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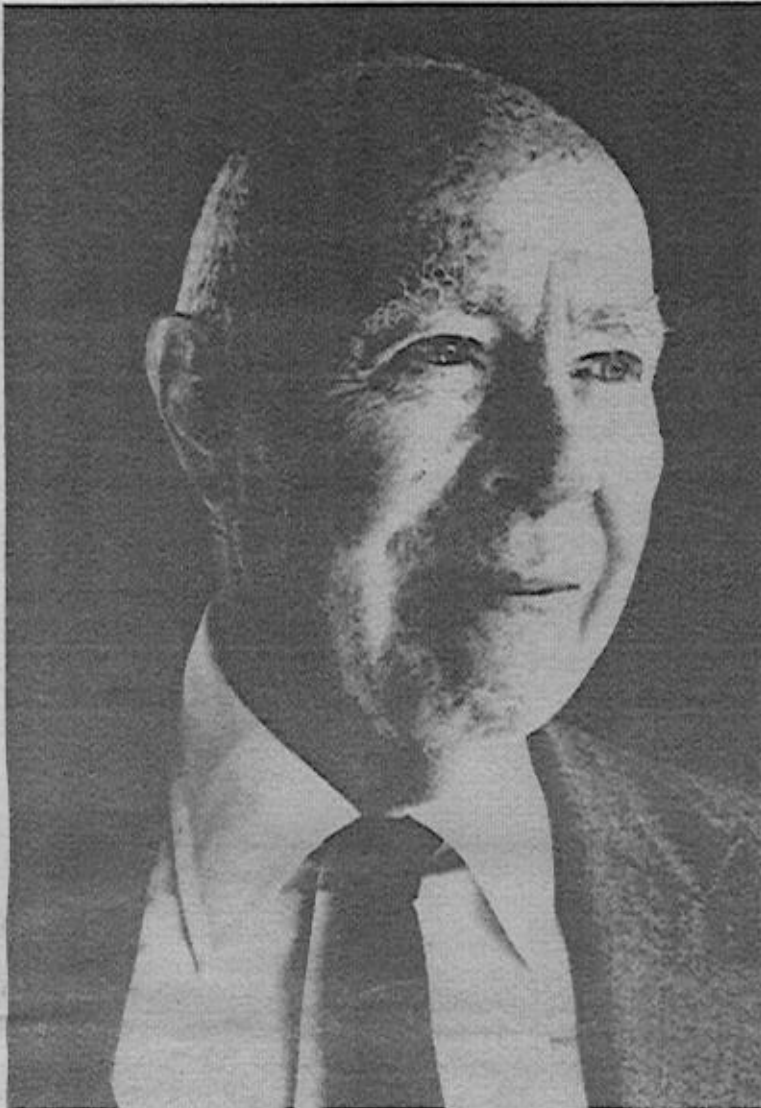
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M.:W.: Raymond C. Ellis, Dean of New York State Past Grand Masters



M.:W.: Raymond C. Ellis passed away on Sunday November 10, 1996. A Masonic Service was held on Tuesday, November 12th at the Bryant Funeral Home in Setauket, Long Island. A Memorial Service was held at Setauket Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 13, 1996.

Most Worshipful Raymond C. Ellis, Past Grand Master, was born in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, New York to Louise and Nathaniel Ellis on February 9, 1897. He was educated in Brooklyn's Public Schools and graduated from Brooklyn Law School with a Degree of Bachelor of Laws. He then continued his education at Brooklyn Division of the College of the City of New York.

He became interested in Masonry at the suggestion of his

mother, who had urged him to join because of the fine character of the men in the Fraternity. He was raised as a Master Mason in Aurora Grata Lodge No. 756, F&AM, on December 19, 1919 and served as Worshipful Master in 1925. He was appointed as District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Kings District in 1933.

In 1934, the Minister of the Bay Ridge United Presbyterian Church invited his wife's niece to leave Holland, where she was born and raised, to come to Brooklyn for a one year visit to help her uncle and aunt with their two children. This young lady was no ordinary girl. She was a teacher and an active participant in rowing, swimming, and water polo. She had won several medals as a backstroke swimmer and became goalie for the Dutch Women's International Water Polo Team.

Gerardine M. Slag arrived in Brooklyn in September, 1934. Naturally, one of the first things she did was to attend her uncle's church. Guess who was a guest speaker at the church that night - Ray, of course. He didn't have a chance. He became smitten that evening and they were married in 1936 by the bride's uncle. Later Mrs. Ellis returned to college, studied Library Science and became the Assistant Librarian of the Setauket Public Library.

Brother Ellis continued his career in Masonry as:

Member of the Charity Committee, Grand Lodge, 1935-37

Member of Endowment Committee, 1938-1948

Chairman of the Special Survey Committee, 1947-48

President, Brooklyn Masonic Guild, 1945-1950

First President of the Masonic Foundation for Medical Research and Human Welfare, 1948-1952

Member of the Victory Chest Executive Committee, 1952-53

Deputy Grand Master, 1952-1953.

He was co-founder with M.:W.: Gay H. Brown, and then first President, of the Masonic Foundation for Medical Research and Human Welfare. During his tenure as President, the Foundation raised and contributed over \$1,500,000, to medical schools in New York State, for research in the fields of rheumatic fever and arthritis.

M.:W.: Raymond C. Ellis was elected in 1954 as Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York, and re-elected in 1955. During that administration he sponsored a campaign to raise funds to build and equip a Medical Research Laboratory on the grounds of the Masonic Home in Utica, New York. About \$1,250,000 was raised for that purpose. The Foundation then became the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory and dedicated its own building in June, 1958, at ceremonies attended by Governor Averell Harriman.

In 1955, he was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Hartwick College at Oneonta, New York.

Brother Ellis entered Scottish Rite as a member of Aurora Grata Bodies of the Valley of Brooklyn. He was coroneted with the Thirty-Third Degree, Honorary Membership in the Supreme Council, in 1953, and was made an Active Member of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 1955. He served as Deputy for New York from 1965-1977.

In 1973, he was elected President of the George Washington National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia and served in that office for five years. During that period, in the presence of President and Brother Gerald R. Ford,

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Towpath Lodge Brother Staff Officer for 2nd St. Lawrence



R.:W.: Frank C. Simpson was born in Jackson, New York, and now resides in Parishville, New York. He is a graduate of Clarkson College (1931) and was

employed primarily as a Construction Supervising Engineer until his retirement in 1975. His career took him to many locations both in Virginia and New York State, where he held Professional Licenses.

Masonic Career

R.:W.: Brother Simpson was Master of Yonnonadio Lodge No. 163 in 1948 and served as Master of Amber Lodge No. 395 in 1991. He is active in Scottish Rite and in the Eastern Star where he has been Patron five times and named Associate Grand Sentinel in 1990-91.

As Grand Steward, R.:W.: Brother Simpson will coordinate membership and education programs throughout the 2nd St. Lawrence District.

He is a member of the United Methodist Church in Parishville, New York. His wife of 51 years, the former Ethel Bettridge, passed away in 1986. (Courtesy St. Lawrence Newsletter) □

Holy Childhood School Gets DeWitt Clinton Award



Sister Benita Nicholas - Asst. Dir. and Sister Seraphine Herbst - Dir., accepting DeWitt Clinton Award for the School of the Holy Childhood with W.: Michael Herrmann, Master of Northfield Lodge.

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TAKE A STEP INTO HISTORY... MASONIC HALL REDEDICATION & CEREMONY & 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF SENIOR PAST GRAND MASTER M.:W.: RAYMOND C. ELLIS



Dec. 14, 1996

Parade: 11 a.m. Assemble at Madison Square Park, 5th Avenue & 24th Street.

Reception & Buffet: 1 p.m. Masonic Hall 24th Street.

Anniversary Concert: 3 p.m. Grand Lodge Room 3rd Fl.

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Editor's Corner

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Improvements

I don't know how you will make out at Christmas time, but, the *Masonic Times* is already assured of some new equipment. Approval from the Board has been received and acquisition is imminent. Soon we will be operating with new computers that will allow us to have contact with the Masonic News Network by modem and to read CDs. We will also have plenty of memory to handle the photo requirements without being strapped for space.

This upgrade was partly necessitated by new postal regulations which required us to certify our subscriber list twice yearly to maintain economies in bulk mailing. Incidentally you may have noticed that your *Masonic Times* is now mailed under "Periodical"; there is no more Second Class Bulk classification.

Although we are now operating under the new regulations, compliance has been accomplished only through the use of the Bureau's Executive Director's home computer. This has really been a royal pain in the neck. We thank Vern Goodrich for supplying this valuable service.

Compliance

Speaking of compliance, the copy coming in for the *Times* has been lacking in adherence to some basic guidelines. If you write articles for the *Times*, don't be surprised if you receive a little note from me. The requirements are not life threatening and they certainly make life a lot easier for the staff; not to mention saving turn-around time for publication. Please receive this note with a spirit of cooperation.

Postal Service

I have commented in previous articles that the U.S. Postal Service is unpredictable. Some subscribers get their paper within days after we put it in the "capable hands" of the Postal Service and others receive theirs a week later. Unless you haven't written or received any letters or cards in the past ten years, you know that this is normal. We have no control over it, period! All we can do is comply with the regulations and hope.

The *Times* Staff wishes you and yours a happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year! □

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By Vernon L. Goodrich

Thanks

Camp DeMolay is closed for the Winter. I thank, once again, all of the volunteers who helped maintain and remodel the Camp during 1996 and to those who so generously gave financially to the Camp. The Camp will come off the tax rolls in September of 1996. This means, however, that we will have to pay taxes in September, 1996 and January, 1997. That is another \$4,000.00 which I did not expect.

Computers

We are in the process of upgrading our computer equipment in the Service Bureau office, to better handle the graphics and the new mailing requirements. If we call the Lodge's secretaries for better addresses, we hope they will be patient with us. The new mailing requirements, to achieve the lowest costs, are very stringent and demanding.

Help needed

While we may not need volunteers for the Camp over the Winter, we still need help in cleaning and repairing the medical equipment we loan out. If you can be of service, please call.

"Do our actions demonstrate our faith?" □

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Al Sigi Center Walk-a-Thon

On Sunday morning, November 3rd, the Annual Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser for the Al Sigi Center was held in Marketplace Mall. It was a huge success, as usual, with a host of volunteers and throngs of people spread throughout the entire mall. I would guess there were at least 1,000 persons participating.

The total volunteers from our group were seven, including Sylvia Bollotin, three Shrine Clowns (namely, John "Hadji" Bryce, Harold "Bindle" Feinberg, and Gordon "Jingles" Bell), 2 of my fellow magicians from the Rochester Assembly No. 47 and myself.

The Staff of the Al Sigi Center was very cognizant and appreciative of our involvement.

Coming events

No further definite events are scheduled at the present time. However, there are 2 possibilities to be explored for the near future.

The first one to be contacted is the Otetiana Council of the Boy Scouts for the benefit of handicapped Scouts. I performed a service for them a few years ago.

The second is a new opportunity for the School of the Holy Childhood. I learned of this facility at Northfield Lodge as part of their own Community Service Program.

It is a teaching school for handicapped children, as well as adults, operated and administered by Nuns. They have invited me to visit their facility and to explore our community service possibility. They have gratefully received my offer on behalf of the Masonic Service Bureau. □

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John "Hadji" Bryce, Harold "Bindle" Feinberg, Harold Bollotin and Gordon "Jingles" Bell at the Al Sigi Walk-a-thon, Marketplace Mall.



Society of American Magicians' James "Professor Rem" Remenicky, Sylvia Bollotin and Balloon Sculptor, Larry Moss, at the Al Sigi Walk-a-thon. (Photo courtesy Harold Bollotin)



Shrine Clown John "Hadji" Bryce and kids. Sylvia Bollotin in the background. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin)

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he unveiled a plaque in Brother Ford's honor as the 14th Masonic President. He later obtained the participation of President Ford in the film produced by the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

He resided with Gerardine, in Setauket, Long Island. Their son, John, is a Captain for Quantas Airways. He had served as a fighter pilot on the Carrier, U.S.S. Forrestal. Their son Richard is a Professor at Fort Lewis in Durango, Colorado and teaches American Indian History. Ray, Jr., is a free-lance photographer, and their daughter, Nancy, resides only a few blocks away in Setauket, New York. They have eight grandchildren.

Grand Master Ellis had been a member of the Old Central Presbyterian Church since his youth, and served on the Boards of the Setauket Presbyterian Church in Setauket, New York, which celebrated its 335th anniversary in 1995.

On September 25, 1986, he was awarded the Gourgas Medal of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. This is a rarely conferred honor, awarded for "Notably distinguished service in the cause of Freemasonry, humanity and country". Former recipients of this medal include President Harry S. Truman, King Gustav of Sweden, General Mark Clark, Senator Jon Bricker of Ohio, President Gerald R. Ford and Rev. Norman Vincent Peale.

M.W. Ellis was a Member Emeritus of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory and the Senior Past Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York.

He had continued his business activities at Phoenix Home Life Insurance Company, a firm he had been associated with since 1915, was a member of the Downtown Athletic Club, was an avid reader, and a Civil War and Revolutionary War "buff".

Brother Ellis was a renowned orator, who spoke before civic and fraternal bodies and at church services in New York State, and throughout the country, as his schedule permitted.

He was an active, vibrant and inspirational leader, in the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New York, as well as in Freemasonry, in general. He was one of the nation's best known Masons with a career of service to the Fraternity stretching back for over seventy-seven years. He was loved by all, in every walk of life. Everyone who met him thought of him as a friend. (Courtesy Empire State Mason).

Visit a Masonic War Veteran



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Miscellaneous	10
Total	731

The Custodians Corner

R.W. Maurice Solomon
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In the Custodian's Corner of the November issue of the *Masonic Times*, Page 12 there was an omission of one line that significantly changed the meaning of Brother Solomon's discourse. The error was in the response to a question about the "Tiler's Oath". The sentence was printed:

"The Tiler's Oath is not recognized in a number of jurisdictions, including our neighbors to the North across the lake, and visitors to these Lodges may be required to take the 'Oath', or subscribe to it."

A line was, unfortunately, missed in type setting. The sentence should have read:

"The 'Tiler's Oath' is not recognized in a number of jurisdictions and is therefore not performed in New York. It is recognized in a number of jurisdictions, including our neighbors to the North, across the lake, and visitors to these Lodges may be required to take the 'Oath' or subscribe to it."

We hope this will clear up any misunderstanding the error may have produced and apologize for the omission.

As I have said in the past, in this publication, if anyone detects an error in the *Times* they should bring it to my attention.

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By V.W. John Zabel

What's this all mean?

After learning and presenting the Middle Chamber Lecture for the 2nd Degree, George started to appreciate Masonic Ritual. He had been present for Degree work and had participated in the work, but had not spent much time really studying it. Preparation for the Middle Chamber did that.

Several days after the 2nd Degree he got a call from the Master. "George, are you aware that as Senior Deacon, you have a part in both the 1st and 2nd Sections of the 3rd Degree?"

"Uh, I wasn't really aware of that", said George. "What am I doing?"

"Why, you're the main character in the drama and you introduce the candidates to the 2nd Section", replied the Master. "We will be rehearsing a week from Tuesday, so start getting ready."

"I will", stated George.

George found his Ritual and started reading his part. "This is

interesting. I wonder what it really means", thought George. "I should talk to someone about this." So he called Rich.

"Hi Rich, I'm calling because I would like to get together with you and discuss the 3rd Degree. I've just started to really look at it since I'm Senior Deacon and have the main part in the 2nd Section. I'm learning the Ritual and have some questions on its meaning."

"I don't know if I can help, but let's get together tomorrow evening and we'll talk", said Rich.

Well, they did get together and talked for several hours. George was fascinated by the discussion. At the end of the evening he said, "Boy, there's more to this Ritual than I ever thought. Thanks for the discussion, Rich. This may even help me do a better job at the Degree."

"I hope so", said Rich. "I'll be there to see how you do."

After the rehearsal the next week the Master approached George. "I've never heard that part done quite like that. You really make it meaningful to me. I hope you do as well at the Degree."

"I think I will", replied George.

True to his word, George did an excellent job. Everyone, including Rich, said so. This got some of the Brothers to ask George to explain why he did the Ritual the way he did. He invited them to get together for a discussion with him. This is how the Lodge started to appreciate the institution of Freemasonry, each member's involvement and why the Lodge should grow.

What's happening

Plans are under way to present the Leadership Development Course on Saturday, April 5th, at the Downtown Masonic Temple. This is later than we have given it before, however, there is a new program for Senior Wardens, "The Road to the East", sponsored by the Staff Officers, that will be given on January 18th, February 15th and March 15th. Consult the Staff Officers for more details.

The next meeting of the Bureau of Masonic Education will be on Monday, January 6th in the Downtown Temple Library. The meeting's agenda will be the Election of Officers, changes to the By-Laws and program planning. All Executive Committee members are encouraged to attend.

VAMC
Canandaigua, NY

By Harold Bollotin

Seneca Lodge VAMC Program

Since their meeting of October 8th, Tom Paglia and I received a very fine thank you letter from W. Tom Foote, Master of Seneca Lodge, in appreciation of our participation in their program. Thank you, W. Tom!

November 10th visit

The six regular visitors were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, June Moon, and Courtland Young, whom we were

pleased to welcome back after a long absence. Old faithfuls, Paul and Doris Robertson, were unable to attend. He is still recuperating from a 16 foot fall from a ladder. He is up and about now, but unable to walk the long halls at the Medical Center. Our best wishes to Paul for a complete recovery.

We were very pleased to greet four guest volunteers from Etolian Lodge: W. Don Darrohn and his wife, Mickey, and W. Richard Kessler and his wife, Joan. Don is the present Master of Etolian Lodge. They were repeating their visit of last year.

December events

On Thursday afternoon, December 10th, there will be the Annual Gift Wrapping Session in the Auditorium of Building 5 at 1:00 p.m. This is always a fun filled event. A great many volunteers from numerous veteran, civic and Fraternal organizations, including the Eastern Star, fill the Auditorium. A group from the Masonic War Veterans are expected to attend. Parking is available across the road.

On Sunday afternoon, December 22nd, is the highlight of the year, the Annual Gift Distribution to the patients. This is always

a rewarding experience. After a brief welcoming ceremony in the Auditorium of Building 5 at 12:30 p.m., we shall proceed to our assigned wards. Again, as at the gift wrap session, the Auditorium will be filled to capacity with numerous volunteers all wearing Santa hats.

There is no regular ward visit scheduled for December, so the next one will be in January, 1997.

If anyone would like further information, telephone Tom Paglia at 227-2046.

Caring is Everything



Tom Paglia attending two of the Veteran Patients at the Canandaigua Veterans Medical Center.



(back) Heinz Gunkel, Ken Kassel-Germania Lodge, Don Rose-Seneca and Patrick Mulrooney-Germania with two unidentified patients at the VAMC visit October 13th.



(front) Heinz Gunkel, Ken Kassel and Partick Mulrooney, (back) Harold Bollotin, Tom Paglia and Don Rose visitors at the Canandaigua VAMC. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin)

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Dad

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Grand Director of Ceremonies

By R.-W.- Cyrus Kloner
Sadness

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Most Worshipful Raymond C. Ellis, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, just a few short months away from his 100th Birthday. As you read the article about his illustrious career and Masonic activities elsewhere in this publication, or in the Fall issue of the "Empire State Mason", you will note that he gave his all to the Fraternity.

There are many dedicated and devoted Masons in the Monroe Districts and we are very appreciative of their efforts. But a few good men and Masons cannot carry the burden of the entire membership. Each and every Mason in our Districts has an important part to play in the activities of our great Fraternity. If each and every Mason gave just a little of his time to the Craft can you imagine the result of such activity.

With the aforementioned in mind I will delineate a few worthwhile activities which will only take a little of your time and effort to make a contribution to the Craft:

Eagle Scout Table Lodge

This program funds the purchase and presentation of an official kit containing a pin, etc. to each and every boy that attains the rank of Eagle Scout in our area. This program gives the Fraternity the opportunity to be visible in the community and make a lasting impression on the young men who will be our future leaders. The only involvement on your part, as a Mason, is to attend, pay thirty dollars (\$30.00), twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which is tax deductible, and enjoy sociability, a good dinner and a worthwhile program. The next Eagle Scout Table Lodge will take place on January 10th at Webster Lodge

with a social hour starting at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and R.-W.- Donald Vetal, Past Senior Grand Warden, the speaker for the evening.

Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

This Program has raised over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the Ronald McDonald House here in Monroe County and has enhanced our image with the public. This year's Campaign will be conducted from February 6th - 14th, 1997. It only takes a few hours to be a supporter of this worthwhile activity.

Masonic Grand Ball

This event is sponsored by the Masters and Wardens Association of the Monroe Districts which allows for social fraternization. The next Masonic Grand Ball will be held on March 22nd and the speaker will be R.-W.- Stewart C. McCloud, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. Further details will be forthcoming.

There are many more activities too numerous to mention to which you, as a Mason, can devote your energy and time. Remember, you can make a difference and feel good doing so.

R.-W.- David W. Jones and I extend our wishes to you and yours for a Happy Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. □

By R.-W.- Gene Brendel
Training programs

In last month's *Masonic Times* we discussed the "Shepherding Program", one of two new Programs to be implemented at the direction of the Grand Master.

The second Program is the "Road to the East" and to put your collective minds at ease, we are not about to send all the Senior Wardens off on another Crusade to the Holy Land! We are, however, going to encourage them to be a part of a formal training program that will provide a great deal of valuable information that will help to make the transition to the office of Master much easier.

Times and place

The dates that have been reserved are January 18, February 15 and March 15, 1997 in the 3rd Floor Dining Room of the Downtown Masonic Temple.

Resources

The primary resources for these classes will be "The 24 Gauge", "Short Talk Bulletins", the "Ritual", "The Constitutions and Book of Masonic Law", as well as some of our more knowledgeable local scholars.

The sessions

In Session 1 we will be discussing the duties and prerogatives of the Worshipful Master, the use of "The 24 Gauge", checklists for

the top three Lodge officers and what is the 'right stuff' that every Lodge should have.

Session 2 will investigate what constitutes a good Trestleboard, how to plan it and a review of some of the techniques for planning, publicity and communication of the events proposed. As a homework assignment each participant will begin to plan and lay out his own Trestleboard.

Session 3 begins with a critique of the Trestleboard, followed by a snapshot of Masonic Law and the Constitutions, what to expect in and how to prepare for an Official Visit, a look at Masonic etiquette, creating an effective agenda, running an efficient meeting and a review of public speaking principles.

Valuable information

If you are still reading at this point, you will see that there is a lot of valuable information available in this course. Unlike many of us (Past Masters) who had to "osmose" it or pin down a predecessor or secretary to extract the information as it was needed, the student will have at hand many of the nuts and bolts, as well as a list of valuable resources to get him started on the right foot. A forerunner of this program was presented to the currently installed Masters and most will agree that it was worthwhile.

Education

As we have stated at our Official Visits, education has been deemed by the Grand Line to be the means of revitalizing the Fraternity. With the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program, DeWitt Clinton Award Program, and community service events we introduce the general populace to Freemasonry. With the Lodge System of Masonic Education and Shepherding Programs we educate the new Brother (and re-educate the shepherd). By using the Leadership Development Course we stimulate the Brothers and educate our potential leaders. In "The Road to the East" we educate those who are soon to be Masters. These are all programs that are valuable to the future of the Craft and they all begin with the need to interest more good men in Masonry. Grand Master Hino has described Masons as being "movers and shakers" and if we are to grow and spread the Light of Freemasonry in New York State it is time for every Mason, each and every one, to get moving and shake the bushes of society to find and introduce a good man to the Craft.

December

The month of December brings with it a slowing of the Masonic calendar and a time to enjoy the excitement of the holi-

days, as well as the renewal of its promise of peace and good will. We extend our thanks for the kind reception we have received on our Visits and offer our best wishes to our Masonic family with the hope that you will enjoy the Hanukkah and Christmas seasons.

