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M.:E.: Robert Del Duca Installed as Grand High Priest State of New York, RAM



M.:E.: Robert DelDuca being presented for installation by R.:W.: Stewart McCloud, Deputy Grand Master and PGHP.

[Several local Royal Arch Masons were elected or appointed to the Grand Line at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in Albany.]

By Don Brugger

Most Excellent Robert Del Duca and the Grand Line of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York were installed in Albany, NY on Saturday, March 2nd. The Installation was conducted by M.:W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, and R.:W.: Stewart McCloud, Deputy Grand Master. They acted as the Installing Grand High Priest and Installing Grand Captain of the Host respectively. Both the Grand Mas-

ter and Deputy Grand Master are Past Grand High Priests.

Local boys make good

Local Royal Arch Masons installed and appointed to the Grand Linewere: R.:E.: Vernon L. Goodrich, Grand Treasurer; R.:E.: Ted Diehl, Assistant Grand Treasurer; R.:E.: Arnold E. Palmer, Jr., Grand Captain of the Host; R.:E.: Robert Cook, Grand Organist; R.:E.: Rev. Charles M. Roberts, Grand Chaplain. R.:E.: Donald J. Brugger was appointed and R.:E.: Gary Thompson reappointed District Deputy Grand High Priests of the 27th and 29th Capitular Districts, respectively.

More on the York Rite section, page 15. □

The United Way, Masonic Service Bureau and You

By Vernon L. Goodrich

Once again your Service Bureau has joined up with the United Way for the 1996 Campaign. Yes, you can still give directly to the Service Bureau, but you can also give to the Bureau thru the United Way. Just ask for a Donor Choice Card and fill in choice #3.

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The agency name is: Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, Inc.

The United Way Campaign starts in April. Won't you give to the United Way and your Service Bureau at the same time thru the Donor Choice Card? This is a wonderful way to give through your place of employment.

The United Way Campaign needs you, and so do we. Let all Masons step up to the plate and hit a home run. Let all Masons show their love and belief in their fellow man by giving from their heart. Love is forever. □



R.:E.: Ted Diehl, Assistant Grand Treasurer, and R.:E.: Vernon L. Goodrich, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, RAM. Ted and Rosa have recently relocated in Pennsylvania and are greatly missed by their friends in Rochester. Photos: Linda Zahn

1996 Degree Fest April 20th

By W.: Eugene Brendel

Preparations for the Degree Fest on April 20th at the Downtown Temple are about complete and we expect at least 12 Lodges and about 20 candidates to take part. We are hoping that this event will be as successful as the last one in 1994.

The first sections will be held in Doric and Ionic Halls at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A light lunch will be available for \$3.00 per person from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. At 1:30 p.m., labor will resume in Cathedral Hall, where the Hiram Legend, lectures and charges will be offered. This full costume presentation will be of great interest to any Mason who has not seen the Legend done this way, and should be a must for all new Brothers. There will be much to see, hear, learn and enjoy, so make an effort to join your Brothers of the Monroes on this occasion.

A packet of instructions for the day is in the possession of Lodge Masters and there are several key points to be highlighted:

1. Dispensation forms, including names of each candidate for the Degree, MUST be in the hands of the AGLs by April 7th.
2. Masters of teamed Lodges are responsible for scheduling rehearsals and filling chairs.
3. The Brothers will be raised before going from labor to refreshment.
4. Lodges must bring robes, slippers, hoodwinks, cabledowns, Bibles, Squares and Compasses for their own candidates.
5. No Bible presentations will be made at this Degree. Do it at communications, before or after.
6. Each Lodge must have its by-laws present for signing by the new members.
7. Questions?? Call us!! Gene Brendel at 352-3574 or Dave Jones at 527-8210. □

Attica Lodge Mason Nets 70 years



R.:W.: Chester W. MacRae, DDGM, Genesee/Wyoming and W.: Norm Steinbaugh, Master of

Attica Lodge No. 462 had the pleasure of presenting Brother Arlon Waite his 70 Year Service Pin and Certificate. We join in congratulating Brother Waite on this accomplishment. □

Facts on the 215 Grand Lodge Annual Communication

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Cut-Off for reservations is April 21st.

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Grand Master's Dinner, May 6, 1996,

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May 31, 1996

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R.:W.: Stewart McCloud, Deputy Grand Master and Installing Grand Captain of the Host introducing M.:W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master, as the Installing Grand High Priest at the Installation of the Grand Chapter of Officers in Albany.

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Editor's Corner

Don Brugger

In a recent edition of the "Thousand Islands Sun", published in Alexandria Bay, NY, there was a story of the presentation of a DeWitt Clinton Award. The Award was given to a Dr. Donald Mantle, a prominent surgeon, for his involvement in local community activities.

The article mentioned that, "the Freemasons have traditionally demonstrated a concern within [their] communities", and recounted some of the activities of the Masons in that area.

Among the accomplishments was laying the ground work for the establishment of a free school for poor children, the first building of which was opened by DeWitt Clinton, then Grand Master of Masons in the State (1809). The article also stated that DeWitt Clinton's name was "synonymous with 'public service', that he was instrumental in establishing our state's public education system, almost single-handedly carried through the opening of the Erie Canal" and after fourteen years as Grand Master of Masons in the state, he declined re-election in 1820. Additionally he was a U.S. Senator, Mayor of New York City and Governor of the State.

Aside from the credit to Dr. Mantle and our own DeWitt Clinton, it is nice to see Masonic activities chronicled in the local news media, especially on the front page. My congratulations to the Editor, Jeanne Roy Snow. (Taken from the February 28th issue of the "Thousand Island Sun")

Elmira Temple Sold!

As written in the "Southern Tier Masonic News", the Elmira area Masonic Temple has been sold and the doors were closed March 5, 1996. The home of at least two Lodges, an Eastern Star Chapter, Commandery and more is gone.

This sad state of affairs prompted one author to write, "There is some concern that once Masonry leaves the Elmira area, it will never come back".

His reply to this was, "This is a defeatist attitude and has no place in the hearts and minds of Elmira Masons". Good for him, he has it right. He also has a profound sense of history. At least two times during the last 150 years Masonry has been on the ropes and has come back stronger than before. It can, and will,

happen again! Let's roll up our sleeves and make it happen now!

On negativity

Just because your membership is down, just because no one shows up for meetings or just because attendance at social events is non-existent, that's no reason to despair. We all know that it always gets a little worse before it gets better and I guess we all knew a few years ago that we were going to be in for a bad time in this Fraternity. Well, it's here.

If your Lodge has not yet started a revitalization effort, you had better get going. It's not too late!

Devise a plan

The solution is an **organized** effort. You don't get anything done by moping and whining. Gather all your strong members, put down on paper what you are going to do about it. Check your plan against the best information available about "what works". When you have the plan all together, assign responsibilities and do it!

Don't be discouraged if results are at first poor; hey, you're doing something! Remember, with groups as well as individuals, your actions are the best testimony of your character. □

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Help!!! Help!!! Help!!!

We are in need of volunteers to clean our "Home Care" Equipment.

If you have a couple of hours during the week that you could spare, it would be gratefully appreciated. Bring along a friend! As you can see, there is plenty to do!

For more information call the Masonic Service Bureau between 9 a.m. and noon, Mon. - Fri., at 473-4351. □



Plenty to do!

Community Service

By R.: Harold Bollotin
Regrettably, no Community Service events have occurred since the last issue and no new opportunities have presented themselves. □

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



R.: W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA
REPRESENTATIVE
& UPSTATE COORDINATOR

Items needed

Spring and Summer are fast approaching us, and as usual, the things that go with them are needed at the VA Medical Center to help Veterans enjoy the seasons. Articles needed are: gift certificates from McDonald's, Wendy's, Friendly's, Burger King, Maplewood Inn, etc.; a freezer; pots, pans, flatware; one dozen folding chairs and a large gas grill (group size). If you can assist with any of these items, please call me at 227-2046 or call Voluntary Services at 396-3645. Tell them you are donating the item on behalf of the Masonic Service Bureau and that you read it in the *Masonic Times*. Remember, the value of these items is tax deductible. Please, these must be new or almost new, nothing in need of repair. We do not have the means to repair them.

Remember the Veterans can always use hats, gloves, mittens, lap robes and bibs. All occasion greeting cards to send to their families and friends would also be appreciated.

Awards

The Volunteers Awards Dinner to be held on Thursday, April 25th will see Harold and Sylvia Bollotin receive their 500 hour VA Enamelled Pin and Austin Keith, Ernest and Mrs. Lascell, Stanley Denearing, Paul and Rose Israel, and Thomas Paglia, who have already received their 1,000 hour pins, will receive a 100 hour Certificate of Service for 1995. Stanley Bushart will receive a VA Enamelled Pin for 1,750 hours of volunteering. □

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Financial Planning Solutions

By R.: W. Gerald J. Glaser

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

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

There is a vast increase in the complexity of living a good and productive life in today's world. Everything that we do requires us to get smart in every facet of our lives in order to handle each situation, whether it be social, educational, medical, financial, style, recreation, or a multitude of other things.

Today's world says that if one requires something social, that one obtain the expertise of a caterer of some sort. If one needs to

find out about sending children or themselves to school or college, one needs the service of an education expert. When one does their taxes, the service of an accountant is highly desirable.

I could go on and on, but what I am trying to get across is that if one needs investing help, planning for retirement, protection of assets (in case of future medical problems), or protecting one's estate from invasion, the services of a competent financial planner are necessary.

You, the reader, can always try to do it yourself, but where I come from, two heads are better than one, and if you utilize the team concept, there are available the services of the personnel necessary to do the proper planning for you. More and more, this team effort is becoming available.

In conclusion, it is highly recommended that you take advantage of these services and utilize this concept by talking to your financial advisors. □

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By R. W. Harold Bollotin
On Monday afternoon, February 12th, a special visit was made to the Medical Center under the direction of R. W. Tom Paglia in observance of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week. The six regular volunteers were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Paul and Doris Robertson, Courtland Young and myself.

A large number of elementary school children, in the company of their teachers, participated. They visited the wards and distributed their Valentines, which they had made in their classrooms.

Special visit

As always, our prime purpose is to converse with, and bring cheer to, all the patients. There is a special veteran in Building 9, namely W. Jesse Mattson, Past Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 (Penfield Union Lodge). All of our Brother volunteers pay him particular attention. We usually submit his photograph for publication in the *Masonic Times*. His family, who is usually present, is very appreciative and grateful for our attention, and always thank us for our visit.



Cora Paglia and Doris Robertson in the Lounge of the VAMC.



Mr. Stuart Collyer, Medical Center Director, Dr. Gertrude Bayles, Chief of Staff of the VAMC and Harold Bollotin.

It's a small world

During our rounds of the wards, Doris Robertson discovered that one of the lady patients, Mary Christianson, a WW II WAC, was a classmate who graduated with her from Geneva High School. Doris was very pleased and happy for their unexpected reunion, to say the least.

Future events

On Sunday, April 14th, we will meet in the Volunteer Lodge, lower level of Building 5, at 1:00 p.m., for our regular visit. A parking lot is located across the roadway.

On Thursday evening, April 25th, the Annual VAVS Awards Banquet will be held at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Three of us will be receiving awards for hours of service, namely Tom Paglia, Sylvia Bollotin and myself.



Doris Robertson and Cora Paglia with Mary Christianson, a World War II WAC and high school classmate of Doris.



Tom Paglia, Courtland Young, Paul Robertson and Harold Bollotin visiting with Jessie Mattson, Past Master of Penfield Union Lodge and patient of the VAMC.

Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin

Poetry Niche
Contributions welcome

I received a very nice letter recently from a Mrs. Isabelle Bishop. In it she commented on our Poetry Niche and how much she enjoyed some of the selections. She also sent in one of her own creations.

Memories

Cast we all our days aside
But memories we cannot hide
They live on through endless years,
A reminder of our joys and fears.

Some bring us pain that's hard to bear
That lingers on with deep despair,
But others fill our hearts and souls,
With gifts of love as we grow old.

In silent times, our thoughts are filled
With events occurred when we were little
Of friends we knew, fun times we shared
Of family ties and those who cared.

So days pass by, turn into years
We smile some and shed our tears
Some treasured things are lost and gone,
But memories live on and on.

Isabelle S. Bishop

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

"At will"

Nothing stings quite like losing your job, especially when you have done nothing to deserve being let go.

The majority of wage earners work at the pleasure of their employer. In New York, this is known as "at will" employment. An at will employee can be fired at any time for any reason; even one born out of bad faith. The reason for this is that as an employee, we are free to quit our job, without fear of being sued by our employer for breach of contract.

Contract

Likewise, our employer can fire us, without fear of his being sued for breach of contract, too. If you were hired for a specified period of time (under contract), and you either quit or were fired before the contract period expired, then a claim for breach of contract exists.

The law in New York does not recognize a claim for wrongful termination; even if the employer does not follow its own employment handbook regarding terminations. Nor does the law recognize an implied contract between employer and employee from the existence of such a handbook. One exception to this is if it can be shown that an employee relied on this handbook, and as a result of this reliance, passed up other employment opportunities.

Discrimination

Even though employers have broad latitude in deciding who to fire, and for what reason, it does not mean that employers are permitted to fire employees based upon age, gender, race, disability or civil obligation (e.g. jury duty, wage garnishments). For example, your employer fires you. The real (but unspoken) reason is because you can be replaced with someone younger in age; or you filed a workers' compensation claim; or your ancestors came from El Salvador; or you limp when you walk. The law forbids an employer from firing an employee for reasons such as these.

Depending upon the particular law that would apply, an employee who has suffered these types of discrimination may be entitled to lost pay, monetary damages, attorney fees, and even reinstatement to a former position.

Discrimination claims can be brought before the New York State Division of Human Rights (238-8250), or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (Buffalo, 551-4441). Either agency can investigate complaints and seek resolution. In the alternative, a civil suit can be brought. Be forewarned though, claims such as these can be difficult to prove.

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*My Dearest Daughter,
Today my nurse told me you called while I was playing poker with Mike and the boys.
Everything's great! The staff is so nice and helpful. Very attentive. We have a great time talking about the old days and our families. (And teasing the staff!)
Well, gotta run. Mike wants a rematch. See you soon!
Love ya honey
Dad*

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265-3993

By Leon VanHuben, Comm.
Please note change

We will meet on April 30th at the East Rochester Masonic Temple, 152 West Commercial Street. The Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the Installation of Officers at 7:30 p.m. This dinner will help Fidelity Triangle with money for their charity projects. You will receive a notice in due time for your reservations.

Post election results

Commander-Leon VanHuben
1st V.C.-Alfred Pulcino III
2nd V.C.-Harold Bollotin
3rd V.C.-Dennis Gellasch
Adjutant-William Golding
Finance Officer-Donald McDill
Trustees for 3 years-Frank Jansson, James Spencer, Gerald Becker and E. Robertson North.

Best wishes

Brother Bud Golding has been in Rochester General Hospital for stomach surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Drink Arizona and drive

R. W. Chester W. MacRae



Issue the
Challenge

District Deputy Grand Master For the Genesee-Wyoming District

At last

Now that our tree is down and the ornaments are in the attic, I can get down to the business at hand.

Genesee/Wyoming is fortunate to be recognized with two Distinguished Service Awards; Constellation No. 404 and Arcade No. 419, are the recipients. It will be my pleasure to attend and present this prestigious award to one of the deserving members of Arcade on April 9th. It behooves members of No. 419 to attend and honor this Brother.

You're Euchred!

Can there be a rivalry between the North and South? Hesperus No. 837, Bergen (North) sponsored 14 teams from the Monroes and Genesee/Wyoming, while in the South, Oakland, Constellation, Warsaw and Triluminar had a play-off. I heard tell that the District Deputy and Staff Officer from Alleghany District "cleaned the clock" of self proclaimed "expert" Euchre player on a visit last Fall. Maybe with more practice the team from the South will gain enough confidence to challenge the team from the North!

Is Masonry gaining?

By perusing the Masters messages and by my visits, I am pleased to note that many Lodges are conferring Degrees. We need this young blood to revive sideline activities. Our old liners are so entrenched on their couches that they are only names on the roster. Our Lodges need these new members to again bring our Lodges back to their previous glory.

Leadership

Current Masters should be issuing the challenge to the lines of officers they formed to step up and plan for excellence after their term expires in May. Current Senior Wardens should be issuing the challenge to their Lodges to


follow them as they embark on their year in the East. Their trestleboards should be challenging, their enthusiasm motivating and their commitment to leadership obvious.


On a lighter side

Who would ever think that one day O.J. would be driving a car with license plates made by F. Lee Bailey?

As Tiny Tim said, "God Bless us, everyone." □

PI & A





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

Brethren

Not so very long ago I was interested in auto racing. One day I found myself entered in a race. I was to drive a special built Porsche with a top speed of probably 200 miles per hour.

I was so excited. I hadn't asked for this car, but there it was, all mine. I had to qualify for the race, so away I went. I hadn't made too many laps when I realized that I could qualify very easily and still have lots of accelerator left. Why use it all?

I qualified to start out in 8th place. The race started and about the second lap I had already passed two cars. By the fifth lap I passed two more, and I started thinking, "Boy, this is great".

Before I knew it, I was in 2nd place. Then I thought, "Gee, I can win this race". So I started really pouring the coal to it. Well, I went into the far end curve a little faster than I should have. I spun out. I was OK, and so was the car, so I went right back onto the track, more confident than ever. Before long I was right back in 2nd place again and I was really feeling cocky.

As I came around a curve again, I saw a big brick wall and I lost control and hit it. There was nothing left of that beautiful car but burning scrap metal and melted rubber. I reached into my pocket for another \$.50 to do it all over again. VIRTUAL REALITY. What a game-what a high.

Brethren, don't you think drug addiction and alcoholism affects people like that too? The trouble is, those who are addicted to drugs and alcohol don't get off so easily. They have to have another high or another drink. It's that feeling of power, of confidence.

I'm sure you've felt it at one time or another. Maybe not as much or as fast as the high that abusers get from drugs and alcohol, nor do they come down as fast as I did when I hit the wall. Had I been in a real race car and hit a real wall, I would have been dead. Drugs and alcohol will kill you, too.

Program time

It's that time of year when we should be thinking about our poster program or whatever program we do in the elementary schools.

Let's do something. That curve with the brick wall is coming up fast.

If you would like a program in your Lodge, call your District Chairman, W.: Al Lilley or me. □

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



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By W.: Theodore W. Paine

Widows Degree

Our February 15th Communication was a combined Lodge and RAM Chapter meeting, with 41 in attendance for the evening.

Members from the 29th Capitular District, Royal Arch Masons, put on a fun Degree entitled, "Masonic Widows Degree". Fifteen ladies received certificates for completing this fulfilled evening in open session.

1st Degree

Hesperus Lodge initiated two candidates as Entered Apprentice. One candidate was from Churchville Lodge. He missed his Degree because of his work schedule. Twenty-one Brothers from this Lodge and 4 visitors were in attendance.

Brotherhood Fund

As of this writing 45 Brothers have contributed to the Brotherhood Fund so far giving Hesperus 47% participation. I would like this figure to be at least 55%; won't you help?

