family chemical dependency on children, and designed a Summer camp experience, Camp NaCoAra. The Camp is a 5 day residential fun camp specifically designed for children, ages 7-16, so that they can experience activities where self esteem can be enhanced with a healthy stress free environment.

Too often, children from alcohol or chemical dependant families feel abandoned emotionally, and are asked to fill adult roles too soon in their lives; an overwhelming and frightening prospect. Camp NaCoAra seeks, for one very important week in a young child's life, to change that. The Camp, directed by Karen Ogren, consists of a staff of 80-90 volunteers who serve as camp

counselors, waterfront staff, kitchen helpers, ropes course instructors, assistants for arts and crafts, fishing, boating, nature, etc., to approximately 100 children. They help provide a much needed break from the daily life of a child of alcohol or chemical dependent parents.

David, a former camper, now counselor, describes the Camp as "a place where kids can come and not worry about being a mother and father. I took care of my sister and my mother. At camp you don't have to clean up broken things. You can just go to bed at night and not have to pick up empty vodka bottles and empty beer bottles first. You can sit down and eat a meal that you don't first have to cook." He goes on to say that people at camp

were "always positive. Someone would say, you're such a good kid! People gave me unconditional love...I didn't have an alcoholic family there".

The Camp has an annual operating budget of \$60,000 and receives NO PUBLIC or UNITED WAY monies. Each year support has dropped off, thus limiting the number of children that can attend.

This is a program that **MAKES A DIFFERENCE**. If any Lodge is interested in taking on a project, this may be something you would want to consider. A presentation is available and I would be more than glad to speak to any Lodge or other Masonic group who would be interested. I can be reached by calling me at home, (315)-524-8729.

**DRIP...DRIP...DRIP...**

By Brother E. T. Kelsey

We watch as the blood circulates into the plastic bag. It has come from us. It will go to someone in need of its life giving properties.

The reader who has been caring enough to donate in the past is the one for whom this column is intended.

**Recognition**

The Grand Master has laid down a program of community involvement which includes the Blood Donor Program. The program gives recognition to all Brothers who have donated blood in the past. Those who have done so are eligible to wear Grand Lodge pins which signify the amounts donated (i.e., 5 gallons, 10 gallons, etc.).

**How to get your pin**

Your District Officers would like to know where you stand. Have you given this life support enabling others to survive? If so, fill out the attached form and give it to your Lodge Master. He will in turn convey it to the Master of Fairport Lodge who will pass it on to this writer (Brother E. T. Kelsey, Chairman, Masonic Blood Donor Program, Monroe Districts).

Returns received before the 12th of February will be published in the March issue of the *Masonic Times*. Your pin will be presented by your Lodge Master.

**Our thanks!**

Thank you for your past help. May you continue to be able to give this gift of life for many more years!

**DRIP.. DRIP.. DRIP..**

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Give completed form to your Lodge Master.  
He will pass it to the Master of Fairport Lodge.  
See Public Information and Awareness column for details.

**The Grand Secretary's Room Remains Dark**

By R. W. Robert D. Stack, P.G.T.

During the last month or so, when M. W. Bob Singer was ill, and after he passed away, every time I came to the 17th floor office at the Masonic Hall on 23rd Street, I could not help but see that his office was dark and unoccupied.

Even after R. W. Richard Bateman was appointed Interim Grand Secretary, the lights remained out and often the door was closed.

It was like a memorial act to me, since his office had been a place which contained so much of his personal memorabilia, such as honorary memberships, medals, books and certificates, all telling any visitor that he was something special in the Craft.

Many times as Brotherhood Chairman, and later Grand Treasurer, I sat and spoke with him, either alone or with the Grand Master, or other Grand Line Officers and personnel who had a problem to discuss, or just wished to chat about our Fraternity.


When I knocked, he would look up and wave me in with a gesture to sit at his desk, ready to hear my problems or offer his advice. Sometimes we agreed, sometimes not, but his experience was always something we could all draw on.

When we initiated the joint Secretaries' and Brotherhood Chairmen meetings to be held around the State, Rick Bateman, Paul Nicorvo, Bob and I traveled by car and plane together, exchanging ideas. We spoke of the Brothers we met and what we could do next year to make these ventures even more successful.

This last year, after the trip to Albany, his frail health took its toll on him, and the 3 of us had to finish the tour without him. After each trip we checked in with him at home, and would relay our successes. Bob was always "up" and interested in our reports.

Many eulogies and articles have been written about M. W. Robert C. Singer, our friend, who was so dedicated and often controversial.

When I pass his office, shrouded in darkness, I am reminded again and again of the loss of a friend, leader and distinguished Brother of the Craft.



**James A. Hard/  
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Post No. 12**

Alexander Arthur, Jr. Commander  
586-7498  
Dennis Gollasch, Adjutant  
265-3993

By Alexander Arthur, Jr.

**Members needed**

Brothers, we need members to come out and support our dinners and meetings. Our Spencerport meeting was cancelled due to lack of participation.

**Next meeting**

Our next meeting will be held at the 40 & 8 on Tuesday, January 31st. The 40 & 8 seems to be a central location, ideal if you are coming in from the East or West. Please make every effort to attend. If you need a ride, call me at 586-7498 and I will do my best to make arrangements for you. The March 30th meeting will also be held at the 40 & 8.

**Dues**

By this time, you should have received your dues notice. Please return it, along with your check, as soon as possible. We need to keep this Post active.

**Uniforms**

I have received a letter from Quartermaster General that a uniform of a jacket and a pair pants may be purchased for \$190.00, if we have 25 orders. This is a statewide offer.

**Come out!**

Brothers, if we do not improve our attendance, I hate to think what may happen.

**Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County**

President:  
W. John Zabel  
Secretary-Treasurer:  
R. W. Herb Spencer

By W. John Zabel

**FLASH!** The Bureau, in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Staff Officers, has changed the Leadership Development Course from 2 Saturday mornings to 1 Saturday. The new presentation of the Course will be on Saturday, January 14th. We will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately 2:00 p.m. We will supply coffee and doughnuts or bagels in the morning. Lunch details are being worked on. See registration details in this issue of the *Times* or contact the Master of your Lodge. All those that have registered for the Course will be informed of the changes.

Last month we mentioned the Entry Level Course offered by the Bureau. The date WAS April 5th. This is being changed due to a conflict with the School of Ritual to be held on that date. Details will be in the February issue of the *Times* and will be sent to each Lodge Secretary.

**George as a Master Mason**

In the months following his raising, George was excited about Masonry. He was also confused. Attending Lodge meetings, he was enthralled with the ritual of the Lodge, but had a hard time following it. The etiquette and protocol of the meeting escaped him. Fortunately, W. Sam, the Master, noticed George's confusion. Unfortunately, Sam didn't know what to do, so he called his District Deputy.

"Hi, Rich", said Sam. "I think I need your help. Our newest member, George, seems to be losing interest in the Lodge, he never says anything during the meetings and looks confused during opening and closing."

"Have you assigned him a Shepherd?", asked R. W. Rich.

"What is a Shepherd?" questioned Sam.

"That's someone who is assigned to assist the newly raised Brother in learning Lodge protocol and etiquette and helping him to become comfortable in a Lodge meeting, plus much more", replied Rich.

"I don't know anything about this", said Sam. "How can I find out more?"

"Let's get together. I'll outline the program for you and give you a copy of the program booklet from Grand Lodge." encouraged Rich.

Sam and Rich did meet and Sam became enthused about the Shepherding Program. He ask Harry to be George's Shepherd. He also met with Harry and explained to him how the program works, as he understood it. Shortly, Sam noticed that George looked more confident during Lodge meetings. He was even participating in the meetings.

George really was feeling much more confident in Lodge meetings. With Harry's help, he started to understand some of the ritual and its meaning. George found that he really liked being a Mason.

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## Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.



### Contested charges

Would I be far off the mark by suggesting that many of us, when we receive our credit card bill, return the invoice with our payment, and file away the statement without giving it the once over?

If you disagree with a charge appearing on your account statement, you may not have to pay that particular charge, provided you follow some easy ground rules as described in the Fair Credit Billing Act.

The Fair Credit Billing Act only applies to "open ended" credit accounts, such as charge cards, revolving charge accounts, and overdraft checking. It does not apply to loans or credit sales which are paid in scheduled installments.

### What to do

If you disagree with a charge appearing on your statement, or do not see a credit back for a return, you may write (do not call) the creditor explaining what you believe the error to be. Calling will not protect your legal rights. Only a complaint in writing will.

This letter must reach the creditor within 60 days after the first bill showing the disputed charge was sent to you. The address you send your dispute to may be different from the address to which you send your payments. Therefore, check the back of your bill or disclosure form (if you saved it) to find out the correct address.

It's a good idea when writing the creditor, to send a copy (keep all originals) of the statement showing the disputed charge. If you do not have it, a brief explanation of what the error is, including your name, account number and dollar amount involved, is sufficient. Since the time in which you have to dispute the charge is measured from the time the creditor receives your notice, it's also a good idea to send your letter by certified mail, return receipt requested.

### What the creditor must do

The creditor must acknowledge receipt of your letter within 30 days after it's received and must conduct an investigation which either corrects or verifies the charge within 90 days.