January

As the New Year unfolds, we remind you of the upcoming Table Lodge on January 10th in support of the Eagle Scout Program. We hope to see you there and also in Lodge! □

1st Monroe District

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538



W.- William J. Edwards,
Master
872-3993

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

Henry Libera, Secretary
872-5427
30 Orchard St.
Webster, N.Y. 14580

By W.- Bill Edwards

Hello Brothers

Thanks to everyone who came out for our Grand Lodge Official Visit on November 7th. I was proud to see Webster Lodge well represented for R.-W.- Cy Kloner, DDGM, and R.-W.- Eugene Brendel, Grand Steward. They presented a positive Message for the future of Masonry in New York State. Webster Lodge is actively supporting and achieving many Grand Lodge goals in the areas of membership retention, membership development and community service. I want to personally thank the Line Officers for attending the meeting and their continued support throughout the year. Their commitment to Masonry and Webster Lodge was evident by the quality of the Officer's Ritual and all chairs were filled at the meeting.

Bring-a-Friend Night

A Brother Bring-a-Friend Night is planned for Thursday, December 5th. A scrumptious Lasagna Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Guests will eat free. A Masonic informational program will be held at 7:30 p.m. As always, there will be fellowship in the dining hall after the meeting. Call all dinner reservations into John Clapp, 671-4158, by Monday, December 2nd. The 1st Degree is scheduled for Thursday, February 6th.

Spaghetti Dinner

This will be held on Friday, December 6th. Get a great meal and fellowship at a reasonable price. The Spaghetti Dinner is held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lend a hand if you can help or stop by and eat. Either way, you are supporting the Lodge.

If you are interested in working on the dinners, please contact Mark Fenton, 265-3907. He will be happy to help you get involved. The Lodge is going to need some additional help throughout the Winter months when some of the workers head South. The monthly fundraiser helps to support the activities of Webster Lodge and Webster Chapter, OES.

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Masters and Wardens Association of Monroe County



Eagle Scout Table Lodge

January 10, 1997

Webster Lodge

Happy Hour 5:30 PM

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30 Orchard St
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Past Master Night

This event will be held on Thursday, December 12th. The President of the Past Masters Association, Wayne Engbrecht (1989 Master), will host the dinner and meeting. All Lodge Past Masters, DSA's and the top 3 Line Officers will be invited.


Holiday Visitations

R. W. Bruce Chilton will be organizing the Holiday Visitation Program this year, scheduled for Saturday, December 21st. A free breakfast will be served at the Lodge at 8:00 a.m. Visitation should be done by noon.

Do you have four hours you can share with your Brothers? If you have not participated in the Visitation Program in the past, put it on your calendar now.

An event filled December is planned. Take a moment from Holiday preparations and celebrations to enjoy some fellowship and brotherly love with your Brothers of Webster Lodge. I hope that you all have a Happy Holiday Season. May the blessings of heaven rest upon us.

Spaghetti Dinner
Friday
Dec. 6, 1996
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Webster Lodge
30 Orchard Street
Webster, NY

Wakan/Hubbard
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 W. Donald C. Bell, Master
 334-7768
 2nd & 4th Mondays
 7:30 P.M.
 W. Theodore J. Snyder, Secretary
 467-0165
 1822 Penfield Rd.
 Penfield, N.Y. 14526

By W. Don Bell

Batavia Veterans Home

Last month, SW Frank Briffa, W. Tom Hueston, and I visited Brother Bob North at the New York State Veterans Home in Batavia. Brother Bob is doing very well and is hopeful of returning home to his wife, Pat. He would appreciate a visit or your cards and letters.

We were favorably impressed with the Home. It's a one-story building housing 126 residents (men and women) in cheerful surroundings. In fact, each resident's room has a bay window through which he/she can look outdoors. It is open to veterans who either entered service from New York State or who have been residents of New York for one year. They must have an Honorable Discharge from the Armed Services. You can get more information by writing to: NYS Veterans Home, 220 Richmond Ave., Batavia, NY 14020. You can mail cards to Bob at this address.

Lodge happenings

At the Grand Lecturer's Convention, our Lodge qualified for the Howard Potts Award for the

9th consecutive time. Although this sets a new record for a consecutive Award streak, other Lodges can also do this. But will they? We also took the Attendance Banner for the 1st Monroe District.

Brother Jim Willis donated an entry latch for the inner door. It was installed by W. Angelo DiCataldo, and was dedicated in a brief Ceremony. This latch is said to have been used in a Masonic Lodge in the MA area around 1733.

The Master's Carpet, donated by W. John Irvine and dedicated by his wife, Jean, now has a new plaque. W. Angelo DiCataldo and I joined together to install this plaque in its proper place on the Master's Carpet.

December

Our annual financial meeting leads off this month. That will be closely followed by the Christmas Party for our Brother's children. Look forward to a cheerful and entertaining event, chaired by SW Frank Briffa.

Looking ahead

R. W. A. John Tijou will lead our 1st meeting after the Christmas Holidays, on January 13th. This will feature the Past Masters under his capable leadership. Come, fill the sidelines and watch a Past Master crew conduct an excellent meeting.

We will have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on the 22nd. Line up your friends and bring them for an evening of Masonic entertainment and enlightenment.

On the 27th we will have a dinner and a program by the Monroe County Sheriff's K-9 Corp. Ladies are invited.

February features our Ladies Appreciation Night Dinner. W. Gordon Oakes has lined up a splendid Barbershop Quartet. Save the date and bring your lady to an evening complete with dinner and entertainment just for them. This month will also see SW Frank Briffa in the East to confer the 1st Degree.

Lost & found

Whoever borrowed Ray Di-James London Towne overcoat please call him at 227-0494 or me at 334-7768. Ray would like to exchange the coat left for him for his own. Both coats are dark tan or light olive in color and size 42 or 44.

New and views

By SW Frank Briffa

Visit

The air had a chill to it that promised snow not far behind. W. Don Bell, W. Tom Hueston and myself were heading down the road to Batavia. Suddenly the



W. Angelo DiCataldo and W. Donald Bell showing off the Door Latch contributed by Brother Jim Willis, DSA.

clouds broke, the sun appeared and its warmth began to drive the chill away.

Warmth, that's what Brotherhood in Masonry is all about. We were on our way to Batavia to visit Brother E. Robert North. Bob is a resident at this new facility.

We signed in at the front desk and one of the residents, Victor, took us to Bob's room. Nothing compares to seeing a Brother's face light up as Bob's did when he first saw us. We placed a live 3' Christmas tree on his window ledge.

Bob looked great! He has lost about 50 pounds and did quip that it wasn't the right way to lose the weight. He was sitting in his wheelchair and receives therapy every day.

When Bob's nurse came into the room she said she loved the tree and remarked how it brightened up the room. She promised to bring in some ornaments to decorate the tree.

We talked for almost an hour about days gone by. Bob had nothing but praise for the care he is getting at this facility, and that any veteran who is a Mason should be aware of it.

On our way out, Bob gave us a guided tour of the facility. What a place. The dining area has the look of a restaurant. Just past the dining room were activity rooms. The main one had a desk for the coordinator, a couple of tables, and a counter area complete with a sink and microwave. In one area adjoining this room, was a large screen TV. Bob told us he watches old westerns in another room with a VCR.

This is what Brotherhood is about. We all say it in our Lodges throughout. Let's all remember



Frank Briffa-SW, W. Tom Hueston and W. Donald Bell visit with Brother E. Robertson North at the Batavia Veterans Home.

to call or visit a Brother who is shut in. Let's not forget our widows. We had a good day visiting with Bob. He is on his way back to recovery, but said it will be a long one. He couldn't think of a better option than the Home. He would like to be back in Chili with Pat, but knows that it would be a lot of work for her. His love for Pat and the Craft live on.

More distress

I had a talk with Ernest Swan who is battling MS. He commented that for a while he lost his sight, but has regained it. Keep up the fight.

Mike Robertson has had another setback. His arm had been bothering him for a while. He had an x-ray that showed his wrist was broken in three places. He now has cast and pins to hold it in place. We all have mountains to climb, but Mike's must seem like Mt. Everest. We'll all help you to the top. Keep climbing.

I am sad to relate that one of our Brothers, Carl Fischer, Jr., passed to the Great Architect of the Universe.



Attendance Banner won by Wakan/Hubbard Brothers at the Grand Lecturer's Convention.

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 Second Tuesday
 6:00 P.M.
 W. Robert C. Green, Sec.
 (h) 223-5953 (fx) 425-7054
 30 Orchard St.,
 Webster, N.Y. 14580

By W. Tom Foote

Happy holidays

I hope that your holidays are going smoothly and everyone has had a chance to enjoy the festive aura that seems to surround us during this season. If your holiday glow is especially strong, focus it and call a Brother and wish him the best.

Thank you, Brother Stein

The Holiday Tea was a great success. Brother Gary Stein put together a very tasteful event. The gifts for everyone were lovely. Please let Brothers Don Rose and Derek VanHouten know what you thought of the affair to help them plan for next year's Tea.

Masonic info night

Our next meeting will be very special. Your officers will be presenting a "mock" Masonic information night, showing the format that will be used to tell non-Masons and their families about Seneca Lodge and Masonry in general. The program was originally developed as Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, but we have adapted it to fill the dual purpose of informing and perpetuating. It will be presented to the public on Saturday, February 1st. We need names and addresses of people to invite. Even if you're doubtful that the person may become a member, use this program as a way to tell your friends who you are, and how special your connection to the Lodge is. Help expose the Craft in a positive way by giving names and addresses to Brother Don Rose by December 16th.

Have a wonderful holiday, and we'll see you in Lodge.

MONROE**Lodge No. 173**

W. Neil E. Laundry,
Master
964-2135

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

Roy D. Goold, Secretary
637-6419
67 Main Street
Brockport, N.Y. 14420

and dedicate our first communication in November to the Ritual work for the 1st Degree. Our 1st meeting in December will also be a Ritual night.

Poinsettias

Plans are underway for our 2nd annual poinsettia distribution to our widows and shut-ins. We had a great time with this event last year and are eagerly awaiting this year's visits. We hope to be seeing you soon, ladies.

Photo Opportunity

Some of our crew had a "Photo Opportunity" with Mark Jaccarino, Director of Brockport's new Seymour Library facility on East Ave. The occasion was to commemorate Monroe's \$10,000 Library donation in memory of W. Ken Hovey, a longtime newspaper editor and supporter of print media. W. George Brege took me aside and informed me that it was actually a photo-op for Mr. Jaccarino, giving him the honor of being photographed with three of our Masonic dignitaries and local celebrities. Included in the photo were Brege, Jaccarino, W. Jerry Werner and W. Mel Doverspike.

Dues

This is probably a good time to remind everyone that '97 dues are due! W. Roy Goold informs me that the early response to his notifications has been good, and he hopes to see it continue. Remember that along with your dues card you will receive the 1997 Monroe Lodge No. 173 Directory. What a deal!

Brotherhood Fund

Along the same vein, W. Mel Doverspike, Monroe Brotherhood Fund Chairman, reminds us that the envelopes included in the above mentioned communication may be sent in directly to Grand Lodge. Remember to let them know that you're in Monroe Lodge.

By W. Neil Laundry

Holiday Greetings!

Well, it's that time of year again! Thanksgiving's over and Christmas and the New Year are fast approaching. I don't let any of that Christmas "rush" business bother me, though. There's plenty of time now that the stores are open 'til twelve on Christmas Eve. It's sort of like making the deadline for the *Masonic Times*.

Busy times

Monroe has been busy since our last report. We were not able to juggle schedules to enable our lone candidate to begin his Degrees. We did however, go ahead



Mark Jaccarino, Director of the Seymour Library, in the new Main Desk area.



Mark Jaccarino-Director, Seymour Library, acknowledging the memorial given in honor of Ken Hovey with Brothers of Monroe Lodge: Gerald Werner, Melvin Doverspike and George Brege.

Best wishes

Best wishes go out to Margaret Brege, Elsa Branigan, Brother Stan Hare and W. Jim Wilkins, Jr. All have had recent visits to the hospital and can use our love, prayers, and support. We try to keep up to date with our sunshine communications, but sometimes we need your help if we're not to miss saying, "Hi, we're thinking of you." Please let us know how things are going in your section of the country. Likewise, if you are aware of a member of our Masonic family who needs some cheering up or "atta boy", drop a line to us so that we can let them know they're in our thoughts and prayers.

Well, I guess that's a wrap. Take care and may God hold you in the palm of His hand until we meet again.

CLIO**LODGE No. 779**

W. Thomas W. Tanner III,
Master
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(w) 964-8518

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

Charles A. Tucker, DSA
Secretary 392-2006
287 East Ave.

Hilton, N.Y. 14468

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By W. Thomas W. Tanner

Greetings, Brethren**Brother Bring-a-Friend Night**

October 29th was a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at Clio. We had many Brothers turn out, as well as seven guests. Thanks to W. Jerry Jones and Charlie Tucker, DSA, we all enjoyed an excellent Roast Beef Dinner.

My thanks, also, to the following Brothers who brought the message of our great Fraternity to our guests: W. Dave Upham, Harry DeHollander, Dale Polmateer and Eric Betteridge.

Brotherhood Fund

You should have received your Brotherhood Fund envelope by now. Please make an effort to contribute to this most important fund.

Holiday Dinner

On our December 17th meeting night we will invite our families to a Holiday Dinner, after a short meeting. Hope to see you all attend!

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

By Charles A. Tucker, DSA

Brothers

If you are moving, would you please get a change of address card from the Post Office and send it to Clio Lodge No. 779, PO 740, Hilton, NY, 14468? The reason for this is every time I am notified of a change, there is a charge of \$.50. We don't want to loose contact with any Brother.

Happy Birthday

The following Brothers are celebrating their birthdays: Ross Wayne, Howard Garbutt, Tom Hauss, Jerry Jones, Basil VanCamp, Ray Burke, Leland Hendershot and Dave Upham.

Dinner dates

The Spaghetti Dinners are going very well. The dates are as follows: December 4th and 18th; January 8th and 22nd, 1997; and February 12th and 26th.

We can still use some extra hands to help at the dinners. We also need help with lawn mowing, and cleaning around the Lodge. Contact W. Lee Hendershot at 392-4732 if you can help.

Sickness and distress

W. Donn Stevens is still under the weather and would enjoy a phone call from you.

Our sympathy goes out to Betty Everts and family on the passing of Brother Cliff Everts on October 15th. We also extend our condolences to the family of Howard Austin.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Valley/Simes**Lodge****No. 109**

W. Richard Snyder, Master
(h) 342-2419
(w) 586-4624

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

R. W. Herbert Spencer, Sec.

271-8577

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

By W. Richard Snyder

Brothers

Your Lodge Officers extend their greetings to you and your family, and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, good health and plenty.

Remembering

November was a busy month for Valley/Simes. The "Lodge of Remembrance" was conducted for eleven of our Brothers who were summoned to the Supreme Lodge Above since last November.

The program for the evening was cancelled due to Mike Batz getting the flu at the last moment. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Thanks also to Rand Gee for taking over the kitchen detail for the night. We had nine Brothers show for early supper. There was plenty to eat, and at \$5.00, it hit the spot.

Enjoyable night out

The Orpheus Fellowship Club went visiting to Charlotte/ Corinthian Temple, hoping to bring back the Traveling Gavel, but it had been taken by Etolian. We enjoyed a great Roast Beef Dinner, and got to listen to the DDGM, R. W. David Jones make his Official Visit. It was an enjoyable night out, and we thank the Master, W. James De Lorenzo, for his hospitality.

December

This month will also be busy for Valley/Simes. The December 10th communication will be our Official Visit by DDGM, R. W. Cyrus Kloner.

A Christmas Turkey Dinner with our ladies is scheduled, and entertainment has been arranged. A flyer has been mailed with next year's dues notice, and reservations are required. Tuxedo is the dress of the evening.

Widows and shut-ins

Our hospitaler, R. W. Mathew Gingold, is organizing the Christmas Poinsettia Program. He has thirty plants that need to be delivered to our widows and shut-ins, and is looking for help. Call him now with your availability.

Sickness

Brothers George Francis and Robert Hummel are both home and can have visitors. Please call first for the best times to visit, or check with Mat Gingold. Keep your Lodge informed.

December meetings

On December 3rd there will be an Officers Meeting at the Rochester Lumber Company, 2040 University Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

Our Official Visit will be December 10th. This will be Ladies Night, with early refreshments and entertainment. Tuxes are required and reservations may be made by calling 271-8577.

Our Fellowship and Christmas Party will be December 17th at Glenn and Carol Stahl's, 25 County Clare Cres., Fairport.

FAIRPORT**Lodge No. 476**

W. David H. Mawhiney,
Master
(w) 274-7940
(h) 267-9646

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

W. George R. Bracht, Secretary
(h) 383-1947 (w) 264-6250

87 South Main St.
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

By W. David H. Mawhiney

There is one consolation in writing a monthly article for the *Masonic Times*: it forces the author to look ahead. As I sit here pondering things that will be, JW Tom Richenderfer is fretting about the last minute preparations for tonight's 2nd Degree. However, I can proceed in telling you that the Fairport Degree Team did a wonderful job presenting the Degree and that Brother Tom was excellent in the East. I can do this because, theoretically, the Degree has already taken place, and realistically, I am confident of the officers and Brothers of Fairport No. 476. Thank you, my Brothers.

Thanks

Speaking of thanks, I'd like to extend my gratitude to R. W. Chick Becker and W. Dwight Turner. As you may know, our Senior Warden, W. Bob Slominski, is struggling with some serious family obligations which have severely stretched his cabletow. R. W. Chick has agreed to move to the West and W. Dwight will fill in as Chaplain in the interim, while W. Bob is addressing matters. I am sure our sympathies and support go out to W. Bob and my thanks to R. W. Chick and W. Dwight.

Table Lodge

By the way, we had our great night of brotherhood and conviviality on November 25th at our Second Annual Fairport Table Lodge. It was well attended and an enjoyable evening for all.

December

That takes us to the upcoming 3rd Degree scheduled for December 9th. Officers are to wear tuxes or dark business suits. Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree will commence promptly at 7:30 p.m. It is our good fortune to have the Shrine Degree Team presenting the Degree for us. I encourage you to come out and fill the sidelines for this exemplary performance.

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Fairport Lodge No. 476

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December 14th will mark a Bring-a-Friend Night at Fairport No. 476. If you have a friend who is sitting on the fence regarding Freemasonry, or one who is just curious, or one who is/was a Mason in good standing from another jurisdiction, bring him out! If nothing else, he will get a free meal (as will his sponsor), meet some new faces, and have a good time.

Please note

Reservations for all dinners should be made with the Junior Warden at 377-7782 or me at 264-9646.

In conclusion, I extend my sincerest good wishes and warmest tidings for the holiday season. May your home resound with laughter and may you want for nothing.

Flower City Lodge No. 910



W.. Douglas Higgins,
Master
475-0478

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R.. W.. Philip Averbach,
Secretary 458-1817

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

By W.. Douglas R. Higgins

And yet another Summer passes us by and another Winter approaches. I miss the warm weather already! The Summers are always too short.

November

The meeting held on November 14th was quite interesting. My thanks to R..W.. David Clarke for a fine program. My thanks also to all those who showed up for this fine evening. I have never personally been able to attend any programs involving the Shrine Hospitals, so I found this program quite informative. To those who were unable to attend, you missed out on a wonderful evening. It was also nice to see the ladies once again.

We had a Bring-a-Brother Night on November 21st. Remember, without new blood, our Lodge will fade away.

Sickness and distress

It has been brought to my attention that Brother Cosmo Pusateri and R..W.. Gerry Glaser have both sustained injuries. I wish them both speedy recoveries as well as any other Brothers who I am unaware of.

Upcoming event

Please note the advertisement for our Annual Latka Hop on Sunday, December 8th. We will have a live band for your entertainment. The Carlton Dart Trio will be playing and singing a variety of music including Big Band, Soft Rock, Polkas and much, much more. The cost will be \$7.00 for adults (children under 10 are free).

Reservations by December 1st are critical as we need to get enough food for everyone. Please contact the officers listed to make your reservations. Bring your children, spouse, relatives, friends - anyone you wish! They can dance, talk and eat all afternoon from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. I hope for a wonderful day for all.

We will need some help cooking, setting up and cleaning up. Please lend a hand to your officers. Many hands make for shorter work! I hope to see you all there.

Well, that's all for now, my Brothers. See you at the next meeting.

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



W.. M. Donald Darrohn,
Master
225-1782

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

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

By W.. Donald Darrohn

Holiday Season

Warmest holiday wishes to each of you and your families as well as all our Brothers and Sisters. 'Tis the season when the principal tenets of our Craft should ever be kept in the forefront, Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.

Calendar

Only one meeting in December, the 9th. Please plan on attending; we will focus on business. The Finance and Audit Committee will report on their findings, and we will have a budget presentation for the next calendar year-1997.

The Annual Christmas Party with Etolian Eastern Star Chapter will be on December 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lodge. The Lodge will supply the main course and each family should bring a dish to pass along with their own dishes and utensils. Seal the Clown will make his usual visit, Brother

Randy Bloechl will play the piano so that we can all join in singing some Christmas Carols. We then would expect that Santa would make an appearance (please bring a wrapped gift, name attached for each attending with you).

Holiday visitations

We will be making house calls to some of our Brethren on December 21st, to deliver some holidayspirit. If you know of a Brother you believe should be contacted, please let me know.

Time and numbers

Time - where does it go? We all know that it won't wait for any of us. Numbers - do you know that the average age of the Brothers in Etolian Lodge No. 479 is 68+ years? So what! Why is this important? Our roles currently show 226 Brothers, and the direction is not positive. Brethren, we need names! Early next year we are going to hold a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. The date is January 9, 1997. Everyone of us knows a gentleman whom we would be proud to call "Brother". I need that name! Please send or call that name to me, so that we can send out the letters of invitation and you and he can join us for a FREE meal and brief description about Freemasonry.

February specials

Never too soon to mark the calendar. February 10th we will have a Sweetheart Dinner, with wives and widows invited. Reservations will be required. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. We'll sing some of those old songs, have a brief meeting, and then enjoy a presentation by one of the curators of the Strong Museum on Valentine Traditions.

Get well wishes

Brother Robert Zavasnik, Senior Master of Ceremony, will have had knee surgery when you read this. We wish him a speedy recovery and return to "labor" with the Craft.

Tidbit

Masonry is too great an institution to have been made in a day, much less by a few men, but was a slow evolution over a long time, unfolding its beauty as it grew. Indeed, it was like one of its own cathedrals which one generation of builders wrought and vanished, and another followed, until amidst vicissitudes of time and change, of decline and revival, the order itself became a temple of Freedom and Fraternity. (Courtesy of Brother J.F. Newton)

Happy holidays!

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



W.. Michael G. Rice, Master
(w) 266-7066
(h) 428-5680

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

R.. W.. Richard C. Friedman
Sec. (h) 377-6175(w) 271-2775
152 Commercial St. West
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445

By W.. Michael G. Rice

Halfway there?

Unbelievable! It's December already and the Masonic meeting year is almost at its mid-point. It seems as if we just got started. Well, for the most part, this month will be a quiet one. One

that we can spend with our families, thinking about the meanings of the season and ways to make life happier for those less fortunate than we are. Perhaps we can use some of that time to visit a Brother who hasn't been able to make it to Lodge or at least give him a call. That's what it's all about isn't it...I mean Masonry and the holiday season.

2nd Degree

The early part of November was spent by many, especially our erstwhile Senior Warden, preparing for the passing of our two newest Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft. In keeping with our 'everybody does something' philosophy, SW Bob Carlson served as Master for the proceedings, doing an excellent job in the East. My hat is off to him as both he and JW Carl Scarpulla have set a standard of performance for those of us who are to administer Degrees in the future. We were also very fortunate to have an excellent Middle Chamber Lecture given by R..W.. Ron Mertens and the Charge by R..W.. David Jones, who, filling in for the then sunbathing Secretary of our Lodge as unofficial evaluator, gave us a grade of A-minus. Pretty good, I'd say, especially coming from one of the best. It's not perfect, but that means we always have something to shoot for.