Dues

We still have 12 members who have not paid their '96 dues. That makes Hesperus only a little over 82% solvent for the year. Those concerned, please remit.

Reminders

On April 18th there will be a 2nd Degree. Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., business and Degree at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a Chicken Bar-B-Q at the Lodge on May 18th. Take outs at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 5:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale after March 21st.

There will be a Picnic and Steak Roast on July 27th at Ralph and Rosie Marsocci's, 7609 Townline Road, Bergen, NY. The time is 4:00 p.m., and the pool will be open, bring a swim suit.

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



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By W.: Norman Steinbaugh

Anniversary

A Seventy Year Anniversary Reception was held at Attica Lodge on February 17, 1996 for Brother Arlon Waite. There were 35 people present, 10 of whom were members of his family, to wish him well. After some reminiscing of old times, Arlon was presented his Seventy Year Certificate and Pin by R.: W.: Chester MacRae. Brother Arlon thanks everyone for helping him celebrate and is looking forward to his next anniversary!

Pancake Breakfast

Attica Lodge will hold a Spring Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 14th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. This is always a good time at the Lodge with lots of fellowship, and we may even make a few dollars. Plan on coming to do a little work and eat some pancakes.

Master Mason Night

Thorpe Chapter has a special program planned for the April 16th meeting with some presentations honoring Master Masons. It would be nice to have a good turnout, so plan on attending. Hope to see you there.

Brotherhood Fund

Don't forget the Brotherhood Fund. All it takes is a dollar or two per member to give Attica Lodge 100% participation again this year. Time is running out. □

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



R.: W.: Leonard
Mason, Master
492-1813

2nd & 4th
Tuesdays

W.: Scott Mason,
Secretary 492-5410
Main Street
Arcade, New York 14009

By R.: W.: Leonard W. Mason

A great loss

We recently lost one of our Brothers who touched more lives in the Arcade area than most. He was our Secretary for many years as well as the Arcade High School History teacher of many members and friends. Brother Harry Douglas was considered a great asset to our community and was always looked up to by all.

Membership

At the last meeting it was reported that we are currently at a membership of 77. Considerably lower than a few years ago. We continue to get a trickle of petitions, but not at the rate they used to be received.

Child I.D. Program

The Child I.D. Program is not dead, but moving on. Brother Byron Fisher has made arrangements for a meeting with the Pioneer Association of Churches on April 18th at 12:00 p.m. in the Sts. Peter and Paul Church. At this meeting, the Program will be discussed with those present so that they understand what the Program encompasses. A schedule will be determined for future video "shoots" in the area after this meeting.

Awards

On April 9th there will be a dinner and an open meeting at which a 50 Year Certificate and Pin will be presented to Brother Francis Harrison. Certificates and Pins will be presented to Brothers Byron Fisher and Donald Hopkins for their 50 years of service completed in 1995 and to Worshipful Brothers Robert and Leland Waters. They were ordered some time ago.

A Dedicated Service Award Apron will be presented to a worthy Brother.

Please plan to attend this evening to honor these Brothers. Call Len Mason, 492-1813 or Chester MacRae, 492-1257 to confirm your attendance by March 31st. We will be sitting down to dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Keep me posted on your world. It's easier to sit down and put something together. □

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

W.: Thomas
Scott, Master



1st and 3rd
Tuesdays
(Jan/feb/mar:
1st Tues only)

W.: Richard L. Smith, Secretary
493-5408
134 South Main St.
Castile, N.Y. 14427

By W.: Thomas Scott

Thanks for showing up

I thank all the Brothers from the surrounding Lodges and Oakland Lodge for attending the first of four Euchre Tournaments. I think everyone went away looking forward to the next ones being held in Warsaw, Perry and Pike Lodges.

Think fish

Oakland Lodge is holding its Annual Fish Fry on April 5th in our Lodge. The price for adults is \$5.50 and children, \$3.50. I hope to see you all there.

Sickness and distress

It is my pleasure to say that Brother Ken Spink is continuing to recover from his illness at home. W.: Howard Faulkner has developed some health problems and was hospitalized. All of us that know Howard are sure he will be back on his feet cooking fish on April 5th.

Looking forward

Our Lodge is looking forward to attending Warsaw Lodge on June 4th at 8:00 p.m. for our Joint Installations. It is always nice to have a combined installation with them. Warsaw Lodge, along with the Purple Apron Club, always do a nice job. □

Words are easy like the wind:
Faithful friends are hard to find.
Shakespeare

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CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404



W.: Cletis E. Shoup, Master
237-2988

§
1st & 3rd Thursdays

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

By W.: Cletis E. Shoup

From all accounts from those who played in the Euchre Tournament, it was an enjoyable, and a need to be repeated, experience. The Tournament attracted several Brothers from Lodges other than Constellation, Oakland, Triluminar, and Warsaw.

The point to be made from the Tourney's success is that Masonic Brothers will travel when something desirable to them is offered. It was a time, also, which permitted Brothers at their leisure to catch up with what was going on elsewhere, not only Masonically, but politically and socially. It also gave Brothers the opportunity to see how other Lodges conducted communications and to meet Brothers not playing in the Tourney.

Fundraising

Constellation's joint fundraising venture with Perry Chapter, OES, will be on Sunday, April 21st, from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m., at the Perry Temple on Main Street. It will be a family style Swiss Steak Dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, cabbage salad, bread and butter, and a choice of both a beverage and dessert. Invitations are extended to everyone. Come early!


Ladies Night

Constellation Lodge will have a Ladies Night in April. Stand by for more information about when and where.

Brotherhood Fund

We are woefully behind in collections for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. If you have not contributed at this point in time and are able to do so, please send your check in as soon as possible. □

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



R.:W.: Robert Nicoll, Master
768-7922

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

W.: David Ehrhart, Secretary
768-6474

8 West Main Street
LeRoy, N. Y. 14482

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

The weather for January, February and March was a total mixture of extreme cold, wind, snow, rain, hail and even fog. Attendance was down. So now we will have to make up for lost time.

Future meetings

All Communications begin at 7:30 p.m.

On April 3rd we will have a business meeting (Scholarship Awards), entertainment and lunch.

There will be an Open Meeting on April 17th, with Membership Awards, entertainment and lunch.

May 1st will bring the Election of Officers; and Grand Lodge will be May 6th and 7th in New York City.

On May 15th we will have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

The Masonic-Eastern Star Family Picnic will be held on June 19th.

Help needed

We have a very busy schedule of events. I am expecting all the Brothers to help. Those Brothers who haven't been to Lodge lately, we need your help. If we are to be the viable example to the Community, we need YOU!

Blue Lodge recruits men-- makes Masons. □

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



W.: Steve Sharman, Master
786-2745

1st & 3rd Mondays

R.:W.: Kenneth E. Kohlhagen, Secretary
591-9598

2473 Route 20A
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

By W.: Steve Sharman

Degrees

By press time it is possible that we will have conferred the 1st Degree on two candidates. The 2nd Degree is scheduled for April 1st and the 3rd Degree is planned for Saturday, April 13th at 4:30 p.m. This may be held at Attica Lodge. If you are planning to attend this Degree, call me or someone from Attica Lodge to confirm the time and place.


Sickness and distress

I am saddened to report the death of W.: Fred Sikes on February 26th. He was Master in 1962. A Masonic Service was held on March 1st at the Hoy Funeral Home in West Seneca.

Brotherhood Fund

If you have not done so, please make your contribution to the Brotherhood Fund today. Thank you. □

Batavia Lodge No. 475 F. & A.M.



W.: William H. Genagon
548-7182

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

W.: Robert F. Dagen, Secretary
548-7148

200 E. Main Street,
Batavia, NY 14020

By W.: William H. Genagon

I hope all Brothers have marked their calendars for the upcoming Summoned Communications. These will undoubtedly be the most important Batavia Lodge will have had, or will have. I encourage all Brothers to attend so that their voice will be heard and their opinion will count. Please make a special note that these Summoned Communications start at 7:30 p.m.

Widows Dinner


We confirmed our date of April 27th for the Widows Dinner at the First United Methodist

Church on Lewiston Road in Batavia. I know our Secretary, W.: Bob Dagen, has the huge task of trying to keep the Batavia Lodge widow's addresses current. If any Brother knows of any widow who has recently moved, please notify our Secretary as soon as possible so he can make the appropriate changes in his records, as we would not want to leave anyone uninvited.

Best made plans...

I know we, the Craft, started out strong at the beginning of the year. I had plans for all Communications, and it looked to be a busy year ahead. It has been an extremely busy year, but not in the manner I had hoped for. Unfortunately, we got sidetracked on other business of the Lodge which had to come first. I hope in the next couple of months things will work out for us and we can get back to the business at hand. It is not too early to start planning for next year. □

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



W.: Dennis Quackenbush, Master
493-5960

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Richard Anderson, Sec.
493-2203

Main Street
Pike, N. Y. 14024

By W.: Dennis Quackenbush

Grand Lodge

As we swing into Spring, we are busy making arrangements to travel to New York City for the Annual Grand Lodge Communication. We hope to have 5 Brothers from Triluminar making the journey.

Degrees

On March 13th we conferred the 3rd Degree on two Brothers. We also had the 2nd leg of the Euchre Tournament.

On March 27th, R.:W.: Keith Rumsey did the Historical Lecture for the 3rd Degree for the newly raised Brothers. R.:W.: Rumsey gave the Middle Chamber Lecture at our 2nd Degree, and we were so impressed by his work, we asked him to return for the Historical Lecture.

Molly

In February we traveled to Constellation Lodge No. 404, prepared to return with Molly, the traveling trophy. Other Brothers had similar ideas and Hesperus emerged the victor with 14 Brothers in attendance.

Thinking of you

Please remember R.:W.: Lewis Cook, who is in Manor Oak Nursing Home in Warsaw. He would appreciate a card or short visit.

Golf

As always, make a note on your calendar for the Triluminar Golf Tournament on June 1st. Call Barb at Rolling Acres Golf Course for tee times and reservations. □

Persistence

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.
Talent will not;
Nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.

Masters & Wardens Association GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

President
W.: Norm Steinbaugh 591-2073

Vice President
W.: John Specht 548-2694

Secretary/Treasurer
Bro. George Springett 247-3557

By George Springett

This is the time for the Senior Wardens to be finalizing their plans for their year in the East. If you are agonizing over it at the present time, you are not alone. By now you should have most of your officers selected, your Lodge budget ready for approval and, most important, your meeting schedule should be laid out for your year.

Qualifications

The officers that are included in your listing should be the Brothers that can be counted on for regular attendance and participation in the activities planned for the year. They should be able to present the Ritual in the manner desired in a well governed Lodge. Your officers should have completed or be willing to take the Officers Training Program from Grand Lodge or be otherwise experienced in management, in order to have the well governed Lodge necessary to make your year outstanding.

Budget

The budget that you present to your Lodge should represent the total cost to operate the Lodge for your meeting schedule and supporting operational expenses. Make sure that you include the expense for new candidates, special events, correspondence, Grand Lodge assessments, etc. If the Lodge operates without a Temple Association, include the expenses for the building also. A well planned budget is a good start towards a well governed Lodge.

Trestleboard

The meeting schedule controls when certain events will happen during your year as Master. It should be all inclusive of when new candidates will receive the three Degrees or when Brother Smith will be presented the Distinguished Service Award or when a distinguished citizen will receive the DeWitt Clinton Award.

Don't forget to include something for the ladies, including the Masonic widows, who assist the Lodge through their generosity. The use of interesting speakers and programs as part of your plan will eliminate some of those boring business meetings. Highlight those special events that are used for raising the needed funds to meet the operational and benevolent expenses of your Lodge.

These are just a sampling of the things that you should consider during this planning process in order to create that perfect year. □

Purple Apron Club

GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

President
R.:W.: John S. Stockholm
591-2714

Vice-President
R.:W.: Steven L. Wing
493-2386

Secretary/Treasurer
R.:W.: Sheldon J. Moden
322-7343

By R.:W.: John S. Stockholm

It is time to think about Grand Lodge. Recommendations and appointments have been made for new Grand Lodge Officers and they have started their training programs.

New Officers

We of the Purple Apron Club were pleased to recommend W.: Robert Dagen of Batavia Lodge No. 475 for the Office of District Deputy Grand Master for the Genesee/Wyoming District. We are also pleased to welcome W.: Richard Anderson of Triluminar Lodge No. 543 in Pike as our Staff Officer.

As we welcome these Brothers, we offer them our assistance and full cooperation during their terms of office.

Sickness and distress

In my last writing in the March issue, I mentioned several Brothers who are ill or in nursing homes. I understand they remain about the same, physically. We are adding R.:W.: Francis Greene to this list. He has had bypass surgery and is recovering well at home. Cards and/or calls would be appreciated.

Installations

Eleven Lodges have requested Installations and the Committee is making the schedules for our members. All participating Lodges will receive assignments in the near future, which will give you plenty of time to learn your parts. Thanks again. □



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Warsaw, New York 14569
716-786-8151

Genius will not; Unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education will not; The world is full of educated derelicts.

Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.
from Winner's Choice

District Deputy Grand High Priest

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

Grand Chapter

The 29th District was well represented in Albany on March 1st and 2nd. Those attending with me were: Steve Wing, Steve Licht, John Stockholm, Allen Capwell, Keith Denton, Jeffrey Diehl, Daniel Evans, James Pickering, Kenneth Robinson, James Powell, Kenneth Kohlhagen, Everett Norris, Jerry Brade, and Norm Austin.

Official Visits

My tentative Official Visit schedule after April 1st is:

Areade No. 322 - April 8th
Wyoming No. 181 - April 9th
LeRoy No. 183 - April 22nd
Western Star No. 35 - April 18th

There will be dinners prior to the Wyoming and LeRoy Visits at 6:00 p.m. I hope that this long Winter weather will be over by then. This Winter it started snowing before Halloween.

Picnic

The Summer District Picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m. Thanks to Allen Capwell, it will be held at the usual place in Warsaw.

Pancake Breakfast

Let's help LeRoy Chapter on Sunday, April 14th, by supporting their Pancake Breakfast which will be served from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Western Star Chapter No. 35 RAM

1st & 3rd Thursdays

V..E.. Stephen A. Licht, HP
343-1517
Franklin P. Lund, Sec.
343-3630

200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

By V..E.. Stephen A. Licht
Greetings, Companions

"We must all hang together or most assuredly, we will all hang separately". These words echo as true today as they did over two centuries ago when proclaimed by the Great Patriot and Freemason, Benjamin Franklin. Individually, our most well in-

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tioned efforts cannot expect to achieve what is possible through unity of purpose and action. Working collectively we will be able to achieve goals far more lofty.

Scholarship Program

Our Chapter has been fortunate to have had several recipients of the Royal Arch Scholarships among its member's children. Of course, our individual contributions are very important to the success of the Scholarship Program and must continue. I would like to propose several ideas for an activity, sponsored by Western Star Chapter, that would raise additional needed funding for the Scholarship Program. I am preparing a detailed presentation of three different ideas for fundraising activities for the Chapter's serious consideration. We should be open to new ideas and willing to try different approaches to challenges we face. I welcome your ideas and suggestions, questions and criticisms.

Convocations

Our April 4th meeting is a regular convocation. The program of the evening will be "Ancient Minutes Night". What was happening in Western Star Chapter 175 years ago in April? Business of the evening will be a discussion of fundraising activities for the Royal Arch Scholarship Program.

There will be home baked pie for refreshments. Let me know your favorite.

The Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand High Priest, R..E.. Gary Thompson, will be on April 18th. He will comment on the address of M..E.. Robert DeDuca, Grand High Priest, and his plans for the implementation of his programs for this year.

A Beef on Wick luncheon will be available at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. Home baked pie, of course!

All Companions of the District are encouraged to show their support for the Grand Chapter and our District Deputy.

Don't forget the Pancake Breakfast at LeRoy Chapter on Sunday, April 14th.

Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92

4th Monday

Ruel R. Lovett
Ill.. Master
494-2546
Ill.. Robert F. Dagen
Recorder
548-7148
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

By Ruel R. Lovett

Good work!

All the parts were done especially well in the Royal Master Degree. I could feel a sense of pride as the work progressed. Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council takes a back seat to no one when conferring this Degree. Thanks to all who took part, and to Steve Wing who directed.

Join us

Our Table Lodge is scheduled for April 22nd. This should be a fun night. Bring a Rusty Com-

panion. Everything will be furnished.

Reaching our goal

R..I.. Layton Vogel is again making his appeal for charity. We can make our goal if we try just a little. "Charter member", Layton, is carrying the ball again for the umpteenth time. Let's get recognition from Grand Council for the 8th straight year.

Happy times!

At this writing we are anxiously awaiting the birth of our 6th grandchild! Brother Michael and his Lady, Betsy, are very calm and relaxed. They're handling this better than we are!

Batavia Commandery No. 34 Knights Templar

Meets
2nd & 4th
Thursdays



SK Ruel R. Lovett
Commander 494-2546
SK Allen L. Capwell
Recorder 786-3897

Masonic Temple
200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

By SK Ruel R. Lovett

It seems that the groundhog saw his shadow. That means six more weeks of Winter. That's great! We usually have eight to ten more weeks of Winter. The guy who invented that one must live in the deep South! Mid-March is snowtime in Western New York.

Help needed

We're going to take advantage of this extra Winter time and stay in to confer the Orders. We have more candidates, and they would prefer not waiting until October. We need lots of volunteers so we can accomplish this goal. We're already proficient in the Order of the Temple, now let's show how well we can do the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta.

Best wishes

Congratulations to SK Robert Dagen and Lady Bobbi, who recently celebrated 25 years of marriage with a renewal of vows. A host of friends and relatives were present, and Rev. and Companion Harry Collier officiated. This should serve as a reminder to us to never put away or forget special events, but remember and celebrate them. Sometimes they are even more enjoyable the second time.

Thanks

My special thanks to all who participated in the Order of the Temple, and to SK Steve Wing who directed. This is an excellent team, and SK Steve deserves a pat on the back.

Easter

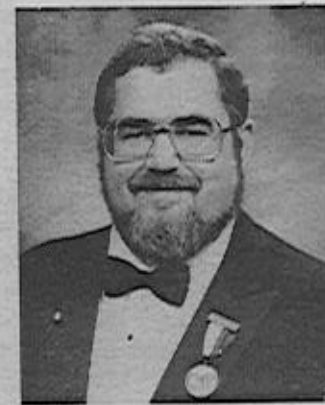
Batavia Commandery will have several SK's traveling to Alexandria, Va., for the Easter Sunrise Service. This is an annual event and should be supported by as many as can take part.

Reminder

Don't forget the KT Eye Foundation. The recorder will be happy to receive your checks. This is a worthwhile charity. The "gift of sight" ranks high on our list of blessings.

District Deputy Grand Masters of the Monroes

R..W..Richard C. Friedman
1st Monroe



R..W..Jerry W. Whelan
2nd Monroe

And now the end is near....