While your dispute is being investigated you do not have to pay the disputed charge, although interest will be charged until the dispute is resolved. Of course, you must pay any other part of your bill not in dispute. During this investigation, the creditor cannot take any action, legal or otherwise, to collect the disputed amount, nor can your account be closed. Until the dispute is resolved, the creditor also cannot report you as being delinquent to anyone.

If a mistake on the creditor's part was made, then he must correct it and send you a written explanation of the correction(s) made. In addition, the creditor must add to your account any interest or late charges imposed

which are related to the disputed amount. On the other hand, if the creditor maintains that the charge is correct, you then have a right to request copies of documents showing you owe this money.

### Recourse

If you still believe that the charge is in error, then you must write the creditor within 10 days after receiving their explanation, indicating that you will not pay the disputed charge. If your creditor reports you as delinquent to a credit bureau, then the creditor must state that you believe that you do not owe this money. In addition, your creditor must tell you who is being told about this disputed item. The point of this exercise is to protect your credit record by letting others, who see your credit history, know that you are not paying this charge due to your disagreement with the charge itself. At this point, your creditor may begin the process of collection, which could ultimately lead to a lawsuit to recover the charge it seeks to collect. Be sure to document and save copies of your credit card receipt (if applicable), credit card statements and letters to the creditor concerning your disagreement with the disputed charge. Such efforts will greatly assist you in defending your position. □



FINGER LAKES CHAPTER  
Jay McCullough, President  
352-1061  
Bill Edwards, Secretary  
872-3993

By R. W. Jay McCullough  
Block March 29 on your calendar!

The evening of the 29th, Chapter members will meet at the Diplomat Party House. We commence socializing at 6:30 p.m. and sit to dinner at 7:30 p.m. (The cost is \$15.00 per person.)

Following a few announcements and introductions after dinner, involving recognition of the three sponsoring organizations; the Monroe Purple Club, the Bureau of Masonic Education and Philaethes Society Fingerlakes Chapter, a premier program will be presented.

The host body for this affair is the Rochester Masonic Service Bureau.

Renowned Mason from the Grand Lodge of England to speak in Rochester

Rev. and V.W. Brother Neville B. Cryer is touring the North American Continent under the auspices of the Toronto Masonic Research Society. Background on this famous Freemason was published in the December issue of the *Times* and will appear again in the January issue of the "Niagara-Orleans District Masonic News".

He is our celebrity guest scheduled for March 29th. He will speak on the topic "Women AND Freemasonry", a presentation sure to merit the interest of spouses, and ladies in related organizations.

It is not too early to make your reservation(s) with the Secretary of the Chapter. His telephone number is in the Chapter logo, above. His address is:

28 Kathrene Ct.

Webster, N.Y. 14580-3427

When not handling Chapter duties, Bill serves as Jr. Warden of Webster Lodge, and time permitting, he does a little work for Xerox as well.

By the way, he'll be pleased to send you an application for membership. Meetings only occur 3 or 4 times per year!

Society's Annual Assembly,

Feast and Forum

On Friday, February 24th, Philaethes fellows, members and guests will meet at the Hotel Washington in D. C. You can join the festivities for the sum of \$28 (a little more for travel and accommodations, of course).

On Thursday the 23rd, the Rosicrucians will hold their annual program and on Saturday the 25th, the Allied Masonic Degrees constituency will meet. Makes a fine weekend for those who are involved with all three Bodies.

The October issue of "The Philaethes" features the program. The ladies are invited, the program begins at 6:00 p.m. sharp and Robert G. Davis, FPS, is guest lecturer. There will be open questions concerning Freemasonry.

Let the Secretary know if you are interested in this program. □

## V.W. and Rev. Neville B. Cryer Philaethes Guest Speaker



Born in England and educated at Hertford College, Rev. Neville B. Cryer served in the Indian Army (1942-1946). During his tour of duty he travelled all over India and Pakistan. In 1946, upon Discharge from the Army, he returned to Oxford for an M.A. in History. His Seminary studies were done at Cambridge and he was ordained at Derby Cathedral in 1950. He married after his ordination and has been blessed with two daughters and two sons.

In 1967, after serving in several Dioceses, he was appointed Home Secretary of the United Missionary Societies. In 1970 Rev. Cryer became General Director of the British Foreign Bible Society where he finished his ministry in 1987. In his last position he travelled to 124 countries and went around the world on 5 different occasions. His retirement hobby is writing books on Freemasonry, but he had already written ten books on Christian of biographical subjects.

### Masonic progress

In 1950 Brother Rev. Cryer was initiated in the oldest Lodge in Derbyshire, Tyrian 253. He became founding Junior Warden of a Surrey Lodge and Master in 1962. He was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain of Surrey in 1962 and Grand Chaplain of England in 1979, 1987-1989 and Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Surrey in 1972-1989.

He is a full member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge and was Worshipful Master in 1982. In 1987 he was editor of the proceedings and secretary for the same Lodge and gave up these positions when he retired in 1991. He was also the Prestonian Lecturer in 1974.

He is a member of the Royal Arch, Mark, Royal Ark Mariner, Allied Masonic Degrees, Order of the Secret Monitor, Royal and Select (Cryptic) Knights Templar (and Malta), Rose Croix 32 Degree, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Constantine, Knights Templar Priest, Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia and Royal Order of Eri. In most of these Orders he enjoys Grand Rank or Past Grand Rank.

### Masonic Publications

He has written three major histories of Freemasonry and has published seven books of Lodge buildings in England, Wales and Scotland. He is currently writing on the Mark and Ark Mariner and plans to publish a complete 700 year history of the Cornwallis Family. □

## EMESSAY NOTES

The Masonic Service Association of the United States

### New Brochure Available

The Masonic Information center has prepared a new brochure entitled "A Response to the Critics of Freemasonry". This brochure is intended to answer the criticism of our Fraternity as outlined by the Southern Baptist Convention in their 1993 report. The brochure is available for \$.05 each (in any quantity) plus postage from the Masonic Information Center

### Sojourners New Video

The Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism has produced a 29 minute videotape on Freemasonry. The objective of the videotape is to further the understanding of the general public about the Masonic Fraternity. It is well suited for viewers on local cable channels across the country and may also be used at Masonic events. For further information, please contact Collingwood Library and Museum, 8301 E. Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308-1399. □ (*Emessay Notes are Funded by the Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.*)

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Jonas Salk, M.D.

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The fee for joining the International Society is \$30.00 for the first year and \$20.00 per annum thereafter. This entitles you to receive the magazine and the bonus books offered by the Society. The fee for membership in the *Finger Lakes Chapter* can start as low as \$5.00 per annum. Many learned Brethren whom you already know are members. Why not join them?

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Contact Rich Friedman at 377-6175 (H) or 271-2775 (W) and he will mail you your membership application for both the International and local Chapters of the Society.

Want to whet your appetite?

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## Camp Turk Committee Organized, 1995 Dates Set

M.W.: Gary A. Henningsen, Grand Master, has announced his appointment of R.W.: Harold H. Halper as Chairman of the Camp Turk Committee and, concurrently, has announced the appointments of R.W.: Charles V. McMains, Jr., and R.W.: Roger E. King as Vice Chairmen.

R.W.: Halper succeeds R.W.: Ronald J. Steiner, previously a Vice Chairman, who for the past several months acted as Chairman. Concurrently, R.W.: Steiner has been appointed a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund.

R.W.: McMains is a member of Cornerstone Lodge No. 178 in the Second Manhattan District and served as District Deputy Grand Master in 1980-81. He has been on the Camp Turk Committee for over two years.

R.W.: King is a member and currently Secretary of Schenectady Lodge No. 1174 and served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Rensselaer-Schenectady District in 1992-94. A 40 year Mason, but a newcomer to the Camp Turk Committee, he brings to the Committee his experience in management of financial and information systems activities in a large Fortune 500 company.

R.W.: Halper has announced that the Camp Turk dates for 1995 have been set as follows: Staff Orientation-June 25-July 1; Boys Camp-July 2-July 22; Girls Camp-July 23-August 12; and Grand Master's Day-July 29th.

Camping fees will be announced as soon as the 1995 operating budget has been reviewed and approved by the Grand Master.

"Midlife crisis is that moment when you realize your children and your clothes are about the same age."

Bill Tammeus in Kansas City "Star"

## Camp Turk: 1994 Camping Season a Success

R.W.: Harold H. Halper, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Camp Turk Committee, reports that the 1994 camping season was the best ever. Excellent weather throughout both the boys' and girls' sessions was just another positive factor.

Staff hiring for the season went exceptionally well. Twenty-five of the forty counselors returned from the previous year, making for a very mature staff. The high percentage of returnees reflects accurately the counselors' high regard for the way the Camp is run.

171 boy campers and 200 girl campers attended this year. At one time the girls' waiting list reached 40. R.W.: Halper feels that the boys camping attendance was comparatively low due in large part to late advertising. Just over half of the boys and a third of the girls attending in 1994 were returning from the previous year-another accurate reflection of satisfaction with the operation of the Camp.