3rd Degree

On December 9th we will raise our two new Fellowcrafts. It is my turn this time. Dress will be formal for officers and anyone else who wishes to take the tux out of the closet. I encourage you to think about coming in formal attire for this Degree as it would make a nice impression on the newly raised Brothers if everyone dressed up for their "Birthday". We have one scheduled rehearsal on December 2nd at 7:00 p.m., but will be notifying participants of a 2nd rehearsal.

Holiday visits and breakfast

Saturday morning, December 21st is the day we gather to deliver poinsettias to the Brothers we don't see too often at Lodge, but who would come if they could. We'll kick it off with a hearty breakfast and hit the trails to visit them. Please plan on attending. You may be surprised at the reaction you can get by just stopping in. Details will be forthcoming at the December 9th meeting.

Bon Voyage

No sooner does R..W.. Frank Granata, Sr. get his 30 Year Award than he announces that he's not sticking around in this beautiful climate of ours to enjoy it! He is off to Florida, but not to retirement. We wish him the best of luck in his Southern endeavors and hope he will advise us of his new address as soon as he can. (Just make sure you've got a big guest room, Frank.)

Awards

It was my intention to list the Brothers who received Anniversary Awards at the Official Visit, but there isn't enough space to do that here, I'm very proud to say, as there were so many of them. It was a pleasure, though, to see so many receive these Awards and to see some people we haven't seen in a while. That includes those that the Junior and Senior Wardens and I delivered to some who couldn't be there that night.

Need a ride?

In making our deliveries of the Anniversary Awards we told the recipients, and I say now to any Brother who misses coming to

Lodge, but can't because he has difficulty getting there, give us a call! One of your Brothers will be more than willing to pick you up and bring you home. Every Brother is valuable and your presence at Lodge is important to us. The rest of the year bodes interesting, exciting and educational for all. You don't want to miss it. See you at Lodge!

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W.. Donald C. Bell 334-7768

By W.. Donald Darrohn, Pres.

Table Lodge

The Table Lodge has been rescheduled! The date is January 10, 1997 at Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard Street, Webster. This event is being sponsored by our Association. Our objective is to raise enough money to supply the Eagle Scout pin kits for all the recipients of that award in 1997, within the Otetiana Council.

Each Lodge Secretary has received, and should have read in his Lodge, the letter outlining this event. We need your participation to make this a success. JW Andy McBride of Germania Lodge is spearheading the meal arrangements; he will need crews for setup, cleanup, meal preparation and serving. If you can help Andy, please let him know at (h) 224-9479 or (w) 248-4046.

For you "snow birds" who read this from afar, you can always help too! A twenty dollar contribution to the Masonic Service Bureau noted for Eagle Scout kits, will buy one kit. There are over 100 Eagle Scout awards made each year in the Rochester area.

Court of Honor

Have you ever been to one? I never had either until recently. I've attended two thus far, and am looking forward to others. This is the ceremony where the Scout receives his Eagle Award. There are many letters of recognition from the President of the United States, to Senators and Representatives, both State and National, and County and local officials.

These Courts of Honor are an opportunity! We need these young men, the best in scouting, to hear of the Freemasons, because in just a few more years they may be looking for another Fraternity after they graduate from college. That Fraternity can and should be Freemasonry. I challenge each Master and Warden to find out what scout troop meets in your area.

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M & W Monroes

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Contact the Scoutmaster (someone else with MASTER for a title), find out when they meet and when they will be having their next Court of Honor, so that you may present congratulations to that scout on behalf of your Lodge and Masonry. Go! You will be impressed, not only by the ceremony, but by the character and commitment of the leaders and parents. Perhaps we can even recruit some of those parents once their children have left the nest. Some food for thought.

Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

Our campaign begins in February. If you have not signed up for a time slot at one of the participating malls, please contact W.: Chuck Strickland at 872-1397. Remember all the help this effort has provided and how much fun you can have supporting our local Ronald McDonald House!

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season! □

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By R.W.: Scott Seltzer
Greetings

We praise all the Brothers who attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention. It was a proud evening for the Monroe Districts. One hundred twenty-one Masons from the various Lodges gathered at the Webster Masonic Hall to receive instruction from M.W.: Calvin G. Bond, Grand Lecturer.



W.: Ettore Pellecchia, PM Concordia Lodge of Pascare, Italy and Gr. Rep. to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, M.W.: Calvin Bond, Grand Lecturer and R.W.: A. John Tijou.



R.W.: Alan Ramsay-Regional AGL for Western New York and his new bride, Marcy, cutting the cake at their reception. Members of the Tartan Square Club and many of the Brothers were in attendance at the event.

Great performances

Participants from Northfield No. 426, Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088, Etolian No. 479 and Flower City No. 910 rendered the Ritual of the 1st Degree in such a fashion that we are sure the Grand Lecturer left the Convention knowing that Ritual proficiency in the Monroe Districts is a priority.

Howard Potts Award

Five Lodges - Northfield No. 426, Wakan/Hubbard No. 154, Germania No. 722 and Oatka No. 759 earned the Howard Potts Award. Once again the Monroes will be well represented in the Grand East in May.

Thanks

Special thanks are extended to the dedicated Brothers from Webster Lodge No. 538 for hosting the Convention and providing refreshments for everyone.

Future dates

We have set the dates for the next two Schools of Ritual and the 1997 Grand Lecturer's Convention. The dates are: Wednesday, January 29th, 2nd Degree at 7:30 p.m.; Monday, March 3rd, 3rd Degree at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, September 18th, 1997 Grand Lecturer's Convention - Opening and Closing Lodge. The locations for the Schools have yet to be determined. If any Lodge is interested in hosting one of the Schools, please contact us.

The Convention will be held at the Shrine Mosque in Webster with a dinner preceding. More information will be forthcoming.

New pager number

One additional announcement - the correct pager no. for Scott Seltzer is 291-4699. Sorry for the error.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season. □

Membership Retention

R.W.: Joseph Privitera
1st & 2nd Monroes

The Shepherding Program

The article in the last issue of the *Masonic Times* on Membership Retention spoke of the many tools available to us on this subject. One of these tools is the Shepherding Program. The purpose of this Program is to ensure that every candidate is properly instructed in the fundamentals of the Craft and to make him feel comfortable at Lodge functions.

After the election of a petitioner, the Master of the Lodge should appoint an experienced, knowledgeable, and most of all, Brothers with a positive attitude to be the Lodge Shepherd for the new Brother. The Lodge Shepherd will contact the candidate and advise him of the Degree schedule and invite the candidate and his lady to any open Lodge functions. The Shepherd will maintain contact during his progress through the Degrees and assist him in preparing for each Degree. The primary goal is to make the new Brother a part of the Masonic family.

The Shepherd meets with the candidate prior to the 1st Degree and after each Degree. He can use the LSOME (Lodge System of Masonic Education) booklet and video to assist him in instructing the candidate. He reviews the previous Degree by explaining the Ritual work and symbolism. He can take the new Brother to a Degree he just went through. The new Brother can

2nd Monroe District

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By W.: Lawrence E. Lundgren

Due to your Master's forgetfulness in submitting a column last month, there is much news about the happenings of Towpath Lodge. We are well into our year under the theme, "Making Good Men Better". At our Rededication Program on September 17th, we reviewed the most significant portions of the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees, and each Brother once more took the solemn obligations.

Building on this foundation, we welcomed two candidates as Entered Apprentices at the first communication of October, with SW Thomas LeBeau in the East. Brother Phil Hurwitz, SD, with the assistance of a couple of Brothers, began the shepherding of these new Brothers with the Lodge School of Masonic Education.

also attend a Lodge meeting between his Degrees after the Lodge has been lowered to his level of progress.

After the candidate has taken his 3rd Degree, the Shepherd continues his guidance to him by encouraging him to attend meetings and other Lodge functions, especially the community service programs. The Shepherd also should sit next to him during meetings to describe and explain such things as Masonic etiquette, balloting and voting procedures.

This only briefly describes the Shepherding Program. There is a booklet printed by Grand Lodge that goes into more detail than I can go into at this writing. If you want this booklet, or have questions regarding membership retention, please call me at 392-5583.

By the way

This is the time of year when we send out notices to Brothers about to be dropped for nonpayment of dues. Before this notice officially goes out, we should make every effort to contact these Brothers. A letter should be written and every Brother personally contacted or called on the phone, regardless of where they live. We should find out why they want to be dropped, if there are financial or other situations that can be resolved.

Sometimes we lose contact with these Brothers. There are ways we can find these missing Brothers through phone books at the main library, city directories, and Post Office tracking.

Remember, if you need assistance, please call! Be on the watch next month for more tools on Membership Retention. See you on the front line. □

On October 15th we had the privilege of welcoming R.W.: David W. Jones, accompanied by R.W.: Harold Bollotin, on his first Official Visit to Towpath. Brother Jones shared the Grand Master's Message along with his own personal commentary, inspiring us to pursue more light in Masonry. The Brothers also had the opportunity to present Service Awards to 12 members of our Craft who were present. The contributions of 32 Brothers were recognized through the presentation of pins: three for 25 years of service, six for 30 years, six for 35 years, eight for 40 years of membership and nine for 45 years.

Certificates and Pins were conferred on 14 Brothers, eight having been members of the Craft for 50 years, five for 55 years, and Brother Marvin Dye was recognized for 70 years of work in the quarries.

In recognition of dedicated and untiring service to Towpath and its predecessor bodies, Honorary Past Master's Awards were presented to Brother Francis L. Warburton and Brother William K. Ackroyd by the Past Master's Club of Towpath. We thank these Brothers for their friendship and service, and will welcome them as Honorary Past Masters.

R.W.: Ronald Mertens was in the East on November 5th. R.W.: William Zufall gave the Middle Chamber Lecture. Rumor has it that some of our Brothers, who have also given this Lecture, encouraged Brother Zufall to contribute significantly to the Brotherhood Fund. The Ritual of Degrees is replete with symbolism, as a means of passing Masonic light.

At the November 19th communication our program was to examine the allegories and symbols of the 1st and 2nd Degrees. It is our hope that as we understand more and more about the Craft, each time we see the symbols of the Craft we will be challenged to greater purity of character and conduct.

1997 dates

As the chills of Winter approach, the new calendars for 1997 will follow. Mark the following dates and programs on your schedule and plan to join us. Fellowcraft will be raised as Master Masons on December 3rd and we will close 1996 with our Annual Meeting and a program on the symbols and allegories of the 3rd Degree on December 17th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. on both nights. Reservations to Dan Emerson at 334-7730.

The Masters and Wardens Association of Monroe County will present an Eagle Scout Table Lodge on January 10th at Webster Lodge. Tickets are available through the Master.

The Monroe's Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign to benefit the Rochester Ronald McDonald House, is scheduled for February 7-15th in area malls. Keep watch for opportunities to staff the donation booths.

The Monroe Grand Ball is planned for March 22nd.

Best wishes

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Gladys Geith, widow of R.W.: Lawrence Geith, and Audrey Zufall, wife of R.W.: William Zufall, who have recently undergone surgery. W.: David Francis will have surgery shortly after Thanksgiving. □

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By W.: James A. De Lorenzo
 Here it is December already - Christmas is just around the corner. I realize time waits for no one, but my term as Master is really flying by, maybe that's because I'm having such a great time.

November

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. November was an exciting time for our Lodge.

The School of Ritual and Grand Lecturer's Attendance Banners once again adorn our Lodge. It was a great honor to be Master and receive them at the Convention. I will also be receiving a Howard Potts Award at Grand Lodge in New York in the Spring. Thank you, Officers and Brothers, I certainly couldn't do it without you!

Our 2nd Degree was conferred on November 5th by the Charlotte/Corinthian Past Masters Degree Team. It was a fine display of precision and presentation skills, if you weren't there you really missed a great Degree. Many thanks to our Past Masters! Our dinner also received raves, thanks again to Laura Alvarez! The Traveling Gavel found a new home that same night. Eleven Brothers from Etolian visited us and left with it.



Principal Officers of Charlotte/Corinthian: Mike Gorall-SW, W.: James De Lorenzo and Andy Alvarez-JW.

Brothers who helped win the Banners for Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge



(front) R.: W.: Joseph Privitera, JW-Andy Alvarez, Nick Vlahos, W.: James De Lorenzo, M.: W.: Calvin G. Bond-GL, R.: W.: David Jones-DDGM. (2nd) Chuck Simpson, Bill Flemming, Tom Grape, Ken Ratliff, John Esposito, W.: Neil Laundry. (3rd) George Emmons, Mike Gorall-SW, Mike Staub, Frank Jansson, and Cliff Short.

I know that they will have some visitors from Charlotte/Corinthian in the near future.

Official Visit

Our Official Visit took place on November 19th. Our DDGM, R.: W.: Davey Jones, gave us a rousing message. Thanks R.: W.: Davey! Once again, we had another awesome meal. Thanks again, Laura!

50 Years of service

R.: W.: Davey Jones, R.: W.: Joe Privitera and I presented Eino Laakso his 50 Year Masonic Service Pin and framed Certificate on November 9th. Congratulations, Eino!

More help needed

W.: Cliff Short and myself helped Northfield Lodge cleanup after the Annual Arts and Garage Sale for the School of the Holy Childhood on November 3rd. This is a very large event and they need a lot of help. I plan to help W.: Mike Herrmann of Northfield Lodge next year in coordinating manpower for the cleanup.

"Walk of Fame"

We went to a presentation at Frontier Field to preview the "Walk of Fame" and our brick that is part of the Walk on November 16th. Charlotte/Corinthian made a contribution earlier this year towards a brick with the Lodge's name inscribed on it. At the presentation, we received a commemorative brick and an official certificate. We have the location of the brick in the "Walk of Fame" so you can view it the next time you're at Frontier Field.

Dues

You should have received your dues notices. Please remit.

December

Our 3rd Degree will be on December 3rd accompanied by a buffet from Forrest Hills. Our Christmas Party will be on December 8th. It will be one to remember, new surprises are in store for all - don't miss this one! Please save this date and sign up early, we would appreciate knowing how many Brothers and family members will be joining a merry time! For more information contact JW Andy Alvarez at 426-1946.

December 10th will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. If you know someone that would be interested in becoming a Mason, please let me know.

January

We will have an open meeting on January 7th. The program will be a musical one performed by the Brockport High School Music Department.

An Eagle Scout Table Lodge will take place on the 10th at Webster Lodge. Proceeds will be donated toward an Eagle Scout Award Kit that will be presented to scouts that have recently earned the Eagle Scout rank in this District with a card signifying it was donated by the Masons.

A youth night is scheduled for January 21st.

Looking ahead

The Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign will take place the week of February 7th to the 15th at local malls.

Ben Franklin Night will be on February 18th. The program will be performed by Paul Stillman of Historically Speaking. I had the pleasure of seeing him perform last year and he does a fabulous job of impersonating Ben Franklin, from his garb to his accent. He also entertains questions from the audience. Don't miss this one! A dinner will precede the program.

The Grand Ball is scheduled for March 22nd.

Chilly Chili Contest

The time has arrived for you to submit your favorite recipe. Please contact JW Andy Alvarez.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund!
 See ya soon!

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By Lloyd A. Wood, Jr., SW

Greetings from the East

Another month has gone by and I hope all our Brothers have fared well. I talked with W.: Bill Meachem last week and he is doing well in Florida. He reports that he is flying almost every day and that he just got a job flying copilot in both a Lear and a Citation jet. He hopes to get back here soon and wishes me to tell all the Brothers that he misses them. Good luck, Bill.

Consolidation report

All the papers required by Grand Lodge for the consolidation with Henrietta Lodge are finished and have been submitted to Grand Lodge. Both Union Star and Henrietta Lodge voted unanimously to approve the consolidation at their last respective Summoned Meetings. All that we need now is Grand Lodge approval.

Lodge news

Our last meeting was also the Official Visit, and R.: W.: David Jones gave a most inspiring talk. Thanks, Davey. Members from Union Star attended a Dog and Kraut Night at Henrietta Lodge on election night and a good time was had by all. We also attended a dinner thrown by Henrietta Lodge on Tuesday, November 12th. Our wives joined us for this and we all had a great time.

New business

With the consolidation with Henrietta almost complete, my thoughts go to our Lodge building and its redecoration. Henrietta Lodge has some very nice furniture and decorations, as well as kitchen utensils, etc., that they will be bringing with them, as well as willing bodies to do some clean up and restoration work. It is my plan to refinish and redecorate our Lodge. We will be talking about this in the near future, and I'm going to get a committee together to discuss and plan the work. All Brothers from both Lodges are welcome to participate in the committee planning. All Brothers from both Lodges are more than welcome to help in the work. Let me know if you'd like to help out. Well, that's about it for now. Have a nice Thanksgiving and take care of yourselves.

Sickness and distress

R.: W.: Jack Thibaut went in for some tests at the Lab next to Park Ridge Hospital. They liked him so much that they sent him over to the Emergency Room. After they realized they had only eleven patients on one of the floors, they decided to keep him. Jack spent four days in Park Ridge, and is not sure why he was there. The next time you go for tests, Jack, make sure you pack your suitcase!

R.: W.: William D. Spillane seems to be getting around a little better. That is a mean looking cane he uses! If you recall, Bill was injured on the job when a large boulder rolled onto his leg. Welcome back, Bill.

Award

The DeWitt Clinton Award was presented to the School of the Holy Childhood on November 7th, and was accepted by Sr. Seraphine Herbst, S.S.J., Executive Director of the School and Sr. Benita Nicholas, S.S.J., Assistant Director. Sr. Seraphine spoke on the history of the School, which started as a craft class in two small classrooms of an elementary school in 1946, to its current status as a non-denominational, not-for-profit agency. It is located in the former Gillette School on Groton Parkway in Henrietta.

The following is taken from an article written by Sr. Seraphine Herbst: "To watch a child, once labeled as "hopeless", develop into a mature, independent, self-sustaining adult, is certainly a privilege to witness. Few things put one's own life and problems into perspective. To have been able to experience this every day for the past 37 years as I have, has been such a tremendous gift."

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 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:30 P.M.
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By W.: Michael J. Herrmann

Potts Award

On October 23rd, the Grand Lecturer's Convention was held at Webster Lodge, and Northfield became eligible for the Potts Award. The required officers, along with our Steward and Chaplain, were in attendance. The Award will be given at Grand Lodge in May. Thank you to all who attended and made it happen.

Community Service Project

Our Community Service Project at the School of the Holy Childhood was held on November 7th. There was a shortage of people from our Lodge, but we had some good help from two other Lodges. Thanks to them, we were able to get the job done in about half the time. It could be, also, that we are getting more organized!



R.: W.: Scott Seltzer and R.: W.: Bill Spillane cutting the cake for the reception at Northfield Lodge.



Randall Griswold-SW, R.: W.: Bill Spillane-GDC, Jack Doyle-Monroe County Manager, Sisters Benita Nicholas - Asst. Director and Seraphine Herbst - Director of the School of the Holy Childhood, accepting the DeWitt Clinton Award for the School, W.: Michael Herrmann, R.: W.: David Jones-DDGM 2nd Mon., R.: W.: Harold Bollotin-Gr. Rep. of Israel and William Fraser-JW.

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Northfield Lodge

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The Award Ceremony was well attended, and Jack Doyle, Monroe County Executive, and his wife Mary, were in attendance. R.:W.: D. Scott Seltzer gave a brief introduction concerning Masonry. R.:W.: Jack Thibaut gave a short talk and explanation of the Aprons and Jewels and the positions of the officers in the Lodge. At that time he explained the DSA Aprons and how a Mason is selected to wear the Apron. Our guests departed that night knowing a bit more about Masonry. I later found out that this is the first Award received by the School.

I had the honor of introducing last year's DeWitt Clinton recipient, Sylvia Bolotin, who received it for her involvement with veterans.

The night also was dedicated to our Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers. R.:W.: D. Scott Seltzer was thanked for his special dedication to the Craft, especially the two long and sincere past years he served as Grand Sword Bearer. We welcome you back, Scott. R.:W.: William Spillane was recognized as our present Grand Lodge Staff Officer as Grand Director of Ceremonies. We wish you luck, Bill, and know that you will be doing a fine job.

My thanks to Linda Zahn for handling the refreshments and decorations. That special touch is appreciated.

Bring-a-Brother Night

Expect a call from at least one of the Lodge members. December 5th will be the night we hope to have the Lodge full. Come and have some fellowship with the Brothers you haven't seen in years. Need a ride? Give me a call, we will arrange it. W.: Robert Zahn will be the speaker for the night. I plan on a very short business meeting, then on to fellowship and refreshment.

Remember, this is your Lodge. Come and enjoy it.

Lodge Holiday Party

At the present time we are planning our Lodge Holiday Party. The Village of Pittsford has a great holiday theme along the small shops and businesses. We are hoping to join in on the celebration (weather permitting) and also have some refreshments at the Lodge. This is a family get together, so bring your family and perhaps your neighbors and friends, for a warm holiday fellowship. I hope to see many of the widows at the party. If you need a ride, give me a call.

Brotherhood Fund

W.: John Dudley should be getting a mailing out very soon. The Drive is set up differently this year. The checks are sent directly to the bank, and the bank does all the paper work. This will get the checks cashed right away. To contribute is our duty as Masons. Please give your support. Every bit helps. □

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By W.: Paul Josephson

They say no news is good news. I don't think so. As of the writing of this article no word from Grand Lodge as yet. We will continue to hold meetings on our appointed day and time, so the best way to get the up to the minute report is to attend the meetings.

"Welcome" Dinner

The dinner on November 12th was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of W.: Ron Morthorst, W.: Richard Bull, and R.:W.: Robert Sanford. Thank you, Brothers, for a job well done. I don't want to call this dinner a Farewell Dinner, but a Welcome Dinner, as many of our new Lodge Brothers from Union Star were in attendance. Let us keep this spirit of cooperation with us in the coming days.

Moving time

Help is needed at the Lodge to clean up and pack. We will be at the Lodge hall every Tuesday, so if you can help, we can use you.

Happy Birthday

The following Brothers are celebrating their birthday this month: Carl Lou French, Jack Nau, Norman Hurwitz, Peter Nichols, William Gross, and Richard Ash. Wish them a happy birthday if you should see them. □



R.:W.: Bob Sanford, Henrietta Lodge Secretary, cutting the cake at the Lodge's Farewell Party.

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By W.: Carmen A. Vitali

Our November 5th Lodge meeting was well attended. Prior to our meeting we had the pleasure of having dinner with Monroe Chapter No. 57, OES. Well over sixty people were in attendance. My thanks to W.: Bill Hook and our ladies for putting together another great dinner.

We also had two recognitions for the Lodge. We almost received a Howard Potts Award for having the necessary Lodge officers at the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Webster Lodge. Hopefully we can be successful next year.

The second "almost" was our visit to Etolian Lodge to retrieve the Traveling Gavel. Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge had more members in attendance. My thanks to the Lodge members who attended these events. I'm sure that a future visit to Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge will be planned to retrieve the gavel.

Birthday greetings

Once again congratulations are in order for the 13 Brothers who will be celebrating birthdays in December. Happy Birthday to you all and may you have many more.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother Bob Ogden reported that he has received numerous contributions for the 1997 Brotherhood Fund. To date over 30% of the Lodge members have provided contributions to Brother Bob. My thanks to all of you in making this year's campaign to date a success.

Fellowcraft Club Meeting

We are planning to have a meeting on December 10th to prepare for our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. The meeting is planned to start at 7:00 p.m.

R.:W.: Brother Sanford preparing to attack the Farewell Cake.

Sickness

We were all very glad to hear that R.:W.: Paul Robertson is feeling much better and we look forward to seeing him at Lodge. We hope everyone whom we haven't heard from recently is feeling better and if there is anything the Lodge can do, please contact me.