We have thoroughly enjoyed serving Grand Lodge and the Monroe Districts as your District Deputy Grand Masters. It seems like 20 years ago that we first worked together as President and Secretary of the 1987 Junior Wardens group. Since that time, we have gladly worked as hard as we could to contribute to the health of the Fraternity that we love.

As Deputies we have "lived a life that's full, we traveled each and every byway, but more, much more than this, we did it our way". We will not take up space in the paper to number our achievements or bemoan our failures. Those of you who are active in the Craft and have followed this column for two years know that we accomplished what we could with the tools that God gave us to work with.

We leave you with some observations about what is yet to be accomplished, not just by any set of particular Grand Lodge Officers, but by ALL of us involved with the Masonic Family. Grand Lodge Officers come and go like a whisper on the wind. The ideals and tenets of our institution are immovable and rock solid. Those soaring ideas are what we need to invest in and nurture for all time.

Observations

There is nothing more important to the survival of Freemasonry and its growth than the Blue Lodge. It is in the Lodge that our leaders are inspired or lost, it is there that Masons are brought to light or left in darkness, it is there that a feeling of commitment is grown or the seeds of apathy sown.

We must strive to make every Lodge a viable, active and vibrant place for men and their families. Going on that premise we therefore would offer the following for your thoughts and one day, with God's help, your actions.

We do not believe that two Districts are needed in Monroe County. We believe that there is the potential for 10-12 strong Lodges. The consolidations necessary to accomplish this task would free up and pool our talent. This could make every Lodge extremely relevant. In every Lodge there is a core of men who carry a lot of the load. In weak Lodges this is heartbreakingly true. Bringing Lodges together promotes the possibility of active workers joining forces in an effort which can provide measurable progress rather than just survival.

In 1989 both of us were Masters of Lodges which no longer exist, but we are both active in Lodges that have merged. There is a great chance that if our Lodges had continued on their

course, that we could have become apathetic and lost to the Craft.

To make mergers work, we must conquer fear and most of all live up to the lesson of the Compasses: to subdue our passions, and in truth, our egos. We must ask ourselves, what is in the best interest of the Craft? The Craft must always come first and our personal feelings second. None of us are bigger than the Craft!

We must make more of an effort to educate our Masons. Freemasonry cannot afford Brethren who do not know the history and philosophy of our institution. We believe that becoming aware of those things is exactly what helps a man become more committed to the Craft. We must also educate the families of our members as well. At a recent function, many wives were in the Lodge for the first time. A detailed tour was given, touching on history, philosophy and the spiritual nature of the Fraternity. Going downstairs afterwards, a wife turned to her husband and said, "Now I understand why you like this; this is really good stuff." There is one member who has the support of his family and will likely be retained and stay active.

There is still too much pettiness among us. Keep the Craft in mind - treat your Brother like a Brother. Whisper wise counsel when you disagree. Don't shout it out in public, or worse yet, behind someone's back. Let the Ritual be your guide and you cannot help but deal plainly with those you clash with. Remember, as a Mason you believe that it is possible to admonish with love; something that this world desperately needs more of.

Make sure that every meeting is one worth attending. With books like "Masonic Facts & Trivia", by Allen E. Roberts, it is a sin not to let your Brothers know just one little thing more about Masonry; more than they did before they came to the meeting.

Let's get involved in District events. If those presented are not relevant then give your Masonic leaders some feedback. Don't just vote with your feet and feel that you have discharged your duty.

We must take action in the community. We cannot just talk about community service; we must perform it liberally!

The Good News

Actions on much of what needs to be accomplished have been set into motion by concerned and active Brethren. Many of the Lodges have started to plan for the long term and are taking appropriate action to survive and thrive.

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In the next issue of the *Times*, you will hear from your new Grand Lodge Officer Team. We want everyone who cares about the Craft to rally around these distinguished Brothers who are about to donate two years of their lives to US as members of the Fraternity. They are the best trained group of Grand Lodge Officers yet and with their great degree of skill are ready to lead! It is our responsibility to support, attend, communicate and follow that lead. Can we do it?

Let's DO IT!

Thank you

We thank each and every Mason and his family for the support you have given us over the last two years. Many of you have gone out of your way to be helpful and for this we are deeply, deeply grateful. What has been accomplished has been YOUR triumph. We take full responsibility for the times when the best laid plans did not work out.

One man deserves a special thank you from the two of us. He has been a rock of strength in every down time, an innovative mind when an idea was needed, a protector from ourselves and others at times and a very great friend to whom we owe much of our success. Thank you, Ron Mertens.

La Familia

Our families are the foundation upon which our entire life rests. No one can make a significant contribution of time, even to the worthiest of causes, without the sacrifices someone else. How can we ever express in words how grateful we are. Perhaps now our schedules will leave time to express it in many ways. Honey, we're home!

The end

Our feelings about our tenure can best be summed up by a portion of the Tiler's Toast which we extend to all of you, "Happy to meet, Sorry to part, Happy to meet again!"

See you in the quarries. □

Masters & Wardens Association
 1st & 2nd MONROE DISTRICTS
 President
 W.: R. Adrian Solomon 473-0619
 Secretary
 W.: Thomas Hueston 723-0173

By W.: R. Adrian Solomon

The last regular meeting of Masters and Wardens for this year will be held Saturday, April 27th at Clio Lodge in Hilton. On the agenda, after the Ox Roast, will be a discussion of issues to be addressed at Grand Lodge. If anyone has any other items for the agenda, please contact me prior to April 24th.

The Calling Committee will have full details, or contact any officer of your group.

Remaining schedule

April 27th-Masters and Wardens meeting at Clio Lodge.

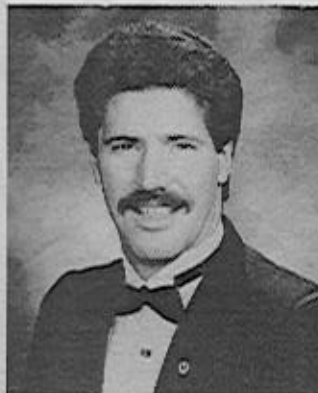
May 6th and 7th-Grand Lodge Annual Communication in New York City. □

If there be no loyalty, there can be no great friendship.

Black

Grand Lodge Staff Officers of the Monroes

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

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

The Last Hurrah!!

This, Brethren and friends, is our last article as your Staff Officers. Where do we start? Many thoughts are going through our heads as we write this final article. We could tell you that we are relieved that this two year term has finally come to a close. We could tell you that two years is too much. We could be completely negative about the whole experience.

But we won't

We won't because we do not feel that way. While we are somewhat relieved, we still have those feelings that those of you who are Past Masters can associate with. What will we do with ourselves? We have decided that the best thing we can do is support our new Grand Lodge Officers and be available to help them and anyone else who requests our assistance.

Good memories

We have a lot of memories, a lot of successes and even a few disappointments. Honestly, the good far outweigh the bad. The greatest benefit that we have received as Grand Lodge Officers is the benefit of friendship and Brotherly Love. We have interacted with Staff Officers from around the State, starting with our Grand Lodge Training back in February of 1994. We have been with our respective Teams throughout the two years.

In our Districts we have had the cooperation and the assistance of two years of Masters and their lines. The hospitality that has been bestowed upon us at the Official, and any other visits, has been gratifying.

Terry and Rich

Most of all we have to acknowledge two of the finest Masons and Brothers that the State can proudly say are New York State Masons. We are not by any stretch of the imagination belittling ourselves when we say that Terry and Rich are what being a Mason is all about. There were times when we would be tempted to throw in the towel over a given situation, but would always be given the wise counsel of a whisper from our respective District Deputies. These two men always have, and we suspect always will, be there for you or me should the need arise. We feel that the reason that Terry and Rich are as Masonically successful as they are is because they truly believe in the Craft. Think about any time that you have been with either of these men. Have they not always epitomized what Masonry is supposed to be?

Silent worker

We were with Terry the night that his brother and father joined

him to watch his son become a Mason. His son joined a Lodge from another District, and Terry was all for it. Why, you ask, did he not persuade his son to join his own Lodge? He would have loved his son to join his own Lodge, but the truth is that Terry agreed that his son would prefer the Lodge that his sponsor belonged to and therefore become more active. Therefore Terry Sr. encouraged Terry Jr. to join the other Lodge, once again displaying his unselfish love for the Craft.

Terry is the silent worker whom you always would want on your Team. He always does every job meticulously. He is the type of individual that has to cross every "t" and dot every "i". He has been that way as an AGL, Master, DDGM and a Brother. Terry, we both thank you for all your help and support and you make us very proud to call you "Brother".

What would Rich do?

How do we pick the story that best describes our admiration for a man who we feel so warmly about. Richard Carl Friedman. (At the end of this, Rich will give his standard response, "Thanks for the Eulogy"). We need to express our feelings anyway.

Do we tell you the story of the man who sheds a tear over trivial things like a Brother's thanks for a visit during the holiday season? Or do we tell you the story of the man who will stay awake all night long to complete a Masonic project that he believes will benefit the Craft?

The father of two young boys, Rich set out and proved that you can be an effective Grand Lodge Officer and still enjoy a young family. We in Monroe County are extremely fortunate to have Rich in our area. It is not all the things he has done for Masonry that we are talking about, it is the way he lives his every day life. Rich gives everyone of us an example to live by. For the past two years we, when confronted with a dilemma, would say, "What would Rich do?" With this question posed, we could find the answer. Whether reviving a Lodge, learning the Ritual, visiting the sick and shut-ins, planning a Summer picnic in the Winter, or being a friend and Brother, Rich will say, "Let's do it!" When he says those words, my Brothers, he intends to do it.

Rich, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the love and guidance you have given us and all of the Masons in the Monroe Districts. God bless you and make you steadfast to keep and perform the same as long as you dwell on earth.

Love and thanks

We would be remiss if we did not thank our families. Jill, Dot and the boys HAVE had to en-

sure some inconvenient times that maybe were not fair. They did so and yet they still gave us their support. For that we say to you, "We love and thank you".

To all of you, God bless and thank you all for a great two years and let's all get behind the new Grand Lodge Officers and keep the ball rolling.

Let's do it!! □

1st. Monroe District

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



W.: Martin K. Michaels, Master
 H 594-0259

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

W.: James M. Barker, Secretary
 594-2995
 133 South Union St.
 Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

By W.: Martin K. Michaels

Greetings

Greetings to all. Spring is less than 2 weeks away. However, as I write this, the wind chill is 12 below zero. I hope it warms up soon because Winter seems to have lasted a year by itself. The Masonic year, by contrast, has flown by quickly. My year as Master is coming to an end, so much to do, so little time.

Sickness and distress

Brother Gilbert Bosche passed away on February 26th. The wife of Brother Richard Fall passed away on February 23rd. A Memorial Service was held March 9th.

Degree Fest

The Degree Fest will be held on Saturday, April 20th. Etolian Lodge will team up with Valley/Simes and ERAC Lodges. At 8:15 a.m. coffee and donuts will be served in the 3rd Floor Dining Room. The First Section will be held in Ionic Hall at 8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Lunch, at a cost of \$3.00 per person, will be served from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. From 1:30 - 3:30 will be the 2nd Section, Hiram Legend, Lectures and Charges.

Widows Luncheon


The Widows Luncheon was a huge success with over 230 people in attendance. Nine widows from Etolian Lodge were there.

Future events

On April 8th we will have a program on the Civil War era history. The 3rd Degree rehearsal will be held on April 18th. Don't forget we will be hosting the Interlodge Euchre Tournament on April 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Looking ahead, plan to attend the Election of Officers at the May 13th communication. □

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538



W.: Paul F. Soltzick, Master
 671-8980
 1st & 3rd THURSDAYS
 7:30 p.m.
 Henry Libera, Sec.
 872-5427
 30 ORCHARD ST.
 WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580

By W.: Paul F. Soltzick

Greetings

Welcome to the merry month of April. I tried to get all the snow to go away, but some refused my command to leave. Oh, well, I guess a Master is not all powerful! We sure have an unusually warm week, as I write this, and that's good enough for me.

The next time you see me, you may congratulate me. I've become an uncle again! Our immediate Past Master, John Clapp's daughter (my brother Ron's wife) gave birth on March 10th to a baby boy. Needless to say, the whole family is quite happy. Both are doing well, even with a little complication. Now, on with the news..

Presentation

On our recent Master Mason Night, put on by our Webster Chapter OES, the Worthy Matron, Joy Woodley, presented the Lodge with a beautiful white and blue Masonic afghan. I was quite pleasantly surprised and very happy to accept it from her on behalf of the Lodge. When she said she had a gift, I really had no idea of accepting such a work of art. The Lodge thanks you again, Joy. Our Trustees are arranging to find a suitable and appropriate location for it in the Lodge.

Spaghetti Dinner


Along with our regular supporters and workers, we got through another dinner on the first of March. Even though some travelers had gone South for warmer weather, the dinner did go surprisingly well. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and support. Now that Wes and Ruth are back from getting their tan, we can probably get them back in the dishwasher mode with our official OES dishwasher, Charles White! Our next dinner is on April 5th, and we still need some more help in the kitchen and for serving, so if you can help, please come out.

Public safety

On March 7th we had a great evening. Starting out was a superb dinner of Chicken Cordon Bleu by the OES, followed by a lively talk by Officer Gordy Dewind of the Webster Police Department. His topic for the night was personal safety and awareness; something each of us needs to be reminded of occasionally, unfortunately. The talk was followed by a brief question and answer period, which took


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care of a number of questions. My thanks to those who came out. For those who didn't, you missed a good evening.

Damascus circus

Webster Lodge's concession stand at the annual Circus was in full swing again this year, headed by our own Bill Kuehne. We hope to do as well as we have in the past. This issue will come out after it's over, so hopefully we kept up with our past performance. Many thanks to Bill and all who worked so hard.

Sickness

Not much here to report, thankfully. Brother Ted Burnett is in Town Gate East (as previously reported) and Nick Haldoupis reports he is doing rather well. Other than that, he doesn't want to be there. As we can see, Ted is his same old self, and we hope he doesn't change. He would appreciate a call or visit from any Brother.

Spaghetti Dinner

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

Widows Luncheon

Along with the organizer, Mark Fenton and SW, Bill Edwards, we transported the ladies to Logan's Party House on February 24th for this event. We each had the pleasure of taking 8 of our widows out and dining with them through the event. I am only sorry I had not met all of them earlier. The guest speaker was M.W.: Calvin Bond, Grand Lecturer and Past Grand Master, who was also the speaker 10 years ago. That was when the Monroe's first began the Widows Luncheon program. The afternoon was interesting and enjoyable to all, and I had a really good time. I extend my thanks for the ladies' company.

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April 12, 1996

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2nd
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

R.W.: Herbert Spencer, Secretary
H 271-8577
Masonic Temple
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y.
14605-2789

By W.: Richard Snyder

Greetings, Brothers

Spring is almost upon us now, and I got to thinking that this is the time to plan something special. After all, didn't we just survive one of Rochester's worst Winters in several years? Of course, with Spring arriving most people will come out if they have something special to come out for. So, to get Spring off to a good start, our April Communication will start out with a good, old fashioned home cooked Italian Pasta Dinner, with all the trimmings.

My wife, Rita, retired as of March 15th. I asked her, and she agreed, now that she has more time, to dig out some of her best Italian recipes for the men of Valley/Simes, and put on a \$5.00 Spaghetti Dinner. Reservations, please.

Bring-a-Friend

Our second scheduled Bring-a-Friend Night will be held April 23rd in Doric Hall. W.: Gary Burke is this year's Membership Chairman. Gary, W.: Bruce Mason, and our JW, Mike Batz, need names if the program is to be a continued success. A mailing will be sent soon to you with all the particulars. Remember, we were looking for a few good men, and our first program last Fall gave us the start we needed.

Congratulations

Two of our Brothers and their ladies just celebrated their 50th Anniversaries: W.: Richard and Molly Giedd, and W.: Carl and Thelma Pigage. News of the big events was announced at our Valentine's Party. The Lodge wishes them many more years of the same happiness, love, and togetherness they have already shared.

Brothers in distress

Several of our Brothers have been in the hospital recently. R.W.: Paul Gleason for a pacemaker implant; W.: Carl Pigage for a big repair job on his heart valve, with a few bypasses thrown in to give the valve something to do; Brother Henry Wickman, in Kingston, NY, had a triple aneurysm, and Brother David Long had his gallbladder removed. All our Brothers are at home now recuperating, and can take short phone calls. Brother Carl has received over one hundred get well cards and can now take short walks in his home or driveway, if it is nice out.

Condolences

Three Brothers were called by the Supreme Architect this



Dick and Molly Giedd enjoying a "once around the floor" to celebrate their recent 50th Anniversary.



Carl and Thelma Pigage celebrating their 50th Anniversary at the Valley/Simes get-together.

month. Brothers George Rogers, Reginald Woolford, and Frederic Vanderlinde. A Masonic Funeral Service was held for Brother Woolford at his, and his family's, request. Donations will be made to the Masonic Home by the Lodge in their memory.

Brothers, it is most important that you provide your family, on your own behalf, with the information they need regarding your Masonic requests. Especially if you remarried, and are not active in Masonry. Let them know where, and what, your White Leather Apron is for!

Orpheus Fellowcraft Club News

The Lodge thanks Dick and Molly Giedd for hosting the March Fellowcraft meeting at their home. The April 16th meeting will be a "Let's Go Visiting and Dinner Night". We will meet at Clio Lodge in Hilton at 6:30 p.m. Following dinner there will be a 3rd Degree conferral and a visitation by M.W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr. Don't forget to bring your Apron. Dinner is \$12.00; reservations to the President by the 5th.

April meetings

There will be an Officer's meeting in the Cathedral Hall Ante Room on April 2nd.

A regular meeting, with a Spaghetti Dinner at 6:00 p.m. will be on April 9th.

Fellowcraft, and Clio Lodge visit, will be April 16th. Reservations to Dick Giedd at 621-3045.

April 20th is the Degree Fest, and Valley/Simes is the host.

On April 23rd we will have our Bring-a-Friend Night Program and Dinner.



CLIO

LODGE No. 779



W.: David Upham,
Master
392-6486
1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

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

By W.: David Upham, Sr.

Reminder

The Grand Master is coming to visit Clio Lodge on April 16th. If you haven't made your dinner reservations yet, there is still time. The price is \$12.00. All reservations must be pre-paid and there will be no refunds. If you don't make a reservation, don't show up for dinner! Contact Charlie Tucker. The Social hour starts at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Lodge at 7:30 p.m. This will be the first time a Grand Master has visited our Lodge since the East Avenue Building was Dedicated. The Officers and I hope to see you there.

DeWitt Clinton Awards

Another special date is April 21st. Your Lodge will be presenting DeWitt Clinton Awards to two very special ladies in our Community who have demonstrated a life-long commitment to the service of those less fortunate than they. The presentation will be made as part of the Worship Service at Hilton Baptist Church, Lake Avenue, Hilton. The service starts at 10:00 a.m. I am hoping that many of you will turn out to support the Master and Officers as we make these very special presentations.

Ox Roast

Another special date is April 27th, our Annual Ox Roast. We need helpers and eaters. Will we see you there this year at this, our largest fundraiser?