The final measure of each season's success is the response to the camping survey that each camper is encouraged to complete-in confidence-after returning home. The campers said Camp overall was excellent. A few campers wanted longer camping sessions, more leisure time, and longer times on the telephones! That, R.W.: Halper states, indicates that the Camp Turk campers, bless them, are normal teenagers!

## Patient Transportation Fund

By Don Brugger

Most Lodges in the Monroes contributed to the Monroe Hospital Transportation Fund during the past few years. For those who are not familiar with it, it was designed to fund the transportation for patients of the Monroe Community Hospital,

who are able, to spend time during the holidays at home with their families.

This Fund has now been incorporated into the T. Franklin Williams, M.D., Foundation which was established to formalize these fund raising efforts for patient programs and services. Although this notice

comes too late for this year, we hope that you will take note that as stated, "it is hoped that you will continue to support this program which is such a positive influence on the quality of life for so many of the residents here at Monroe Community Hospital."



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November 28, 1994

Dear Lodge Member:

The Patient Transportation Program of the Monroe Community Hospital is looking to you for your help in sending some of our residents home for the holidays.

Over the years, the generosity of your group has enabled many residents to spend the holiday with loved ones. This support has provided an essential connection to family events outside the hospital that would not otherwise be possible.

The T. Franklin Williams Foundation was recently established to begin to formalize our fund-raising efforts here at the hospital. It was developed as a not-for-profit organization with the sole purpose of supporting patient programs and services. For this reason, the Patient Transportation fund appeal is being conducted through the Foundation.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to support this program which is such a positive influence on the quality of life for so many of the residents here at Monroe Community Hospital.

Please make your checks payable to "The T. Franklin Williams Foundation." Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Oberlies  
Foundation President

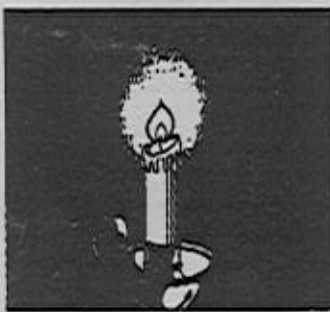
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Allen E. Roberts'



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Of this book, Wallace McLeod, FPS, Professor of Classics, says: "There are good books, and then there are bad books. And once you begin to browse, you will keep on bumping into one Masonic writer that you can depend on. And Allen E. Roberts has done it again."

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# Masonic Misconceptions

By R.-W.: F. Jay McCullough

Allen E. Roberts is the most prolific writer on Masonry in the U.S. today. He is the Executive Secretary of the Philalethes Society and a founding father of that Body which came into existence in October of 1928. He is a Masonic Historian, having written books on the Civil War titled, *House Undivided*, and *Freemasonry in American History* and the book, *Harry Truman*. I'm pleased to say I have these among several others in my personal Masonic library. I also met and talked with Brother Roberts when he was in Rochester in 1990 as part of the troupe of Virginia Craftsmen who travel the country doing degree portrayals, and again in 1992, when he presented a paper at the Philalethes semi-annual meeting hosted by the Fingerlakes Chapter.

Brother Roberts tell us, "Freemasonry has inherited a number of myths. Some have been invented and perpetuated by Masonic writers and others by critics and opponents of the Craft."

The truth about Masonry needs no elaboration.

Millions of great men have been, or are, Freemasons. Writers have claimed Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and Patrick Henry were Masons. They were not, but the myths still prevail. Nothing in writing by, or about Patrick Henry shows he was ever a member of the Craft. Thomas Jefferson did participate in the Laying of the Cornerstone of his University in Charlottesville, a Ceremony conducted by Freemasons, but there he was a 'visitor' who with five others approved of the Ceremony, not a Master Mason. World renowned artist John Ward Dunsmore painted, *The Petition*, which depicted Alexander Hamilton as in attendance in American Union Lodge. This artistic license made it appear that Hamilton was a Mason, but it's only a myth.

There was an American Union Lodge, chartered by Connecticut, and still existing as American Union Lodge No. 1 in Marietta, Georgia. It was a famous military Lodge which George Washington attended on several occasions. *The Petition* portrays dozens of Revolutionary War Masons and some non-Masons who were present on December 27, 1779 when the Lodge met in Morristown, New Jersey. Those present approved of the petition of General Mordecai Gist that there should be a General Grand

Lodge for the United States. At that event, they unanimously selected Washington to become General Grand Master. The concept went no further. There have been other unsuccessful attempts to form a National Grand Lodge over the years, but each United States Grand Lodge remains sovereign.

Remember the myth that 'all of George Washington's generals were Freemasons'? Stories persist today that Washington wouldn't make Lafayette a general until he became a Mason. In fact, thirty-three generals were Masons - a long way from all. Lafayette was already a Mason, when, as a teenager, he came to America to fight for the cause of freedom. It is not known that Washington and Lafayette ever discussed the Craft.

Baron VonSteuben was a Freemason when he joined Washington. This is another of those stories where he couldn't become one of Washington's generals until he became a Mason.

How about "The Boston Tea Party" and St. Andrew's Lodge of Massachusetts? Okay, so the Lodge didn't meet the night the 'Indians' turned Boston Harbor into a teapot. It's true the minutes of the Lodge ended with a scroll which resembled a capital letter "T". But in spite of claims here and there by descendants, not a single participant has ever been identified. As Roberts says, "now - that's secrecy!"

On the subject of secrecy, Roberts says he's been taken to task for claiming Freemasonry is not a secret society. He further claims there are no secrets in Freemasonry. To him, a secret society is one that no one knows exists; whose members are unknown. In fact, in countries practicing freedom, Masonic buildings are clearly marked, members openly wear the square and compasses and they publicize activities and events. (I read in a recent issue of the *Northern Light*, a letter to the editor which suggests Freemasonry is indeed a 'secret society' and to say otherwise is misleading. That writer says *Webster's New World Dictionary* shows 'secret society, any organization that conceals some of its rituals and other activities from non-members'. This interprets to mean that not only the Masons, but the Boy Scouts, "Order of the Arrow", College Sororities and Fraternities, Odd Fellows, Elks, Knights of Columbus are all secret societies. This same applies to the Mafia and Ku Klux Klan, of course. He suggests a more accurate interpretation then would be 'a society with secrets'. This is the feeling of S. Brent Morris, 33° from Columbia, Maryland in the May 1994 issue.

There has been no excuse for anyone to claim all signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons, according to Roberts. This has been proven untrue in the past several years. Ten sign-

ers of the Articles of Confederation, nine signers of the Declaration and thirteen signers of the Constitution were, or were later to become, Masons. That's an excellent percentage for each, and really doesn't need to be exaggerated.

Edmund Randolph, who was the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, did not sign the Constitution, but he did fight for its adoption in Virginia. It took his support to override the opposition of Patrick Henry.

Another myth: thirteen governors of the original colonies were Masons when Washington was inaugurated President. From the Battle of Lexington until 1789, thirty different men served as governors and ten of these were Masons. It's a long way from all, but not bad at one third!

It's a myth that George Washington was a Grand Master. He was the Master of a Lodge, but there's not evidence he ever presided as such. When Alexandria Lodge No. 39 of Pennsylvania asked the Grand Lodge of Virginia for a Charter, Washington was an honorary member there. When Virginia Grand Master, Edmund Randolph, signed the Charter, Washington's name appeared in the place where the Master's normally would be, making him the Charter Master. The following December, while President of the United States, Washington was elected Master. He was never installed there, but he did become a Past Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22. Giving him his due, his myriad civic activities left little time for fraternalism. Remember too, his widow's requesting a Masonic Funeral: wouldn't that show one's love for the Craft?

Masonic reading can lead us to more of the myths, but more importantly, to more of the truths about this Craft of ours.

Finally, we should simply remember that we are taught to practice the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God. When truthfully implemented, can there be any greater purpose for Freemasonry's existence?

(Excerpted from *MSA Short Talk No. 5, May 1990.*)

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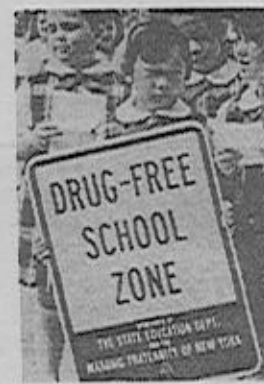


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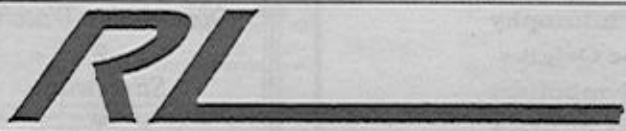
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Consistory - Chapter of Rose Croix - Council of Princes of Jerusalem - Lodge of Perfection



**From the Desk of:**  
**Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°**  
 Commander-in-Chief



A great loss

We were all very saddened by the loss of Ill.: Robert N. Forest, 33°, who was called Home by our Grand Architect after a long illness. I am so glad that I was able to name our Class this year in his honor. The Illustrious Robert N. Forest, 33°, Class can be proud to be associated with that name. Our prayers go out to his lovely wife, June and her family.