December meetings

We are planning to have a dinner before our December 3rd meeting. Our Telephone Committee will be contacting the Lodge membership with details and I hope for another great turnout. I also wish to extend holiday greetings to the Lodge membership. □

GERMANIA

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By W.: Dave Foster

Greetings, Brethren

Our meeting this month is on December 17th. Our program that night will be our Annual Meeting for the purpose of reading reports. We will try to keep this meeting as short as possible because we will have our Annual Holiday Dinner at 6:30 p.m., before the meeting. That's right, no Pot Luck Dinner. We plan on having a nice sit down meal, (menu to be finalized soon, but I'm hoping for Roast Turkey with all the trimmings!). The ladies will be our guests that night and the cost for Lodge members will be only \$5.00 per person. We do need a count so that the cooks can plan accordingly, so please call me at 244-0194 to make your reservation for this festive dinner. After the meeting, we will rejoice the ladies and continue in the holiday spirit. Officers-business suits are the uniform for the evening.

Remember others

Brotherhood Fund Chairman Pat Mulrooney tells me that donations are starting to come in. Please remember at this special time of the year, with Thanksgiving just past, and a New Year soon to get underway, our Brothers at the Masonic Home in Utica. Think of the wondrous gift to the world your donation could provide through your support of the Masonic Research Laboratory. Our participation goal this year is 85% again. We didn't hit that goal last year, but I know we can this year. Please help us hit our goal this year and make the 1996-97 Brotherhood Fund Campaign a rousing success!

Condolences

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Brother Karl Kraemer who departed this life to join with the Grand Architect on September 16, 1996.

Fine Officers!

I would like to extend my thanks to our officers for their participation at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Due to

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their efforts, Germania Lodge was one of the five Lodges in the Monroe Districts to qualify for the Howard Potts Award. I plan to receive this Award on behalf of the Lodge at Grand Lodge in the Spring. You should be very proud of your Lodge officers—I know I am.

Reminder!

Our meeting in December is on Tuesday the 17th. It will be our Annual Meeting with our Holiday Party before and after. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Give a call to a Brother whom we haven't seen in a while and encourage him to come out. Offer him a ride. Make it your special gift of the season to a Brother who may find it hard to get out this time of the year.

Your Lodge support means a lot to the Lodge. Please plan on coming to one or more of our upcoming events. Your Lodge has a lot going on right now. Be part of the excitement! See you at Lodge!

Last but not least, I want to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season and may 1997 bring you blessings and peace. It may sound trite, but it's what really matters. Remember the reason for the season. □

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By W.: Dean F. Marsaw

Brethren

First of all, I hope you and your families had a pleasant and enjoyable Thanksgiving Day, and I want to wish all a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Combined celebration

On November 10th we had our 79th combination Ladies Day, Birthday and Christmas Party at the Irondequoit Town Lounge. A good time was had by all.

Good news!

The first part of next year will be very busy for us, as we have 4 petitions for membership. Keep up the good work, Brothers. This is 4 years in a row that we have taken in new members and our membership is starting to build once again.

Memorial

We had our Memorial Service for our departed Brothers on November 26th. It was very impressive and the only one of its kind in our District.

I thank all the Brothers who came out to remember our departed Comrades.

Future plans

There will be a Ham Dinner prepared by Culver Chapter on December 10th.

The January article will be dedicated to a Brother for his very unusual, one of a kind donation, at least for our Lodge.

Check your smoke detectors, they save precious lives. □

A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours.

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By W.: Kevin C. Fisher

2nd Degree

We will be conferring the 2nd Degree on December 11th for our two new Brothers. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. preceding this Degree. Please let me know if you plan to attend as it is certainly much easier for you to call me than for me to call all of you if you plan to come. Let's try to get as much or more support for the dinner and these new Brothers as we did for their 1st Degree.

Sickness

Brother Larry Dunn had angioplasty surgery during the 2nd week of November. We hear he is doing very well, so stop and see him or give him a call to let him know you are thinking of him. We miss seeing you in Lodge, Larry, so here are our best wishes for a speedy and healthy recovery.

Thanks

Thanks to all who played a role in the 1st Degree, especially Brother Gary Trescott who conferred the Degree. Overall I think we did a pretty good job!

Happy Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to personally wish you all a very happy and joy filled holiday season. We plan to have a family holiday dinner at the Lodge with a special visit from Santa, but the date has not been officially set as yet. We will be passing the word soon and please give me a call if you would like to come.

Past Master's
Genesee/Wyoming
Supper Club

President
W.: Arthur E. Drew
Secretary/Treasurer
W.: Karl-Heinz Reich

By W.: Ruel R. Lovett

Something new

Worshipful Brothers, the Past Masters Supper Club is now a reality. An organizational session was held on October 30th at the Old Heidelberg Restaurant in S. Warsaw. Decks of Euchre cards and scoring blocks were brought so as many as ten games can be played at the same time. Brothers began arriving before 6:00 p.m. After the attitude adjustment and Euchre hour, a meeting took place. W.: Arthur E. Drew was elected President, W.: Ruel Lovett, Vice President, and Karl-Heinz Reich, Secretary/Treasurer. Steve Wing was appointed Sergeant at Arms and R.: W.: Richard Anderson as Chaplain.

It was agreed that this group would not be a working group, but would be for enjoyment only. Meetings will be held monthly at a site picked by the President.

We were served a very fine meal. The Old Heidelberg lived

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Membership

Something to think about for those interested in history - "immediately following the close of the First World War, from 1919 to 1921, in a span of three short years - our Grand Jurisdiction of New York had a net increase in membership of over 51,000". Imagine a 51,000 member increase, in a three year period with a lesser population growth than today and at a time when one would not even contemplate, much less encourage urging the profane into membership. These times will return once again, if we concentrate our efforts, roll up our sleeves and work at it.

You may have heard me say it before, but in case you didn't, I say again, "get one to replace yourself". This is a very simple and yet, realistic probability. As any salesman knows, if you have a product that you believe in, you can sell it! In one form or another, we are all salesmen and I am confident that we all believe in this great Fraternity that we know as Freemasonry. I am also sure that each of us did not petition to join this great Fraternity just to become dues paying members, but rather to propagate the Fraternity for what it stands for in our day to day dealings with our friends and acquaintances, demonstrating to them the tenets of Freemasonry and to perpetuate the same to them.

Take pride

I am indebted to our Grand Lecturer, M.: W.: Calvin Bond, for his expertise in the proper utilization of the "Ritual and Protocol" in the ceremonies of our Lodges. We should always take great pride in what we are exemplifying as we perform the Ritual of our Fraternity. Whether it be the Opening and Closing or in the conferral of the several Degrees, it all is of great importance. I trust that those who were in attendance at the Convention came away with learning more as respects the foregoing.

up to its reputation: good food and friendly service. Those who attended were all smiles.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on a 5th Wednesday, January 29th. Euchre and attitude adjustment will start at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will follow dinner. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Give us your input on what this organization should be. Or better still, just swap some good stories. Bring a good joke. I'll see you there!

Congratulations


I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate those who received the Symbolic Lodge Award. This is where we recognize those who have contributed over and above the norm in their respective Lodges and duties. My personal congratulations to all of the recipients.

Time for appreciation

I hope that each and everyone enjoyed your respective Thank-giving celebrations with your families and loved ones. It should have served as a time to renew and appreciate just what we all have to be thankful for. The pilgrims had their specific reasons many years ago, but many of those same reasons which we presently enjoy should make us thankful as they remain with us. The upcoming holiday season should also remind us of its real meaning, the birth of our Savior, the Christ Child. Let us celebrate this great tradition in its proper perspective.

Season's greetings to each and everyone. May God Bless you all.

Grand Sword
Bearer
Genesee/Wyoming District



R.: W.: Richard C. Anderson

Masonic Education

The first training session of the Road to the East Program was held at Attica Lodge on November 2nd. There were eight Lodge officers from District Lodges in attendance who shared in knowledge and fellowship. The second training session is scheduled for December 7th at Batavia Lodge, 9:00 a.m.

Past Masters

Some of the Past Masters of Genesee/Wyoming District met at the Old Heidelberg Restaurant in Warsaw on October 30th. We are attempting to establish an active group in the District to create interlodge fellowship. We would like to invite any and all Past Masters in the District to participate. If you are interested, call Art Drew at 493-5856 or Ruel Lovett at 494-2546.

Sorrow in the Craft

It is my sad duty to inform the Brothers of the Genesee/Wyoming District and the other Concordant Bodies of the loss of 2 Brothers of the Purple Apron Club. R.: W.: John Stockholm and R.: W.: Donald Clattenburg, both Past DDGM's, have joined the Grand Architect above. Our condolences to their families and friends.

Help Stamp Out
"NOBODY ASKED ME"

Someone is waiting for you to invite him to become a Masonic New Mason... Don't disappoint him.

PI & A




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

Drug use and effects

I have been asked to write an article telling what the signs of alcohol and drug abuse are.

To begin with, drugs are natural and/or synthetic chemical substances that can affect:

The Body and its processes. For example, amphetamines speed up the nervous system.

The Mind and perception, i.e., LSD can cause hallucinations.

Behavior and feelings. For example, marijuana can make a person feel paranoid, as though others were out to get him.

Why use?

Why do people use drugs to begin with? Peer pressure affects teens who don't want to be different from others. They want to try to look grown up, find out what the effects are, or escape reality.

Teenage drug use is a widespread problem. In the last year alone, it was up 166%.

Government cuts

What is our government doing to help us with the growing drug problem? President Clinton cut spending on just about all drug related programs.

Drugs are equal opportunity destroyers. They have the power to destroy any teenager, whether she or he is White, Hispanic, African, Asian or Native American; whether or not they are from the country or a city, rich or poor, a good student or a poor one, athlete or fan, class officer or class clown, well groomed or sloppy, shy or outgoing.

Many are hurt

Others can get hurt, too, especially family and friends, who care about the teenagers health and happiness.

While the teen years may bring problems and pressures, drugs aren't the answer. They only add to the problem.

Popular drugs

Some of the most popular drugs are: Amphetamines and diet pills, commonly known as uppers, speed, crank, meth, crystal, etc. Generally taken in capsules, tablets or powder, they may be swallowed or injected.

Signs of Amphetamine use

- Increased activity and restlessness.
- Decreased appetite.
- Dilated pupils (from large amounts).
- Dry mouth and nose.
- Anxious irritability.
- Mood swings.

Cocaine

Cocaine (from the cocoa plant), coke, flake, blow, toot, may be further treated for smoking and called crack, rock or free base.

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Crack

Generally snuffed (snorted) as white powder or injected in solution, crack is smoked in small chunks. Signs of use:

- Short, intense cycles of emotional ups and downs.
- Increased activity and restlessness, followed by anxiety and irritability.
- Runny nose, nosebleeds and other nasal problems.

Barbiturates, tranquilizers and methagualone

These are also known as downers, reds, barbs, ludes, blues, yellow jackets, etc. They are usually taken in pills, capsules, or powder form. They may be taken orally or injected. Signs of use:

- Slurred speech.
- Drunken behavior, drowsiness, confusion.
- Lack of coordination.

Marijuana, grass, pot, weed

It looks like dried herbs, usually smoked, and may be eaten in food. When in the form of Hashish, it comes in small powdery chunks or is refined into oil, usually smoked, or may be eaten. Signs of use:

- Excitement, anxiety, panic and drowsiness.
- Increased appetite.
- Poor coordination.
- Hash odor on breath or clothes.
- Redness in eyes.
- Lessened motivation and concentration.
- Relaxed inhibitions.

Alcohol

This includes beer, wine and liquor. Sign of use:

- Slurred speech.
 - Alcohol on breath.
 - Drowsiness, confusion, lack of coordination.
 - Aggressive behavior.
- Alcohol is the most widely used drug.

Tobacco

Tobacco products also contain a stimulant, nicotine, which is linked to cancer, heart disease and other health problems. One puff on a cigarette exposes the body to over 400 chemicals, 43 of which may cause cancer.

Inhalants

Inhalants from solvents and aerosols may be breathed through a cloth, plastic bag, mask, etc. Signs of use:

- Runny nose.
- Substance odor on breath and clothes.
- Confusion, dizziness, slowed reflexes.
- Poor muscle control.
- Mood swings.
- Hallucinations.

There are so many different things that can and are being used that if I tried to list them all, mine would be the only article in the paper. There are more being discovered, manufactured, and distilled every day and there are always people, young and old, who will try them.

What's the answer? I don't know, but I do know it's not eliminating programs, cutting spending, or for the Masons, giving up.

Want a program? Call me.

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Coming attractions
December 10th will be our only meeting this month and will be a fun night. We will have dinner at 6:00 p.m. and open the meeting at our regular time of 7:30 p.m. I am calling this "Rusty Mason Nite". Your dues card (shown to the Tiler) is your admission. We will practice the things "Rusty Masons" have probably forgotten, then open as usual (after any embarrassment is over). Our Secretary will tell us about running the Arcade & Attica Railroad. Makesureyou come out for the last meeting of 1996!

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Still recovering
We still have a couple of Brothers on the mend, W.: Robin Bowles and Brother Ken Spink. I hope they continue to improve and that we will see them in Lodge in the near future.

Thank you

I thank all that picked up the slack while I was away during my father's illness. I am glad that I could count on you to keep business going as usual.

Nice job on the building maintenance. Thanks to all who helped work on the Temple. Although we have a ways to go, the work you have done is a start. □

By W.: William H. Genagon

Thank you

Thanks you, Brother Paul McCullough and your wife, Kim, for putting on an excellent Spaghetti Dinner for the Official Visit of our own DDGM, R.:W.: Robert F. Dagen, on October 22nd. We had a good turnout for the dinner and the Official Visit as well. I understand that R.:W.: Bob Dagen and W.: Steve Licht will be heading to New York City in December for the Masonic Hall Rededication Ceremony. We all look forward to hearing some interesting reports and stories upon their return.

Visits

Brother Dan Wiatrowski is keeping fit by walking several times a week. During his walks in Batavia he is visiting several of the Brothers who live there. I am certain that these Brothers enjoy the company, and also catch up on the latest news from the Lodge.

Leadership Development Course

I take this opportunity to remind those who signed up for the Leadership Development Course that as of this writing, we plan to start it at our November 26th communication. That is, of course, providing the materials have arrived on time. □

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By W.: Thomas Scott

All saddened

We all are aware of the passing of R.:W.: Jack Stockholm. Jack was an Honorary Member of our Lodge and was everything that a Master Mason should be. He was a regular visitor to our Lodge, as well as a visitor to many other Lodges throughout the District. He was someone to whom I could turn, as Master, for any problems or questions I came upon. Jack will always have a special place in all our hearts. Our prayers go out to his beloved family.

50 Year Pin Presentation

W.: Don Robinson will be receiving a special award for 50 years of membership as a Mason. The date is December 17th at Oakland Lodge in Castile, NY. I encourage all Brothers throughout our District to come and congratulate him.

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

November

Olive Branch Lodge has been very active in November. On the 4th we helped R.:W.: Sheldon Moden, VA Masonic Representative, at the Masonic Day at the VA. We delivered "Ditty Bags" to the residents of the NYS Nursing Home and the Batavia VA Hospital. We met Brothers whose home Lodges are in the Philippine Islands and Ashland, KY. All the patients were pleased to receive their gifts.

On the 5th Olive Branch cooperated with the local Election Committee and our dining room was a voting place. Many Masonic pamphlets were picked up by electors.

On the 6th we had a very active communication. By vote of the Lodge we are purchasing roadside signs for the four entries into LeRoy.

Drug Free Signs

It is very satisfying to look from our Lodge front door across to the Village & Town Building and see a "Community Drug Free Zone" sign in front of it. At LeRoy Central School there has been a significant decrease in smoking on the campus, a Drug Free School Zone.

Thanksgiving

As of this writing, on November 28th, Thanksgiving Day, Leone and I plan to have our 9th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This year we are having it at the Masonic Hall in LeRoy. It is for those in the community and surrounding area who would be alone on this day, singles, couples or those in need.

December

Looking to December, put this date down NOW. Friday, December 6, another famous Fish Fry at Olive Branch. The menu consists of fish, baked potato, cole slaw and home made pies. Tickets are available from Lodge members. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Help!

We will be needing help, financially, to replace the roof of our building.

Happy Holidays

I wish all our Brothers and their families a most blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year. □

By R.:W.: Chester MacRae

Condolences

The members of Arcade Lodge No. 419 extend our condolences to the family of John Stockholm. We join all the Lodges and members of not only the Genesee/Wyoming District, but all who have had the pleasure of traveling with Jack throughout his life.

Sore thumbs

I heard some "ouches" while building the shelter at the Park in Arcade. It is with pride I congratulate R.:W.: Leonard Mason for directing a crew of: Don Frost, Fred Warner, Scott Mason, Jim Pickering, Dave Hossenlopp, Bob McElheny and myself in planning and erecting such an edifice. While Masons are traditionally builders in stone, they did a creditable job with wood and shingles.

A fun trip

Thanks to the President of the Arcade and Attica Railroad, Bill Erick, our Secretary, we had the occasion to sell hot dogs, cider and coffee at the Curriers Station for two weekends in October. We did make a nice profit, more than twice that of our Chicken Bar-B-Que with the Knights. Our thanks go out to B. Brass of Jubilee for his assistance in purchasing the necessary items. Even with sore thumbs the carpenters: Len Mason, Fred Warner, Scott Mason, Bob McElheny, Jim Pickering, Doug Cronk, Dave Hossenlopp and myself burned a few fingers while roasting hot dogs.

It's all over

Even though our first meeting with a speaker and Spaghetti Dinner and our second with a speaker and Chicken and Biscuits are over, I still like to talk about them. My column so far has covered old news. It wouldn't be news if it never happened. Now you know where we've been.

Don't forget

The end of the year is fast approaching. With it comes the annual request for dues and Brotherhood Fund contributions. The Brotherhood Fund Drive is conducted this year by our capable Senior Deacon, Vincent Phelps. Please contribute something, even one dollar. If everyone made a small donation, Arcade Lodge would make 100%. Be aware of the requests which you will be receiving soon.

By W.: Arthur E. Drew

Everyone's loss

R.:W.: John Stockholm was a real leader and served as a positive example to all of us. I only knew him the few years I have been a Mason, but he made me feel like a life-long friend. He was in attendance at our Lodge on many occasions and I was proud he was there when I was installed as Master. He loved the Ritual and was always the first to say what a fine job you had done, even the times when you didn't. He encouraged you to reach out to do more. Yes, we will all remember John Stockholm.

Turkey Party

The preliminary reports are in and it looks like we had a successful evening. Thanks to all the Brothers who worked to make this fundraiser a success.

G.L. in Attica

Many of the Triluminar Brothers will be in Attica for the Grand Lecturer's Visit. I hope everything goes as planned so our officer line can be there. Special thanks to R.:W.: Keith Granger for taking the Master's part and to W.: Dennis Quackenbush who will participate by doing the Senior Deacon's part in the Degree work. Triluminar is fortunate to be able to claim these two as our own.

Keep in mind

The Awards Night at Triluminar will be on December 14th.

Euchre: February 4th at Warsaw No. 549; February 6th at Constellation No. 404; February 12th at Triluminar No. 543; and March 4th at Oakland No. 379. A Table Lodge, hosted by Triluminar at Oakland No. 379 in Castile will be on February 8th. Let me know if you will be attending so that we are able to have enough ammunition for everyone.

Looking ahead

Triluminar 3rd Annual Golf Tournament will be held in the Spring. Start planning now for a fun day. The date will soon be finalized.

Progress

W.: Chuck Krauss is showing some signs that he may be ready for the Euchre Tournament in February, i.e. 4 suits, each player gets 5 cards, only turn one card, have to follow suit. We'll see. Take care. □

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By W.: George R. Springett

Assistance needed

There is still an urgent need for Brothers to assist in transporting R.:W.: John Bater either to or from the hospital on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. All that is needed is approximately one hour of your time to provide him with either the inbound or return trip. Call Joe Chimino (494-2422) or John Specht (548-2694) with the day you are available. This request is open to any Brother that can assist and has the desire to help a Brother in need.

20/20 Party

The new band was a nice change to this year's Party and the results were satisfactory. Thank you to all that helped with the work that made it a success.

Well done

A job well done by SW Joseph Chimino while sitting in the East during the 1st Degree on November 21st. Thanks to all of the officers for their participation in the Degree.

Membership

Just a reminder that it is that time of the year when your membership should be renewed. Please forward your dues to the Secretary now for the continuance of the work by the Lodge.

Brotherhood Fund Drive

This is the start of the appeal for the Brotherhood Fund for the acquisition of the funds necessary to continue the great works of Masonry. Help support this effort by making your contribution early this year. Your contributions aid all that are in need of the research and assistance given by the Masonic Charities.

December

R.:W.: Jay McCullough will present a program, "Quiz on Masonry" on December 5th.

December 10th is the date for box wrap night at the Bergen Fire Hall. We will be packaging the boxes on December 13th at the same place and distribution day is December 14th at 8:00 a.m.

Our guest speaker for the December 19th meeting will be Karl Reich with a program, "Masonry in Germany". □

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By W.: Robert Strang

Genesee/Wyoming District Masons were saddened by the passing of R.: W.: John Stockholm on October 31, 1996. He will be keenly missed as he was a frequent visitor to all the Lodges of the District.



R.: W.: John Stockholm

His Masonic career began with his being raised in Attica Lodge No. 462 in 1969, where he served as Master in 1977 and 1984. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1989. He was President of the Purple Apron Club and held honorary memberships with several Lodges in the District.

Jack was a member of the Wyoming Chapter No. 181, Royal Arch Masons, where he was Scribe from 1978 through 1980, King for nine terms, High Priest in 1975, 1985, and 1987. In 1981 and 1982, he was District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 29th Capitular District.

He joined the Valley of Coudersport Scottish Rite in 1971 and the Valley of Corning in 1977. He was President of the Scottish Rite District Association for two years and Secretary/Treasurer for thirteen years.

A member of Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No 92, Cryptic Masons, Batavia Commandery No. 34 and Genesee York Rite College No. 25, John received the Gold Honor Award in 1985. He was Associate Regent of the Order of the Purple Cross and on June 5, 1996, he was presented the Charles Johnson Medal in recognition of promoting Masonry throughout New York State.

John was a member of Attica Trinity United Methodist Church; a Navy veteran of World

War II, served as Chairman of the Wyoming County Selective Service Board No. 77 and was Vice-Chairman of the Wyoming County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

A Masonic Service was held at the Marley Funeral Home in Attica on November 2, 1996.

Thanks

Thanks to Batavia Lodge for hosting the Fellowcraft Degree in conjunction with Attica and West Star Lodges. The Degree work was excellent and everyone enjoyed the evening.

The 3rd Degree, which was postponed at Attica Lodge, is being rescheduled and you will be notified as soon as the date and time are set. There are candidates from Batavia, West Star and Attica Lodges and I'm sure that the Degree work will equal or be better than the previous Degree.

Brother Bring-a-Friend

With the Degree work rolling along, we need some candidates. We all know someone who would be a good Mason. Attica, Batavia and West Star Lodges are planning a Super Brother Bring-a-Friend event. Think about whom YOU would like to invite. We will let you know when the program and date are set.

Breakfast

Attica Lodge is cooking pancakes on the first Sunday of every month from 8:00 a.m. 'till 1:00 p.m. The first Sunday of December is on the 1st! Be sure to stop in and have some of Attica's famous, all you can eat, pancakes.

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

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By W.: Neil Parmorter

Greetings, Brethren

It is with deep regret I report the passing of R.: W.: John Stockholm to the Grand East. John was an honorary member of West Star Lodge. He will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to John's wife and family. Masonry has lost a great Brother.

Congratulations

On November 4th, 50 years to the day of his initiation, a 50 Year Pin was awarded to W.: Arthur Ackler, who was Master of West Star in 1953. The night was commemorated by a second signing of Arthur's Bible by all who were present at the meeting. Arthur commented that it was good to see the sidelines still being filled at West Star.