Spaghetti Dinner

Clio Lodge Hall
Wed., Apr. 10th
287 East Avenue
Hilton, NY
4:00 p.m. to 7:00
p.m.
Adults \$3.95
Children \$2.00

Kitchen help needed

Last Spring I presented a very aggressive budget for the approval of the Lodge. While this budget runs from May to April, the Treasurer reported at the last meeting that we were almost \$2000 in the black as of the end of the year. That's really good news. But, credit belongs where credit is due...we have done very well on our Spaghetti Dinners last year (and continue to do so). Some of the Brothers who have been there each and every dinner from mid-morning to late evening are getting tired. I am asking YOU to make an effort to show up for one dinner this Spring and, after you have eaten your fill, step into the kitchen and give these Brothers some well deserved relief!

Apology

I do owe all of you an apology. I had promised to send a membership letter, pamphlet and petition out to each of our local

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members quite some time ago. So far, it hasn't happened. No excuses! I just haven't done it. I will this month!

So...as a reminder, when you get this packet, please read the letter which will supply you with some information on how to talk to a non-Mason about Masonry. Then, take what you have read and apply it by talking to a friend, neighbor, or family member about Masonry. Now is the time to begin gathering petitions for the Fall Class.

Bringing in a new member is not difficult, Brothers. I know. I've done it! This is, perhaps, the most important thing you can do for Masonry and for Clio Lodge. Bringing a new member into Masonry gives you the opportunity to place your mark on one of the cornerstones of the Craft where it might be seen for eons to come. Let a new member be your legacy to our Craft! The cost to you is negligible and the benefits are priceless!

Masonic family

You never know when your Masonry might touch the life of another. The other day I was chatting with a member of our church choir and she mentioned to me how very much it had meant to her that I presided at their father's Masonic funeral 10 years ago. It was really the last duty we could perform for one of our devoted Brothers and, for many of us who attended the service, that funeral is just a dim memory relegated to a not very important and dusty corner of our minds. But to Donna, the memory of what Clio Lodge did for her Dad and for her family has not faded. It reminded me that Masonry is more than attending meetings; it reminded me that the families of Masons are part of the Masonic family, too, and it reminded me of her Dad, R.W. Don Rockcastle.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons and Brotherly love prevail.

Secretary's notes

By Charles A. Tucker, DSA

Well Brothers, I hope by the time you receive your *Masonic Times* the Spring flowers will be pecking out at you.

Grand Master's visit

April 16th is the day all the Brothers are looking forward to. The Grand Master will be honoring our Lodge with his visit for the 3rd Degree.

Happy Birthday

The following Brothers will celebrate birthdays in April: Dana Aueter, Karl Brandt, J. Johnson, Bernard LoBello, Dale Polmateer, Robert Quackenbush, Joe Ulrich, Denny Wright, Maurice Northrup and Merle Wallace.

Sickness and distress

W.. Dave Upham's uncle passed away this past month. Bro. John Burgess' mother has been taken ill and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Ox Roast

On April 27th we will have our 31st Annual Ox Roast. Tickets may be purchased at the door, and will be \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for Seniors and \$3.00 for children under the age of 12.

Spaghetti

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner on April 10th. This will be the only one for the month of April. □

**Wakan/Hubbard
Lodge No. 154**



W.. Thomas Hueston, Master
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W 588-5561

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

W.. Theodore J. Snyder,
Secretary
467-0165
1822 Penfield Rd.
Penfield, N.Y. 14526

By W.. Thomas Hueston

Spring is here

Spring is here, I think! April fool! As I sit here and write this article, the cold winds are still blowing and the snow is still here.

2nd Degree

Congratulations to JW Frank Briffa and the officers for doing a good job conferring the 2nd Degree. My thanks to W.. John Zabel for doing the Middle Chamber Lecture.

Petitions

A reminder that we are always looking for new members. If you know a person you think would make a good Mason, hand him a petition. Let's introduce a friend into Masonry.

April events

April 8th we will be having a Wine and Cheese Tasting, presented by W.. Charles A. Tijou. We will be having a dinner before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and the ladies are invited. I have also said

that if we fill the Lodge, I will make the meeting as short as possible and go right into our main event. Don't miss what promises to be a fun filled evening.

Our 3rd Degree will be held on April 22nd headed by R.W. Robert Pettit. It will be done by our Past Masters and some Brothers from the sidelines.

Special event

Ladies Night is May 18th and our Canadian Brothers will join us. Details will be forthcoming.

New & Views

By Don Bell

Brothers about

Brother Horace Freeman writes that he and Alice are both in good health, enjoying their new lifestyle at Amberleigh Apts. and active in many of its affairs. Their daughter is Art Director of the Activities Dept. and oversees events at the apartments and field trips. Brother Horace misses going to Lodge. Where he lives, the closest Lodge is in Lockport and there are no members living near him.

Brother Michael Robinson writes that he does a lot of carpet and office cleaning. He also works with another photographer interviewing and photographing noteworthy people, places and events for an area newspaper. He will soon do a video on public access TV. He is also going to school for technical updating on photography printing.

Brother Henry Smith informed us that his wife, Dorothy, passed away three years ago. He is 80 years young and retired as Captain of the Rochester Police



Widows, Brothers and ladies at the District Widows Luncheon.



Wakan/Hubbard Widows, Brothers and ladies at the Widows Luncheon, February 24th.

Dept. after over 29 years service. He had worked several part time jobs, but is now completely retired.

Worshipful Brothers John Tijou and John Rees are now retired. It seems they have found a buyer for Auto-Tec and will have more time for raising pigeons or raising Cain.

Sickness and distress

We were glad to welcome Paul Kober back in Lodge. He is now getting around in a soft cast.

Brother Jim Willis is still in the hospital. He appreciates hearing from you all. Please send cards and letters.

We extend our condolences to Brother Joe Cimino and family on the passing of his mother.

Please send articles for future publication to me at 15 Timothy Ct., Rochester, NY 14623. □

of the Lodge, that may happen. With a steadily decreasing membership and lack of participation by the remaining members, our outlook for the future is not good!

Right now we can't fill the officer chairs for next year or field a full team for the 3rd Degree. Prior to my year the last three Masters were Past Masters and another Past Master is filling in as Junior Warden. Your Brothers end up working 12 hour shifts at Canal Days due to a lack of help. Six Brothers on the sidelines is a big turnout and the Brother Bring-a-Brother and Brother Bring-a-Friend dinners remain empty. If you know of a way to grow without new members, please fill me in on it.

In short, it's time for YOU to take a more active part in your Lodge. Attend the meetings, volunteer for the officer chairs or a committee. Join in the work and fellowship of the Lodge. Fairport No. 476 is worth saving. "Let's Do It!"

A warm welcome

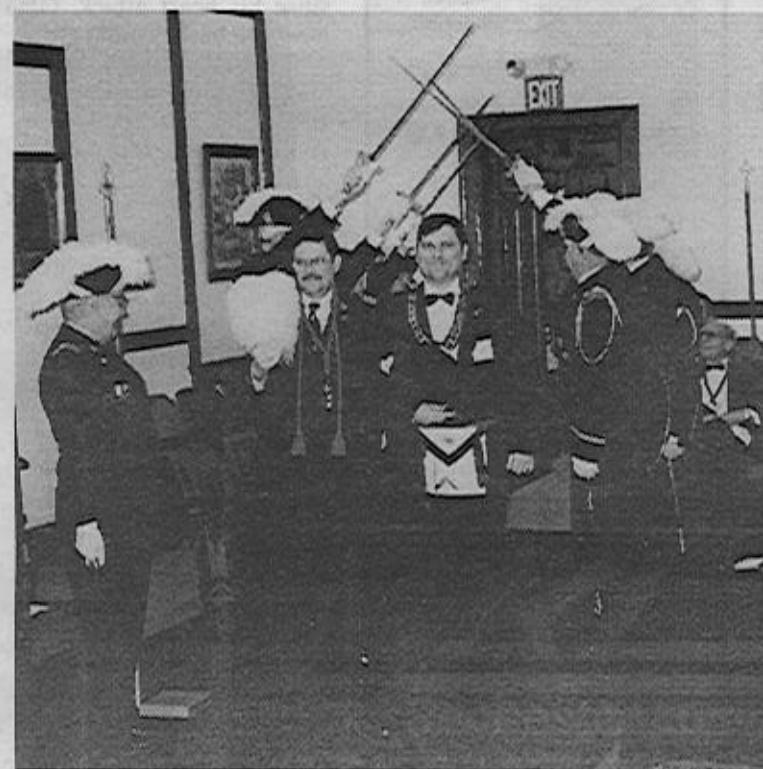
We held our 2nd Degree on March 25th with W.. Dave Mawhincy in the East and Bro. W.. Wayne Beckwith giving the Middle Chamber Lecture. Come out and welcome our new Brother.

Revisions

In closing, the trestleboard for the rest of the year is being revised and will be posted soon. Our 3rd Degree may be a Summons Meeting due to our Brothers traveling. Remember, we need YOU to do this Degree right. See you in Lodge! □



The Knights forming the escort for the Master, W.. Tom Hueston and Grand Commander, SK Ronald J. Bertie.



Knights of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery forming an Arch of Steel for the Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, W.. Tom Hueston, escorted by SK Ronald J. Bertie, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, State of New York, Past Master of the Lodge.

**FAIRPORT
Lodge No. 476**



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Master
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Mondays
7:30 P.M.

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By W.. Bob Slominski and Ray Anderson

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Webster, N.Y. 14580

By W. Robert Franzen

Thanks

Writing articles for this publication has not been easy as I am not a wordy person. I have enjoyed doing it though and hope to be able to contribute Masonic articles in the future. I would like to thank Don, and the rest of the staff for being patient and understanding. Most important though, I send in a sow's ear and the editing staff turns it into a silk purse. Thanks to all of you.

Awards Night

April 9th will be our Annual Awards Night. We have a long list of Brothers receiving service pins representing 10 - 60 years. A list of the Brothers will be mailed with the trestleboard. Please encourage your Brothers to attend and receive their awards. We will also do our Memorial Service and I will be inviting the widows of those Brothers who left us this past year. This will be a non-tiled meeting, so bring your families and friends.

Degrees

We were not able to make the right connections to have Spring candidates. Therefore, we will not have Brothers to participate in the Degree Fest. I know they could still use our help, so if you would like a part, contact Gene Brendel or me. If you have not been to one before, please make an effort to attend.

What have I learned?

Serving two years as Master has taught me many things. One personal thing that stands out is how important preparation is. I never seemed to do enough. You always think you have time to get it done until you don't. When I

became Master, I was an 80% procrastinator. Now I'm only a 30% one. (There is always room for improvement, right?)

The second important thing is something that can never be regained once lost: time spent learning to become a Master. Sadly, the lack of members willing to get in line in all the Lodges has meant that officers move up too fast. Though there may be time to learn the Ritual and the duties of the office (on paper), there isn't time to learn the understanding and subtleties of the office. Before you can be a Master in Masonry, you must understand Masonry. It has become evident to me that you could spend a lifetime learning to understand Masonry. As such, I think I will be more of a help to my Lodge as a Past Master than I ever was as Master. Hopefully, I will keep telling myself that I will never be too busy to find time to help the Masters that come after me.

MONROE

Lodge No. 173



W. Neil E. Laundry,
Master
964-2135
2nd & 4th
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

Roy D. Goold, Secretary
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Brockport, N.Y. 14420

By W. Neil E. Laundry

Time flies

"Time passes quickly out here in the country." I think that's from a Bobby Dylan song. Wherever it's from, I certainly find it true enough. We're actually down to our year end activities and it feels like we're just getting rolling. Let me bring everyone up to date and set the scene for the upcoming calendar events.

Success

Our February "Family Night" was a success. I think that all present had a good time. I was disappointed that more of the Brothers' families were not involved. We had several illnesses and missed communications which limited the turnout. Despite those facts, we still had one of the best attended Lodge functions in a long time and I look forward to including several similar activities in next year's trestleboard.

Special evening

Last month I mentioned that we might consider a Lodge get-together a bit later in the year when all can get out and about. I also noted plans for our Spring Apron and Awards Night on April 27th and promised some surprises. I'd like to take this time to offer an informal invitation to all of our Lodge family to attend that evening's festivities.

Before the Presentation Ceremonies, we'll be having a dinner prepared and served by Wthy. Janice Smith and the Sisters and Brothers of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, OES. A small reception will conclude the evening.

The highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the Dedicated Service Award to Brother Mel Mosher and a MacArthur Youth Award to Mr. Frank Balling. Several additional Lodge Recognition Awards will be distributed. I hope that you'll be able to join us for this night of fellowship and celebration.

Thank you

Our thanks to W. "Buzz" Gorman and the Brothers of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge for allowing us to join them for their 1st Degree. Thanks particularly to JW Mike Gorall for his fine work in the East. We're now looking forward to the 3rd Degree at Clio Lodge on April 16th. The Grand Master will be in attendance which always makes for a special event. All are encouraged to attend! Call me for dinner reservations.

March events

This Saturday (as I write this), March 16th is the date of the Winter Ladies Night Party sponsored by Etolian Lodge at the Viking Valhalla Room. We have six reservations from Monroe and are looking forward to a great time. We also have the Grand Ball coming up before our next deadline, so I'm sure that we'll have a lot of reporting to do for the May issue.

Remember our Brothers

Don't forget to drop a line or give a call to a Brother who has crossed your mind, but not your path, in recent months. You'll find it a most regenerative act for yourself, and the importance of such an act to another may be immeasurable. A great portion of what we receive from Masonry is wrapped up in our sense of community. It's great to be remembered and even better to be told about it.

Until next time, peace, and may God keep you in the palm of His hand.

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Lodge No. 943



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

R. W. Leon R. Perkins
Secretary 924-5657

152 Commercial St. West
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445

By W. Tom O'Leary

Party past

A nice time was had by all at our Winter Picnic on March 2nd. Our hosts and cooks, R. W. Rich Friedman, Brothers Rick Schmanke and Jim Feely did an outstanding job.

First meeting

April 8th will be our Awards Night. Brother Mike Rice will be in the East. R. W. Rich Friedman will be handling presentations. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Reservations can be made with Brother Bob Carlson at 426-8572.

3rd Degree Fest

ERAC is participating in the 3rd Degree Fest on Saturday, April 20th. Because of this, we will not be having a 3rd Degree in Lodge. I encourage all to attend in support of our candidates.

2nd meeting

Our program for this evening is a talk on "Brother Truman", presented by R. W. Donald C. Vetal, Senior Grand Warden. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Reservations should be made through Brother Bob Carlson at 426-8572.

Flower City

Lodge No. 910



W. R. Adrian Solomon,
Master
473-0619

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R. W. Philip Averbach,
Secretary 458-1817

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

By W. R. Adrian Solomon

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 11th. It will be our Junior Warden's program, and Brother Bill Nardone has promised an



W. Gene Brendel
FIRST MONROE DISTRICT

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS



W. David Jones
SECOND MONROE DISTRICT

By W. Eugene Brendel

The March 4th School of Ritual was an event that many of us will remember for quite a while. Sixty-seven Brothers made the trek to Scottsville's Oatka Lodge where they were treated to a fine exemplification of the Master Mason Degree. The walls were bulging and one of the members even took pictures because he had never seen so many Masons together in the Lodge room. We were surprised and pleased to welcome W. Tom Hueston, Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, in his first Masonic outing since his heart attack. Glad to have you back, Tom!

Germania Lodge, led by W. Dave Foster, displayed their skills in the First Section, and the AGLs had to be very picky to find anything to correct. Our thanks to Germania for their assistance.

The presentation of the Hiram Legend was done by members of the Monroe Purple Club. Not only did we see how this Legend should be done properly, but we were treated to some acting worthy of professional stage. R. W. Bill Russell, Jack Thibaut, and Ron Mertens might have been accused of carrying actor Equity cards. Our thanks to R. W. Joe Privitera, and all the other Purple members, for their cooperation in this truly fine event. Those who were present will be well prepared for the upcoming Degree Fest.

To our host Lodge for the evening, and W. Carmen Valleri, we extend our thanks and hope you enjoyed having a full house (not to mention a handful of Jokers).

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extraordinary evening. His topic is "Achieving the Impossible Dream!" Be certain not to miss it!

A member of the Calling Committee will be contacting you soon regarding all of our upcoming plans.

Congratulations

Naomi Friedman, wife of the late Brother Arthur Friedman, is the President of the Jewish Home Auxiliary for 1996-1997. Best wishes!

Reminder

Spring is just around the corner, and we will be hitting the highway soon for Flower City's Adopt-a-Highway Project. Once again we are in charge of the two-mile stretch of Clover Street from Monroe Avenue in Brighton to Stone Road in Pittsford. Come out and help make a difference. Many hands make light work.

Communicate

Why not show your Masonic pride by wearing a Masonic pin on your lapel, or displaying a Masonic emblem on the back of your car? Let your friends and neighbors know that Masonry is something you care about.

April meetings

The Fellowcraft Club will meet on April 4th.

As mentioned above, the Junior Warden's program will be at the Lodge meeting on April 11th.

When the point count was announced, we were surprised when Germania was found to have the highest score for the evening. Naturally, Charlotte/Corinthian challenged the count and a recount was ordered. Upon recount, Charlotte/Corinthian was found to have 3 Masters present (talk about Jokers!), all of whom had been disqualified. However, we did allow them to have one Master, and it was enough to put them two points ahead of Germania. The competition was HOT, and the spirit of the evening was something to behold. It is always great to see a group of good men enjoying one another's company.

The Degree Fest this month will draw to a close the School of Ritual activities for the first half of the year. Etolian Lodge, in Spencerport, will be host for the next School, which will be held on September 26th, and will feature opening, closing and balloting. Mark your calendars now.

John Zabel and Scott Seltzer will have been officially appointed for the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts respectively in May, and will be cutting their AGL teeth at the September gathering. We urge all Lodges to give them their support. They are knowledgeable Masons and will do a good job. Our best wishes to them.

John and Scott will be carrying the ball for us at the Degree Fest, as we will be at an all day training session in preparation for our new Grand Lodge assignments.

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By W.: Kenneth J. Skidmore

Well Brothers, the time for being John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032 is winding down rapidly. It is with joy and sadness that I report that our vote to merge with Craftsman Lodge No. 969 was unanimous. I am most pleased to see things progressing smoothly and yet realize that the end of a great Lodge is eminent. How one views the progress depends on how one feels. Although sad to see, and be a part of the end of our Lodge, I feel that by uniting with Craftsman Lodge we are able to continue and be more viable than our present status. By uniting with Craftsman Lodge we can again rekindle the enjoyment and activity of our Masonic efforts. May the love of the Order and the Brotherhood felt be the guide of our new journey together with our new Brothers.

New beginning

The Brothers present at our last meeting decided with me that we and our ladies should have a last farewell and a new beginning dinner. Norm Gauch is planning a dinner at Rick's Prime Rib on April 22nd. I am encouraging all members to make it a date to join us in celebration. Please contact Norm for your reservations and further information.