**New Members**

Congratulations to the following new 32° Brothers who joined the Valley of Rochester in the Fall Reunion. Welcome, Brothers: Kent E. Herbst, Dennis E. Lang, Charles H. Leonard, Santo Morici, and Andrew S. Paterson. Also, a special thank you to all the Brothers who took parts in the many Degrees, the head of the Degree Directors, Donald J. Brugger, 32° MS, Degree Directors: Lawrence E. Hood, 33°, Donald A. Rose, Myron L. Dox, 33°, David C. Clarke, Herbert Spencer, Larry E. Foster, 33°, Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., 32° MS and Stephen R. Whittaker, who were faced with the loss of key players and a Director at the last minute due to sudden illnesses.

**Plan now**

Now that our Fall Reunion is over, it is not too early to be planning for our Spring Reunion. Your Membership Committee, under the direction of Co-chairmen, Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., 32° MS and Stephen R. Whittaker, along with the Chairman of our Ambassador Program, Craig T. Mollon, is working on some programs to assist us in having a large Spring Class. I would like to ask all of our Brothers to support them in their efforts to make the "Ill.: Robert N. Forest, 33°, Class" a memorable one. If every Brother could bring in one new member we would be in good shape. **YOU CAN DO IT!** Don't leave it to the other guy. It's your Scottish Rite!

**Great program**

At our December program meeting we enjoyed listening to Tim Schramm play the new organ in Cathedral Hall before the "Bushnells' Basin Delegation", (Bob and Donna Russell) presented their program. They all did a wonderful job of entertaining us. This event was hosted by the Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix. A special thank you to William R. Zufall, Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. and David C. Clarke for their fine work in organizing and presenting this program. It

was a fine evening for all the refreshments were great.

**Future Meetings**

Our January 5th meeting will be an All Bodies Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Your attendance will be appreciated and **ALL OFFICERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE THERE!**

The February 2nd meeting will be a program meeting under the direction of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem.

On March 2nd, the Lodge of Perfection will host a program meeting. Watch the next issue of the *Masonic Times* for further details of these programs.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb, under the direction of the Chapter of Rose Croix, is scheduled for April 6, 1995. Also in the month of April is the Spring Reunion, Thursday thru Saturday, April 20-22. Get those petitions in now! It is never too early.

On May 4th we will hold the Election and Installation of Officers in the Lodge, Council and Chapter.

Our Annual Scottish Rite Banquet, honoring our Reunion Classes, will be held on May 6th. Bro. David C. Clarke is Chairman of this event.

These are just a few highlights of the events coming up next year. Please pencil them into your schedule.

I sincerely hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. □

**Abbott Scholarships**

New scholarship forms are now available in the Scottish Rite Office. Only students who have completed at least one year in an accredited 2 or 4 year college, university or specialty school need apply. Preference will be given to college juniors and seniors. As was true last year, the scholarships are not available to high school seniors anticipating college.

The scholarship awards will range from \$500 to \$1,000. Checks will be made payable to the recipient.

These scholarships are available to children and grandchildren of Scottish Rite Masons, whether living or deceased. Members of Masonic youth groups, if located in the Northern Jurisdiction, are also eligible. Scottish Rite members and their spouses are **NOT** eligible.

The scholarship applications should be sent to the Scottish Rite Office, 875 Main St. E., Rochester, NY 14605, **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST.** They must be reviewed by the Valley Committee before being sent to the State Chairman. □

**General Committee**

The General Committee of the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. is comprised of the top two officers and one representative from each Body. If you are a member of this Committee you are expected to attend the meetings. They are usually held in the Scottish Rite Office at 6:30 p.m., prior to our regular meetings.

Future dates are: January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 20th and May 4th. Please make every effort to attend and lend your support. □

**The Valley of Rochester Mourns the Passing of Ill.: Robert Forest, 33° Class Sponsor**



Ill.: Robert N. Forest, 33°, passed away on November 29, 1994, after a long illness. He served as Thrice Potent Master of Rochester Lodge of Perfection in 1979-80 and Commander-in-Chief of Rochester Consistory in 1984-86. He was coroneted 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, on September 26, 1984.

Illustrious Brother Forest was active in all the work of the Scottish Rite, especially in the degrees. He greeted everyone with a warm smile and the clasp of a friendly hand. Last September he was named Sponsor of the 1994 Fall and 1995 Spring Classes.

A Masonic Service was held by Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 on Thursday evening December 1st. A White Rose Ceremony, was presented by the 33rds of the Valley of Rochester, Ill.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active and Deputy for the State of New York and Ill.: Paul C. Fritch, 33°, Valley of Syracuse, and led by Ill.: Lawrence E. Hood, 33° on Friday morning, December 2nd.

At the graveside, a memorial service was conducted by Illustrious Brother Hood and full military honors with a flag presentation to June was conducted by the American Legion's Monroe County Honor Guard.

He is survived by his wife, June, former Office Manager of the Valley of Rochester, his son Stephen and daughter-in-law, Cathy. He will be greatly missed. □

**Secretaries' Seminar**

On December 2-3, 1994, a Seminar was held for all Valley Secretaries in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. It was in the Patton Conference Center adjacent to the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown, PA. The purpose was to meet with the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: Robert O. Ralston, 33°, to discuss the role of the Valley Secretary and give everyone a chance to discuss common interests.

The Sovereign Grand Commander included possible changes in the Supreme Council Format, Long Range/Strategic Planning, Prince Hall Masonry, the Constitutional Flag Amendment and the Death of a 33° Candidate in his introduction.

The Seminar consisted of 4 break-out sessions, along with general talks on important phases of the Scottish Rite. The

4 sessions covered the Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary, Data Processing, Membership Retention and an Insurance Program for each Valley.

The Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary session covered the Manual for Officers, the Constitution of the Supreme Council, Proceedings, DeMolay update, Family Life Program update and miscellaneous items regarding materials available and procedures.

The Data Processing session covered all procedures now being used and new ways the Valleys may update their systems, if necessary. Some programs now on the computer were discussed.

Membership Retention included an overview with the purpose, goals, rationale and recommended procedures.

The Insurance session stressed the necessity of each Valley to carry adequate insurance and pointed out that the insurance recommended by the Supreme Council was the least expensive of any available.

Panel discussions included Family Life Week "Are You Being Served", Membership Retention Test Program, and "What if...? Dreaming About the Future", Learning Centers, and the MBNA Challenge. Following the closing of the Seminar, a guided tour of the Masonic Home was available. □

**Desecration of the Flag**

Desecration of the United States Flag, by burning or other shameful acts, is something that the Scottish Rite Masons abhor and look upon with anger and contempt. The American Legion is sponsoring an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would make such acts of desecration unlawful. The Northern Jurisdiction will join the Southern Jurisdiction in formal support of efforts of the American Legion to pass this amendment. Said Grand

Commander Ralston, "It is time to stand up for the great patriotism we espouse in our Ritual." □

**Supreme Council and Prince Hall**

The Supreme Council at their September meeting adopted the following resolution recommended by the State of the Rite Committee: "In the matter of Prince Hall Freemasonry, the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction authorizes the Sovereign Grand Commander to confer with the leadership of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Prince Hall, concerning mutual recognition in any Jurisdiction where Prince Hall Masonry is recognized by the Grand Lodge of that state. □

**Rules and Regulations**

The Rules and Regulations of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Rochester, New York have been rewritten to conform with the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, 33° N.M.J. Changes, deletions and additions were necessary and almost every part of the old version was changed to some extent.

Copies of the proposed Rules and Regulations have been distributed to past Commanders-in-Chief and presiding officers of the Valley for their appraisal. Additional copies will be available at the All Bodies Meeting on January 5th for you to pick up if you wish. Your comments will be greatly appreciated.

After all comments are evaluated, the Rules and Regulations will be sent to the Deputy for New York and the Chairman of the Committee on Constitutions, Laws and Jurisprudence for their approval. When that is received, the members of the Valley of Rochester will be asked to vote on the changes. □

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# York Rite NEWS

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Royal Arch Masons  
27th Capitular District



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#### Companions

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#### Give your support

Installations in the four Chapters will soon be held. Hiram Chapter is an Open Installation. Come out and support the four new High Priests in the District. For all incoming and Past High Priests, the High Priest Anointment Ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 11, 1995 at the Downtown Temple.

#### Think Spring!

Let's all start thinking of candidates for the Spring Degrees, which start at Webster Chapter on Wednesday, March 22nd. Rich and Scott, don't forget your pledge of 10 new candidates (I won't let you!)

#### Grand Convocation

Grand Sessions start the first weekend in March. I need your reservation soon. Rooms at the Holiday Inn are \$75.00; the men's and ladies' luncheons on Friday are \$12.50 each; Banquet tickets for all on Friday evening are \$24.00 each.

#### Good work!

Congratulations to Livonia Chapter-there is a light at the end of the tunnel! You went from an insufficient number of 5 or 6, to 9 members present, plus visitors; started a series of programs and

will be having coffee and donuts after the meetings. Their Installation will be January 16th, and all Royal Arch Masons are invited to support them.

## Royal Arch Scholarship Fund

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By L. Edward Walker, EHP

As this will probably be my last article as High Priest of Hiram Chapter, I thank each of you for the privilege of serving in that capacity. It has been a rewarding experience. Time flies and it is time to greet our new successor, Comp. Tom Paglia. Thanks to all who assisted me this past year, without your help, I do not know how the Chapter would have existed.

#### Good news

Under sickness, I understand all who have been ill are now improving and are on the road to complete recovery.