Thanks

By now, weather permitting, our Lodge has a new roof covering and the front wall and rafters are all insulated. Thank you to all who lent a hand with the work and cleanup.

Helpful classes

The first sessions of the Road to the East have been completed. As a participant, I would encourage any upcoming Master to attend these classes. I found them quite helpful.

Masonic history

Here are a couple bits of Masonic history from the Civil War and the Battle of Gettysburg. On Wednesday, July 1, 1863 at 7:30 a.m., Lieutenant Marcellus Jones of the 8th Illinois Cavalry, fired the first shot at the Battle of Gettysburg. Jones was a Mason, as was Christian Sharps, the inventor of the breech loading carbine that Jones was using.

Christmas Party

This happy event will take place December 14th, 5:00 p.m., at the Lodge. Santa will make his appearance at 5:30 p.m.

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By W.: Paul Stickley

60 Years a Mason

On Thursday evening, December 5th, Brother Willard J. Chapin, M.D., will be honored at a 6:00 p.m. dinner at the Lumberyard Restaurant. A 60 Year Pin and Certificate will be presented at Open Lodge in the Temple at 8:00 p.m. All members of Constellation Lodge and friends are invited to attend.

Degree work

Robert Burns wrote the best laid schemes of mice and men "gang aft agley". This holds in this case, and the 3rd Degree will have to be in 1997 and plans for a new Brother in our midst in 1996 cannot be.

Sorrow revisited

Brother Kenneth C. Lounsbury has died. Our condolences to his wife and family. Kenny will be remembered as a Shriner who delighted in driving his little car in parades. He was raised on March 3, 1959. R.: W.: John Stockholm, a frequent visitor to Constellation Lodge, has died. Both Kenny and Jack will be missed by the many Brothers who knew them.

December Anniversary Salute

The following were all raised in December of various past years: Donald H. Ackerman, John R. Barnard, Bruce J. Billings, Eric D. Bryant, Harold G. Chapin, Dale Cooley, Robert G. Cox, Charles C. Foskett, Omer P. Gill, Frederick E. Gilluly, Lawrence L. Graves, Searle W. Hocking, Gary A. Jurkowski, Wesley H. Kline, Sr., Raymond H. Morgan, Leo D. Milhollen, Russell B. Olin, Gerald C. Sahrle, and Merle C. Webster.

Brotherhood Fund

A letter asking for a contribution will be received soon. Brothers, be as generous as you can. Put your check in the addressed envelope and mail it as soon as possible.

**Nun-Da-Wa-Ga
Council No. 92
4th Monday**

**Ill.: Kenneth Kohlhagen
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By Kenneth E. Kohlhagen

Those who were in attendance at our last assembly were treated to the wisdom of M.: I.: Raymond J. Beardsley, Past Grand Master and currently Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council, in regards to starting in the Grand Line. Our own R.: I.: Stephen A. Licht has indicated his willingness to run for the office of Grand Steward and has the support of Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council in this endeavor. M.: I.: Beardsley clarified many questions which the Companions present had on this matter.

Condolences

It saddens me to report the passing to the Grand East of two more of our stalwart Companions.

Companion Jack Stockholm, who served as our Chaplain for many years, died on October 31st. He was very well known in Masonic circles, not only in Genesee/Wyoming District, but in the rest of the State as well. He will surely be missed by all who traveled with him.

Companion Donald E. Clattenburg died on November 6th after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease, which is one of the main recipients of our Charity Fund. He had advanced to the office of Conductor of the Council before his illness forced him to drop out of line.

December plans

As our By-Laws call for no meeting in December, I wish for you and your family the happiest of holidays.

**1996 New York
State Mason's
Golf Tournament
Results**

**Silver Lake Country Club
Perry, New York**

Ladies Tournament Prize List

**Low Gross: Wanoka Ramos,
94**

**2nd Low Gross: Claire
Wandersee, 102**

**Flight "A"-Low Net: Grace
Ackerman, 105-30-75**

**2nd Low Net: Betty Wick, 118-
43-75**

**Flight "B"-Low Net: Marge
Wood, 126-50-76**

**2nd Low Net: Ardis Parker,
135-59-76**

**Closest to the Line: No. 6,
Grace Ackerman; No. 8, Esther
France.**

**Closest to the Pin: No. 12,
Wanoka Ramos; No. 18, Claire
Wandersee.**

Men's Tournament Prize List

**4 Man Lodge Low Gross:
Hesperus No. 837-Jim
MacConnell-74, Van Hulburt-
77, Marty Krause-87, Rusty
Gillett-88.**

**4 Man Lodge Low Net: Eagle
No. 669-Paul Topel-74, Everett
Vail-74, Roger Roome-74, Herb
Treble-77.**

**3 Man Lodge Low Gross:
Mexico No. 136-Bob France-76,
Bill Widrig-84, Paul Wandersee-
80.**

**3 Man Lodge Low Net: Silver
No. 757-George Burkland-74,
Dave Shuck-74, Jim Dewey-75.**

**2 Man Lodge Low Gross:
Friendship No. 153-Martin
Munnich-81, John Nosal-91.**

**2 Man Lodge Low Net: Phoe-
nix No. 26-Flavel Britt-72, Don
Frost-74.**

**Individual Low Gross: Jim
MacConnell-74, Bob France-76,
Van Hulburt-77.**

**Individual Low Net Flight "A":
Paul Wandersee, 80-9-71; Oren
Knapp, 83-11-72; John Davis, 88-
16-72.**

**Individual Low Net, Flight "B":
Steve Zabriskie 92-20-72; Ward
Bury 98-25-73; Harold Hager 98-
25-73.**

**Individual Low Net Flight "C":
Dave Bradway, 100-27-73; Keith
Rabin, 99-25-74; Jim Surridge,
100-26-74.**

**Individual Low Net Flight "D":
Jim Fagner, 110-35-75; Gary
Sanford, 125-50-75; Wayne
Carrington, 109-33-76.**

**Sojourner Low Net: Claude
Powell, 93-21-72, Leadsale No.
390, Tennessee.**

**Closest to the Line: No. 6,
Terry Mooney; No. 8, Larry
Belluscio.**

**Closest to the Pin: No. 12,
Dick Hall; No. 18, Bob France.**

**Maxifi Club Raffle: Wayne
Robinson.**

**We, at the Times, are happy to
print these results supplied cour-
tesy of Jim MacConnell and con-
gratulate all those listed.**

**Everyday
Thanksgiving**

Even though I clutch my pillow and growl when the alarm rings, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are those who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in the magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

**Genesee - Wyoming
Council of Masonic Activities**

Reminder

January 19, 1997

**Annual Meeting
Warsaw Temple
2:00 p.m.**

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REPRESENTATIVE
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By R.W. Thomas Paglia Needs

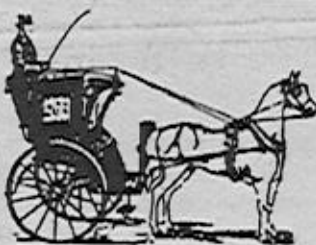
As always, we need volunteers and volunteer organizations for a variety of assignments, including ward bingo, pizza parties and birthday parties.

We also need stocking hats (knitted or crocheted) for our veterans to wear when they go off station for recreation outings during the upcoming Winter months.

The 1996 Christmas/Holiday Program for Hospitalized Veterans

As always, we want to make this an enjoyable holiday season for our veterans. Our goal for donations is \$15,000.00, which will be used to purchase sweat shirts, hats, calendars, comfort kits and canteen books. Gifts will be wrapped on December 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Building 5 Auditorium. Gifts and refreshments will be distributed to all hospitalized patients by "volunteer Santas" on December 22, 1996 at 12:30 p.m. Volunteers should meet in the Auditorium for their ward assignments.

We would greatly appreciate the donation of homemade cookies, which may be brought in on December 22nd at 12:30 p.m. Organizations and individuals will distribute their own cookies on the ward they are assigned. Also, if you were given a Santa hat at last year's program, please help us to conserve by bringing in your hat and wearing it for another season!



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Warsaw, New York 14569
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Organizations, groups, or individuals wishing to donate to this yearly program should make checks payable to the Holiday Christmas Purchasing Fund and forwarded to: VA Medical Center, c/o Voluntary Service (135), Canandaigua, NY 14424. Be sure to include a complete name and return address to assist us in our letters of acknowledgment. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our VAWS programs.

If you would like to be involved with the VA Medical Center in any of the above, PLEASE call me at 227-2046 to let me know. If no one is there, leave a message and we will get back to you. Anyone doing anything for the VA Medical Center deserves to be recognized and the only way that will happen is if you call me or Harold Bollotin at 342-5865. If you do not do that, then the Masonic family will never be known outside of their own group. We try to give the news to the outside community and we do that thru the *Masonic Times*.



James A. Hard/ Wayne Charter Post No. 12

Leon VanHuben, Commander
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William Golding, Adjutant
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By William H. Golding, Jr.

October meeting

On October 29th the Post met at the Fame Lodge Hall. The meeting was preceded by a dinner prepared by our Commander and his wife, Beverly. A fine meal it was. I personally have not had chicken cooked that way in a long time, nor have I had a leg and thigh in quite a while.

Dinner was at 6:30 p.m. and the business meeting called at 7:30 p.m. There were 11 members for dinner and 12 for the meeting. Not quite as good a turnout as we would have liked. In fact, it was down from the usual 16 or so members we usually have. Come on you people, get behind your Post and its officers.

After the meeting was opened the Commander recognized all Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Past Officers and Past Commanders.

Sickness and distress

The following Brothers were reported ill: Brothers Robert Miller, Nathan Anderson, Roger McCaughey and Raymond Wallner. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

We received a letter of thanks from the VA Administration at the Canandaigua VA Hospital for the picnic we hosted.

Dues notices

You should have received your dues notices. Prompt payment of same would be greatly appreciated.

Summer picnic

Don and Winnie McDill were thanked for the picnic they hosted this past Summer. Everyone had a great time.

Future dates

December 19th is the date of the Post Christmas Party.

Gift wrap at the Canandaigua Hospital will be on December 10th at 1:00 p.m. with the gift distribution on December 22nd at 12:30 p.m.

Our next business meeting will be on February 27 with Election of Officers. Our Installation of Officers will take place on April 29th.

METROPOLITAN ROCHESTER Police and Fire SQUARE CLUB



Donald L. Lacy, President
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By Donald L. Lacy, President

Well, the big Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner has settled, the geese have headed South with some of the Metro Club "snow birds", and the rest of us are looking forward to the Christmas holidays and snow to contend with while we plan our schedules for 1997. The Square Club would like to plan on some great activities and more get together as some Brethren have expressed interest. We need some input, as to what you would like and when we can schedule it. Possibly a Canal or Lake Dinner Cruise, or a day bus excursion to some place of interest; Ladies Night and the Annual Steak Roast, or whatever you can think of that will make the Club more interesting. We have had a good year in 1996, and we can have a better 1997 with your help and interest.

To keep the Club rolling, we need to have the Election of Officers this month (December) and we are going to open the meeting to all the members, then you can elect officers you feel can bring some new ideas and motivation into the Club. You will have received your notice by the time you read this column and hopefully have responded.

Dues are due

Send in your dues for 1997 with your notice. It is still \$5.00 a year and please limit it to two years (\$10.00).

We hope everyone is in good health and those who are not up to par, are on the road to a quick recovery. Our prayers are with you. Have a joyful holiday season. Remember those less fortunate and may God bless you.



FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

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By Bill Lindsay

Scotland

On October 3rd I got a bus from Edinboro and rode South about 40 minutes to Roslyn Village. The length of the journey was due to the meandering from stop to stop in the countryside more than from distance from town. The Village is modest (a quarter mile Main Street of shops and businesses) and the property on which the Chapel sits is located at the edge of town. A short walk down a hedged lane brings the visitor to several old buildings, one of which is used as a residence for the caretaker, the other a gift/coffee shop. As it was overcast and rainy, it felt good to get inside for some tea. Roslyn Chapel is a "must see" stop for all Masonic visitors to Scotland. While much has been written about the Chapel which is speculative regarding Masonic pre-history, the known history is compelling. Some facts:

1. The Chapel was built by William Sinclair, Prince of Orkney, commencing in 1446, and is of locally quarried sandstone.
2. The Sinclair family was the hereditary Grand Masters of Scotland.
3. Re-buried in the Chapel is a William Sinclair (1297) who was Grand Prior of the Knights Templar.

4. Prince Henry Sinclair (1397) built 12 ships and traveled to the New World where he lived among the MicMac Indians. Physical evidence of this expedition exists in the New World.

5. Carved into the Chapel are figures of the American cactus and ears of Indian corn.

6. During the Reformation, troops were stationed at Roslyn and the Chapel was used for a stable-little damage was done as they were led by a Master Mason who knew the Chapel's significance to Freemasons.

7. Attached to the Chapel is a room, the Crypt, where the stonework was prepared. On the walls one can still see tracings from those distant times.

8. The Chapel is filled with hundreds of figures of significant Masonic reference.

9. Near the altar are two pillars, the Master's Pillar and the more famous, Apprentice Pillar.

10. Some consider the Apprentice Pillar the finest piece of stonework ever made.

11. Along the Eastern wall, there are representative carvings of various Masonic Degrees.

Carvings of specific Masonic interest constitute a significant portion of the decorative features of Roslyn Chapel. Christian stories, pagan myths, and legends are generously represented as well. The Chapel has long been highly regarded for its cultural richness and artistic accomplishment. In 1660 an inn was built near the Chapel for the express purpose of accommodating visitors.

My short visit could hardly do justice to the magnificence of Roslyn Chapel. One worker told me that she still discovers new features despite having viewed it over the course of many years. In a sense, it is a compendium of the most noble thoughts and deeds of the age in which it was built.

Roslyn Chapel, built by a family of dedicated Catholics, over-run during the Reformation, was restored and rededicated as an Episcopal Church (Collegiate Church of St. Matthew) in 1862. Regular services are still held there.

A reminder

Finger Lakes Chapter Freemasons, a living reminder of the fact that we are truly citizens of both a concrete and spiritual world. Members of Philaethes save the date, January 30th, for our next meeting. Details will be provided later.

WWII COMMEMORATIVE GARDEN

The VA Medical Center is in the process of providing a WWII Commemorative Garden to memorialize the sacrifice of veterans from all services who served in WWII.

This garden, which will be located in close proximity to the Dementia Unit, Building 8, will consist of flowers, shrubs and trees specifically designed to allow volunteers, family members and veterans from throughout the facility a place to enjoy a safe and secure outdoor environment as well as participate in therapeutic horticulture programs.

In addition to this beautiful garden, a commemorative granite wall will be erected so that individuals and organizations can, on a continuous basis, purchase blocks of space for inscription with their name, business, corporation or organization. Engraved expressions of sympathy, good wishes, love to a family member or that of a close friend or to acknowledge those men and women who have served our Country can also be imprinted.

A minimum donation of \$150.00 for an individual and \$300.00 for a service organization/corporation will ensure that you and/or your organization are recognized on our commemorative granite wall. Donation levels are listed below. If you would like to contribute, please choose either the 20 letter or 30 letter block and complete the spaces (including blanks between words) with what you would like engraved. Make your check payable to "WWII Commemorative Garden" and mail to Voluntary Service (135) VA Medical Center, 400 Fort Hill Ave., Canandaigua, New York 14424. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Voluntary Service at (716) 396-3641 or Tom Paglia at 227-2046.

Individual Donation
20 Spaces - \$150.00

Corporation/Service Organization Donation
20 Spaces - \$300.00

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Individual Donation
30 Spaces - \$200.00

Corporation/Service Organization Donation
30 Spaces - \$400.00

A diagram and scaled down version of the proposed garden and wall are on display in Volunteer Services, Building 7 at the VA Medical Center. Please feel free to stop in to see them.

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Buying a house

For many of us the purchase of a home is the single biggest money transaction during our lifetime. Understandably this causes anxiety. The purpose of this month's article is to explain the customary steps taken in buying a house, in the hope it may relieve some anxiety caused by lack of awareness.

Qualifying for a mortgage

I consider this step more important than finding the right house. Without a mortgage, there can be no house, unless you are purchasing one for all cash. As a practical matter, most banks will not commit to giving you a mortgage unless you have contracted with a seller to purchase one. This should not stop you from getting an idea as to how much house you can afford. One way to determine this is to speak with a mortgage loan officer at your local bank. Bring with you to this meeting for following:

1. List of addresses for past two years.
2. List of employers for past 2 years.
3. Credit report.
4. List of all bank accounts, including account numbers.
5. Most current 3 months of bank statements.
6. Most current 2 years W-2's and 1040's.
7. Most current 30 days worth of pay stubs.

By compiling this information early in the house hunting process, you will not only have a better idea of what is affordable, but will save time when you have to actually apply for a mortgage. Also, if there is any inaccurate information listed on your credit report, now is the time to have it corrected, and spare yourself any possible delays, once you apply for a mortgage.

Finding a broker

While it is possible to look at real estate listings over the internet, the benefits to be had from using an experienced broker are many. An experienced broker will take the time to talk to you and help you find the house you are looking for. An experienced broker knows the neighborhood and market trends. Just be sure you know in what capacity this broker is acting. When you first meet with a broker, he/she will ask you to sign a disclosure statement which will disclose in what capacity they are acting: if this broker is a seller's agent, then his/her duty of loyalty is to the seller, not to you. Anything you say to this broker can ethically be repeated to the seller. A dual agent is a broker who can represent both buyer and seller. I personally frown on such an arrangement. While it is perfectly legal, no one can adequately serve two masters. A buyer's agent is preferable. Such a broker owes an undivided duty of loyalty to you, the buyer.

Going to contract

If the owner of the home you are looking for accepts your offer (or conversely, you accept his counter offer), then you have a contract, which will become enforceable once it is reduced to writing. Here in the "Monroes", a form contract, jointly developed by the Bar Association and Real

Estate Board, is commonly used. Just as fences make for good neighbors, contracts avoid misunderstandings. By reading this contract, you should be able to tell what it is you are buying, how much it will cost, and what does or does not come with the house.

Many contracts come with contingencies. This means that the buyer's obligation to buy the house will depend upon certain conditions being satisfied. Common contingencies include:

1. Sale of an existing home.
2. Obtaining a favorable mortgage.
3. Inspection of the structure by an engineer.
4. Lead paint inspection.
5. Marketable title.
6. Attorney approval.

Of all the contingencies listed, number 3 is by far the most important. Unless you have built homes yourself, it is impossible to detect many possible defects with the house, without the services of a professional home inspector. If any defects are found, then with this knowledge, you may be able to negotiate a better purchase price, or decide this house is not for you. Be wary of any home warranties offered by the seller. Chances are a warranty will have so many limitations, exclusions and deductions as to make it useless.

Obtaining a mortgage

After you fill out a loan application, the bank will review your credit, employment and income history. Any recent large deposits or incurring of debt, will require an explanation. In certain instances, debts will have to be paid off before the bank will loan you any money. At this point the bank will have the house appraised to determine if its market value is in excess of the amount of the requested loan. If the home is worth less than the amount of the mortgage, then the bank would not lend its money to purchase the house. If the buyer's financial documentation and position are in order to the bank's satisfaction, then the bank will issue a loan commitment. This is a document whereby the bank promises to loan you a specified amount of money at a certain interest rate, to be repaid over time. At this point, the seller will tender a title abstract and survey to the buyer's attorney for review to ensure that the seller can tender marketable title. Marketable title is basically title to the house free of any liens (subject to utility easements and certain rights of way). When a bank issues a mortgage, one of its conditions to doing such is a requirement that the buyer purchase title insurance to protect the bank from any superior claims to the house, which a title search did not disclose.

Title insurance is a one time purchase, payable at closing. The cost of insurance is set by the State Insurance Department, and is based upon the mortgage amount. This type of title insurance is also known as mortgage title insurance. Mortgage title insurance only protects the bank, not the homeowner. The level of protection decreases as the loan is paid off. If a successful challenge to title occurs, the title insurance company would only be obligated to pay to the bank the remaining balance owed on the mortgage. To protect the homeowner, you can simultaneously (and at considerable savings) purchase fee title insurance at the same time mortgage title insurance is purchased. The

amount purchased is based upon the purchase price of the house. If a successful challenge to title is made, the insurance company would have to pay off the claimant up to the amount of your original purchase price. For further protection, an inflation rider can be purchased to cover any appreciation in value since the date you purchased the home. In addition to title insurance, the buyer will also have to purchase homeowners insurance to protect the bank if the home is damaged or destroyed.

The Closing

The Closing is the event which signifies that the bank is ready to loan the money needed to purchase the house. At the closing (usually held at the banks attorney's office), the buyer signs whatever papers the bank requires. The seller delivers a deed to the buyer. This deed is in essence a title certificate to the house. Delivery is required in order to transfer title. Because taxes are usually paid in advance, any taxes which have been pre-paid by the seller for the balance of the year will be refunded by the buyer, usually by way of an adjustment to the purchase price.

Other charges that the buyer will have to pay at closing are: mortgage tax (\$.50/per every \$100 of mortgage amount); government recording fees; pre-paid taxes and homeowners insurance (held in escrow by the bank); mortgage title and fee title (optional) insurance and fees to yours and the bank's attorneys. If less than 20% of the purchase price was put down by the buyer as a down payment towards the purchase price, then most banks require the purchase of mortgage insurance, which protects the bank from loss if the buyer should later default on the mortgage.

A few months after closing, you should receive a closing statement from your attorney, which includes much of the paperwork generated by the purchase of the house. This is an important document package, and should be retained. It can be used to challenge a property tax assessment if you believe your new home is over assessed. It can provide important information when you sell the home, and for tax purposes. □

Financial Planning Solutions

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

This article may be of interest to a follower of Isaac Walton as well as the astute investor such as you, dear reader, because this is known as bottom fishing, or buying low and selling high.

With prices of stocks on the various exchanges going up, how does a smart investor go about doing this? It is more difficult than ordinary investing, where the stock prices are more easily determined in fluctuating markets, or at the early stages of a bull market, but the results can be very rewarding.

Here are some suggestions as to how to go about it.

1. Find and identify stocks that are on the bottom. Most financial

papers print lists of stocks that are at their low price on a quarterly or annual basis. Also, there is computer data available at moderate prices.

Some time ago I wrote about investing in Dow Jones stocks on this basis. I also have written about a deceased genius named Benjamin Graham who wrote several books on this very subject, which I have been fortunate enough to apply with very nice results. Have any of you tried these? I will bet not.

2. From these lists, select stocks that you feel are most likely to rebound. For example, look for low P/E (Price/Earnings) ratios and put them on your possible choice list. Now, for example, find out why these stocks have declined, and if the criteria does not meet your list, remove those from the watch list.

Once your choices are selected, see how they have been performing recently. For example, have they been flat, continuing to decrease, or are they moving upward, and are they above their moving average line?

A group that I have been associated with has had the following results:

A. Over a five month period, 126 stocks were added to their list.

B. 74 subsequently received a buy recommendation.

C. 63 are still active with an annualized gain of 39.9%.

D. 11 were sold with an average loss of 9.6%.

E. During this period, the S&P 500 index gained 23%.

As you can see, if you are willing to do some work, you still can make a lot of money in the good old U.S.A. □

Commitment

By Don Brugger

What is Commitment? In the words of Rev. James Dugan, the Pastor of my church, it is "Doing what we say we will do even when we don't feel like it!"

Although I did not attend the Sunday he presented his thoughts on the subject, I did obtain a copy of his notes. I was struck by the similarities the Fraternity shares with the Church and other organizations on this matter.

It seemed to me that since commitment appears to be in short supply these days, it was about time I addressed the problem. I have borrowed some of the Pastor's ideas and tried to tailor them for the more universal Masonic audience.