Honor and privilege

As I write this and share my feelings with you, I am not sure how many more news articles I will be writing. Taxing as it might be to write this monthly column, I will miss the opportunity to contact you and share with you the events of John A. Robertson Lodge. Let me say here and now that it is an honor and privilege to lead and yet serve the great men of John A. Robertson Lodge. I hope I have served well and brought honor in the tradition of all Masters of John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032.

Happy Birthday

As I have tried to do every month, may the following Brothers enjoy their special day:

Ron Sterling, 4/6; Earl Lenhart, 4/6; Howard Marchak, 4/15; Arnold Raymond, 4/22; Richard Militello, 4/23; Richard Stone, 4/25; Tom Davis, 4/28; Ross Mitchell, 4/29 and Earl Buckley, 4/30. □


AGL's
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The last two years have been a truly delightful experience for us and we are grateful for the support we have been given by so many; not just those who attended the Schools, but by the many men and women who have been there with advice and help when it was needed.

Bless you all! □

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759

W.: Carmen Valleri
889-8701



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

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

By W.: Carmen Valleri

Water, water everywhere, but none to drink. Maybe Spring is close by!

Great School

Thanks to all of the Brethren who attended Oatka Lodge No. 759 for the 3rd Degree School of Ritual on March 4th. Thanks to the Purple Club, and AGLs, W.:s Eugene Brendel and David Jones. Special thanks to W.: William Spillane for his superb performance, and the Brothers of Oatka Lodge for their role in the Legend. Thanks to Chuck Crevison, Dig Taggart, Gary Trescott, Burt Brown, Terry Wright, and Glen Scheerens for your cleanup and renovation of the Fellowcraft room for the night. Kudos to Charlotte/Corinthian.

Thanks

Our St. Patty's Day Dinner/Dance on March 16th was to raise money for the WCCS Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Chuck Crevison and Terry Wright for organizing this great event.

More events

As my term as Master is whirling by, Oatka Lodge has many great events planned. We hope to have a Bring-a-Friend Night in April. Contact Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you are interested, as he will be coordinating this.

Oatka Lodge also has a DeWitt Clinton Award planned for May.

Brotherhood Fund

Gary Trescott, our Brotherhood Fund Campaign Coordinator, still needs your help! Gary reports that pledges are coming in, but more support is needed. Mail your pledge to Gary at 95 Browns Road, Scottsville, NY 14546.



Oatka Brothers Burt Brown, Terrance Wright and Kevin Fisher presenting Leroy Slocum his 50 Year Service Certificate and pin.

Degree Fest

Although Oatka Lodge may not have a candidate, my officers and I urge you to attend and assist with the Degree Fest on April 20th. The AGLs promise a cast of fine Ritualists performing that day and the Degree Fest should be enjoyable to all.

Enjoy Spring!
By JW Donald Tubman

Service Certificate

Leroy Slocum III of Scottsville, currently recovering at Monroe Community Hospital from a hip injury, which he received about a year ago on Long Island, was honored with a 50 year (really 51 years) Service Pin. Brothers Burt Brown, Terrance Wright and Kevin Fisher from Oatka Lodge No. 759, F&AM, Scottsville, NY, made the presentation at the hospital on February 9, 1996.


Brother Slocum is a lifelong resident of Scottsville, operating a local hardware store until 1974. During his confinement at Monroe Community Hospital, which may be some time, he would enjoy cards and letters from friends. They can be sent to him c/o Monroe Community Hospital, 435 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14620. □

Charlotte/Corinthian
Lodge No. 1088

W.: Harry A. Gorman, Master
H 723-1018
W 726-6265

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

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



By W.: Harry "Buzz" Gorman

Greetings

Hello, Brothers, families and friends of Charlotte/Corinthian. Although March was a cold month, it was warm in our Masonic lives. I pray that mild April evenings bless the coming of Spring and the new growth that is seen upon the land is an image of the growth of our Fraternal values.

Brunch

March was kicked off at our Spring Brunch at Braddock's Bay on March 3rd. JW Mike Gorall and his wife are to be specially

thanked for the organization and operation of the Brunch. It went off like clockwork and the food was delicious! Even though the weather was nasty, we had a good turnout of the Brothers, families and friends and the event was a SMASH.

Thank you

I offer thanks to all who helped cook, serve and clean up, as well as those who came to partake in the festivities

Other events

On the 4th of March we again attained the highest point count for attendance at the School of Ritual (31 points).. GOOD SHOWING! On March 5th the meeting was scantily attended, but we were able to vote to accept a new and exciting investment plan delivered by R.:W.: Joe Privitera. We also found time to have some discussion and I found it refreshing.

More March events

Charlotte Chapter, OES, had their Master Mason Night on the 18th and it was well attended. On the 19th SW Jim DeLorenzo was in the East for the conferral of the 2nd Degree. As usual our officers did a fine job in the delivery of the Degree. Schools of Ritual do pay off! GOOD JOB!

As a final topping of the month we will be having the Grand Ball on March 30th. Keep and savor these memories (I'll savor the desserts!).

Sickness and distress

Brother Frank Jansson's daughter, Gail, has had a real bout in the hospital due to increased sugar levels. Brother Jim Thomsen is reported to be improving. Brother Ben Silver was feeling nasty enough to join us at the Brunch with his lovely wife. Benny looks good, just a little smaller than usual. Great to see you, Benny, we have been concerned.

Brothers, please keep these Brothers and family members in your prayers and please keep me informed if anyone is in need of our aid or sympathy.

Upcoming events

April begins with Germania Chapter, OES Master Mason Night on April 1st. There will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a 7:15 p.m. meeting. Our Table Lodge, complete with 7 toasts, will occur on April 2nd. This event is so much fun! Come out and have fellowship and a few good laughs. Pop is also served.

3rd Degree

We will be conferring the 3rd Degree in our Lodge on April 16th, officers in tuxedo. I have offered and we will be assisting in the Degree Fest at the Downtown Masonic Temple on April 20th in the 11:00 a.m. section. Stop down to see the Degree Fest. I'm sure there are details within this issue (if not, call me). Of course, everyone is anxiously awaiting our Move-Up-Night in May when I'll be in NYC, and my term as Master begins to wane.

See y'all in Lodge. □

Craftsman
Lodge No. 969

W.: Charles Strickland, Master
872-1397



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

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

By Robert Ogden

Consolidation news

The necessary papers of the proposed merger of Craftsman Lodge No. 969 and John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032, will be signed and forwarded shortly to the Office of the Grand Secretary for review and transmittal to the Judge Advocate.

Condolences

Craftsman Lodge members send condolences to Brother Joe Martin in the loss of his sister, Laura Friel, and to Jim Spencer in the loss of his wife, Mary Lou.

2nd Degree

Our 2nd Degree for the two Brothers went well, with W.: Chuck Strickland in the East. The 3rd Degree will be conferred upon them at the April 20th Degree Fest at the Downtown Temple.

Welcome back, Bill and Helen

Everyone's happy upon your safe return from your two months in Florida, Virginia and the Carolinas. I am sure it was like "a breath of fresh air" to have Christina and Dave visit you for several days. Glad you didn't experience bad road conditions in the PA mountains, as in the past.

Wishing you well

Brother Tom Colombo, with your upcoming surgery at St. Mary's Hospital, we are all pulling for you and hope everything goes well. Good luck!

Centenarian-Oscar Kohl

Doris Robertson recently clued me in on Brother Kohl, who was admitted to the Canandaigua Veterans Facility about a month ago. She stated he looks great and has earphones with a built-in amplifier improving his hearing considerably. Call Brother Tom Paglia and accompany him and the other volunteers who visit the Facility the 2nd Sunday of each month. I am sure Brother Oscar would be glad to see you.

Milestones

Greetings to all Brothers whose birthdays fall in April: Ron Frieda, Dick Howard, Fred Martin, Pat McWhinney, Clyde Siverd and Larry Weekes.

April meetings

There will be a dinner meeting on April 2nd.

The 3rd Degree rehearsal will be April 9th, with a regular meeting scheduled for April 16th.

Don't forget the Degree Fest on April 20th. □

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West Henrietta, N.Y. 14586

By W. Paul Josephson

Thank you

My thanks go out to all the Brothers who helped me put on the Fellowcraft Degree. Remember, Brothers, that bringing new men into our Fraternity is not only a privilege for them, but also a sacred trust for us. It is our duty to see that the new Brothers receive the best Ritual that we can perform. This was a special Degree for me to do and I appreciate all the help I received in making it special for our new Fellowcrafts.

I also thank W. David Jones for stepping in and giving the Lantern Lecture on March 12th. Sometimes I believe it is better to put the Lectures off until the next meeting night as this shortens the Degree and gets the new Brothers in the habit of attending Lodge every other Tuesday.

Future dates

On April 2nd we will have a Fellowcraft meeting. A regular meeting will be held on April 9th. Remember the Degree Fest on April 20th at the Downtown Masonic Temple. A regular meeting and Protocol Lecture will be held on April 23rd.

By Ron Morthorst

Eagle Scout Award



This prestigious Award was presented on March 2nd by R. W. Robert F. Sanford on behalf of Henrietta Lodge to Ryan P. Koseski, a member of Troop No. 153, at their Court of Honor. This troop is sponsored by Henrietta United Church of Christ, 1400 Lehigh Station Rd.

Brotherhood Fund '96


Thank you to all who have replied and sent in your Brother-

hood Fund donation. Yes, you can send in yours and take a tax deduction on your '96 Tax. Send your donation to me at 231 Mystic Lane, Rochester, NY 14623.

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to the Brothers who are celebrating their birthdays in April: John Armendinger, Joseph Bourcy III, Eric Hurrell, John Mamerow, Robert Norget, and Martin Reitz. If you see these Brothers wish them a "Happy Birthday".

GERMANIA
Lodge No. 722



W. David N. Foster,
Master
244-0194

1st
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

By W. Dave Foster

Greetings Brethren

Our Lodge meeting on April 2nd will be used to finalize our "Bring-a-Friend" Program which has been scheduled for Sunday, April 28th. This "Bring-a-Friend" meeting will consist of a short presentation followed by pizza and other refreshments. JW Bob McBride will explain how the program works and what EVERYONE needs to do to make our efforts successful.

Invitations

What we need more than anything is NAMES! The 1st step is to send an invitation to prospective members. There is no arm twisting. We simply want to invite them to a get-together to learn about Masonry in general and Germania Lodge in particular. The worst thing that can happen is that they throw the invitation away. The best that can happen is that they may want to join the Lodge. PLEASE DON'T MAKE THEIR DECISION FOR THEM!

Please call our Secretary, John Foster, (467-1677) with the names and addresses of people who we can invite. They can be relatives, neighbors, friends, people at work, people from church, people you bowl or golf with, just about anyone. WE NEED NAMES! YOU HAVE NAMES (even if you think you don't)! Please call the Secretary today!

Other Lodges have used this program with great results and I'm sure we can use it to develop a new class of candidates with your help.

Our April 2nd meeting is an extremely important meeting and we need to have a big turnout. The future of the Lodge is in YOUR HANDS. Please plan on attending. (The meeting will be preceded by a Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m. as usual.)

Great Job

For those of you who missed it, I want to tell you that your officers did an outstanding job exemplifying the 1st Section of the 3rd Degree at the March 4th School of Ritual. Not only that, we managed to pull an upset by winning the Lodge Attendance Award at the School. You can be very proud of your Lodge and its officers. Why don't you come out to Lodge and show your appreciation for their hard work.

On a solemn note

The Lodge offers sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to W. Doug Spencer and his family on the passing of his mother.

Sickness

We wish the best to our Organist, Jim Branigan, and also to Esther Dibble, wife of R. W. Bob Dibble. We hold you in our prayers and hope your conditions improve quickly.


Brotherhood Fund

Brother Andy McBride informs me that we are moving ahead again with donations to our Brotherhood Fund Campaign. Come on. We really want to hit that 85% participation mark. We can do it with your help. Please send your donations of any amount to Andy as soon as possible. We can do it - we will do it - but we need your help!

Join us

Your Lodge continues to keep moving forward. Don't miss the fun. Come out to Lodge and be part of the action. Please call our Secretary, John Foster, (467-1677) with the names and addresses of prospective members! This could be the most important thing you have ever done to help your Lodge. And as usual - I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Towpath
Lodge No. 163



R. W. Lawrence K. Canfield,
Master
865-2920

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

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

By R. W. Larry Canfield

I begin by saying a real big thank you to the officers who filled in for me while I was ill. A special thanks to SW Larry Lundgren for his fine work and the article in the *Masonic Times*.

Meetings

The month of March was slow, the first meeting was cancelled due to the weather. The March 20th meeting was a 2nd Degree and all did an excellent job.

We are expecting a good attendance at the Grand Ball. It is a time for fellowship.

We will be participating in the Degree Fest on April 20th. This looks to be an exciting time for all who will participate.

Be sure to attend the April 2nd meeting as the Senior Warden has prepared an excellent program. On April 16th we will have an open meeting and a program.

Widows Luncheon


R. W. Terry Wihlen did an excellent job on the Widows Lun-

cheon and we had 17 widows in attendance. M. W. Calvin Bond was an excellent speaker for this, the 10th Anniversary of the Luncheon.

Come on out


Please take time to attend Lodge and enjoy the benefits of participating.

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Lodge No. 426
Instituted March 1857



W. William D. Spillane
435-0264

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



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

By W. William D. Spillane

"Spring" to all!! The cold and snow caused us to once again cancel a meeting. This meeting would have featured one of the District's finest speakers, R. W. Richard Friedman, DDGM, 1st Monro. It was supposed to snow heavily. We had already received about 8 inches. We were supposed to get another 6 inches to a foot. This is Rochester; the weather never does what it is supposed to do. I suppose I have a bit of egg on my face.

Due wages

First and foremost, I extend Grand Honors to W. John Williams and Brother Fred Hull for the excellent work they performed with the Widows Luncheon. To all the Brothers who assisted them, my sincerest appreciation. A special thank you to W. Dan Walker for filling in for me while I was in Utica for other Masonic business.

Second, thank you to the Calling Committee and our Secretary, W. Don Smith, for getting the word out regarding the canceled meeting.

Sickness and distress

The Great Architect has called some well loved Northfield family to His House above: W. Louis Hattler, Master in 1984 (resided in Texas); Brother Reginald Hutchins (resided in Florida, Memorial Service to be held in the Summer); Mrs. Vivian VanDeGriff, wife of Brother Russ; and Mrs. Errika Berggren, widow of our deceased Brother John.

Each of these people touched the Lodge in a special way. Surely, they will all be missed, and Heaven is a better place because of them.

My sincere apologies to Brother George Monahan. In my last article I neglected to mention his surgery following a car accident. Sorry, George. We did remember you in Lodge.

Master-to-be!

I feel the need to take a bit of space to acknowledge our Senior Warden, Michael Herrmann, on the exemplary job he did on his Move-up Night last February 15th. Not only was his Ritual near perfect, but his demeanor in the East was magnificent. Our Lodge will be in excellent hands in June.

In the future

Due to our By-Laws, there will be NO meeting on April 4th. The April 18th meeting will feature


our Junior Warden, Randy Griswold, in the East for his Move-up Night. Brother Randy was heard to have said that he was glad he didn't have to do a Move-up Night like the Senior Warden. I wonder if dress shoe leather tastes better than work boot leather.

Degree Fest

Our Lodge will be participating in the 3rd Degree Fest on Saturday, April 20th at the Downtown Masonic Temple. We need all the support we can get from our members to show our new members what an active Lodge we have.

See you in Lodge.

Union Star
Lodge No. 320



W. James B. Hart,
Master
H 624-1072
W 475-9050

2nd
Monday
7:30 P.M.

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

By W. James B. Hart

1st Degree

Monday, March 11th, we had our 1st Degree and brought a new Brother into the Fraternity. Everything went perfectly and the Degree was beautiful. I congratulate the Degree team for a smashing job.

Brother Bill Meachem did an excellent job in the East and R. W. Rod Rittenhouse did his usual perfect job with the Historical Lecture. Brother Lloyd Wood handled the Senior Deacon's work flawlessly. Brother John Williams presented the Working Tools with ease and John, being a fairly new Brother, showed great confidence. R. W. Ken Buckland gave the Charge with his usual dignity. Thank you all for your professionalism.

Thank you

I also thank W. Terry Hatch's wife, Linda, Brother Lloyd Wood's wife, Linda and my wife, Anne, for all they did in preparing and serving a delicious meal. It was great. Thank you, ladies, from all of us.

2nd Degree

We will be having our 2nd Degree on April 8th and we invite all our Brothers, both in our Lodge from other Lodges, to come and join us. Again we will open Lodge at 6:00 p.m. sharp and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The Degree is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

For dinner reservations please call Brother Bill Meachem at 346-6946 or me at 624-1072. If my phone is busy (which it is most of the time with a 15 year old son) you can page me at 528-6656. Just pop in your phone number after the tones and I will return your call ASAP.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

I understand that we did pretty well at the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. I thank all the Brothers for their support and let's see if we can top this year's Campaign next year.

Sadness

On a sadder note, we lost one of our Brothers on March 7th.
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Brother Don Olney. He had been a good Mason for almost 40 years and will be sadly missed. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Good to see him again!


Brother Eugene Goethals, who has been ill for the last few months, was at Lodge for the Degree. We were all very happy to see him there and hope to see him at many more of our meetings. I understand he has some mystery miracle medicine. Hey, Gene, you're not brewing anything in the kitchen are you?

Well, I'll be signing off and hope to see you all at our 2nd Degree on April 8th. So long for now!

F A M E
Lodge No. 945
CHARTERED 1917

W.: Michael J. Bell, Master
244-2895

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



Loon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391
4275 Culver Rd.
ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14622

By W.: Michael Bell

Reminiscing

Recently I was leafing through the 30th Anniversary Report of my college class - Harvard and Radcliffe 1963. I was looking for news and addresses of friends and acquaintances when I came across this entry:

"I have been Master of my Lodge, Tokyo Masonic Lodge No. 2, and am now Secretary, as well as a member, of the Grand Lodge of Japan. Masonry keeps me very busy, but its goals and fellowship seem to me more valuable every day as I look around the world."

My classmate put his Masonic activities and affiliations before his being "President of a company" or having been recognized as a hero by the government of Japan. More to the point, he firmly stated his belief in the worth of the Craft.

Spring is here?

As I write this, the sun has shone for three days in a row and the temperature is in the 40's. Harbingers, I hope, of an imminent Spring. I guess the birds will be coming North again, along with all those foul-weather Floridians.

Keep us informed

Please remember to inform me or the Secretary about members of our Masonic family who are sick, distressed, or in need of aid and/or sympathy. Drive carefully and be wary of glare from the bright, early morning sun.

Remember!



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For every rose there is a thorn

"I really like my Lodge", thought George. He was day dreaming one evening while watching TV. "I can't think of a thing I would change. Everything seems to be going well." Everything looked rosy to George.

George had moved up over the years and was now the Junior Warden of the Lodge. He was responsible for planning the Lodge's Ladies Night Dinner-Dance. Plans had progressed well. The date was chosen and the Party House reserved. Announcements were being printed for mailing. He had announced the event in Lodge. Then, one night several days after the Lodge meeting he got a call.