#### Hiram Chapter's history

In 1993, under the leadership of RE Vernon Goodrich, Hiram Chapter started out with a bang, and continued so for the entire year. There were several social functions, which were a pleasure to attend, as well as being Masonically educational. One of the highlights was the Dinner Cruise on Lake Ontario. RE Vern set the stage for the future of Hiram Chapter.

#### 300th Anniversary

In 1994 the highlight of my year was the celebration of the 300th Anniversary of Royal Arch

Masonry in Rochester. The climax was the Rededication Ceremony held June 4, 1994 in Cathedral Hall. Here ME Wing W. Hong, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York, and his Grand Line, conducted this impressive ceremony. It was followed by a dinner in the Downtown Masonic Temple, with ME Harold Miller as Toastmaster. The keynote address was given by ME Glenn Capp, General Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter International.

#### Support needed

Now that we have completed our history, where do we go from here? We have capable leaders in line, but they cannot do it alone. They will need the help, aid and assistance of each of you. I ask all to support Comp. Tom Paglia, and when asked, assist him in every possible way. He needs and deserves our help.

#### Charities

I urge all to support our Royal Arch Charities Program, and send in your contributions as soon as possible, so Hiram Chapter can make a good showing.

#### January meetings

On January 12, 1995, there will be a Public Installation of Officers in Cathedral Hall.

On January 26th there will be a dinner with the ladies, followed by a meeting. While we have our meeting, Mrs. Barbara Goodrich will give a talk about Antique Cut Glass for our ladies. There will be a light luncheon after the meeting.

#### Farewell

To paraphrase Gen. and Bro. Douglas MacArthur, "Old High Priests never die, they just fade away". I hope each of you have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

#### From the desk of the King

Soon another year will begin for Hiram Chapter and I will be installed as your new High Priest. I hope it will be a good year. There have been many very good High Priests before me and I hope I can live up to their standards. EHP Ed Walker did a great job of keeping me informed of the programs during his year.

## Notice

A dinner will be served in conjunction with the open Installation of Hiram Chapter No. 62 RAM.

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#### Reservations needed

On January 12th, at 7:30 p.m., there will be an Open Installation. It will be preceded by a dinner to which all are invited. We would like to see Cathedral Hall filled for this event. Refreshments will be served in the Third Floor Dining Room following the Installation. For dinner reservations, please respond to Tom Paglia at 227-2046 by January 2nd.

Our January 26th, Barbara Goodrich will present a program on Antique American Cut Glass. She is very informed and this promises to be a very interesting evening. This event is open to your ladies and friends.

Take care and God Bless you all.

## Open Installation of Officers Hiram Chapter #62 RAM

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By Jay McCullough

#### They are installed!

At our final convocation for 1994 (on Wednesday, December 7th), our 1995 slate of officers was elected and installed.

Excellent Companion Karl H. Reich, after many years of work in the vineyards of Royal Arch Masonry, holding several offices, and some simultaneously, in this and LeRoy Chapters, is the new High Priest.

Elected and installed with EHP Reich were: King Jeffrey A. Diehl, Scribe Kenneth Robinson, Treasurer David Goodrich, Secretary Robert F. Dagen and Trustee Jay McCullough.

Those appointed by the High Priest and installed were: Captain of the Host Gary Thompson, Principal Sojourner James McConnell, Royal Arch Captain Earl C. Steffen, Master 3rd Veil Eugene Brendel, Master 2nd Veil F. Russell Holmes, Master 1st Veil J. Edward Gillott, Chaplain Ruel Lovett and Sentinel James J. Powell.

The High Priest sincerely appreciates the willingness expressed by all officers to assume their positions and help sustain this small element of Royal Arch Masonry in Western NY.

#### Labors resume

Wednesday, January 4th is when our next regular convocation will be held. We postponed the presentation on Colour Symbolism in Masonry by our Jr. Past

High Priest until this time to avoid a prolonged meeting at the Annual Convocation in December.

Several Companions have to travel many miles and to encourage their attendance. We like them to be able to have a safe journey home at a reasonable hour, particularly in these Winter months.

We plan to carry on the tradition of starting convocations on time at 7:30 p.m., conducting business and having a program, to complete formal activities by 8:30 p.m., when we adjourn for refreshments and Brotherly conviviality.

#### High Priest's invitation

I would be honored if all past High Priests of the Chapter would join me at the Order of the High Priesthood Ceremonies. They will be conducted at the Masonic Temple in Downtown Rochester on Saturday, February 11th, at about 2:00 p.m. I welcome your support.

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By Roy E. Huff

The Commanderies in Zones 11 and 12 are presently preparing for their Annual Inspections. There are three options for Inspection this year. They are:

1. Formal inspection.
  2. Exemplifying the Order of the Temple.
  3. A special program that is approved by the Zone Officers.
- There will be no inspections in Zones 11 and 12 during the month of January, 1995.

#### A fond farewell



ME Robert Cook, Grand Recorder, is leaving New York State and moving to New Hampshire, near the Maine border. We want to thank him for his many years of service as Grand Recorder and wish him good luck in his new endeavor. The Grand Commander will shortly announce the name of the new Grand Recorder.

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# News

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Michael Bell, Monarch

## Chief Justice

By Joseph Minas

By the time you receive my message, the holiday season will have passed. I wish everyone a prosperous New Year.

### Golden Rule

In today's life style we seem to forget the necessities of life. Remember your obligation when you became a Mason. Give a helping hand, or an encouraging word to a Prophet, friend or neighbor. We cannot stand alone. At one time or another we all need some kind of help in our daily life. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

As I stated before, we still need more Prophets. Lead a friend to become a Mason, then take him by the hand to become a Prophet.

### Reservations needed

The Board of Governors meeting will be held at the Maplewood Inn on January 18th at 6:00 p.m. Please call Earl DeSmith at 473-4126 or Joe Minas at 671-1917 for reservations. We will order off the menu.

### Open Installation

My installation will be held at Damascus Temple, 979 Bay Road, Webster, NY, on January

21, 1995. There will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m. and an Open Installation at 8:00 p.m. Reservations are required for the dinner. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. For reservations call Earl DeSmith or Joe Minas by January 16th. □

## Membership News

By Ron Morthorst

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.
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5. National Convention-Minneapolis, Minnesota.
6. Visitations to other Grottos.
7. Golf Tournament.

What more can you ask for? If you'd like more information, call the Membership Hot Line at 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! □

## Cast News

The Cast Annual Dinner Meeting will take place on January 23, 1995, at the Scotch and Sirloin Restaurant in the Win-Jeff Plaza on Winton Road (at the corner of Brighton-Henrietta Townline Road).

Socializing will begin at 6:00 p.m., and ordering off the menu (as specified on the cards that will be sent) will be at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are required, so PLEASE return the cards and/or call me at 865-0494 or the Cast President, P.M. Gordy Dodge at 334-3660 by January 16th.

Let's have a good turnout by all the members of the Cast who took part in the Grotto Ceremonies last year, along with all of the Grotto Line Officers. See you at the meeting. □

## Patrol News

Now that 1995 is here, this is a reminder that the Patrol is now a full fledged "Social Group", as voted upon last year.

### Stay tuned...

All previous marching members and old-time social members should be notified shortly by the Secretary of the Patrol of the time and place of the monthly

meetings and of the two social events for 1995.

### Dues

Your 1995 Dues are due. This will also be announced in the communication you will receive from the Secretary.

### Join us

We encourage your participation and attendance, along with that of the Grotto Line Officers, as we enter this new phase of the Patrol. We look forward to seeing you at either the monthly meetings, or at the social functions. □

## Caldron News

By Arlene Topel, MCO

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year brings you good health and much happiness.

### New Monarch

Congratulations to Joe Minas, who was installed as Monarch for 1995. We wish you a successful and happy year.

### Sickness and distress

Dorothy Bartlett was in the hospital, but is now recuperating at home.

Rose Hartwig sprained her ankle.

The sympathy of the Caldron was extended to: Audrey Curtis on the death of her husband, Boyd; Marcia Morrison on the death of her niece; and Pearl Smith on the death of her niece.

### January meetings

The Patrol will meet at Arlene Topel's home on January 5th at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a Regular Meeting in Doric Hall at 8:00 p.m. on January 12th. □

### Dates to Remember

- Thurs. Jan. 5th-Patrol Meeting at home of Arlene Topel
- Thurs. Jan. 12th-Caldron Regular Meeting in Doric Hall
- Wed. Jan. 18th-Board of Governor's Meeting at Maplewood Inn
- Sat. Jan. 21st-Grotto Installation at Damascus Shrine Mosque
- Mon. Jan. 23rd-Cast Dinner at Scotch and Sirloin

Attend the Grotto Meeting  
Enjoy the fellowship

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SK Charles M. Roberts, Commander 225-6533

SK Robert H. Cook Recorder 473-0393

## Celebration of the Annual Christmas Toast



SK and Rev. Charles Roberts reading the Grand Prelate's Christmas Message.