Commitment

"Commitments keep us on the right track when our 'feelings' would make us turn off. If I say I will do the job, I will do it! If I say I will show up, I will show up! If I say I'll give, I'll give! Commitment involves unselfishness and sacrifice. It also, sometimes, involves making painful choices. We are always tempted to choose other options when personal ambition, approval of others,

greed, jealousy, arrogance, shortsightedness, deceit and laziness etc., get in the way."

"Our culture ferociously proclaims 'you can have it all', but it's a lie. We can't have it all. We can't have it all because commitment means walking away from those things, ideas and movements that use people and abuse people and only lead to selfish ends."

It is a lie because we cannot pursue those Cardinal Virtues of Brotherly Love, Truth, Charity and Justice, the ethical and moral basis of our Fraternity and for all the great religions of the World, and not be committed.

Even the religiously lukewarm folk among us should see the ethical and personal credibility implications of this thesis.

What are your commitments?

Lodge membership, in a way, is a commitment. When we join we tacitly say we will support the organization. This support does not necessarily mean spending all your time doing work for the Lodge. It could mean as little as attending events that are sponsored by the Lodge like the Master's Ball, Ladies Night, Spaghetti Dinners and other fundraisers, or it could mean just attending the meetings. It could mean giving a Brother who could not otherwise attend, a ride to the meeting. It could mean as little as paying your dues on time or as much as taking an office. Of course, not everyone can make that contribution of time.

Commitment makes things happen. Without it nothing gets done. Look around sometime at a Lodge meeting or Lodge function. Observe those who do the work, those who help put things away, those who help clean up, those who help out without being asked. Observe those who show up at meetings, at rehearsals; the same people time after time. Observe those who volunteer for the difficult and unpleasant jobs, even though they seem not to really have the time. Emulate these people and you will experience that feeling of commitment. □

We Know the Difference

As Americans, we like to think of ourselves as moral and ethical human beings. Yet there is a growing sense of cynicism across our land. The Wall Street "insiders". Dishonesty in defense contracts. And politicians who "line their pockets" with payoffs and "shape the truth" to fit their self-serving ends.

In all honesty, the problems are not all just "at the top". What happens on Wall Street is reflected on Main Street. Many are willing and eager to work for cash to avoid taxes. Employees "steal" time from employers without thought of the cost or the consequences to the business. Used parts are substituted for new ones - "Who'll know the difference?"

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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Scottish Rite Awards Night Plays to Near Capacity Crowd



Awardees and their escorts filled many of the chairs on both sides of the aisles in Cathedral Hall on October 3rd. The near capacity crowd, that overflowed into the Balcony, can be seen in the background. Total attendance of Brothers, family and friends was 214.

Ill. Patrick J. S.
McNenny, 33°
Commander-in-Chief



The Mystery Dinner Theater held at the Damascus Mosque on November 10th was attended by 86 people, including five children. The drama was presented by the LeRoy Moose Family Center, who produced an excellent performance. The dinner was catered by Hildegard DiJames and Joy Woodley. Craig Mollon was the Chairman of the event. Many thanks to all involved.

One of the pitfalls of appointing a committee, or a team, to work on a problem is that those not on the team assume the team will take care of the problem and that they do not have to be concerned about it. In some cases this is true, but not in the current Membership Development Drive. The committees can take care of organizational matters, but you are our best contacts with potential new members. If we are going to achieve zero net loss of membership by the year 2001, as has been assigned by the Sovereign Grand Commander, it will happen because you, the members, persuaded men with whom you associate, that they would benefit by joining our great Fraternity. Happy Holidays. ☐

Scottish Rite Scholarships

One of Freemasonry's fundamental principles is a belief in the importance of the educated mind. Freedom, understanding, and brotherhood are dependent upon our ability to reason effectively. That is why the Masonic Fraternity, and the Scottish Rite in particular, have long been committed to fostering the value of education.

The Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship Program is supported by gifts from members and friends of Scottish Rite Masons to the Annual Blue Envelope Appeal.

Eligibility requirements

Only students who have completed at least one year in an accredited two or four year college, university or specialty school need apply. Preference will be given to college juniors and seniors. As was true last year, the scholarships are not available to high school seniors anticipating college.

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



M.W. & Ill. Bruce Widger, 33°, Active and Deputy for the State of New York, being escorted by Ill. Myron Dox, 33°.



Ill. Harold Aldrich, 33°, Active, being escorted to the East by Ill. Fred Nielsen, 33°.

Application forms are available at the Office of the Secretary of the Valley of Rochester. Just call (716) 271-0715 and they will be mailed to you. Completed applications must be returned no later than March 1st.

Amount of scholarship aid

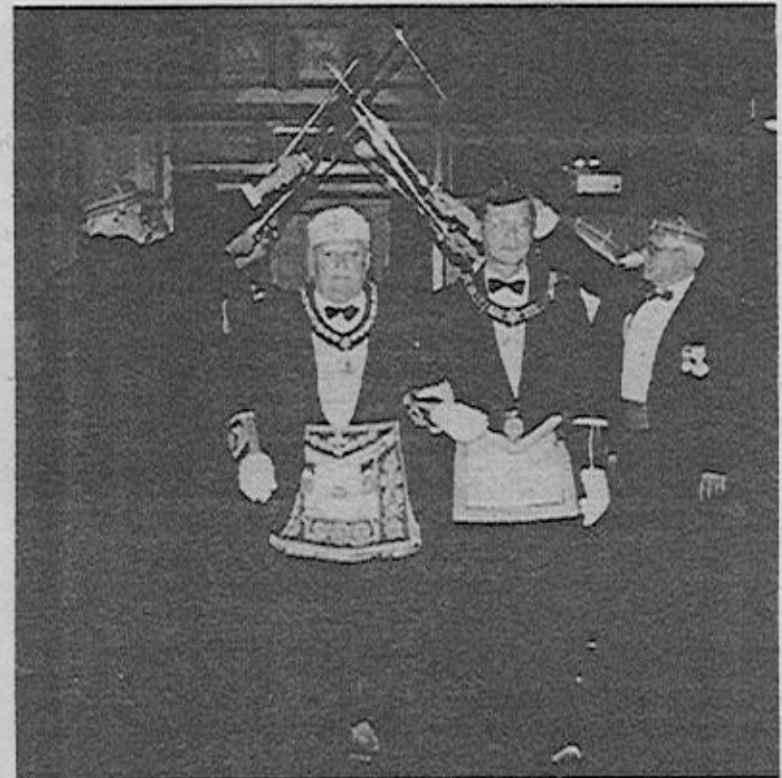
Both the number of scholarships granted each year and the actual amount of individual scholarships are dependent upon funds available. It is hoped, however, that individual grants will range from \$500 to \$1,000. The number in any state will be modest in as much as 15 states and 110 Valleys are under consideration.

The size of the grants will be determined in each state, as will eligibility for more than one year of aid and also post graduate university studies. Also to be determined locally is the eligibility of offspring of Scottish Rite members residing out-of-state or in distant areas from the Northern Jurisdiction. ☐

Prince Hall Guests Received

For the first time in the history of the Supreme Council, Officers from the Prince Hall Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction were received as guests at our Session. Attending were Sovereign Grand Commander, Samuel Brogdon, Jr., 33°; Lt. Grand Commander, Alvin H. Swiggett, 33°; and Grand Minister of State, Algie S. Oldham, Jr., 33°.

Official recognition was granted to that Supreme Council at last year's annual Session in Milwaukee, and Grand Commander Ralston was received as a guest at the Prince Hall Session in June. (Courtesy of Supreme Council "Working Tools", October 1996.) ☐



M.W. & Ill. Earle J. Hino, Jr., 33°, Grand Master, being escorted under an "Arch of Steel" by R.W. Edward Trosin, Senior Grand Deacon.



The Brothers of Webster Lodge in the "Peanut Gallery", applauding their Awardee.

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA
Rudy Vogel, 32° MSA - is home from the hospital after gall bladder surgery and doing fine. I really appreciated hearing from him.

Larry Dunn - at home recovering from surgery.

Stan Allen - back in intensive care.

Norman H. Selke, 33° - in St. John's Home for rehabilitation following surgery.

Archie Clarke - in St. John's Home recuperating from a heart attack.

Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA - in Rochester General for heart surgery

Kenneth W. Mertz - in the hospital for by-pass surgery. ☐

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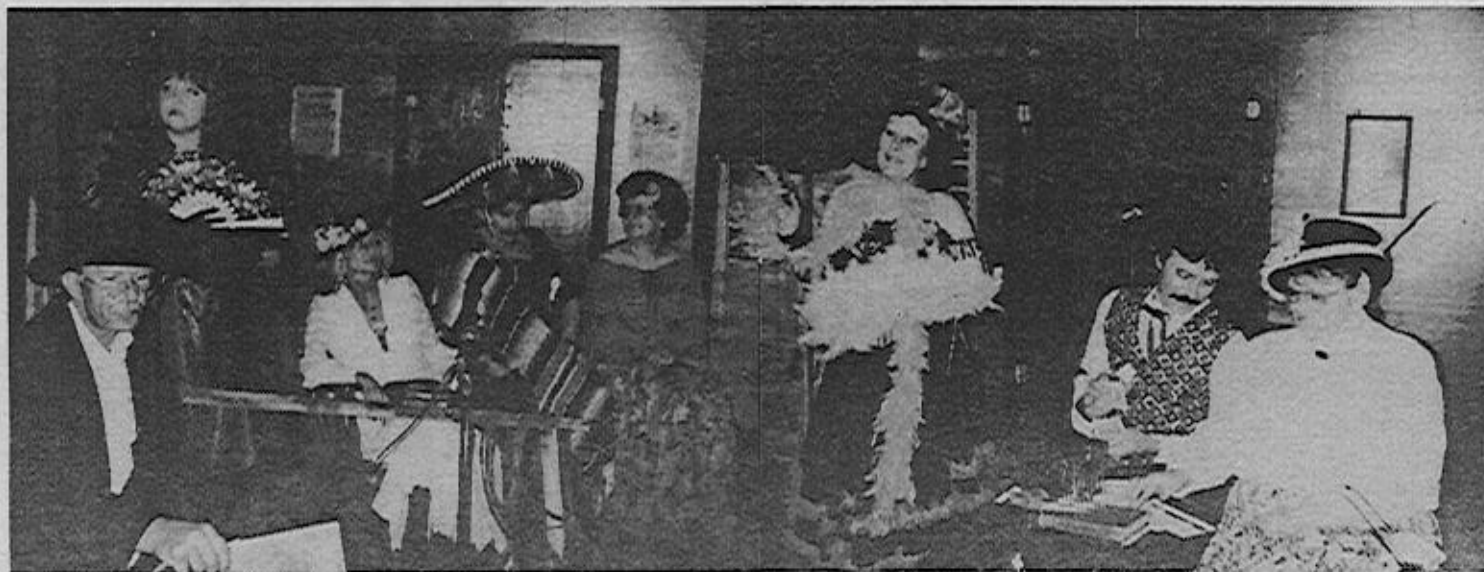
David P. Crawford

No Ballot

The Supreme Council Constitutions were amended during the Executive Session to provide for the elimination of balloting on Scottish Rite membership. There will be a procedure, however, whereby a member may challenge the petition of an applicant in writing and that petitioner will be delayed pending review and disposition of the challenge.

The Grand Commander pointed out that this new procedure "strengthens our ties to Symbolic Masonry and saves many Valleys numerous special meetings held only for receiving and voting on petitions". (Courtesy of Supreme Council "Working Tools", October 1996.)

Excerpts from the "Bullets & Barbeque" Mystery Dinner Theater Presentation at the Scottish Rite Family Day Program



(L - R) Ron Bolonek "Doc Mallard", Cindy Michaels "Nita Rhume", Sharon Roggow "Sally Forth", Roger Bell "Juan Bandito", Dee McIntyre "Tina Taco Bell", Liz Knitter "Bibi Gunn", Charlie Sovocool "Rowdy Azell" and Nancy Schroeder "Miss Patience" the cast of "Bullets & Barbeque" a murder mystery dinner theatre presentation at the Scottish Rite Family Life Program at the Shrine Mosque on November 3rd.

The Masonic Road

By Garry R. Hutcherson

Each time we attend a Masonic event or meeting we are to taste a piece of history. We are to draw upon hundreds of years of Ritual and spirit while at the same time, making history for generations to come.

Each time we do our work in the Lodge, we extend the knowledge of our past; we increase our ability to learn. Each time we read a Masonic publication, for example, we add to our Masonic knowledge of who we are and what we are.

That is why Scottish Rite Masonry is an important extension, not just of our knowledge, but also an extension of our work and our Freemason being.

We grow by leaps and bounds as we interact during our Degrees. There are so many lessons to teach each other as Brother Masons. We have so much to give the candidate - the history of our Craft, the knowledge of who we are, and the direction we will take in the future. This in turn will bring a new level of fulfillment and enjoyment in Masonry for the new Brother.

Scottish Rite Masonry paves the way, allowing us to gain more knowledge and direction as we work our way through the Fraternity. Scottish Rite Masonry is just one of the many paths that excite us to learn more about our Craft and allow us the chance to grow - not just to be measured by the Degrees we earn, but by the person we see upon looking within.



Some of the children and parents who were part of the crowd of over 80 who attended the Mystery Dinner Theatre.

Scottish Rite Masonry has so much to give. All we have to do is receive it. For all Blue Lodge members who don't belong to the Scottish Rite, please come and see what we're all about. Let us excite you as we have been excited. Give yourselves a chance to find the same feelings and fulfillment we've found and join us in our journey of discovery as we head into the 21st Century.



Jim Roblee "Mordechai McCoy" the Narrator trying to sell some of his "Elixir" while keeping the audience up to date between scenes of the play.

Brother Masons Support the Youth Programs Help Build the Leaders of Tomorrow



"Nita, Rowdy and Doc" overseeing the balloting on the identity of the murderer.

Scottish Rite Program
Thursday, December 5, 1996
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Presented by David Green

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The following is a Masonic song said to have been recited by Burns at his admission as an honorary member of Kilwinning St. John's Lodge, Kilmarnock, October 26, 1786.

I.
Ye sons old Killie, assembled by Willie
To follow the noble vocation,
Your thrifty old mother has scarce such another
To sit in that honor'd station!
I've little to say, but only to pray
(As praying's the ton of your fashion).
A prayer from the Muse you well may excuse
(Tis seldom her favorite passion):-

II.
Ye powers who preside o'er the wind and the tide
Who mark'd each element's border,
Who form'd this frame with beneficent aim,
Whose sovereign statue is order,
Within this dear mansion may wayward Contention
Or wither'd Envy ne're enter!
May secrecy round be mystical bound
And brotherly Love be the centre!

Robert Burns

Poetry Niche
Contributions welcome

"The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, is Brotherhood;
For it will bring again to earth
Her long lost posey and mirth;
Will send new light on every face,
A kingly power upon the race.
And till it comes, we men are slaves,
Come, clear the way, then clear the way:
Blind creeds and kings have had their day.
Break the dead branches from the path;
Our hope is in the aftermath-
Our hope is in heroic men,
Star-led to build the world again.
To this event the ages ran:
Make way for Brotherhood-make way for man!"
Edwin Markham

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May this joyous season of Chanukah and Christmas bring you and yours Peace, Love and Joy.

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Royal Arch Masons
27th Capital District



R.E. Donald J. Brugger
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Mergers

The mechanics of the merger process for Webster and Hiram Chapters has been set in motion. Both Chapters have formed committees and the initial exchange of By-Laws, budgets and rosters has been accomplished. Soon the first meetings to hammer out the proposed new documents that will govern the new Chapter will take place. Hopefully, if all goes well, the merger will be completed early next year. I'm sure that the District wishes them well in this undertaking.

Other matters

I recently requested that all Chapters review their rosters and make contact with every member to check on their address, phone number and physical condition. I also suggested that this would be an opportunity to canvas members for their opinions on the condition of their Chapter and their reasons for non-attendance. Only one Chapter has responded thus far. The suggested deadline is fast approaching and I would remind the High Priests that this information could be more useful to them than they might think. Please, High Priests, get it done.

New Blood

It is not too soon to be thinking about the Spring round of Chapter Degrees and about getting someone of your Blue Lodge Brothers fired up about completing his Masonic education. Of course, this means membership in the Chapter and in the York Rite. We must realize that if the membership were maintained, mergers would not be a consideration.

Renewal

Let us think of the Holidays and the New Year as an opportunity for renewal. Make it a time for resolving to help rejuvenate your Chapter and taking a more active part. Resolve to replace yourself with one new member. If

we all did that membership would theoretically increase 100%. Of course this is wishful thinking, but, just think of the result if only 25% of us did get a new member.

I wish your and yours happiness in the Holidays and best wishes in the coming year. □

**Grand Chapter
Charities**

As of November 2nd the 27th District has contributed \$930 to the Royal Arch Charities Funds. This puts us 8th in the state for total contributions and just barely 7th in the State for the Scholarship Fund. My Companions, the Drive ends December 31st. If you intend to include the RAM Charities in your tax deductible contributions for 1996, you had better get "crackin'", the time is getting short!

**Hiram Chapter
No. 62**



2nd & 4th
Thursdays

Paul B. Josephson, EHP
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Richard J. Oliver, Secretary
594-2388

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By E.. Paul Josephson

Here it is December already. It seems like I was just anointed and here I am almost a has been. There are so many people that I need to thank that if I tried to name them, I know that I would miss at least five, so I won't even try.

Reflections

Reflecting back on this year I can say that some things have gone well and some things not so well. The Summer trip was a big success, and the trip to Toronto



E.. Paul Josephson-HP Hiram and W.. David Phelan-First Principal of Orient Chapter.

was much better than it has been in the last few years. But we need to work on getting more people to enjoy these events.

The joint meeting with Doric Council was a success and it looks like we will continue doing this in the coming year. The major thing that did not improve was membership. Even with an enjoyable and well attended Bring-a-Brother Night we didn't receive any petitions for the Fall Degrees. We need to do much better than that if Hiram is to grow and not become stagnant.

December

December 12th is our Annual Meeting and the Election of Officers. There will be a dinner preceding the meeting.

Installation of Officers

By E.. Tom Paglia

There will be an Open Installation of Officers on January 9th in Cathedral Hall, Downtown Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m.

The menu for the dinner is Swiss Steak or Chicken Breast for \$7.00 per person. Please make your check out to Hiram Chapter No. 62 and mail it to me at 84 Grand View Lane, Rochester, NY 14612. Please call me (227-2046) and let me know how many reservations you need so that we can make plans for the dinner.

The new High Priest

I saved this for last, guess who might be High Priest in 1997? You're right, if I'm elected, me. They figure I needed more practice. Won't you attend and give your support to the new Officers? Remember, this is your Chapter and it is only as good as you make it. Come join us and have a nice evening.

Some Canadian Royal Arch Masons plan to be there, weather permitting. Come and say hello and renew old friendships. □

Remember



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Chapter No. 35
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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 Licht, EHP
Greetings, Companions

This Capital year is about concluded and we must select and elect our leaders for the ensuing year. It has been very gratifying to me as your High Priest and speaks well of the Companions of Western Star Chapter, that we are able to open regularly with ever improving Ritual, and actively participate in Royal Arch Masonry. We are able to confer degrees only because YOU are willing to put forth the effort and employ YOUR talents. I extend hearty THANKS to everyone who participated in the work of the Chapter and encourage our Companions who are home to enter the Tabernacle and be a part of the growing activity and the beautiful Ritual found within our veils.

Condolences

Our Altar has been draped in mourning for the untimely death of our esteemed Companion, R..E.. John Stockholm of Wyoming Chapter No. 181. The loss of such a Companion diminishes the whole. He will be sadly missed, but held in our memories for the years to come.

It becomes my sad duty to also inform you that on November 6th our Companion, R..E.. Donald E. Clattenburg left this earthly life. The loss of his dedication and enthusiasm will leave a void in all of us who knew him. The condolences of our Chapter are extended to his widow, Audrey, and his family.

Congratulations

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of R..E.. Horace Wilder as the new Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, formerly held by our R..E.. Don Clattenburg. The Apron will be formally presented to the Clattenburg family at our Annual

Installation in January. R..E.. Wilder has already made plans to attend the Grand Convocation in Kentucky and Western Star Chapter is proud to have this honor bestowed on a Companion of such demonstrated commitment to Capital Masonry.

Timeless thought

Our esteemed Brother George Washington, did not arise from his bed one morning and have "the mantle of greatness" suddenly draped over his shoulders. The beliefs that he held, and the values instilled in him, were not mere happenstance. The development of his character evolved over time, nurtured by wise counsel and a family environment.

At the age of 14, our Brother compiled a set of 110 principles of behavior from a French book of maxims that he felt would serve him well in his intercourse with the world. This set of maxims were printed in a small book, entitled, "George Washington's Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation".

I would like to share just a few of these 'rules' with you, in the hope that we may better understand what influenced the thinking and character development of this great Masonic life.

1st-Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those who are present.

25th-Superfluous compliments and affectation of ceremony are to be avoided, yet where due, they are not to be neglected.

45th-Being to advise or reprehend anyone, consider whether it ought to be in public or private, presently or at some other time, in what terms to do it. In reproving, show no sign of cholar, but do it with all sweetness and mildness.

48th-Wherein you reprove another, be unblamable yourself, for example is more prevalent than precepts.

50th-Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the disparagement of any.

105th-Be not angry at table whatever happens and if you have reason to be so, show it not; put on a cheerful countenance especially if there be strangers, for good humor makes one dish of meat a feast.

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Officers of Hiram and Orient Chapters with dignitaries from both New York and Ontario Grand Chapters at their Annual Visitation in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada



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Western Star Chapter

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108th-When you speak of God or His attributes, let it be seriously and with reverence. Honor and obey your natural parents although they be poor.

109th-Let your recreations be manifold not sinful.

110th-Labour to keep alive in your breast that little celestial fire called conscience.

Exactly 250 years ago, 1/4 millennia has passed since Brother Washington set these concepts to paper as his personal ideals, to rule and guide his life. I see very little in the elapsed time that would delete a single line of what he wrote in his youth. These were not original ideas in 1746, but became a part of his moral fabric, incorporated within the framework of his daily life.

The moral virtues inculcated with our various Masonic Degrees remain as true and valuable today as when first organized into the Craft. These same moral principles and virtues were recognized as essential to the development of character by Brother Washington long before he entered the Lodge.

Annual Convocation

On the evening of December 5th we will elect officers for the ensuing year, receive all committee reports and hear the appointments of the new High Priest. It is essential that every Companion able to participate in this evening's work be present. Finalized plans for the Public Installation of Officers will be made this evening. A tentative date of January 11th has been selected with a dinner at a local restaurant to follow.

The Secretary, Meritorious Companion Lund, will happily receive all dues for 1997, as well as donations for the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund.

think that you can't make any substantial contributions toward the goals that this organization may have set, well, I'm just going to say you're thinking wrongly.


Every appearance you make, every meeting that you attend, every function you support, in any way you can, makes a difference that you may never realize.

As Brother Ben Franklin concluded in his compilation known as "Poor Richard's Almanac", "Many strokes fell great oaks". No matter how rusty a Companion thinks he is or however small he thinks his contribution (time included) may be, your efforts and gifts that are made towards a goal are not made in vain.

Learning experience

I'm going to finish this year assuring you that I have learned much. You may assume that since you have reached a certain level or proficiency you stop the educational process, but you're making the wrong presumption. You may complete your training, but you're never done learning, especially within this institution of ours. Discouragement is not an option. Remember, my friends and Companions, we must stand together or else most assuredly we will stand alone.

Past High Priests Association
Western New York



R..E.. Keith Church, Sec.
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By V..E.. Stephen A. Licht
New Officers

At the October meeting of the Association, following dinner, the Election of Officers for the ensuing biennium was held. Louis Alfonso of Gateway No. 235 was elected President; Edward Walker of Hiram Chapter No. 62, Vice-President; Stephen Licht of Western Star No. 35, Secretary/Treasurer; and Clifford Yahr of Orleans No. 175, Chaplain. The new Trustees are: Edward Zobrest of Gateway No. 235, and David Barwell and Alfred Lyth of Tonawanda/Keystone No. 71.