"George, this is Henry. Did I hear you right the other night that the Ladies Night is on February 12th?" "Yes, that's right", replied George. "Well, you'll just have to change it. That's the night of my bowling league organization meeting. I've never missed a Ladies Night, so change the date."

"I've got the Master's agreement that the 12th is a good night. I've made a down payment and have the announcements printed. It would cost the Lodge too much to change the date now", replied George. George was starting to feel tense. Henry was a Past Master and sometimes attended Lodge.

"Well, you should have checked with the members before setting the date like this", demanded Henry. "I'll just have to call the Master and have the date changed. Good-bye."

George quietly called the Master and informed him of the situation. The Master agreed with George that the cost of changing the date was too much and the Master had really wanted the 12th to be the date.

"I know Henry and I think that I can talk to him about this", said the Master. "He has had these conflicts before."

"Henry", called the Master, "I hear that you have a conflict with the Ladies Night Dinner-Dance." "Yes, I do", said Henry. The Master continued, "How can we work this out. Aren't you the head of the bowling league?" "Yes", said Henry.

"Well couldn't you change the date, or, since the 12th is a Saturday, have your meeting earlier in the day? Then you could still make the Dinner", offered the Master.

"Come to think of it, I could do that. That would solve everything! That's a load off my mind, my wife would've killed me if she had missed Ladies Night", said a relieved Henry.

The Master called George and told him of the resolution. George felt better and decided that he needed to learn more about the Brothers of his Lodge. He figured that the better he knew them, the less likely problems like this would occur. Yes, there are thorns on roses, but if you are prepared you can handle them.

What's happening

The Bureau is planning an Entry Level Course to be given on April 29th after the April 20th Degree Fest. Details will be mailed to the Monroe Lodges and communicated to other Districts as well.

**Public
Involvement
and Awareness**

Thomas Paglia, Chairman
1st & 2nd Monroes 227-2046

"Hopping from the Frying Pan into the Fire"

Many times we have heard, "I will not get involved, it will only get me into trouble". Take the issue of smoking for example. The other day it was asked on TV, "Do you have a right not to have second hand smoke in your area while dining, or during any other activity?" Guess what? You have the right and it may not be too long before someone will put a stop to it. There is now a petition circulating to prohibit tobacco smoking in any public place. Why am I writing about this? Because we have a number of Masonic Brothers, their families and friends, who have a problem with smoke. Weren't we told that if a Brother needs a helping hand we should extend ours to help?

There is enough scientific evidence to support and prove that tobacco smoke is dangerous to your health.

1. A study made in Japan and Germany, showed that if one person smokes in a home with children whose ages are from infant to 10 years of age, 5% of their mental ability could be affected. If two or more smoke, this could go to 12% or 14%.

2. A person with asthma, emphysema, or chronic breathing problems should not be near tobacco smoke.

3. Women of child bearing age who smoke before, during and after pregnancy may have children born who are subject to nicotine fits. This nicotine withdrawal may be the reason some babies cry for no apparent reason.

4. A person who has undergone heart surgery should not be around smoking areas. Cigarette smoke has many different chemicals that are emitted from a burning cigarette.

5. Cigarette smoke releases carbon monoxide. Would you tell your family and friends to put their nose to the end of an auto tail pipe while the engine is running? Approximately 100 gasses may be found in cigarette smoke.

Your question is, why am I writing about this subject? It is because I for one, smoked heavily for a short period of time while in military service. I noticed that I was getting short of breath and coughed. I was one of those who smoked 3 to 4 packs a day. If I had not stopped back in 1948, the same thing that happened to a good many of my family members might have happened to me. They all died from tobacco related health problems. If the people who smoke wish to destroy their health it is up to them, my concern is for those around them who don't. Are we not supposed to care for one another?

I know, you may say, "he is not a doctor", "what does he know?" There is enough information available in various health magazines to alert you to the facts, and all these with the backing of the Surgeon General. Otherwise,

why would they have them put notices up to tell everyone about what is wrong with tobacco smoke?

Please, think of your fellow human beings. You really don't need that cigarette during dinner or social hour. You can wait that hour or so, I know, I went thru it, I wore the moccasins. Some of the people I have talked to are not going to social functions because of the amount of smoking.

Public Involvement and Awareness means helping others. Why not do your part and help? Those with health problems would appreciate it.

Remember my saying that people don't want to get involved because they fear not being liked or offending someone, especially if that person can do them some good. Well, it is about time they did say something. If that person is that little to stop a promotion, then that person is not a true friend.

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By Roger E. McCaughey

In the March 1996 issue of the *Masonic Times*, we asked the membership to advise us if more than the current 2 events were desired for the balance of 1996 and 1997. We suggested such things as one or two day trips to Toronto, either by boat or bus, and added we were "wide open" for any suggestions.

Stay tuned

The response we have received from both inside and outside the existing membership has been most gratifying, and the officers of the Club are now busy getting information and estimates of costs from both marine and land cruiser sources, since trips to Canada by either means dominate the numerous suggestions. Hopefully, we will be able to offer the membership an exciting and economical excursion in time for us to depart sometime this year. Keep tuned in, and contact either Don Lacy or me at any time for further information and/or to give us further suggestions.

New Square Club

In addition to the local (Metropolitan Rochester) members who contacted us, we were very pleased to hear from a former (and now reactivated) member, David G. Allen, who presently resides at Cranberry Lake, New

York in St. Lawrence County. That's about 4 hours drive from Rochester, and far removed from "Metro Rochester", but David is interested in establishing a Police/Fire Square Club in St. Lawrence County and is seeking a bit of counsel from our current officers. We are initiating a close contact.

Exchange visits

We also received communications from Phillip Wilson in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. Phillip Wilson is a Master Mason, and a Toronto Police Detective who advises us that there is a similar Police/Fire Masonic organization in Toronto. He suggests that we plan "exchange visits" between our two Clubs. For openers, we have invited Brother Wilson and his group to join us for our Annual Ladies Night Banquet on May 11th at the Maplewood Inn. Since this all happened in the last 48 hours, we will have more news in the May issue.

E-Mail

Your Secretary has received his first E-mail (on line) messages from Police/Fire Masons this past week, and we are very impressed with both the wide circulation and vast readership of the *Masonic Times* into the world of Cyberspace. The efforts of the Editor, Donald Brugger, are well received many hundreds of miles in all directions far beyond the confines of Monroe County. This should also be known to reporters, correspondents and certainly, advertisers.

Dean Marsaw appointed

We are very pleased to announce that President Don Lacy has appointed Past President/Past Executive Secretary, Dean Marsaw, to the permanent position of Historian of the Metropolitan Rochester Police/Fire Square Club. Dean has collected a high volume of memorabilia and news articles of historical significance over his many years of dedicated service to the Club and this should continue as we approach (in about 3 years) our 50th Anniversary. Congratulations, Dean. Well done!

Dues

We dislike bringing up the subject, however, please be advised that 3% of our more than 100 members have not as yet paid their 1996 dues. We know who and so do you!

Membership

We continue to look for a few good men. Membership in the Metropolitan Rochester Police/Fire Square Club is open to any Master Mason who is in good standing in any Masonic Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; and further, is, or was, a member of a Police, Fire, or other approved Public Service Agency or organization.

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Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory
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Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33° Commander-in-Chief



Reminder

Don't forget that our only meeting in April will be held on the 18th. It will be a special recognition night for our active Ambassadors Team. Come and meet your Ambassadors and learn how these Brothers are supporting our Symbolic Lodges in assisting the Scottish Rite in its goal to bring in new members.

Bring-a-Brother

On Friday, May 3rd, we are going to have another Bring-a-Brother Night at the Burgundy Basin Inn. The purpose of the evening is to explain what the Scottish Rite is all about and why our Brother Masons should consider joining the "Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA, Class" on May 16th and 18th.

We are asking all of our members to contact a Brother Mason who is not presently a member of the Scottish Rite and ask him to sign a petition. Call the Consistory Office at 271-0715 and make reservations for your potential new member and his lady as our guests and you and your lady's dinners will be free.

Reunion

As I mentioned before, the Spring Reunion of the "Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA, Class" will be on May 16th and 18th. We are

hoping for a large Class and it should be pointed out that a great deal of planning and hard work are involved in presenting our Degrees.

A special thanks to all those participating in the Degrees, from the Coordinator of the Degree Directors, Directors, Stage Crew, Wardrobe, Class Committee, Membership Development Team, Ambassadors, Office personnel, Officers, Degree casts, right down to the sideliners.

A great evening

Our March 7th meeting featured the "Schuhplattler Verein Heidengold", German shoe slap dancers, who entertained us with a delightful evening of dancing and fun. Our own Brother, William Zufall, is one of the members of this group and he proved that he and his fellow dancers could really put on a good show. They even got many of the audience to join them on stage. Thanks to Thrice Potent Master, Vernon L. Goodrich, and Chairman, Gary R. Hutchurson, for arranging this program.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb

In hopes that this will reach you before March 28th, I remind you of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb to be performed on that date. M.:W.: and Ill.: Earle J. Hino, Jr., 33° will be the guest speaker. This event is sponsored by the Chapter of Rose Croix. Please join us for this feast of spiritual thought and rich pagantry presented each year as a Memorial Service to honor our Brothers who passed on to their Celestial Home during the preceding year.

A special thank you to you, the members, for your assistance in signing up new members. If you have not yet asked a Brother to join the Scottish Rite, please consider doing it now. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed.

Once again, I remind you to read the *Masonic Times*. □

Scottish Rite Ambassadors

By Robert E. Cameron

During 1995 the Membership Development Committee, under the chairmanship of Steve Whittaker and Chuck Spiegel, Jr., completely revised the Scottish Rite Ambassador Program. This involved appointment of one to four Ambassadors per Lodge in the 1st and 2nd Monroes as designated by the Commander-in-Chief, Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, with Team Captains heading each group of Ambassadors.

To date, a start-up picnic, one training program and one brain storming session have been held for these Ambassadors with very positive results in obtaining new Scottish Rite Brothers. The Ambassadors have been informing their respective Lodges of all Scottish Rite functions, particularly those functions and programs available for Lodge Brothers, their wives and families to attend and enjoy.

Each membership drive culminates in a Brother Bring-a-Brother Night before the Fall and Spring Reunions. Should any Lodge Brother have any questions concerning the Scottish Rite, please contact the following Ambassadors in their respective Lodges:

Wakan/Hubbard No. 154: John E. Zabel, Angelo DiCataldo and Richard L. Brockmann, Sr.

Monroe No. 173: Neil E. Laundry

Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088: Harry W. Ellender and Keith R. Stambach

Union Star No. 320: Richard H. Dye

Henrietta No. 526: Joseph E. Bourcy III

Valley/Simes No. 109: Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA and David C. Clarke

Webster No. 538: Paul A. Moore, William J. Kuchne, Gregory D. Brown and Nick J. Haldoupis

Craftsman No. 969: William R. Hook, Thomas W. Kendig and Vernon L. Goodrich

Churchville No. 667: Garry R. Hutchurson and Kenneth D. Robinson

Flower City No. 910: Phillip Averbach and Cyrus Kloner

Seneca No. 797: Robert E. Crystal and Michael C. Ferguson

Fairport No. 476: Alfred K. Miller and Ronald L. Weber

Clio No. 779: Gary C. Thompson

Northfield No. 426: Glenn A. Hedges

Fame No. 945: Dean F. Marsaw and Leon J. VanHuben

Etolian No. 479: James J. Powell

ERAC No. 943: Robert L. Curtis and Michael G. Rice

Towpath No. 163: William R. Zufall

Oatka No. 759: Lawrence W. Dunn

Germania No. 722: Joseph Minas, Oscar H. Reber and Douglas C. Spencer

Team Captains are: Don McDill, Wakan/Hubbard No. 154 and Don Rose, Seneca No. 797.

The Membership Development Committee thanks these Brothers for their continuing commitment. □



Der Schuhplattler Verein Heidengold.



Heidengold German Dancers during a spirited number.



Even the Commander-in-Chief, Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, joined in the audience participation dance.



The men of the Schuhplattler Verein Heidengold performing for the Scottish Rite on March 7th. Maybe you recognize our own Bill Zufall in the group.

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA

James Smith is at home recovering from heart surgery. He appreciates calls and can be reached at 436-3842.

Donald Leisten is feeling better and even attended a meeting.

Larry Canfield spent a few days in the hospital recently.

Eino Laakso would appreciate hearing from you. He can be reached at 663-0974. □

Art Maupin has had surgery, but is up and around and doing well.

Clifford Vroom is recovering from brain surgery.

James Gisleson enjoys hearing from you all.

James Branigan is at home and would appreciate being remembered.

If you know of anyone that is ill, please let me know. Call the Scottish Rite Office at 271-0715 or me at 227-2046. □

MSA Meeting

By William Russell, 32° MSA

The Spring meeting of the MSA Club of the Valley of Rochester was held on February 27th. In spite of adverse weather conditions, there was a good turnout. Officers elected for 1996 were:

President -
William Russell

Vice-President -
Charles Simpson

Secretary/Treasurer -
Frank Jansson

A discussion was held to review the group's participation in future Scottish Rite functions. Our first duty is to assist at the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on March 28th.

Many of us will be in the Degree casts for the Spring Reunion on May 16th and 18th. □

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Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitular District



R.E. Donald J. Brugger
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Much to do

It is both an honor and a privilege to be appointed your District Deputy Grand High Priest. I know that your previous DDGHP, Vern Goodrich, will be a tough act to follow, I hope I am up to the challenge. I say challenge because, although R.E. Goodrich did a tremendous job, there is still much work to do and I will be continuing the work he started in revitalizing the Chapters of the 27th.

I did some traveling with R.E. Vern and have some knowledge of the state of the District Chapters. At Grand Chapter, in Albany, the new DDs spent some time in training with the Present and Past GHPs. The main thrust of the training was, "Resolve a Chapter". The manual for this program, designed by PGHP, M.E. W. Bruce Renner, and initiated in 1995, has been updated and improved. Continued emphasis on this will be my first priority. You all know that the Chapters are in need of revitalization; some just more than others. The initial steps of that program have already been instituted in some Chapters.

Other matters

At the Grand Chapter Convocation the Grand High Priest also stressed the importance of the Scholarship Program. The Committee is attempting to increase the grants from \$500 to \$1000 each. This will require even more commitment from the individual Chapters, but it will be worth it.

In 1998 the Grand Chapter of the State of New York will be celebrating its Bicentennial. Many special events are being planned for that occasion by Grand Scribe, R.E. Edward S. Newsham, chairman of the committee; his year as GHP.

The Grand Line was shortened by the elimination of the Deputy's position and all below that rank will hold their positions until next year. The Veils have also been eliminated as a part of the progression, although the present Masters of the 2nd and 3rd Veils will continue.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer will be at Hiram Chapter on April 11th. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. If you are attending the dinner, please call E. Paul Josephson at (716) 334-7353 or me at 473-

4351 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or 458-6125 after, by April 3rd, please!

Degree schedule

Don't forget the most vital part of revitalizing the chapters is membership. If you have not already obtained a signed petition for a new Companion, **do it now!** The Spring round of Degrees will start on April 15th with the Mark and PM Degrees at Hiram in Rochester at 7:30 p.m. The MEM will be conferred on April 25th at Hiram, same time, same station. The Royal Arch Degree will be at Hiram on May 9th, same time.

Official visits

I have already contacted some of the High Priests about my Official Visits. Hopefully these will be accomplished by June.

The visits will be as follows: Webster No. 296, May 8th. Dansville No. 91, May 14th. Hiram No. 62, May 23rd. Livonia No. 311, September 25th.

Grand Line District Visit

It is planned that one of the meetings of the District Council Officers will include the visit of the Grand Line Representative to the 27th District, R.E. Burtiss Goodnough, Grand Master of the 1st Veil. It would be nice to have him here for our August get-together at Kuchne's; I'll let you know.

More to come

I will save some of the GHP's plans for the coming year for my future columns. Hope to see you in Chapter. □



R.E. Arnold E. Palmer, Jr.,
Grand Captain of the Host.



R.E. & Rev. Donald Markham
and R.E. & Rev. Charles Roberts
being installed as Grand
Chaplains



R.E. Robert H. Cook, being
installed as Grand Organist



DDGHPs receiving their Warrants from the Grand High Priest: rt. to lft. R.E. William Whittaker-25th; R.E. Gerald Tompkins-26th; R.E. Don Brugger-27th; R.E. Gary Thompson-29th



M.E. Robert DelDuca (center) being escorted to the East by his son (left) and M.E. Stewart C. McCloud, PGHP and Deputy Grand Master (right) to receive his Grand High Priest's Apron.



R.E. Ted Diehl, Assistant Grand Treasurer and R.E. Vern Goodrich, Grand Treasurer. Photos: Linda Zahn & Jean Brugger

Grand Chapter had a great time. Regretfully, your High Priest and his Lady were fighting a nasty flu bug. I hope that nobody caught it from us.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

April will be a very busy month for Hiram. On the 11th we will be hosting the Grand Lecturer's Convention. There will be a dinner before the meeting, hosted by our Assistant Grand Lecturer, William Zufall. Please make reservations with Bill or myself for this night.

There may be a rehearsal on the Opening and Closing of Chapter for this night. This will be up to Bill to decide, so every officer please study his work and let's show the Grand Lecturer that Hiram is proficient in its Ritual.

Degrees

On Monday, April 15th, we will be conferring the Mark and Past Master Degrees at the Downtown Temple. Vern Goodrich is the Director for the Mark Master Degree and William Zufall is the Director for the Past Master Degree.


On April 25th we will be conferring the Most Excellent Master Degree. The Director for this Degree will be Bill Jones.

On May 9th, the Holy Royal Arch Degree will be conferred at the Downtown Temple. The Director for this Degree will be Jerry Jones.

If you want to help, or if you have any questions on these Degrees, please contact the Director. □

Hiram Chapter

No. 62



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By Jeffrey Diehl

Grand Chapter


By Paul Josephson, EHP

The Grand Chapter Convocation was a resounding success for Hiram Chapter and its Companions. Congratulations go out to Arnold Palmer for his election as Grand Principal Sojourner; Don Brugger as District Deputy Grand High Priest; Vern Goodrich as Grand Treasurer, Ted Diehl as Assistant Grand Treasurer, and Rev. Charles Roberts as a Grand Chaplain. Almost all the Companions who attended

One thing that I discovered at the Grand Chapter Session this year is that this Fraternity of ours is, or at least should be, the same around the state, nation or anywhere on the globe.

We often listen to others critical of our Masonic Organizations and subsequently begin to believe them, or at least begin to doubt our own worth and purpose. We all need to occasionally observe

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our own actions and pray that we continue to show those who offer derogatory remarks about this Brotherhood that we all belong to one world.

Whether or not we are Masons, Eagles, Elks, Odd Fellows, or members of the Knights of Columbus, Rotary, Lions, or Kiwanis, all of us belong to one community, and that association has identical requirements for all to live by. None of us will be any further ahead or ensure a better chamber for ourselves in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, simply by the mortal works we accomplish or the clubs we belong to.