"I don't know" or "This is what I hope for" or "This is what I intend to work toward". As a Masonic Community of Christians, what will our goals be? We are called to be faithful to the Craft, to serve our fellow man, to be a presence, to let people know that Jesus Christ is alive and well in our midst, to invite people to know the one we call Lord and Savior, to know the joy of His presence in their lives, to encourage people to join us in following Him. Why not then take your calling to the Order of the Temple serious this year. We all look forward to your companionship.

My lady and I wish for each of you, a very prosperous and peace filled New Year. □

Inspection. I hope all of you can be out for our next three Conclave meetings on January 13th and 27th and February 10th, prior to our Inspection of February 24th. We need to work hard at the Tactics and go over the Sword Manual. I don't want to call any special meetings for this if I can help it. Make your New Year's resolution to be out and assist Cyrene-Monroe to be the best ever in 1995. This includes you Past Commanders!

### A thought to ponder

As 1995 approaches, what does it have in store for us? We can answer that question with an

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By Roy E. Huff, Reporter  
Our Pre. Em. Gov., Arnold E. Palmer, hopes that all of you had a very enjoyable Christmas and have a Happy New Year. Hope all are well and healthy and no accidents. It is very tricky driving this time of the year, so be careful.

### Degree meeting

Our next meeting is February 11, 1995. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts in the Downtown Rochester Masonic Temple. At 9:00 a.m. we will confer the Degree on our candidates. If you have been asked to take part, please do so. Lunch will be served after the Degree. Since no dinner has been scheduled, the ladies will not be joining us afterwards.

### Order of High Priesthood

At 2:00 p.m. on the same day, the Order of the High Priesthood will take place at the Downtown Temple. All High Priests for 1995 must take it here or in Albany. Past High Priests may attend.

### Good news

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

one, please stay healthy and watch the ice and snow.

### Dues

Dues are coming in fairly well, but we need new members. Let's all make them welcome when we meet them.

That is all for this time. □



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By SK Charles M. Roberts  
**Year end happenings**  
As 1994 comes to a close, the Commandery has been living its work. On December 9th we held a School of Instruction for Zone 11. It was received favorably by all who attended and sincere thanks is extended to Instructing Officer, SK Ronald Januszkiwicz and his lady, Rose Marie, for being with us.  
The Annual Christmas Toast was held in Cathedral Hall on December 16th, and 36 individuals attended. My sincere thanks to the Schicker Club for a fabulous reception following the Toast. Also, my sincere gratitude to each Sir Knight who participated and assisted. The Toast surely represented the Christ-filled spirit of Christmas. If you were unable to attend, maybe we will have the opportunity to see you next December.  
Cyrene-Monroe Commandery extends a heart-felt goodbye to SK Robert Cook and his lady, Jean, who are moving to Rochester, New Hampshire. We hope to see them again whenever they are in town. Thank you both for your many years of service to Cyrene-Monroe Commandery.  
**1995 is upcoming**  
Sir Knights, the next major event scheduled is our Annual

## Financial Planning Solutions

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

Did you see an article in the *Democrat and Chronicle* on December 7, 1994, whose headline was "U.S. Retirement Prospects Grim", followed by "workers aren't saving enough to live as well as they plan".

This says that these workers either do not have the time to plan or that they do not have the experience or knowledge to set up plans, and a survey of people who do not utilize a financial planner to assist them, do far worse than those who do use one. Therefore, it would seem advantageous to at least speak to several financial planners, and find one that you can trust and use his services to your advantage.

Saving for retirement is declining, yet 70% say that they expect to live at least as well, if not better, than they are now doing. Also, 33% want to retire by age 60!

My horn is blasting away real loud to get your attention. NOW IS THE TIME TO START PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE! DO NOT WAIT! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TIME THAT IS ON YOUR SIDE!

Many very good plans are available to everyone regardless of his or her philosophy on putting money away for the future. Talk to someone and find out how you can be helped.

Most of us do not succeed, not because we do not plan to fail, but because we fail to plan.

Readers, you will never be sorry if you follow this advice.

Do you want to be in the 5% who make it, or the 95% who do not?

If any Lodge or group of people would like to listen to some ideas, one or more of my staff would be pleased to be a speaker at one of your meetings. Just select a topic on financial planning that interests you and we will arrange to speak and answer questions.

Life membership programs exist that will allow a Masonic

Lodge to alleviate membership problems, such as losing members because of nonpayment of dues or demits, and help make the Lodge a more self-sustaining unit with ever increasing funds to work with. If you are interested, we would also be happy to present such a program to your Lodge. □

*Past Master's*  
**Supper Club**

President  
W.: L. Warren Patterson

Secretary  
W.: Robert Sanford

By W.: L. Warren Patterson

By the time this reaches you, the 1994 Holiday Season will be a memory. I hope it was a joyful and safe time for all.

The January meeting will be held at the Red Men's Club, 1001 Lexington Ave. on Friday, January 27th. Social hour and Euchre, for those who wish to play or take lessons, is from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. will be followed by a program presented by W.: Marcel Goldenberg.

ALL PAST MASTERS are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring a PAST MASTER with you. □

## Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary  
227-6106

### High Scores

In the past month, 6-600 series and 59-200 games have been rolled by league members. Notable series were rolled by Richard Flanagan-687 (225, 237, 225), Richard A. Ehrne-663 (201, 226, 236), Dick Topel 605 (202, 191, 212), Don Weis 604 (227), Mike Franklin-601 (248), and John Kunz-600 (213).

Individual games of note include Scott Weis-242, John Flynn-238, Sal Piazza-238, and 224, Jack Thibaut-236, 225 and 223, Len Mack-233, Gerry Duell-228 and 222, Lon Hetler-227, Frank Kircher-223, Lou Fusilli-220, Rex Edwards, Jr.-219, Rich P. Ehrne-215, Mark Noto-214, Jon Schmidt-214, Ken Kassel-211, Harold Reynolds-208, and Mike Bell-206.

Gerry Duell earned an ABC Senior Award patch for his series of 596, 137 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. □

## Tall Cedars of Lebanon

District Deputy Supreme  
Tall Cedar - 24th District

24th District Chairman  
Tall Cedar Foundation



Donald J. Brugger

### Good news and other...

It is with relief and sadness that I write this last message as Your District Deputy. I thank all who helped make my tenure a happy one.

There has not been a great deal of movement in membership to report during my three years as Deputy for the 24th District. The size of the three Forests, Rochester 133, Eriez 175 and Garden City 173 have all decreased in membership, but not much. This is encouraging compared with the rest of the Fraternity; at least we are almost matching attention.

There is still interest in the Syracuse area for the creation of a new Forest and hopefully the first batch of potential Cedars will be initiated at Rochester in 1995.

### MD Fund

Contributions to the MD Fund have also leveled off, but on the bright side, plans for fund raisers in the Forests look good for 1995. Overall support for the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation is good and the Supreme Forest again went over the top in contributing to the National Campaign.

I am sure that all will be pleased to know that Doug (retired) Draker, from Garden City, will be taking over as your Deputy in 1995. We have all worked with Doug in the past and know him to be well versed in the duties of the office.

I wish all Tall Cedars good health and good fortune in the new year. □

## Tall Cedars of Lebanon

Rochester Forest No. 133

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

Frank Briffa, GTC  
392-7665



Donald C. Bell, Scribe  
334-7768

By Robert I. Nichols

### Many thanks

I wish to thank all my Brother Tall Cedars for all their assistance in making my year as Grand Tall Cedar a real success.

The Installation of Officers Ceremony conducted by our outgoing District Deputy was impressive. I am sure that Brother Frank Briffa will make a fine Grand Tall Cedar and I urge all Brother Cedars of Rochester Forest to give him their support and assistance.

Our next meeting will be on January 26th. Our calling committee will be in touch with you concerning dinner plans. □

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## Order of the Eastern Star

District of Monroe, State of New York



Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens  
Deputy Grand Matron

## Hi-Lights



Rt. Wthy. Ronald D. Mertens  
District Grand Lecturer

By Rt. Wthy's. Ronald and Barbara Mertens

The New Year is upon us and it is time to begin our Eastern Star activities for 1995! January is a busy month in the Monroe District, with all Chapters having their Installation of Officers, plus beginning our monthly meetings with the Officers' Groups and having our School of Instruction.

### A brief look back, and

### thank you

Our experiences during the last two months have been wonderful. Beginning with our Installation at Grand Chapter in October at our Convention Center here in Rochester, continuing with the East-West Luncheon in November, and the District Banquet and Reception on November 10th, we have been extremely appreciative of your love and support. We are sure we speak for our companion Grand Officers in this matter, as well.

### Officers' meetings

We are attempting something different this year by having all the Line Officers' Groups (Matrons/Patrons, Associate Matrons and Patrons, Conductresses, Associate Conductresses) meet at the same time. These meetings will all be at the Downtown Rochester Masonic Temple on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. For the first hour all groups will meet together to share information on topics such as social activities, fundraisers, District and State projects, announcements and questions that may need to be addressed. Then each group will meet separately to discuss issues specific to their group and accomplish the tasks that are necessary. Hopefully, this will make better use of everyone's time. Our first meeting will be on Saturday, January 7th, followed by an informal luncheon. We realize there are four Installations that day/evening, and we'll endeavor to finish at a time that will enable people to prepare for and attend

their meetings.