Sadness

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our long time members, R..E.. John Stockholm and R..E.. Donald Clattenburg of the 29th Capitulat District.

Coming events

Our next meeting will be on January 30th at the Candlelite Restaurant in Batavia. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. The menu will be your choice of beef, fish, chicken or pasta. Please call the Secretary with your reservation at your earliest convenience. Final notice and details will be in the January issue of the *Masonic Times*. The retiring High Priest and the newly elected Presiding Officer of each Chapter are cordially welcome and encouraged to take part in our organization and activities. A lifetime membership is only \$15.00.

Our Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 26, 1997 at the Batavia Downs Race Track. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the Banquet will commence at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment

will be provided by E.. Karl Reich at the keyboard. Donations for tickets are \$16.00 each. Remember, through our Annual Banquet and the sale of Royal Arch Seals, we are able to generously support the Grand Chapter's Scholarship Program.

Doric Council
No. 19
Cryptic Masons
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By Ill.. Douglas S. Poole
The year sure is going by fast. I now know how the Thanksgiving turkey felt, as my head may be on the chopping block for canceling the November meeting. Must be I was spooked by the "Phantom". Sorry!

Combined meeting

Members of Doric Council and Hiram Chapter feel that the combined meeting worked quite well. With that in mind, we will try a joint meeting again after the first of the year. We still have some details to work out, but it looks like a good way to cut back on the number of nights we are out every month. Stay tuned for details.

Reservations a must!

Doric Council will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, December 18th. We will be eating a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings with the Grotto at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.00. You MUST have a reservation by December 8th. If not, you will not get dinner! The Program will be slides of Letchworth State Park that were scheduled for November.

Congratulations

At our September meeting, Doric Council presented V..L.. William R. Zufall, Assistant Grand Lecturer for the 8th Cryptic District, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, with his Apron. It is quite an honor for our Council. This is a well deserved honor for a very dedicated worker for Cryptic, and all other Masonic orders, he belongs to. When you see Bill, congratulate him!
See you at Council!

Cyrene-Monroe
Commandery
No. 12



Chartered in 1993
2nd & 4th Fridays
SK Robert L. Zahn
Commander
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033

By SK Robert Zahn
Petitions needed
The Orders of the Commandery were conferred on November 2nd. I thank all those who did so much to make it a success. We

will be conferring the Orders again in the near future and there is still time to get petitions in.

Welcome

A sincere welcome to our new Sir Knight, Edward Brereton.

Conclave

Our regular Conclave will take place on December 2nd. We need a lot of work on our Full Form Opening so please make every effort to attend. If any officer cannot be present, please call me so I can find a replacement.

Christmas Toast

The Christmas Toast will be held on Monday, December 16th, at 7:45 p.m. This celebration of Christmas is significant to all Knights Templar and their families. It is also an opportunity to bring friends to celebrate with us. A reception, hosted by the Shicker Club will follow. This is always fantastic and diets sometimes go astray.


Sickness and distress

I am happy to report that SK Larry Dunn is recovering nicely from surgery, but will be taking it easy for several weeks.

Happy holidays

My Lady and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights Templar



Meets
2nd & 4th
Thursdays

SK Keith C. Denton,
Commander
SK Allen L. Capwell
Recorder 786-3897

Masonic Temple
200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

By SK Keith Denton
We had a great turnout for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you to all who attended and especially the ladies for the wonderful meal.

By-Laws

At our last gathering a motion was made and seconded to revise Section No. 4 of our By-Laws changing the location of our Conclaves to Attica Lodge, 9 Main Street in Attica. The motion was tabled so that a Summons could be issued for the discussion and vote at our January 9th Conclave in Batavia at 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Toast

I have requested dispensation for our next Conclave on December 12th to be held at Attica. This will be our Christmas Toast and since the public is invited, and Batavia's four flights of stairs to the dining area are a great obstacle for even the fittest of members, Attica was thought to be a better location. This will also give our members the opportunity to see why Attica will be such a wise choice for the new home of Batavia Commandery No. 34.

What is a Toast?

What is a Christmas Toast and why should everyone in Masonry, with their friends and families, plan to attend ours on December 12th? If you were to imagine a coed Table Lodge with the fellowship of a family gathering, add to that, all of the grandeur of a

full dress military cotillion and top it off with songs and prayers of the season, you would have a Christmas Toast. It is a must see event that will instill in you, your friends and your families the true meaning of Christmas and Templary! Please join Batavia Commandery No. 34 in Attica on December 12th at 7:00 p.m. for this very special occasion. As always, the public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Happy Holidays

Sharon and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will be sharing our holidays with her family in Florida, and we hope you and your family have the opportunity to be close to the ones you love during this very special time of the year. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

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By E.. Jeffrey Diehl

The end is in sight

This article, although it may be the last one I generate while holding the title of Excellent High Priest of 3 Times 3 Chapter, presents not, I'm quite confident, the culmination of my interest in the Masonic organizations. However, I would like to thank all members and friends of this grand Fraternity for the support that I was given this year. I hope that Kenny finds an equal amount of backing from everyone during his year.

Support

Some members of this sector of the road to the East may have, at sometime during the course of 1996, found their cabledowns too restrictive to participate regularly in various factions of this, or other, Bodies or groups. I can assure you that just because you



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Earl K. DeSmith, Monarch

Monarch's Message

As this will be my last official writing as Monarch, there are few "thank you's" I want to extend to some of the Realm.

My first one is to Merch Merritt who talked me into getting into Line. This was the start of my career as a Prophet. Next was Past Monarch/Treasurer Gordon Dodge, who was my mentor and showed me the way. Then came Past Monarch Ken Milner, who was always, and still is, there for me. To Michael Bell, another Past Monarch, thanks for your expertise in handling the fine details of our many programs.

As I have said before, my Master of Ceremonies, Richard Topel, was always there when needed for dinners, lunches and an all around good helper, Euchre, too!

Last but not least, to Ron Morthorst, who has been more help to me than could be expected of a Prophet.

I would like to thank the Ladies of Lalla Rookh Caldron for the dinners they put on.

Which brings me to the Christmas Dinner that the ladies will host. Remember, a paid up dues card is all you need to enjoy their good cooking. Again, thanks to everyone who made my year a special one.

Christmas Dinner Meeting

The Dinner and Elections will be on Wednesday, December

18th. The dinner is at 6:30 p.m., FREE with a '96 dues card and reservations must be honored--period. Election of Officers is at 8:00 p.m.

Make your reservation by calling Dick Topel at 663-2547 before December 10th. No reservation, no eat!

December happenings

The Board of Governors meeting is December 2nd at the Grotto Office at 7:30 p.m. Plan to attend.

This is the season of friendships. Make a date with yourself to come to this month's meeting and renew old friendships. You'll be glad you did.

ESGA Spring Meeting

Plans are well under way and we need your help and assistance to make it more fun this year. Call Ron Morthorst, Mike Bell or Ken Milner NOW!!

Remember, the ESGA is open to ALL Prophets. Just ask any officer and we can take care of it for you and you can join in the fun of our State organization.

Grotto Fellowship

It was nice to see all you Prophets at our last meeting and hope to see more of you at the rest of our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Attend these meetings and support your Grotto and the Officers.

Caldron News

By Christina Eeckhout, MCO

Our members served a dinner for over ninety guests for the Supreme Visit of Daughters of the Nile. I would like to express our appreciation to all the volunteer workers who made this event possible.

We will also be serving the Grotto's Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 18th. Mildred Panton will be in charge. Please let her know if you are able to help.

Christmas Party time

Our Patrol Christmas Party will be on December 5th at a place to be announced. Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Don't forget your "secret pal" gift.

The PMCO Christmas Party is scheduled for December 8th, 3:00 p.m., at Bosdy's Restaurant. A "grab bag" is planned for the gifts this year.

December meetings

Our next meeting will be 8:00 p.m., December 12th, in Doric Hall, Downtown Temple.

The Executive Council meeting will be December 19th at Cecil Losinger's home at 8:00 p.m. Bring a \$3.00 grab bag gift.

Sickness

Mary Topel and Pat Slack have both been ill with bronchial pneumonia this past month. Dorothy Bartlett and Merline Bug have had eye surgery this Fall. We hope all will improve rapidly.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Membership

We have some petitions outstanding. Please get them in by the Board of Governors meeting on December 2nd. Thank you!!

Information Line

Need an update on Grotto events and happenings, membership? Yes, we are taking in new Prophets every month. Need a petition, information, help or assistance? Call Ron on the Information Line at 3334-4196.

Legion of Honor

By Richard Topel

It's time to think about our Annual Installation Banquet to be held on January 25th, 1997, at the Barnard Exempt. Cards will be sent in December.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 9th, at Youngers on Winton Road. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Call Ken Hutchinson at 872-2385 for reservations.

Dates to Remember

Mon., Dec. 2nd-Board of Governors-Grotto Office 7:30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 9th-Legion of Honor-Youngers-Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 12th-Caldron Meeting Doric Hall 8:00 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 18th, Grotto Meeting, Cathedral Hall 8:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Reservations a must
Thurs., Dec. 19th-Caldron Executive Meeting-Cecil Losinger's home

Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship

Auditorium Calendar

If there is a show on, get here early for a good parking place at the Temple or Red Cross lot on Prince Street. Tell the attendant at the Temple lot that you are a Grotto member, show your dues card, and the charge is only \$1.00.

Proper Functions of a Masonic Publication

What are the proper functions of a Masonic publication? There are two schools of thought.

One faction (luckily it is decreasing rapidly in numbers) has held that Masonic publications should carry uplifting articles of a moral character on some of the many phases of Freemasonry, exercising extreme care at all times that nothing be printed which could possibly enlighten the profane regarding its teachings, precepts or practices. This school has held that any news of a Masonic character should be confined to past occurrences. Nothing of a critical or debative nature should be published according to this class.

As might be expected, the other school goes almost as far in the opposite direction. Almost anything, according to this coterie, except the ritualistic work of the lodge, is fair for publication. Nothing, otherwise is exempt, nothing sacrosanct.

As in most argumentative subjects, we believe the truth lies midway between the two extremes.

To our mind the ideal Masonic publication must be educational, it must be enlightening and inspiring, and it should be a forum wherein the readers are free to discuss subjects of interest to themselves and to the Craft.

It should not be subservient in nature or policy, it should not be super-critical, nor should it be prejudiced. It should be independent in policy, God-fearing in practice and thoroughly Masonic in conduct and action, giving

credit where credit is due, and not fearing to criticize where criticism is deserved.

Such would be the ideal Masonic publication, but how few ever attain it? The reason, of course, is that Masonic editors-like their readers and the rest of mankind-are subject to prejudice, to poor judgement and all the mortal ills. They hate educational articles and they love sermonizing. As a result their readers get little of the one and too much of the other.

The above is sufficient to explain why the ideal is never reached: why some swear by these publications and others swear at them. Why some are cussed and discussed, while others are colorless and full of dry rot. Why some are influential, others ignored.

Like all newspapers, magazines and periodicals, a Masonic publication is read by the young and the old, the conservative and the progressive, the professional man, the merchant, the laborer and the magnate. With the purest of motives and the best of ability and judgement, the editor cannot hope to get a hit every time he goes to bat. If his average for the year is fair, he must be content. (From remarks by J.A. Fetterly, editor of *Masonic Tidings* (Milwaukee) participating in a symposium published by *New England Masonic Craftsman*, June, 1934. Reprinted in *The Northern Light*.)

A Changing Society

However unique and intriguing the past may be, the future of Freemasonry may even prove more interesting. The future naturally cannot be predicted with a great degree of accuracy,

but we can intelligently hypothesize on it.

Like every institution, Freemasonry is subjected to forces external to itself and over which it has no control-forces that in some considerable measure will shape its destiny. Some of these forces are now at work and lend themselves to a speculative appraisal. The duty most assuredly rests on those in positions of leadership to be cognizant of those forces and to the utmost of their ability condition the Fraternity to adjust or cope with them.

One of the most prevalent forces is the urbanization of the Western World. What was once a rural society has been transformed into one almost completely dominated by large urban centers with a high concentration of population in highly congested areas. This has presented a myriad of social problems for the Fraternity that literally defy solution.

The impact of this change has proven most detrimental to our Fraternity. In years past, Masonic lodges were highly visible and a focal point for social activities in the thousands of towns, villages and small cities of our country.

Today the lodges are relegated to an inconsequential role in the social life of our large metropolitan centers and sadly, to the great majority of our citizens, their visibility is near to nothing.

Men who a century ago would have aggressively sought membership in it never give it a thought today, and most have not the least conception of what it is or what it stands for.

We must undertake the necessary planning and implement a course of action to adjust to our changing society. These adjustments may be implemented with-

out any loss of integrity to our philosophical teachings, which is the inherent strength of Freemasonry.

We must unify our efforts to educate our non-Masonic friends about Freemasonry.

We must develop and expand programs that will make our philosophy exciting and come alive to our members, our families and all members of the communities in which we live.

We must also implement programs that will improve and develop lodge leadership, for this is a key element in all our planning.

Let us instill in the minds of all men that Freemasonry is more than just a brotherhood of men. It is a philosophy of life predicated on the fundamental elements of belief in God and the immortality of the soul, high moral standards, duty to our fellowmen and the ultimate thrill of existence when we help and serve others. It is these elements upon which our civilization has been constructed. (From an article by Grand Master Darrell A. Veach in *The Indiana Freemason*, October 1955, reprinted in *The Northern Light*.)

We Know the Difference

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Maybe that's the real issue when it comes to morality: "Who'll know the difference?" The government may not discover the truth. The company may never see what's happening. The family may never find out. But we do. We know the difference.

If Freemasonry has any meaning for us and for future generations, it is simply that you and I cannot claim ignorance when it

comes to what is expected of us: We know the difference between a rough Ashlar and a smooth Ashlar. Morality means much more than how we treat each other. That's important, of course, because society depends upon all of us being able to depend upon one another.

Yet there's another dimension to ethics. You and I must be able to trust ourselves. That's what it means to be a Mason. We can count on ourselves to think, behave, and act in a consistent way--all the time, every time. If we do not have confidence in our own actions, who will ever be able to trust us?

Whenever we talk about ethical issues, someone is certain to say, "But nobody's perfect."

That's just an excuse. Of course we're not perfect. But that's not the issue. The genius of Freemasonry rests in the picture it paints of greater possibilities. It constantly confronts us with the demand for self-improvement. It tells us to stop making excuses for ourselves and get busy raising our ethical horizons. That's the unceasing message of the Ashlars.

This is also Freemasonry's message for our society. The real problem is not a decline in morality. It's a failure to realize that we as human beings, can walk in more noble paths and live by higher and higher standards.

Why is Freemasonry important today? It gives us a vision of morality at its best! It forces us to face the fact that we have not reached our full potential. Freemasonry is a reminder of what we can become if we work at it. (From a message by Sovereign Grand Commander Francis G. Paul, 33°, in *The Northern Light*, May, 1987)



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Rehabilitation Program Expanding

In a major policy move to address the needs of New York State Masons, the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund have embarked on the renovation of the first floor Smith Stewart Wing to create rehabilitation facilities. Quality rehabilitation care (in addition to the nursing home care now offered) is an immediate need and a service that the Masonic Home is well equipped to offer. It is the goal of the Masonic Home to provide the finest state of the art rehabilitation services in Central New York State.

The rooms will be private rooms with private bathrooms and individually controlled heat and air conditioning. The rooms have been designed to create a "home like" setting for the individual. Meals will be served to the rehabilitation residents in a separate dining room near the new rooms.

Since the inception of this service in 1993, 63 people entered the Rehabilitation Program. Since January 1st of this year, 40 people have received rehabilitation for fractures, joint replacements, strokes or amputation. This comprehensive program has allowed 87% of these individuals to return to their previous residence before injury.

The Rehabilitation Program is a team approach involving the Medical, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Hearing, Nursing, Social Services, Dietary and Activities Departments. The interdisciplinary approach has been the key to the success of this program. Everyone working toward the common goal of helping each individual be better prepared for their return "home" has resulted in a complete cooperative effort. The cooperation of all the disciplines involved in the care of the individual encourages the resident to accomplish tasks that may not have been possible when admitted. This win-win situation has been a positive experience for everyone involved. If you know of someone who can benefit from the Rehabilitation Program at the Masonic Home, please contact the Admissions Department at 1-800-322-8826.

Video Available

The exciting new Masonic Home video is now available. This valuable resource will enable your Lodge to showcase the different activities and facilities that are available on the 100 acre campus in Utica, New York. The continuum of care - Retirement Living at Acacia Village, Residential Adult Care at Wiley Hall, or Nursing Home Care in the Health Facility - can provide those services required by the Brethren and their family members. This includes the Short Term Rehabilitation Therapy Program. Contact your Master today to learn when the Masonic Home video will be shown.

Wiley Hall Care Excels!!!

The Department of Social Services of New York State has recently completed their Annual Survey of Wiley Hall, the residential Adult Care facility on the Masonic Home Campus. The Department of Social Services reviews facility operations in the areas of program, nutrition, medication, fire and safety. This year Wiley Hall, with the cooperation and hard work of the staff, received a survey that was violation free!!! This survey affirms the quality care that is given so unselfishly to our residents.

Congratulations to Nancy Herringshaw, Director of Wiley Hall, and the entire staff for a job well done.

"Masonic Home Kids Then and Now"

The old adage that kids never forget their home is very true when it comes to the Masonic Home Kids. Every other year on Labor Day weekend, W.: Gordon W. Oakes, President of the Masonic Home Kids Association, arranges a reunion of the Masonic Home Kids at Camp Turk to reminisce about the "good old days".

In conversation with some of the Masonic "Kids", they have a bright spot in their hearts for the people who took care of them at the Masonic Home. Although nearly one thousand children came to the Masonic Home under difficult circumstances, many of them remember the first day and how they were welcomed into the "family" by "Pop" Wiley, also known as William J. Wiley, Superintendent of the Masonic Home from 1906 until 1945. During this time period, the United States was involved in World Wars I and II and the economy was destroyed by the "Great Depression". There were not the social programs that are available today to help the family when the father became unable to work or died. It was very difficult for a mother to find work with children still at home. The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund were able to extend the helping hand of one Brother to another and provided this critical service. It was a difficult decision to send the children to the Home, but one that was made with the best interests of the children in mind.

The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund made sure that all the children's needs were met. The staff at the Masonic Home provided them shelter, clothing, food, education, as well as love and compassion. "Pop" Wiley always made sure that his boys and girls learned to play a musical instrument or sing in the choir. The boys also selected a trade from carpentry, tile setting, printing or electricity. The girls were taught sewing and secretarial skills. Initially, the children were educated on the campus, but this practice was discontinued and the children became students in the Utica Public Schools.

The day after school closed, the kids were transported to the Masonic Camp near Boonville, New York. The Camp provided many outdoor activities for the kids that were not available at the Home. They could swim in the lake, take hikes, play baseball or football - or just have plain old fun.

The Masonic Home Kids' "family" was always changing as kids graduated from high school, trade school or college. As the

years went by and the laws began to change, fewer new kids came to the Home. Reunions were established as a way for the kids to keep in touch with each other. The first reunions were held in New York City, since many of the children were from that area. In the 30's and 40's, a Reminiscence Club was formed which was the forerunner of today's Alumni Association. Since the early 80's they have chosen to meet at Camp Turk, because of the many fond memories that the Camp held for them.

W.: Gordon Oakes was 11 and his brother 13 when they came to the Home in 1930 after their father had died. He played the trumpet and learned tile setting as his trade. He "enjoyed the activities" and had a "lot of fun" at Camp. Gordon remembered playing "quoits", a game similar to horseshoes, but the shoe was closed with a center hole. He was a part of the first graduating class at Proctor High School in Utica. He went on to Mechanics Institute in Rochester, a forerunner of Rochester Institute of Technology, and following graduation, worked for 40 years at Taylor Instrument Co. in Rochester. Brother Oakes has been a member of the Fraternity for over 50 years and served Hubbard Lodge (now Wakan/Hubbard No. 154) as Master in 1952. He continues to serve the Fraternity as a member of the Grand Lodge Camp Turk Committee.

At the Home today, we are proud to have Masonic Home Kid, Ruth Kaufman, as a resident. She first moved to the Home in 1934. Her father had an accident during the Depression which made finding work difficult. While growing up, she first played violin and then, when there was an opening, she learned piano. She remembered that before she left, the girls were allowed to learn the wind instruments so they could be in the band. Ruth tried the clarinet and also studied tap and ballet dancing. She fondly remembered the movies every Friday evening and the double features on special occasions like "Pop" Wiley's birthday and holidays. She graduated from Proctor High School in 1941 and went to work in Rochester as a Secretary in the Advertising Department at General Railway Signal. She met a man, whom she later married, and they moved to his native land, Brazil. She stayed in Brazil for 48 years remaining several years after her husband passed away. When the opportunity presented itself, she moved to the Independent Living Apartments in Wiley Hall in 1991, nearly 50 years after she had left. Other Masonic Home Kids who have returned to the Masonic Home are Hazel M. Wyllie and Maude P. Metz. Both are now residents in our Nursing Facility.

R.: W.: Albert Washburn was 9 in 1927 when he came to the Home after the sudden death of his father. Musically, he learned the mello-phone (similar to the french horn) and the snare and bass drums. Al was able to study carpentry as his trade. While at Summer Camp, he recalls the boys marching to each meal while he was playing the snare drum. Rainy days were spent in the Rec. Hall studying or playing music. Brother Washburn served as Master of Ancient Temple Lodge No. 14 in 1988, is the Grand Representative to New Zealand, and a member of the Grand Lodge Camp Turk Committee. He is President of the Cyprus Shrine

Temple, Past Masters Unit. Al continues other special projects. A major project was the installation of the internal telephone system with paging and public address applications.

Many times it is very hard to tell what kind of influence you may have on an individual's life. The Fraternity can be proud of the assistance they gave to children many years ago. These examples are typical of the giving that has been returned to the Fraternity and humanity by the Masonic Home Kids. As a former Home Kid and Brother Peter Fershtman (Service City Goba Lodge No. 1009) wrote, "The place that the Masonic Home played in each of their lives can readily be felt when they say - 'Yes, I'm a Home Kid'".

The Value of Freemasonry

(The following is taken from remarks by Duane Anderson, Past Grand Orator, Duluth, Minnesota at an unknown gathering.)

Lack of attendance at communications, apathy, disinterestedness, and being dropped for non-payment of dues are all sadly occurring in our Fraternity. It is disappointing when many of our own members do not appreciate or take advantage of what our Fraternity has to offer, or when they fail to live by its teachings, and by doing so, they fail to attract many good men to its doors.

There is also a tendency on the part of some to lower the moral and spiritual requirements of men who would join us. I am against this. If we do not maintain high standards, we will not attract men of the highest calibre. Men who join only for the social aspects and are not interested in character development, education, charity, and other more noble purposes, will not remain with us very long - I suspect that much of the problem of non-payment of dues falls into this category. We should study this problem, find out if such is the case, and, if so, look well to the ballot box in the future.

We must remember that, as an organization, we are always just one generation of men away from extinction. The men who will ultimately make Freemasonry survive and thrive are not yet Freemasons, and we must meet these future Brethren on their terms. This is something which, in the past, Freemasonry has always done quite well. But today, we either have to think like they do, or put these men in leadership positions. They will not think like us. They cannot assimilate today's culture using our rules. However, they can organize their needs around our values. They have already told us their needs. We know their expectations of the organizations which they will join. They want fraternity, fellowship, community attachment, charitable causes, family involvement, and opportunities for leadership. Freemasonry can and must meet these needs.

When John Robinson was in Minnesota, he said something very profound. He talked about our membership problem and said, "Freemasonry grew by men having sons who became Masons. And then they had grandsons who became Masons". He said you wouldn't have a membership problem at all if the sons of Masons became Masons, and the grandsons of Masons became Masons. If you cannot convince your son sleeping in the room next to you that this Fraternity is worth being a part of, how do you expect to convince the guy down the street who doesn't know you?