Dues

The Secretary and I thank those of you who have paid your dues promptly, thereby ensuring the viability of 3X3 in 1996. I believe that we are up to 77% paid for 1996. If I am in error, I am sure our Secretary will let me know. Thank you all again.

Official Visit

Our Official Visit by R.:E.: Gary Thompson was on March 20th, but if you found your cabled too taught or too short that night, I would be glad to have you accompany me as I travel around the 29th Capitular District in support of Gary at his upcoming Official Visits. The times and dates are as follows:

Arcade - 8:00 p.m. April 8th
Wyoming - 8:00 p.m. April 9th
Western Star - 8:00 p.m. April 18th
LeRoy - 7:00 p.m. April 22nd

Join us

Please, if at all possible, be at these convocations. Our District Deputy, as well as these companion Chapters, would greatly appreciate all the support they can get.

Pancake Breakfast

Remember to mark your calendars appropriately so that you can attend the LeRoy/3X3 Pancake Breakfast at the LeRoy Temple on April 14th. The time is 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. □

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By R.:E.: Ruel R. Lovett

Although we have received a banner number of petitions this year, we are still accepting new members. The fee is only \$15.00 for life membership. This is a fun organization, and a prime mover for the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. Come out and enjoy a good dinner and fun.

The Scholarship Fund meeting will be on June 8th at the Marigold Manor in Cheektowaga. It is hoped that all DDGHP's of the 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st Capitular Districts will attend. Wouldn't it be great if the High Priests, Kings and Scribes of all the Chapters of these Districts could attend? This, of course, would be in addition to the regular members and those who wish to join.

Excellent Companions, this is a great opportunity to present a check in person to the M.:E.: Grand High Priest. We can get his year off to a great start with this kind of effort. We also expect the presence of the immediate Past Grand High Priest.

To arrive at the Marigold Manor in Cheektowaga, use Rte. 33, turn right onto Union, turn left onto Maryvale Drive and go to the end. The Marigold Manor is on the right.

The menu will consist of Pork Chops and Chicken, family style, with salad, veggies, dessert, coffee, tea, etc. The price will be approximately \$18.00. Bring your wife or girlfriend (but not both). Reservations may be made by writing: Keith Church, 81 Deborah Lane, Cheektowaga, NY 14225. You may call Keith at 684-4326 or me at 494-2546.

Thinking ahead

We will have a meeting in Batavia on October 29th at the Candlelight Restaurant, and will publish information at a later time. This is a 5th Tuesday, and I wanted to give you a chance to mark your calendar ahead of time. The food is excellent and the prices are reasonable. We have had many dinners there. They cater to our patronage; we try to go there whenever we can.

Thanks

We are again indebted to Ron Januszkiewicz, Keith Church and David Barweil for exemplary service in preparing for this event. This is our most important meeting of the year. You do not have to be a member to attend. If you want to be a part of this momentous occasion, get your reservation in early. We'll see you there. □

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By Ill.: Douglas Poole

Now that it's April, can Spring be far behind? Looking out the window it sure doesn't look that way. We need something interesting to pick up our spirits. Our April Table Council fits that bill! Something to look forward to besides mowing the lawn!

Fine evening!

Our Annual Table Council will be held on Wednesday, April 17th. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner, costing \$8.50 per person. The wine served will be from the award winning Glenora Winery on nearby Seneca Lake. There will be plenty of it, also non-alcoholic wine for the non-drinkers and designated drivers. An evening of fine food, fine wine and fellowship.

Masonry and the Civil War

Our speaker for the evening will be R.:W.: David W. Parish, speaking on "Masonry during the Civil War". David is Trustee of the Chancellor Robert Livingston Library, the Town of Geneseo Historian, a retired librarian from SUNY at Geneseo and also the newest member of Doric Council.

Merry meeting

A Table Council is patterned after the English Lodge meetings of the 18th Century. The entire meeting is held at the Table, including any business to be transacted. There are also 13 toasts, so it can be a very merry meeting. It is a lot of fun, but we strongly suggest you have a designated driver!

This meeting will be a York Rite Unity event. I realize that this topic may appeal to you Brothers who do not belong to the York Rite. Just call Paul Josephson, High Priest of Hiram Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, or me for an invitation. This holds true for any Brothers from outside the Monroe Districts. I already have several Brothers coming from Corning.

Doric Council members

Mark your calendar for September 26th. On that Thursday evening we are trying an experiment with Hiram Chapter. Doric Council will meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hiram Chapter will open at 8:00 p.m. This way you can be out one less evening for meetings! Please let me know your comments on this. Paul Josephson and I will let you know more details in the coming months.

See you at Table Council. □

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By SK Ronald J. Bertie

The Grand Commander of the State of New York has been very busy in the last few months. By May, all of the Inspections will be completed.

Rededication

The Grand Commandery will conduct a Rededication Ceremony at Cortland Commandery in Cortland, NY on April 27th. There will be a Dinner/Dance after the Rededication. This will be the 4th Rededication of a Commandery this year.

Visiting

My Lady and I will travel to Virginia, Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Vermont in the next few weeks.

Recently I took part in the Order of the Temple in Albany, New York. There were seven candidates for the Orders.

Sickness and distress

Remember to send cards to SKs Jim Branigan; PGCs James Sullivan, Ray Hager and his Lady, Vi. The Commandery is saddened to hear of the passing of SK Louis Hattler. He attended Commandery in Texas, where he had lived for the last few years. □

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery
No. 12

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SK Laszlo Tucza,
Commander

SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033

By Don Brugger

Easter Sunrise in Washington

Hopefully the weather will cooperate for the Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria, VA. This, our first event for the month, will be the first time for some of the Sir Knights, your writer included. I am looking forward to what has been described as an inspiring morning. Remember, we will be having our own Easter Observance on Friday April 12th. This will be an open meeting in Full Form to receive any guests. Bring your ladies and friends. Following the Observance, a reception will held in the Third Floor Dining Room.

Inspection

The Inspection of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery will take place on Friday, April 26th. The Inspecting Officer will be SK David D. Goodwin, Grand Senior Warden. The Inspection will be preceded by a Pot Luck Supper provided by the Schicker Club. Please let them know if you are planning to attend so the la-

dies will be able to plan. Please make every effort to attend and if you know of a Sir Knight who has not been out to a meeting in a while, bring him along. If transportation's a problem, we can fix that if you let us know.

There will be an additional meeting on April 19th to practice our tactics. This might also be a good opportunity for you rusty Sir Knights to get back into it. Come out and join us. □

That Those in Darkness May See

Give the Gift of Sight

Past Master's Supper Club

President
W.: James J. Powell
Secretary
R.:W.: Robert Sanford
292-6383

By W.: James J. Powell

I would still like to see more Past Masters come out to the Past Master's Supper Club. I remind you our meetings are held on the 4th Friday of every month at the Red Men's Party House, 1001 Lexington Avenue. If anyone needs directions, give me a call and I will tell you how to get there.

Smoking

It has been brought to my attention that a few of you may be staying away because of the smoke while playing cards. I will try to eliminate the problem by having the smokers all on one end of the room, with no smoking at the dinner tables. Non-smokers will play cards at the other end of the room.

Also, it has been brought to my attention that everyone doesn't play cards. To eliminate this problem, I will bring a Checker Board with me to future meetings.

Speakers

Our March speaker was Brother Bill Danley, who spoke on the Shrine Hospital in Erie, PA. Our speaker for the April meeting will be Past President of our Club, Gil McKee. His topic will be on Human Resource Management. I hope you find the topics interesting and come out to our meetings.

Sickness

Nothing to report for sickness. Dale Rankin is back in Spencerport. I'm sure he would like to hear from Past Masters. See you at our next meeting. □

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

By Bill Edwards

An April promise

The Fingerlakes Chapter of the Philaethes Society is fortunate to be able to feature Brother Nelson King, Fellow of the Society and Editor of "The Philaethes", as our special guest at the Chapter's quarterly festive board.

Members who subscribe to, and others who browse through the "journal of Masonic research and letters", will have the opportunity to get up close and become personally acquainted with this editor of international renown.

Brother King will visit us from his home territory in Agincourt, Ontario, Canada. We have communicated via E-mail and could do so on Compuserve, by FAX or through the Freemasonry route on the Website. So there!

Open invitation to ALL!

This event is not limited to members, but in fact, is open to Masonic brethren, ladies of OES Chapters, spouses and friends. W.: Calvin Hubbard and members of Eureka Lodge No 36, PHA, and associated Stella Chapter, OES, have been invited to be with us.

They were present and participated with us at the January meeting, as well as at preceding functions over the years. It's always a highlight to share these times together.

Contact me at 872-3993; write me at 28 Kathrene Court, Webster, NY 14580, or collar me at any intervening Masonic activity up to the 15th of April.

Please make your reservations early.

Particulars

Our gathering takes place at the Diplomat Party House on Thursday, April 25th. The Diplomat is located at on Lyell Avenue, East of the Rte. 490 intersection, next to the Best Western Diplomat Hotel.

A cash bar will open at 6:30 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 7:15 p.m. Featured will be Beef, Chicken, Italian Sausage, along with pasta and all types of customary fare. It's hard to beat the subsidized price of \$11.00.

Essential, but brief, business

R.: W.: Steve Whittaker and W.: Wayne Beckwith will make their Auditing Committee report. R.: W.: Ron Mertens, Founding Chapter President, Past Junior Grand Warden and present Senior Master of Ceremonies in the American Lodge of Research in New York City (along with a few other assignments), has Chaired the Nominating Committee and will report on nominees, followed by a swiftly moving election train (barring nominations from the floor).

1996 dues are still welcome

Those who are Herman Sarachan members will receive

the book, "Tied to Masonic Apron Strings:", by Pollard when they re-up. Others will receive kind words of appreciation from the officers, most notably the Secretary.

The Great Seal of the United States of America

The following is a speech given several times by the late Reynold J. "Dick" Matthews, former Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Lodge of Virginia. It was published in The Virginia Masonic Herald, Oct-Jan 1995-1996 Vol. 88 - No.2. [We leave it to the reader to resolve fact from numerology and conjecture. Editor]

Brethren, we are quite often blinded by the familiarity of things about us. We see some things so often that we sometimes lose sight of the significance and beauty of our surroundings.

Take the dollar bill for example. What value do we place on it? Do you see anything else of significance? Well, you may not, nor did I until recently when I took the time to research the origin of its design. I would like to share with you a part of the intent, interpretation and beauty the designers put into it.

Take a dollar from your pocket and look at the back or green side. You will note that the front and back of the Great Seal of the United States is printed there.

In the years 1776, 1780 and 1782, three separate committees were formed in designing the Great Seal. On June 20, 1782, a design was accepted by Congress. Dies of the front side only were cut in 1782 and again in 1841. Both were incorrect in details that were prescribed by the designers and approved by the Congress. On July 7, 1884, Congress passed a second act making appropriations, "To obtain dies of the front and reverse." In December of that year Mr. James Whitehouse, Chief Designer for Tiffany and Company, drew the official version of the Seal. However, once again a die was cut of the front side only.

The reverse of the Seal has never been cut because, and I quote, "Can it hardly look otherwise than a dull emblem of a Masonic Fraternity?". The explicit directions of the Acts of 1782 and 1884 have never been obeyed. For over 100 years, the ignorance and bigoted prejudices of a powerful minority have combined to bring about the violation of two laws as specific and mandatory as any on our statute books. To this day the intent of the Founders of our Nation remains but half fulfilled. Ben Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the three members of the first committee to design our Great Seal.

On the obverse and reverse sides the number thirteen is an integral part of both the eagle and the pyramid. It is believed by many that the number 13 is associated with bad luck. In Gematria, the Hebrew form of mathematics, the number 13 means, "the beginning of a new cycle," and also the "Great One", as we Masons, allude to God.

The number 13 has played an important part in our history as well as the history of mankind. The lost continent of Atlantis was governed by a board of 13 persons. Christ had 12 disciples and He made 13. The great Aztec God and King Quetzalcoatl, as well as

Buddha, had 12 disciples, themselves making 13. Solomon's Temple took 7 years and 6 months to build; added together, again 13. After building the temple it took King Solomon 13 years to build the House of Kings. The letters in "The Spirit of 76", add up to 13, as well as the numbers 7 & 6. A total of 13 men worked on the design of the Great Seal. George Washington and 12 of his Generals were Freemasons. Thirteen ships were in our First Continental Navy. The letters in the following phrases, familiar to all of us, add up to 13: July the Fourth, American Eagle, Don't tread on me, and E Pluribus Unum. There were 13 stars in the Confederate flag although there were but 11 states. In WW I the first expedition to France sailed on June 13, 1917, and was carried in 13 ships which took 13 days to cross the Ocean. Our President then was Woodrow Wilson, again 13 letters. At the time the Declaration of Independence was signed the sun was 13 degrees into the sign of Cancer and this program was first given in a Masonic Lodge on March 13, 1973.

The designers of the Seal emphasized the number 13. Their primary intention was to commemorate the banding together of 13 States to form the new Nation, but we know that in books accessible to Freemasons of the 18th Century, there was a deliberate repetition of 13 in the composition of the Seal. There are 13 stars, 13 stripes, 13 arrows, 13 leaves on the olive branch and 13 berries. Thirteen letters in the legend, "E Pluribus Unum", 13 layers of stone in the pyramid and 13 letters in the motto, "Annuit Coeptis", meaning, God has favored our undertaking.

A Masonic interpretation of the Great Seal taken from, "Masonry In Texas, Background, History and Influence to 1846", by Dr. James D. Carter, 33", is as follows: "Among those who helped design the great Seal of the United States, the following are known to have been Masons: Benjamin Franklin, William Houston and William Barton".

Whether they drew heavily upon Freemasonry in this work is impossible to assert. However, when an informed Mason examines the Great Seal here is what he sees: On the front is an eagle whose dexter (or right wing) has 32 feathers, the number of ordinary Degrees in Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The sinister wing has 33 feathers, the additional feather corresponding to the Thirty-third Degree of the same Rite conferred for outstanding Masonic service. (However, this is a coincidence as the Scottish Rite was not established until 1801.) The tail feathers number 9, the number of degrees in the Chapter, Council and Commandery of the York Rite of Freemasonry. Again, no doubt a coincidence with the Scottish Rite having its origin in France and the York or American Rite not fully fleshed out in the 9 Degrees until the mid 1800s. The eagle thus clothed represents the union of French and American Masons in the struggle for liberty, equality, and fraternity. The total number of feathers in the two wings is 65 which, by Gematria, is the value of the Hebrew phrase, "together in unity". This phrase appears in Psalm 133, as follows: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity", and is used, of course, in the

Ritual of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The glory above the eagle's head is divided into 24 equal parts and reminds the observer of the Mason's gauge which is also divided into 24 equal parts and is emblematic of the service he is obligated to perform.

The five pointed stars remind him of the Masonic blazing star and the five points of fellowship. The arrangement of the stars in the Constellation to form overlapping equilateral triangles and the Star of David calls to the Mason's mind King David's dream of building a temple to his God, the Companions who rebuilt a desecrated temple, and the finding of the word that was lost.

The gold, silver, and azure colors represent the sun, moon, and Worshipful Master, the first that rules the day, the second, the night, and the third, the Lodge. While silver, connected with the letter Gimel or G and being surrounded on an azure ground by a golden glory, reminds the Mason of the letter G (standing for both God and Geometry), a most conspicuous furnishing of a proper Lodge Room. The shield on the eagle's breast affirms by its colors, valor (red), purity (white), and justice (blue), and reminds the Mason of the cardinal virtues. The value of these colors, by Gematria, is 103, the value of the phrase, "The stone of Adam", and suggests the perfect ashlar, or squared stone, of Freemasonry. One hundred three is also the value of the noun Bonaim, a Rabbinical word signifying "builders, Masons", national colors spell out, by Gematria, the name of the Fraternity. The scroll in the eagle's beak bearing the words E Pluribus Unum (out of many one) reminds him of the unity which has made Brothers of many.

On the reverse is the All-Seeing Eye within a triangle surrounded by a golden glory. Besides the obvious Masonic significance of this design, it has a cabalistic value of 273, which is the value of the Hebrew proper noun Hiram Abif, the architect of Solomon's Temple and the principle character of the legend used in the Master Mason Degree. The triangle is Isosceles, formed by two right triangles having sides of five, twelve, and thirteen units in length, illustrating the 47th problem of Euclid. The triangle also represents the capstone of the unfinished pyramid and reminds the Mason of the immortality of the soul and that in eternity he will complete the capstone of his earthly labors according to the designs on the Trestleboard of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. The unfinished pyramid cannot fail to remind him of the unfinished condition of the Temple when tragedy struck down its Master Architect.

The blaze of glory found on either side of the Great Seal cannot fail to remind the Mason of the Great Light in Masonry which is the rule and guide for our faith and practice and without which no Masonic Lodge can exist. It reminds him that only more light can dispel the pall of ignorance in which he stumbles until he enters that Celestial Lodge where all light is given.

In closing, I am reminded of one Scripture, "Ask and it shall be opened unto you." I cannot help but think that the designers of the Great Seal also thought of this Scripture. And my friends, is this not Freemasonry? (Courtesy Masonic News Network)

Tall Cedars of Lebanon
 Rochester Forest No. 133
 Meets the 4th Thursday
 1822 Penfield Road
 Penfield, New York 14526
 Frank Briffa, GTC

 Angelo DiCataldo, SDGTC
 Robert North, JDGTC
 Donald C. Bell, Scribe

By Angelo DiCataldo

Finally it's Springtime and we can get outside without having the freezing cold bite our toes.

St. Patrick's Day celebration

We had proof of that when on March 16th, twelve couples celebrated St. Patrick's Day at a Dinner at Dandrea's Party House. The food was delicious and the company congenial at this Spring Ladies Night.

Degree

The March meeting went very well with a full discussion of the presentation of the Royal Court Degree scheduled for Thursday, April 25th. A rehearsal has been set for April 18th at the Penfield Temple, 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend the conferral and the rehearsal, if you like. We are expecting our District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Doug Draker, to bring four Canadian Brothers down with him for the conferral. Let's make a good showing.

Dates

The May meeting will be preceded at 6:00 p.m. by an optional dinner. The 7:00 p.m. meeting will be at the Penfield Temple.

We expect to get more heavily involved in fund raising for the M.D. Foundation this year by going into the Malls for donations. This effort is tentatively scheduled for August 30, 31, & September 1st; save the dates.

I am happy to report no new sickness or distress. Even our Past DD, Don Brugger, is feeling better after getting a piece of hand-rail through his thumb.

No revenge is more honorable than the one not taken. (Spanish proverb)

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

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Earl K. DeSmith, Monarch

Grotto News

I'm happy to see the large turnouts to our meetings and Grotto affairs, many old and new faces, new ideas and things going on this year.

Our Master Mason Night was a huge success at Henrietta Town Park, and I thank all who attended and made this possible.

Thank you

A BIG thank you to the ladies of the Caldron for Prophets Night, honoring the Prophets in the Grotto. As always, it was an enjoyable evening for all who attended. If you missed it, you missed a good evening with the Caldron.