### School of Instruction

The Monroe District School of Instruction will be held on Saturday, January 21st at 10:00 a.m. in Doric Hall at the Downtown Rochester Masonic Temple. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. We may do a few things somewhat differently this year, but as always this is meant to be just what it says, a time for INSTRUCTION. Hopefully, all in attendance will leave with a little more knowledge and understanding regarding the Degrees and Ritual of our Order, and will have had a pleasant time of companionship as well. We invite you to bring a bag lunch and share a time of conversation and fellowship at the conclusion of the meeting.

### 1995 District projects

We are continuing to support the Open Door Mission again this year. We have already made two deliveries of clothing and toiletries that have been donated from several individuals and Chapters. We encourage you to continue collecting such items and forwarding them to us for delivery.

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron are continuing the emphasis on membership. We will look for ways to ADOPT A SISTER, ADOPT A BROTHER, and endeavor to get more people involved in this program. We will also encourage and provide information to each Chapter on having an informational meeting for non-members.

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron have asked that children be one of our main areas of concentration. Several Chapters are involved in ongoing projects relating to children. We ask that these efforts be continued. We will also look to continue the support of the Have-a-Heart and Child ID Programs. We will compile a list of all the efforts that are being undertaken in our District for the benefit of children.

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## DeMolay Commemorative Steins to Benefit Masonic Bodies

These steins were designed and made by Stanley Buz to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of DeMolay and the proceeds will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the DeMolay Medical Scholarship Program. They consist of 11 colors, embossed with 22 karat gold and fired 7 times. The steins have a pewter shell handle lid and will hold 20 ounces. This is the second of 8 steins to benefit different Masonic Bodies. Each is a collectable with a registered number. A certificate of authenticity accompanies each. The cost is \$47, which includes shipping, handling and tax. If interested, please send a check or money order made payable to: Stanley Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. □



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Calendar of events

- Monday, Jan. 2-Installations at: Germania, Etolian and Irondequoit Chapters.
- Tuesday, Jan. 3-Webster, Monroe and Nola Chapters.
- Wednesday, Jan. 4-Henrietta Chapter.
- Thursday, Jan. 5-Oatka Chap.
- Saturday, Jan. 7-Officers' Groups at 9:00 a.m. Installations at Charlotte, 2:00 p.m.; Mary Jane Holmes, Fairport and Rochester Chapters.
- Tuesday, Jan. 10-Leah Inst.
- Wednesday, Jan. 11-Culver, Corinthian-Fellowship Chaps.
- Saturday, Jan. 14-Lea Court Chapter.
- Saturday, Jan. 21-School of Instruction at 10:00 a.m.

**NOLA Chapter**  
No. 368  
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Wthy. Vickie Gross, Matron  
Rt.Wthy. Carol Wynings, Secretary  
594-4692  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
8:00 p.m.  
20 South Main Street  
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis  
I may shed a tender tear and bid a fond farewell to another year.

Installation

I hope you are planning to attend the Open Installation, January 3rd at 7:30 p.m., for Wthy Vickie Gross and Wthy. Dean Hiler and their staff of Officers. There will be a practice at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 31st.

Sympathy

Nola Chapter was saddened to have lost another member, Sis. Katherine Hinch. We have lost a Sister of deep faith.

Illness

Sis. Kim Morici has recovered from a Winter bug. We hope all of us can get through to Spring without too much illness.

Best Wishes

We honor Sis. Mary Ann Sovocool who retired and Wthy. Carol Wynings who has taught 25 years. Both are from the Churchville-Chili school system.

Thank you

It was nice to hear from Sis. Irene Maurer. She isn't able to attend Chapter, but gives us her loyal support with her gifts and we do appreciate her help.

Farewell

Our December Banquet for our leaders was very well attended. Thank you Wthy. Vickie Gross for a well planned affair.

The new year

May the Chapter, Officers and members enjoy a happy and healthy New Year.

**Corinthian/  
Fellowship**  
Chapter No. 322  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
7:30 p.m.  
Wthy. Marilyn Israel, Matron  
461-3254  
Rt.Wthy. Lynne Springer, Sec.  
247-4369  
805 Blossom Rd., Rochester  
14610

By Marilyn Israel

On Wednesday, January 11th at 8:00 p.m., there is an Open Installation. Wthy. Marilyn Israel is the incoming Matron, and Robert Crystal the Patron.

On December 10th, an informal meeting was held at my house to explore the possibility of starting a DeMolay type Club in the Hoeltzer Street area that could be sponsored by both us and Prince Hall. It is predominately a Black and Hispanic neighborhood at this point. There is an Eastern Star Chapter that meets at the Central Day Care Center where the Scout Groups meet at this time. Hopefully, in the near future I will be able to touch base with these Sisters.

If there are any Masonic Brothers who would be interested in helping to start this type of Club, please give me a call or write to me. We would need about six Brothers. They say the pen is mightier than the sword. For the sake of our children and ourselves, let's us hope that Masons can come together and to disperse into our Communities the ideals that could gently rock this chaotic world.

Other Rochester Masons


In my journeys with Wthy. Barbara Jean Smith, 1995 Matron and founder of the Queen of the Nile Chapter No. 312, I have learned that there are at least six Masonic Bodies in Rochester:

1. Grand Lodge
2. International York Rites
3. Modern F. & A.M.
4. Prince Hall
5. The Brotherhood
6. United National Masons and Orders of Eastern Star

In the article "Grand Master's Town Meeting Accomplishes Goals", which appeared in the June issue of the *Masonic Times*, the Grand Master said in answer to one Brother's question about Masonic unity, "I remind each of you there is no place on the petition for a man to identify the color of his skin. Masonry has always considered the man's internal qualifications, his moral fiber, and so it should. We must all recognize that in our urban areas, the demographics are changing. In NYC the population is becoming predominately Black, Hispanic, and Oriental. I would expect our Lodges to reflect this change. After all, our obligation is to take good men and make them better." Wouldn't it also be wonderful if, in Rochester, our Fraternities could, as the Grand Master also said; "march side by side in the parade".

I end again with the quote from the May, 1994 issue of the *Masonic Times* from St. Gregory: "Faith has no merit where reason supplies the proof."

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By Michael Israel, PMC

On December 10th and 11th, we parked cars for the ROS Christmas Concert, and afterwards went to Pudgie's for Pizza. This is the fourth year in a row Asbury Church has invited us to help park cars. On December 14th we helped with a Masonic dinner.

To do list

At the February 3rd meeting we will meet the 1987-88 Karate Champ at our Lodge meeting. All are welcome.

On February 11th and 12th is the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House.

There will be a Valentine's Dance on February 11th at Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge at 6:00 p.m.

On February 17th there is a Patriot's Day Program at our Lodge. Visitors are welcome.

There will be a trip to Canada's museums on February 25th and 26th.

We hope everyone has a happy New Year. "Hope you kids out there have happy holidays, and a late show Ham. Roll clip Hal".

**We Need Projects**  
The members of DeMolay are looking for projects. Contact the Master Councilor for any Masonic or Eastern Star function.

**Fidelity Triangle No. 4**  
  
Belinda Cooper  
Beloved Queen  
2nd & 4th Saturdays

By Belinda Cooper

On December 2nd, Fidelity Triangle visited St. John's Nursing Home. While there we sang Christmas Carols for the residents and gave them icicles to put on their tree. Everyone had a great time and we were able to bring smiles to every face.

Flower sale

This year, thanks to everyone's help, Fidelity Triangle was able to just about double the sales. Thanks again, for supporting us. Look for us in the Spring with our geranium sales.

January

This is a full month for us. Saturday, January 8th, is our Open Meeting. On Saturday the 21st we will be going to Horizon Skateway for a fun get together. Everyone is invited to attend.

Happy Birthday

We have many birthdays this month-Heather Jolly, Belinda Cooper and Supervisor Pam Cooper.

Join the fun!

Triangle is an organization for young ladies between the ages of 11 and 21. This group will help build the leadership skills that we need today. Triangle girls have fun, help others, and help themselves. If anyone has any questions, just call Belinda Cooper at 494-1559 or Mrs. Lynch at 334-7953.

**In Memoriam**

November

**Vollbracht, W. Carl**  
Carl passed away on November 17th in Dunedin, Florida. He was a member of East Rochester Lodge, which is now East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943. He is survived by his wife, Stella, children, and other family members.

**Curtis, Boyd A.**  
Union Star Lodge No. 320 lost a faithful member on November 22nd, when death claimed Boyd. He is survived by his wife, K. Audrey, children and 8 grandchildren.

**VanDeventer, Margaret**  
A Past Matron of Leah Chapter No. 183, O.E.S., Margaret died on November 23rd at the age of 90. She is survived by her son, grandsons, and 7 great-grandchildren.

**Wilkerson, Edwin M.**  
At the age of 89, Edwin died November 25th in North Carolina. He was a Past Master of Seneca Lodge No. 797, and is survived by his children and 5 grandchildren.

**Swanton, Juanita G.**  
Death claimed Juanita on November 26th at the age of 85. She was a member of Webster Chapter No. 171, O.E.S., and is survived by her daughter, 2 granddaughters and other family members.

**Hutchinson, Oliver H.**  
Oliver was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple Shrine and the Shrine Band. He died November 27th, and is survived by a daughter, 5 grandchildren, and other family members.