And so from him has come, I think, some wisdom that we need to think about. We are somebody's impression of Freemasonry, and that somebody may well be our son, grandson or nephew, or some other close male relative. Have you lived your life according to the tenets of this Fraternity to the extent that this young man can see in you what we really are? If he cannot see it, there are only two reasons why: it was not there in the first place, or you have not helped him to understand the benefits of this Fraternity in your own life.

When a young man comes up to his father, uncle, grandfather, or even a friend, who is a Mason and says, "Why should I be a Mason?" The usual response is to say things about fellowship, our illustrious history, famous Freemasons, or our charities. But I believe this Fraternity has many additional benefits to offer a young man which, for some reason, we rarely seem to tell him. We need to tell him there aren't many other places in the world where you can get the practical training which Freemasonry offers: training in public speaking, conducting a meeting, budgeting, planning, social, organizational, and leadership skills, intellectual discipline and activity, practical experience in psychology, etc.

The first thing you learn in Freemasonry is that the Fraternity expects something of you. It's astounding how often in this world absolutely nothing is expected of you. Our Fraternity expects a new member to do something almost immediately, Freemasonry expects him to use his mind - first to memorize, to think, and later to understand. To begin with, the memorization of Ritual is a priceless discipline whose value we too often overlook. The newly made Entered Apprentice quickly learns that he is required to commit a small portion of the Ritual to memory before he is allowed to continue. Every time we reduce or eliminate memorization of a portion of our Ritual, we send out a wrong signal and don't place much value on what we teach in the Lodge!

Some urge Freemasonry to reduce the memory requirements, shorten the Degrees, change the obligations, and tamper with numerous other traditions of our Craft that have served us so well for more than

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two hundred and fifty years. I am very concerned about our "rush to judgement" relative to these issues. We should give each of them serious thought. In our haste, we may do more damage than good. We need a complete and thorough discussion of all possible ramifications of such changes, a discussion outside the crowded and severely limited time constraints of the Grand Lodge. I personally didn't realize how priceless the skill of memorization was until I came in Freemasonry! It's amazing the difference in my own life as a result of my having to learn ritual. Your mind is like any other muscle - it gets flabby and weak if you don't use it! Memorization of Ritual is good exercise for the mind. The oral presentation of Ritual also helps you develop and polish your speaking skills which will be useful throughout your life. The two most important skills for any college student are to develop writing and speaking. Most students work hard on the writing, but not on the speaking. The reason is fear!

The most common fear among people is not a fear of high places, or a fear of small enclosures, or of some wild animal, of a dreaded disease, or a fear of a dangerous storm; the most common fear is a fear of speaking before others - people are terrified to speak before large groups, especially in public. Now, the average person on the street, not being a Mason, is not aware of the incredible ability of our minds to memorize and learn vast quantities of information. Doctors and lawyers know this. They went to medical and law school - they had to memorize anatomy, legal cases, etc. Memorization of Ritual for Lodge is hard work, but it gives you a sense of how powerful the human mind can be. If you discipline your mind and your time, you can learn a tremendous amount before you have to make a presentation.

Freemasonry teaches you, in small stages, to speak before a small group with relative comfort. You do not have to do the Ritual of the Craft until you have learned it well and are ready to do it. When you stand before your Brethren for the first time, you have three things going for you.

First, you know word-for-word what you are going to say before you ever get there, so you're not quite so nervous. Second, you know that you know it, because you've worn a hole in your carpet at home while learning it, and your wife and dog each know you know it because they learned it right along with you. They're just not saying anything. Thirdly, when you look out at that audience, just as I do now, you see nothing but men who have your best interests at heart, men who silently are cheering you along, who want you to do well, who in your mistakes will only see a reflection of the mistakes they made, who will encourage you and support you and help you until you get it right. And when you get it right, they will pat you on the back and congratulate you. When you get it right, you'll know there is no better feeling.

At first you learn to stand up in front of a small group and repeat what you've memorized. Soon, you're comfortable and before you know it, you stand up at a meeting and speak your mind, articulate your opinion or volunteer to give a talk. Soon you're giving speeches, the possibilities are endless!

If you are fortunate enough to be appointed a line officer in your Lodge, you will learn to serve other men for a higher purpose in life. As Master you are taught to get the best out of your officers. Think what kind of an employee you can be, if you learn to serve the higher purpose of your job than just the salary. Think what kind of an employer you can be to get the best from your employees.

Freemasonry is a university for the practical needs of life, and no one else teaches these needs as well or as consistently as we do. This is a Fraternity where men develop talents and skills and a professional acumen not taught in a school or college. These are qualities of great value in the world. So I encourage you to think about what Freemasonry offers you in practical terms when you talk to that young man.

I think we often underestimate our new members. When they enter the Lodge, they are like a blank slate. As far as Freemasonry is concerned. They don't know much about the Craft and want to learn. It's up to us to teach them, to foster the love of knowledge which brought them here to find out why it meant so much to their father or great uncle. It's up to us to encourage that curiosity.

Freemasonry also honors the value of labor. We are a building craft, builders of men's character. Our central personage is our Ancient Grand Master Hiram Abif, the chief architect and master builder of Solomon's Temple, who taught us to yield up our life rather than forfeit our integrity. Hiram symbolizes that respect the Craft has for labor.

Freemasonry's purpose, like that of a true university, is to teach you to want to learn. If we can do that, if we can instill in your mind a curiosity, a sense of wonder, a sense of the depth of human knowledge, then we have accomplished our purpose. We want to make you curious. Because, if you're curious and if you follow that curiosity, if you follow the rivers of thought to their source, you will be a Mason who has done the labor of Masonry.

I think one of the most exciting things going on in the Fraternity today is what the Grand Lodge of Minnesota is doing for its members - the development of the Masonic Light Program, the

addition of Lodge and Grand Lodge Education Officers, the Grand Lodge Bookstore, the LEO Fall Conferences, Minnesota Masonic computer networking, etc. Minnesota no longer simply gives lip service to education in Masonry. Our Grand Master Rod Larson and Grand Lodge Education Officer Terry Tilton, both especially deserve a lot of the credit. They have worked hard and long, and they will leave a tremendous legacy when they step down; their leadership, enthusiasm, energy, knowledge and friendship have been an inspiration! They made us all realize just how important Masonic Education really is. Their impact in Masonic Education will be felt throughout Minnesota for years to come.

The teachings of Freemasonry can do much to help win the battle which now rages to conquer the hearts and minds of young people. Each of us, as individuals, must set an example and practice out of the Lodge those great moral and social virtues that are inculcated in the Lodge. Too many members see in Freemasonry only the beautiful jewelry, pomp and pageantry, prestige and prominence, instead of the service and sacrifice, humility and prayer, light and wisdom. We must serve as exemplars for our fellow man if we ever hope to win that battle.

Our Fraternity guides us to a better knowledge of God, ourselves, and of our fellow man; guides us away from ignorance, fanaticism, intolerance, and bigotry and guides us to the side of a needy Brother in distress and to the defense of Truth. Freemasonry admonishes us to provide for the needs of widows and orphans; to visit the graveside of a fallen Brother; it directs us upward, never downward; toward light, never darkness; toward love, never hate.

In the Holy Bible, the Mason's trestleboard of life, we read both in the Old and New Testaments that we all are creations of God - the children of God. In Freemasonry, Brotherhood is one of our basic tenets. With us, Brotherhood is an activity which involves three types of reaching, each in a different direction. First, we reach downward with helping hands to lift and support a faltering Brother. Second, we reach out on the level to extend the hand of fellowship, and welcome a friend and Brother to join us in worthy endeavors and accomplishments that will make this world a better place in which to live, and thus benefit all humankind. Our third reach is upward. Masons should ever remember that when the strength and wisdom of man fails, there is an inexhaustible supply above yielded to us through the power of prayer. In our moments of weakness, stumbling, and confusion, we reach toward the heavens for the strength to rise, and the wisdom to go forward along the path of righteousness.

Let me quote from the New Testament: "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is [none] occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes... If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he

hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brothers also". I John, 2: 9-11; 4:20-21.

The Golden Rule is the rule of Brotherhood. It has been committed to memory by countless generations and has been recited in school, from the pulpit, and in the forum. Evil will continue to grow and violence continue to spread across our land, while ignorance, fanaticism, intolerance, and bigotry take control of people's lives, unless we apply the lessons of universal Brotherhood. Here in America, of all places, we as Freemasons, should do everything in our power to eliminate racial prejudice. May that effort spread around the world and bring Unity and Brotherhood to all mankind. (Taken off the Internet) □

Wisdom

There is little room for wisdom when one is full of judgement. *Malcom Hein*

Order of the Eastern Star Highlights

MONROE DISTRICT STATE OF NEW YORK

DDGM	DGL
Rt. Wthy. Elaine Spiegel	Rt. Wthy. William Cobb

By Wthy. Barbara Spano
Wouldn't it be nice if ... everybody could get at least three hugs a day.

Greetings from Rt. Wthy Carol and Rt. Wthy Ray.
What a wonderful District Banquet; 168 members in one room for a delicious meal, great fellowship and seeing the faces of the recipients of the Dog Fund and Pink Fund.

Recipients

A family of 6-Mom, Dad, two young boys and 2 baby girls. Triplets were born to this family, and two of them were born with Spina Bifida, the third passed away. One of the babies needs a lot of care, and as we know, insurance does not cover everything.

The other recipient was a lady who needs transplants of heart and both lungs. It made it all worthwhile, after seeing these folks and hearing their stories. It was an easy task of raising this money and the feeling you get when it is used for such a wonderful cause makes you feel so good inside. Thank you to all the Chapters and friends who contributed.

Congratulations to Corinthian/Fellowship for raising the most funds.

Christmas Party

The Line Officers are hosting the District Christmas Party on December 8th, 2:00 p.m. at the Mosque on Bay Road. Please let your Matron know if you are attending. She will then let the President of the Matron's Club know how many will be there.

Rt. Wthy. Carol and Rt. Wthy. Ray wish to thank all for a wonderful year and pray that you have a happy holiday season.

Happy holidays from Rt. Wthy. Elaine and Rt. Wthy. Bill. They are very happy and excited about the coming year. Plans are underway, and I am sure it will be a great year.

Rt. Wthy. Elaine would like to remind the Clubs that on January 4, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Penfield Masonic Temple, the Matrons and Associate Matrons will meet. At 12 noon there will be a luncheon for all line officers. The Conductresses and Associate Conductresses will meet at 1:00 p.m.

The School of Instruction is on Saturday, January 25th at 10:00 a.m. This will be held at the Penfield Masonic Temple. Bring a bag lunch, dessert and beverage will be provided.

If there are any changes in the Travel Impaired Directory, will you please let me know? I will be preparing an update at the end of November.

"Often the best thing about not saying anything is that it can't be repeated."

Until next time, I wish you peace. □

Webster Chapter No. 171

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

Wthy. Joy Woodley, Matron
671-6152
Rt. Wthy. Faythe Rowell, Sec.
594-4449
30 Orchard Street
Webster, New York

By Wthy. Joy A. Woodley

December's events

On Friday, December 6th, will be the next Spaghetti Dinner by the Brothers of Webster Lodge and the Sisters of Webster OES. Many thanks to everyone who has taken the time to work on this joint effort. We also thank all the friends who have joined us for these nights of good food and fellowship.

On December 3rd we will have our Christmas Tureen Supper at 6:30 p.m. and Annual Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Please remember to bring your new blankets for the Lewis Street Settlement.

On December 8th we will have our Star Tree on display at the Webster Museum. As soon as we have a date for the trimming, a call will be forthcoming.

On December 9th we will car pool from the Webster Temple at 9:00 in the morning to deliver gifts of blankets to the Lewis Street Settlement. After this we will be stopping for lunch at a mystery restaurant.

Our Christmas wish for all our Sisters and Brothers

May the Christmas season bring you deep joy and many pleasant experiences. May the New Year bring you that peace that passeth the understanding of men and may it bring nothing into your life to cause anxiety or worry. May all your days be full of sunshine and your nights filled with pleasant dreams. May no dark clouds appear to shut out any of the beauties of life, or of nature all about you. May you be able to see stars shining through any clouds that may appear on your horizon. May you have wisdom for all your problems, and help in every time of need, and may you have true friends all along the way, to the very end of life's journey. This is my wish for you and yours at this Christmas season.

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

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Matron
Wthy. Jean Stewart
Secretary
20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis

The Finale

It is always sad to come to the end, but a happy time to look back on many lovely memories. We thank our Wthy. Mary Ann Sovacool and Wthy. William Baxter and all who helped make our busy year a lovely one.

Concerns

Our best to Wthys. Dorothy Erion, Madeline Beattie and Mabel Gruendike. We also remember our Sisters in Florida: Eleanora Dick and Brother Stewart, Doris Ray, Wthys. Mary Jane Parry and Cathy Thompson. We hope you are all keeping well.

Meetings

December 3rd is the Annual Meeting, with reports and Election of Officers. We will have a little Christmas celebration after the meeting. This year we will remember the people in the DePaul Adult Home in Churchville. Bring something for them to this meeting.

January 7th will be the Installation of Officers.

It is that time again to pay your dues. If you are able to put in a little extra for the *Masonic Times*, it would help us out.

Matron's and Patron's

We will honor our leaders at Cartwright's on December 7th at noon. Call Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings for reservations. Do try to come for Wthy. Mary Ann and Rt. Wthy. Bill.

Can you help?

Our old refrigerator has given up the ghost, so we are in need of another one. If you know of someone who would like to donate one with a freezer top and not too old, call Brother Dean Hiler at 293-3237.

May the meaning of the Season be deeper
May the friendships be stronger
May your hopes be brighter
As Christmas comes this year.
Happy holidays to you and yours.

**Rochester Chapter
No. 314**
Order of the Eastern Star
Wthy. Linda Zahn
Matron 381-4241
Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS
Secretary 482-0994
First Saturday
7:30 P.M.
875 East Main Street
Rochester, N. Y. 14605

By Wthy. Linda Zahn
A big thank you to Barbara Spano for organizing a group to take and eat lunch with Gail Caraballo. She hopes to do this on a monthly basis. This will give Gail a big boost. Hopefully, we can broaden this to include other Sisters at various times.

Dates to remember

December 7th is the Annual Meeting and will begin at 7:00 p.m. All reports are due at this time and will be followed by Election of Officers. A Christmas Party follows under chairmanship of Wthy. Evy Ann Heller. Evy warns us to have a light supper.

December 29th, at 2:00 p.m., is the time set for Installation rehearsal. Please be prompt.

Installation is on January 7th and will be open, so bring your friends and family. It's a good opportunity for people to see what we're all about.

News of interest

Rochester Chapter came in 2nd in the Doggie Collection, which realized a total of \$1,300.00. This was divided between a family with a baby who has spina bifida and a couple where the wife is awaiting a heart-lung transplant. The Order does do many good things-you can be very proud of yourselves.

The "Pound" Auction at our November meeting proved that sometimes we are a crazy bunch. Our "pounds" of goodies provided spirited bidding, much fun and a nice addition to our treasury. Many thanks to everyone.

Sickness, distress and good news

Anne Deyle had her cataract operation and will be in a nursing home for a few weeks. I don't know which one at this writing.

Georgianna Coates had about with pneumonia and Phyllis Prill had eye surgery. Audrey Zufall and Gladys Geith are both doing well after recent surgery.

The Sympathy of the Chapter has been extended to the family of Ruth Moran, who passed away on November 8th.

In closing

This will be my last article, so I wish to thank all of you once again for everything you've done for Chapter and for Bob and me this year. May you all have a safe and joyous holiday season.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." (Helen Keller)

HiLights
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By Rt. Wthy. June R. Lee
The 1996-97 year began at the close of Grand Chapter Sessions, October 8-10, 1996. M. Wthy. Constance Carter, Grand Matron, M. Wthy. Kenneth Irwin, Grand Patron and their Staff of Officers were installed on Thursday evening in a very impressive ceremony. Those in the District who were installed are: Rt. Wthy. Newton Shaw, Associate Grand Sentinel; Rt. Wthy. June R. Lee, District Deputy Grand Matron and Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss, District Grand Lecturer. Rt. Wthy. Louise Fox, Grand Rep. of Delaware, and Rt. Wthy. Betty Brown, Grand Rep. of New Brunswick, are still in office. We wish health, happiness and safe journeys to all of these Officers.

Genesee/Wyoming District O.E.S. Makes Presentation to Ronald McDonald House.



Rt. Wthy. Louise Fox-GR. Rep. of Delaware, Rt. Wthy. Thelma Shaw-DDGM, Rt. Wthy. Harry Brown-DGL and Rt. Wthy. Betty Brown-Gr. Rep. of New Brunswick who were all present at the presentation of the proceeds of the Genesee/Wyoming OES District Fundraiser to the Ronald McDonald House.

Dance a success

Approximately 60 dancers enjoyed the music of Ken's Western Ramblers at the first District project held November 2nd, at the Rita George Memorial Building in Bliss, NY. Following the dance, a breakfast was held at the Masonic Temple in Pike, NY. This included orange juice, apple cider, eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, toast, donuts, home made sweet rolls, coffee, tea and milk.

Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss joins me in thanking those who sold tickets, attended the dance, breakfast, and those who served on the committee. We also thank individuals and Chapters for their support. Many hands make the load lighter for all.

Upcoming event

Fish Fry-sponsored by the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge of LeRoy, at the Masonic Temple, December 6th, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 and take outs will be available after 4:30 p.m.

Gifts

The members of Genesee/Wyoming District are thankful that God gave us flowers to brighten our lives and blessed us with friends to help us along the way. We hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving.

The most valuable gift God gave us is his Son. May you all be blessed this coming holiday season. Peace, joy, and happiness be with you always. Merry Christmas to all.

Each year goes by so quickly and 1996 is no exception. It won't be long now before it will be time to ring out 1996 and ring in 1997. May all your dreams and resolutions come true in 1997.

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Master Councillor
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Jeff Wood, Chapter Dad
342-1947

By David Gorall, Master Councillor
We have had several activities since Dad Crystal wrote our last report. Several members went to Missy DuBois' Homecoming.

Meeting date change

At our November 1st meeting, we decided to move our meeting night from the first and third Fridays to the first and third Saturdays. This is because several members, especially officers, work and can't get off to come to meetings. If this is approved by the Trustees of Charlotte/Corinthian Temple Building, we will start right away.

Kingston visit

Six members and three advisors went to Kingston, New York on November 2nd and 3rd. We left Rochester at 6 in the morning and got there in plenty of time to make a trip to Hyde Park, where we toured the Vanderbilt Mansion. Mr. Vanderbilt sure lived in style. The Mansion was huge, and it was really impressive. Our host was Dad Bower. Five of us stayed at his house and four went to stay with one of the officers of Robert R. Livingston Chapter.

The dance was a costume dance, our host was dressed as Brave Heart, and the Master Councillor was dressed as Merlin. They promised to come to Rochester for our Valentine's Day Dance.

Chapter needs

We are a growing Chapter and want new members. If you know any young men from the age of 13 to 21, call me and I'll invite them to join. You may also call Dad Wood or write to us at Charlotte/Corinthian Temple. We also need an advisor to help us memorize our parts for Degrees.

Like to bowl?

We have formed a bowling team under the leadership of Dad Wood. Unfortunately, we are losing 6 members this term who will reach their majority.

Next month

I'll write about the new Priory which has been formed. Are there any Knights out there in the readership area? Let us know!

In Memoriam

October

Everts, Clifford L.
Clifford died on October 15th at the age of 61. He was a member of Clio Lodge No. 779 and is survived by his wife, Betty, 2 sons, and one granddaughter.
Bare, William D.
Death claimed William suddenly on October 28th. He was a Past Master of Seneca Lodge No. 797 and is survived by his wife, Jane, 3 children and 2 granddaughters.

Lounsbury, Kenneth C.
Kenneth was a member of Constellation Lodge No. 404 in Perry and Damascus Temple Shrine. He passed away October 31st at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Stockholm, John S. "Jack"
Well known in many Masonic Bodies, Jack joined the Great Architect Above on October 31st. He was a member of West Star Lodge No. 413, Attica Lodge No. 462, Wyoming Chapter No. 181, RAM, Batavia Commandery No. 34 and Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92. Jack is survived by his wife, Dorothy, 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

November

Clattenburg, Donald E.
Donald entered into rest at the age of 66 on November 6th. He was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475, Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92, Batavia Commandery No. 34, and Western Star Chapter No. 35, RAM. Don is survived by his wife, Audrey, 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Bowman, Linn B.
Linn was called Home on November 13th at the age of 92. He was a 70 year member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and is survived by 2 children, one of whom is Linda (Robert) Zahn, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Helmes, George H.
Towpath Lodge No. 163 lost a member with the passing of George on November 13th in Florida. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, 1 son and grandchildren.

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

Rau, Leo R.
Leo was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 943 and was a 70+ year member of Rochester Consistory. He passed away January 28th, 1996.

Terry, Parker C., Jr.
Parker was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475 when he died April 9, 1996.

Woodhouse, W. Mitchell
Death claimed Mitchell on July 24, 1996. He was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and Rochester Consistory.

Whitmarsh, David E.
David died on August 31, 1996. He was a member of Rochester Consistory.

McNaught, L. Stanley
A member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Stanley passed away on September 30th.

Tucke, James R.
Towpath Lodge No. 163 lost another member with the death of James on October 25th.

Rank, Harry A.
Harry was a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476 and died October 31st.

Ernst, Carl E.
Word reached us that Carl passed away on November 2nd. He, too, was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163.

Moran, Ruth
Ruth was a member of Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES and entered into eternal rest on November 8th.

Fischer, Carl L., Jr.
Carl was a member of Wakan/Hubbard No. 154 when he died.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1997

- Jan. 10 Eagle Scout Table Lodge - Webster
- Jan. 18 Road to the East - DTT Library
- Jan. 29 School of Ritual, 2^o
- Jan. 30 Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes

- Feb. 6 Scottish Rite Open Program Meeting
- Feb. 15 Road to the East - DDT Library
- Feb. 22 Monroes Widows Luncheon, Logan's

- Mar. 6 Scottish Rite Open Program Meeting
- Mar. 15 Road to the East - DDT Library

- Apr. 17, 19 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
- Apr. 19 Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet
- Apr. 30 Finger Lakes Chapter Philalethes

- July 10-13 New York Council of Deliberation
Rochester Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza

- Oct. 13 The Last Round of Golf (Lakeside Foundation)
- Oct. 25 Grand Master's Town Meeting, Area 15
Downtown Temple, Rochester

Save the Date: The 1997 Widow's Luncheon
Saturday, February 22nd, Logan's Party House

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Sun. 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Thur., Sat. & Sun, Dec. 19, 21&22
Nutcracker
Thur. 11:00 a.m.
Sat. 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Sun. 2:00 p.m.

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8 Latka Hop Flower City Lodge Downtown Temple 2-6 p.m.	9 ERAC - E. Rochester - 3 ^o Etollan - Spencerport Fairport - 3 ^o Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Arcade OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes	10 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Henrietta Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes - OV RAM - Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	11 Service Bureau Luncheon Churchville Oatka - Scottsville - 2 ^o Triluminar - Pike RAM - Webster OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	12 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City Caldron RAM - Hiram KT Batavia Commandery at Attica - Christmas Toast	13 8th Day of Hanukkah	14 Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile Triluminar Awards Night Fidelity Triangle
15 Have you given to the Brotherhood Fund? 	16 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe Christmas Toast OES - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy	17 Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	18 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto - Dinner R & SM - Doric Council - Dinner RAM - 3X3	19 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RAM - Western Star OES Oatka, Lea Ct.	20 OES - Rochester Chapter DeMolay	21 OES - Rochester Chapter DeMolay
22 Merry Christmas Happy Hanukkah and Best Wishes for the New Year from the Times Staff:	23	24	25 	26	27	28
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