April special

April showers bring 10 door prizes, available to 10 lucky Prophets who attend the meeting. Be at the meeting and you could be a lucky Prophet.

Information Line

By Ron Morthorst

Do you need an update on Grotto events and happenings, or membership? We are taking in new Prophets every month. If you need a petition, information, help or assistance, call me on the Information Line at 334-4196.

ESGA Spring Meeting

By Ron Morthorst

This event is open to all Lalla Rookh members and their ladies, so plan to attend. There will be golf at 9:15 a.m. on Friday; an Ice Cream Breaker on Friday night; Ladies' Luncheon at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday; the President's Banquet at 7:00 p.m., with dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

We need your participation and help to make this a super weekend. Call Gordy Dodge at 334-3660 if you can help in any way and have fun doing it.

Use the entry blank on this page.

Let's Play Golf

By Ron Morthorst

The Lalla Rookh Grotto Golf Tournament at Braemar Golf Club is just around the corner on Saturday, August 3rd. Tee time is 10:30 a.m., and is open to all Masons and their friends. (See the ad in this paper). Make checks payable to the Grotto Golf Tournament. List all players names in your group on a separate sheet of paper with your entry fee.

Dates to Remember

Mon., April 1st-Board of Governor's Meeting
7:30 p.m. Grotto Office

Mon., April 8th-Legion of Honor at Younger's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., April 11th-Caldron Meeting, Doric Hall 7:30 p.m.

Wed., April 17th-Regular Grotto Meeting, Cathedral Hall 8:00 p.m.

Sat., April 20th-Caldron Smorgasbord-Downtown Temple

April 25th-27th-ESGA Spring Meeting, Radisson Inn, Jefferson Road

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**

Legion of Honor

By Leon VanHuben

The March 11th meeting at Youngers was well attended, with 15 present.

Our next meeting will also be at Youngers Restaurant on April 8th. At 6:30 p.m. we will order from the menu, with the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Prophet Jim Smith is doing very well.

Board of Governors

By Ron Morthorst

There will be a meeting on Monday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Grotto Office.

ERRATA

In the caption under last month's picture of the Officers, the names of Kenneth Milner, Secretary and Gordon Dodge, Treasurer were omitted. Sorry.

Caldron News

By Doris Bell, MCO

The year is speeding by. Here it is April already, and with it comes the promise of Spring--none too soon this year. Get out the golf clubs, ladies, not to mention the lawn mowers, garden tools and grass seed.

The March meeting of Lalla Rookh Caldron marked our Annual Prophet's Night, and it was well attended. We enjoyed the usual hearty refreshments and the gentlemen were entertained by a humorous presentation by PMCO Bev Murray. Thanks, Daughter Bev, for coming through once more. I trust our Brothers enjoyed the evening.

Join us

April 20th marks our Smorgasbord Dinner. This event is held annually, and all proceeds are donated to the Grotto Humanitarian Fund (which provides money for dental services to handicapped individuals). This is a chance for all to enjoy a good, inexpensive, home cooked meal, while assisting with this worthwhile charity.

We will be serving in the large dining room on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Temple from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is an occasion to bring the whole family, kiddies are most welcome. All Caldron Daughters will be contacted soon regarding food donations. We will also be having a craft/baked food sale. Tickets are available from any Caldron member, and will also be sold at the door.

Reminder

Our Supreme Visit is fast approaching. Please check with PMCO Cecil Losinger, our Directress, to see if you have a new assignment this year, or are willing to assume a different part. 'Til next time, enjoy the improving weather, get outside when you can. Visit a shut-in, and best wishes to all for wonderful Spring holidays.

Patrol News

By Gordon Dodge, PM

Plans are under way for our Spring Fling. While it's kind of tough to find a restaurant where 25-30 people can get together for dinner and a meeting--we will get it done!

All marching and social members of the Patrol will be receiving a letter shortly containing all the information, so hold the dates of May 3rd and 4th open on your calendar.

The "Faithful Few" still meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the NCO Club of the Culver Road Armory. Drop in and say, "Hi".

Don't forget the Patrol Picnic on August 10th at Bushman Cabin in the Henrietta Town Park. Mark that date down now! See you at Drill.

April Was a Busy Month

- Apr. 9, 1865-Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox.
- Apr. 12, 1861-Civil War began as Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumpter.
- Apr. 12, 1961-Soviet Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing
- Apr. 12, 1877-The catcher's mask was first used in a baseball game.
- Apr. 13, 1742-George Fredrick Handel's Messiah was first performed, in Dublin, Ireland.
- Apr. 14, 1775-The first American society for the abolition of slavery was organized by Ben Franklin and Benjamin Rush.
- Apr. 14, 1865-President Lincoln was mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy, *Our American Cousin*, at Ford's Theater in Washington., D.C.
- April. 14, 1759-George Fredrick Handel died in London.
- Apr. 15, 1912-The British luxury liner Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland after striking an iceberg. About 1,500 lives were lost.

Empire State Grotto Association 1996 Spring Convention

April 25, 26, 27, 1996

Lalla Rookh Grotto
Radisson Inn (See note below)
(U.S. Funds Only)

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Saturday

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Let's dance!

Do you have the Winter blues? If so, why not join the Genesee/Wyoming District members and friends as they dance to the music of Ken's Western Ramblers. The round and square dance will be held at the Bliss Community Building, Main Street, Bliss, NY, on Saturday, March 30th. Music is from 8:00 p.m. until midnight. Bliss is located on Rte. 362, off of Rte. 39. Join us for good old fashioned music to dance or listen to. There is sure to be someone there to help us who are rusty, or think they are out of step.

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Sharing our wealth

Non-perishable foods are being gathered for the less fortunate in each Chapter's area. This worthy effort deserves our support as we "reach out and touch".

Let our light shine

The Reception for Rt. Wthy. Louise Fox has been scheduled for April 20th. Petitions for membership are being processed in several Chapters in anticipation of the upcoming Official Visits. Let's make our light shine and attract more members.

Official Visit dates

- April 2-Perry
 - April 10-Batavia
 - April 18-Arcade
 - April 22-Bergen (Hesperus)
 - May 1-Pike (Stebbins)
 - May 7-Attica (Thorpe)
 - May 10-Java Village (Vernon)
 - May 20-Warsaw (Centennial)
 - June 3-LeRoy (Olive Branch)
- Please note that Hesperus and Olive Branch Chapter meetings are 7:30 p.m., all others 8:00 p.m.

If rides are needed to any meetings, contact your Matron or Patron. Attending could be a good way to renew friendships or to make new ones. It might be the spark to rekindle interest in your Chapter or District.

Dinner time!

Perry Chapter No. 497 and Constellation Lodge No. 404 are sponsoring a family style Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, April 28th at the Perry Masonic Temple; serving noon to 3:00 p.m.

They will also be serving a Chicken Bar-B-Q on May 5th.

On April 27th there will be the 2nd Annual Fun Night (Chinese auction) at the Warsaw Masonic Temple. Tickets are available at all the Chapters. Remember these dates and support the projects.

Please remember those who are ill or shut in. A card or telephone call can do wonders in lifting one's spirits.

The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention. □

wearing the Matron's colors to the Official Visits. I think this is just great. She is even going to wear that dreadful pink to one of them! They will be attending as many out of District Official Visits as they possibly can. Happy traveling.

Remember the 16 hungry dawgs out there in the District, they need to be fed quite often.

Reminders

Rt. Wthy. Ray would like to remind us that he is collecting clothing, food and toiletries for the Open Door Mission. Also, books (no hard covers), trach bibs, slippers and lap robes for the veterans. Keep saving labels from Campbell, Swanson foods, and Vlasic products for Rt. Wthy. Carol.

The new Travel Impaired Directory is finished. Each Chapter will receive one. Please let me know of any changes.

April 29th is the Homecoming for Rt. Wthy. Mae Bauer at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge at 8:00 p.m.

The Matron's Club and West Study Club will meet on April 13th at the Downtown Temple. The Matrons will meet at 9:00 a.m. and the West Study at 10:30 a.m.

Don't give up

Project Membership will meet on April 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Masonic Temple. As Co-chairman of this Committee, I would surely like to see a larger attendance. This is going to take a lot of thought and work if we are going to succeed. I realize that everyone is extremely busy, but I also know that if we are going to build our membership, it is going to take a tremendous amount of effort. We really need 1 or 2 representatives from each Chapter. Think long and hard about this, think of the new Sisters we have initiated in the last 2 years. Is it fair to them to give up? This is an open meeting for the District. Your knowledge, experience and input is needed! If you are coming, please let me know at 244-1503.

Visits

On April 28th at 1:00 p.m. at Irondequoit Mall, Sisters and Brothers will gather and divide into groups to visit our Sisters in nursing homes. Meeting place is the parking lot by the Carousel. Any questions? Call Evy Ann Heller at 6221-5737.

Walk-a-Thon

May 25th is the date for the Eastern Star Walk-a-Thon for youth projects. This will be at the Olean Mall, Olean, NY at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to participate, see your Secretary as she has a sponsor sheet and all the information.

Great experience

A suggestion for the 1996 Matrons. Volunteer at other Chapters to be a candidate. Joy Woodley did this for Rochester Chapter and was so moved when kneeling at the altar, she felt the Hand of God. What an experience that must have been.

April Official Visits

- April 10-Corinthian/Fellowship, 7:30 p.m.
- April 15-Germania, 7:30 p.m.
- April 16-Nola, 7:30 p.m.
- April 22-Mary Jane Holmes, 7:30 p.m.
- April 23-Leah, 8:00 p.m.

Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.

Until next time, I wish you Peace. □

Webster
Chapter No. 171

Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
8:00 p.m.

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Wthy. Joy Woodley, Matron
671-6152

Rt. Wthy. Faythe Rowell, Sec.
594-4449

30 Orchard Street
Webster, New York

By Wthy. Joy Woodley
March may have come in like a lion, with lots of snow and cold, but the love of the lamb is in us all.

Time flies

I can't believe how fast this year is going. It's like being on the tail of a kite. It's a very enjoyable ride.

April events

The April 2nd meeting will be preceded by a Tureen Supper at 6:30 p.m. We will have a special "April Shower" Program. Please gals, don't bring dessert as it is all taken care of. That evening we will be doing our beautiful Ample Form. It only takes six minutes more of time to do and makes a nice addition to a meeting.

April 16th will be our 3rd Open Meeting. Our program will be a Dinner and Theater evening. Brother Dick Batzing, Town of Webster Historian, will do a slide presentation called, "Pictures, Prints and Post Cards of the Past". Chicken and Biscuits will be on the menu at a cost of \$4.00. For reservations call Marion Neuert by April 14th. She can be reached at 671-2457.

Spaghetti Dinner

I look forward to seeing you at our Spaghetti Dinner on April 5th at Webster Lodge.

Remember him

Please send a Get Well card to my Worthy Patron, Charlie White, who is having heart problems. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

"May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from another." □

NOLA Chapter
No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
8:00 p.m.

Wthy. Mary Ann Sovacool
Matron

Wthy. Jean Stewart
Secretary

20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis
Spring at last!

Oh, Lord of Spring in soil and air, grant me a life more full and fair, by putting Springtime here.

Illness

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Wthy. Sara Stephens, who is recovering from an operation. Our best wishes to our Brothers, David Morris and Charles Riley.

Nola's tax time

Now that we are all in the mood for taxes, come to Chapter on April 2nd and have fun with our "silly taxes". We will also have rehearsal that evening for our Official Visit on April 16th.

The Social Hour Committee will be Rt. Wthy. Wilda and Brother Ken Robinson, Brother LeRoy Lester, Rt. Wthy. George Simon, Sisters Kathryn Fieret and Karen DesJardin.

Plans in progress

Rt. Wthy. William Baxter is working on plans for the 90th Anniversary. If you have any pictures you would share, please do so. We will see that they are returned. The Town of Riga is renovating the old Grange Hall and when it is completed, it will be a Town Museum. Nola Chapter will put together some history to be a part of Riga's history.

We'll miss you

D.D.G.M. Carol Wynings will be absent from our next few meetings while doing her official duties. We hope it will be an enjoyable experience for her, and hurry home, Carol.

Easter joy

"We'll hear the song of heaven", they say. "Its glory shines on us always at this holy Eastertime." □

Rochester
Chapter
No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star
Wthy. Linda Zahn
Matron 381-3032

Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS
Secretary 482-0994

First Saturday
7:30 P.M.
875 East Main Street
Rochester, N. Y. 14605

By Wthy. Barbara Spano
Easter greetings

A Spring breeze, daffodils dancing, children's laughter as they play-what a glorious feeling.

The Worthy Matron called from South Carolina and asked me if I would write this article for the Times. I will do my best.

The Official Visit is over, and it was very nice. It seemed great to see so many folks there. Thank you all for coming.

Our Spring Candy Sale was very successful. Claudia and Peggy did a great job, as well as those who did the selling.

Easter visits to our shut-ins are coming up. This is always a fun time to get out and see our Sisters in the nursing homes.

Birthday Banquet

The Birthday Banquet will be on May 19th at the Marriott Thruway. Gathering will be at 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m. The three choices are Roast Beef, Roast Pork or Orange Roughy. For reservations, call Wthy. Claudia Symonds at 865-1649.

Pot Luck

Our April 20th meeting will be Ample Form, with a Pot Luck Supper and a Brown Bag Auction. You may really want to consider coming to the Pot Luck, as there is a show at the Auditorium that night. Any questions, call our Associate Matron.


Bazaar time

As I write this letter, Rt. Wthy. Audrey is getting ready for the Spring Bazaar. I am sure it will be a great success. By the time you read this letter it will be all over, so I won't put in the time or the place.

Hugs to our Sisters and Brothers who live out of town. We miss you and think of you often.

I wish you peace. □

Order of DeMolay



Josh Hegenroder
Master Councilor
Rochester Chapter
Charlotte Temple
1st & 3rd Fridays

By John Cooper

Open Installation of Officers
Sunday, April 21, 1996
2:00 p.m.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge
Congratulations to:

- Master Councilor -**
John R. Cooper
- Senior Councilor -**
Jesse Tellinghusen
- Junior Councilor -**
Erik Vanaman

A reception will follow the Installation. If you have any questions call John C. Cooper, 494-1559 or Bob Crystal, Advisory Council Chairman, 473-0279. □

In Memoriam

February

Hutchings, Horace R.

Death claimed Horace on February 19th in Lakeland, FL. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426, and is survived by his wife, Ruth, one son, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Woolford, Reginald G.

Reginald was one month shy of his 99th birthday when he passed away on February 20th. He was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109, and is survived by his daughter, 2 grandsons and 2 great-granddaughters.

Bosche, Gilbert E.

Etolian Lodge No. 479 lost a member with the passing of Gilbert on February 26th. He is survived by many friends and relatives.

March

Winter, Lyelle D.

Lyelle was 90 when he was called Home on March 1st. A member of Rochester Consistory, he is survived by his wife, Katherine, and other family members.

Olney, Donald R.

Union Star Lodge No. 320 held a Masonic Service for their Brother Donald, who died on March 7th. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandson.

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

Engelhardt, William F.

Notification was received that William died on January 7, 1996 in Florida. He was a member of Rochester Consistory.

Hattler, Louis R.

Louis was Master of Northfield Lodge No. 426 in 1984; a member of Hiram Chapter, RAM; Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, KT; and Doric Council, RSM. He died March 5, 1996.

MacGregor, Ronald H.

Ronald passed away on February 29th. He was a member of John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032.

Sikes, Fredd


West Star Lodge No. 413 lost a member with the death of Fredd on February 26, 1996.

Vanderlinde, Frederic D.

February 13th was the day that this member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 entered the Celestial Lodge above. □

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Rt. Wthy.
Carol
Wynings



DGL
Rt. Wthy.
Raymond
DiJames

By Wthy. Barbara Spano
Something to be happy about, Daffodils dancing on fresh ocean breezes.

Rt. Wthy. Carol and Rt. Wthy. Ray send Easter greetings and wish you all a blessed Easter.

The Official Visits have begun. Rt. Wthy. Carol and Rt. Wthy. Ray have been very pleased with the Ritualistic work. They hope that now the weather is breaking, they will see a better attendance. Rt. Wthy. Carol is

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

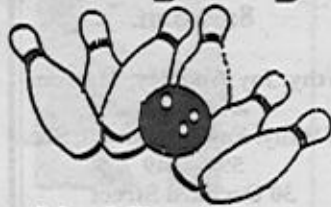
1996

- May 6,7 Grand Lodge, New York City
- May 16 & 18 Scottish Rite Reunion, Downtown Temple, Rochester
- May 31 Apron Presentation and Retiring Grand Lodge Officers' Dinner, Logan's, Scottsville Rd.
- Jun. 1 Triluminar Golf Tournament, Rolling Acres - Pike
- Jun. 3 Joint Investiture - Downtown Temple, Dinner
- Jun. 13-16 New York State Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R. Lake Placid, NY
- Sept. 19-22 Grand Commandery, Rochester, New York Rochester Marriott Thruway
- Sept. 26 School of Ritual, Etolian Lodge, Spencerport
- Oct. 9 O.E.S. Testimonial Dinner, Grand Chapter
- Oct. 8-10 O.E.S. Grand Chapter Sessions, Rochester
- Oct. 23 Grand Lecturer's Convention

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Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

With only one month left in the 1995-1996 bowling season, it is time to start planning for the Fall season. We are looking for two teams of four bowlers to bring our league back to ten teams. The league is open to both Masons and non-Masons. This is a good opportunity for you to introduce your non-Masonic friends to other Masons and possibly gain new members. (This is how I was first exposed to the Fraternity.)

Since my last column, league bowlers have rolled 7 - 600 series and 41 - 200 games. Series of note include Rick Flanagan - 664 (234, 230, and 200) and 636 (237, Rich A. Ehrne - 662 (224, 222, and 216), John Harris - 638 (230) and 610 (225), Rich Rohring - 626 (249), and Mark Noto - 615 (217).

Individual game scores of note include Warham Quinlan - 245, Don Weis - 228, Rex Edwards, Jr. - 227, Mike Holberton - 226, Bud Crane - 226, Mark Noto - 223, John Harris - 218, Chuck Gillens - 215, Casey Brennan - 206, and Gordy Oakes - 203.

The best mirror is an old friend.

Lost and Found

(All items listed here will be disposed of if not claimed by the first of the following month.)

Apron case. Will the Brother who inadvertently took the apron case of W. Donn Stevens at the Last School of Ritual at Oatka Lodge, March 4th, please contact him at 865-8776.

No Winter lasts forever, no Spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep. (Hal Borland)

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R.T.O.S.

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14 Orthodox Easter Pancake Breakfast LeRoy	15 John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg RAM - Hiram - MM & PM Degrees OES - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy	16 Charlotte/Corinthian - 3" Clio - Hilton - 3" Craftsman Germania Oakland - Castile Towpath - East Rochester Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	17 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto RAM - 3X3 RSM - Doric Council, Table Council	18 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen - 2" Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star - OV OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	19 Degree Fest 20 Caldron Smorgasbord 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. OES - Rochester - Dinner	20 Degree Fest 20 Caldron Smorgasbord 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. OES - Rochester - Dinner																																																								
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