**Vogt, Louis E.**  
At the age of 93, Louis died on November 27th. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, and Damascus Temple Shrine. He is survived by his daughter-in-law, 2 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter.

**Zulauf, Nelson J.**  
Nelson was a member of Fame Lodge No. 945, and passed away November 27th at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Josephine, his son, 2 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

**Forest, Robert N.**  
Robert was a Past Master of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, a Past Commander-in-Chief of Rochester Consistory, a member of Damascus Temple Shrine (Legion of Honor and Patrol), and the Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 3. He was coroneted a 33rd Degree Mason in 1984. Bob passed away November 29th, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, June, his son, grandchildren, and other family members.

**Talbot, Carlton W.**  
Death claimed Carlton November 29th, just 5 days after the death of his wife, Cora. He was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475, Arcade Lodge No. 419, Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92, and Batavia Commandery No. 34.

**Thorne, William S.**  
Fame Lodge No. 945 lost a member on November 30th, when William passed away while in Florida. He is survived by his daughters, 2 grandchildren and other family members.

December

**Cox, Thomas J.**  
Thomas was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109 and Lalla Rookh Grotto, and he died on December 1st. He is survived by his wife, Freda, and other family members.

**Starr, Ernest R.**  
December 1st was also the day when Ernest passed away. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and Lalla Rookh Grotto. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Anna, and other family members.

**Sergisson, Harold G.**  
Fame Lodge No. 945 lost another member on December 8th, with the death of Harold. He is survived by his wife, Elsie, son, and other family members.

**Metcalf, Donald R.**  
A member and organist for Fairport Lodge No. 476, Donald died on December 9th. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, daughter, and other family members.

**Johnson, Myron E. "Ted"**  
Myron was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154, and died on December 13th. He is survived by many family members.

**Fitch, Gordon M.**  
Fame Lodge No. 945 lost yet another member when death claimed Gordon on December 15th. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and other family members.

The following deaths were reported to us with no specific information.

**Seabrook, Clarence M.**  
He was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109.

**Morton, John F.**  
John was a member of Union Star Lodge No. 320.

**Ouderkirk, John T.**  
John was a member of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 and Batavia Commandery.

**Hinch, Katherine**  
Katherine was a member of Nola Chapter No. 368, O.E.S.

**Mueller, Joseph F.**  
Joseph was a member of Rochester Consistory and died in Georgia on September 26th.

**Gallaher, Charles S.**  
John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032 and Rochester Consistory lost a member in November 11th, with the death of Charles.

**Verbridge, Clarence R.**  
Clarence was a member of Rochester Consistory, and passed away November 11th.

**Gatehouse, Frederick**  
Fred was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and passed away November 10th.

# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1995

- Feb. 3-12 **Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign**
- Feb. 11 **Order of the High Priesthood, Downtown Temple**
- Feb. 11 **Fellowship & Family Involvement Winterfest - Mendon Ponds Park**
- Feb. 24 **Philaethos Society Annual Feast and Forum, Washington, DC**
- Feb. 25 **Widows Luncheon, Logan's Party House**  
Earle J. Hino, DGM, Speaker
- Feb. 25 **Masters and Wardens, Seneca Lodge**
- Mar. 2-4 **Grand Chapter, Albany**
- Mar. 15-19 **Shrine Circus**
- Mar. 25 **Masters and Wardens, Monroe Lodge**
- Mar. 26 **Meet Your O.E.S Grand Officers**
- Mar. 29 **Rev. Neville B. Cryer from London, Eng. "Woman & Freemasonry", Dinner, Diplomat Party House**
- Apr. 1 **Grand Ball - Gateway Inn**
- Apr. 5 **School of Lodge Administration**
- Apr. 6 **Feast of the Paschal Lamb**
- Apr. 20-22 **Scottish Rite Spring Reunion**
- Apr. 22 **Masters and Wardens, Clio Lodge**
- May 1-2 **Grand Lodge, New York City**
- May 6 **Scottish Rite Banquet**
- May 10 **Grand Matron's Visit (Monroe)**
- May 19 **Joint Investiture, DGM R.-W.- Earle J. Hino, Jr. School of Ritual**
- May 31 **School of Ritual**
- Jun. 3 **Reception for incoming Grand High Priest, W. Bruce Renner - Batavia Sheraton, p.m.**
- Jun. 17-18 **St. John's Weekend, Utica**
- Jun. 21 **Purple Club**
- July 22 **O.E.S. Oriskany Pilgrimage**
- Aug. 18 **Scottish Rite Outing - Party House?**
- Sept. 28 **School of Ritual**

## The Quiz

1. Cerebrally challenged: stupid
2. Chronologically gifted: old
3. Discretionary fragrance: a foreign aromatic substance applied to the body, such as perfume or aftershave
4. Economically marginalized: poor
5. Follicularly challenged: bald
6. Motivationally dispossessed: lazy
7. Non-waged: unemployed
8. Person of substance: fat person
9. Rectocentrism: the belief that right-handed people, being in the majority, have the right to dictate the design of the human environment
10. Sinistromanualism: the discrimination against, or oppression of, the left-handed minority by the right-handed majority

## Volunteer Help Wanted

We need a group of dedicated Masons willing to spend a few evening hours keeping our Masonic Library open on a regular basis. Call Ted Honea at 288-5513 and leave a message if you are available and willing.



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Sunday Jan. 22  
R.T.O.S.  
2:00 p.m.

Saturday Jan. 28  
Steve Perry p.m.

## Brethren:

It is never too late to plan ahead. In four years we will celebrate a half century of continuous Masonic fellowship. Support your activities and participate.

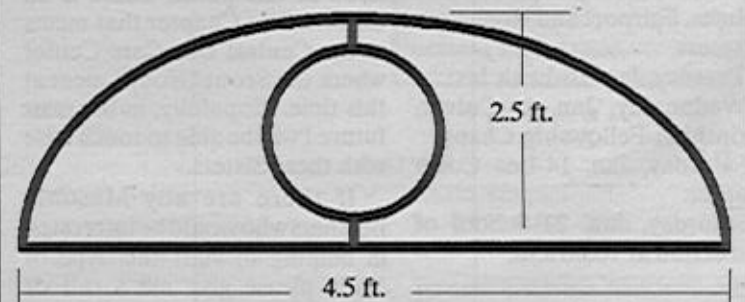


## 46th Annual New York State Masonic Bowling Tournament

April 22-23, 29-30, May 6-7, 1995  
Ridgeview Bowl (formerly Watertown Bowl)  
Watertown, New York


Chairman: Merle Boulton, 401 Ambrose St., P.O. Box 144  
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685 (315) 646-3828

## Stained Glass Window for Sale



Half-Moon stained glass window, approximately 4.5 ft. long x 2.5 ft. high. The center circle contains a hand painted scene of the Sun rising in the East, fired to the glass. This window is circa 1800s. We are not sure of its value but we will accept any reasonable offer. The building was either a Church of Christian Science or a Unitarian Universalist Church prior to becoming a Masonic Temple in 1973. For information contact Governuer Lodge No. 217, Free and Accepted Masons, David R. Flight 315-347-3050.

# Calendar January 1995

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																			
1 <b>Happy New Year</b>	2 West Star - Varysburg  O.E.S. - Irondequoit, Germania, Centennial	3 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton - 1 <sup>st</sup> Craftsman Germania Northfield - Pittsford Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw  O.E.S. - Monroe, Nola, Webster, Thorpe	4 Olive Branch - LeRoy  RAM - 3x3  Shrine	5 Constellation - Perry Flower City - Fellowcraft Hesperus - Bergen - Table Lodge Northfield - Pittsford Webster - BAF  Scottish Rite  O.E.S. - Oatka, Lea Ct.	6 DeMolay - Rochester Chapter  Webster - Spaghetti Dinner	7 O.E.S. - Grand Officer's Meeting  O.E.S. - Rochester Chapter																																																																																			
8	9 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport - OV - Dinner Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Dinner Union Star - Honeoye Falls  Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council  O.E.S. - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes	10 Arcade Batavia Fame Henrietta Hesperus - Bergen Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Towpath - BAF Valley/Gimes - Dinner  RAM - Danville, Wyoming	11 Churchville Clio - Spaghetti Dinner Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike - 3 <sup>rd</sup>  RAM - Webster  <u>Service Bureau Luncheon</u>  O.E.S. - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	12 Flower City - Dinner Webster - Fellowcraft  RAM - Hiram - Dinner and Installation  Caldron  Batavia Commandery	13   Cyrene/Monroe Commandery	14 Daughters of the Nile  Fidelity Triangle  Oakland - Table Lodge																																																																																			
15	16 John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg Etolian - Spencerport  O.E.S. - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy	17 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw  RAM - Batavia  O.E.S. - Monroe, Nola, Webster	18 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Wakan/Hubbard - BAF  Grotto  RSM - Doric Council  RAM - 3X3	19 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster - 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Dinner  RAM - Western Star  O.E.S. - Oatka, Lea Ct., Arcade	20	21 Daughters of the Nile Western Night - Dinner  O.E.S. - Rochester Chapter  O.E.S. School of Instruction - 10:00 a.m.																																																																																			
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